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FOUNDED in 1973.....

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LETTER SECTION

Dear Mr.Rees,

May I first give praise with regard to the material and the presentation of your magazine? The contents indicate that there is something for everyone interested in UFO's, and indeed, "Food for thought" for the sceptics. With respect to the letter by D.Laddy, Glossop, Cheshire, in your issue No.22, I am completely in agreeance - the BBC2 version of the Bermuda Triangle was a load of rubbish; it was amateurish. Unknowledgeable people would, of course, accept the findings, whilst others of a more knowledgeable variety would never accept such an untidy package with the incorrect label of "storms and navigational errors". We might point out to the researchers for BBC2 that in many instances there was a calm sea with the skies, and the Captains of the ships knew all about navigation. Furthermore, there have been countless disappearances on LAND during present and past times, and many recorded through history. How strange that organic matter (the Humans) vanished, complete with inorganic matter (clothing, shoes, money, watch, etc). Yet around the area, nothing else vanished, and little more than blades of grass turning yellow or brown, with the grass blades intact, were left as evidence. Any Detective would more than suspect that somebody "Knew what they wanted and took it". If the TV package was complete, how come more Scientists are interested in the Phenomena of the Bermuda Triangle, including now, Russian Scientists who are predicting they'll have the answer within a few months? There is too much against the TV programme. Of particular interest also, is Paul Jackson's letter expressing his lack of faith in many of the contactee cases. I hope he finds some enlightening information in this issue's article, and wish him good luck with the all-important work of investigation.

Yours faithfully,
Mr.R.Markwick

(Technical Advisor, Lecturer, UFO Investigator for the Essex UFO Study Group).

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Dear David,

As to what we have listed for 1977 - firstly, being mainly an investigatory Group, we will continue to investigate reports and try to find better methods of investigation. Secondly, as you will see in the Annual Report, 1977, we hold the second National UFO Conference in October, last year, and as a consequence all Groups in this country have begun a programme of cataloging the various types of UFO sightings, on a country-wide basis. For our part, I will be compiling an Australian Car Pacing Catalogue and doing a paper on UFOlogical Terminology. We will also be preparing for the forth-coming conference to be held in October this year. As you can see, we will be quite busy for the rest of the year. We feel that these catalogues will be of great use to all researchers, for to research the phenomenon completely, you require as many well-documented cases as possible and not just a hand full of cases taken from the sensational magazines. We hope to be able to make these catalogues available to all serious researchers. I will send you a copy of the Car Pace Cat. when complete. That's all for now. I look forward to receiving the next edition of SKYWATCH - so until then, I wish you all the best.

Yours sincerely,
Paul Jackson

Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre, Australia

Dear David, I have read a number of books on UFO's - I was particularly impressed with two books by Brinsley Le Poer Trench, "The Flying Saucer Story" and "Operation Earth" - Likewise "UFO's from behind the Iron Curtain" by Ion Hobana and Julien Waverbergh. I understand Arthur Shuttlewood is an experienced UFO thinker, but I was greatly disappointed with his "The Flying Saucers" - while the accounts of UFO sightings are, I assume, accurate, his speculations do not seem to be based on available facts or logical argument - he seems to think that because certain things would have appeared incredible fifty years ago, then he can guess at anything. While I would not overrate either our present level of technology or intelligence, I believe our speculations should be on known facts, or, as I say, logical argument. A major problem in my mind is whether UFO activities are malevolent or not. I read of the benevolent "sky-people" from Brinsley Le Poer Trench, yet the aggression of UFO(s) in "Flying Saucers are Hostile" by Brad Steigler and Joan Whritmour. If there is one major argument for bringing the whole debate into the open with the involvement of governments, this is it, to my mind, and then with this resolved the debate can move to a higher level. Even if there is no definite result, it may give greater credence to the view that more than one set of aliens are watching us. We should avoid thinking of ourselves as special, however, which is a throwback to the religious idea of man as unique. If one accepts extra terrestrial life then there must be a number of developing civilisations at our stage and, therefore, just as interesting to observers.

Best wishes to you.

David Coote, Luton, Beds.

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Dear Mr.Rees,

Hello! Just wanted to let you know that THE 1977 GUIDE TO OCCULT PERIODICALS is out and your publication is listed. We feel we are serving you by listing your publication in this internationally sold guide, and we in return would appreciate if you would let your readers know of this service through your columns. The 1977 Guide, the only publication of its kind, it better than ever 63 pages with over 300 listings. We see all too frequently the demise of many fine periodicals because of lack of support, and feel it is important for those of us working in this field to support one another in every possible way.

Yours sincerely,

Elizabeth Werner, Inner-Space Interpreters Services, Burbank, California, USA.

(For details on obtaining this guide, see Group news section in this issue).

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Dear Mr.Frost,

Thank you for your letter, letters and copy of "SKYWATCH". I found it interesting and there is no doubt it has validity. Yourself and all the other UFO organisations are doing great work in opening the minds of officialdom and ordinary people. To embrace a wider group of readers it may help to extend the contents of your magazine to include other phenomena, e.g. Astral Travel, Out of the Body experiences, etc., which have a close connection with your work. Although I was interested in your work, I do not wish to have a special affiliation with it as my studies are more general, but I would be pleased to assist you at some stage with an article or interview. Thank you for your trouble.

Yours sincerely,

William Roache, Granada TV, Manchester.

(William Roache plays the part of Ken Barlow in Granada's TV series "Coronation Street").

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Dear Mr.Rees,

No, I have never seen a UFO personally, but my aunt knows someone who has. She and my uncle also once had an experience late one night of seeing what looked like a light bulb hanging in the sky. They observed it for 20 minutes, easily, then it moved off at a tremendous speed. Their friends' experience took place at about 5 o'clock one morning. He is a farm-labourer, not particularly

imaginative and certainly not one to seek the limelight - and was one his way to work. He walked down a narrow lane which opened into a field. As he reached the field (and here events happened so fast he was left wondering if they had happened or if he'd dreamed them) - he saw a silver saucer-shaped thing about the size of a bungalow in the field. But even as his brain was registering the thing, the saucer took off and vanished in seconds, leaving him dazed, unbeliev- ing and considerably shaken. He says the whole thing happened in 4 or 5 second I only found this out by accident and only got the full details by persistant questioning. He says he never believed in UFO's before that, but rather than investigate further he wants to forget all about it. It was frightening and he has no explanation of it. There seems to be many theories about what UFO's are. I suppose if we are prepared to admit the things do exist, then each theor is as plausible as the next. The Hollow Earth theory is a good one. I don't go so much for the parallel universe theory. In fact, I've always believed, personally, that they are from outer space. Highly Intelligent beings who have been visiting earth for thousands of years. There's so much on earth that point to this, and I believe that when Atlantis and Limuria existed, these beings were in contact with earthmen. What happened then? Who knows? A massive earthquake Or could it have been a Nuclear War that destroyed life as they knew it then? No wonder they won't contact us now if they've watched our progress, which has been one of continuous Wars and Violence culminating in the ability to destroy the world if we wanted to. Humans are notoriously afraid of anything they don't understand. If these beings contacted our governments (who don't believe in them, anyway), who's to say they (the Governments) wouldn't call out the Military and launch a full-scale attack against the beings (who would probably destroy us in one blast). Of course, that's just a theory - and full of holes, but it's a fascinating subject, isn't it?

Yours sincerely,

Angela Carthy, Stoke on Trent, Staffs.

Dear David,

SKYWATCH is really good - it is the best magazine I have seen for the type of UFO information I need for CNK. I try to get "in close" to the UFO and it seems SKYWATCH is doing just this. When I read SKYWATCH, it was really awe- inspiring because it was like coming into the UFO Field for the first time again for me. I felt like I was back in 1965 when I had my first amazing sighting. So keep it up. SKYWATCH and NUFON News now are my favourite periodicals.

