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An important notice from COS-MOS/SIRIUS

One of the greatest hindrances to UFO research today seems to be the great need for administration, and the quantity of time this consumes in the more efficient organisations. Most of the energy of the active members of such an organisation is directed towards administration, and little time (if any) is available for anything directly useful to research. The theory of administration is to facilitate research, but unfortunately it does not have this effect in practice. The result is that those who show an interest in actively helping are absorbed into administrative aspects.

For this reason, the only really effective permanent contributions brought about by COS-MOS and SIRIUS was in the form of their journals, which helped disseminate information they obtained.

Therefore it was decided in July 1971 to disband the two organisations as functioning societies, but to retain the journals as a combined publication under the new title of GEMINI, to be launched early in 1972. (See the notice on the back cover of this issue.) This, as the last edition of both SIRIUS and COS-MOS, is by way of a trailer.

The Editorial Committee of the new publication will engage in private research, and will also encourage other UFO research bodies interested in regional investigations and specific facets of UFO research. It must be borne in mind that research is the primary concern.

Subscribers are to be encouraged to carry out research privately and to use the magazine as a medium for publishing results of their own investigations. A loosely

bound national or international research network could then be constructed with no obligation for magazine subscribers to carry out such research - an obligation they frequently feel when they become members of a society.

The Editorial Committee is comprised of the ex-editors and founders of COS-MOS and SIRIUS: Norman T Oliver, Mark Stenhoff and C David Oakley-Hill (if a couple of familiar names appear to be missing, see the inside back cover of this issue). The Committee may from time to time sponsor meetings, utilising the affiliation of SIRIUS to the Greenwich Community Council and the close links of COS-MOS with Kensington Library (see outside back cover). However, these need not be lectures, nor need they be held regularly, since the organisation of lectures has in the past been one of the most difficult tasks. Indeed, informal meetings of our readers and associates may often produce far more useful results than a lecture in the way of productive research, by allowing exchange of information and discussion of recent reports (not forgetting the "older" cases). All this depends upon the interest shown by you, our reader.

We hope that all members of COS-MOS and SIRIUS will renew to this new quarterly magazine, GEMINI, when their subscriptions terminate, and will contribute generously, either financially or in literary form, to this non-profit venture.

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Norman Oliver

THE Flintshire UFOs

A TV MAST: BRILLIANT UFOs WITH "TAILS": UFOs "ZOOMING" FROM THE GROUND LIKE ROMAN CANDLES: CONTINUING SIGHTINGS BY DIFFERENT WITNESSES: TV INTERFERENCE: STRANGE TRANSMISSIONS BY AN ALLEGED RADIO "HAM": POLICE INTERVENTION.



These ingredients make up the strange story of the Flintshire UFOs. First reported in October 1970, they were subsequently seen by Mrs Stella Dickson and her Berthengam neighbours on numerous occasions. Details follow, preceded by a "timetable".

- 10 OCT 1970: Sighting of "Red Object" by Rhyl witnesses, reported in a local paper.
- 10 OCT 1970: Two Berthengam witnesses see UFOs.
- 11 OCT 1970: "Tangerine-shaped objects" sighted near Afonwen TV mast.
- 12 OCT 1970: Flattened globular object" sighted.
- 13 OCT 1970: Considerable TV interference.
- 15 OCT 1970: Sodom sighting & "Radio Ham" mystery.
- 18 OCT 1970: UFOs seen "coming up from the ground".

Intermittent reports continued until May 1971, but but we will here concentrate on the "flap" period.

Mrs Stella Dickson, Mr & Mrs Hughes and Mr & Mrs Woodward are neighbours in the hamlet of Berthengam in downland country in Flintshire not far away from Holywell. Some five miles to the west lies the TV mast at Afonwen, and it is this mast that appears as the centre of attraction in our report.

The first sighting (made on the same date as reported sightings from Rhyl) parallels, I am told, the later reports, but the witnesses do not wish to become involved: however.....

COS-MOS investigator Eric Richards interviewed Mrs Dickson some months later, forwarding me details of the sightings and statements by several of the witnesses. These were so intriguing that, in the course of a week's stay in the North of England, I decided to visit them myself, record their experiences, and if possible, have a look at the places concerned. Largely due to considerable assistance received from Mrs Dickson, this was done, and our "flap" starts on Monday 11 Oct 1970 with the following sighting by Mr Hughes of objects seen from his cottage in Berthengam - weather clear and fine.

"I'd been in Holywell, and was just coming in the back door when I happened to turn, and I saw this thing going round the TV mast. It was "saucer-shaped" and reddish, rather like a tangerine and it had a "tail" to it - like a piece of string. This was followed by four or five others at intervals of about one a minute, all going round the mast, but only one was seen at a time....."

In answer to questions I put to him, Mr Hughes told me they disappeared "like someone blowing them off" - they rounded the mast and then seemed to "shoot away" before they "went out". They seemed to be solid enough although glowing - "just like a solid thing - no flames." The "string-like thing" was not apparent on all of them but was pretty lengthy - like a kite's tail. It was difficult to obtain an exact idea of size, as this could only be done in relation to the lights on the mast, (the three top lights were visible from Mr Hughes' home) but

in my own estimation, an approximate diameter of 15 feet would not be far out. As will be seen, others saw the "tail-like" appendages, and it is interesting that on one occasion when an object was seen by Mrs Dickson, the object disappeared before the "appendage" leaving it hanging, glowing in midair, rather like the Cheshire cat's grin!

It should here be stated that a low hill known as The Glol comes between the line of sight of some of the witnesses and the mast, consequently from some points only its top lights can be seen, whilst from others up to five lights may be visible.

On to the following day: Tuesday 12 Oct 7.30pm:-

From her home, Mrs Dickson saw a "flattened globular object" coming in from the west - as indeed did all objects seemingly concerned with the mast itself. This came in "at a steady pace" glowing orangey-red. It gave the impression of depth and was "globular but with a small protrusion." It "switched off" or "went out" before reaching the mast, then some 5 or 6 seconds later either this or one similar reappeared some $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles westwards of the mast to the right of Tremeirchion.

Next day - Wednesday 13 Oct no sightings were reported, but Mrs Dickson's TV set "went haywire" about 8pm in a way it hadn't done before: white dots completely blotted out the screen. This lasted some seconds, no immediate explanation being found.

For the sighting on Friday 15 Oct we go back to Mr Hughes again. At 7.40pm he saw an object "like a huge saucer on its side" come up from the ground - above the hill interposing - move horizontally, then sink from view below the hill, the weather again being fine and clear, but cool. Questioned on this sighting, Mr Hughes told me that in fact, half a dozen of them were "going all over the place" and "up and down". They seemed to be coming up from a valley between Berthengam and the mast, and were somewhat to the right in line of sight. These were "huge balls of fire" and resembled giant-size Roman

Candles. "...they weren't going up and coming down the same each time, one or two were straight up and down, but others weren't and came flying along the sky."

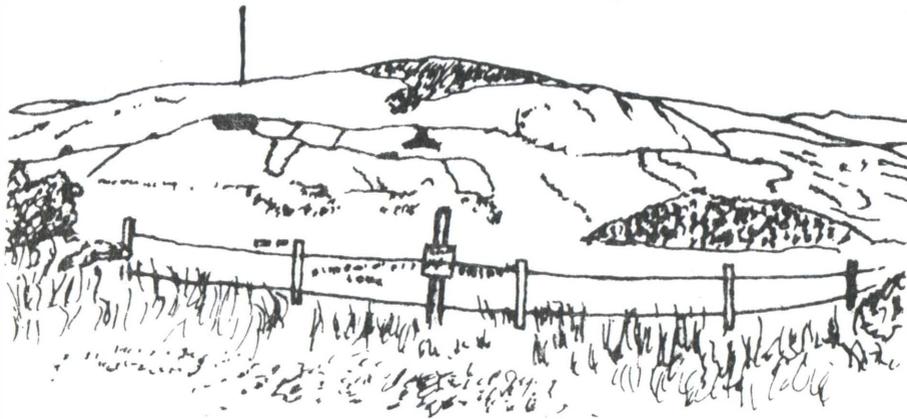
So we come to the following Monday - 18 Oct 1970:-

To quote a portion of the tape recording:-

Myself "You were along with Mrs Dickson, weren't you, Mrs Woodward, when she saw.....?"

Mrs W. "Yes, up at Sedom.....yes, well, we'd seen it a few nights before - my husband came in and he said 'come out and have a look at what's over there,' So I went, and I saw these balls like fire you know, and kept watching them. Now Mrs Dickson came along and she said 'would you come over with us to see - see if we can find out what they are?' So we went up to Sedom and waited for a while, and then we could see them, and they looked funny you know, as if they were hanging on strings. We could see - like - 'little ones' coming out of them. I had the binoculars with me, so both Mrs Dickson and I looked through them. But we couldn't bear to look - it was awful on the eyes; but they seemed very near the mast..they were big, you know, and they seemed to 'float' on these little ones, you could think they were on thin wires or something hanging down....."

