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EDITORIAL

I have been in the UFO investigation game for a long, long time. I would mention the number of years, except that you would then realise how old I am, and begin to think that all these case histories I am describing are the ramblings of an elderly mind.

Well, be that as it may, I feel young and ever eager to investigate.

There is just one small thing niggling at the back of my mind: – how benign towards the human race are these visitors? In one of the first cases I was involved in, Edwin, a young Durban man, professed to be in touch with Valdar, of the Confederation of Twelve Planets. Valdar was only one of many entities from the planet Koldas¹ in the Confederation, who spoke kindly of us humans and their need to help us to progress, and to save us from a terrible disaster that was to befall our planet (No time was given for this). In fact, said Taylanz, or Wy-Ora, or Kashendo, or any of the number of Koldasians who broadcast regularly to Edwin in his home in Durban, they were here as friends and interested only in our welfare. I remember listening to one broadcast in Edwin's home, where a Koldasian reported that they were preparing a planet for us; for those who were to be rescued in the face of this disaster; a planet not unlike Earth, where those who survived could live in comfort in surroundings familiar to them.

In the abduction case of Phyllis and Diane in Northcliffe, Johannesburg (Case N° 50 in UFO AFRINEWS N°s.6,8 and 10), Me-lee-lah, the Commander of the craft, showed the two women abductees how most of the South African coastline - from the NW Cape right round to beyond Durban - would be battered by 72 metre-high tidal waves. The only safe places, Me-lee-lah told them, would be very high ground, such as the Pyrenees

¹ UFO CONTACT FROM KOLDAS by Carl van Vlierden & Wendelle Stevens.

THE TWELVE PLANETS SPEAK by Carl van Vlierden.

range of mountains in Spain. She could not promise who would be rescued, either. It was not a case of favouritism as many of her own kind would perish in the disaster as well, she said; but she did tell Phyllis that if she and Diane were rescued, they would like them 'to help with the children.'

All this sounded very kindly, and they were hailed as a good and benevolent group. But now, all of a sudden, comes the crunch.

Professor David Jacobs has written a new book² (which I have ordered but not read), where I believe he is saying that the Aliens in fact are not always 'the good guys'.

Stanton Friedman, who is a Ph.D. astrophysicist and who worked for NASA at one time in his career, concurs. We know, for instance, that people are abducted against their will; that semen and ova are taken without any choice given to the abductees.

In Budd Hopkins' books, INTRUDERS and MISSING TIME, foetuses are allegedly taken from human women - and for what purpose?

Abductees are never told, although sometimes, as in the case of Kathy, they are shown a child - aged about two - small, rather pale and frail-looking, with wispy white hair; all this after Kathy had lost her foetus two years previously. This is not the only case of missing foetuses; and often in women who have had their pregnancies confirmed by a doctor. The obvious medical conclusions have been a 'false pregnancy syndrome' in hysterical women but hysteria is certainly not obvious in most cases³.

² THE THREAT: THE SECRET ALIEN AGENDA,
published 1998.
Price: US\$23,00

³ There have also been cases of women who had various tests to confirm their pregnancy and yet when they went back to their doctor three or four months later, were

We have all heard of Linda Moulton-Howe's⁴ evidence of cattle, sheep and wild animals mutilated, with vital organs neatly removed, in such a way that cells are not damaged; as though a professional pathologist had been at work.

This has not happened - as far as I know - in any part of Africa, but it is certainly prevalent in the United States, in South America, Australia and some parts of Britain. In fact, A J Gevaerd, a leading ufologist in Brasil, told me that in the Matto Grosso where he lives, 40 cattle were found dead, all of which had their tongues cut out. Well, either someone in the village was operating a tongue factory, or the UFOs were at work. And for what reason?

At one time there were rumours that either President Harry Truman or President Dwight Eisenhower had made a deal with the extra-terrestrials: if they didn't interfere with the planet as a whole and left the governments alone, then the USA would turn a blind eye to these animal mutilations, and to the occasional abduction of American citizens.

It was only a rumour, and a pretty senseless one at that, I thought. But read Dr Cammack's review of Lt Col Philip Corso's book, in this issue, and Prof David Jacobs' new book, and then let us know what you think!

Quote from the KLM Airline magazine DIRECTIONS by Jules Marshall, UFO sceptic: 'is it possible, perhaps, that only pride is preventing us from admitting that we are sharing the cosmos with vastly superior beings?'

found not to be pregnant. There was no evidence of an aborted foetus either.

⁴ GLIMPSES OF OTHER REALITIES, Vol.II,
High Strangeness.
Price: US\$27,95.

TRUDIE'S STORY

Cape Town, South Africa, Jan. 31, 1997,

Case N° 143

as told to Pam Puxley,

‘My husband was very keen on sports as a boy; he played rugby for his school, St Joseph’s, in Rondebosch. One day during a game, he happened to look up at the sky and saw a Flying Saucer. He froze! The others were shouting at him to play but he just stood there. He turned round to tell them, “Look, look up”, but when he turned back the object had vanished. The other boys teased him about reading too many comic books.

Many years later, after we had been married for some time, we went to live in Port Nolloth, Namaqualand, but eventually returned to Cape Town. On the trip back, my husband was driving; we had three little ones in the back of the vanette and I was dozing in the front seat. My husband was a top-notch driver, but suddenly he yelled at me: “My God, Trudie, pray, because we’re going to have a head-on collision!”

‘I looked up, half-asleep, and was blinded by huge lights, like on those Mack trucks that run in Namaqualand, with the large headlamps. I cannot tell what was coming towards us because those lights were so intense, I could see spots before my eyes – and I just thought, Oh Lord, we’re going to die, both of us and our three children. The next thing I was aware of, we woke up... and we were on the side of the road! No accident, no truck, no brake marks, nothing! I was stunned! We were saying, “What was that? What happened?”

‘My husband tried to start the car but couldn’t, it just wouldn’t start, and even the tape deck, which had been on, was switched off and the tape was chewed. He got out to open the bonnet and came back shaking his head. “This is weird”, he said, “the car is ice-cold.” ‘Our car had a diesel engine. If you switch off and feel the bonnet, it is warm, and stays that way for some time, like all cars. But this was ice-cold, so we must have been on the side of the road for quite a while. We had no idea of how long, because neither of us wore a watch and there was no clock in the van. But it takes at least half an hour for a car to cool down

Anyway, when my husband got back in the car, really angry now, the engine started right away and off we came to Cape Town. But we told nobody about the events.

‘While we were still in Port Nolloth, a friend and I used to drive down to Springbok, a town with an airport. We left our husbands at home and we two housewives drove down for shopping and so on. Driving back one day, my friend said to me: “My God, we’re being followed... by a flying Coke bottle!” I thought she was kidding but to my utter astonishment, there was something hovering in the air alongside the car, and it looked exactly like one of those 2-litre Coke bottles – a little bigger, perhaps, but the shape was the same. It was so close that if we wound down the window we could probably touch it.

My friend exclaimed, “What in heaven is that?” and I said it might be a weather balloon gone flat; but that would fall on the ground, while this thing kept up with the car, just hovering beside it. We decided not to talk to anyone else about it. Next thing, it came round and was in front of the car! And now we could see it was transparent, we could see right through it! It then moved off and settled in the veld, on the ground. But we could still see it. So we got out of the car and we were killing ourselves with laughter; we weren’t frightened, we just wanted to see what that thing was, on the ground. But as we approached, whatever it was just picked itself up and went off, it just travelled and we lost it. But no light, no sound. We couldn’t stop laughing.

