

Dear David,

I have been involved with TUFOIC since October 1971 - just 5 years. Time does fly! I have been a committeeman since October 1973.

At the ripe old age of 25, I feel that my ideas on the phenomenon are becoming more conservative. I don't have much faith in many of the contactee cases and I feel that we should move away from the E.T.H. towards objective research, too. UFOlogists are biased towards space craft and as we all know, bias will distort the truth, but I do not know what the truth is - indeed who does - in UFOLOGY, that's why we go on investigating. Well, that's too much from me for now. All the best until next time.

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THE ESSEX UFO STUDY GROUP.

U.F.O'S - Yes or No?

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No person, whether they be religious, politically minded, scientific, or a sceptic, generally, may dispute the fact that UFO's do exist. This fact does not require to be established, for their existence, since scientists, the military and such like, have, after examination of all information regarding many reported sightings, concluded by evaluations of many reports that they were unidentified flying objects. Thus, UFOs exist, although previously it was contrary attitudes, because they said that nothing above earth goes by for which it cannot be accounted for.

Knowing that UFO's exist, at least, we are confronted with now some of the most important questions to have ever beset mankind, such as: what are they, from where, why, or whence they came? If it be a form of natural phenomena, then it is obviously intelligently controlled, by outmanoeuvring intercepting aircraft, testing humans and so forth, - UFO's can go against the elements, how, if and when they wish. Since when does natural phenomena exhibit characteristics such as taking up various formations, of line abreast, line astern, 'V' shaped, and countless others? Phenomena such as possessing port holes which emit forth rays of light of varying colours and intensity? There's no conforming to known science (e.g. aerodynamics, gravity) by their elusiveness and deceptions in their methods of 'camouflage'. There's a possible reason, that by the mere fact that UFO's do not conform to known scientific laws, might well account for scientific non-involvement by and large. Unfortunately, it does not necessarily follow that if one ignores something, it might go away.

It was not until recently that UFO's were acknowledged as such, prior to the acceptance we find that scientists, psychologists, the military, astronomers, and such like, for UFO's substituted such terms as: Light reflections, figments of the imagination, planet Venus, weather/temperature inversions, meteorites, space-junk, meteorological balloons, noctilucent cloud, fluorescence, airglow, sundogs, moondogs, lenticular cloud, swamp gas, hallucinations, power line corona, barium clouds, bollides, satellites, and any other excuse they thought befitting - more often than not, were non-befitting, even in their terms of explanation. Invariably, any UFO witnesses were described as "nut-cases".

20th century science should be capable of formulating some intelligent answers to evaluations of UFO reports and fragments of evidence such as in evidence at the scene of a UFO landing, such as biological and chemical analysis of the soil, hydrophobic (soil aversion to water), radioactive readings, etc. But alas! It appears our ancestors well back in time, were somewhat more enlightened than the masses of today, even if our ancestors did get it wrong as to the identity of the entities who were doing the flying in our skies.

Lo and behold! For the signs are good, despite the fact that it be shameful to our scientists, that yet again, our forefathers are 'one up' on them, for if we plot a graph, we at least note that the 'slope' is increasing in value with regards to the acceptance by scientists, of intelligently controlled alien craft of the extra-terrestrial variety, which are appearing - and indeed, disappearing - in our skies.

Once again, scientists have, by and large, completed another 'about face', they now are at least admitting that there are unknown objects flying our skies for which they cannot account. It's a start, but in spite of allocated resources, easy access information, and sophisticated equipment, they have been somewhat backward in coming forward.

By part realisation on behalf of scientists that UFO's exist, we might deduce that it is a partial admission that many UFO observers are not quite the "nut cases" they were thought to be.

As leaders of the Church have often been accused of being out of touch with the world, it seems as though it be applicable to some scientists, that they are a little out of touch with the universe. With an open mind, discoveries of science might result far more quickly, cheaply and effortlessly, than by letting pre-conceived notions affect any outcome of achievement.

Slowly but surely, our learned scholars are facing the fact that the illogical is that which tends to result as the most logical after final analysis. From the foregoing, science is driving with the brakes on, and I recall here, the scientist and science fiction writer, Arthur C. Clarke, to whom we must credit the following: "When a distinguished but elderly scientist states that something is possible, he is almost certainly right. When he states something is impossible, he is very probably wrong".

The general public are becoming increasingly difficult to convince that all UFO's are merely meteorites, Venus, etc., apart from the sky being a big place to try and hide something, the public are becoming more knowledgeable with more UFO's appearing in increasing numbers each year - a forecast which I classified as the easiest prediction of my lifetime, in my writings for the press. Back in 1492, very few ships sailed the Atlantic, now it is far more busy, and I expect it to become even more busy in the future.

Soon, earth's whole population will be "nut-cases", each person having seen a UFO. It is the public who are laughing now, at answers for UFO's given by the Authorities.