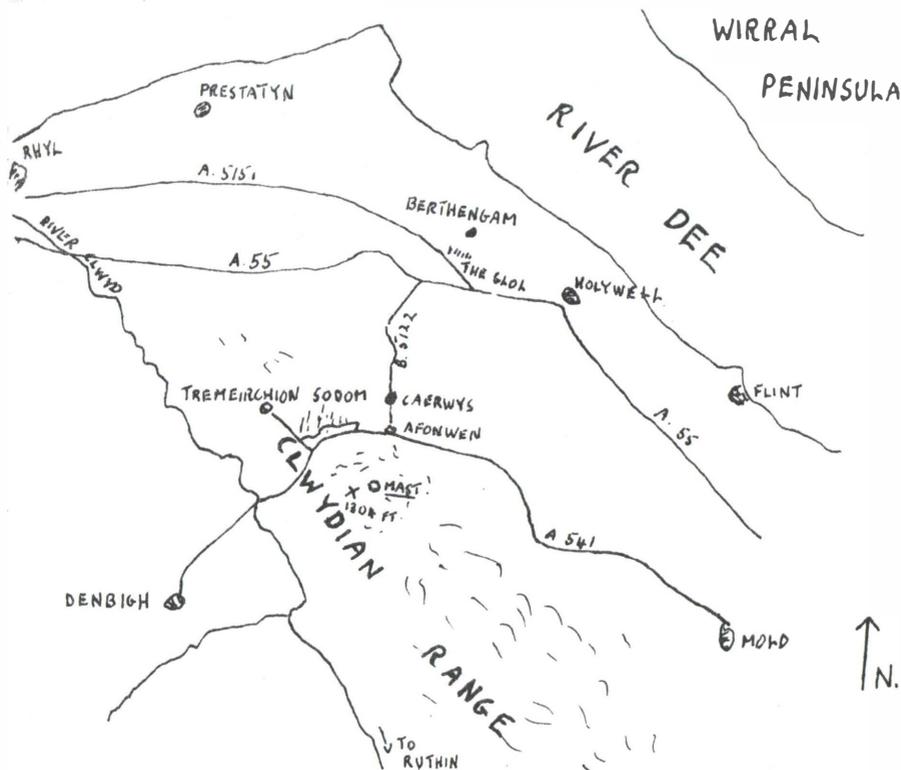
Mrs Dickson described these appendages as "almost like dotted lines with small little balloons at the bottom," but let me begin at the beginning:- On 18 Oct, Mrs Dickson felt strongly she should go closer to the TV mast - she just felt she had to. It was a very lonely spot, so she asked two of her neighbours - Mr & Mrs Woodward if they would go with her. They didn't actually reach the mast, but parked the car about a mile away (in a direct line) on the verge of a narrow, practically unused country road on high ground known as Sedom between



ABOVE: THE MAST FROM SODOM. DRAWN FROM A COMPOSITE PHOTOGRAPH

THE FOREGROUND IS THE WITNESSES' EXACT POSITION

BELOW: THE GENERAL AREA - SHOWING PLACES MENTIONED IN THE TEXT



Tremeirchion and Afonwen. It was about 7pm, and after a short while a UFO appeared. It was red in colour and "like the sun", so that no-one could look right at it. It "just appeared" away to the west coming towards the mast. When it reached the mast it turned as if to go round it, and then it disappeared. The same thing happened every 3 or 4 minutes until seven or eight had been seen. Some of them had these "string-like" appendages hanging underneath them, and attached to each string was a small dull red ball. Some UFOs went out and just left the red balls lit before they too vanished. Others "burst" with a jagged blue-green flash of light. Mrs Dickson states that about three of them - after they'd "gone out" - made a considerable "backfire", but not all did this. This was the more extraordinary because the sound took considerably longer in some cases to reach them than it did in others - and obviously it should have been near enough the same time. (Estimating the distance from the mast on visiting Sodom as at the most 1-1½ miles, this roughly would give the anticipated time lapse as 7-8 seconds.- NTO)

Despite their nearness it was again difficult to estimate size accurately, partly perhaps due to the objects' brilliance, but, to quote Mrs Woodward they were "...big - like a big bright orangey balloon floating on little ones with wires hanging down." (Again, I would estimate 15-20 feet in diameter as they were 'larger than mast lights' -NTO)

About 8pm, the lights ceased to appear - things had quietened down, but around 15 minutes after the last UFO had "gone out", the lights of a car were seen coming up the hill from the main road. Mrs Dickson hurriedly put her car lights on and a van shot round the bend at speed, halting at the next bend and backing off the road. All three of our witnesses walked to the bend to see what was going on (this road is normally deserted - often for hours on end.) A man was getting out of the vehicle, which was in fact a "pick-up" van of a

type frequently used by farmers. He was carrying a box in his arms and began scraping a "hole" in the dead leaves to put the box in, then "fiddled" with the box and a bulb lit up on top. He then ran to the van and put a large aerial on the platform of his "pick-up" - turning it as though "lining it up", then went inside the van and stayed there. All three thought the man very tall - even giving his height as seven feet - and thin, no features distinguishable. Mr Woodward took a closer look and thought he could hear the man talking, but couldn't be sure. Then Mrs Dickson and Mrs Woodward went up and heard the man apparently broadcasting, but in a language they'd never heard before, sounding like a very nasal Japanese.

It was by now after 9pm, and they decided they would leave; as they were leaving Mrs Dickson suggested it might be wise to inform the police of the man's activities; this course of action was agreed upon, and on reaching her home Mrs Dickson promptly rang them. Her report was noted and soon afterwards the police rang back to say that if she would take them to the spot a police car would be sent to pick her up. Ten minutes later it arrived, and about half-way on the journey to the mast a message came over the intercom to say there had been a "military exercise" in the general area, but in the circumstances they'd better continue.

They arrived at Sodom and the van was still there (it was now 11pm) with the man inside. All the policemen "stalked" to the van, got the man outside and questioned him. On returning to Mrs Dickson, they said he was a radio ham; his papers were in order and they were quite satisfied, but they had advised him to notify them of his activities on future occasions. This man however, was, Mrs Dickson thought, under 5'6", well-built with a heavy black beard - certainly not like the man previously seen. But feeling by now rather tired she didn't pursue the point and was driven home.

During the hour-and-a-half they were at Sodom,

the place had been deserted except for the man and themselves, but when Mrs Woodward reached home, she asked her daughter - who had been at Caerwys only a couple of miles from the mast - whether she had seen anything. She had not, but said that a man had mentioned seeing "flying saucers or something" though she had noticed nothing herself.

As a post-script to the report, it was rather strange that about the only guest-house in the vicinity should be at Afonwen at the foot of the hill on which stands the mast! Here I stayed overnight, - no UFOs were seen - indeed no-one else here could be found who had seen any either! Yet from here of all places sightings should have been in evidence. An interesting sidelight was that the engineers who had erected the mast had stayed there - stayed rather longer than anticipated as the mast collapsed at the first attempt to erect it due to faulty stay-lines.

There is a "Junior Leaders" army training ground on the far side of the mast, but - unlike Warminster - this is a comparatively small training ground, not one where experimental weapons would be tested or heavy equipment used. Indeed, one would think the BBC would not take kindly to the Army using their mast for "target practice". So - what are these peculiar Flintshire UFOs? Remember - although seen from Sodom and Berthengam no-one living at the foot of the hill (admittedly a sparsely populated area) has reported them. Remember too, that difference in time-lag spoken of by Mrs Dickson. What of the peculiar "appendages"? The brilliance of the lights? (This was after sunset, so there was no possibility of reflection.) What too, of our "radio ham(s)"? - the time taken for a vehicle to have come from the mast to Sodom would have been 15 to 20 minutes, and this was in fact the time interval between the disappearance of the last UFO and the van screeching to a halt at Sodom. Perhaps time - assisted maybe by a few skywatches around that mast - will tell.

Norman Oliver



The area including the eastern part of Australia - the Tasman and Coral Seas also contains the same mysterious disappearances. The enigma of the "Joyita" for instance, still remains fresh in the minds of many. Probably the most famous vanishing act in the area covering S.E.Africa and Madagascar is the disappearance of the "Waratah", a Blue Anchor Line ship of 16,800 tons carrying 10,000 tons of cargo. She left Adelaide bound for the UK on 7 July 1908. The "Waratah" reached Durban on the 25th, sailing soon afterwards. She was last sighted by the "Clan Macintyre" at 6am on the 27th after which she completely vanished without trace. It was said she turned over and sank.

The Mediterranean area holds its share of mystery also. RAF officers Day and Stewart for instance, whose footprints came to a sudden end in the sand of Irak in July 1924, and the British 1/4 Norfolk Regiment who walked into a grey mist near Suva Bay Anzac in July 1915, and vanished from the face of the earth.

The last of the six areas, covering northern Argentina, southern Brazil and the seas off Montevideo, holds a particular interest to the UFO researcher. The number of disappearances, sightings and abductions here are legend. On 14 Dec 1928, the Danish training ship "Kobenhaven" sailed from Montevideo bound for Denmark. Incoming ships which should have sighted her saw neither the vessel nor any trace of her. R.A.Mafra, aged 12, saw his father disappear into a cloud of yellowish dust in the Diamantina district, Brazil on August 20 1962. It is interesting how often a gaseous cloud is reported in association with disappearances. In the last two cases I have to report, both have this factor although the two incidents concern teleportation.

The first occurred in 1959 when an Argentine business man was sitting in his car at Bahia Blanca, Argentina, when suddenly he became aware of a cloudy mass enveloping the whole car. He felt later he must have lost consciousness at this point. The next he knew he was alone without a car in some deserted spot in the countryside. Seeing a lorry coming he hailed the driver asking for a lift into Bahia Blanca, only to find he was now at Salta, some 1100kms to the north. Looking at his watch he found to his amazement that only a few minutes had elapsed since he'd stepped into his car at Bahia Blanca. He reported the matter to the local authorities giving the registration number and description of his car. They in turn checked up with the Bahia Blanca police who reported the car was still there with the engine running.

This last case concerns a well-known Buenos Aires attorney, Dr G Videl, and his wife, who were driving along in May 1968 near Chascomus, some 150kms south of Buenos Aires. Suddenly a dense fog appeared in front of them and from then on they were unable to account for 48 hours in their lives. It was daylight when they came to again and they were astonished to find they were now in Mexico. Both their watches had stopped, but with the aid of a calendar they established that they had been away from Argentina for 48 hours. Dr Videl's car was sent off to the United States for scientific evaluation. The authorities asked him to preserve a total silence until all enquiries had been completed.

What causes the enigmas that occur in these six areas? Are they some form of dimensional doorway from which UFOs visit us and return to whatever lies beyond, whilst we can only go one way? This is one way out, but the more I study UFO phenomena, the stronger in my mind comes that quotation from HAMLET - "There are more things in Heaven and Earth, Horatio,....."

Eric Livingstone

MAIL BAG



".....Liked very much the article on 'Green Land Beyond The Pole'...he may be on the right track; John Keel's 'Trojan Horse' and Jaques Vallee's Magonian elves and gnomes fit in as well. Also very interesting the article on Bermuda Trianglethe other nonsense *@++@*! Or words to that effect!"

Rosina Bishop, Harrow.

Rosina very kindly cut the stencils for the last two issues of COS-MOS, thus relieving me of a considerable amount of work. Fortunately for us both, stencil cutting is no longer needed - NTO

".....Regarding Bernard Morton's letter about ouija boards in the summer COS-MOS, I wish to complete the picture if I may. Bernard Morton is a good friend, and while the facts in his letter are true and accurate, he failed to mention that other colleagues, myself included, had been experimenting with the ouija board from November 1969 until April 1970 without once receiving bad results of any nature. In the latter months of our experiments - February, March and April, Bernard joined in on several occasions. It was only when he attempted it with a different crew as it were, that this solitary occasion of apparent evil rearing its head occurred. We ceased all activity in April last, not because of anything untoward, but because our contact advised it. (Possibility of interference by outside sources was the reason given.)