Getting back to Port Nolloth we found we had lost half an hour, but what with getting out and looking for the object, and chatting, that could have been the reason. And it was only half an hour, so we disregarded it. Quite some time later, just before we went to Namibia, we were sitting on our front stoep and watched a large fireball come right over and fall to the ground. Port Nolloth has magnificent sand dunes, and this thing, this flash, did not explode but vanished into the sand dunes. It lit up everything! We immediately phoned our next-door neighbour, a doctor, to ask he if had seen it, but he had been at the back of his house and had missed it. So we rushed down to the sand dunes but found nothing.

There is an airstrip in Alexander Bay and at that time there was talk of opening a Military Base in the area. So we said, "What happens if it's a plane gone down? Let's find out." So we rang Silver Mine and said, "We know it's none of our business, but did you have a plane over here... because something has just come down in the sand dunes." But they said it was nothing of theirs, so we begged them to contact the Air Force and inform them. However, they wouldn't, so we ourselves phoned Alexander Bay and Oranjemund to ask if they had had a light aircraft come over, because of what we had seen. "No", they said, "nothing of ours".

'We then rang the newspaper to ask if they had been told of any air exercises in the area that might have been what we saw, but they dismissed our story. "We know you Port Nolloth people, you smoke a lot of dope and that's what made you see things." Which was very rude of them because we were concerned in case it had been a plane accident with injury to human lives. So we dropped the matter.' Asked how far the fireball was from them, Trudie said, 'It was well over the road, quite far, but clearly seen. It was beautiful, it was a round thing when it came over, and it sounded like sh-sh-sh, and went into the dunes.'

But those were only some of the many strange episodes in Trudie's life.

There was, for example, the time her husband woke up screaming one night, when she was pregnant with one of her children, and telling her he had had to fight for that unborn child, because 'they' (whoever they were) wanted to take it away. He refused to speak about it and has maintained his silence ever since, except to say that 'they kept on changing'. Trudie and her husband have been divorced for some time, so it is doubtful if anything else will ever be known about the incident.

Strange things kept on happening to Trudie.

'For example, one night I woke up and I was being dragged across the floor, a little above it, so I knew I was hovering. I reached the door and it felt as if someone was carrying me under my arms. At the door, I held my arms out, and then I found I could scream. Then I was left there.

At that time I was still married, and my husband woke up and wanted to know what I was doing, sitting screaming in the doorway. He thought I'd lost my mind. But I was terrified; I had no idea who was carrying me. It couldn't have been a dream, I'm quite a fat person and a dream doesn't lift you an inch off the floor! And anyway, I had that experience at other times as well.

'Then we came back to Cape Town and our marriage eventually broke up. Around last Christmas (1996), my son told me he had seen some little creatures under the trees. Now we're not a family who are very interested in Aliens, so it was not his imagination. And when he drew a picture, I said to him, "This is all wrong, your drawing shows no mouth." He replied, "It doesn't have a mouth, Mom." So I thought, oh boy, it's in his imagination.

'Then, once in this house, I felt myself again being lifted up and levitated. When I woke up, I was back in my bed, but I felt sick.

'In November, 1996, my youngest child came to me one day complaining of a nose bleed, and her nostrils were caked with blood, which had also run down the side of her mouth. I cleaned her up and went to her bedroom because she said her nose had bled in the night. But there wasn't a spot of blood on the bed linen.

Now my son does an awful lot of swimming, and he kept on swiping at his nose and telling me it was very sore. This happened also towards the end of 1996, in the summer. I thought he'd stuck his finger up his nose, like boys do. But there was a mark, something like a skid mark; like someone taking a hollow tube and sticking it up the nose. He denied he had stuck anything up but said his nose had also been bleeding. Once again, there was no blood on his bed linen, but some time before, he had had blood on his face. And whereas the girl never complained about pain, the boy kept saying his nose was sore.'

To add to Trudie's traumatic experiences, her older daughter was also going through her own drama.

About two weeks previous to the interview, (i.e. mid January, 1997) Trudie's older daughter complained of severe pain in her lower back and lower abdomen. In fact, according to her mother, she showed the classic symptoms of a pregnancy, but at 14 and a virgin, she could not possibly have been pregnant. Trudie advised her to have a hot bath, which she did, hoping to relieve the pain. But after the bath, she collapsed and had to be taken to the hospital.

There, a doctor examined the girl thoroughly, then took Trudie aside and asked her if she thought her daughter was pregnant. Trudie was quite put out by this, as she knew her daughter had definitely not had any sexual contacts at all and was only 14, but being a big girl, she looked quite a bit older. The doctor suggested there might be an ectopic pregnancy involved, but the medical examination confirmed that the girl was a virgin, despite the symptoms.

'We took her to a gynaecologist, and he again confirmed she was a virgin, so he wouldn't do an internal examination, but there had been something strange about the symptoms. So the doctors, though stunned, did nothing more and told me I should be glad my child did not have to have emergency surgery. She is fine now, after three days on morphine for the severe pain. But then, as quickly as she had collapsed and frightened the life out of me, so she got up and went back to school. No more pain, no marks, nothing!' (Trudie was looking for some mark on her daughter, after speaking to Pam previously).

Trudie continues: 'There have also been times when I've woken up with bruises on the inside of my thighs, right at the top. Even now, here is one of them. [Trudie showed Pam a bruise.] 'They are too high to be from housework and are sore. But only on one leg, the other has no marks.

'At Christmastime (1996) I actually showed them to a friend and he said, "My God, somebody's knelt on you." That time, there were two bruises. This present one is about two days old and is fading out.'

Pam had asked Trudie on another occasion, if her children were having bad dreams. They were not, but she herself has had disjointed images, where she feels she's been awake all night; she's been somewhere and done something, but cannot recall anything and feels a bit of an idiot.

'Or, I'll suddenly find myself in the kitchen with this deadly thirst, not remembering how I got there from my bed. There's a big gap. And two nights ago I had this big bruise on my leg, which is strange; normally the bruises are perfectly matched, on both legs, almost as if somebody had either grasped my thighs with their thumbs, or knelt on me. So, there's the story.

'Now, all of this might be coincidence; I'm not a rough person but I work in my garden. If I bruised myself there, it would be lower, below the knees, or the ankles. But these bruises on my inner thighs have been going on for quite a long time – going back to before my son's birth.'

Replying to Pam's question about marks on her children, Trudie said: 'It is difficult to find any marks on my son because, being a boy, he's constantly banging himself and has lots of bruises and marks.'

'You know, sometime ago he had something strange, it looked as if my child had a rotting disease. But the marks were smaller than made with a teaspoon, as if with a small mustard spoon. I took him to the doctor who said he'd either picked up a streptococcal or staphylococcal infection; and what he had is called 'classical impetigo'... lots of little sores. I thought that was absolute nonsense. But this would be first on one leg, then the other, alternating. So he had these marks.

'When my children were smaller, I used to give them a good wash in the morning and a good soak in the bath every evening. So how could my son, who was getting soap and water on his skin, pick up that disease?'

Pam asked Trudie if, while she was married, her husband had ever talked to her about any strange things happening to him. 'Only what he saw as a boy, and then once he mentioned that something had happened at sea, but he

wouldn't elaborate. He didn't read anything specifically about UFOs – perhaps a newspaper article, but he thought it was all nonsense.'