Yours sincerely,

Edward Harris, Editor - Cosmology Newslink

Magazine, Dunmow, Essex.

CARTER DENIAL

As most readers may know, some months ago, President Jimmy Carter of the United States, stated that he had seen a UFO and believed in them. Also that if he became the President he would make available to the general public ALL USAF and Official information so far suppressed concerning the UFO phenomena. MAPIT now hears the following: "The Danish UFO Group, Scandinavian UFO Information, wrote to the Carter offices in Georgis asking for further information. The reply appeared in UFO-NYT Newsletter 76/2 - 77/1: "Thank you for your recent letter. Governor Carter is campaigning with a very heavy schedule and has asked me to respond to your letter. Governor Carter has seen a UFO, but he has never said that he would pursue them as a President. We appreciate your interest and hope to enjoy your continued friendship."

Sincerely, Vicki Sparks, Special Assistant.

As Mr. Carter will probably say in the future - "I was mis-quoted". We shall wait and see.

LEONARD NIMOY

Leonard Nimoy is best remembered as that logical character in Star Trek, Mr. Spock. The following item is reprinted from the STAG Newsletter No.22, March, 1977: "Leonard Nimoy: Bristol-Myers has committed 1.3 million dollars for the filming of 24 30-minute shows to be called "In Search of....." which will tackle popular "unexplained" phenomena with new research and extravagant film technique. Leonard Nimoy has been signed to host the series, which will include segments on UFO Landings, The Loch Ness Monster, Dracula (Filming in Hungary), Voodoo, ESP, Stonehenge, Missing Nazi Treasure and witchcraft. Bantana Books has commissioned the shows producer, Alan Lansburg, to pen six books on the scripts. The first will be on Lost Civilizations, the second on Extraterrestrials. Hopefully, this series will be shown in Great Britain

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STAFFORDSHIRE SENTINEL 9th JANUARY 1977 (GB) - Long Glowing Object: A second report of a UFO sighting near Crewe has reached us as a result of a story we published last week. Mrs. Dilys Tucker reading a Sentinel report about a Crewe man claiming to have seen a "long glowing object" in the sky, realises that she probably saw this too, in the same area and at the same time. Mrs. Tucker was being driven home to 36, Stamford Avenue, Crewe, by her daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Boot, when she saw a "bright light" in the sky, roughly over Nantwich-Middlewich Road. "It was such a bright light I don't think it could have been a reflection" she said. "We definitely both saw it clearly and then it just went, all of a sudden. I have no idea what it could have been".

STOKE ON TRENT EVENING SENTINEL 8th FEBRUARY 1977 (GB). - Police Snapped Staffs UFO: The sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object by four Stafford Policemen has sparked off new interest in a six-year-old mystery. This picture - never published in a newspaper before - was taken by two county Policemen on night patrol in 1971. They snapped it with a patrol car camera - and since then the photograph, loaned to us by Staffordshire Police Headquarters, has remained on file. Said a county Police spokesman: "It is a complete mystery - one that remains unsolved. The object was spotted hovering over a garage and no one has since been able to explain what it was". And yesterday a new UFO sighting was reported at Newcastle. Pupils at Edenhurst School spotted the object flying through the sky in a straight line between the clouds. One of the children who saw it was nine-year-old Justin Jefferson, son of school secretary, Mrs. Jill Jefferson, who said, "He is convinced it wasn't an aeroplane. It was quite large, but not a tremendous size. They saw it for about 15 minutes and it changed to silver and orange colours."

HOBART MERCURY 21st FEBRUARY 1977 (TASMANIA) - UFO Centre Official has Slap at "Hangers on": The President of the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre, Mrs. J. Bigwood, has slammed the Psychic, the newly religious and writers of the Sensational for "cashing in on the well-established and now respected UFO Groups all over the world". In her annual report, Mrs. Bigwood claimed the "fringe" element seemed to consume the UFO phenomena. She said UFO researchers had long struggled to become established in the community as responsible working groups, presenting factual accounts of sightings, correlating data and making commonsense investigations without resorting to theorising on the source of the phenomena. "The fringe element have clung unwanted, jeopardising the credibility of the researcher, voicing their parrot-like patter and exciting romantic notions which many people at the present want to hear", she said. "The individuals getting on the UFO bandwagon are almost a phenomena in themselves". Of the 175 reports in Tasmania last year, - up 12 on 1975 - only 29 were listed by the centre as Unidentified Flying Objects. Of the remainder, 19 reports were still under investigation, 61 were astronomical origin, 24 were ascribed to aircraft, 18 to satellites, 5 to car or beacon lights, 5 were noises only and 14 were put down to "other explanations".

SCAN 21st February 1977 (Tasmania) - Polls list Violence as top subject, drawing Americans to documentary television (along with Sex, UFO's and Monster Myths).

DAILY MIRROR 7th MARCH 1977 (GB) - Peeping Tom from Outer Space: A young couple claim their love life is being spied on.....by a Peeping Tom from outer space. Ian Hibberd and fiancée July Smith, were "saying Goodnight", when their kisses were interrupted by the mysterious UFO. That was at Christmas, and since then their midnight farewells have been plagued by the appearance of the glowing circular object. Ian, 22, a building worker of Gravel Lane, Boxmoor, Hemel Hempstead, said, "We've seen it about 8 times now, and every time we have been sitting in my car saying "Goodnight". We have to stop kissing and cuddling - its so weird we can't take our eyes off it. It glows and hovers for about two hours and then disappears". Julie, of Tower Hill, Chipperfield, Kings Langley, Hemel Hempstead, said, "We've told our families and they all reckon we're mad". It's pretty lade when we say goodnight and nobody else has seen it".

MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS 12th APRIL 1977 (GB) - German Flying Saucers?: My recent letter on the spontaneous combustion of marsh gas being mistaken for a flying saucer has prompted someone to send me a copy of leaflets of Flying Saucers. They obviously believe that I am a sceptic. For over 15 years I have kept records of flight paths of Flying Saucers, and calculated their bases from these calculations. Such round-winged aircraft were mooted by the Germans in 1944 and one petrol engined air-craft with wooden propellor was claimed to be able to reach speeds of 3,000 m.p.h. The aircraft was never found, but I have a copy of a photograph reputed to be this aircraft. I also have pictures taken from many and various magazines purporting to "unusual" aircraft, - French, British, Swiss, Swedish, Canadian and innumerable unusual aircraft came from America. The Russian Saucer Aircraft was reported to be propelled by 80-ton rockets to over 100,000 feet before separation and at this height was said to travel at 10,000 m.p.h., coming down in a gradual dive, maintained at speed at around 7,000 m.p.h., gradually dropping to 1,600 m.p.h. as it passed over this country at a height of 1,600 feet. Landing was by tricycle undercarriage as in normal aircraft (this was never proved). As to little green monsters, what better way could be had to keep nose people away? All that would be required would be rubber masks. Some one per cent of Flying Saucer reports were the more interesting as they never were tracked and could have been extraterrestrial.

W.H.R. Arnold, Leigh.

DAILY MIRROR 13th APRIL 1977 (GB). - Mum in 80 MPH Chase with a Flying Saucer. Farmer's wife Pauling Coombes told yesterday of her 80 mph car race through country lands - chased by a "Flying Football". The yellow sphere whizzed noiselessly along hedgetops as it kept pace with a terrified Mrs. Coombes and her three children. It happened just a few miles from Broadhaven, South Wales, where a group of schoolchildren claimed that they spotted a flying saucer two months ago. Mrs. Coombes said the "football" followed the car for three miles until they reached home. Then she fled up the drive of the farmhouse with Keiron, 10, and twin daughters Layanne and Joanne, 8. From the safety of their home they watched with farmer Mr. Bill Coombes as the object with a Silver torch-like beam rapidly floated away. Mrs. Coombes, 31, and her children were returning to their isolated farm at the village of Dale, near Milford Haven, when Keiron spotted the object dropping from the sky towards the car. "I put my foot down but the object still chased us", said Mrs. Coombes. "I was touching 80 mph & the fastest I've ever driven, but the thing still kept up. We were scared still and the children were crying. I didn't believe in UFO's before - now I just don't know what to think".