Subsequent attempts to re-establish contact by radio have proved fruitless, so there it rests.I don't think Bernard will object to my putting the record straight."

Terry Irwin, Sheffield.

".....I reckon, in UFO circles, you must be the most talked about person going..." (See P 24)*

Ted Harris, Dunmow.

".....COS-MOS Vol 2 No 2 was a distinct step in the right direction, even if some of it was 'a load of old crap!'...Rooray for 'Themes of Contact' - this is the sort of thing I want from COS-MOS. Splitting it into two halves was not such a good idea: I think it would have been much better as one section at the end of the mag....It struck me that it came in scraps: for instance, we are just told the mental messages 'received' by Ed Blandford and Joan Howard; we are not told how - or where - or what led up to it.....

"Bernard Morton was very interesting, but what did he mean by 'spiritual'?.....I enjoyed your piece about the agitated hermaphroditic Uranian, but surely a general report on the experiments with the board undertaken by COS-MOS would have been more to the point?.....

"Joan Howard's 'Milky Way division of Light Communications' had me in fits.....Whether Joan's made it up consciously or subconsciously or been on the end of a John Keel 'theorm-contact' I would not hazard a guess. The little bit about dreams and trance, had they been any shorter, could have been used as a script for 'Look at Life' or 'Pathe News'!

"As for the rest of the issue, Dan Butcher's article was very interesting. It's too bad other UFO researchers can't write interesting and informative stuff instead of theories/review 'crud'. The similarity of the names seems to point to self-identification on the part of the contactee, and to their story being a fabrication.....

"'Destination Unknown' and 'Green Land Beyond' both suffered the same fault: they were telling us of something we've all heard about before. Also 'Looking Back' held nothing new. Will you please stop filling-out with these articles and use longer, more informative ones dealing with Occupants, Contacts, Landing and Communication."

David Rowe, Wickford

".....just finished re-reading your article on SIUFOP (Spring 1971). You say you are producing a journal for COS-MOS readers - why then waste three valuable pages publicising SIUFOP's existence? Otherwise I would neither have known nor cared. Even worse, you may persuade members to subscribe to the SIUFOP journal to see if it is as bad as you state....I think you should devote your time to COS-MOS instead of trying to discredit SIUFOP."

David Seaman, Southall.

NB No SIUFOP Newsletters appear to have been issued in recent months. - NTO.

".....concerns the Spring issue, with Orestes Wilson and his sassy chat about Laura Mundo and the prediction of 'Devastation Day'.

"The reference came originally from MUNDO MONITOR No 4, of 15.5.70, but the year was not given. I wrote to Laura to say the predictor might be living in a different time-scale from "ours", or might be working on an utterly different calendar.

"Again, if space-people can see far enough back as well as forward, they will remember when this world had a ten-month year, so we may be working up to such a situation again, or even a fifteen-month year according to our position in relation to the sun.....And if we get caught in a binary sun system, as Dino Kraspedon predicted, that's going to do something to our calendar!"



Clare Branch
Honiton.

"...quite honestly....some articles are 'childish' to say the least. Mind you though, the majority are extremely interesting and everyone's entitled to their own views. I must apologise if you consider 'childish' to be an unfair criticism. I really do appreciate the hard work involved in compiling such a magazine, particularly on your part, which no doubt deserves high commendation.."

J Theakstone, Yeovil.

Green land beyond the pole - RWTibbitts



In January and February 1947, Rear Admiral R E Byrd led an expedition to Antarctica and carried out extensive aerial investigations over a wide area of the continent. The expedition was the largest and best equipped of its kind ever to proceed to Antarctica. On 2 Dec 1946, 13 vessels set out from Norfolk in Virginia and San Diego in California; on board were 4,000 men including scientists, press men, radio experts and cartographers.

The whole expedition, under the command of Rear Admiral R H Cruzen, was split into three groups the central group being led by Byrd. He was equipped with long range seaplanes with the then latest de-icing and photographic equipment, for carrying out extensive flights over this vast continent. A tent town set up on the Ross Ice Shelf was the headquarters of the expedition.

On Feb 7, Byrd announced from the base that discoveries made necessitated radical alterations to all existing maps of Antarctica, including great mountain peaks 15,000 feet high, in hitherto unknown territory between Marie Byrd Land and James Ellsworth Land. There were new islands and peninsulas, large bays with mountain borders - one surrounded by peaks 8,000 feet high. One of the most remarkable discoveries was made on Feb 10, when planes of the Western group, flying over Knox Coast, found an island oasis 500 feet above sea level, with lakes and mounds completely devoid of ice stretching for about 40 miles. Capt C Bond, commanding this group said the lakes were a "pea-green, muddy colour interspersed with dark blue and light green" and that the mounds were a dark brown colour rising about 500 feet. A seaplane landing on one of the lakes reported that the water was appreciably warmer there than

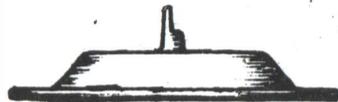
elsewhere in the Antarctic and that the rocks in that region looked as if they might have contained certain ores.

Between the lakes, the ground was of a varied red or green colour which, to some members of the expedition, suggested the possibility of plant life and to others thermal springs, though this could not be known without further investigation. No explanation was forthcoming of the existence of this "lake oasis". Scientists said that these discoveries were of the greatest significance from both geographical and geological standpoints and that the area might be warm enough to support year-round human settlements.

On Feb 15, Byrd flew within 170 miles of the pole and discovered a previously unknown range of mountains which were reddish in colour, and on the following day FLEW OVER THE SOUTH POLE AND BEYOND TO PHOTOGRAPH 75,000 square miles of NEW TERRITORY, NEVER BEFORE SEEN BY MAN, AND ALSO CONTAINING GREAT MOUNTAINS. Altogether, 70,000 aerial photographs had been taken and an area as big as the USA, Mexico and Europe combined had been navigated.

Could it be just possible that the UFOs originate from this vast area of land beyond the pole which to all accounts has areas of quite habitable climate? It is a possibility worthy of much thought.

The poles are just two areas where the UFOs may come from. What about the dense tropical jungle areas in Brazil and parts of Africa, let alone the two-thirds of our planet covered by water!



IN THE NEXT ISSUE

THE REG CHAPMAN CONTACT -
AND - THE REMARKABLE CASE
OF MRS CONNELLY, presented

by R W TIBBITTS. Two detailed CONTACT claims -

NOT TO BE MISSED

Dead, but they won't lie down!

Review by Norman Oliver

For no apparent reason, the Daily Mail of 6 July last produced a near full-page spread headed **WHATEVER HAPPENED TO FLYING SAUCERS** by **ARTHUR C CLARKE** - "As ever, the Mail gets the top names"

In the article, Mr Clarke tells of his latest and "finest" UFO sighting one night outside his house in Colombo, Ceylon. Next morning it was found to have been a small weather balloon carrying a candle(!) sent up by Colombo University.

Also included were the following quotes:-

"The hysterical credulity of the late '40s has been replaced - except in the minds of the few surviving cultists - by the realisation that the heavens are full of extraordinary sights."

"Perhaps what really killed the visitors from space concept of Flying Saucers was the International Geophysical Year."

"Then, of course, came the astronauts.....but again, no Flying Saucers."

"Nearby space is combed by the Ballistic Missile warning systems."

"NO - Flying Saucers are dead - "

So- "Flying Saucers Are Dead" - a grave pronouncement indeed by the Mail's "top name" in the issue of 6 July 1970. I would suggest though that the "burial" is somewhat premature!

Firstly, Arthur C Clarke, for whom all have high regard as a top science fiction writer, is certainly NOT a "top name" in Saucer Research. Were he one, he would not have taken so long to identify his "seventh UFO" as a candle-carrying balloon!



OF COURSE many people see UFOs that are not UFOs: satellites, meteors, weather balloons, fireballs, planets, aeroplane lights, landing lights and the like - such items make up around 90% of all UFO reports received, if not more. But, Mr Clarke, would you not agree that it would take only ONE confirmed observation of a "Flying Saucer" to prove the case? Please note, this does not necessarily mean "extraterrestrial spacecraft", though it is certainly the most popular concept of Flying Saucers. "Flying Saucers Are Dead!" Indeed, even the late unlamented "Condon Report" did not say this, preferring to leave a number of investigated cases not entirely explained.

In Arthur Clarke's eyes, I assume, having given some 12 years to UFO research, I am now a "surviving cultist!" So, I can assure him, are many others, not just a few as he would have one believe. Oddly enough, we don't believe in little green men from Venus: we certainly DO believe there remains a residue of inexplicable sighting and landing reports of craft of no known origin.

The Astronauts, we are told, have seen plenty of strange sights, but no UFOs - come come, Mr Clarke you haven't done your homework, you know, for they have - on a number of occasions. We are also told that Norad and allied early warning radar systems can detect every single nut and bolt circling this planet, but, Mr Clarke, as Lucius Farish so aptly wrote in the Spring '71 COS-MOS '....I have heard this argument (that craft arriving from the depths of space would time and time again be spotted by our scientists) but its proponents ignore three facts:

1. Any object arriving in the vicinity of Earth from "out there", if detected by radar systems of Norad or other similar systems, would undoubtedly be labelled "classified" immediately.
2. The highly complex radar systems used by NORAD and other agencies are designed and programmed to

detect only objects falling within certain parameters of speed, elevation etc - they are designed to detect aircraft and missiles of Earthly powers. A "non-conforming" object is automatically eliminated and registers as "anomalous returns".

3. Finally - to me - the most basic consideration; any intelligence capable of interplanetary (or interstellar) travel should have no difficulty in constructing an effective anti-radar device.....'

Isn't it odd too, that the much-reported meteorite of 25.4.69 apparently managed to avoid the radar network completely! What's sauce for a meteorite...! Why too, should it be assumed we will automatically be told if UFOs are spotted?

I referred to only ONE proven case being necessary - what of these THREE, Mr Clarke?