Isn't it remarkable how a top scientist once accounted for all UFO's as corona (a plasma-type ball of light) seen in the vicinity of power lines, for a start he would first have to account for this phenomena prior to power lines having been erected on earth, and account also for the phenomena in areas about as far distant as they could possibly be from power lines. Next, we find a top man who stated that they was not one UFO which could not be classified as anything other than a weather balloon. Astronomers would say the phenomena was Venus, meteorites, etc., and so we detect that the answer to one particular UFO is answered, depending upon which field of study one is involved with. Since no one wishes to be excluded, might I add that it appears quite in order for one to have their say, even if you are involved with rearing elephants, to state that UFO's are none other than flying elephants. So many answers, by so many

experts, all different, concerning one UFO - somebody must be wrong. If we carry out a character analysis on the "establishment", we find it to be the same old story through time to the present that they were wrong on so many important issues, and in some cases, the truth was hidden from the public, - what makes us think it is so different today?

They said ghost phenomena did not exist, yet they now accept it does, (although it is not the walking dead in my estimation) as it might seem to some. Ball lightning phenomena observed as far back as a few thousand years, was considered by scientists as to be "hallucinatory", in recent years, however, yet another admission on the part of scientists that observers of this plasma are to be given more credit than nil, when studying reports of balls of light appearing and disappearing with no sound, some with various accompaniments of sound and various colour changes. These balls of light, which sometimes follow a walking person, and sometimes motorists, no matter how fast they travel, should not be capable of the feats they perform, according to scientists, nor should they be so long-lived, but they admit to the phenomena now to be respectable and worthy of study, it's nice of them! But they are encountering more problems than they ever visualised, because these blobs of light, varying in sizes from about $\frac{1}{4}$ " (about 6.5 mm) to about 10" (about 25.5 cm) according to scientists, but some dimensions I suspect may be as large as some UFO's - about 45 ft (just over 16 metres) do not conform to known science. The many strange variations of behavioural patterns of the plasma, rather indicates them to be something tuned to investigate something specific inasmuch as they appear to know what they are looking for. They have been known to emerge from the ocean, pause by a ship, with the captain and crew as observers, then the plasma has either vanished on the spot (characteristic of some UFO's), re-entered from where it came, or zoomed off into space. Scientists have produced this plasma, but cannot control it, and as in one laboratory experiment, killed the scientist, who apparently could not tune this for control.

I have long suspected these visiting plasmas to be extra-terrestrial probes, just as we 'sounded' out the moon before attending a manned-landing, whereas we used "hardware" space beings are using tuned (or programmed) plasmas, and where this plasma seeks out humans, they are probably tuned to one of the alpha, beta, delta, theta rhythms, - possibly the theta rhythm (4-7 or 8 peaks per second). Of one thing we can be sure, the plasma possesses a high energy content, and in instances where no damage results and they disappear silently, we have an apparent energy transfer to zero. It seems as though some beings somewhere can bring about a modification of Einstein's version of energy/mass conversion, just as with UFO's ($E = mc^2$). Since something cannot go to nothing and vice-versa, to obey the law of conservation of energy, then scientific investigation must be worthwhile to attempt to discover just what type of transfer does actually take place, even if only to discover its transfer appears as ghost-type phenomena. Such occurrences involving UFO's should be noted on a planetary surveillance basis, for electronic sensing devices and various other aids to be automatically triggered by such events to give a complete breakdown before (if possible), and after the event, since a UFO may well have departed long before we saw the "after-glow" or image. If, as many scientists have in the past, not considered UFO's to be possible, then they will not so much as set up one piece of equipment. We understand that it should be curiosity which makes a good scientist, not faith; yet too many seem lacking in curiosity but have faith, faith that their pre-conceived notions are correct. Those who have such faith, like the religious, require broad shoulders - as the proverb goes.

Our primitive forefathers were amazingly correct with some of their knowledge, of which scientists have only recently realised, yet we might well wonder how, or from whom did our ancestors acquire some of this "advanced information".

THIS ARTICLE TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF "SKYWATCH".

PROJECT URD (UFO REPORTING AND DATASYSTEM)

A PRESENTATION OF A SYSTEM, THE PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE IDENTIFICATION OF THE UFO-PHENOMENA.

UFOs-Unidentified Flying Objects (or "New Empirical Observations" according to Prof.Hynek) - are phenomena that have been observed all over the world. From the beginning of history - but especially during the last decades - a lot of people have reported visual observations of phenomena - these have in many cases been interpreted as physical objects. The movements and behaviour of these phenomena (objects) postulate a far more advanced technology than what is available to earth man today. UFOs mostly appear in the air, but landings have also been reported.

The altruistic work up to now.

There are many UFO organisations around the world - mostly non-profit associations. They collect data about UFO observations and try to interpret the UFO phenomena. Most associations have the ambition to be unbiased and to work as scientific as possible.