Asked if her children watched TV programmes on UFOs, or related subjects, Trudie said they liked the **X-Files**, though her son was frightened and left the room when this series was on. The others seemed drawn to it, but from the first episode, her son had walked out. Nobody in the family had watched other similar programmes.

Editor: I met Trudie when I was in Cape Town during Feb–April 1998, but unfortunately, during an evening of UFO discussions with several other people present, I was not able to question her further about the events in her life. She is rather quiet, and not particularly forth-coming, wary of speaking openly about her experiences in public. I cannot believe that she would lie about what happened to her; on the other hand, there might be perfectly normal explanations for some of the events she has reported, e.g. her son's impetigo and the crash of a small meteorite in the sand dunes. But other events are not explicable and Pam Puxley will monitor this case for further evidence.

Comet C/1998 J1(SOHO)C.

A new comet has been viewed in our skies, discovered by Stezelberger; it is a bright comet in the northwestern corner of the field of view of the C3 coronagraph, some 8° from the Sun. Preliminary estimates by Stezelberger and St Cyr, reduced by G V Williams, show that the comet is at mag 0 and possibly even brighter and continues to move across the top of the C3 field. There is a fan-shaped tail extending anti-sunwards at least to the edge of the field, and there may be a separate narrow tail extending roughly along the direction of motion. It is suggested that the comet would be seen from Earth, particularly towards the end of May (1998) and onwards, and in the Southern hemisphere.

Use your binoculars or telescopes!

From **Yellowstone Information Services**, via Dr D Cammack

UFO EFFECTS (Part II)

RADIATION AND OTHER PHYSICAL EFFECTS

Many international cases have been reported in which the witness suffers from sunburn where the skin is exposed to direct 'rays' from the object observed.

One of the most famous is the Cash-Landrum case of December 1980⁵, where two women and a child stopped their car when they saw a diamond-shaped UFO hovering in front of them. They climbed out of the car and were exposed to the object's heat and light for several minutes, subsequently suffering severe radiation burns, blistering, loss of hair, vomiting, etc. and were hospitalised for some time afterwards. It was a terrible ordeal for the women and the child and despite their having seen approx. 23 helicopters circling near the object, the USA government refused to pay any compensation as they claimed they were not involved. Subsequently, a police-patrol officer, L. Walker, and his wife, reported seeing several helicopters on the same night as Betty Cash, Vicki Landrum and Colby. Walker confirmed that they were military helicopters. Betty has suffered the most, having undergone breast cancer surgery, loss of hair and many other health side-effects. She will never be the same again!

In UFO AFRINEWS N° 17, we reported on the Danie van Graan case in Loxton, north of Beaufort West, S. Africa. But this is the only case we have in Africa of possible fatal effects from a UFO. Danie saw what he thought was a caravan in his sheep kraal (enclosure) in July, 1975. He assumed this belonged to government prospectors who were looking for uranium in the area, but as he approached he realised it was not a caravan, but a craft of some sort. When he was about 3 metres away, the four men inside looked up and hit him with a beam of light.

⁵ John Schuessler, **THE CASH-LANDRUM UFO INCIDENT**, pub. 1998.
Price: US\$19,95

A while later Danie died, riddled with cancer. Of course, there is no proof of severe radiation contact, but it is a possibility one has to consider.

HYBRID POSSIBILITIES

For some time now, ufologists have reported cases where semen was taken from male abductees, and ova extracted from female abductees. The reason for this, it is alleged, is that the entities we are dealing with, are no longer able to reproduce and are therefore using human foetuses to enable them to maintain their *status quo*. In 1995, when Ray Santilli first introduced the public to the 'alien autopsy' film at the BUFORA Conference in Sheffield, it seemed obvious to those present that **some** of the aliens appeared sexless. As a speaker, I was present at this showing and I viewed the film with some ambivalence. Subsequently, with no satisfactory proof that the film was a fraud, and having seen it privately with a surgeon and two pathologists, all of whom felt it could very well be genuine, I am now inclined to accept its authenticity. If not 100%, at least 90% sure.

This does mean that if aliens have no sex, then they cannot reproduce; and yet, abductees on numerous occasions report having seen children, half-human and presumably half-alien, who are presented to them. On other occasions, they have viewed foetuses in large liquid-filled bottles, who appear also not to be totally human.

This places one in a quandary: if they are sexless, why are the foetuses only **half** human? Who then is the male/female partner?

TAKING OF BODY PARTS

In the case of David, the ex-RLI mercenary (Case N°130 in UFO AFRINEWS 16), he is convinced that during a sortie into the bush in 1978, he was led by a small dwarf-like figure into a clearing in the area and taken to a room. Subsequently he was sent to collect his mates and took them back to the clearing where his conscious memory fails him. Some time later he recalls being taken into a hospital ward where the beds were filled with people, including his colleagues.

At the foot of each bed was a container, bloody with body parts.

Last year in September (1997) I had lunch with David in London. He told me that the body parts, as far as he could see, were legs and arms. Perhaps underneath those there was something far more sinister?

In UFO AFRINEWS N°17, there is the story of Stuart (Case N°133) from Mutare in Zimbabwe. Stuart has a rib missing and yet no scars from an accident or operation. This is an on-going case and we hope to report back to readers on how this could have happened, in a future issue. For the moment, we are not sure if he was perhaps born this way, or was the rib removed during his experience?

IMPLANTS

Many abductees have suffered continual nose-bleeds after their abduction. Some have reported an unusual obstruction in their noses or their ears, sometimes in other extremities such as feet or hands. In one or two instances, these have come out (when blowing their noses) or they have had them surgically removed. So far, nothing can be proven that these are alien implants; they are usually made up of chemicals in our own bodies, formed into a hard kernel, and seem pretty harmless. But there is a small niggle that this might be some form of monitoring device installed by the aliens. And who knows what they are monitoring, and to what purpose?

The Editors would welcome any questions from readers on the subject of UFO effects and will answer to the best of their ability.

The Roswell Story

We reiterate our offer, made in UFO AFRINEWS N°17, of a brief précis of the Roswell so-called 'UFO crash' story, to be sent to any reader who is not aware of what is supposed to have taken place there. If interested, please write to **Roswell Story**, UFO AFRINEWS, Box MP 49, Mt Pleasant, Harare, enclosing a self-addressed, stamped envelope or with reply paid coupon and we will post it to you by return.

ASTRONOMICAL ANOMALIES

from Albert Benajam

OUR SUN

The Sun is approximately 5 billion years old and according to astronomers, has another 5 or 6 billion years to go. Once its fuel has gone, it will start expanding, reaching eventually to where the Earth is now situated. Then it will be a red Giant and Earth will be burnt to a cinder.

Dr Howard Bond, an astronomer from Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore, USA, says: "A beautiful nebula will then be effected and the Sun will fade away as a white dwarf star."

It's almost a shame we won't see it happen, but we strongly suspect that by that time, Earth will long have been cleared of all its inhabitants.

New York Times, 18 Dec. 1997.

MARS

We don't know how many of our readers are aware of the controversy about Mars having once been inhabited (UFO AFRINEWS N°15). Some years ago a book produced by Richard Hoagland and Vincent DiPietro showed clear pictures of a face on Mars in the Cydonia area. Although only the top-facing side of the 'face' was shown, computer analysis apparently had revealed that it was the total face of what looked like a human being.