A. The "Antarctic Bases" UFO sighting on 3.7.65. Personnel at the Argentinian, Chilean and British bases on Deception Island and Graham Land sighted a zigzagging UFO changing colour. After 10 minutes it stopped, hovering for another 20. It was watched through telescopes, finally shooting off at high speed. 10 photos (not released) were taken.

B. The "Trinidad Island" UFO. Several photos were taken of this UFO by the official photographer on the Geophysical Year ship Almiral Saldanha, operating for the Brazilian Government in 1958. The UFO - seen by many persons on board, flew in a "figure 8" course over the island, then out to sea. It appeared translucent pearly-grey and "Saturn-shaped". The occurrence was entered in the log and has been accepted as authentic.

C. The "Father Gill" sighting 16.6.59. 37 people - staff and natives at the Papuan Anglican mission supported the Rev William Gill in his report of four "humans" seen on a disc-like craft. Over several hours these beings were seen to operate a blue light emanating upwards from the deck.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO FLYING SAUCERS INDEED!

Report from Göteborg

Report no.: 398 - 1968

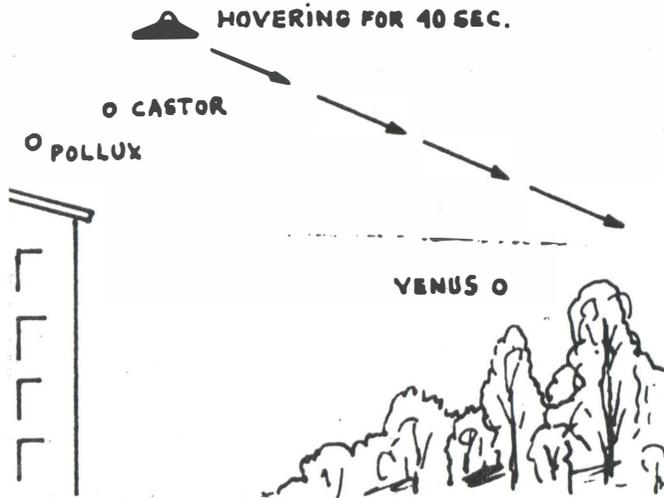
(UFO-Göteborg rep. no.: 62 - 1967)

Observers: B. Grehn, R. Rydebrandt,
B. Ferm, T. Berglund, all of
Göteborg.

Place & time: Johanneberg, in Göteborg,
the 25 of April 1967 at
9.30 PM.

1 object changing color in red, and moving slowly while blinking: 2 + pause +2 and so on. The object proved to be of the so called Adamski type, as seen through several telescopes (2" - 4") simultaneously.

With full acknowledgements to UFO-INFORMASJON Box 4203, Oslo 4, Norway.



In view of the journal's future title - GEMINI - we consider this diagram particularly apposite!

ANYONE FOR SKYWATCHING? Mr P Coverdale owns a caravette which is available every other weekend, and would be interested in hearing from readers in any part of the country who would like to take part in skywatches. Please write to Mr Coverdale at 13, Akeman Way, South Shields, Co Durham.

..... LOOKING BACK

These two colourful reports were amongst those received by Joel Rehnstrom of Oitti, Finland, when he and fellow UFO enthusiasts endeavoured in the early 1960s to collect sightings with the help of local newspapers throughout the country.

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"...my strange experience was on one of the first evenings of October 1957. On this grey, cloudy, Saturday night I was bathing in our Sauna close to the local lake. At about 21.30 I came out on the porch to cool off, thinking I did not care for a swim that late at night. I stood there looking out at the lake when suddenly I saw straight ahead on the horizon what looked like a twinkling star. I looked elsewhere, but could see no stars coming out between the clouds. Now the bright twinkling light had grown much bigger, so I thought somebody is firing rockets over there. But wait, its coming closer - its coming straight towards me, what can it be? My heart started to beat fast. Then having crossed over the small island in the lake, it turned westwards. I ran down to the bridge and about 1km further off, reflecting in the calm surface of the lake and about 50 meters up in the air I saw a mighty round "heavenly lamp" with a light lustreless "lampshade" rotating majestically. At the same time, a strong bright lightball above it turned around in something like a 5m diameter path turning from dim to bright to dim all the time.... the whole area was clearly lit up at about half a kilometer range. But was there any sound when this mighty phenomenon slowly rose to the west? No - no sound at all, not even the slightest humming which I would have heard because of the stillness of the air. I told my experience to my family and some neighbours too, but most of them reacted sceptically....."

Farmer's wife from Tyrvanto

"....it was the 15th September 1958, and there was not a cloud to be seen in the sky. I was cutting the oats while my wife put them up on the poles. We looked in the direction of the cottage now and then, as our youngest daughter who had just started school ought to be home around 12o'clock. Suddenly my wife shouted, 'Look, what's that in the sky?' I looked where my wife pointed and it was just about where our cottage was; I saw a strange performance, something I would never have believed. A Finn does not believe until he sees, we say, but since then I believe there is sure to be life elsewhere than on this earth. In this world, evolution has made great strides, but we must admit that in space matters we are only at the preliminary stages. Those things in the sky were four. One was big and round and three were smaller. The big one was standing still and the smaller ones made a 'smokescreen' around the big one. They moved close to the big one with the speed of thought pacing up and down, like a conductor moving his baton. The smaller vehicles disappeared up in the sky first, and when the smokescreen vanished the big one too rose straight up and disappeared. The time was 11.50 mid-day. The performance lasted about 2 minutes, but it was an historical moment for my wife and me....."

Farmer from Raisio.

 *See MAILBAG P 14. You could be right Ted, 'tis rumoured in Lancashire I've been 'Got At' by the Invaders, and am now one of THEM: quite untrue - I'm only the Devil in disguise, as my good friend John Cleary-Baker will confirm! Speculation is also rife that MIB have tampered with my phone! Those dialling my number obtain the 'ringing' tone, but the confounded thing isn't ringing! The PO have "rectified the fault" three times without any improvement! Keep trying, though, - someone may be lucky!

Norman Oliver

THEMES OF CONTACT

Presented by ----- Norman Oliver

Whilst - as anticipated - the content of "THEMES OF CONTACT" in the last COS-MOS met with a mixed reception, readers have given its inception their unqualified approval, the main point raised being that there was not a sufficient "in depth" study of the cases presented. To remedy this, TRANSMITTED CONTACT will be in two - possibly three - parts, which will also have the advantage that your letters and comments are printed whilst the "Theme" is still running. Transmitted contact covers contact by Radio, TV, "Light-Beam", Tape-Recorders and the like. Contact by Tape-Recorder will appear in our next issue - or to be more exact, the first issue of GEMINI. One point I must repeat - I do not vouch for the truth of contact stories presented in "Themes": I DO consider them worthy of study and discussion. So - on to item No 1.

THE DICK MILLER STORY

In Jan 1948, Dick Miller was serving in the US Air Force at Scott Field, Illinois. He was in the operations room when the Mantell incident came over the radio exactly as it occurred. According to most sources, the last message from Mantell was, "I'm going to 20,000 feet and if I get no closer I'll abandon chase." However, Dick alleges a further sentence was uttered by Mantell three minutes later and it was, "My GodI see people in this thing."

Dick Miller's field of interest and his work was Electronics and associated subjects. Following the Mantell incident he read a lot about Saucers and contacts, claiming he kept an open mind on

all stories. After attending a lecture by Hunt Williamson, he decided to experiment himself on the possibility of receiving communications by short-wave radio, but for some time had no luck. His luck changed on an autumn evening in 1954, when, rather an interesting point, he, his partner and two others were in Ann Arbor, Michigan - remember later Ann Arbor incidents. They were testing a device which helped eliminate static on the radio, and after making several adjustments had tuned the set to the 11 meter band. Dick then claims there was an extremely powerful signal accompanied by a hollow-sounding tone: a voice, tenor in range, spoke in English saying, "Gentlemen, we estann (scrutinise) your presence. We have a knowledge of your group: we have a representative among you: our intentions towards you are friendly. Continue to listen on this wave-length we will have further messages for you."

On Sept 15 1954 at 10.30 another communication was received on the 11 meter band. This, Dick Miller says, told him he would be hard to convince - they could read his mind telepathically. They also said this particular method of communication was "tiring" and "continue to observe us, we will speak again." Several weeks later, apparently, an amateur radio ham in the vicinity was found to have made a recording of these messages and gave copies to Dick.

Next, on arriving home one day, he found a set of plans for an electronic apparatus left in his mail box; as an electronics engineer he knew what the equipment represented, but nevertheless had the plans checked by several Detroit engineers without disclosing their source. They were prepared on ordinary notepaper, and on the last page in the bottom right-hand corner the word MASAR appeared - supposed in SOLEX MAL to mean MARS. Certain of the engineering concepts were alien to our technology and several modifications were necessary, but the instructions

showed, in effect, how to build a Light-Beam transmitter and receiver.

Dick Miller set about building the light-beam apparatus, but before it was completed he received another radio message on Sept 28 1954 when accompanied by friends, this time over the car radio, but still on the 11 meter band.

The message told him definite contacts were being planned - he should go to see Adamski concerning the light ray. This was again signed off by the word MASAR. Five days later, they intercepted a similar communication, this time on the 16 meter band, but still on the car radio - it was apparently intended for someone else, since it mentioned Hunt Williamson and Desmond Leslie and unlike the others was in Morse. A final message prior to the light beam transmitter and receiver becoming operational referred to a possible contact with the then US President, Eisenhower: told Dick to hurry along with the completion of the apparatus: said that as yet they could arrange no personal contact with his group and that they themselves came from Mars, though others would be in touch from Venus and planets round Alpha Centauri.

Dick constructed his light beam apparatus, and states that over the years he received many messages in the form of talks with such titles as "To Men of Earth": "Monka and Merku Speak": "Elementary Magnetics": "Magnetics and Spacecraft" etc. These were all allegedly from spacemen of Centaurian, Venusian or Martian origin, with names like Voltra, Bellarion and Kla-La.

He continued to receive radio messages also, and was given a formula "of great import" - this he was invited to solve for its knowledge. The formula was $Gr. = (2KR/TA)^2$ where R is the Magnetic Momentum: A the Angular Momentum: Gr. the Gravitational Constant and T a correction factor of 0.25. He was told "In solving, the answer is

not as important as the ability to grasp the relationship between the various factors." (ANY OBSERVATIONS OR "SOLUTIONS" FROM READERS WILL BE WELCOME AND WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE NEXT ISSUE)

In Oct 1954, Dick tells us he received a message to go to a spot near Ann Arbor where he would be contacted. It was a Sunday and very quiet. A silvery-coloured saucer about 150ft diameter came down, hovering about 12 ft up. The metal resembled Aluminium or Magnesium. A rectangular opening appeared in the bottom of the craft and an "airliner-like" stairway descended from the interior, which glowed with a soft white light.