Some groups, however, work in a more subjective way - some of them have become intensely emotionally engaged - interpreting the observations from a philosophical and religious point of view. For these groups, the interpretation of the phenomena is of no problem - they take it for granted that the UFOs are crafts from other planets and that the purpose of their visits here is to convey messages from these extraterrestrial civilisations. The organisations which work in a more scientific way have now begun to realise the importance of co-operation, the need for a set of common defined goals and for serious research projects - all with the purpose of acquiring intelligible knowledge about the UFO phenomena and with the purpose of identifying them.

Unfortunately, the more subjective and "belief-based" groups have not helped the UFO matter forwards, but have rather sometimes caused ridicule to the more serious UFO work and thereby have discouraged witnesses from appearing. Also the matter has become controversial. Scientists and authorities are afraid of making stand in UFO research and subvention matters, even though there may be an interest for this field. The result is a complete repudiation with reference to "more important projects". In many quarters, however, a change of attitude is in sight.

WHAT IS URD?

The purpose of the URD-project is to study the UFO phenomena in a scientific way with the aid of a computer-based report and registering system. In the opinion of the URD project-team, unprejudiced research is the only way to reach an "answer". Since a great number of observations have been made all over the world, it has been considered possible to establish a better base for scientific UFO work through URD.

Project URD is the result of an intense altruistic effort. Some 1200 man-hours and quite a lot of money have been put into development of the project. Many Swdedish UFO-groups have been participating in the work. Scientists and specialists of different subject fields have contributed with many valuable views and advices.

Shortly the main featrues of the system are:

1. Within the scope of the project FIELD INVESTIGATORS are being trained. Their task is to report details of UFO observations - this is done with the aid of a set of printed URD forms.
2. The field investigators are directed to investigate UFO observations by a watch group.
3. The URD forms filled in by the field investigators are being coded and put into a computer memory-data base.
4. As soon as the number of reports has amounted to a certain level, statistical and other information can be derived from the computer.

The work has now developed so far that the system is ready to be taken in use. With the aid of the computer it will thus be revealed whether there among all observations actually is an amount left which can be considered as definite UFOs and if those will display any specific characteristics. Centres are now being organised where primary reports of observed phenomena are to be received.

The response from some distinguished scientists and from some authorities have been rather positive.

All work that has been made has the common aim to support a pure research programme. No political, religious or commercial interests will be allowed to influence the work.

Future development

First of all it is important to inform as many UFO-interested individuals as possible about the URD and to have their support to the project. It is also hoped that many of those interested in the UFO-field voluntarily will take, apply and participate as field investigators.

Welcomed are all organisations, adopting the goals mentioned above, to join the project. Authorities and scientists will probably gradually raise still more interest, thereby supporting the URD project and expanding its resources. Of course there is an ambition of attaining an INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION within the URD project. Interest for this has already been shown from the Scandinavian countries, outside Sweden from USA and Australia.

THE IMPORTANT FEATURES OF URD

- Critical methods for investigation and analysis of observed phenomena.
- Careful structuring of observation data - thereby rational collations can be made within the entire observation data file.
- Addition of data for scientific analysis - observation data, statistics and analyses will be made available for researchers and scientists.
- Ideological independence: co-operation with private persons and organisations is restricted to the scientific collection, interpretation and analysis of UFO observation data.
- The anonymity of the observer is guaranteed - all field investigators have to sign an obligation to observe secrecy and to grant the anonymity of the observer when this is requested by the observer.
- The continuous information regarding the URD project will be issued through the UFO-magazine GICOFF-INFORMATION (Gothenburg, Sweden).

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PARAPSYCHOLOGY.....A COMMUNICATION

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Here is a selection of a communication by the Independent Direct Voice, talking about several subjects: space craft, life on the planets, occupation on the planets, light and darkness and the planets affected by the moon and stars.

Planets - by Frederick, a Musician.

Sitter: Yes

Frederick: I don't think you do, its very difficult to explain.

Sitter: Yes - you carry on.

Frederick: You see, space is limitless. Oh, this is difficult. I don't know how to begin to describe this. At least, shall we say astronomers can measure within a degree. No accurately, but they have a pretty good idea, shall we say, of the distance from the earth to the moon. That is

why they are able to estimate rockets and all sorts of things that they are trying to build; in other words, to make contact with the planets - which they will do, of course. There is no doubt about that and they will have some surprises, of that I have no doubt. And one of the biggest surprises they will find is that there is definitely life on certain planets. Of course there is some of the smaller ones that are, as far as I know, uninhabited and have no life which you can understand. But there again you must remember that life has many forms. As far as you are concerned your interest is mainly in human life that is as you understand "human". There is definitely human life not unlike your own.

Life on the Planets.

In other words they are people with figures, who with brains and so on, are not unlike yourselves. On certain other planets they are the ones who are trying to make contact with your earth. But they are subject to many of the things that you are subject to.

Sitter: Are they?