DID YOU KNOW? The abbot and Monks of Byland Abbey, Yorks, reported seeing a Flying Saucer in 1290.

TITBITS - 7th-13th APRIL 1977 (GB). "Mona Lisa" isn't smiling now: There may not exactly have been loud sighs of relief recently around the head office of Ladbrokes, the London Bookmakers, but the company must certainly have felt more than a little thankful that one of the most bizarre wagers it has ever handled failed to come off. It was placed by a bizarre punter, too - American grandmother Mrs. Ruth Norman - who claims she is 63,000 years old and was the unknown woman who posed for the famous Mona Lisa painting. Her wager was that on February 15th this year, a fleet of flying saucers from dozens of other planets in the Universe would touch down in Main Street, El Cajon and focus attention

on this Californian community. She makes an identical bet each year. Hordes of little green men would appear from the UFO's to liberate mankind and help us solve our problems. Bernice Richards of Ladbrokes explained that 40-1 odds against a Flying Saucer landing on earth makes the wager very popular with Americans. "Mrs. Norman is the leading punter in this", added Bernice, "and if she ever wins we stand to lose around £140,000". Ruth Norman and her acolytes at the Space Temple and Museum in El Cajon placed wagers of various odds with other bookmakers throughout America and Europe. They claim to have staked a total of more than £5,000 - and if their prediction had come true, they claim they would have won more than £5 million. Certainly, Mrs. Norman was disappointed for, as the self-claimed reincarnation of Loshanna - a powerful goddess from the planet Uranus - she had high hopes of success on February 15th. And she believed the event would have helped solve all our world problems through the "combined intellects of reincarnated Masters like Leonardo di Vinci, Jesus Christ, Sir Winston Churchill, the Duke of Windsor and John F Kennedy". No doubt her late husband, Ernest, would have been reincarnated, too, to do his bit. Because to the members of the Uranus Life Science Centre, which has its headquarters in the Space Temple, Ernest Norman was one of the original masters, who travelled through time and space thousands of years ago.....to launch man's Evolution.

THE SUN 18th APRIL 1977 (GB). - Space bid to probe "Triangle": Space Scientists are probing the ridding of the deadly Bermuda Triangle. The mysterious stretch of sea off the Bahamas has claimed thousands of lives over the centuries. Scores of ships and planes have benished without trace. Now the scientists are monitoring shipping movements through an earth-orbitting satellite, which beams steady information free from static. A space engineer has just piloted a 35ft boat 600 miles through the Triangle, keeping in contact with the eye in the sky - but nothing happened.

MANCHESTER EVENING NEWS 19th APRIL 1977 (GB) - The following clippings appeared in this one issue of the News:

Cave Drawings of Spaceship: Strange drawings believed to be thousands of years old have been found on the walls of a network of huge caves in the Baja California peninsula, a Mexican official said in Chicago last night. The drawings in reds, blues and yellows, depict men 50 feet tall, common animals such as deer and unrecognisable "devices", according to Senor Guillermo Rossell De La Lama, Mexican Secretary of Tourism. "The impression is that these devices are some sort of space ship or Helicopter", Said Senor Rossell. He said some of the drawings were in three dimension form. Many of them were unlike any other examples of Ancient Aztec or Maya Indian cultures. Senor Rossell said 193 natural caves had been found in the area in the past year. Intense exploration would begin next week. He said some of the caves had 200 foot ceilings with drawings near the top.

Sky Fireball: A fiery ball seen in the skies over wide areas of Central Italy during the night, and said to have made a roaring noise, could have been a Meteorite, say Scientists.

UFO Study urged: Sir Eric Gary, Prime Minister of Grenada, today called on the United Nations to set up a special agency to monitor "Alien activity from Outer Space". "The Matter is deep and urgent", he told the opening session of the first International Congress on Unidentified Flying Objects.

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THE RICHARD ADAMSON LECTURE

by Michele Piecha and Ken Stanley.

Richard Adamson is the only surviving member of the 1922 Tutankhamen expedition. He guarded and slept in the tomb for over seven years while he types long notes for Howard Carter.

He estimated the tomb to be between 3000 and 4000 years old, and the age of the boy king to be either 18 or 19. The cause of his death is unknown. In the tomb they found a gold goblet with some kind of sediment in it. The goblet turned out to be a wine goblet and the sediment, wine. After 4000 years they managed to turn the sediment back to its original wine and Adamson said its taste was that of mead.

One morning he was asleep in the tomb after making his usual notes for Carter, Adamson awoke and was sure that the animal's head (where the soul of Tutankhamen was supposed to go during mummification), had turned around and was looking at him. He told Carter who replied, "That I wouldn't dispute".

Later, while the members of the expedition were in the tomb, Carter seemed to slip back in time. He didn't seem to be aware of the other members of the group and wouldn't answer when they shouted to him. Then he began muttering in a strange foreign language they couldn't understand. Adamson was asked to take notes and remember some of the words; this he did and the party began to try to identify the language. Meanwhile Carter had come out of the strange trance and couldn't remember ever being in it in the first place.

The members of the party were astonished as Adamson found the language to be the same ancient Egyptian as spoken in Tutankhamen's reign 4000 years ago. This got the members wondering whether Carter had indeed slipped back in time 4000 years. The roof of one of the corners of the tomb was covered with Astronomical drawings; It contained all the Planets and Stars, but some of the stars shown have only just become visible in the last 50 years with the new large telescopes. Everything in the tomb was carved from a solid piece, without a single joint. Some of the things accomplished could not be done today.

One of the objects in the tomb was a painting of the king with his mother. Yet it was of alabaster and was paper thin. The painting only became visible when a light was shone on it. Somehow the painting was in the middle of the alabaster, yet the alabaster was paper thin.....

The Curse

Lord Carnarvon was bitten in the tomb by a mosquito; it strangely became septic and so he returned to Cairo. Here he caught pneumonia and later died. A scar remained on his face where he had been bitten.

At the exact time of his death, all the lights had gone out in the city, with no technical reason.

Meanwhile, in England, Lord Carnarvon's son's dog was pining for its master and died at the same moment as Lord Carnarvon's death in Egypt.

Later, Tutankhamen was found to have a scar in the exact same place as Lord Carnarvon, but the priests who did the mummification could not do it unless the skin was clear. So the scar must have appeared after he had been mummified - but why in exactly the same place as Lord Carnarvon's?

When asked about the curse at a lecture some time later, Adamson said he didn't believe it, but on the way home in a taxi, he was nearly killed as it crashed. A scar appeared on his face in the exact place as Carnarvon's and Tutankhamen's and it has never gone away since. He has had it for over fifty years now and doctors cannot understand why it has never disappeared.

In an alabaster perfume jar, some of the cosmetic was still there and continued to give off a faint perfume.....after 4000 years.

Also on the articles found in the tomb were drawings of such animals as LIONS? SNAKES? HIPPO? GAZELLES? and even a FOX HUNT WITH DOGS (hounds) and HORSES.

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THE MYSTERY OF EARTHQUAKE LIGHTS

by D.J.Parry.

According to written records going back thousands of years, there is a strange phenomena known as Earthquake lights, associated with tremors on the Earth. The phenomena takes many forms - fireballs, searchlight beams sweeping the horizon, flames raging from the ground, great sparks and waves of light sweeping the ground and the curious "mountain top-glow". The greatest scientists have attempted to explain the phenomenon without success. I do not propose to try, content I will be giving some examples of manifestations of this enigma. Lest it be thought curious that an article of this nature appear in a UFO magazine I will state that many of the curious lights would be called, nowadays, UFO's leading some people to think that the UFO's are perhaps causing the earthquakes in some way.