At its head a young man dressed in a brown one-piece suit beckoned him and he stood in a large circular hallway which seemingly encircled the whole craft: then the ramp slowly slid back. In the room were several curving banks of equipment - difficult to describe; they were about 8 ft tall and 20 - 25 ft long, arranged in a circle of about 8 ft from the inner wall.

There were aisles dividing the circle into sections and 6 large screens having a frosted appearance. Three sections of the equipment had their own swivel chair, rather like a typist's, but made of metal.

Whilst Dick was inside the ship it took off, but he felt no sense of motion. Air and Gravity seemed normal. The walls around were made of a material looking like pink mother-of-pearl. There was indirect lighting, and directly behind equipment racks were doorways leading into the other sections of the ship which he was unable to explore.

The man - Sol-tec - at the circular desk in the centre greeted him and held a long conversation concerning Earth's problems and humanity's activities in general. Dick was then returned to Mother Earth.

Themes of Contact -----cont'd.

SOME "TRANSMITTED" OPINIONS.....DAVE ROWE

THE SAUCERS SPEAK (Neville Spearman-160pp. 90p) claims to "...report on communication with spacecraft....for the most part....by radiotelegraphy." However, the "blurb" is not entirely accurate as the "communication" related by the author-George Hunt Williamson, is mostly by Ouija Board and Automatic Writing!

What radiocommunication there is, is mainly made up of abbreviations or codes and "words" which have no meaning - this causing extreme infuriation when one turns to the glossary to find them non-existent!

What is claimed is that Mr & Mrs Williamson and Mr & Mrs Bailey, who witnessed Adamski's encounter with an extraterrestrial, received messages from space in a period for the most part before that "contact". They were told to get in touch with a Mr R. After they met, Mr R receives messages by radio morse which include some of the names and "codes" of the Williamson/Bailey ones. Contact ceases when Mr R capitulates to a "Mr Clarke" who claims to be from the CAA. (But who Mr R believes to be a MIB.)

Two observations to counter the theory that Mr R was on the receiving end of a hoax:- Firstly, there are some pretty usual "lights in the sky" sightings. Secondly, in the middle of a radio exchange, Mr R changed frequencies, getting an instant reply. This is not well documented, however, and no attempt is made to discover if the signals come from an Earth-bound station.

The book itself, and what its contact claims, is standard for the early fifties. It has several "amazing" scientific reports without any source reference. There are the usual assaults on the "establishment". The aliens are friendly and worried about "the bomb", but won't interfere,

at least not until the 11th hour, when they may take off believers to planets anew.

The Earth has two moons (one we can't see because of certain conditions.) The one we can see is inhabited with an atmosphere - so Neil Armstrong had no need of that space suit after all!

Messages received give odd bits of information, without order or co-ordination, and a time delay during a radio contact causes Mr W to go into exultations about "This...message from Mars." (?)

Senders have such names as ELEX (son of) ZO & UM, NORO, WAN-4, SEDAT, LEMEC, KADAR LACU, ACTAR, AGFA AFFA, GARR, RO, ANKAR-22, PONNAR and so on. You may not believe this but...not only does Bugs Bunny put in an appearance, but also one of his cartoon compatriots reveals an important date to the communicators.

The revised edition contains two extra chapters, one giving info on Mr R, the other preaching Mr W's own sermon of death by brimstone and fire in a "gigantic embryonic sun." In these chapters it is admitted the radio contacts have nothing to do with Adamski's contact although rather the opposite impression is given in the book.

We are asked to read this account "with an open mind" and having done so we are faced with two questions. 1 Are the contents of the messages true or hoax or from the subconscious? 2 Is the story true or hoax? My own answer to the first would be hoax in part or whole, though possibly subconscious. For the second I keep an open mind.
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Time and time again, I find UFO investigators fooling themselves with odd incidents or coincidences which (they claim) add weight to their personal theories. One such case (in my judgement) was reported in DAPRO Journal Vol 2 No 4 Winter '69 by Malcolm Jay, and took place at an Xmas party in '68 given by Ron Adam (another

DAPRO member) who asked a ouija board to "tell us about the UFOs" and received the reply.....
...."14MCS30C."

Ron understood the message and tuned his short-wave radio to 14mcs at 30'c, to hear ..-, ..-, - morse for U - repeated for several minutes before fading. Malcolm listed this as an instance "in which the ouija has led to UFOs" (?) In fact, it didn't - it led to a repeated radio signal (over interference) and neither are too hard to find. There's one near Radio 2 on Long Wave which "appears" in the evening and sounds like the first eight notes of "I've been working on the railroad!" - - - - - D. R.

"THEMES"..... CONT'D



FSR Vol 3 No 5 in "Unanswered Questions" states "Contact was attempted in the US on public broadcasting systems to send out a signal, then have a period of radio silence for the UFOs to reply. Among radio stations taking part were Chicago Station WGN on 28 Nov 1954, and Los Angeles Station KFI on 28 Oct 1955. Results were inconclusive, though strange signals were reported outside the quiet period after a specific time lag."

The same FSR article tells us that on 30 April 1957, an attempt was made by John Otto and his colleagues to make a "landing contact" by light beam communication. On April 21, a message to UFOs was broadcast from Station WOR, New York, fixing the contact date for nine days ahead at Lake Michigan. On this day two boats set out on the lake to a prearranged position at the set time of 10pm. Three flares were lit on one of the boats in a triangular pattern. Then a succession of things happened. A flare of some sort dropped about four miles south, not connected with the observers. Then four meteor like flashes were seen. Next a message was sent and an answer requested: complete radio silence,

followed by a strange noise in the earphones of the transmitter. Immediately afterwards a yellowish object passed high overhead at a fair speed from SW to NE. Similarly at 10.50pm an object flew over travelling NE. Finally to cap the evening's entertainment a striking V-shaped aurora borealis display of a very unusual nature.

John Otto himself reported the signals received were inconclusive, however interesting. Otto is a man of great scientific integrity and it would have had to be a very conclusive return to have satisfied him.

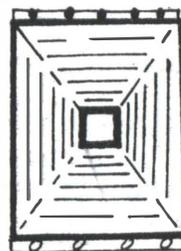
Several readers have enquired about Joan Howard's original contact following the "ZIOFRAN" article in the last COS-MOS. This was in fact fully presented in Vol 1 No 6 (taken from Gene Duplantier's excellent Canadian publication SAUCERS SPACE & SCIENCE.) However, due to space problems several diagrams were omitted. Two of these - of the "Mind Machine" are now shown, and a brief resume of the contact given as it certainly comes under "Transmitted Contact". -----

During an "astral" trip Joan found herself in a "military base" with space-suited people around. Whilst conversing with one she became aware that her earthbound physical body was being worked over by some kind of ray centred in her head. She could even hear it and became physically awake. This was repeated for several nights and Joan subsequently found that this, together with other instruments were operated by her present "contact" - ZIOFRAN.

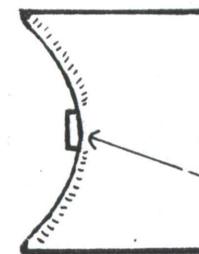
This ray emanated from an instrument Joan nicknamed the "Mind Machine". It was used to contact and "pick up" minds of both intelligent and primitive life-forms, and one of her contact's jobs was to use this to locate life-forms in space. By means of this he could tell what type of life is on a given planet. Also, it could "process"

(his word) minds, and produce "mind-pictures" - Joan's words. These showed what type of mental make-up or personality etc. a life-form had.

THE "MIND MACHINE"



FRONT VIEW - CAN BE BUILT INTO WALL-PANELS OR ON STAND - LIKE TV.



SECTION VIEW FROM SIDE
SCREEN

BOTH DIAGRAMS GREATLY SIMPLIFIED.

Adapted from SAUCERS SPACE & SCIENCE (\$3 4 issues) 17, Shetland St Willowdale 443, Ontario, Canada.

The Dick Miller story was largely taken from notes for a talk some years ago. Unfortunately the original source was not shown and consequently I have made no acknowledgements. I will be pleased to repair this omission if notified by the writer or magazine concerned

Our next presentation will be concerned with tape-recordings, and I would ask those with a recorder, tape and time to spare to co-operate in the following experiment:

On the same evening each week between 8.30 & 9pm put your microphone just outside a window (preferably 1st floor or higher.) Shut the window as far as possible and record with the volume control fairly high. When playing back listen carefully for "unidentified" voices, phrases, words or even syllables. If obtained these may well be very faint, and equally well may not be in English, but in view of the number of people I know who have obtained SOME result from such

attempts, you have a reasonable chance over a period of "catching" something seemingly inexplicable. Let me know of any successes you may have, however small, and I will refer to them in "THEMES" in our next issue. It goes without saying, of course, that if possible the tape should be a new one and not "wiped clean".

LIÉS IN THE SKIES

Editor:

I just bought that horrible piece of junk that you call a magazine and I want to say it is the worst thing I ever read. Especially that ridiculous article about "flying saucers" on page 26. I want to say that anybody that believes in those dumb things is anti-American. Because, if the Air Force says they don't exist, then it's darn unpatriotic to say that they do! And quit writing all that junk about Flying Saucers and things. I can't wait to take a look at your next issue to see if you do what I tell you!

Douglas D. Daider
Fort Lauderdale, Florida

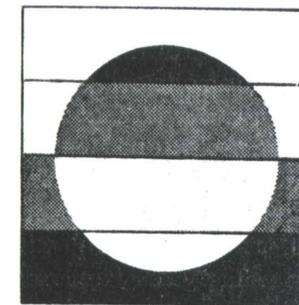
The above letter is quoted from the AUG '66 issue of REAL Magazine. Los Angeles. -----
Comment superfluous!!

The Daily Mail of 12 Oct '71 reported a UFO sighting by two policemen - PC Ray Parker and PC Brian Giles, of Walthamstow police station, in a crime car. The incident occurred at 4.30am on 11 Oct '71 when they saw a long cigar-shaped object flashing through the night sky over Walthamstow giving off a "blinding" white light. It was in view for about six seconds before it disappeared in the direction of the City. It was said to have "a hypnotic effect."