Frederick: Oh yes. You see - oh, I don't know how to describe this - but you see you are subjected to many things which are caused by man's ignorance and foolishness. In other words you have illnesses and pain and you suffer and so on. And due, over centuries of time, to man's selfishness - in other words, man is in a state of being in a world which he exists which is totally unlike that which it was in the beginning and which is still existing on the planets.

Sitter: Frederick, have you been up to any of the lower planets? Because I believe those people have been down once or twice to speak to some of the people on the earth if one can believe the newspapers.

Frederick: Well, I don't know. All I know is that there are certain souls on the lower planets who have endeavoured to make contact with the earth for various reasons, because they are very concerned about the earth and things that are happening in your world. But whether they have actually been successful in communicating, I don't know. But certainly they have come to the earth and have endeavoured to make the contact in, what do you say? "Space Ships". But you see, another thing I don't you'll ever realise in your world is that although in a sense, those who live on other planets are not subject to the earth's conditions, yet nevertheless they are still more able if they are able to make every effort. They are probably more able to come and contact you in a solidified way. That is to be able to link with you and hold communication with you and even stay with you for a time. You see, "time" is another thing which you don't understand. We are outside "time" but those on other planets are inside "time" as you understand it. When I say that inside "time" they do not measure "time" as you do. But at the same time they still come under the influence of the sun and the moon. If you can understand that.

Occupation on the Planets.

Sitter: These planets, these people who live on these planets, what do they do? what is their occupation? Is it anything like the earth?

Frederick: No, but it's much more like our way of life.

Sitter: How do you mean by that?

Frederick: Well, their aspirations are so much higher than yours and consequently their aspirations bring them into a very high standard of life. Into a very high condition. In other words, they are not concerned with many of the things which you would consider in your world so essential.

Light and darkness on the Planets

Frederick: But yet you do not find factories, you do not find machinery, and you do not find darkness or depression - you only find light and colour and beauty.

Sitter: There is no light and dark, is there?

Frederick: well, there is no darkness. The same as we in our world do not know darkness.

Planets affected by Moon and Stars.

Frederick: But as I told you before, they are subject to some extent to the sun and the stars and the moon and so on.

Sitter: Yes, it is the same as the earth, then. Because all these planets influence people on the earth a great deal, don't they?

Frederick: Yes, it is a very important thing. If people would realise it, how they are affected by the time of their birth, by the changes of the moon and so on.

.....SIGHTING SECTION.....

DATE: 20th June, 1974 - a Thursday.

TIME: 4.30 a.m.

LOCATION: Penkridge, in Staffordshire.

WITNESS: Mr.J.Allen, aged 55 - a British Rail Trackman.

The witness was at work and the tamping machine that he had been using all night was standing by the railway signal post. He happened to look out of the machine and spotted a cigar-shaped object moving slowly at first out of one cloud and heading for another, which was some distance away. He was surprised at what he saw, and by the time he had followed the object's course, it was too late to get hold of a witness. The cigar-shaped object seemed to have a blunt end and a round end. The colour was dark blue and the estimated size was 30 feet. Mr.Allen watched it for one or two minutes, going slowly at first and then it quickened and was lost from his vision as it headed for another cloud which was some distance away. The weather conditions were good with few clouds and at the time of sighting it was just breaking dawn. The object did not rotate and its speed was slow. It is a pity the witness did not find a workmate to observe this object also, but it is easy to talk after the event. To quote Mr.Allen: "The article in your copy of Skywatch (No.20), mentioned a case where a Mr.R.Simpson, Baker and Confectioner, of Bramhall, Cheshire, had seen two cigar-shaped objects. It seems to me that nobody takes his report as seriously as they should, for what Mr.Simpson saw tallies with my sighting at Penkridge. I was very excited when I read the report. It isn't difficult to tell what a reported sighting is true or not if someone else has had a similar experience. No doubt many people have seen unusual things in the sky but are afraid to be laughed at if they mention it to anyone. When will people accept fact?"

Well, further investigations into this case will be printed in the next issue.....

.....THE INVADERS.....

Granada Television have recently been showing repeats of the "INVADERS" - US TV series of the late sixties. Looking through the MAPIT Reference Library, I came across an article written by a Tony Kimery. The item was published in the American magazine Outermost and makes interesting reading.

