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A certain amount of publicity in the last few weeks has brought in a large response from members of the public. The majority of replies have been reported UFO sightings which have occurred recently and not so recently, one of which even dates back to 1954 and incidentally could tie in with a sighting of a YUFOS member for that year. All reported sightings are currently under investigation and will be researched and eventually fed into the existing files. A lesser number of replies received have been membership enquiries and quite a number of those people have actually joined YUFOS.

I feel now is a good time to mention the work of the Yorkshire UFO Societies investigators. All reported sightings have been passed on to them and the feedback has been almost overwhelming. It shows that along with other parts of the country, Yorkshire has a fair amount of people dedicated to spending many hours of their time on tracking down witnesses interviewing them and preparing reports, which are then passed on to the research team and may appear in the Journal. The work of investigators can not be emphasised too much, for without them the Society would be nothing.

Again, liaison has come to the fore. Some members of YUFOS feel that any liaison with other UFO groups would lead to 'poaching' of UFO cases by investigators from other organisations, but I feel that with common sense all these fears can be overcome. As I have said before, I would like to see all groups working together and not against each other.

Editor.

The Yorkshire UFO Society at a meeting of its members on August 21st 1983, finally broke its ties with Contact International, of whom the Society was its official branch in Yorkshire. Following much debate within the Society, in particular its own committee, Contact International members themselves opted to become an independent body, and to form its own constitution. The decision was not taken lightly by anyone, but past experiences with our heads at Contact left everyone with little choice. Hardly any feedback of information had come from Contact, despite repeated requests, persistent delays with the 'Awareness' magazine, no membership or investigator cards, plus many rebuffs left us all feeling unwanted.

Those members who have recently joined the Society, and not Contact, will feel somewhat bemused at these events, but as Chairman of the Society, and a member of Contact International for fifteen years, I can only say that our Society will have remained in a shell, had we not been brave enough to realise that Contact could no longer satisfy our members needs. In my letter to the International Committee of Contact, I have left the door open so to speak, should they wish to cement relations with us, but have stressed that we can no longer tolerate being told where we can investigate the UFO enigma and how. For instance, Mark Birdsall made enquires to Bristol airport over a reported sighting of a UFO which had featured in the press. The Society was officially informed that we must not research outside of Yorkshire, and that this would be very, very wrong! Contact would not, indeed have not, given us the names or addresses of fellow members even in our own county, so how could we possibly seek out such information other than by writing to the source?

Overtures have been made by Jenny Randles of Bufora lately, which suggest that there is a lot of outside interest in our Society, but I have insisted that liaison must be on our terms, and that we simply cannot allow cases to pass to Bufora without the agreement of the committee, so as to protect our witnesses, and to ensure that our own investigators do not spend days on a case, only to have their work passed onto a body of people to be used in a book, the financial rewards of which go directly to them. Of course liaison must occur, if we are to grasp the entire UFO picture, but by concentrating on researching masses of evidence gleaned from our own area, a similar type of picture will emerge. On September 2nd, a party of Society members went to Todmorden to give a lecture to the local UFO group there, which included amongst its ranks Alan Godfrey, the policeman who had a famous encounter which featured in the Sunday Mirror. This localised rapport with fellow ufologists can only improve matters, and I am extremely confident that more meetings like this will be in the offing.

The Constitution of the Yorkshire UFO Society will be shortly printed and distributed to the entire membership. I believe that the present committee of the Society, who have spent a great deal of time and effort in compiling the constitution, is well balanced enough to take us onto bigger and better things. Politics have played their part of late, something which besets every organisation at some time as most of you will know. Yet the Society has ridden out the storms, and if anything is much stronger, and wiser as a result. Recent reports that have come our way as a result of media exposure have been fascinating, and plans are now being made to use a computer to analyse most, if not all of our current cases. I know that the research members within the Society are working flat out at the moment, yet they are planning to visit certain areas in North Yorkshire where UFO's have been seen time and time again. Using the latest photographic equipment costing hundreds of pounds, this special team, working closely with Tony Dodd, will 'hug' certain areas until our 'friends' decide to pay us another visit. We hope to capture something on film, like the public have seen recently with the Cracoe UFO photograph. That photograph certainly captured the public's attention, as well as the media's, and exactly what happened next will be revealed on the next page.....

On August 22nd 1983, the Yorkshire Evening Post featured on its front page, the photograph taken by two off-duty police officers at Cracoe, that depicted a large, stationary UFO. We decided to use the photograph in this way for two reasons. We wanted maximum publicity to spark off interest with the public, and obtain reports that have passed us by. This was a factor that prompted us to go ahead, yet we were also confident that having had the photograph for some two years, it could not be dismissed out of hand.

We were satisfied that the photograph was the best evidence to date of a UFO, and stand by that. Unfortunately, the Evening Post blew up the colour shot to such a size that definition was lost, and by printing it in black and white the result was that the UFO lost much of its impact. However, the same evening, I dealt with numerous press enquires. Radio Four were set to do an interview for the 'Today' programme, but insisted that I tell them the names and whereabouts of the police officers who took the photos. When I refused, they promptly called off the interview. Local radio were keen to get in on the act, and evening trips to the stations were all part and parcel of the hectic timetable. National press, and television made repeated requests for information, and by the following day, no less than 22 newspapers, radio and television enquires had been made.

On Tuesday morning, the BBC's BREAKFAST TIME quoted me as saying that the photograph was evidence that a spacecraft had come from outer space. Five minutes later I was onto them. I received an apology for the misquote, and the item was scrubbed in time for the next news spot. Meanwhile, the Daily Mirror published our photograph, and wildly misquoted statements purported to have come from myself appeared. The next 48 hours saw an I.T.N. news team travel from Manchester to Leeds, plus the Sunday Mirror taking more than an interest in our work. I.T.N. did an interview with myself and Mark, but the next day, their chiefs in London rang me for some quotes about 'aliens' and 'spacecraft.' When I refused to give them, they scrapped the whole thing, the interview would have been seen on News at Ten that night.

Journalists from the Sunday Mirror now busied themselves gleaning as much information from us as possible, but wanted too much emphasis on the police having seen the UFO's, and at the same time spoke about a 'Yorkshire Triangle' - I ask you. However, these journalists also travelled to speak with Tony Dodd, much to my annoyance, and when it became obvious that the police aspect would have to go, the whole story was dropped. The Mail on Sunday also dropped the story when they were told that no reference could be made about the fact that a second set of photographs had been taken by a police officer, even though they had the photographs, and could use his name. By maintaining our unbiased stance, and by protecting our witnesses and certain investigators, the Society could not be ridiculed in any way, shape or form. Make no mistake, had I, as Chairman and Press Officer, succumbed to the media, the Society would be several hundred pounds richer, yet at great cost to its credibility.

If ever proof was needed about our serious approach to ufology this is it.

Shortly, a series of articles will appear in the Evening Post which will look at some of our cases in detail. It will also assist the public in deciding for itself whether or not UFO's are something more than mere lights in the sky. Having just returned from a welcome weeks holiday, I look to the future with a great sense of urgency. The wave of UFO reports that continue to come in must be met with determination by all of us seeking an answer to this incredible enigma. As Chairman, I am thankful that within our midst, we have many talented people who are eager to take up the challenge which the UFO phenomenon presents. To all those who have recently joined the Society, may I extend a warm welcome to you all, and I trust that the next few months will satisfy your palet, and that this edition of our Journal is warmly received.

GRAHAM W. BIRDSALL

After many letters and a great deal of pressure the M.O.D. has finally released basic information on the sighting which occurred over the Bristol area on the 13th of August 1983. I am not sure if this is the first time the M.O.D. has released data to a civilian group, but I feel it could be!

The saga started when I wrote a letter to Bristol airport regarding possible radar confirmation. They wrote back stating we could have the information for £50.00! The Research team all felt this was a little unusual to say the least.

I then forwarded a letter to the M.O.D. asking them if they would release the information, also pointing out that Bristol airport wanted £50.00 for the data. I asked, was this normal practice? I did mention that all information would be used for research purposes only.

In the mean time a letter was sent back to Bristol airport informing them that our organisation has agreed to pay for the data. Bristol wrote back saying that they had now forwarded the details to the M.O.D. and did not keep a copy! But they did say any future reports would be sent for the agreed sum of money.