SICILY: One evening in 1692 or 1693 at Alari in Scily, the village seemed to

the country people in flames. It appeared that over a period of a quarter of an hour flames grew until they engulfed the village. This peak period lasted for six minutes, after which the flames began to die away. But when the watchers ran to give assistance nothing was amiss. Three months later, again in Sicily, there was another incident. It was two hours before sunset and the atmosphere was very clear. Suddenly the sky appeared to be on fire - there had been no flashes of lightning, nor any sound of thunder. This spectacle lasted about a quarter of an hour. When there appeared in the air two "bows" (rainbows DJP), the colours being extremely bright and there was a third with the extremities inverted. There was not a single cloud visible in the sky.

CYPRUS: A bright flash connected with the earthquake of January 20th, 1941, was seen from the Eastern and Central parts of the island. In describing the event a local priest said he first heard a deafening noise like an enormous object hitting the ground. A simultaneous rocking motion of the earth was so severe that he was afraid that the building he was in would collapse. Afterwards he saw two brilliant reddish objects like a huge globular (ball) lightning moving slowly towards the east. The tremors then gradually faded away.

ENGLAND: Although no earthquake was associated with the case, it is still quite interesting as it is related by the famous scientist J.B.A. Watt. Watt states that in the evening of July 23rd, 1885 he was standing with four friends at the head of an avenue leading to a house, when he observed a luminous flash appear on the ground about 30 yards (29 metres) down the avenue. It came towards them quickly, with a wave-like motion, at a speed estimated at 30 m.p.h. It seemed to envelope them for a moment. Watt's left hand received a sort of electric shock. About three minutes afterwards a peal of thunder was heard, but nothing further. It was night at the time.

"MOUNTAIN TOP GLOW" IN THE ANDES: The phenomenon of "mountain top glow" is of interest, as it has been reported during earthquakes. For instance, during the Chilean earthquake of 1906, the whole sky seemed to be on fire. Never before or since has the display been so brilliant. The natives suppose these lights to be the reflections in the sky of the glowing lava in the craters of volcanoes; however, it is otherwise thought that these are electrical discharges. In a review of the phenomena of earthquake lights (EQL), BYERLY, (1842), gives the following information: "Occasionally, during an earthquake shock or immediately before or after, observers report luminous phenomenon in the heavens. All types of lights are reported seen, although it is rarely that two observers see exactly the same. There are steady glows, red and blue and white. There are flashes, balls of fire, and streamers". "At the time of the earthquake off the coast of Northern California in January 1922, one observer reported a glow at sea which he at first took to be a ship on fire...." Need I continue? Here we have a clear electrical-type phenomena associated with earth tremors. It would also appear on the surface at least, to be similar to certain characteristics of UFO's, especially those around the town of Warminster in Wiltshire. I will go no further, but leave the reader to his own thoughts.

REF: THE UNEXPLAINED: A SOURCEBOOK OF STRANGE PHENOMENA. BY WILLIAM R. CORLISS. BANTAM BOOKS 1976 (Chapter 16).....

WATCH THIS SPACE - REVIEW

The Manchester Evening News have recently run a series of articles under the title of "Watch This Space" concerning UFO's. Researched and written by David Harrison. Find below a short review of the series:
March 21st: IS ANYONE OUT THERE? - The series starts off giving details of the famous Kenneth Arnold sighting in 1947, when he "spotted 10 shining discs, plain as you like, whizzing like a flock of demented geese round a peak in Seattle. To the delight of the press he dubbed them Flying Saucers". Well, to correct Mr. Harrison it should read nine objects not ten; Mount Rainier and Mount Adams near Seattle, not in Seattle. Kenneth Arnold described the objects as "they flew like a saucer would if you skipped it across the water". It was the press that coined the phrase "Flying Saucers", not Arnold. With regards to the recent Winchester Landing case, Mr. Harrison says "a Mrs. Bowles and a Mr. Pratt

were recently beamed aboard a saucer near Winchester, together with their car". This statement is completely wrong - the witnesses and their car were never beamed aboard. Further on he states that "most serious minded UFOlogists reject the men from outer space theories outright". This is, I feel, unfair comment because a great number of UFOlogists nowadays are open minded and unbiased to any one theory. You have to be if you wish to make any progress in the subject as regards investigations, etc. Mention is also given to a most interesting UFO encounter at Wessenden Head in 1975. Other items followed over a period of 9 days, including Patrick Moore stating, "UFO's are utter rubbish!" and "if I saw one and a little green man came out, I should invite him to go on TV with me". One good thing about the articles was the feedback from readers. To sum up, the series had its good and bad points, good ones being an item on the Gunguska explosion in Siberia in 1908. Also the Daedalus project - an incredible spaceship to the stars. When I read the first item on the 21st March, that put me off for what was to come. Quotes from Keel's book Trojan Horse and the little green monsters invading the earth. Over the last 17 months the News has printed eleven UFO/Related articles. You may think eleven is a good number, which of course it is on paper, but when you look at the content a better picture of the papers apparent attitude to the subject emerges. The following are examples: Arthur Bloor who describes his UFO's as "one third the size of Liverpool" and he is convinced that "Malign spaceships which come from Epsilon Bootis, a planetary system ruled by Lucifer himself", exist. The Aetherius Society which describe "Martian vessels which can be 5,000 miles long". Professor Zdenek Kopal, Professor of Astronomy at Manchester University comments to UFO Societies, "I would say to them, can't you think of something better to do than flog dead horses? I know you want to believe in something, but can't you believe in something more interesting?". As you may have concluded, this sort of approach to the UFO subject does not inspire confidence in Local UFO Research Groups by the General Public. It is not the quantity of articles, but the quality that counts. More attention should be given to local UFO Groups - their work, investigation techniques, UFO Reports, project information.

If David Harrison decides to write any more items concerning UFO's, let's hope he researches into the subject better than his first attempt on the 21st March.

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 IN SEARCH OF.....

Those of you who live in the ATV Network screening area may have seen a programme there entitled "In search of UFO's". I received a phone call from ATV telling me to phone the producer, Mr. Richard Price. I was unable to talk to Mr. Price, but I was able to talk to his assistant. I must first thank the lady for her kind help. I was informed that the programme was purely an investigation into the subject and did not try to raise any conclusions. The case of the Bakewell family was used to start the show, linking up with the family in America who saw a football-shaped craft, and cases where lie-detector tests were used. The programme ended with the question, "Is America being visited by beings from outer space?" I was unable to see the show because I live in the Granada TV area. Recently the programme looked at Atlantis. If any of our members in the ATV area saw this show or the one on UFOs, perhaps they would let me know what it entailed.

D.G. Frost.

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GROUP NEWS

If you would like a copy of the Guide to Occult Periodicals 1977, which is mentioned in this issue's letter section, send two-dollars 50, postage paid to Inner-Space Interpreters, PO Box 1133, Magnolia Park Station, Burbank, Ca 91507, U.S.A. Magazines etc, dealing with UFO's, Dowsing, Fortean, Astrology Parapsychology, Pyramid Power and more and included from all around the world. Including, of course, our own SKYWATCH.....

Since the last issue, MAPIT has enrolled quite a few new members and I'm sure we should all say hello to them and hope they enjoy reading future SKYWATCH issues.

Many members have asked where can they obtain UFO and related subject books-magazines-pictures. Well, find below a small list of addresses which will supply you with lists, etc. For UFO Books-Magazines write to: Lionel Beer, 15, Freshwater Court, Crawford Street, London W1H 1HS., enclose an 8½p stamp. Also Miss S.Stebbing, 87, Selsea Avenue, Herne Bay,, Kent, enclosing a 10p stamp. For paperbacks only, write to: Quaser Books, Flat 4, 81, Gloucester Street, London SW1, enclosing 8½p stamp. Finally a very good UFO magazine "Flying Saucer Review", well-known throughout the world as perhaps the best. £3.35 will bring you six issues, all orders payable to FSR Publications Ltd. Write to: The Editor, FSR Publications Ltd., West Malling, Maidstone, Kent.....