All this information was based on photographs taken by the Viking probe in 1976. A further probe sent to Mars was the Observer, but contact with it was lost as it approached the planet.

Now, new photos of Mars taken by the Mars Global Surveyor Spacecraft show no nose, no chin, and not even an eye!

Apparently a Dr Malin had stated previously that the atmosphere of Mars was 'clear' and yet, in these latest pictures, the atmosphere appears cloudy. Believers in the Face are now accusing scientists of technical fakery.

The New York Times of April 7, 1998 says the new picture looks like 'a stuffed chili pepper'. Michael Ravine of the Malin Space Science Systems, which operated the camera, says: "Nothing jumps up at me and screams: 'This must have been built by the forces of intelligence'." Hoagland reports that it is like 'looking at a TV with a bunch of snow on it.'

NASA would not comment because of the controversy.

Robert Cooke, *Newsday* Staff Reporter (April 14, 1998) says that planetary scientists surveying the new pictures report that it is just a land form shape where one can see gullies, ravines and the usual shadows caused by the sun.

Rob Sullivan of Cornell University told Cooke that this new data shows 'a geological feature. It looks like an inselberg, an isolated erosional knob or hill rising abruptly from a lowland erosional surface.'

The photograph, this time, was taken from the opposite direction, which might account for the difference in appearance. The pictures were taken on April 4/5 of 1998 and were released immediately to avoid accusations of a cover-up.

Nevertheless, there have been accusations!

The fact remains that the original pictures taken by NASA did **indeed** look like a face, so that Hoagland et al could not be blamed for their misidentification, if such it was. Quite frankly, having seen the new pictures, it does not look at all like the originals. Perhaps scientists went in there after the first lot and destroyed the evidence?

ASTEROIDS and EARTH

Several people have recently asked about the possibility of an asteroid hitting Earth. 'What then?' they want to know.

According to the *New York Times* (Jan 8, 1998), 'you don't want to know!'

But in case you do, then you can be assured of huge tidal waves wiping out most of the coastal regions closest to the origins of the point of impact.

Dr Jack Hills, a Los Alamos geophysicist, says that the Tsunamis (or tidal waves) are far more devastating than any earthquake, volcano or flood. Dr Hills, working with a Dr Charles Mader, created models showing how different sized asteroids would create devastating tsunamis.

An asteroid of approx. 5 km diameter, coming through our atmosphere, would gouge out a huge crater in possibly the Atlantic Ocean floor. Within three hours it would send walls of water filled with debris crashing to the nearest shore and wiping out thousands of people.

Fortunately, this type of asteroid occurs only once in 10 million years. More common are smaller asteroids, and these are 2-3000 times more likely. 'Any asteroid over 600ft in diameter, we have a real problem', Dr Hills commented. A tidal wave in 1960 produced waves up to 140ft and killed 140 people in Japan. The big saving grace here is that with so much awareness of our situation, astronomically, we can almost be assured that such a large asteroid will be destroyed by our own scientists, before it reaches Earth.

Well, we hope so!

Momentous News Flash

A research astronomer with SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence) reports contact of some sort with Outer Space. In case of another massive cover-up, he used the Website to inform of this before the (U.S.) government clamped down, he said. Watch your newspapers or UFO AFRINEWS for further information.

Via Dr D. Cammack, Malawi

DOWN IN DAR-ES-SALAAM

Case N° 142

The first evidence of anything going on in Dar-es-Salaam (Tanzania), was when a telephone call came through at 2 a.m. on the 9th January, 1998. The voice at the other end was that of 17 year old A-level student Zamei, who told me he had had a UFO encounter in the early hours of Saturday morning, the 3rd January. He had found the phone number for the Fund for UFO Research, and when he called the USA, Don Berliner was on the line. I never established where Zamei obtained the information regarding the Fund's telephone number, as he was adamant that Islamic's would not have anything to do with UFOs. He said that books and magazines on the subject were hard to come by.

This was Zamei's story: The night (of 3rd January) was warm and humid and he had gone out to the terrace of his house late at night. He saw a craft – either landed or about to land – adjacent to his home. It was triangular in shape and large. As he watched, two beings emerged from it and walked past him.

He called out to them: 'Who are you and where are you from?'

They stopped and made a strange sound, like two glasses being rubbed together, but he could not understand them. They were covered in a flowing cloth like the Arabs wear and Zamei could not see their faces. He received no message telepathically; he just heard the sound from them. After a moment or two they left, but he did not see where they went. Zamei then walked to the craft. It was slightly raised off the ground, as though it was hovering, but the door was open and he decided to go in.

The inside of the craft was a large empty room with a very bright white light which seemed to come through the walls. There were no chairs or seats, but at the far end there were some buttons and switches.

On the phone, Zamei asked, 'If they come again, should I press the buttons or turn on the switches?' I advised him definitely **not** to do this. We have no idea what would happen to him!

Zamei then asked, 'Should I take them to my house and offer them something to eat?' I suggested that if they followed him, or came to his house, he could offer them some water.

'What else?', he asked. I thought him a bit naïve and asked his age. That is when he told me he was 17 and an A-level student. The whole story was extremely strange, although I have heard weirder tales.

'Are you quite healthy?' I queried.

'Well, I have diabetes...' he said.

I asked him how he had come to contact Don Berliner of The Fund for UFO Research. 'I saw the name in a magazine', Zamei said.

He then told me he had not confided in his parents because they would not believe him.

'I think you should tell them', I advised, 'but find the right time to do so.'

'My parents do not believe in UFOs because our religion does not accept them.'

He also told me that no UFO books or magazines were available in Dar-es-Salaam. I forgot to ask how he had accessed the magazine with the Fund's contact number.

Did he have a tape recorder? He said yes, and I suggested he take that with him should the strangers appear again, and try to record the sounds they made. Zamei asked if he should take a camera; he did not have his own but would borrow one, and photograph the craft and its entities.

I did warn him that pictures rarely came out when printed, or if so, were extremely fuzzy.

Zamei wanted to know what else he should ask. I suggested that he find out why they were contacting him and the purpose of their visit. I doubted if he would receive a reasonable reply – there seems to be overwhelming evidence

that their stories are far from the truth. Zamei was anxious to know if they would harm him. I tried to reassure him, but of course, who am I to know the answers? He promised to telephone me if anything further happened, and then we said good-bye.

On the 12th January I had a second call from Zamei.

'They've just been here', he said, almost unemotionally. 'They came into the house and this time I could see their faces. They had only one eye, in the middle of the face just below where a normal eye would be. They also had a very small mouth.'

'What happened then?' I wanted to know.

'They started pushing my mother's furniture around, damaging it. I then offered them some water in a small jug, with a glass, like you said, and they ate it!'

'What do you mean? Glass, small jug and all?' I enquired.

'Yes! Their mouths enclosed the glass, like creeping up over it and when they covered it all, they must have swallowed it.'

Good heavens, I thought, someone surely was going to have indigestion!

Zamei went on: 'Then I phoned Don Berliner and asked him what I should do.'

'Don said, "Go to the door and say, "Let's go", and see what happens."'

'So I did this and they followed me straightaway. They went outside to the craft and I went behind them; when they went in, I asked if I could come too and as they didn't reply, I jumped in. Almost immediately, the craft took off.