Meanwhile a letter was received from the M.O.D. and below is the wording:

M I BIRDSALL ESQ,
YUFOS RESEARCH DIVISION,
67, LOVELL PARK TOWERS,
LEEDS, LS7 1DR

Dear Mr Birdsall,

Thankyou for your letter of 18 July,

Reports of UFO sightings are not classified as such but they do contain information, such as the names and addresses of informants, which must be treated in confidence. Whilst I would be prepared to send you a copy of the report you request, less the name of the informant, I am unable to trace the relevant report without further details of the date of the sightings.

As regards the question of apparent radar confirmation by Bristol Airport, this information would not be contained in any report held by us. It would be necessary for you to contact Bristol Airport again for this information. Since Bristol Airport is a civil rather than a military airfield we have no control over any charges the authorities there may wish to raise for information supplied by them and I would suggest you pursue this with the airport authorities themselves. END

There appeared a golden opportunity of finally gaining access on one case to which so much publicity had been given. In the mean-time we received quite a shock. A letter had arrived from Bristol Airport giving details of a recent sighting. As yet no bill has arrived for the report, but there is still time!

The report is very basic and the format is per manual of Air Traffic Services 6 - 18. The data which is shown on the next page is set-out identical to the letter which carried the report. I am sure any interested persons can add the correct questions to the answers laid out in the report.

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Letter received from Bristol Airport: Air Traffic Control:

UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT REPORT

A. 18/08/83 1130 - 2 minutes
B. ROUND SILVER VERY BRIGHT
C. OUTSIDE LAUNDERETTE MINA ROAD ST WERBURGHES BRISTOL
D. NAKED EYE
E. S.E.
F. 60'
G. 1 MILE
H. S.E. TO N.W. TOWARDS CLIFTON
J. DRY AND SUNNY GOOD VISIBILITY
K. NONE
L. BRISTOL WEATHER CENTRE BRISTOL POLICE
M. WITNESSES ADDRESS ENCLOSED IN LETTER*
N. NONE
O. SEATED MALE WHO GRUNTED ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND LOOKED AWAY
P. 18/08/83 12.45

*Bristol Airport did enclose the witnesses name and address, a YUFOS report form has been forwarded to the gentleman.

It was not the report which we had set out to get but we have managed to get full co-operation with Bristol Airport. Let us hope that in the near future we can obtain similar co-operation with other authorities around the country, although Leeds and Bradford Airport have already agreed to pass on any future reports.

Meanwhile the letter had already been sent to the M.O.D. giving further data regarding the sighting which appeared in many newspapers. 2 weeks later we received the following letter from London:

M I BIRDSALL
YUFOS RESEARCH DIVISION
67 LOVELL PARK TOWERS
LEFDS LS7 1DR

Dear Mr Birdsall,

Thankyou for your letter dated / /83

I attach a copy of a reported UFO sighting in the Bristol area on 1983. I do not know whether this is the report you are seeking but it is the only report I have emanating from the Bristol

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area during the period in question.

I also attach a copy of a statement of M.O.D policy on UFOs which may be of assistance to you.

As regards the Department's policy on access to UFO reports, such reports are subject to the Public Records Acts which lay down that official files are to remain closed until 30 years have elapsed. We are, however, studying the possibility of publishing reports but we would, of course, need to carry out editorial work to delete the names and addresses of reporters to preserve their anonymity.

I hope this explanation will be of assistance to you.

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The following report is again laid out in identical fashion to the report we received.

ANNEX A

REPORT OF AN UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

- A. Date, time and duration of sighting.
13 May, 2310 hrs, 10 seconds.
- B. Description of object
Three bright white spot lights in a straight line.
- C. Exact position observer
Bristol, Avon. Outside. Moving.
- D. How observed. (Naked eye, binoculars, other optical device, still or movie camera).
Naked eye.
- E. Direction in which object was first seen
N/K
- F. Angle of sight
45 degrees.
- G. Distance
N/K
- H. Movements
Straight then dived down.
- I. Meteorological conditions
Clear

Our organisation was certainly pleased to receive the information, but one can see this was not the report which was featured in most of the popular press (16/8/83).

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It is almost certain that the Bristol Police officers forwarded the report to the M.O.D. And I feel sure the object was tracked by Bristol Airport, it does appear there is more to this case than meets the eye. Coincidence that whilst Bristol Airport originally said they had the information, the M.O.D. state by sending this report they have not received the August 15th (approx) from Bristol Airport. But Bristol Airport stated that they have forwarded the data to the M.O.D.

And whilst all of this was going on Bristol Airport send us a report, all I can say is that the sooner all of this information is made public the better! However the M.O.D. did send an official policy statement on UFOs. Below is the transcript laid out in identical fashion as on the letter we received.

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ANNEX B

1. THE SOLE INTEREST OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE IN UFO REPORTS IS TO ESTABLISH WHETHER THEY REVEAL ANYTHING OF DEFENCE INTEREST (EG INTRUDING AIRCRAFT). REPORTS ARE PASSED TO OPERATIONS STAFF WHO EXAMINE THEM AS PART OF THEIR NORMAL DUTIES. THERE IS NO UNIT WITHIN THE MINISTRY APPOINTED SOLELY FOR THE STUDY OF UFOS, AND NO STAFF ARE EMPLOYED UPON THE SUBJECT ON A FULL TIME BASIS.
2. THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DOES NOT DENY THAT THERE ARE STRANGE THINGS TO SEE IN THE SKY. IT BELIEVES, HOWEVER, THAT THERE ARE ADEQUATE MATERIAL EXPLANATIONS FOR THESE - SATELLITE DEBRIS RE-ENTERING THE EARTH'S ATMOSPHERE, BALL LIGHTNING, UNUSUAL CLOUD FORMATIONS; METEOROLOGICAL BALLOONS, AIRCRAFT LIGHTS, AIRCRAFT AT UNUSUAL ANGLES ETC. IT CERTAINLY HAS NO EVIDENCE THAT ALIEN SPACECRAFT HAVE LANDED ON THIS PLANET. WE ARE AWARE OF INDEPENDENT SCIENTIFIC STUDIES INTO UFOS, NOTABLY THE REPORT PRODUCED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO IN 1969. THIS CONCLUDED THAT 90% OF ALL UFO REPORTS PROVED TO BE PLAUSIBLY RELATED TO ORDINARY PHENOMENA.
3. THE EARLIEST UFO REPORTS RETAINED BY THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE DATE BACK TO 1962. PRIOR TO 1967, SUCH REPORTS LIKE OTHER ROUTINE PAPERS, WERE DESTROYED AFTER 5 YEARS. THE DECISION TO RETAIN THESE REPORTS INSTEAD OF DESTROYING THEM WAS TAKEN IN RESPONSE TO INCREASING PUBLIC INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT. END

Nothing out of the ordinary there, the study by the University of Colorado relates to the closing of project Blue Book, the United States Air Force official study on UFO phenomena. Any serious researcher of UFO phenomena will know that the Condon report did more to lighten public interest in the subject than to close the lid on the subject, however that was many years ago, Blue Book is gone and the UFO does not exist any more.....it is strange to see the phenomena still going strong!

The files held by the M.O.D. relating to UFO reports according to M.O.D. policy should not be released until 1992, however it is quite clear that we shall see many reports available to the public in the near future.

Any member wishing to obtain photocopies of the official documents which the Research Division holds should watch for details in the first 'Research Newsletter' which will be appearing alongside the YUFOS newsletter. Research News is designed to keep all members informed of the latest research which the organisation is involved in.

MARK IAN BIRDSALL: RESEARCH OFFICER

Below is an example of the flights that come and go at YEADON AIRPORT. The flights listed are for one Friday in August, and give some idea of the number of aircraft in the skies around Leeds at any particular time.

