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Yours sincerely,

Mr. J. GARRISON, Glasgow, Derby.

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Yours faithfully,

BRYAN HARTLEY

Fylde Aerial Phenomena & UFO Research Group.  
Mechanical Co-ordinator for B U F O R A.

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Dear Mr.Rees,

Reading the article in the Glossop Chronicle 28.5.76, recalled a phenomena that I saw a number of years ago. Looking back through my notes, the date was Friday the 29th October, 1954. I mentioned this to a few people at the time, but was told, "Take a drop more water with it". The time was 18.00 hours - dusk had fallen and there was a clear sky. A bright glowing light which I thought was a shooting star came towards the Earth at an angle from a westerly direction. About a mile from the Earth the light slowed down as if a brake was being applied and hovered for about two minutes at about a quarter of a mile up - then started climbing, also at an angle, in a south-easterly direction. There was no noise of any kind and all I could see was the glowing light which accelerated at a very high speed. I have good eyesight and hearing and have often wondered at this unusual occurrence, and would be grateful if you could offer an explanation.

Yours sincerely,

Mr.J.GARSDIE, Glossop, Derbys.

XXXXXXXXxxxx NEWS IN BRIEF xxxxXXXXXXXX

Quote from TV Sci-Fi Monthly recently: "Lake City, Pennsylvania is building a UFO-Port to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of American Independence. It will be Earth's first custom-built landing site for Flying Saucers. "This is no joke", said Project Director Jim Meeder. "Everyone else is looking back 200 years, restoring buildings and writing books. We wanted to look in the other direction - to the future!". America first again, folks!

Watch out for a re-run of that good programme, "The INVADERS", starring Roy Thinnes and David Vincent in his never-ending fight to defeat the UFO Invasion of the Earth. It will be shown on Granada Television in their "Command Performance" series, which features the most requested TV programmes of the 50's and 60's.

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WIRRAL UFO SOCIETY would like to hear from anyone interested in the serious study of UFO's. Please contact: Mr.K.Green, 760 New Chester Road, Bromborough, Wirral, Merseyside, L62 7HD.

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READERS' LETTERS always welcome c/o Editor.

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The following item appeared in the LYNN NEWS & ADVERTISER March 2nd 1976

MYSTERY OF LIGHTS ON THE MARSH

BURNHAM MARSHES may have been visited by Flying Saucers on Thursday night 26th February, according to two people who watched strange lights in the sky.

Mrs.Rosaline Philips of The Moorings Hotel, Burnham, Overy, Straithe, and her son,Richard, watched the lights for some time before they appeared land on the beach.

Mrs.Phillips said: 'It is going to sound so crazy, especially as neither of my two neighbours saw anything strange.

We first saw the lights as we were sitting down to dinner at about 6.30. My son suddenly looked up and saw three lights in the sky.

We live in a hotel overlooking the marshes and so we could clearly see the vivid orange lights. As we watched they moved across the sky in a



FROM RADIO POLAND. ON U.F.O's  
Program - Postbag.

We can safely say that Polish Scientists share the opinion of their British colleagues that they dismiss them as Weather Balloons and other man-made objects. They also agree that these unidentified objects - Flying Saucers or whatever else they are called, originated on the Earth, or could be classified as physical phenomena in the broad meaning of the term - including meteorites.

Some years ago, a Polish Press Agency conducted a poll among a group of well-known astronomers, physicists and space construction engineers on the subjects of U.F.O's.

Most of them accepted that these are not a mere invention or an optical illusion; in other words, that their origin may be physically explained, but there was no question of them being sent from other planets. That idea was firmly rejected.

Now, some unidentified flying objects have been observed here, too. The last one was, as far as I can remember, in the late 60's. A large dimly-lit spherical object was allegedly seen moving slowly over a small area of South-Eastern Poland, and then suddenly it shot upward into the sky and disappeared. Several people claimed to have seen it, but their reports about its speed, size and direction of movement were far from identical.