'At first I could see nothing but in seconds we were above the clouds and I could see through the sides (there were no portholes or windows as it was quite smooth on the outside). It was very beautiful. But then we went down again and I got out. When I reached home, my brother was on the terrace and I asked him what about my mother's furniture; was it badly damaged?'

"I don't know what you're talking about" he said. "There's nothing wrong with it."

'He was right. It was all in perfect order.'

'What about the small jug and the glass', I asked

'That's gone', Zamei replied. 'I haven't told my mother yet and I don't know what she will say. They also took my parrot from his cage.'

'Have they returned the parrot?' I enquired.

'No', Zamei answered.

'What will you tell your mother?'

'I will say it flew away'.

He added that when they were in the UFO, one being was flying the craft and the other stood watching Zamei. He noted that their faces were a brownish colour; the eyes were also brown. He compared their skin to something like "unpolished rock". The eye was larger than a human eye. But what surprised him was that the previous week he had had his hair cut; after his "flying" experience, he took a shower before going to bed and noticed in the mirror that his hair had grown long again.

Zamei also mentioned that when the beings were in the house, he was playing with his brother's cigarette lighter and by mistake, flicked it on. He noticed that the two entities were frightened by the flame and turned away quickly.

I thought that it was now time for him to tell his parents about his experiences, and told him so.

Two nights later, he was on the phone again. I was worried about the expense of these international calls, both to Don in the USA and to me in Zimbabwe.

'Don't worry', Zamei said, 'we had our telephone account yesterday and none of the calls are recorded.'

'They obviously wouldn't be recorded so soon', I pointed out.

'No', he said, 'we receive our accounts every few days and they are right up to date.'

I find this difficult to accept. Africa is known for its laid-back method of accounting; I cannot believe Tanzania is any better than other countries on this continent. This was another controversial point in Zamei's story.

Now he informed me: 'They've been again, and they were on the roof.'

'What were they doing there?' I asked.

'I don't know. There is nothing there except two water tanks', Zamei told me.

Ah, I thought; perhaps a reason? I am sure water plays an enormous part in the lives of these creatures, although I certainly don't know for what purpose. Of course, the alternative of Zamei's whole story being a hoax played an important part in my assessment of the case. Some of what he told me is not an unfamiliar story where UFOs are concerned; but at the same time, it could be an excellent ploy for a hoaxer. But if he was hoaxing, why such bizarre material?

Zamei also told me that on the second occasion he met up with the aliens, he had taken a loaded camera with him and had managed to take 14 pictures which he was having developed. At a later date, Don Berliner spoke to me and said he had heard from Zamei that all the pictures were blank, but that he was sending them to the Fund for UFO Research for analysis. I have heard no further from anyone and am not even sure that the spoiled pictures were ever sent to the Fund.

In the meantime, Zamei had also asked if he could talk to anyone whom I could recommend. I had no contacts in Tanzania but knew that AIR TANZANIA flew into Harare regularly. I phoned my travel agent, who immediately put me in touch with a colleague working in the local office of AIR TANZANIA. This lady had a relative living in Dar-es-Salaam and she felt he would willingly call on Zamei and interview him, at the same time assessing his story as to its reality or the young boy's ability to attempt a hoax of this nature. We are waiting for this man's report and will refer to it in our next issue.

My last telephone call was extremely brief. It came through in the early part of the evening of the 26th January.

'Please don't contact me anymore', said Zamei.

'As a matter of fact', I told him, 'you are the one who has been contacting me', although I had written him a letter confirming what he had told me and asking him to correct any errors. I had enclosed 3 x Reply Paid Coupons for him to use in this era of extremely costly letters and telephone calls. I have not heard from Zamei again and now merely await the report from the Tanzanian man who went to interview him.

SPACEMEN

They came at night in the peace and still
And perched their craft upon a hill
They wandered then to seek and search
Upon our little planet Earth.

These men who come from Outer Space
Are not like those of our mixed race
They're kind and wise and tolerant too
And understand the wrongs we do.

They see our wars, problems and hate
And wonder why we can't think straight
For opportunities great have we
And cannot use, til thoughts are free.

They stay awhile and ponder here
Leaving their thoughts so strong and clear
With hopes that through the years ahead
They will inspire some of those who lead.

Then they are away at speed
To seek another planet's need
For we are not the only race
To live this way in Outer Space.

Gladys Archer, England

SOME SECRETS REVEALED

from Albert Benajam

1. After Astronomy, Something New

An announcement in the British Journal NATURE says that ANTON ZEILINGER with five colleagues, reported that 'by producing pairs of entangled photons' and treating them in a certain way, they could transfer a quantum property from one photon to another.

In other words, when two particles are born together, having been emitted by radioactive decay, they keep in touch no matter how far apart they are. When one changes at all, such as its spin direction, the other also changes, **instantaneously**. This occurs faster than the speed of light and it is not known **how** it does this. Some scientists call it 'quantum weirdness'.

Physicist Tony Sudberry of York University in the UK said this connection is so mysterious that even Einstein and his colleagues found the idea unbelievable. Einstein called it 'spooky action at a distance.' Physicists expect that within a few years, this will be seen on a slightly larger scale; in whole atoms, or even molecules.

The idea of 'teleporting' a living body is still in the realms of sci-fi, but once begun, who knows **where** it will end?

'Beam me up, Scotty' might become a reality sometime after the millennium, perhaps sooner than we think!

2. The Aurora Aircraft

In 1981, the USA started to build a new aeroplane which was registered as the AURORA PROJECT and the plane which developed from this is known as the AURORA (1985/6). It is evidence of the advanced technology that the USA has at its fingertips and was probably developed in answer to some new Soviet technology.

The Aurora can fly at a height of 130 000 ft and above Mach 8 (probably

8500 Kmph). It can outdistance any surface-to-air missile. In 1989 the Aurora was observed, apparently for the first time, by a trained aircraft observer, when flying over the oil rig where he worked. It was about 80-90 ft long. It had a wedge-like shape, or 'swept-back wing' appearance as we know it.

Because of its speed, quietness of its engines is not a factor and it has been known to rattle windows, and to those who have heard it on the ground, there is a 'low frequency, very high amplitude, pulsing sound'. Also 'ear-splitting' noises were heard near the RAF Base at Machrihanish in Scotland.

The Aurora (or whatever it is now called) is probably fuelled by a sub-zero liquified gas which is stored in a way that protects the craft and its crew from the intense heat which develops at high Mach numbers. The Aurora is probably used as a high-flying spy plane, for if the speed quoted is correct, then it can circumnavigate the world in approximately six hours or so.

Information from several sources, including **FLYING MAGAZINE**, March 1993.

A SURPRISING DOG!

I saw this dog just running around
Poor little thing, escaped from the pound.
His hair was long, his eyes glowed red,
His fur was green and curled on his head!
I offered him food but he turned up his nose
I patted his head and he smelled like a rose.
I wanted to say he could come to my home
But when I looked round he was using the phone!
I heard him quite clearly: 'Come quickly, dear Dad,
There's a creature out here who's most certainly mad.'

PULSATING DISC

Gauteng, South Africa

Case N° 126
by Tinus de Beer

Two videotapes were actually made of this event: by Sgt. Nico Stander and Capt. Miessner. I spoke to both men and realised that Stander was a UFO buff who has read many books and magazines on the subject, and might have been influenced by these.