OPERATOR/S	Flight No	Place	Time	Arrive/Dep
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Air UK.	UK 58I	To Belfast	07.15	Dep
Genair	EN 154	From Teeside	07.20	Arrived
Air UK	UK 824	Amsterdam	07.25	Dep
British Midland	BD 4II	Heathrow	07.25	Dep
Genair	EN 154	Gatwick	07.30	Dep
Air UK	UK 202	Norwich	07.50	Arrive
Air UK	UK 202	Edin/Aberdeen	08.00	Dep
Air UK	UK 20I	Edin/Aberdeen	08.45	Arrive
Air UK	UK 20I	Norwich	08.55	Dep
Genair	EN 182	Norwich	09.25	Arrive
Air UK	UK 582	Belfast	09.45	Arrive
Dan Air	DA 06I	Glasgow	10.00	Arrive
British Midland	BD 4I2	Heathrow	10.05	Arrive
Air UK	UK 208	Edin/Aberdeen	10.10	Dep
Dan Air	DA 06I	Cardiff/Bristol	10.15	Dep
British Midland	BD 4I3	Heathrow	10.35	Dep
Air UK	UK 825	Amsterdam	10.45	Arrive
Genair	EN 13I	Gatwick	10.45	Arrive
Genair	EN 13I	Teeside	10.55	Dep
Air UK	UK 733	Dublin	11.15	Dep
British Air Ferries	VP 7940	Lourdes	12.00	Dep
Air Lingus	EI 334	Dublin	12.35	Arrive
Air Lingus	EL 335	Dublin	12.55	Dep
British Midland	BD 4I4	Heathrow	13.15	Arrive
Britannia Airways	BY 202B	Ibiza	14.10	Arrive
Britannia Airways	BY 202A	Ibiza	15.00	Dep
British Midland	BD 4I5	Heathrow	15.15	Dep
Air UK	UK 736	Dublin	16.30	Arrive
Air UK	UK 828	Amsterdam	17.00	Dep
Genair	EN 183	Aberdeen	17.00	Arrive
Genair	EN 134	Teeside	17.10	Arrive
Genair	EN 134	Gatwick	17.20	Dep
Dan Air	DA 064	Cardiff/Bristol	17.30	Arrive
Dan Air	DA 064	Glasgow	17.45	Dep
British Midland	BD 4I8	Heathrow	17.55	Arrive
Air UK	UK 203	Edin/Aberdeen	18.05	Arrive
British Midland	BD 4I9	Heathrow	18.25	Dep
Air UK	UK 587	Belfast	18.30	Dep
Air UK	UK 210	Norwich	18.35	Arrive
Air UK	UK 210	Edin/Aberdeen	18.45	Dep
Air UK	UK 209	Edin/Aberdeen	20.10	Arrive
Dan Air	DA 065	Glasgow	20.15	Arrive
Air UK	UK 829	Amsterdam	20.20	Arrive
Air UK	UK 209	Norwich	20.20	Dep
Genair	EN 132	Gatwick	20.50	Arrive
Air UK	UK 588	Belfast	20.55	Arrive
Genair	EN 132	Liverpool	21.00	Dep
British Midland	BD 420	Heathrow	21.05	Arrive

These are the larger aircraft that can be seen. In addition to these are many smaller private and company planes flying in and out of Yeadon.

Many helicopters also use Yeadon.

As can be seen from the above, there are a large amount of aircraft over the skies of Leeds. Not forgetting all those aircraft which pass through the airspace of Leeds but not using Yeadon.

Thanks Go to Graham Townsend for supplying the information.

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UFO UPDATE

DATE: 20th Aug, 83
TIME: DAWN
LOCATION: LEIGH, LANCASHIRE
INVESTIGATOR: M.I.BIRDSALL

Mrs E requires total confidentiality regarding publication of this report. The witness woke up suddenly to find a bright light shining on her bedroom window frame. She thought that she had left the garden light on by mistake.

Mrs E looked out of her bedroom window and observed a very bright light in the distance, the light was on the ground and was flashing. As she looked very closely at the light another light started flashing a short distance away from the first light. Mrs E then went downstairs to locate her binoculars.

The witness observed the light which she described the light as a "space ship." The object then turned to it's side, at the front was a dome, the second light which she had seen was at the back of the object. On the front of the dome she noticed 'slits' of white light. The light at the back suddenly started to emit flashes of light's into the sky.

Mrs E said, "the thing that really frightened me was the centre structure, it looked something like an electric power pylon. It was long and grey and very dark, the length was such that although it was far way in the distance it looked $\frac{3}{4}$ the length of a nearby mill."

The dome at the front then started to glow red, the flashes at the back started to increase. The object's speed suddenly increased and then the object shot away at a very high speed. She noted that the structure moved away Southeast at normal aircraft height. Mrs E looked at her clock which read 5.20am.

SEE FIGURE 1/ UFO DIAGRAMS

DATE: AUG, 81
TIME: 2.25am
LOCATION: CONONLEY, WEST YORKS
INVESTIGATOR: M.I.BIRDSALL

Mrs Boy forwarded this particular report in answer to a request by our organisation in the Craven Herald (Skipton) for members of the public to come forward if they had observed anything unusual in the area.

Mrs Boy was washing the dishes and noticed the moon which was approximately in it's first quarter. It is important to keep this particular point in mind.

Mrs Boy suddenly woke at approximately 2.25am. She was astounded to see 'two' moons in the Southern sky. Mrs Boy immediately woke her husband who was equally amazed at the sight, both were perfect circles. The witnesses discription of the objects is quite basic; circular and red. The objects were observed over Farmhill Pinnacle on the Keighley Road, inbetween Skipton and Cononley.

SEE FIGURE 2/ UFO DIAGRAMS

DATE: 3rd, AUG, 83
TIME: 3.00am
LOCATION: CARLETON MOOR
INVESTIGATOR: M.I.BIRDSALL

Mrs Bowes who lives in Skipton was looking out of her bedroom window when she noticed a very bright light travelling from the direction of Gargrave. The object was moving towards High Bradley at a moderate speed. It was below the sky-line of Carleton Moor. The brilliance of the object was "most outstanding"

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so was the straight course it took. It appeared like a globe, no edges no markings whatsoever. The witnesses then rushed to the front window and watched the object continue on its journey. At no time did the brilliance of the object alter. Both witnesses state that they have never seen anything like it before.

**SEE FIGURE 3/ UFO DIAGRAMS

DATE: 14th, AUG, 83

TIME: 11.30pm

LOCATION: EAST OF WAKEFIELD

INVESTIGATOR: M.I.BIRDSALL

This report was forwarded by a gentleman who does not wish to be named for fear of ridicule. No address was included but the gentleman lives in Wakefield.

Mr X and his parents observed a spherical yellow object moving slowly across Wakefield. They described the object as a small sun. They say that the approximate distance was in the region of 4-6 miles. At this particular time the object appeared as one circular light, no details could be seen.

They continued to view the object which was travelling very low (400-600ft) and the approximate direction of South to North, probably over the A1 Trunk Rd.

Mr X also enclosed a newspaper cutting from the Wakefield paper. This sighting occurred on the 15th August, 1983. We have been informed that many people in the area observed the following sighting.

C.B. enthusiasts rang Radio Aire to forward details on the object which had just passed over the Wakefield area. They described it as a large yellow ball with a number of smaller lights following the main source of light. No sound was heard and all witnesses state that it was unlike any aircraft or explainable phenomenon.

The witness also forwarded a newspaper clipping which appeared a couple of days later, the article reads:

"Did U.C. UFO?

I wonder if any other of your readers witnesses the most strange sightings in the sky over the City of Wakefield on the 14th, 15th and 16th of August? The time was about 11.00pm and this took place on the nights mentioned. Many people saw the large "star" type of light hovering over the Flanshaw and Dewsbury Road area.

On Sunday at 11.16pm the star coloured light object with a number of other lights following it hovered over Dewsbury Road and seemed to drop in due course into the woods at the back of Eden Avenue.

On the 15th, 16th the lights were seen again but on these dates zig-zagging from side to side albeit very slowly - too slow for a shooting star. It is most curious, maybe someone can say what these lights were.

**SEE FIGURE 4/ UFO DIAGRAMS

The above sighting has many similarities to many of the objects viewed in North Yorkshire. However one must note on this particular sighting the many independent observers, this can only add substantial credence to similar cases further North.

The next report also has many similarities to the above, however on this occasion the object was viewed over the Gipton area of Leeds in broad-daylight.

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UFO UPDATE CONT....

DATE: NOV. 30
TIME: 4.20pm
LOCATION: GIPTON, LEEDS
INVESTIGATORS: WILLIAM TREE/M.I.BIRDSALL

It was approximately 4.20pm when Mr Moreton decided to look out of his front room window to see if his wife was walking up the street from work. He could not see his wife but continued to look outside at the view. He noticed a very large grey cloud crossing directly over the estate. However in the distance the clouds appeared quite high and broken.