Anyway, as everywhere else, the subject reappears from time to time, not only in the daily press but also in popular science periodicals. On the whole, however, it is not treated very seriously by the general public.

BRYAN HARTLEY.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS AND MAPIT

A very important part of any successful serious UFO investigation group is the relations it has with the general public and media. Some people forget that if the public don't know of a Group's existence, the sightings they witness may never be reported for investigation. The basis of any UFO Group is for it to receive up-to-date UFO sightings in its own local area without this flow of information being forthcoming NO group can hope to exist! So what has MAPIT been doing to make known its existence to the general public of Stockport and the surrounding areas? In the local press the following items have appeared this year: Seen a UFO - "Stockport Advertiser" February 5th, 1976; More Visitors from Outer Space - "Stockport Advertiser" February 19th, 1976; UFO-MAPIT Article "Glossop Chronicle" 28th May 1976; Stockport Express reported interviewed myself (Ed.) in May for a two-issue feature on UFO's, to appear later this year. To help us in our investigations we are also in contact with the Manchester Weather Centre and the Civil Aviation Authority. Their co-operation is always greatly appreciated. MAPIT has also distributed details of itself

to Local Community Centre Officials and is featured in the Local Society Group book at the Stockport Library. The publication "SKYWATCH", which you are reading, is also gaining a large readership, not only in this country but throughout the world. Skywatch is sent to the following countries: Belgium, France, Sweden, Canada, Iceland, China, America, Israel, Poland, Germany and Brazil; also through this we are in contact with foreign UFOlogists and groups' publications. The reason these details have been printed is because of the new members and readers who have recently joined. As you can see, we take Public and International Relations very seriously, but there is still a lot of room for improvement and we will keep you up to date with future developments. If you feel you could help us with P.R. work, drop us a line c/o Editorial Address.

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FLYING SAUCERS - TRUE OR FALSE?

Flying Saucers - true or false? This is a question we Earthlings have been asking since mankind can remember. Could they really be a figment of our imagination or mistaken identity? This is what we are meant to believe. To say yes would be to create an atmosphere of awareness that we are not the only species of intelligence in the Universe. Drawings have been found in the Far East depicting what appears to be man wearing Space Suits. These sketchings have been dated as being of some millions of years of age; can this be a mere coincidence? I am afraid, scientifically speaking this would be so. To my point of view, and to many others, this is logically irrational. Contemplating the theory of Extra-terrestrial life-forms other than that of our Solar System, it is quite logical to assume that there are millions of stars or suns, and around these stars, like our own, orbit thousands and thousands of planets. If we were to take one in every thousand as sustaining life in any form, and to take one in every ten-thousand as supporting life similar to ours that would still leave some tens of thousands able to sustain life on a scale similar to ours. Some of the stars we see at night are billions of years older than ours, so the possibility of more advanced civilisations, who are capable of travelling through space is somewhat theoretically possible.

In what form would these Flying Saucers travel? Maybe they travel at what we call the speed of light, or they could come by an elaborate form of materialisation which would considerably explain the sudden appearance of UFO's on our Radar screens. Or they could already be HERE studying the Human Race in the same way as we study diseases and animal behaviour in our laboratories.

FLYING SAUCERS - TRUE OR FALSE? ONE DAY WE WILL KNOW.....  
 MIKE HODGETTS

INFRA-RED PHOTOGRAPHY

by BARRY M KING, D.P.R.G.

Our Group are currently testing different types of Infra-Red (I-R) film and filters (with or without I-R lamps) to find the right combination for the work we wish to do. For the benefit of readers, I will give brief details of how anyone with a 35mm camera can obtain I-R filters and film which will enable them to take excellent I-R photographs.

Professional photographers go mainly for special effects such as black and white film of, say, a summer landscape. With I-R black and white film this becomes a snow-covered scene, but with colour I-R film the results are much more spectacular; blue appears normal, but green grass and trees turn a vivid purple - there's no end to the weird effects you can come up with using this type of film.