On the other hand, Capt. Miessner was a sceptic with an eye to alternative explanations for the object. On Miessner's video the object was taped on two nights, 28th and 29th August, 1996, which suggests that his tape **could** easily have been of Venus.

Checking with Claire Flanagan at the Johannesburg Planetarium, I established that Venus rose at 4:00 that morning, at 66° east of north and Mars rose beneath it shortly afterwards. Venus reached 45° above the horizon that morning (28th) at 08:30 whilst almost all the witnesses indicated 70°-80° as the position of the light.

I have also been told by a reliable witness that on a radar tape, the object had been seen to move at fantastic speeds. However, this tape has never been made public, so there is no proof.

During the sighting, three telephone calls were made to Johannesburg International Airport in Kempton Park, where the telephone was answered by a Ms. Morgenrood who said she had not seen a UFO on the radar. However, the Airport is primarily interested in objects around their air space, so she might not have noted an Unidentified further away. There was some misrepresentation by the media here, possibly a government cover-up and so on. I also interviewed Superintendent Viljoen, the helicopter pilot, who told me he was woken up at 05:00 on 28th August by telephone. He then dressed and drove to Johan Coetzee heliport in Pretoria West. He took two policemen, Sgt. Cassel and Const. Van Onsselen, together with a friend aloft with him. With the co-pilot, this made 5 people in all. He took off at 05:25.

Initially Viljoen flew in the direction of Atteridgeville but was directed towards Mamelodi by one of the policemen. He made a right turn and flew ENE. Viljoen noticed a bright light NE of Mamelodi, about five minutes after take-off. He then flew in the direction of Bronkhorstspuit where one of the police patrol cars was said to be. They had followed the UFO from Pretoria and could still see it. Viljoen contacted Waterkloof Air Force Base and asked if they had anything on radar. They had not. Viljoen was now close to Bronkhorstspuit and asked the patrol car to switch on their blue lights. He asked them to point out the light – hovering some 40-50 ft above them – so he could ascertain if it was the same bright light he was observing. Viljoen contends that he realised it wasn't a planet or a star as all the other stars were already dim and that it was so much larger than any other light. He decided to chase the object. He flew straight at it in a magnetic direction 060 until 06:37 am when he had to turn back due to shortage of fuel. While he was flying straight at the object, it remained the same size and was therefore travelling at his speed.

Viljoen was adamant that he had not followed Venus and a) that the object moved too rapidly for it to have been a planet, and b) it moved against the normal planetary movement.

Viljoen climbed to 10 000 ft. The sun had now started to rise but the object remained the same size. They could all see it although it was now no longer so easily visible.

At 06:30 the object started to manoeuvre strangely. Sometimes it went up and down, stood still, went left and right in no specific order. At 06:36 Viljoen turned back.

During the flight they had a bright searchlight as well as an anti-collision light and a strobe light on. Viljoen instructed Sgt. Strampe to turn the searchlight on to the object but they had no reference point and did not know where it was shining.

On the ground, Viljoen determined that the wind was blowing from an ESE direction at 15-20 knots. At the altitude they were flying, it must have been

blowing at 90° from the right, so the object could hardly have been a balloon as it would have been blown to the west.

Viljoen reported that he was visited later by a Col. Dreyer from the Air Force, and filled-in a UFO questionnaire. Col. Dreyer told him that Jan Smuts Airport had seen something on radar, which they later denied. Viljoen did not think it was a hoax, nor a balloon. It also seems difficult to accept that it was Venus. The planet rose at 04:00 that morning and was at 45° by 08:30, much lower than Supt. Viljoen and his crew could see. He had been flying for 18 years and must surely have been aware of where Venus was situated. Also, Venus had shown itself brightly over the previous few nights, so why hadn't the police picked it up before? The weather was good, as was visibility. There was some dust at lower altitudes (on the 27th, a tremendous dust storm blew over Gauteng, and from Johannesburg to Pretoria there was no blue sky visible all the way.)

Editor's Comment: I found Superintendent Viljoen an extremely credible witness. Nevertheless, he could have been mistaken. Autokinesis often accounts for the apparent movement of stars and planets from right to left and up and down (as in this case), when looked at for any length of time. It was obviously not a balloon, as Viljoen reported on the lack of wind movement in the direction the object was moving; and the two pilots would certainly recognise an aircraft, if that is what it was.

Taking into account that Venus was very bright at this time, it appears to be an obvious solution. But on the 28th August, the zenith reached by Mars was 45° at 05:30 am (approx.) and yet Viljoen talked of between 10 and 11 o'clock. Other police witnesses put this at 70°–80° above the horizon.

The videotape was sent to MUFON photo analyst Jeff Sainio, who interpreted it as Venus. I'm not quibbling with Jeff's expertise but one wonders how he arrived at this conclusion, taking into account the differences in height above the horizon where the object was seen.

One is always keen to look for natural solutions as, to me, this is the true nature of the honest investigator.

But on the other hand, one has to bear in mind differences that do occur, and be able to explain those as well.

Hot off the Press: I have a story from a South African informant who says, 'I have it from a reliable source that these policemen chased one of Denel/Armcor's latest RPV (remotely piloted vehicle) or 'drones' as they are sometimes called. Those things fly at first below the speed of sound and have almost no radar cross-section, so it was no wonder that Wonderboom and Waterkloof didn't pick it up on radar ...'

This sounds reasonably plausible to me, but how come even the police were not informed of this flight plan from Armcor. This is the **third time** in UFO-investigation that I have come across something from Armcor – something of which the public is not aware. Are they indeed a law unto themselves?

CELESTIAL SONG

Music drifts through space
sounds made by angels
sweet melodies touching the heart
notes of universal love
falling like droplets
down to earth.

Can you hear this celestial song
from a distant past
when time stood still?

The ear of the sensitive listens
he becomes still - remembers.

Edith Holford, South Africa

LITS

Report by Di Cammack

The three witnesses (Rodney, Sally and Rick) were all teachers at Bishop Mackenzie International School in Lilongwe, Malawi, at the time of the incident. They are British expats and were on holiday in Harare, Zimbabwe, camping at the Harare Municipal camping site in early December, 1993 (probably 11th December).

Their small children were with them and had already been put to bed in the tent. The witnesses had returned to camp after dinner, where they had drunk some wine, but no heavy drinking. It was around 21:00 hours but Allison (Rick's wife) who was with them, did not see the light.

Rod was the first one to spot it. It came towards them slowly from the NNE and then moved off to the NW very rapidly. The night was clear with a visible moon (1/4 full on 6th December). It was not completely dark as there were street lights and lights from Town. At first Rod thought it could have been a flock of geese in a V-formation. The light was described variously as 'bluey-grey colour' and 'silvery blue'. They all agreed that the object had form, perhaps squarish with a central oval feature. Sally saw two oblong shapes with pulsating bluish lights in the middle, rather hazy. All felt there was some separate movement or blinking lights in the middle.

It was not an aircraft. Sally and Rod had lived under the flight path at Heathrow and were experienced in recognizing aircraft. There were no red or green lights.

Sally noted a trail as it left, but the significant factor was that as it moved off it moved more rapidly than anything they had seen before.

The total episode took about 10 seconds.

BOOK REVIEWS

The editors would like to state that although they respect their book reviewers, and think highly of their analytical methodology, they do not necessarily agree with all their comments. But we accept that they should be allowed total freedom to comment as they wish.