Mr Moreton was astonished to see a blinding white ball of light slowly descending from the large grey cloud. The witness described the object as very large and very low. "It was as if someone had pushed the light through the clouds" he said. The object 'hung' motionless in the sky for approximately 15 seconds, and then appeared to 'tilt' towards the witness. Mr Moreton moved to the left of the front window to see if he could gain a better view. When he was in position he could see a series of small white lights at the left hand side of the many glow. As he gazed in amazement the object moved back into the cloud. He then watched for several seconds as the object moved quickly away through the broken cloud in an Easterly direction, no sound was audible.

Mr Moreton then approached Gipton Police regarding the sighting, they told him to contact R.A.F. Linton on Ouse, nr York. He wrote to the base and below is the reply he received.

Thank you for your letter regarding your unusual experience on the 10th Nov 80. The subject of UFOs has been greatly researched over the last 20 years. Some sightings have been proved to be the result of natural phenomena while others have never been satisfactorily explained.

One or two of the more common occurrences which can cause unusual optical effects are worth considering. For example a meteorological balloon often reflects sunlight from the equipment suspended beneath it whilst the balloon itself is often caught by the sun at odd angles and causes UFO reports. A Lenticular cloud formation can reflect the sun quite brightly and the cigar shape of the cloud, when viewed end on, could account for what you saw. A further possibility is the sighting of Venus, a bright star which may have been visible in the low light conditions present at 4.20pm.

You will appreciate that not all unusual sightings can be satisfactorily explained and the solutions I have offered you may well not satisfy you. Your sighting will remain firmly locked in your memory and the precise cause is likely to remain unknown. I am not sure whether Leeds University Science Dept, studies this sort of phenomena, but you may feel it is worth writing to them concerning your experiences. At Linton - on - Ouse I have no department specifically tasked to study UFOs.

Additional data: Mr Moreton has served in the R.A.F. and feels that the object he observed was not an aircraft or any form of natural phenomena.

SEE FIGURE 5/ UFO DIAGRAMS

DATE: 1981
TIME: 2.00am
LOCATION: BRADFORD TO BATLEY:-VIA A650
INVESTIGATOR: PHILIP MANTLE

Details of this particular sighting are limited due to the fact that the witness does not wish to become involved in what could have been a very important case. However the Investigator, Philip Mantle is still trying to collect more data

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UFO UPDATE CONT....

regarding the case. Two witnesses were followed by two bright white lights whilst travelling from Bradford to Batley via the A650. At first they thought the lights were areoplanes. The lights then came directly towards the car. They proceeded down the A650 and the lights still followed, both lights were on the drivers side. The car then turned off at Scotchman Lane, again the lights turned and followed the car. Approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ a mile further down the lane the car suddenly lost power and came to a halt.

The witness then checked the car's electrical system he found that the battery was completely 'drained'. The witness is a car mechanic.

Let us hope that the witness agree's to give further details of the incident which does appear to hold a high degree of strangeness. Another incident which has recently been reported does not involve UFO phenomena but is strange all the same.

Mr Hugh's from Menston, Leeds, was driving accross Baildon Moor, Bradford, when suddenly both his front headlamps went off instantaneously. No other lights or electrical parts were effected. Mr Hugh's took the car which he had just purchased to an Otley garage, the manager and mechanics could not explain why both bulb's had ceased to operate. The head mechanic said the odd's at both bulb's 'blowing simultaneously were virtually impossible. Mr Hugh then asked a young man who was standing nearby to change the bulb's, he said he would do it right away. The young man quickly changed the lights and left. Another mechanic approached Mr Hugh's and said, "that man does not work here." The stranger was wearing an identical uniform to the garage personell!

DATE: AUG, 1981

TIME: 9.30pm

LOCATION: CARLETON MOOR, NORTH YORKSHIRE

INVESTIGATOR: TONY DODD

Two witnesses who live at Barnoldswick, North Yorks, were out walking their dog on the North Western side of Carleton Moor. The night was dark with a very clear sky. One of the witnesses suddenly noticed a white light in the distance on the hillside. It appeared to be two lights on the ground going on and off alternatly at approx one second intervals. They then noticed two more lights which were identical in every way. The lights were spread out in a triangular pattern, each light being approx $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away from each other.

As they continued to watch five balls of red light suddenly appeared in the triangle. The witnesses were now standing on the edge of the triangle. The balls of light moved closer towards the witnesses doing aerobatics all the time. The cows and sheep were now kicking up a terrible fuss, their dog was barking and then backed away.

Suddenly as they watched white beams of light started coming from the sky at all angles hitting the ground at the far end of the triangle. The beams remained visible for some time. They were described as narrow at the top and wide at the bottom. They appeared to make a slight 'zipping' noise.

The flashes moved within a 100 yards of the frightened witnesses. They ran to a nearby Church and continued to watch the spectacle. They suddenly became aware of a large cloud moving into the centre of the triangle. The underside of the cloud was glowing red. The red balls of light close to the ground then took up position under the cloud. The flashes stopped and the red balls moved into the cloud, the pulsating white lights on the ground had gone and the cloud moved away at a fast speed.

All the animals then settled down back to normal. Tony Dodd states that the witnesses credibility is good. *See Selected UFO Reports.

**SEE FIGURE 6/ UFO DIAGRAMS

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UFO UPDATE CONT.....

DATE: 12th, AUG, 83
TIME: 8.30pm
LOCATION: HUDDERSFIELD
INVESTIGATOR: GRAHAM TOWNSEND

Mr Humphries who has recently joined YUFOS reported seeing an unusual bell shaped object over the Birkby area of Huddersfield. The time was approximately 8.30pm. Mr Humphries was standing at the bus-stop ready to catch the bus to work.

He looked up into the sky and noticed a large bell shaped object approximately 300ft above the houses. The object was brilliant white and started flashing at regular intervals. The witness said there was no sound and the object appeared silver. The object then passed overhead and moved away towards the Southeast of the town.

Mr Humphries reported the incident to the Huddersfield Police, and the local paper. The report was printed in the Huddersfield Examiner, as yet no other witness has reported observing the same object, however there was another gentleman at the bus stop who noticed the light.

SEE FIGURE 7/ UFO DIAGRAMS

DATE: 13th, AUG, 83
TIME: 11.00am (approx)
LOCATION: LONG LEE, KEIGHLEY
INVESTIGATOR: GRAHAM TOWNSEND

All the following observations were made from the Long Lee area of Keighley. At approximately 11.00am Mr Wright was in his back garden which faces North over-looking the Aire Valley. He noticed an aircraft emitting two streams of vapour. The aircraft was travelling due West to due East. He then observed a silver circular object which was directly in front of the aircraft, the object appeared silver. The speed of the UFO was constant with that of the aircraft, both travelled in the same direction.

The investigator Graham Townsend points out that the object was not necessarily at the same height as the aeroplane. Mr Wright said that the object did not leave any vapour trail.

The aircraft was approximately at the height of 20,000ft (witness). There was a small amount of cloud but the sky was very blue. The duration of the sighting was two mins.

One hour later (12.00pm) Mr Wright again noticed a silver circular object. The object seemed very high and was travelling from Northwest to Southeast.

The third sighting occurred at 1.30pm. On this occasion the witness observed a round black and silver object which flashed every $\frac{1}{2}$ second. The object appeared lower than the previous two sightings. Mr Wright reached this conclusion by stating the object was travelling under cloud level. Mr Wright's family were also present at the time of the sighting, the object moved away East. Duration 2 minutes.

The fourth and final sighting of an eventful afternoon in Keighley occurred at 4.00pm. A small silver object crossed over Long Lee from the West. Duration 2 minutes.

Mr Wright has recently joined YUFOS. -ED

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DATE: AUG, 83
TIME: 1.30am (APPROX)
LOCATION: THRESHFIELD
INVESTIGATORS: WILLIAM TREE/M I BIRDSALL

This particular case is still under investigation, however the sighting made by a lady in Leeds is very important due to the fact that her discription is identical to many sightings we have received from North Yorks investigator Tony Dodd.

The witness requiries total confidentiality and shall be refered to as Mrs P. Mrs P rang Mark Birdsall regarding the recent article which appeared in the Evening Post, (Cracoe UFO). She pointed out that she too had witnessed an unusual 'craft' at Threshfield, North Yorks.

The witness who lives in Pudsey, Leeds was spending a number of days with her husband at a Caravan sight near Grassington. She was looking at the very clear night sky from her window. Approximately 1/4 mile from the sight is Threshfield Quarry. She was astonished to see a very large yellow disc with a clear dome rising from the Quarry. The object was silent as it crossed very low over her head. The witness cannot give the approximate size but stated it was very big.