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Strange lights over Mitcham

Investigated by Norman Oliver and C David Oakley-Hill
Ref 70/S2 1970 12 17 2230BST

Miss Margaret Argent, a 17 year old dental nurse of Phipps Bridge Rd, Mitcham, notified the Mitcham News & Mercury of her sighting. SIRIUS contacted her and she was interviewed on 13 March. She gave her story as follows on a tape-recording of the interview.

"I was coming home from the youth club at 10.30 and was walking down Church Road. These two big bright lights caught my eye - you couldn't help but see them. I thought at first it was an aeroplane, but then I looked and it just couldn't be an aeroplane. There were no red flashing navigation lights or anything between the two big lights. It was miles too big (for an aeroplane) and the lights were too bright. It was hovering for about two minutes.

Right down the end of the road was a gentleman on a pushbike, looking at the same thing as I was. The thing was still hovering as I walked up to the gentleman and said 'Do you know what that is?' He looked rather frightened and said he didn't. I said 'Perhaps we'll find out tomorrow if anyone else has reported it.'

I walked round the corner and after about half a minute it had completely vanished. It passed over the trees. It was surprising how fast it went. The lights were like car headlights without the rays - if anything they were bigger than car headlights. The lights were facing me all the time - moving sideways at always an equal distance apart. There was no sound."

Duration: about 2 min (4 sec moving). Sky: dark, no moon or stars. Object moved behind church. Appeared as "clear lights". Apparent size of each light: old halfpenny at arm's length. Weather: overcast, cold, dry, light breeze.

Object first seen to SW (220°), 20° altitude.

Object last seen to W (280°), 20° altitude.

There does not appear to be an obvious explanation for this report. The description seems to rule out aircraft.

Mystery of the Tungusian Tundra

BY A. SZACHNOWSKI - 3RD AND FINAL PART. FOLLOWED BY AN ARTICLE BY DR LYALL WATSON AND A NOTE FROM "PEGASUS"

Professor Krinow's authoritative statement on his theory of a comet to explain the mysterious explosion in Siberia in 1908 was meant to close the discussion. Its timing co-incided with a series of articles attacking UFOs, by a fellow-Academician, Professor Artzymowicz, and published in the leading Soviet newspaper Pravda. After this double-salvo, silence reigned for nearly a year.

That silence was interrupted by an article by Mr Ziegel published in the Moscow magazine Znamenie-Sila. In it Mr Ziegel opened the question once again, elaborating on the latest results of further research led by Dr Zolotov. The key issue here was the ratio of the frequency of vibrations of a ballistic wave (caused by movement of the object) to the blast wave (caused by the actual explosion). The idea is that such a large object as the head of a comet within the atmosphere would cause an enormous ballistic wave capable of causing a great deal of damage on its own, whereas a detailed examination was proving only damage due to a blast wave.

The ballistic wave was not greater than 1.86 miles per second, which means that the kinetic energy of the object was small. The damage was done by a blast wave caused by an explosion. An explosion is an internal combustion of matter, of a body caused by an action of a released energy. The energy can be released by a chemical or nuclear reaction. What sort of reaction took place there? What sort of energy was released?

Here Dr Ziegel and Dr Zolotov are of the opinion that the scorched stumps of trees remaining upright in the middle are providing the answer. They were scorched by luminous rays that could be emitted only by a radiant

type of energy. That radiant energy, says Zolotov, was obviously a large portion of the total output energy: this is inconsistent with a chemical reaction. This reaction apparently generated several million degrees of heat, indicating a "thermic" explosion likely to be due to a nuclear reaction rather than chemical. And a sequence of long, narrow strips of burned and unburned trees is consistent with a radiant nuclear explosion.

The limits of field-of-damage in the Tundra were not round, but elongated and irregular. Two phases or levels of explosion are also indicated. Zolotov says that this points to a nuclear type of explosion taking place inside a non-explosive container, then breaking into two unequal parts, releasing radiant energy which by chain-reaction would cause a thermo-nuclear explosion. This means that it was not a natural phenomenon, whether an explosive meteorite or the head of a comet, but a manufactured, nuclear-propelled, intelligently controlled but unidentified flying object.

This is, however, my conclusion, because Dr Ziegel had to conform to the official line and stopped short. The official line is still "exploding head of a comet."

Antoni W Szachnowski, 9 November 1970

EDITORIAL NOTES

1 See "Scientific Study of UFOs" (edited by Dr E U Condon, published by Bantam) pages 746-747, 766.

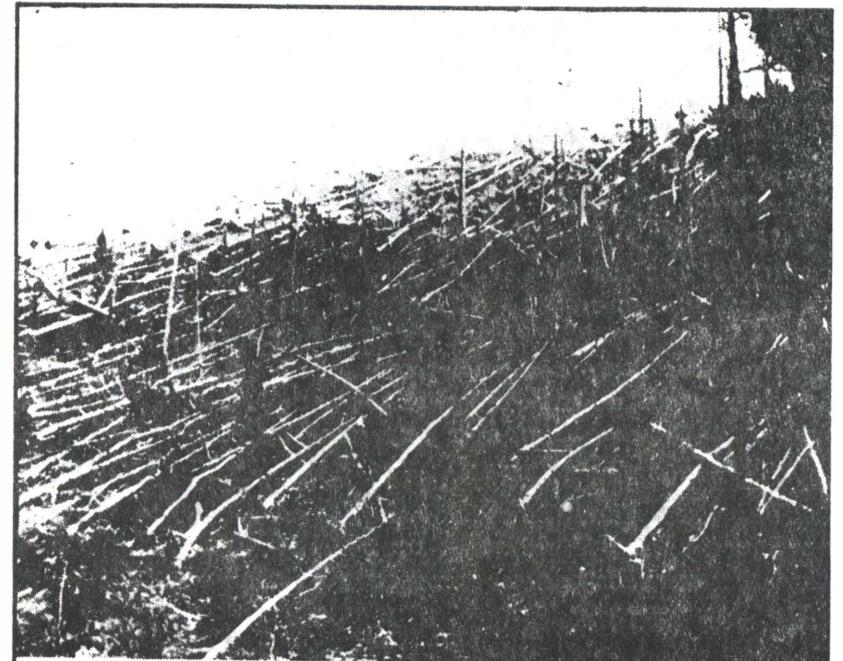
2 See also "Anatomy of a Phenomenon" (by Jacques Vallee, published by Neville Spearman Ltd) pages 18-20; contains photos and two interesting reference sources.

3 See also "Challenge to Science" (Vallee/Spearman) pages 99-100.

4 Vallee's conclusion in (2) above was "A very extraordinary body collided with our planet in June 1908." Condon's report, in a section by Martin Altschuler, says that the nature of the luminous clouds is still a matter for debate, but concludes that "the best guess is that a comet collided with the Earth in June 1908."

Was it an atomic plane from another planet that caused the huge explosion in Russia sixty years ago? It certainly seems so, says Dr Lyall Watson. (Eagle comic)

The time: noon, 30 June 1908. The place: a remote spot in the forest of Siberia. It is a fine day. Everything is quiet. Then there is a distant rumble, like the sound of artillery fire many miles away. The sound grows until the air itself begins to tremble, and a ball of fire brighter than the sun hurtles across the sky. Peasants, hunters and fishermen gaze up in fear and amazement as it vanishes into the north. Seconds later, people at the Vanavara trading-post watch as a fountain of light explodes on the horizon and grows into a mushroom cloud. As it takes shape, the noise arrives like thunder. 600 miles away in Kansk, a train travelling on



In the area of the explosion, huge trees were uprooted by the blast

the Trans-Siberian railway stops because the driver thinks there has been an explosion on board.

Following the sound a hurricane sweeps over the forest - felling trees, tearing off roofs and smashing every window for hundreds of miles. The wave of air travels rapidly right round the world and is felt in London. Tremors are recorded on instruments as far away as Washington in the United States.

For the next few days the whole world is treated to free displays of light in the night. Sunlight shining on clouds of dust at a great height in the atmosphere make it possible for people in Paris to read their newspapers in the streets in the middle of the night. In Moscow it is bright enough to take midnight pictures.

Eventually the excitement died down, but the site of the explosion was too remote for scientists to visit and the local people were too afraid to go near it. So nothing was done.

But that was 60 years ago. Today things are being done. Teams of scientists are visiting and working where the explosion took place - and they are coming back with astounding results.

There is no problem about finding the exact place. It is unmistakable. 6000 miles of trees were uprooted by the blast. Huge pines and larches lie everywhere, looking as though they had been felled by a giant axe-stroke. The roots of the trees all face toward one central point - the focus of the explosion.

But here, right at the centre of the destruction, is the most fantastic thing.

Here there are trees still standing. They are quite dead, without branches or bark, but they are still standing upright like scorched telegraph poles.

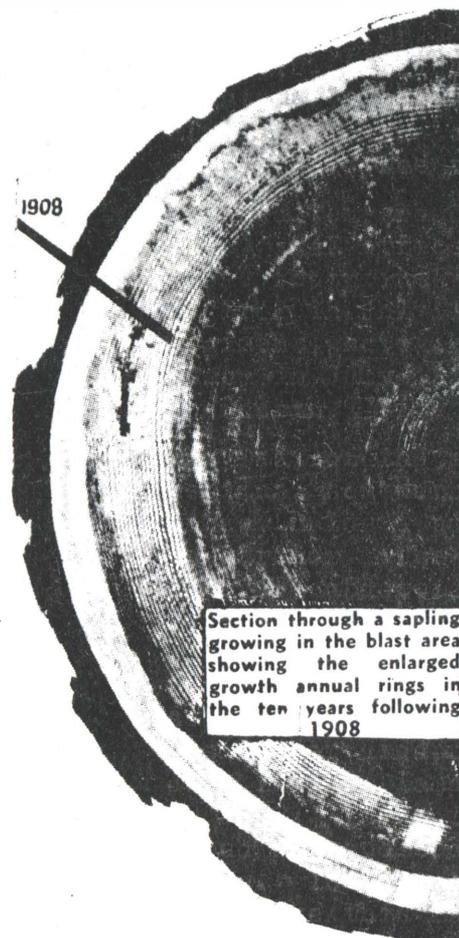
At first it was assumed that the blast had been caused by a giant meteorite, but there was no crater to be seen. In Arizona, there is a deep crater caused by a meteorite and it looks like a volcanic eruption. In Siberia there is only typical tundra marshland.