THE DAY AFTER ROSWELL

Diana Cammack

by Col. Philip J. Corso (Ret) with William Birnes. Pocket Books, 1997.

The Day After Roswell falls squarely in the 'hostile invaders' school of analysis – as opposed to the 'benevolent space brothers' genre, to use Michael Lindemann's typology. Corso repeatedly tells us that the EBEs (extraterrestrial biological entities) are here to attack Earth. No evidence is provided, except reports of animal mutilations and human abductions, and reports of sightings near military installations, nuclear facilities and our own space vehicles. The fact that the EBEs 'avoid contact' is also seen as a sign of their evil intentions.

For two years in the early 1960s Corso's work was to combat the EBEs by using alien technology to protect the Earth. But fighting the EBEs was only one focus of his activity. At the same time he wanted to use this technology to confront the Communist threat; to do so, he tells us, he had to combat liberals within the American Administration and the CIA, infiltrated thoroughly by the KGB, he adds.

All of this emerges in his (highly repetitious) book about his two years on the Foreign Technology Desk at the Army's Research and Development Department in the Pentagon. There he was given access to what he came to call his 'nut file' – a cabinet of artifacts from, and notes about, equipment and EBEs found at Roswell in 1947. Under orders of Lt. Gen. Arthur Trudeau, he was to integrate the technology from the crashed saucer into military and mainstream American R & D programmes without causing attention, and ensuring the rapid advancement of certain developments. This he claims to have done, leading to the production of night vision instruments, lasers, fibre optics, improved integrated circuitry, and particle

beam weapons (deployed during Reagan's Star Wars programme). He explains how he went about feeding Roswell technologies into R & D laboratories throughout America.

He also insists that these advances provided the US with an edge in the Cold War, allowing them to beat the Soviets in the end. By the 1980s, he says, 'both President Reagan and Chairman Gorbachev recognized the need for cooperation against a common enemy' (p.266) and the Roswell-inspired, human-manufactured technology was available to defend us (Here one is reminded of Prof. Kasher's video, which he says is of a UFO being shot at by Star Wars technology).

Since Corso's book was published a year ago, it has been criticized by those frustrated by its Cold Warrior bias and its anti-ET paranoia. Some blame the latter on his co-author, who sought to add creative 'tension' to the tale. More damning, some have pointed out errors in the text – dates, spelling of names, locations, etc. – but this reviewer hasn't the capacity to judge their validity.

More interesting is the indirect collaboration on Internet of Corso's claims made by Jack Shulman, President of the American Computer Company. He states he has evidence of Roswell technology having been used by a competing company. He also says he has a notebook which documents a heretofore undeveloped piece of Roswell technology, which he calls a 'transcapacitor', and which his company is now developing and intends to patent.

Finally, Corso also explains the American 'cover-up' of the EBEs' presence and the alien threat. Initially in 1947, he explains, the US was coming out of the devastating second World War and entering the Cold War. When the UFO crashed at Roswell, Truman, "still reeling from his sudden ascendancy to the presidency", agreed with his advisers that the first task was to evaluate the craft.

Then came

'a million questions. Were these flying objects the prelude

to something much bigger? Were they communicating with the Soviets? Were they allied to the Soviets? Were they probing our defences for a planetary invasion?" (p. 68)

The policy which was put into place was, according to Corso, to form 'a government within a government' that 'ruthlessly guarded their secrets while evaluating every new bit of information.'

At the same time this 'government within a government' would allow disclosures of some of the most far-fetched information, whether true or not, because it would help create a climate of public attitude that would be able to accept the existence of extraterrestrial life without a general sense of panic.' (p. 75)

Now, 50 years later, this policy may explain why, if Corso's story is true, he has not been brought to book for telling the Pentagon's secrets.

Addendum to Dr Cammack's critique of Corso's book.

Dr Cammack has recently e-mailed us with some further information on Lt.Col. Corso's statements in his book under review. This was obtained from SKYWATCH INTERNATIONAL INC. [Address: 3579 Foothill Blvd, N°506, Pasadena CA 91107, USA]

At the Prophets Conference in Phoenix, Arizona in October 1997, Ted Loman was asked several questions about the authenticity of Corso's reports. Loman speculated that some of the craft that Corso saw might have been 'ours', but that did not mean he denied the reality of 'alien' craft. He pointed out, too, that Corso had a way of evading the initial question, and going right away from it.

He also confirmed that some of the statements about where he'd been and whom he had spoken to, have been subsequently corroborated by the people involved, although they have not come out publicly to say so. Loman concluded by saying that he felt Corso was perhaps telling a 'half-truth'.

Dr Edgar Mitchell also says that Corso was a good witness, that he did what he said he did, and that he was who he said he was!

Nevertheless, there were flaws in his testimony: Mitchell felt not everything stated was back-engineered, as a lot of it had come from our own Earth scientists, who were offended by the lack of acknowledgement of the contributions to science they had made. But Mitchell did agree that Corso was involved in the transfer of technology.

Dr Steven Greer confirmed that Corso's story was basically accurate. He said he had met people who told the same story as Corso; people from different commercial companies.

His quibble was about the reports that President Ronald Reagan, referring to *Star Wars*, supposedly said that aliens were the one factor which would unite all the people of Earth against a common threat. He was disturbed about the use of the word 'threat', merely because we did not understand nor control what this was all about.

The consensus here appears to be that whilst Lt.Col. Corso is telling the truth, it is only part of the truth; not the whole of it.

So where does that leave us all?

A WORLD HISTORY OF UFOs

Prier Wintle

edited by Hilary Evans and Dennis Stacey, Red Sparrow, Australia, 1997.

The title of this book is misleading.

It is certainly not a history of the UFO phenomenon in any consecutive sense but rather a series of 23 chapters on different aspects of the subject by different authors, each presenting his or her personal point of view in no definite chronological order.

The opening chapter by Dennis Stacey does present us with eight days that shaped Ufology, starting with the Arnold sighting of 9 'saucers' on June 24, 1947 and proceeding to the Brooklyn Bridge abduction of 'Linda Cortile' (pseudonym) on 30 November 1989 (which made history by being observed by several independent witnesses, including two police officers), and the next two chapters do deal in some detail with the Arnold sighting, but from then on history is irrelevant. You may take your pick and read the different contributions in any order you please.

Sometimes you'll strike lucky and pick an interesting one. I'm sorry to say that more often you won't, unless perhaps your intuitive approach to Ufology is that it is probably hogwash and you are disposed to welcome 'evidence' that seems to confirm that this is so. Thus in Chapter 5 we read about Adamski the contactee, dutifully debunked as a fraud. The contrite author, Marc Hallet, once a believer, excuses himself for his mistake by saying that at least the stories that Adamski told "were far more believable than those being told today by the abductees who claim to be raped by strange grey monsters who can pass through walls."

After reading that, we know we had better not believe in abductions! And later chapters rub the lesson home more and more explicitly just in case we had missed it.

Patrick Huyghe in Chapter 18 sneers at Budd Hopkins, the N°1 abduction author, quoting Peter Gersten who said he had a one track mind and was on the wrong track at that, and then suggesting that the sheer size of the statistics of this thing proved it couldn't be happening. And Hilary Evans himself in Chapter 22 determinedly treats the **whole subject** of UFOs as "a wonderfully rich and elaborate mythology unmatched in the world of folklore." Each successive section of his contribution is headed as this, that or the other myth. The 'abduction myth' is just one aspect or facet of it. And he treats it all in the past tense:

"Above all, it was the sheer numbers of alleged abductees which was the strongest argument against their physical reality...."