William Tree and Mark Birdsall visited the sight where the object had crossed over the location. They spoke to several people at the Quarry but none of the personell had seen anything unusual. However a young man mentioned that several people had observed what we can only call 'unusual light phenomena over Hebden. He gave us the name of his brother who works at the location and we duly paid a visit to the site. Many workers had stopped working to look at 'coloured lights' which were stationary overhead. Further details should be included in the next 'Update'.

Returning to the Threshfield sighting, the witness said she had observed the same object in June, 1982.

It would appear that this area still remains the scene of an unusually high number of sightings. ED

****SEE FIGURE 8/ UFO DIAGRAMS****

DATE: AUG, 83
TIME: 9.10am
LOCATION: LUDDENDEN, HALIFAX
INVESTIGATOR: TREVOR PEEL

After recent remarkable events near Halifax, we received yet another daylight sighting. It does seem strange that all of a sudden daylight phenomena has increased to such an extent that we are almost receiving as many reports in daylight than we are night sightings.

However, Trevor Peel is currently investigating this case and at present detailed data is unavailable. What we do know is that the witness observed a small silver disc moving very slowly beneath the hill-side surrounding Luddenden. The object was approximatly 15 to 25ft in length. Duration 30 - 45secs, North to South.

One must also remember that this particular area in at present being analysed for many reports of 'noise phenomena' and of course the C.E.II case which is currently under investigation by three investigators. *See selected UFO reports.

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UFO UPDATE CONT....

Date: Around summer 1982
Time: 11.50pm
Location: Hellifield
Investigator: A. Rogers

There are two points concerning this case. Firstly it is still under investigation so the correct names and exact location will not be given, secondly this sighting occurred in an area of high UFO activity.

The account of the sighting in the couples own words....

Mr. Smith' - "At about 11.50pm I took the dog into the back garden for a last walk before going to bed. Whilst in the garden I noticed some bright lights at slightly above treetop level just near the edge of the village. They attracted my attention mainly because it is fairly flat around here and you can not see any house or street lamps that may come from higher ground. There was no sound at all and the night was very still with fairly high broken cloud and the moon was not visible."

"My angle of viewing was about 20 to 25 deg. and the light appeared to be just behind a big tree about 200yds away. I compared it in size to a 50p piece held at arms length. I called my wife to come out and look and we both watched it hovering motionless for about 10 to 15 minutes whilst the dog showed no sign of disturbance. After about 15 minutes the light started to move towards us but making slightly to our right. As the lights approached we could start to make out an outline below a line of very bright lights which appeared to be an observation done with what looked like 3 levels or gantries. The dome appeared to be made of a perspex or plastic material and it gave off an orange glow. I could not make out any shape above the row of lights because of their brightness."

"As the object got nearer, it was bigger than the Goodyear Airship and there was just the very faintest humming sound, it maintained its original height all the time as it moved steadily over the village. Finally it went out of sight as it passed over the end of the club."

"We then went inside and I rang Settle police to ask if anyone else had reported it and the police seemed to adopt an offhand manner and said maybe I had drunk too much. We both went upstairs to get ready for bed and looking out of the window, I saw the object hovering in the vicinity of the auction mart when it then made off in the direction of Skipton following the railway lines. I then saw a police car cruise through the village which they rarely do at this time but it could have been coincidence. Shortly after the police car had gone, the object reappeared from the Skipton direction still over the railway lines and it hovered over the auction mart for a few minutes before repeating its trip towards Skipton and back, returning as before and hovering over the auction mart. The object then sped off in the direction of Malham, the effect was like a high speed car passing on the motorway and just seeing the lights in the distance."

Mr. Smith asked friends and other villagers if they had seen anything but no one else had.

SEE FIGURE 10/ UFO DIAGRAMS

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UFO UPDATE CONT....

DATE: 26th, OCT, 81
 TIME: 7.00am
 LOCATION: KEIGHLEY
 INVESTIGATOR: M I BIRDSALL

This case came to light as direct result of an article which appeared recently in the Craven Herald newspaper, Skipton regarding the Cracoe UFO. Mrs Garnham was looking out of her bedroom window when she noticed a very bright 'star'. She states it then turned sideways and she observed an orange cigar shape. "It seemed to come from no-where, and then it pointed it's 'nose' upwards," she said. She then noted another cigar shape move from behind the first object. This moved into a cloud.

The first object turned around and came directly towards me at a very low height. The orange colour vanished and the whole object then 'lit' up. As the object moved very close to the witness she noticed a vapour trail, but she said it appeared to be like smoke and unlike any aircraft trail. "The object didn't have wings or a tail but it did have big 'windows'. It had a very bright light on the 'nose' which the witness thought could have been the star. The object was travelling very, very slowly.

This does sound a very interesting case, note on the UFO diagrams the similarities between this discription and three witnesses who observed an identical object back in 78 near the American base at Menwith Hill.

****SEE FIGURE 9/ UFO DIAGRAMS****

The responce to our appeal for the members of public to come forward with their sightings has been magnificent, and reports are still coming in from all around the country. We have been unable to print all the sightings in the Journal and even those which are included are fairly brief, due to this fact we list below 85% of sightings which we have received in the last 2 weeks (Journal printed 10/9/83). One must also note that at least 4 cases are under investigation in North Yorks, (Tony Dodd) and several by our investigators in the North, we do apologise that these are missing from the list.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>TYPE/DISCRPTION</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
1/SEP/83	U/K	YELLOW LIGHT	HALIFAX, WEST YORKS *
20/AUG/83	DA I	UNUSUAL STRUCTURE/GROUND LEVEL	LEIGH, LANCASHIRE *
14/AUG/83	11.30pm	CIRCULAR YELLOW/STREAM OF LIGHTS	WAKEFIELD, WEST YORKS
13/AUG/83	1.00am	BELL SHAPED OVAL/SILVER WHITE	KEIGHLEY, WEST YORKS
13/AUG/83	11.00pm	DAYLIGHT DISC/SILVER: 4 SIGHTINGS	KEIGHLEY, WEST YORKS
12/AUG/83	8.30pm	BELL SHAPED OVAL/SILVER GREY	HUDDERSFIELD, WEST YORKS
AUG/83	9.10am	SMALL SILVER DAYLIGHT DISC	LUDDENDEN, WEST YORKS*
AUG/83	1.50am	LARGE YELLOW DISC/SILVER DOME	THRESHFIELD, NORTH YORKS*
8/AUG/83	U/K	L.I.T.S	KIRKSTALL, LEEDS*
3/AUG/83	U/K	GREY CIRCULAR 'CLOUD'	KETTLEWELL, NORTH YORKS*
3/AUG/83	3.00am	↑ CIRCULAR RED/VERY LARGE = MOON	GARGRAVE, NORTH YORKS
JULY/83	11.00pm	L.I.T.S	MOORTOWN, LEEDS
JUNE/83	U/K	CIRCULAR WHITE	LEEDS
1/MAY/83	1.30am	C.E.II	HALIFAX, WEST YORKS*
JUNE/82	1.30am	LARGE YELLOW DISC/SILVER DOME	THRESHFIELD, NORTH YORKS*
26/OCT/81	7.00am	ORANGE CIGAR (TWO)	KEIGHLEY, WEST YORKS*
U/K/81	U/K	SILVER DISC/GROUND LEVEL	ADDINGHAM, NORTH YORKS*
AUG/81	9.30pm	ARRAY OF COLOURED LIGHTS/GROUND LEVEL	CARLETON MOGR, N.YORKS
SUMMER/81	2.00am	TWO WHITE LIGHTS/CAR INTERFERENCE	A650 BRADFORD - BATLEY*
AUG/81	2.25am	TWO CIRCULAR RED/VERY LARGE =MOON	CONONLEY, NORTH YORKS
10/NOV/81	4.20pm	CIRCULAR WHITE/STREAM OF LIGHTS	GIPTON, LEEDS
SUMMER/78	9.00pm	C.E.II	BEESTON, LEEDS

