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THE SURREY INVESTIGATION GROUP ON AERIAL PHENOMENA  
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The Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena is affiliated to the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association and their united aims are to promote unbiased investigation and research into the "Unidentified Flying Object Phenomena".  
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+ Ghost, hallucination or UFO occupant? +  
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Last November a hideous bell-shaped creature was alleged to have been seen near Cranleigh, some nine miles from Guildford. Carpenter Philip Freeman stopped his car to wipe the misted windscreen and became aware of a terrible burning smell. He and his girlfriend then saw the monster. It had a white luminous head with an "arm" protruding from it.

Now S.I.G.A.P. has received another creature report. It was investigated by Alan Franklin.

It was approaching midnight on a frosty moonlit night early in January. A 22-year old engineer and his girlfriend had just parked their car in a clearing at the edge of Whitmore Common, near the Woking-Guildford railway line.

Seconds later the young man, who wishes to remain anonymous, had an "uneasy sensation". Looking up he saw a shadowy figure behind some trees. Thinking it was a "Peeping Tom" he started to get out of the car to tackle the intruder. But what he saw filled him with fear.....

For when the "thing" moved behind a small bush some 20 feet from the car it was outlined in the moonlight. The object was black, rectangular-shaped, some five feet high and three feet across, and "definitely not human or animal".

The man said: "It made no sound and moved with great speed in a gliding motion. It didn't bob up and down when moving but proceeded smoothly at the same height".

Not waiting to see anymore he started up the car again and drove away as fast as possible. His girlfriend asked him: "Did you see what I saw?" confirming that he hadn't imagined it.

The couple returned to the spot a fortnight later and noticed a pungent burning smell. At first they thought that something was smouldering in the car, but quickly realised it had an external source and drove off without investigating. The ominous smell was described as being like "seaweed rotting in the hot sun". The creature was not seen on this occasion.

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+ S.I.G.A.P. UFO analysis +
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Some interesting facts have emerged from a preliminary analysis of UFO sightings reported to S.I.G.A.P. last year:-

1. The most active months were October and November when 21 UFOs (35% of the 1967 total) were observed. This corresponds with the nationwide UFO flap.
2. Major activity usually occurred between 4 p.m. and 3 a.m. The peak hourly period fell between 10 p.m. and 11 p.m.
3. Approximately a quarter of the 75 sightings investigated were genuine UFOs. The majority were satellites, aircraft or natural phenomena. Some objects could not be positively identified but sufficient information was available to say that they had a terrestrial explanation.
4. Out of 72 sightings examined, 23 UFOs (representing 32% of the total) were point sources of light. Spherical objects constituted 13 sightings (18% of the total).
5. A colour analysis, based on 64 sightings, revealed that "plain light sources" accounted for 13 UFOs (20.25% of the total). Ten UFOs were red (15.55% of the total).
6. An analysis based on 48 sightings revealed that most UFO witnesses were 20 years old or less. Of these, 32 were male (66.7% of the total) and 16 female (33.3% of the total).

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.      UFO Date Frequency      .
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. Month      . No.      . % of UFOs .
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. January    . 1      . 1.67    .
. February   . 3      . 5.0     .
. March      . 1      . 1.67    .
. April      . 1      . 1.67    .
. May        . 1      . 1.67    .
. June       . 9      . 15.0    .
. July       . 8      . 13.33   .
. August     . 9      . 15.0    .
. September  . 3      . 5.0     .
. October    . 11     . 18.33   .
. November   . 10     . 16.67   .
. December   . 3      . 5.0     .
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..... UFO Time Frequency .....		
Hour	No.	%
0-1	2	3.4
1-2	6	10.1
2-3	4	6.7
3-4	3	5.1
4-5	1	1.7
5-6	-	-
6-7	1	1.7
7-8	1	1.7
8-9	1	1.7
9-10	-	-
10-11	-	-
11-12	-	-
12-13	1	1.7
13-14	1	1.7
14-15	1	1.7
15-16	-	-
16-17	4	6.7
17-18	1	1.7
18-19	2	3.4
19-20	5	8.5
20-21	5	8.5
21-22	6	10.1
22-23	9	15.1
23-24	5	8.5
	<u>59</u>	<u>100.0</u>

Since 1959 the Ministry of Defence has received a total of 808 UFO reports. Most of these were put down to aircraft (225) or satellites and space debris (211). But in 84 cases there was no explanation - apparently owing to lack of information. Seven sightings are still being investigated. The annual totals for the past nine years are tabulated below.