The scientists have been digging all over the area, sifting hundreds of tons of soil, but so far they have not found a single splinter of rock or iron that could have come from outer space. And, if the blast had been caused by a meteor, there would certainly not still be trees standing at the very point of impact.

The only possible explanation for the survival of these trees is that the explosion must have taken place high up in the air directly above

them. This way, the blast would have struck them at their tips and they would have offered little resistance to it. Other trees farther away from the centre would be struck at an angle and quickly pushed over.

This explains the lack of a crater, but does not explain the lack of meteor debris. A meteor could have blown up in the air and disintegrated into small fragments, but these would certainly by now have been found by the scientists working on the ground. They have found nothing like this. But what they have found is equally fascinating.



A few thin supple saplings survived the 1908 explosion and are still growing today. Botanists have recently cut down a few of them to examine the growth rings. Inside every tree are circles of light and dark wood which tell how old the tree is - one ring being added to the trunk each year. Inside the Siberian trees, the rings are normal until exactly 60 years ago. Then they suddenly become very much wider. For ten years following the explosion the few trees which survived grew very rapidly indeed - producing wide rings. Then they slowed down again to an almost normal rate.

The only thing that could have produced such a sprint is radioactivity.

The few eye-witnesses who saw the explosion from the distance all described a mushroom cloud. This, and the evidence of the annual rings in the trees, suggests that it might have been a nuclear explosion. Atomic bombs occur when a nuclear chain reaction takes place. Hydrogen bombs go off when nuclei undergo fusion at very high temperatures. And neither of these things can take place in Nature. They have to be artificially produced.

Right now, radio-chemists are carefully examining the ashes left by burnt out trees in the area to see if there are still traces of this kind of radioactivity. If there are, it means that the explosion was made by some intelligent beings. But who? At that time man knew nothing about atomic physics, so the beings must have come from somewhere outside earth.

This is of course a fantastic idea and rather difficult to believe. But there does not seem to be any other possible explanation and all the time further evidence is being gathered which points to the same conclusion.

Russian scientists have been carefully plotting the positions of all the trees felled within the blast area. Their results show that the main blast area takes the shape of an arrowhead pointing towards the north-west. This means that the explosion was produced by something moving rapidly in from the south-east.

But all the observers saw the object pass over the town of **Kezhma** (200 miles south) travelling due north. So it must have changed direction twice in a short distance.

This again suggests that it was being guided. A meteor or comet has never been known to swerve in this way.

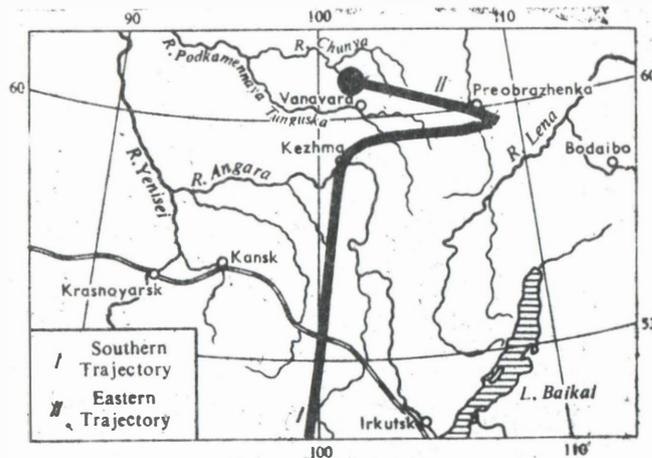
All the evidence so far points to

the conclusion that the explosion in 1908 was caused by a flying machine powered by a nuclear apparatus and guided by a pilot or by remote control. Whatever it was, it clearly came to a disastrous end. But that was 60 years ago.

Let's hope that if and when beings from outer space do arrive, they have a happier landing.

Below: Map showing the possible route of the alien spacecraft and how

it changed direction at the last moment



"Pegasus" vol 2 no 5 (Jan-Feb 1970) tells us that "yet another expedition set out last summer for the frozen wastes of Central Siberia in a bid to discover what caused the colossal explosion that rocked the Tunguska Basin on June 30, 1908. Headed by Professor Nikolai Vasilyev, it consisted of 80 people, including physicists, chemists, geologists, engineers and students. The aim of this trip was to collect samples of peat from the site of the explosion, in the hope of finding minute particles of meteoritic substances. The findings of the expedition have not yet been announced."

Pegasus is available from the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena (SIGAP), c/o Ron Toft, 14 Buckhurst Road, Frimley Green, Camberley, Surrey.

NU the origin and power of the UFO

On September 17 at Charlton House, SIRIUS held a very thought-provoking talk by Alan Watts, well-known meteorologist, author and ufologist.

Mr Watts illustrated his narrative throughout the talk with slides. He began by giving a rundown on sightings since 1947, and indicated points in the cases which are of special interest to the physicist.

ADVANCES?

He also explained that advances had come about in the design of UFOs themselves: 1) about 35000 BC rocket techniques seem to have been used; 2) the numerous solar-worshipping cults around the time of the Pharaohs suggests that UFOs used solar power; 3) there is evidence of use of nuclear power in ancient India; 4) finally we have the type of object seen today. This is the type Mr Watts was to study in detail.

EFFECTS

Among the items Mr Watts included in his theory were: the numerous car-stopping incidents where UFOs have allegedly inhibited the functioning of car engines (he quoted the case of Ronald Wildman¹), emanations of heat and "force-fields" from UFOs, and odd ground marks.

FUNDAMENTAL PARTICLES

He explained the principles of fundamental particles; how passing gamma-radiation through lead using energy of 1 million volts can produce an electron and its anti-particle the positron (ie mass is obtained from energy), and reuniting these particles could replace the million volts of energy.

NU-ETHER

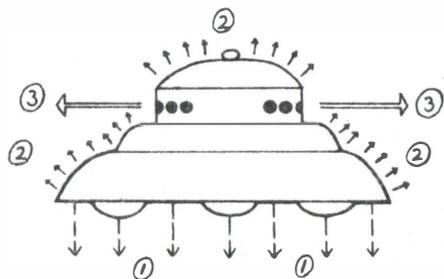
T M Derak propounded a theory he called DERAK C, in which he stated that a vacuum was by no means empty, but contained a sea of particles. Occasionally matter is produced by a combination of such particles. There is symmetry in the vacuum whereby there is an anti-

particle for every particle, although protons (the component particles of light) appear to conform to both states of matter and anti-matter. Mr Watts suggested that this new concept of the vacuum be called NU-ETHER.

UFO PROPULSION

Hence the suggestion that in the centre of a "saucer" there is a matter/anti-matter generator which separates particles and anti-particles and feeds them into the skin of the "craft" to produce a propulsive force.

This would explain, he said, many characteristics of UFOs: the electro-magnetic effects, the fuzziness in photographs owing to radiation from the object ionising the air, thus making the object glow, and also the shape



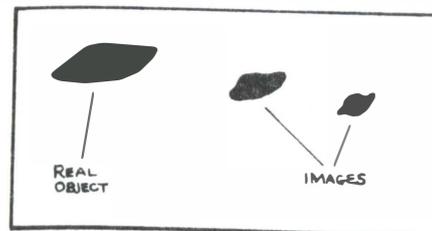
of the Adamski-type saucer. The main forces would need to be in a downward direction to work against the forces of gravity ①. This is effected by the base of the craft which has a large surface area. Small corrective forces in an infinite number of directions ② can be made by forces from the curved sides and top (similar to retro-rockets on a spacecraft). The 90° angled surface ③ by the portholes gives sideways motion. This also explains the apparent ease with which the objects hover.

RADIATION IMAGE

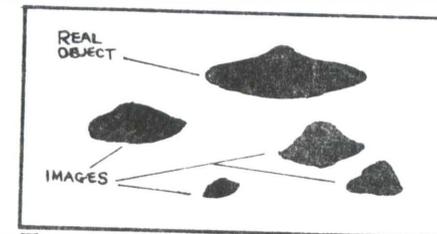
High magnetic fields can cause refraction of light by changing the refractive index of the space within the field. This could bring about the "radiation image" effect and also explain apparent change of shape.

"Radiation image" was the name given by Basil Nubel, once photographic consultant to BUFORA, to the effect which may have taken place with the Alex Birch² and Stephen Pratt³ cases. Here, he theorised, the only REAL

object was the large one, and the other "objects" were truncated images of the real object, formed by the changed refractive index of the space around the objects.



The Stephen Pratt photograph



The Alex Birch photograph

GLOW

Where there is a very high electromagnetic field, electrons rotate rapidly around the conductor. If they rotate fast enough, small wavelengths of visible electromagnetic radiation will be emitted. This is known as the cyclotron principle, and may be another explanation of why "saucers" and other UFOs glow. A change in the energy of the magnetic field would cause a change in the wavelength of light: hence change of colour.

HOLOGRAPHY OF MATTER?

Next Mr Watts suggested that UFOs use a developed holographic technique (projection in 3 dimensions). He referred to the Helsinki case.⁴ Perhaps the UFO was actually projecting matter. Could this also be the effect when ectoplasm is produced at seances?

NU AS A PLACE

The great degree of correlation between the dimensions of the ancient structures throughout the world suggests some method of communication being used by the ancients. Mr Watts suggested aerial transport.

VULCAN

He also suggested that UFOs are extra-terrestrial craft from another star-system which use a space-station in our solar system as a base. In 1859, famed astronomers saw a large body they called Vulcan, believing it to be a planet. It disappeared until 1878 when TWO were sighted. It has not been seen since.

MOONS OF VENUS?

Venus does not theoretically have any satellites. However, in 1672, 1676, 1740, 1759, 1761, 1768, 1886, and finally 1892, many reliable astronomers saw satellites around Venus, often of tremendous size.

The number of intelligent questions and comments at the end of the meeting indicated that continued discussion of these theories was desirable. Therefore we invite readers to continue this debate through our pages.

We thank Mr Watts for a very enjoyable meeting, and hope to welcome him back some time in the future.

References and notes 1-3: see Unidentified Flying ^{M.S.} Objects by Robert Chapman, (published by Barker) pp38-40; pp83-4; facing page 129. 4: Flying Saucer Review 15/5.