*UNDER INVESTIGATION

DATA COMPILED BY M I BIRDSALL

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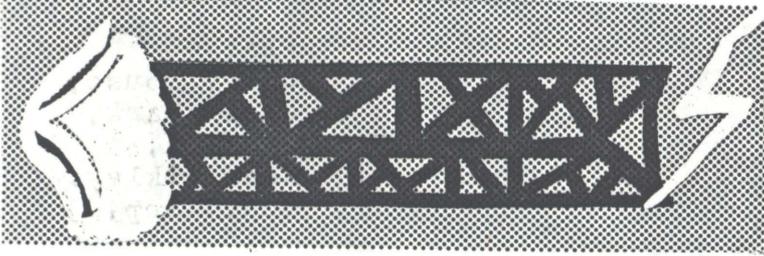


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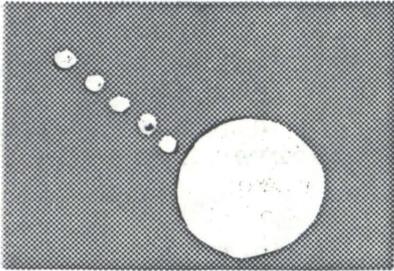
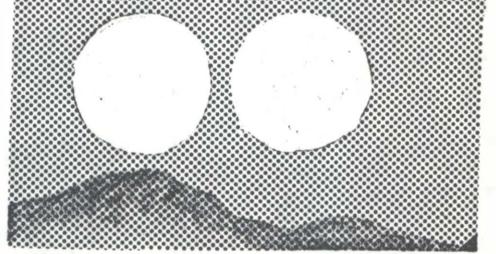


FIG 5:
GIPTON LEEDS

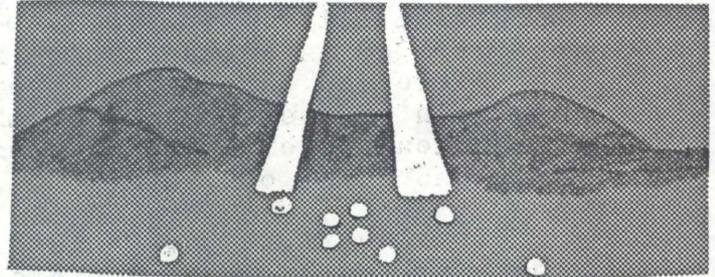


FIG 6: CARLETON MOOR NORTH YORKSHIRE



FIG 7:
HUDDERSFIELD YORKSHIRE

FIG 4: WAKEFIELD WEST YORKSHIRE

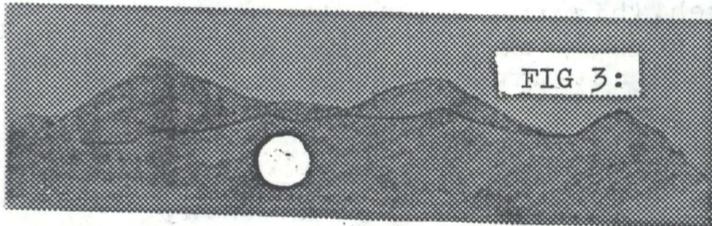
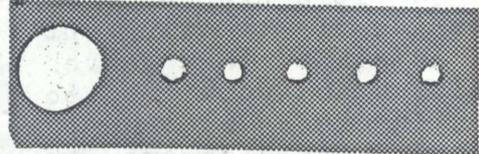


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FIG 10: HELLIFIELD NORTH YORKSHIRE

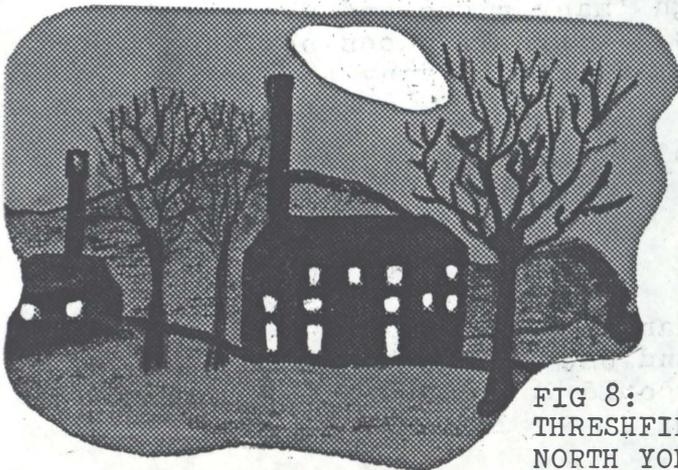
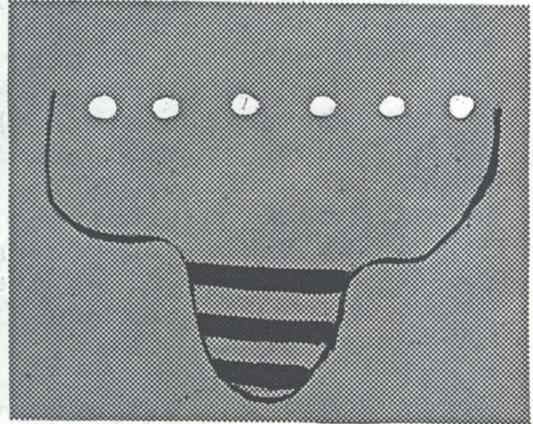


FIG 8:
THRESHFIELD
NORTH YORKS

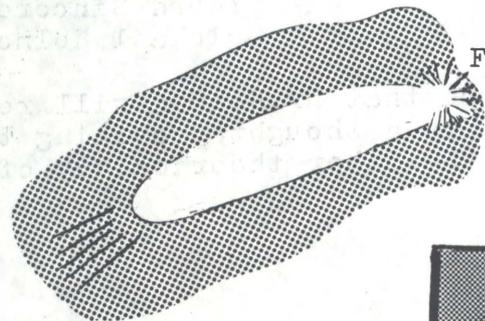


FIG 9:
KEIGHLEY



INSET* DARLEY 1978

ART: M I BIRDSALL

UFO UPDATE
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Flat 4,
Croft House,
Croft Park,
Menston,
Near Ilkley.
Wed.7 Sep.83

Dear Sir,

U.F.O.S FROM GOD.

Would the readers of your magazine be willing to consider the possibility of U.F.O.S. being an instrument of divine purpose, sent by God as a preparation for His Second Coming as promised in the Bible and through his prophets. As many will already know, it has been suggested that Elijah was received into heaven this way in ancient times and that these phenomena have been observed for many thousands of years.

The Bible prophesises that there would come a time when the earth would be in a state of chaos and very difficult to govern or administer. That people would become more and more lawless, and that the threat of the destruction of man as a species would increase as time went by.

Anyone who knows the world today, would I think agree that these Bible prophecies have largely been correct. Isaiah said the world would be 'worn out' like 'an old coat'. At the end of this period it is stated that Jahveh the great God would bring an end to the time allowed and permitted to the non-Jewish nations to work out their own destiny, known as "the time of the gentiles." In bringing in this new era, God would destroy the old and refurbish it with the new. The promise is repeated by Jesus Christ, who claims that He will return in that day and rule on behalf of Jahveh. This promise is the essence of the entire Bible, and only played down by many theologians because it has been expected so many times and not happened.

On these occasions where God does reveal Himself, there is never any shock or violence to the human psyche. Whatever happens divinely, is invariably somehow expected. What more logical then, that God should be preparing the earth for His rule and revealing, very gradually His new purpose through 'many signs and wonders in the sky.' That these signs and wonders are U.F.O.S does not seem to me to be beyond the bounds of possibility nor to deny any of the usual tenets of disbelief.

I would be delighted to hear from any enthusiasts who might share these views.

Yours Sincerely,
Michael Holmes.

I feel sure that Mr. Holmes will receive many replies to his letter. It certainly is a thought provoking theory and one that deserves a place with all the other theories, any of which could be the 'right' one.

CONTACTING EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE

If there is intelligent life in the universe, the probability is that it is far too advanced for us to understand, and would not even understand us. The odds on a civilisation being born at the same time as ours, and developing at the same speed are probably as high as the odds on finding a suitable planet.

We should not be too discouraged however. Life forms can survive in the most outrageous conditions. Bacteria have been found in the hot springs of Yellowstone Park. Microbes from the Arctic, buried below the surface thousands of feet have been thawed out and revived.

There may even be microbes on Mars and Venus. On September 3 1977, Viking II landed on Mars. Three weeks later, Dr Barney Farmer in charge of the search for water declared, "It looks as though Mars not only had seas and rivers, but had seasonal rains at one time." He also reported that the frozen poles were not carbon dioxide, but water.