Year	No. of UFOs
1959	22
1960	31
1961	71
1962	46
1963	51
1964	74
1965	56
1966	95
1967	362

It should be emphasised that these figures only represent the number of sightings reported to the Ministry of Defence and are not the true totals for any particular year.

From the chart it will be seen that there has been no marked increase or decrease in the number of sightings reported to the Ministry, although sightings for 1966 and 1967 together represent over half of the overall total. The peak year by far was in 1967 - with the famous "October flap".

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February has been another quiet month from a ufological point of view, but there has been an increase in correspondence from other societies, interested persons and people seeking our advice.

We have already established that approximately 25% of sightings reported to S.I.G.A.P. last year were of genuine UFOs, but one begins to wonder if the UFO appears only to the involved witness, while other people in the vicinity go merrily on their way without being conscious of it.

We have had an increasing number of cases where the UFO has been seen over inhabited areas, yet only one witness has reported the object. The UFO has often been described in detail and recognised by investigators as being an Adamski or cigar type etc.

Could it be that the witnesses have power similar to "second sight" without being aware of it? Is it possible that a number of people may be living close to a higher plane of thought, or that they are more sensitive to the passage of UFOs than others? I wish I knew. For this is only one of the many mysteries surrounding these craft.

At last month's S.I.G.A.P. meeting Ron Toft concluded his talk on "Life in the Universe - The Astronomer's View". The date of the next meeting has yet to be fixed.

- Omar Fowler

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+ Editor's Comments +  
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Omar Fowler, Dick Beet and myself attended the March B.U.F.O.R.A. meeting and listened to a fascinating talk entitled: "Pieces From The Jig Saw", given by Leonard Cramp, Vice-President of B.U.F.O.R.A. and author of "Space Gravity And The Flying Saucer" and "Piece For a Jig Saw". He gave a vivid account of strange troughs which had been made in barley fields on the Isle of Wight last summer and attributed them to a UFO seen by schoolboys.

In the troughs he found that the barley had been broken, flattened and threshed. He said it was definitely the work of a machine and not an animal. Farmers in Whippingham, where the incident occurred, were completely baffled. Mr. Cramp illustrated his talk with over 50 slides, both colour and black and white, and a movie film.

The next meeting to be held by B.U.F.O.R.A. will be on April 6 in Kensington Central Library, starting at 7 p.m. The lecture, "Spacemen in Antiquity", will be given by Raymond Drake, author of "Spacemen In The Ancient East" and "Spacemen In The Ancient West".

Once again I appeal for letters, articles and interesting extracts from UFO books and magazines, for the newsletter. As yet I have had virtually no response.

Unfortunately, owing to lack of space, the first of my articles on space exploration has had to be held over until next month.

National Sky-Watch Day this year will be on Saturday, June 15. Now that B.U.F.O.R.A. has its own communications officer, Mr. Roy Winstanley, it should be possible to maintain instantaneous communication between the main observation posts. At the moment however, Mr. Winstanley is trying to get the G.P.O. to allocate B.U.F.O.R.A. a special scientific radio frequency.

- Ron Toft

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+ English scientists in UFO research +  
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Unidentified English scientists are assisting their American colleagues at the University of Colorado in unraveling the "mystery" of UFOs.

The U.S.A.F. initially made a grant of £125,000 for the study. But this has now been increased to £200,000 and the final report is expected in September.

But Edward Condon, director of the project, seems frustrated about the whole thing. "It's like a study of cancer without any cancer patients. I wish one of these damned things would land right here so that I could go out and take it to pieces".

Over 7,000 cases have been studied by computer but the analysis is not yet complete. Five pieces of hardware claimed to come from UFOs are also being examined.

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