The following was received from Thames Television, London. "We hope to do a programme on the subject of UFO's sometime this year and are already in touch with BUFONA (BUFORA? Ed.) Thank you for taking the trouble to write to us. Yours sincerely, Catherine Freeman, Producer - Good Afternoon.....

After the above letter was received, Thames Television broadcast on their Good Afternoon programme an item UFO's. You may have seen this on the 12th April, a Tuesday. It featured a British Airways pilot telling of his UFO sighting which was viewed upon by all of his crew and passengers, Prof. John Taylor, from Kings College, was also in attendance, disagreeing with everyone. Plus a representative from Flying Saucer Review. To my knowledge no one from BUFONA. If any members have further information on this programme, SKYWATCH would like to hear further details. Did anyone see the transmission???

ATTENTION: Paper cutting collectors. MAPIT has a collection of over 600 newsclippings feat. ring: UFO's Ghosts, Monsters, etc. If there is a cutting you missed or require for research, MAPIT will do its best to supply you. All this service cost is the photocopy price which is 5p a cutting plus a large SAE to the Editorial Address.....

The feedback from members was good from the last issue of SKYWATCH - keep it up. The readers' letter section is for you ALL to make use of. There is nothing worse than publishing a mass of magazines and receiving a few replies. SKYWATCH needs your encouragement to continue. Was there something you read in SW that you did not agree with? What improvements would you like to see? Have you any questions on UFO's you would like answered?.....

Available from the Editorial Address is the SKYWATCH Special Issue No12, which features UFO sightings in the North of England in 1973 - the year MAPIT was formed. It makes interesting reading - 30p a copy.....

MAPIT has recently heard of a new Group - the "UK Investigators' Agency". If any readers have any information, i.e. address - aims, etc., we would like to hear from you.....

In the April issue of the German UFO newspaper UFO Nachrichten published by DUIST, they feature two sighting cases from SKYWATCH, the January 1976 Padfield Oase and the Norris Green Landing case. Our thanks to our German ffriends.....

MAPIT member David Frost received the following reply recently to a letter he sent to Roger Price, producer of the Thames TV programme, "THE TOMORROW PEOPLE". I do not know w at the personal views of the actors who play in The Tomorrow People are about ESP. I believe Peter Vaughan-Clarke was tested and the results were negative, but it was only part of a publicity stunt involving the TV Times and in no way a serious experiment. As to my own views, they can be summed up as "I remain to be convinced". I would go as far as saying that there seems to be a lot of evidence that the human mind is capable of more than we would normally expect. It might well be that the world will one day be populated by "Tomorrows people", but I do not suppose I shall live to see the day and I would be rather worried if I did.

The series was conceived and intended to be entertainment for children. The only ulterior motive was an intention to give introverted children a secret dream (that of being a "tomorrow person") to help them through difficult times of their lives. Some letters I have received indicate the success of that ambition. It was never my intended to pre-occupy youngsters with thoughts of psychic powers, and I am pleased to say that the only letters I get on the subject are from adults".....

UFO-Research in Europe.

The well-known - even beyond German borders - Founder and head of the Deutsche UFO/IFO Studiengemeinschaft (DUIST), the German UFO Research Society, with its headquarters in Wiesbaden-Schierstein, K.L.Veit, who is also chief-editor of the UFO-Nachrichten has held more than 400 lectures with slides in the following European countries: Northern and Southern Germany, Berlin, Austria, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Luxemburg, France, Italy as well as California/USA.

UFO research in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Norway, Hungary, Bulgaria and Finland was also stimulated by German UFO headquarters and by visits of a delegate from Warsaw, Prague, Stockholm, Helsinki and Budapest, who received extensive research material donated them by our research centre in Wiesbaden.

Information of the public as regards to the global theme of UFOlogy through a number of UFO Congresses, 1957, 1958, found a great resonance. The international UFO-Congress in Wiesbaden in Oktober 1960 with more than 1000 guests from 14 different countries (amongst them Prof. Oberth) preceded by a press conference attended by 22 reporters from distinguished daily newspapers and further press briefings at home and abroad as well as 18 radio- and TV-broadcasts, has dissipated information regarding the UFO phenomenon among millions of people. As early as 1961 K.L.Veit, head of the German UFO Research Society (DUIST) and owner of the Ventla-Verlag published the first standard reference book in international UFO research, "Planetarians are visiting our Earth". The second volume entitled "The Study of Extraterrestrial Space ships, a scientific Task of the 20th Century", followed in 1964. A photodocumentary series appeared in 1965. German research - and information - work is considered by foreign researchers to be the most extensive, reaching far beyond European borders.

Further UFO research groups exist in England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Holland, Denmark, Belgium, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Spain, the USSR, Poland and Australia.

More than 45 books and pamphlets about UFOlogy as well as foreign contacts have been translated from the American, English and Spanish languages and published in German. The Ventla-Verlag where the UFO Nachrichten (UN) of the which 172 editions have appeared till the end of 1970 - are printed and then read in 76 countries on all continents, even in India, Japan, China, and Australia, was founded for this purpose. About 3000 articles concerning UFOlogy and adjacent subjects were translated from the original language and published therein. DUIST exchanges information with roughly 50 international magazines from all continents and co-operates with the most important research organisations.

In the meantime the 5th and 6th International UFO Congresses of 1963 and 1965 have been held with more than 500 visitors from 12 countries present. Radio programmes and objective press reports were released in this connection as to aims and purpose of the German UFO/IFO Research Society (DUIST). In addition to all this, came the 7th International World Congress of UFO Researchers, November 1967, in Wiesbaden/Mainz, which was initiated by DUIST and which drew world-wide attention. It included an exhibition of hundreds of UFO photos from all parts of the globe.

K.L.Veit, chief editor of the UFO-Nachrichten, participated in helping UFOlogy penetrate the United Nations, together with Colman Von Kevitzky, director of the intercontinental Research and Analytical Network (ICUFON) New York, in 1966/67, through his swift, comprehensive and important publication and was elected executive member of this research organisation.

In the meantime, the documentary report "7th International Congress of UFO Researchers in Mainz 1967", consisting of 248 pages and 174 photos has been published by Karl L.Veit. Before the start of the convention a press conference with 23 correspondents from large news agencies had taken place. During the convention 24 speeches and film- and slide-lectures were held, together with photographic documentations from all continents with more than 120 interviews and radio and TV broadcasts.

23 nations represented by 850 delegates and visitors (totalling about 2700 persons) took part during the 4 days from 3-6th November 1967.