The search for life goes on. A message sent out in binary code to the constellation Hercules in November 1974 will take 24,000 years to arrive at its destination. The reply is not expected until the year 50,000 AD. If we did get a response from one of the signals we send out, we would have to treat it with the utmost care. Alien minds could be impossible for us to comprehend. They may not understand our moral and philosophical approach to life, our emotions, our illogical thought processes and motivations. Man's concept of a friendly gesture might be interpreted as a direct challenge or an insult. Our physical appearance might be repulsive, and they may well be wary of our motives. The last time they contacted anyone, the reply might have been a missile.

For these reasons, a psychological approach would have to be made, rather than a political one. Signals originating from a star only a few light years away would demand the utmost diplomacy. It is more than likely that a vast number of intelligences are already exchanging information on a huge interstellar network. Their technology could be so far advanced that it would be utterly inconceivable, even to our most accomplished scientists. George Wald, a Harvard biologist and Nobel Laureate thinks that any information about extra terrestrial life would not be made public and goes on to say, "It would be the most highly classified and exploited military information in the history of this planet."

If extraterrestrial life is visiting us, those reasons go a long way to explaining why there is so much secrecy surrounding the subject, why it seems so political, and why they do not land in Trafalgar Square. We have nuclear weapons capable of annihilating not only ourselves but them also. However they have sources of energy far in advance of these 'primitive' weapons for transportation. Matter-Antimatter propulsion is a dream for our scientists. It takes too long to collect the anti-matter, and we do not have the technology. Microscopically small amounts of antimatter, (mercury), could be released from a magnetic 'bottle', to create huge amounts of energy. In the Hiroshima bomb for instance, only matter the size of a birdseed was destroyed to create energy. In matter antimatter explosions, pure gamma rays would result. The ratio of fuel to payload would be a mere 35:1 compared to 1200:1 for a Saturn V rocket. Perhaps Einstein's Unified Field Theory allows travel in time.

Matter under high density and pressure is supposed to exist as a 'black hole'. The huge gravitation field is outside our physics, but it may be the force behind ball lightning which releases huge amounts of energy and is little understood. The theory goes that a lightning flash can create a mini - 'black hole' which ionises the air and sucks in air around it to create a plasma ball. A Russian high energy physicist decided to test the hypothesis, and used the whole of the Moscow electricity grid in the early hours to generate enormous sparks. He succeeded in making very small balls that bobbed about in the vicinity of the sparks and then disappeared with a loud sharp explosion.

These balls occurring naturally have been known to dig trenches, cut metal cables, and blast holes in walls. In April 1976 the journal 'Nature' reported that a Staffordshire housewife had a 'close encounter' with a purple glowing sphere in her kitchen. As she tried to brush it away it exploded and burnt a three inch hole in her dress. Her left hand was red and swollen. A huge ball over Lake Geneva drifted for half a mile and then vanished. Russian Airlines on route from Moscow to Vladivostok used to disappear mysteriously as they reported a glowing ball approaching the plane. The wreckage was later found nearby. In 1973 a farmer in Clarion Ohio found a 40 foot section of his bean field scorched with holes one foot across. In October 1972 a Frenchman from Montaroux out walking, found 330 yards of pines and oaks had been flattened by a strange force. A stone wall had exploded in all directions.

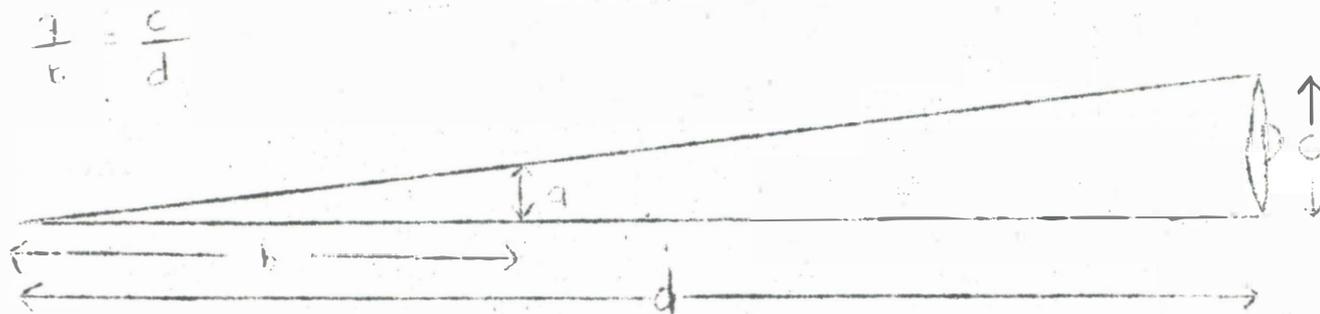
The humming noises heard from some objects could be part of a huge transformer to generate this power using air for fuel. Watch this space.

SIZE AND DISTANCE- An Investigators guide.

Someone at the last meeting was talking to me about the problems of estimating size and distance. How does one calculate the size of an object if a pea at arm's length will just cover it? This question set me thinking. A little triangulation is required. I found a ruler and measured (with great difficulty I might add) the length of my arm stretched out full. It came to $2' 3\frac{3}{4}"$ or 70cms. A pea is roughly 7mm in diameter, so the ratio between the two distances is 1:100. Similarly, the ratio between an object diameter and its distance would also be 1:100.

Take the moon. Its distance from us is 239,000 miles and its diameter is 2160 miles giving roughly the same ratio. If however, the object appears bigger than your thumb at arms length, then that ratio is less than 1:30. In other words, all that you can say is that the distance to the object is 30 times its width.

Photographs are also able to give answers. Suppose that you have an object in the foreground that you can measure afterwards, and you know its distance from the camera. This ratio can be used to find the size of the unknown object, providing you know its approximate distance. First you must find the ratio of the real size of the foreground object to the image size on the photograph. Multiply that by the ratio I have described for size and distance to get a new ratio for the image size to distance ratio. With this ratio you can then multiply the known distance to the unknown object to get its real size. It sounds complicated but if you look at the diagram it will become clear. Suppose the known object is one foot across and 5 feet from the camera and its length on the film is 2"! Its size/distance ratio is $1/5$ which equals 2". That means anything 1" across has a ratio of $1/10$. Multiply this ratio by its known distance to get the size in feet per 1", e.g. at one mile 1" is equal to 500 feet and so on for smaller sizes. We hope this can be applied to the Cracoe photograph to measure its real size and the result will appear in the next issue. If there is no object in the foreground but the focal length of the lens is known, then object size is image size/focal length times distance. This image size occurs on the negative. If we blow it up or use a print, we must use the ratio of the print to negative in the equation.



For convenience, b can be the length of your arm, a a pea. The lengths c and d will normally be unknown.

C. Dougherty.

SELECTED UFO REPORTS FROM YORKS

From time to time one hears of the report where so-called UFO occupants were seen. Obviously if we are to believe that some form of intelligence controls the UFO, then reports of actual figures on 'board' should interest all investigators.

One such case which has attracted a fair amount of interest is the sighting of an UFO which was seen in the Beeston area of Leeds. The witness who requires total confidentiality reported the case to us a few weeks ago. Mr S, has not spoke to his wife about the incident because 'she would think that he is unstable.'

The sighting took place back in the Summer of 78. Mr S was walking his dog and suddenly looked up. He said, "I couldn't believe my eyes." Mr S was observing a very large object, shaped like a tube of toothpaste. The object was so low in fact that it passed in front of a Church spire.

As it moved directly in front of Mr S, he could see 7 large 'windows,' which were releasing a 'tanned' coloured light. The base and sides of the object were very black and no other lights were visible. "I couldn't understand how such a massive object stayed up in the air," he said. No sound was audible. He then looked into the 'windows' to note many figures which were waving to him. When Mr S first reported the case he said that there were many figures in the windows, but he could not remember the exact number, nor could he remember any further details of the object.