You can obtain fairly easily the required I-R filters for your camera, preferably the screw-on type, and most filter manufacturers have at least one type of I-R filter on their lists. Ideally, an 88-A (I-R transmitting on an X7 red filter should be used. If you have a choice, choose the 88-A as the X7 red is limited in its effect.

Now choose your film format, colour or black and white. I prefer colour and use Kodak Ektachrome IE135-20 which costs around £2.00. Black and white I-R film is more sensitive than colour and Kodak Ektachrome I-R film is suitable.

Your camera is now loaded with film, you have the I-R filter attached. so what can go wrong? Many things. Plastic-bodied cameras or shutters made of plastic or rubber can transmit I-R which will cause odd "fog" patterns on your photos. As a precaution, and I use it, wrap your camera in aluminium foil leaving only, of course, the lens opening, viewfinder, etc., but make sure you make a good job of it and don't spare the foil.

I-R film can be exposed in daylight or with electronic flash (EF), but when using EF it is a good idea to cover the flash with another I-R filter, and you can then take photographs in complete darkness.

Spring I-R films can also be tricky as they are more sensitive to heat than ordinary film. Store them unopened, perhaps in your refrigerator, but below 55°F. and preferably somewhat colder. When you wish to use the film, let it warm up to normal temperature for 3 to 4 hours beforehand. You can safely send off the used film to be processed as a few days at normal temperature will not harm it.

Just in case you are wondering, we use I-R film for total darkness shots in our parapsychical research. Certain I-R films can, by the way, "see" from the far ultraviolet, through the visible and into the near infra-red (approximately 1500-8800 Angstroms).

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SIGHTING SECTION

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Date: 7th April - a Wednesday - 1976

Time: 20.58 hrs.

Location: Bramhall, near Stockport in Cheshire.

Witness: Mr.R.Simpson, a Baker and Confectioner - aged 37.

MAPIT was informed of this on the 9th April via the Stockport Advertiser to whom we are most grateful. The witness went outside to look for his daughter on her return from Guides that particular evening and he thought he would move his car into a vacant spot nearer his home. As he got out of the car he forgot to switch off his sidelights; he looked towards the Brickworks Chimneys nearby and observed two objects. He got back into his car, switched the lights off and locked the car up. Then he looked at the objects again. He couldn't believe it - they were still there. The objects were cigar-shaped and coloured black. He observed them for 10 seconds and then ran inside to call his wife, Brenda. Reluctantly, after approximately 20 seconds, she came out. One of the objects had disappeared, whilst the other was disappearing towards the south-east over Bramhall Park. The witness was interviewed for two hours about his sighting and he estimates the objects to have been 50 feet long, at a height of 2500 feet. One feature of this case is that the objects were positioned one above the other, the higher object to the right of the lower one: - ". The lower object had what looked like a protruding section - shaped like a half ball. This feature drew the attention of the witness at once. He got the "feeling" that the lower object was "being re-charged" by the other. As if it was the "Parasite" of the higher object. Mr.Simpson went to the offices of the Manchester Evening News to report his sighting. He was interviewed by a lady named Monica; who was sceptical and scoffed at submitting it to the editorial. He also wrote to the Ministry of Defence in London. His reply was as follows:- "Dear Mr.Simpson, I am writing to thank you for your report of an Unidentified Flying Object seen on 7th April, 1976. We are grateful to you for advising the Department of this incident and your report will be examined in the Ministry of Defence to see if there are any defence implications. We cannot, however, undertake to pursue our research other than for defence implications, to a point where positive correlation with a known object is established, nor to advise you of the probable identity of the object seen. Yours faithfully, H.E. Mackey".

The Manchester Airport Authority were informed but they had no trace on their Radar Screens; all they recorded was an aircraft over Oldham at 21-02 hours. Weather conditions supplied to MAPIT via the Manchester Weather Centre inform us that there were 1/8 strato cumulus at 1500 metres. There were indications of a very slight low level inversion up to about