Did you ever stop to think how real the TV series "The Invaders" was? How there were aliens walking around in black suits threatening saucer sighters and confiscating photographs and valuable data? Did you notice that the plots were real as to what is actually happening today? The series was more real than many wish to believe! Several people involved with the show were actively engaged in "deep" saucer work - one of the reasons the show was given the go-ahead. Several of those same people were threatened also.... and not by the actors who played a similar role as "threateners", but by the real men in black themselves. Roy Thinnes (who played the lead part as David Vincent), was threatened. He commented: "I have no comment other than the fact that there is more truth behind the TV plots than most people realise". Thinnes had been threatened by our

friends on many occasions when the show dealt with matters "too hot to handle". Exclusive data was reported that shortly after Thinnes had married and the series got deeper and deeper into everyday truth, he mysteriously disappeared for two weeks. When he showed up, finally, his wife reported that he acted strangely, even to the point to where she often felt that it wasn't really her husband. Later Thinnes resigned and the show was cancelled, using the excuse that it was due to poor viewer-ratings, which was untrue. There were more people that enjoyed it than didn't. As a matter of fact, many people requested that the show be brought back on, if they had to get a new actor to play the part of David Vincent. Thinnes had actually observed strange objects. He reported that "It happened to me years ago, long before I ever dreamed of becoming the hero of a TV series about men from outer-space. I wasn't even an actor at the time, just a guy knocking about and making my living at whatever odd jobs I could pick up. I was driving through the Arizona desert in an old wreck of a car, when suddenly the engine went dead. I got out and started to lift the hood to take a look at the engine, when I noticed a large circular object in the sky, hurtling into the distance at an incredible speed, giving off colour waves, first green and then orange. It made two right-angled turns, and then shot suddenly straight up. Within two seconds it had disappeared completely from sight. It was because of this experience that I was so eager to play the role of David Vincent in the series "THE INVADERS". If you had been watching every show that was produced, you would suddenly realise that it was so close to the truth it was hard to imagine. So close to the things that are occurring today in the UFO field, and then everything collapsed.....The Men in Black started threatening them. Later, the show was taken off the air, even re-runs are hardly ever shown because of strict orders. Someone didn't want the public seeing this show!

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MOON MYSTERIES - by Dan Goring - EUFOSG

Is the Moon a dead, uninteresting world that monotonously orbits the Earth? Not so! As the years go by more incredible and inexplicable facts present themselves.

Before any sort of spacecraft visited the Moon, scientists wondered: "What sort of materials is the Moon made up of? Would a spacecraft sink out of sight into the lunar dust? Is there any water on the surface of the soil?". Some of these questions have now been answered - many others remain, including the old favourite: Was there, or is there still, any life on the Moon?

Twelve men have now trod the Moon's surface (probably the last to do so until at least the late 1980's). The soil samples that they brought back to Earth proved that no even microscopic life exists on the Moon, but now consider this undocumented (and unconfirmed by N.A.S.A.) dialogue of something the Apollo 11 astronauts - Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin - saw on the Moon at Tranquillity Base in July 1969.

Armstrong: (clutching Aldrin's arm excitedly) "What was it? That's all I want to know!"

Aldrin/Armstrong: (Brief exchanges of excited speech).

Mission Control, Houston: "What's there?.....malfunction....Mission Control calling Apollo 11....."

Armstrong: "These babies were huge, sir....enormous....Oh,God, you wouldn't believe it! I'm telling you there are other spacecraft out there....lined up on the far side of the crater edge....they're on the Moon watching us....."

All the above was allegedly censored from the Apollo 11 to Mission Control conversations which were released to the World. Radio "hams" using VHF say that this conversation took place. Whether it did or not, UFOs have been seen by a great many American (and probably Russian) astronauts. Not only seen but photographed as well. Colour photographs of UFOs seen by Apollo 11 astronauts have been extracted from a 16mm. documentary film on the Apollo 11 mission. These UFOs, visible during lunar orbit, appeared as double-imaged fuzzy objects something in the shape of a snowman. A spurt of gas or liquid appeared to emanate from in between them, and a little while later the two images parted company before brightening and disappearing from the scene. At one time the UFOs were thought to have been only 20 to 30m. distant from the camera. In passing, a UFO captured on film by Gemini 11 astronaut Charles Conrad, while over the Indian Ocean, shows a great similarity to that of Apollo 11's. When the Apollo 10 and 11 Lunar Modules took off from the Moon more UFOs were filmed (16mm colour) against the background of the Moon's surface. Appearing as white fuzzy images the UFOs quickly moved across the field of view. Other films of UFOs are known to exist and aerospace scientist Dr.G.Henderson claims that NASA even has movie film of alien craft on the Moon.

When one looks back through the history books it is apparent that strange things have been seen on or near the Moon for centuries. The earliest documented report of something strange seen on the Moon was in the year 1540. This event, together with another of 1587, were certainly spectacular as they were visible with the naked eye (they had to be, telescopes had not been invented then). These events both occurred in the dark part of the Moon - the one of 1540 was visible for two nights - on the first night a brilliant "star" appeared which by the second night had become two comet-like "flames". What were these "flames?" Certainly not meteorites; no meteorite lasts for two nights! Mysterious lights like these have been seen from Earth umpteen times, but very rarely with the naked eye.