The "Resolution and Mainz UFO-Proclamation" was forwarded to all 131 member nations of the UNO. Numerous letters of acknowledgement from all parts of the world were sent to the DUIST headquarters in Wiesbaden and to ICUFON headquarters in New York. Through this, valuable co-operation, especially between the largest

UFO institutions, could take place on a world-wide scale. Due the statements by General Secretary U Thant official agencies for research of the UFO phenomena were set up at that time by the governments of Argentine, Brazil, Chile, Great Britain, etc. The above world congress was re-enacted by request of the Bavaria Film Company for the ZDF (2nd German Network) on the 19th November, 1969 as a UFO (documentary) film and shot in part by film-director Rainer Erler for beginning scenes in the movie ("The Delegation"). It was shown on 9th September 1970 at 21 hrs. and viewed by approximately 16 million people. The president of the Hermann-Oberth-Society made in 1969 the proposal for co-operation with DUIST. In the meantime there ensued the exchange of both their periodicals: "Astronautik" and "UFO-Nachrichten". This means a fact for the importance of UFOlogy and for its absolute reality, contrary to the Con-Don report with its constructed misleading tendency. The 8th International UFO Convent in Wiesbaden was visited by Dr. Daniel Fry from Oregon, USA. He brought a piece of extraterrestrial material with him which has been subjected to an analysis at the University of Mainz. About this television brought an interesting and objective transmission at the University with Dr. Fry together with DUIST president K.L. Veit and Mrs. Anny Veit. On March 7th 1971, chief editor Karl Veit gave in Palma de Mallorca a lantern-slide lecture on extraterrestrial flying objects and their intelligent pilots, at which the French and German consuls were present. In May 1971 there followed lectures with lantern-slides or movies in Berlin, at the Hamburg University, in Hannover and Kassel, at which the approximately 500 UFO sightings, which had been registered by the DUIST over Germany, found appropriate mention. It is conspicuous to note the large scale interest of the young people for UFOlogy. So there were at Hamburg 850 listeners among whom were preponderant students and for a great part teenagers. Further objective TV interviews with Karl Veit were transmitted by the NDR/Hamburg ARD on May 21, 1971, and the NDR 1 program HH/Bremen on June 15, 1971.

The above information was supplied to us by Karl Veit of DUIST and UFO Nachrichten.

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SIGHTING SCENE

In the last issue of SKYWATCH we featured a report from Crewe which was at the time baffling Police (see also Newsclipping section, this issue). MAPIT member Angela Carthy wrote to the Crewe Police regarding the claims of seeing UFO's in that area. She received a most off letter from them, virtually denying any such reports!

Rudy de Groote informs us in a recent letter that "nothing really interesting has happened in Belgium since New Year, although I heard that three UFO pictures were taken over Chatelineau (near Charlemi) on the 1st February". Keep us informed, please, Rudy! (Redaktie UFO Info).

DATE: 15th February, 1977
 DAY: Tuesday.
 TIME: 1807 hrs.
 LOCATION: Junction Dialstone Lane/Hempshaw Lane, Offerton, Stockport, Cheshire.
 WITNESS (S): Stephen Bellis, aged 11 years old.

The witness was walking down Hempshaw Lane, on the way to come friends. He noticed a red glow in the sky; it was located 300 yards from where he was standing and approx. 250 feet in height. It came from the North, parallel to Manchester Airport Flight path. "But then at an incredible rate it did an 180 degree swerve towards me to the South where I was positioned". "Then again at a terrific rate, it turned and backed away at a 135 degree swerve to the North-West and disappeared. Then I saw no further trace" He described the weather as cold and windy, and with a faint appearance of the stars. No one else saw this light, to MAPIT'S knowledge.

INVESTIGATION: Manchester Airport (CAA) informed us that a Boeing 707 departed at 1809 hours. Stephen said that it was definitely 1807, but this can be taken as near 1810. There was a wind (South-Easterly at 13 knots) and the MET office

weather conditions were hazy, with cloud cover at 5000 feet. The Airport is about six miles away and the UFO was on a direct line with the outwardbound flight path. It would seem possible that the UFO could have been the departing Boeing 707, seen under hazy/windy conditions turning. The things against this, according to the witness, is the speed of object and the maneouvers it made. The height and distance Stephen states would indicate that the UFO was well under the cloud cover, but MAPIT finds it very unusual that no other witnesses saw the object as the roads in question are very heavy with traffic at this time of day.

DATE: 19th February, 1977

DAY: Saturday.

TIME: 0430 a.m.

LOCATION: 19th Floor, Hanover Towers, Lancashire Hill, Stockport, Cheshire.

WITNESS(S): Mrs. Ann Howe, aged 61, a housewife.

Mrs. Howe finds it difficult to sleep at night and she often gets up to make herself a drink and sit watching the sky, especially the aircraft flying in and out of Ringway Airport, as her windows are directly opposite the flight path. Therefore she is very knowledgable as regards aircraft shapes, noises, lights and the such like. Sometimes she will sit doing jigsaw puzzles near the window. On the Saturday morning in question, a blinding white light flew past her window; she rushed to the window to see a rotating light pass behind a nearby block of flats. Mrs. Howe then ran into her kitchen to observe the strange light which she saw moving off into the distance and then just disappeared as if switched off light a light bulb. It disappeared over the Ashton area.

INVESTIGATION: There was a Boeing 727 departure at the Airport at 0430, but I am sure this is not the answer, also the weather was fine, with very good visibility. It would appear that maybe the light was on some object, as Mrs. Howe thinks there was a shadow of a mass behind the light, but she is not sure on this. The light was white in colour, did not make any sound, but was rotating. Jodrell Bank picked up no unusual recordings. Finally, when Mrs. Howe saw the object, from the angle she was sitting and looking at through the window, the light would have been in our atmosphere and low down, under 5000 ft also the object went behind some flats.

At the moment this sighting is being classed as Unidentified. The sighting has left a big impression on the witness because as she said, there was no noise, but the light showed terrific speed - "thousands of miles an hour" - . All she would like to know it, what was it?

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In a letter dated 12th April, 1977, Mrs. Howe writes, "You remember me telling you about the off-diamond shape I saw in 1974, well, I think I saw it again, last week, but it was too high up to see the shape - I could only see the movement. If I had had the binoculars, maybe I could have seen it better".

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UFO CONFERENCE (continued).

In the last issue of SKYWATCH I wrote an article on a UFO Super Conference, in which all UFO groups in England would get together in one place to discuss the future of UFOlogy and to put more aims forward towards the progress of the subject. I asked for your comments and ideas - I received ONE reply! Nevertheless, this reply did have many ideas and comments to raise. I see no reason why those of you who are members of MAPIT and readers of SKYWATCH did not find time to write to me. To try again may be a wrong move, but I am only human. The conference would be held in a certain area where all members and groups could attend. The aims of the conference are as follows:-

- a. THE CONFERENCE WOULD SET UP A NATIONAL UFO MAGAZINE WHICH WOULD BE A JOINT PUBLICATION BY ALL GROUPS, RESEARCHERS, ETC. WHO WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE MAG. (This would not endanger the publications now in print - Ed).
- b. THE CONFERENCE WOULD SET UP A JOINT RESEARCH PLAN FOR ALL GROUPS AND RESEARCHERS, ONLY WITH THEIR AGREEMENT.

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the truth as we see it. But even here, there are over-riding factors when

- c. THE PEOPLE AT THE CONFERENCE WILL AGREE ON A NEW PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAMME WHICH WOULD INVOLVE ALL UFO GROUPS.
- d. THE END PRODUCT OF THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE PUBLISHED IN BOOK FORM BY ALL THE GROUPS AND RESEARCHERS.

The Conference is for YOU. If you live in France, America, etc. I want to hear from you. Write to me and tell me your ideas and comments on this idea. I received ONE reply from my last article - let's hope I receive one hundred from this article.

I would like to hear from any independent researcher or fully-formed UFO group. I can be contacted at this address: 36, Torkington Street, Edgeley, Stockport. SK3 9JS England. Or phone me on this number: 061-429-6583.

I am going to put the conference into operation very soon - a date must be formed - a committee must be formed to organise the full conference and a more full outline must be written out. I leave it in your hands. Let's hope you will spare some of your time to write to me. I look forward to hearing from you.

D.G.Frost.

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 CONTACTEE CASES by R.Markwick.