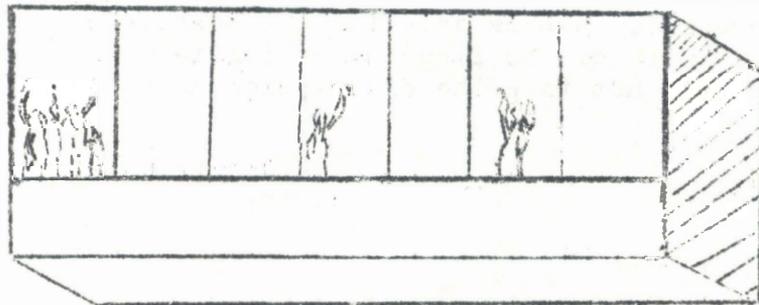
Mr S then asked for another meeting with the investigator, (M I Birdsall) to inform him that he had used self hypnosis to gather more information. A practice Mr S has used since the war on friends etc. He related further information on the figures. There were seven people in the first window who seemed to be waving to me. All the people were in the region of 10ft tall. They had what appeared to be a one-piece uniform, white in colour. The collar was straight and went right up to the chin. The faces were very 'hard' but they seemed to locklike us in every way, however Mr S pointed out that on all the people their hair was very short and was brushed back. 2 Other figures were seen (see diagram).

When asked, did any other person see the object, Mr S said, "I ran to the end of the Street to gain the attention of another man," the man also noted the object but did not pay much notice.

The case is still under investigation but many of our researchers are still unsure of the witnesses credibility. The man has been looking after his wife who is very ill and has been continually ringing M I Birdsall give more and more details of the sighting, however the basic details do not change.

Breakdown of Data: Date: Summer, 78. Time: 9.00pm. Location: Beeston, Leeds.

Details of object:
Length: 70-100ft
Front of object
appeared to be glass.
Base and sides very
dark, (black).
No sound, no lights.



Another case involving 'strange people' occured in the highly 'sensitive' area of Carleton Moor, North Yorks. This case was forwarded by Tony Dodd who assures us of the witnesses credibility. Both these witnesses were the reporters of the strange objects seen over Carleton Moor, relating to unusual lights seen at ground level. (See UFO update). Approximately 19 months ago, the two witnesses were walking their

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dog when they noticed two figures some 100 yards in front of them. The figures were standing side by side and facing a Hawthorn bush. The witnesses continued to walk towards the figures and then they noticed that they had their arms out-stretched over the bushes. They thought it was a little strange to see two people with their arms out-stretched but thought it may be farm workers spraying. They came to this conclusion because the figures were wearing identical clothing. Either a dark green or blue one piece suit. The couple then realised that the suit was tight fitting and covered the entire body. They also said that the suits may have covered the head, either that or the men were totally bald.

When the couple got within 50 yards of the men one of the figures turned towards the witnesses and they both stopped dead in their tracks. They described the face as very pale, thin and narrow and appeared to be menacing. The chin was very pointed. At this point the witnesses realised they had not got anything in their hands. Both witnesses refused to go any nearer. Her husband (witnesses) turned his head and the figures were gone.

The couple walked to the bushes and realised that the tops of the bushes were way above their heads. They calculated that the figures must have been well over seven foot tall. The couple immediately went around the other side of the bushes but there was no sign of the figures. The witnesses state that from where the figures had been it was impossible for anybody to hide for at least a mile without being seen. "They just disappeared." The witnesses dogs whilst the witnesses had approached the figures had refused to go any nearer.

*Information supplied by Tony Dodd: Investigator North Yorkshire.

Two more cases which have a high degree of interest; firstly the C.E.II case which is currently under investigation. The witness was asleep when she suddenly woke. She observed a brilliant circular white light approaching her bedroom window at high speed the light was accompanied by a very loud 'pulsating noise.' When the light reached the window it had suddenly disappeared. The light had gone but a blue dome with two red arms was now facing the window. The witness tried to get up from bed but was unable to move. The object stayed in this position for 3 minutes, it did not move and no noise was heard. After three minutes she once again heard the loud pulsating noise and she knew the object was about to depart. The object moved away at high speed and again appeared as a white light.

Full information on this case should be supplied in the next Journal. ED

The second case which has come to light courtesy of Pam Sheridan. Only basic details are known but apparently a gentleman was driving on the outskirts of Leeds on a dark road, when he noticed a large object either on the ground or just above it. He could see through some sort of window and noticed a figure which had a large forehead and big eyes.

We will try gain more info on this case for the next update, however we include a basic impression (artists) of the figure from initial data received, this may not be exact and readers should not take the discription as final.

Very large forehead
Big eyes:



Finally we hope to include details of a case which occurred approximately 12 years ago in next publication. What we do know is that a Police officer was called out to a car crash and noticed a large object just above the ground, again a figure was observed but we do not guarantee that details will be printed.

RADIETHESIA

Radiesthesia is the name given to dowsing using a pendulum. Mr. T. Lethbridge in an issue of the Unexplained, claimed that by adjusting the length of the string or cotton of the pendulum he could find just about anything.

For example, a twenty nine inch pendulum would find gold. This sounded too good to be true, so armed with a tape measure and a weighted piece of string twenty nine inches I walked towards a gold ring I had earlier placed on the ground. To my surprise, as I reached the ring the pendulum started to rotate.

Having established the fact that it worked, I checked most of the other items on Mr. Lethbridge's scale but with varying results. Most of the materials corresponded but some did not. The ones that did not correspond were silver, brass, porcelain, glass and crystal. Is the reading the same for every one?

Listed below is the scale used by Mr. Lethbridge. If anyone would like to try for themselves I would be very interested in hearing their results.

GOLD	29	SILVER	22	BRASS	30½	GLASS	14 to 15½
PAPER	20	SALT	22	BREAD	20	TIN	30½
WOOD	20	PLANTS	20				
CONCRETE	13	PORCELAIN	14½ to 15½				

The above measurements are all in inches, and the pendulum should be held steady until over the appropriate object. Kathleen Watson.

Editors comment. Some interesting results occurred when Kathleen tried the pendulum over the Cracoe UFO photograph. The pendulum stayed still over the three main light sources but rotated whilst over the smaller light to the side. According to Kathleen this was a reflection. Other members of the research team who were present tried the same experiment but unfortunately got differing results, one person even got the pendulum spinning over all the light sources. Granted the situation was not the best to conduct such an experiment but, as Kathleen said, she would like to hear from anyone who has had any success with dowsing using a pendulum.

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"Spaceship scares wife" Daily Mirror Thursday July 28 1983

In case anyone missed the article, it is featured below. The reason for inclusion is because of the number of similar cases to be found in the YUFOS files.

Defence experts were asked today to investigate a housewife's close encounter with a UFO which terrified her. Mrs. Patricia Stark, 25, says she saw a huge spaceship fly over her house as she opened her curtains after midnight.

She said at her home in Bridgwater, Somerset, yesterday: "First one part of the object would glow and then grow dark, and then another part. It was silent with no bright lights and no smoke, but it was absolutely huge, about the size of three large aircraft.

"I was Petrified" she said.

Her husband Brian, 28, said: "We have reported it to the Royal Naval Air Station at Yeovilton, BRISTOL AIRPORT, and the Ministry of Defence."

The other interesting point was reporting the incident to Bristol Airport and I wonder what their reaction was.

After the first letter we received from Bristol, wanting 50 pounds for UFO information, I would like to see if this particular information is worth the money. Ed.

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At present Turkey is the last country to be featured as the UK was listed in volume 2 no. 1. We will endeavour to keep you up to date with any new organisations.

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Listed below are some books which every serious UFO researcher and investigator should read.

THE UFO HANDBOOK by ALLAN HENDRY. Published by Sphere books £5.95.
The UFO Handbook is a guide to investigating UFO sightings and the procedure involved in analysing any samples etc. It is written in a straightforward manner and is easy to follow. The various chapters go under headings from animal reaction to ufologists and UFO groups listed under the "Tools" section and UFOS versus IFOS to the UFO message. Allan Hendry is very objective in his approach and sets out the facts in a rational way unlike certain other scoop UFO authors.

THE UFO ENCYCLOPEDIA by MARGARET SACHS. Published by Corgi books £5.95.
Containing all the major sightings, writers, events, witnesses etc. A mine of useful information regarding the UFO subject. The book is written by an American however and is slightly biased that way but world wide cases are given good coverage. A good reference book to keep handy.

THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF UFOS BY RONALD D. STORY. Published by N.E.L. £12.95.
Similar to the above book but with more information regarding the whole UFO subject.

The three books mentioned are serious factual and informative guides and unlike other UFO compilation books will give the reader a much better and clearer picture of the subject.

Remember that YUFOS members have access to the library containing hundred of Ufo and related phenomena books, some good and some indifferent (the reader will have to make his/her own mind up on that. But still good value at only 10p for a month.