During an eclipse of the Sun in 1778, a Spanish Admiral, de Ulloa, reported that he could see the Sun shining through a hole which ran right through the Moon. The Admiral was ridiculed on the grounds that obviously the hole would have had to have been hundreds of miles long (he would have been ridiculed much more today in the light of the new knowledge that the Moon is 2160 miles across). Although his interpretation was obviously wrong, he must have seen an extremely bright light of an unknown nature. Volcanoes, lightning, and other luminous, flashing phenomena have been recorded down through the centuries, and astronomers and scientists have taken them all to be due to natural causes.

A recent theory, advanced by two Soviet Scientists, is that the Moon is an artificial satellite manoeuvred into Earth orbit by alien intelligences thousands of years ago. A number of ancient records relate that the Moon just did not exist at one time (before 10,000 B.C.approx.) The introduction of such a massive body into the Earth's vicinity would have caused catastrophic events on the Earth's surface - particularly floods. Much evidence of world flooding can be found in I.Velikovsky's monumental work: "Earth in Upheaval".

If the Moon is artificial (which would solve many mysteries) what purpose would it serve and for whom? Recent information obtained from Lunar seismographs indicated that the Moon could indeed be partly hollow. Could the Moon's interior be inhabited, as was nicely suggested by H.G. Wells in his science fiction work: "The First Men in the Moon"? Works of science fiction like this should not be dismissed and forgotten. Science fiction can easily become science fact!

In 1966 peculiar structures were photographed on the Moon's surface by the artificial satellite Lunar Orbiter 2. These structures, now known as "The Blair Cuspids", are a close-knit formation of cone-shaped spires situated in the Sea of Tranquillity. Other spires exist elsewhere on the Moon and to the geologists they all represent a big puzzle. "The Blair Cuspids" have been looked at very closely and it is a fact that they are laid out on the Moon's surface in a precise geometrical way. We have equilateral and isosceles triangles present, and in addition, a host of right-angled triangles. The apices of three of the eight "Blair Cuspids" are believed to be arranged in precisely the same way as the spires of the three great pyramids on the plain of Giza in Lower Egypt. (If a certain source of information is to be believed, the Great Pyramid, in particular, is supposed to have been built around 10,000 B.C. - neatly co-inciding with the Moon's supposed introduction to our skies).

There are other geometrical anomalies here as well. Just to the west of "The Blair Cuspids" is the clear remains of an excavation, rectangular in shape, and with perfect 90° corners. The excavation has many craters in its interior and the walls around its perimeter have fallen in, all indicating a great age. There are domes on the Moon also, raised structures up to 200m in diameter, which are reported to be on the increase lately, and have even been observed to move about!

Lunar soil and rocks brought back to Earth by the Apollo astronauts contain further mysteries. Besides containing great amounts of Titanium and other rare elements, the ages of the rocks and soil contrast sharply with those of the Earth - some even date to a time before the accepted age of the Solar System!

With all the other conflicting facts, figures and strange, seemingly artificial constructions of the Moon, it would appear that the Moon now poses more questions than it has supplied answers - astronauts were sent there to do the exact opposite!

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TO ALL MEMBERS - READERS.....

Well, everybody, another year is over, and it is the time to reflect on what we have achieved over these last twelve months. MAPIT has become known in its local and surrounding areas, thanks to a publicity campaign early this year (76), which resulted in newspaper articles, contacting community centres, wider distribution of SKYWATCH, not only in Britain but overseas. NEW members have resulted from these sources, as have sightings, which this year have been thin. But still, there is a lot to be done - we are not know of enough in certain local areas. The content of SKYWATCH can still improve via more contributions from you - the reader! If you read this publication you must be interested in its future, so why not help in some way by filling its pages. EVERYBODY has something useful to say so LET'S HEAR IT, PLEASE! LET US KNOW ABOUT IT - IF YOU DON'T LIKE SOMETHING, TELL US - IF YOU WANT TO ASK US ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING UFOs ASK US. REMEMBER WE ARE NOT MINDREADERS. THE FEEDBACK TO A LOT OF GROUPS IS NOT SO GOOD? SO IN THIS NEW YEAR LET'S MAKE MAPIT THE ODD ONE OUT. What can I do as a member? Well, a MEMBERS' ONLY Group meeting is planned for the NEW YEAR. As some of our members live a long way from us, quite naturally they will not be able to attend, but local members perhaps could come along for an informal evening. The following date is suggested and if all local members could confirm whether they will be attending or

A total of 35 reports were recorded as being on or within one mile of these alignments. An area within three miles of the alignments, representing about five per cent of the total area of England and Wales produced a total of 51 reports, or almost one third of total sightings. It would be interesting to discover whether this pattern is continued in more recent sightings.

Several vehicle interference cases were recorded during the peak period of the 1967 wave. During the early morning of October 26th at Hook, Hampshire, a van driver noticed a dark object hovering above the road after the electrical system of his vehicle had failed suddenly. The object was shaped like a squat ice-cream cone with a rim in the middle. After a few minutes the object moved silently away and the vehicle's engine started normally again.