A person having been in contact with space-beings - or purported to have been - is classified as a "contactee". Anyone stating to have been aboard a UFO some years ago would have been disbelieved and most likely classified as a complete idiot. Today, there is a low percentage of acceptance, even among UFOlogists. Yet if we are to disbelieve supposed "contactees" of today, one might well wonder, how come so many (UFO witnesses also, of the non-contactee variety), are coming forward, to be known idiots? If its to be assumed to be in the nature of a social disease, then the medical profession should have checked this out long ago, because it had reached catastrophic proportions long ago. Immediately comes to mind the number of airling pilots who have seen UFO's, but according to "experts" (correction: there are no "experts"!) the pilots were seeing things which in reality were non-existent, yet despite the responsibility of passengers lives in their hands, we find them still carrying out their duties. Would you, knowing that during a night flight over the Atlantic, feel safe with someone at the controls who "sees things"? He might just well land the aircraft on a non-existent runway in the ocean. As an investigator into UFO Phenomena, I would neither believe or disbelieve a contactee immediately, otherwise bias would affect my findings, and the one under investigation would soon realise themselves as being pre-judged or not. One can notice some suspects in instances involving the police, whereby the suspect was pre-judged as Guilty (e.g. the Hain case). A "contactee" will withhold much information - (the seemingly most unbelievable fragments of his or her experience) - and by showing disbelief to any statements, one can only hope to come away with ones own story and not that of the "contactees". By supposition of one person only, having been inside a UFO, we face a far more difficult case than two persons or more being abducted. With two, we can "play" one against the other whilst under hypnosis, and if the accounts agree, it might well have been a thousand who's been abducted, as two. If we forget for the moment, unknown to two "contactees", that the UFO was also involved with much "back up evidence", insomuch as being picked up on various radar gears, was photographed, various electronic sensing and detection devices came up positive, animals were affected, car ignition systems in the area were nullified, countless numbers of people outside the landing area not only saw, but heard, and felt oppressive waves of heat, etc., we first carry out tests on the landing site. We first notice burn marks, we then use our test equipment (e.g. geiger counter, gauss meter, magnetometer) and obtain readings. Biological/Chemical analysis of the area is of utmost importance, and would be carried out as though we were checking dust on Mars - trace elements, etc. In an attempt to obtain the truth from our two "contactees", one might submit them to a polygraph test, or by using one of the pentathols (e.g. Sodium Pentathol), etc., but hypnosis would be a far better proposition, since much would be revealed which might well be hidden from normal conscious recall. Perhaps it should be pointed out here, that a hynotised subject gives out the truth - the truth as he sees it, which is not necessarily the truth as we see it. But even here, there are over-riding factors when

confronted by many people experiencing the same fact. If no means other than straightforward detectives work be available, its worthwhile remembering to call on the "contactees" at some later date, since more information may be forthcoming as with a victim of a car accident so shook up at the time, and then all comes back to them at some later date, when the chock of the incident has worn off.

HYPNOSIS. When faced with one "contactee" only, we may come face to face with phantasms, whilst under hypnosis, the hypnotee feels a certain obligation to the hypnotist, and if there are no answers, the hypnotec might well "cook some up". With two under hypnosis, it is more simpler a case, as with the police grilling two criminals in separate rooms, involved with the same crime, as opposed to only one criminal with the crime. We must realise that where a "contactee" is under hypnosis and is suggested to again face a terrifying point of his experience in the hands of alien beings, because he has little say with his means of escape with the hypnotist continually pushing forward, the hypnotist must call a halt, for death will result due to heart attack and shock. This is quite interesting, because in the first instance of supposed reality aboard the UFO, the "contactee" did not die, yet there was far more reason to than the next time (whilst under hypnosis), and obviously should have shown more willingness, since the first time has already proved that death did not ensue. It becomes more apparent that beings with more knowledge than us, have devising a "dcontrolling" effect upon those they are testing, thus no death. Another instance where by a "contactee" cannot be pushed beyond a certain point during hypnosis, is where it appears that aliens have put a mental "block" upon the mind of the "contactee" with respect to a kind of post-hypnotic command regarding a future meeting with the aliens. It seems to be a case of: "think as you wish of water already passed under the bridge, but you shall learn nothing of the water yet to reach you". The reasons are obvious. As with the previous example, for the hypnotised one to be forced, death will result. At this point I wish to indicate that, whereas a number of people who have never seen a UFO in reality, are hypnotised to think they have seen one, when told to draw and give the colours of the UFO, every person drew a different sized/shaped/and coloured UFO. Here we can imagine the investigators evaluation of each UFO sighting report form from each witness, estimated angle of approach and departure, how high from horizon, etc., each report would be contradictory. This proves they did not see one in reality, and fulfills the obligation of those hypnotic to furnish something (even though in reality there was nothing), for the hypnotist. This goes to show that the skill of the hypnotist, by his questions, suggestions and evaluations in final conclusion, are all important. If someone wished to perpetrate a hoaz by hypnotising a person and programmed a sequence of events for them having been inside a UFO, time regression hypnosis would reveal it was another hypnotist involved with a hoax, and would be better for one only to perpetrate a hoax, not two. Anaesthetics are quite often the worse part of an operation and therefore the use of hypnosis and acupunture leave no toxic or side effects, so hypnotism is of great use medidally. Some hypnotists have tried to cure a "patient" of a particular medical type complaint which originated from the mind. Rather than attempting a "superficial cure", the cause should have been eliminated, and here, hypnosis is a boon, because invariably it can probe and find from an adult, a cause which stemmed from childhood - and prove to be a cause originally unknown consciously to anyone, including the one hypnotised. Hypnosis provided the answer, and the answer is accepted so many times by psychiatrists, yet not one answer is acceptable where a "contactee" and a UFO are involved, - strange, isn't it? Hypnosis has been used many times in the courts of various nations, and used as supporting evidence, evaluated by analysts who determine the validity of the information. The official view is that like tape-recordings, hypnosis along may not bring about a charge of "guilty" or "not guilty". But hypnosis, like acupuncture and the polygraph lie detector tests (British police are shortly introducing the polygraph test as supporting evidence) is gaining more respect for acceptance and perhaps even more evidence may rest upon it!

WARNING! No inexperienced person should consider hypnotising another person, since the second victim may be injured emotionally and possibly die. Under deep hypnosis the "patient" remembers nothing he die, heard or said, but under light hypnosis he or she is more awake than not, since everything is remembered. It does not follow that this "light" state of hypnosis may be performed by an inexperienced operator.

AM I MISTAKEN OR HAVE I BEEN HERE BEFORE? Briefly, although nothing to do with UFO's, but something to do with hypnosis, we must beware of some of the descriptive statements involving persons having been taken back to previous lives by induced hypnosis, since things are never what they at first seem. Even though the one hypnotised collects someone else's life-story, even though away from their established line of breeding confirmed by their "family tree". Certain hereditary traits occur physically from outside of a particular line of breeding, so one must therefore expect some from the mental category. There is not the slightest empirical evidence (reliability from experiment/experience rather than by theory), if every person in the world were today, I'm afraid countless thousands would claim the same previous life, and the number of claims would increase, the further back the hypnotised delved in time with each claimant. Assuming one couple (say Adam and Eve), to be the traceable source of the outcome of the present population, then on a reasonable basis, about 50% of the world's population would attribute their origin to Adam. The remainder would alternatively, and justifiably on the same terms assert themselves to have derived from Eve. On a one for one basis, a soul exchanged from the dead to the new-born, subsequently finds us to have been deficient of souls back to the time of Adam/Eve, which is not very good news for the "reincarnationists".