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SIRIUS Journals 2,3 still available at 15p each inc postage - lithoed magazine from south-east London.
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WHY THEY KEEP AWAY?

Remember also the dreaded five-week months. Because of our calendar, designed by our ancestors to deter future visitors from outer space, the number of weeks in a year does not evenly fit the number of months, and you will be faced several times a year with making 1 month's salary spread over 5 shopping and rent weeks

From Gerald Haigh's new book "Beginning Teaching"(Pitman)

Review

"OPERATION TROJAN HORSE" by John A Keel
By Mark Stenhoff published at £2 by Souvenir Press,
95 Mortimer Street, London W1N 8HP

This book is very difficult to review. In the introduction, Keel explains that it has been edited from 2000 pages of manuscript down to 320 pages. A 2000 page book is a large commitment for any publisher, as this would take the book outside the price-range of the popular book buyer. Unfortunately this move has left some of Keel's profound theories in mid-air without sufficient support, and he states frequently "my studies and nationwide polls prove that ..." without being able to substantiate his conclusions. This is a pity, and we have to trust Mr Keel's statistics, which he has no doubt fully checked.

A large part of the book refers to the "Wednesday phenomenon." The allegation is that Wednesday is the day upon which most sightings are made. However, an independent study by Dr David Saunders contained statistics correlating (via the Spearman Rank Co-efficient) only to +0.0715 with those of Keel. This is almost the correlation obtained using random numbers.

We are pleased to see that much of Keel's theories seem based on that thought-provoking talk in May 1969 by our own honorary member Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard.

We are also glad that the full story of "Dino Kraspedon," author of "My Contact with Flying Saucers"(Spearman), has now been published in a "permanent" reference source, as it certainly puts new light on his claims.

Keel is correct in stating that his theory "holds together" better than the extraterrestrial hypothesis, though it does seem more difficult to accept since a whole new concept must be imagined from the start. I hope my summary will meet with Mr Keel's approval as I have reworded his theory in places for presentation here:

1) Some objects (disc and cigar shaped) exist as temporary materialisations, and leave indentations in the ground when "landed." They are decoys to draw investigators and humanity generally away from determining the true source of the phenomenon.

2) Other objects are "soft", such as glows and objects which change shape.

3) The source is a form of intelligent energy operating at the highest possible point of the frequency spectrum.

4) The objects and entities materialise by lowering frequency and dematerialise by increasing frequency.

5) Throughout history the intelligence has communicated with man to draw him off the track: in ancient times with religious-type visions, in the 19th century through spiritualism (eg information passed on at seances), and today in the guise of extra-terrestrial visitants, through information given to the contactees.

6) The intelligence co-exists with man "on" Earth and regards him as an irritating or unimportant entity.

Some of the statements made in the book are certainly open to incredulity and scepticism. For example: what evidence is there that meteors are under intelligent control?

Keel suggests this is so because of the regular cycles of meteor showers. Surely a better explanation is that they are scattered at certain positions around the sun and the Earth "swims" through clouds of meteors at recognised periods each year.

Another statement open to question is the interpretation given by Keel to the words of Yamski, alleged Scoriton entity: "...forces from Epsilon..." Why should this mean Epsilon Orionis when so many constellations contain stars classified as "Epsilon". Keel is more definitely wrong when he states that the pieces were found in the same field as the contact was alleged to have taken place, and that they were found at the same time.

Yet another point: Surely the reliability of a witness is important. Why study events which never happened?

Despite these criticisms, I feel that this book may well be far nearer to the truth than most published on this controversial topic, and I recommend it as interesting reading and as containing useful pointers to be tested by research. However, a good background knowledge of UFOs is advisable before starting to read it.

I have compiled a complete list of reports from the book in chronological order, with locations and page numbers. On receipt of 2 x 2½p stamps we will send a copy of this.

SIRIUS skywatch report CDOH

Four people participated in the SIRIUS skywatch on National Skywatch Day, June 26. 1971.

Barry Marsh*, then our chairman, would have loved to have joined us, as he was teaching near Norwich at the time, but unfortunately something cropped up at his school at the last minute. Graham Cowell*, then our Research Director, would also have made the trip had he not been afflicted by a severe bout of hay fever.

Brian Catchpole drove Lionel Beer and myself from London to Norfolk in his van, which he has fitted with all mod cons including gaz stoves, cupboard space, and, invaluable, comfortable sleeping facilities.

The fourth member of our watch had conveniently just moved to Sheringham. He is Mr Peter Johnson, a founder member of LUFORO (predecessor of BUFORA), and still carries out the occasional investigation. He was very hospitable and kept us "fed and watered" magnificently.

The watch was at Bard Hill, overlooking the sea: the best watchpoint I have visited. The night was bright, clear, ideal for viewing, if a little cold. Unfortunate to relate, other than 4 satellites, the only thing out of the ordinary seen was a strange orange light, which we established later from a paper to have been a distress flare sent up by a cruiser grounded outside Wells Harbour.

* See inside back cover of this issue

The Halstead watch (June 30), on which I was joined by Margaret Collins, now our membership secretary, Peter Hudson (our photographic consultant), and my sister Angela, was even less eventful, as the sky was completely overcast with low cloud, so if anything resembling a UFO had been lurking in the area at a similar height to the previous Halstead sightings in 1961 and 1966+ we were unable to see it.

+ See article by Alan Watts BSc, FRMetS in SIRIUS No 2.

Avenues of UFO investigation

By FRED GARDNER FRGS FIEC

I have been asked by the editor of SIRIUS to write an article on UFOs and to make it factual and not conjectural. This I will try to do, although it is not easy, for where fact ends and conjecture begins is often a moot point. If you know nothing about UFOs and find this article rather "in depth", then I advise you to contact the editor or myself, and we will try to introduce you to a workable study of the subject. When I began my investigation, I was full of questions. I still am.

I received lots of answers, many of which failed to satisfy me, but I now realise that I failed to ask the right questions! As John Keel¹ the American ufologist so rightly says: "To hell with the answer! What's the question?"

I hope you're not expecting a recital of authenticated UFO sightings. Although I've files full of them, my reports of detailed observations however authentic may not help you. My purpose is to try and inspire you to go and get your own - if it's sightings you're after. You must decide what evidence you need to convince yourself of the validity and relevance of UFOs.

Sometimes I'm asked which viewpoint I favour: extra-terrestrial spaceships, or that all reports are due to misinterpretation of natural phenomena, conventional aircraft etc, or another hypothesis. Suffice it to say that after careful research I have come to accept the phenomenon as fact, but my investigations continue.

As well as the conventional avenues of investigation - astronomical, technical, checking with appropriate authorities ie the press, police, Ministry of Defence, voluntary research groups of qualified personnel, on-the-spot investigation or contact with witnesses, and the study of reliable bibliography, I suggest the following:

- 1) Regular organised skywatches² led by competent people may afford valuable data.
- 2) Collect UFO bibliography,³ also films, transparencies, photos, and tapes of observations or outstanding talks.

3) Study of ancient mythology ie Greek gods, heroes, traditional or mythical supermen (the Greek mythology section in the British Museum is worth a visit)⁴

4) Study of all Bible references (and other sacred writings) to UFO phenomena. Several books are available.⁵

5) Systematic scrutiny of newspapers (including other languages if possible) for reference or clues to UFOs or allied phenomena that apparently defy human explanation. All relevant press reports should be cut out, dated and identified by the name of the paper or source.⁶

6) I advise a consideration of the psychological factor, especially where the nature and functions of the human mind are concerned. Also research into dreams relating to space, spacecraft and space-people.

7) A study of archeological antiquities⁴ and prehistory.

8) Geology,⁷ especially the geological features of a district, if endowed with any properties such as magnetic.

9) A study of orthoteny:⁸ straight, upright, rectangular lines and angles of terrain, to find out if UFOs follow any pattern, direction or 'power-lines'.

10) Psychic phenomena: a vast, complex and comparatively unexplored sphere. Some knowledgeable and notable ufologists are convinced that the UFO problem has spiritual and psychical overtones.

There are many other ways of trying to find out what this business is all about, but the ten I've listed will do for a start. But before you begin on your research please make sure that you really want to know, because, believe me, if you do insist then you're in for something!

Do not be content with other people's reports. Make your own observations. Get all the information you can. Consider carefully what people say and pay attention to the facts in their reports. Determine to keep an open mind. Don't let yourself be swayed by sentiment, popular ideas on the subject, speculations or arguments for or against - the chances are they may all be wrong! Use your own judgement and if you are absolutely sure you're right then stick to it. But be slow to form judgement.

The number of attested sightings of UFOs is legion. Most people may not accept these reports - but think what it

means if just one of them is true! The enigma of UFOs and allied phenomena is fraught with profound significance for all mankind - but that's a subject for another article!

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We regret to announce that, due to increasing outside commitments, two members of our committee have decided to resign from active participation on the SIRIUS staff.

BARRY P MARSH

Barry was with us from the beginning. The name "SIRIUS" only dates from autumn 1970, but back in February 1970 the idea of forming a local UFO group was first conceived, and many of the early ideas and suggestions on the way it should be run were Barry's.

I first went with my father in 1969 to meet Barry following an article by him on UFOs in a local paper, and Barry showed us a map of Kent he'd divided into different areas, each of which could be covered by one investigator or group. He already had contacts in several of these areas, and sightings were indicated on the map. I still think national co-ordination is feasible, but it is a very difficult task to root out enthusiasts on a national scale. Anyway, back to Barry. It was the merging of his "Sidcup Group for Investigation of Aerial Phenomena" and Mark's "The UFO Society" in Catford which was the main step towards the formation of SIRIUS. The remaining members of our committee are deeply grateful for the work he put in, especially at the inception of SIRIUS, and congratulations go to him from all of us on his engagement to Linda, and best wishes with his teaching career. He is still very enthusiastic and continues to send reports, and we have by no means lost touch.

J GRAHAM COWELL

Graham has for some years been producing, on his own, an efficient little journal entitled "Perception", which has always contained an intelligent selection of material. We asked him to join the SIRIUS committee on Apr 23 1971 and he has been a very helpful addition to us at committee and public meetings. We are sorry to lose him, but we are still in contact. His reason for resignation is that he recently changed his job and his new one, in public relations, is far more demanding on time.

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Feb 5 BUFORA: "Warminster - 7 years of phenomena" John Cleary-Baker PhD will report on Project Warminster.