Also in Hampshire, during the early hours of November 5th, near Fording-bridge, the driver of a lorry found that his lights and radio failed suddenly while a glowing green egg-shaped object hovered low over the roadway ahead. The object had a whitish dome underneath and departed at speed after a couple of minutes.

Perhaps the most memorable sightings of 1967 were the mysterious 'flying cross' reports, some thirty of which were recorded during a six week period between October 2 and November 16. The reports 'hit the headlines' with a police car chase through the Devon countryside near Okehampton, during the early morning of October 24. All the reports described one or more cross-shaped objects, sometimes orange or fiery in appearance and manoeuvring silently in the sky. The last flying cross report, and one of the last reports of the 1967 UFO wave appears to have come from the Cannel Island of Alderney:

November 16 5.10 p.m. An object was sighted which was in the form of a cross. The horizontal and vertical parts of the cross were of different colours and the lower arm of the cross appeared to be unsteady. The object was stationary for seven or eight minutes before it moved away swiftly towards the south-west.

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A LOCAL RESEARCHER

The following comments were received by SKYWATCH some months ago by a local UFO Researcher:-

Firstly there is the matter of motivation. For a variety of reasons, the study of UFOs attracts people of all sorts. Popularly, they are sub-divided into "Cultists" and "Scientists", and from my experience the vast majority fall into the former category. "Cultists" are people who, for personal reasons, want to believe in the interference of un-earthly entities in human affairs. To such people, to explain a sighting in everyday terms is plainly heresy! Further confusing the issue is the "Conversion" to the cultist position of some who began with academic interest in the phenomenon, but who no longer apply the scientific method to arrive at their conclusions. There are also many others who prefer a scientific interest, but who are clearly not conversant with the methodology involved. In my view, "Scientific" is the most misused adjective of our times. My own approach has always been an objective one. Experimental science is concerned with the establishment of facts, not with the support of fantasies. For this reason the only common ground between the researcher and the believer is the sighting data (and possibly, the ultimate conclusions). Since I have no wish to denigrate or shatter anyone's heartfelt beliefs, or to pretend to subscribe to them, I have remained discreetly in the background and read a minimal amount of the popular literature. This brings me to a second major debating point; that of the degree of public involvement. As a researcher, I believe that over-publicity of the subject will lead only to spurious data - tell the public at large to look for strange things in the sky and in no time at

all the cultists ranks swell significantly, and even the most commonplace of objects are reported. There, I am against the popularisation of the subject. Frankly, I become suspicious if a witness admits to having read authors like Adamski, Shuttleworth and Keel, or is a regular recipient of a UFO magazine. Of course, it must be admitted that the press and magazines such as FSR are the main sources of information for the researcher, but speculative reports and articles are next to useless and actually hinder research.

"INDIVIDUAL CROWDS" - Tim Evans (RIGAP)

Rossendale Investigation Group Aerial Phenomena.

Are we wasting our time? This question has been asked, and is still being asked by ufologists everywhere. If we really want to find out about the nature, aims and methods of UFOs, which approach is most successful? This is a more objective question than the former, and it is one which is being ignored by very many people who call themselves, quite rightly in some cases, ufologists, but others who are quite plainly "UFO-Spotters" and who wish to remain so, again quite rightly; for who am I, or anyone else, for that matter, to say who should do what, when and how? You or I have no more authority than the lowliest of the lowly. I could continue this discussion by debating ethics and social injustice, or even politics, but who waits to, anyhow? The point is, dictatorship in ufology will not work, nationalisation (e.g. BUFORA - even the "new look") does not work, individualism is fine, but who wants to listen, or who will listen to any individual in 1976? A happy medium must be struck, co-operation between individuals and individual groups of people is one way. Does this work? Demonstrably. NUFON have shown that it can, does and will continue to do so, provided that we do not become too fanatical, or conversely, too dormant. Inter-group co-operation, exchange of literature, news and just communication will help. It is plain to see that there are many people ready and willing to work for the advance of ufology, but cannot do so by the restrictions placed upon them (often self-imposed) and by the interference of political extremists (no names) who will do their utmost to disrupt diversification and co-operation. We must not nationalise ourselves, but we must not hide away in discrete groups.

In the super-tribal structure that man has created for himself, we must be unified to be recognised and (sadly) of the many individuals who spend years in personal research, very, very few are successful in voicing an opinion. Some are happy to work alone and satisfy their own curiosity without shouting about it (I may well rank amongst these myself, still) and all is well and good. But what about the madding crowd who wish to know more but do not have time or ability to work as individuals? Should we ignore them? or condemn them? I wish for neither - so how do we help ourselves?