"CONTACTEES" - PSYCHOLOGICAL ASPECTS. Of prime importance, would be a medical report and that of a psychologist prior to, and after the "contactees" encounter with a UFO. Let's say, for example, our "contactee" was a member for Nuclear disarmament and perturbed by military policies and scientific experimentation, and knowing he could bring about no change himself, he could well state he'd been aboard a UFO. His deterrent could possibly be that more powerful and knowledgeable entities are watching us. Such entities, he might inform us, are capable of stopping us, his are answered and we've all heard this message before, and a psyanalyst might reveal by hypnosis that this "contactee" had these particular fears long before he insisted he'd been aboard a supposed UFO - such cases are suspect. We are receiving far fewer messages today, than of yore. We might reflect here, that the "contactees" in the Bible (e.g. Moses, complete with messages and Commandments; Ezekiel, etc), carried out far more duties than today's "contactees". Moses was told to "do this", "do that", "lead your people here, there and everywhere". For those who believe the Bible, the message came first, only to be followed by the action later, of a creator who took up the role of a destroyer. Bang! went the concept of free-will of mankind, particularly at the time of Noah's Ark type flood, when the axiom appeared to be: "If you can't correct it, kill it". (I thought the type of punishment was reserved for after one's death!) R.M. Ezekiel was such a "run-around" messenger and like some of today's "contactees" be even travelled in a UFO (?) - His UFO was a creature having four wheels. Today's "contactees" who said they went for a flip in a UFO are disbelieved, yet a 2,570-year-old account, without photographic evidence radar returns, etc. was, and still is, believed by many. This is reminiscent of scientists, who use various kinds of scientific equipment by way of evidence for determining factors, proving ultimate in acceptability, yet when using the self-same means for the evidence of UFO's. They throw everything out of the windows and exclaim: "It cannot be so". To those who think that "contactees" over all the past years are conveying messages for space beings, here for our benefit, I can only say that we have not been getting the messages, and any space beings would have a far more definite and convincing method than that sent via a "contactee". They could accomplish their mission without being as the creator in the Bible, who ended up with a second creation - "a job ill-done has to be done twice". Theologians inform us the creator could forsee the downfall of man, then by foreseeing, countless numbers need not have died, had only Adam been destroyed, and then start again with another handful of dust. My findings are that space-beings are here more on their own behalf than for our benefit. If our astronauts on another planet were to find beings on a far lower standard of evolution than us, if it suited our astronauts, they show signs of interest towards them; if it didn't suit them they'd forget them. Cut-off tribes on this planet having never met any other tribes (we know where they are), we've never bothered to tell them we exist. We couldn't care less about their problems, and when our giant metal birds, or gods (our airliners) pass over their jungles, we're not worried what they make of us. But when we

do contact them, we should "break them in" gently, it could have a shattering and most unsettling effect, the same with alien beings and us. Depending on how highly advanced our "visitors" were, in their open communication to us on a world basis, and just how much technical information they were willing to impart, would hinge the value of our confusion. The more advanced they were the more would be the likelihood of us having to forget we'd ever been born and start afresh tomorrow - that wouldn't be very easy for a start! Against the thinking of the conceited establishment, I'm afraid the more advanced our "visitors" the less likelihood of any communication at all, and my calculation of space distances to possible inhabited systems by means of propulsion which is well out of our reach, indicates every space-visitor to our planet to be far more advanced than we can imagine. Caution is due here, due to the possibility of advanced beings being nearer to us than we think, but if we were to try and find them (yet they'd already found us long ago, and kept it secret), our spacecraft approaching their system would most likely find a high energy force field around their system, and our scientists would classify it as an impenetrable system. The beings would be as elusive as when they came to us and likewise when we went to them, so it does not necessarily mean that ability to reach other inhabitants as indication of imminent communication. The only type of UFO-nauts who'll land and say "Take me to your leader", will be those at only a slightly more advanced stage of evolution than us - "birds of a feather flock together". Like us, this type would not have the ability to travel safely, quickly, efficiently, economically, etc. To any great distance we await each other. Observers of UFO's in flight, obviously cannot say whether there are occupants inside or not, since they may be automatically or intelligently controlled from a distance. Anyone capable of making UFO's would have to be advanced, and seating some kind of intelligent organism, or inorganic occupant inside, should be the least of their headaches. But our "contactees" are telling us that the craft they board bears occupants. We then look at the possibility, P, of extra terrestrial visits whether occupants inside or not. One could arrange a mathematical formula from: P (possibility), D (distance to be traversed), E (time species has evolved in which may vary from system to system), T (time to cover vast distances), and K. (Knowledge of science). It becomes clear that P becomes highly probable for an extremely high value of K and although there would be other terms or expressions for our formula, with respect to contributing factors for P, the high value of K would be predominant.

WHAT! NO MESSAGE? Where a "contactee" experience reveals information concerning an encounter with UFO-nauts, which is completely irrelevant to himself, or anyone else for that matter, and of a bizarre nature, the chances could well be high. A "contactee" who says that the UFO was similar in all respects to the US Apollo Moon Rocket (size, shape, propulsion unit, dial readings, etc) would hardly find any believers, yet when he talks of something far more technical, he finds he has less believers still. Rather than coming away and preaching his own beliefs as being substantiated by beings of a higher order, we find the "contactee" not to be "plugging" anything, but if anything to be avoiding much of what even himself finds difficult to believe and wishing it had never happened. Any investigator knows full well that signs of confusion in such a person indicates that at some appropriate time hence we must put more questions to this person. In so many cases the characteristics of such a person do not show them to be lonely, seeking publicity or having a message to put across. On the contrary, they are often seeking an answer to their ordeal to lighten their burden, and avoiding being the centre of attraction; publicity and so forth. They only stated their case originally to be of help to those in that particular field of investigation and then wish that various other investigators would leave them alone, so that they may attempt to forget the whole incident. I know one case personally, where a witness to a disc-shaped UFO, now experiences violent headaches - his doctor mockingly told him to see a psychiatrist. The man wishes no one to bother him, and is trying hard to forget the incident. Herein lies a danger, if one suppresses truth, it has a habit of smiting one harder each successive time around, and is possible for the victim to have mental and physical disturbances during sleep. Betty and Barney Hill was a case wherein both experienced something extraordinary which left the imprint in their memory-store (or memory cells) - anything observed is recorded, even though not remembered, but some kind of hypnosis by possible aliens prevent any conscious recall by the Hills. The event was so

important that a particular part of the brain was extra busy during sleep, information was doing its utmost to burst out. Seeing as it couldn't, it came out in another form as mentally/physically disturbed sleep for about 2 years after the traumatic experience of being tested by aliens. Hypnosis released the information and there was another form of back-up evidence, unknown to the general public at the time to which the USAF admitted some 9 years later, that there were various radar returns of a UFO in the area where the Hills were taken and tested by aliens. Prof. Dr.Hynek has access to USAF files, verified the fact openly, that the USAF withheld information.

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BOOK REVIEW

TITLE: PROJECT BLUE BOOK - A MAJOR DOCUMENT.

PUBLISHED BY: BALLATINE BOOKS.

EDITED BY: BRAD STEIGER.

When I came to do this book review I was amazed at the information contained in between the pages. Brad Steiger opens the book with a full and interesting chapter. In this chapter Steiger tells us about the feelings of the U.S. Airforce towards the UFO subject.

This review would take about 50 pages if I were not to shorten it, so I have done a brief summary of the chapters; they are as follows:-

Chapter one: This chapter deals with the first reported sighting by the American Pilot, Kenneth Arnold, who saw a Flight of nine gleaming objects near Mt.Rainier.

Chapter two: Here the full story of Captain Thomas Mantell is told. He was killed while chasing a UFO over Godman Field.

Chapter three: The story of the dog-fight of Gorman, a trained Pilot, who was involved in a loop-the-loop digfight with UFO's.

Chapter four: The famous mystery of the Lubbock Lights.

Chapter five: This is probably the best chapter, the full and convincing story of the Socorro Landing. Patrolman Zamora story is fully investigated and so is the mysterious insignia he claimed to have seen on the side of the UFO.

Chapter six: Here the case of the "buzzing" of the White House is fully explained from the official files of the US Airforce.

Chapters seven, eight, nine, ten, eleven, twelve and thirteen are centred around the full workings of Blue Book and how UFO research is being carried out today.

I found the book excellent value and I recommend it to any serious researcher. With 32 pages of official photos, this book is a must at £1.00

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