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OBSERVATIONS FROM BUFORA SECRETARY FOR 1976

Having been asked to make a contribution towards the Christmas number of SKYWATCH, I am happy to do so, but would point out that any opinions expressed are purely personal. Here in Britain at the moment there is very little UFO activity of much importance; however, the world-wide picture seems as lively as ever, although the mystery deepens and there is little sign of a major breakthrough. I do not feel too despairing about this as I still incline

towards the extra-terrestrial hypothesis. Because the presumed intelligences behind the UFO phenomena appear to have access to mental and physical powers as yet beyond our grasp, and due to the length of time the whole business has dragged on, many people have turned away from the ET idea and launched forth into rather more exotic speculations such as inner space, inner earth and so on. Possibly the answer lies somewhere between the two hypotheses of inner and outer space but it is a mistake to label something as 'supernatural' or 'unnatural' simply because we do not understand it. In a universe of infinite possibilities I cannot see how anything can possibly be 'unnatural', except it may appear so when out of context.

Many clues are coming to light in general scientific research which may explain some of the more weird UFO manifestations, such as in the fields of physics, psychology, parapsychology and even metallurgy and biology. If one keeps an ear and an eye tuned to some of these discoveries it is surprising how a pattern is seen to be emerging. Experiments in electronics, laser-power and holography, for example, hint at intriguing possibilities - the Russians claim that if you stand a man by the side of his holograph 'picture' it is impossible to tell the difference at a distance. Is this what happens when entities connected with UFOs vanish and reappear? Another rather more frightening possibility is that of the amplification of such abilities as telepathy, telekinesis and poltergeist-power - imagine the latter amplified a hundred times and let loose in a nuclear power station! Maybe this is still in the realms of fantasy but it is becoming uncomfortably closer day by day. We can look back only a few years and see how many orthodox scientific concepts have expanded to take in such eventualities. It is only the most narrow-minded and dogmatic person who would claim that we have reached the limits of our knowledge. If we are to believe some reports, the UFO phenomena can at times be frightening and even hostile to mankind. It does seem, however, that on the whole little intentional damage is caused and a frightened witness's interpretation of something he does not understand may give an entirely false impression. Also, if objects are seen at night they always appear more unreal and eerie than when seen in the cold light of day. I agree that there does appear to be a percentage of 'unfriendly' visitations to this planet, but, if so, there is almost bound to be a balancing factor of at least some neutral if not positively helpful visitors. If the latter wish to give us a shove up the evolutionary ladder they might do so by employing the hide-and-seek tactics which so mystify us at present. To have such a carrot dangling in front of our noses is most irritating to those of us who wish for a quick solution, but it may be more to our benefit in the long run if we are able to achieve great strides forward mostly by our own efforts.

It is possible, of course, that some of our less altruistic visitors may wish to influence us in rather more negative ways - but we do, I am sure, have the free choice of making up our own minds and deciding what our priorities are! Taking in the world scene as a whole, in spite of some evidence to the contrary, it seems to me that the desire for peace and goodwill is steadily overcoming the more unruly elements which are at present making life so difficult in some quarters.

I can only look at the intentions of our visitors objectively by comparing their attitudes and actions to those of our own when exploring unknown and probably hostile territory. Our own record is not very good in this respect, is it? Although nowadays we endeavour not to upset 'the natives' too much and destroy their way of life, we still seem unable to prevent the formation of such unrealistic beliefs as that of the cargo-cult. But earlier exploitation by the hordes of people who followed the first explorers into such areas as Africa and North and South America, left a hopeless legacy of disease, loss of identity, or the desire for a purely materialistic way of life. Now we are the 'natives' - and it's going to be a fairly painful process unless we keep our heads and refuse to be swamped into hysterical reactions of either indiscriminate adulation of our visitors' 'superiority' or sullen hostility because they know more than we do. They may not be so superior but just 'different'. But one hopes they may be a little wiser than we have been in the past.

I really feel that whatever direction the UFO mystery takes, it is up to us to keep a sense of proportion and an alertness of mind, refusing to be provoked into any hasty conclusions, cult formations or calls to arms. Most of all it behoves all us UFO researchers, in particular, to present a united front. Frankly, if the extra-terrestrials or whoever they are have a sense of humour, it must strike them as highly comical to see various prickly little groups of UFO researchers all arguing and quarrelling amongst themselves over such irrelevancies as status and imagined slights, instead of trying to behave as adult and mature representatives of this planet during a phase in its history which may well yet prove to be more significant than any it has ever known.

As Secretary of BUFORA I can only say we are endeavouring to keep our research on as scientific a level as possible but to do this as well as keeping our members happy in the economic climate of today is proving very difficult; we have had temporarily to make severe cuts in our Journal in order to assist certain research projects which were hanging fire due to lack of finance and this has caused some criticism. However, we are primarily a research association and we are most grateful to those of our members who continue to give us their loyal support. In common with most other UFO associations we share the difficulties that always beset voluntary workers of not enough time, money or facilities - but at least we are all joined in a common cause and I cannot too strongly urge tolerant co-operation for the coming year. Meanwhile, on behalf of BUFORA I wish all friends and contemporaries a very happy Christmas and successful UFO-hunting in the New Year.

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