"Despite its implausibility, this new development of the UFO myth commanded a degree of acceptance never attained by the contactees..."

"This readiness to accept abduction stories at face value was revealing not only about the mentality of the public from whom the abductees recruited themselves, but also of the mind-set of those who championed them."

Nowhere in the whole of this 'history' book do we find a chapter going deeply into the subject by an author who has personally studied abductions and abductees, though it is almost certainly the most vital and living aspect of ufology today. The editors think it couldn't ever have happened and say so, and that is that.

And so it is with almost everything else. Did you ever hear of the Belgian UFO wave of 1989-90? If not, don't expect to find an unbiased, objective presentation of all the pros and cons for it here. In Chapter 15, Wim van Utrecht demolishes it as a good sceptic should!

The novel aspect of the wave was the number of multiple sightings of triangular shaped objects, sometimes very large, with a bright light at each corner and a red light in the centre. They usually travelled quite slowly. Wim van Utrecht suggests they were conventional aircraft coming in to land (despite their ability to change course abruptly while producing no downdraft and making only a soft humming sound), or perhaps they were a blimp equipped with bright spotlights. He even traced a man called K living in Brussels who claimed to have made one and who offered to sell it to the Belgian Air Force for a million US dollars as the solution to the mystery. Unfortunately for Wim, K later denied ever having flown his balloon out of doors.

Try looking elsewhere for accounts of triangular UFOs. Oddly enough there is actually a reference to them in Patrick Huyghe's Chapter 18, which I have referred to above in connection with Budd Hopkins and abductions. On Page 209 he speaks of the second half of the 1980s when "huge triangle-shaped objects were being seen over the Hudson Valley where I was living."

The editors must have missed that.

A famous French C E 2 Case at Trans en Provence, long validated by the official French government UFO investigating body GEPAN, is demolished by Eric Maillot and Jacques Scomaux in Chapter 14.

The subject of cattle mutilations is considered by David Perkins in Chapter 13, apparently seriously at first, but gradually we find Linda Moulton Howe, whose 1980 book *Strange Harvest* gives the best documented and photographic account of the whole subject, being made to seem credulous by association with William Milton Cooper, an ex-Naval petty officer who claims there is a secret government treaty with the aliens allowing them to mutilate cattle and abduct humans for genetic material in exchange for advanced technological information. Perkins' chapter ends on a frankly cynical, satirical note.

There are some good chapters. I particularly liked *UFOs in Africa* by Cynthia Hind and her description of the Ariel School sighting at Ruwa, 30 kilometres from Harare. No adults saw the objects land and the little men get out but 62 children did. A BBC interviewer asked them how they left. "It just went", they said. He didn't understand but Cynthia knew they meant the craft just disappeared. The Magonia effect!

The treatment of the Allagash Abductions by Raymond E Fowler in Chapter 12 is excellent. This was a case where four young students were abducted together from their canoe on a camping trip. Multiple abductions are rare (though abductees frequently see numerous other people, sometimes including even other family members or friends in the craft to which they are taken), so a proper investigation was called for. Fowler concludes that the experience recounted by the four was objective in nature.

Vladimir Rubtsov's description of how Soviet Ufology managed to keep going by constantly maintaining a low profile till Perestroika finally dawned at the end of the 1980s is also a fascinating sociological document. And in any other book I would have welcomed Jenny Randles' concluding chapter, N°23, entitled *A Few Home Truths*. Indeed it is an excellent chapter,

underlining the need for extreme objectivity and caution on the part of all serious UFO researchers. She points out that 90-95% of all UFO sightings have mundane explanations. They become IFOs (Identified Flying Objects). If one comes up with a better percentage of UFOs than 5-10% one is doing something wrong (But note she is still claiming that these 5-10% are real). But even then, there is no such thing as a proven UFO. Every UFO is a potential IFO, though it may take years or decades to 'solve' it.

Her final advice is 'dig deep'. Never assume there is no more to a case than what appears on the surface. By digging one may simply explode a case, but one may also uncover extraordinary data which link up with the most baffling and tantalizing UFO cases from all over the world.

I said I would have welcomed this chapter in any other UFO book. In this one I felt it was included to give the book respectability by concluding with a contribution by a world renowned investigator advocating caution at all costs. It made it seem that that was all that they themselves were doing. But was it? The book as a whole is totally misleading. It presents itself as a history but is actually simply a miscellaneous collection of articles, weighted heavily on the side of scepticism, chosen by two editors who themselves are heavily weighted on the side of scepticism. One realises this most clearly if one considers what is **not** in the book. I have already mentioned that there is no overall, balanced presentation of the real case for abductions (One article, on one case alone, the Allagash abductions, is not a fair presentation of the abduction case as a whole, even though this one case was judged to be veridical. The book as a whole sneers at the subject and the senior editor dismisses it by referring to it throughout in the past tense). But note that Jenny Randles slips in one revealing sentence. She has doubts about one particular case she is telling us about, but then she suddenly says (Page 283), "I know that 'real abductions' (however we actually explain them) do occur and it would be folly to reject this case as a possible candidate."

But the worst omission of all, in my opinion, is the fact that there is not one explicit word in the whole book about the Magonia effect. Jacques Vallée coined the phrase in his book *Passport to Magonia*, published some 16

years ago, after he had resigned from all the nuts and bolts UFO groups to which he had formerly belonged, because he had come to realise that there is something about the UFO phenomenon which does not fit into our everyday understanding of reality. He began studying fairy lore and found that medieval accounts of the 'little people' have an uncanny resemblance to modern CEIII reports.

Dennis Stacey and Hilary Evans sweep all that sort of thing under the rug by interpreting it as 'psychological' or 'subjective' - i.e. all in the witness's own mind. But it aint necessarily so! As Hamlet said to one of his friends after he had seen the ghost of his father, 'there are stranger things in this world than are dreamt of in your philosophy.' If we forget that wise statement and persist in insisting that UFOs must either be a physical reality or something subjective and not really real we may miss the true explanation altogether. It may be something which requires us to expand our minds drastically.

My final cavils are minor ones.

Almost every chapter is preceded by a picture, usually the cover of a book, sometimes an advertisement for a film. One or two are relevant to the subject matter which follows. The majority are not.

There is an index at the end of the book but it is totally inadequate. I had to make notes myself on the end pages as I went along. Otherwise I would not have been able to find anything later.

Addresses of Booksellers (see page 42):

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Wizard Books, 13 The Atrium, Main Rd Claremont 7700, Cape R.S.A.
Books Etc., King George Road, Avondale, Harare.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Extract from letter from Ahmad Jamaludin, Malaysia

'Thank you for your letter of 22 January and the interesting book on the African Encounters. I read with fascination and interest about the UFO events that occurred in Africa. I have long wanted to see a UFO picture from that continent and your book made interesting reading even though most of the cases referred to Zimbabwean and South African events only. Close Encounters of the Third Kind are truly exciting. If my guess is right, there are only less than 20 CE3 cases documented in Africa between 1947 and the present date. I find in ufology, most of the interesting and baffling CE3 cases are coming from the Latin American countries. With proper documentation, I believe the African events will be just as exciting. Anyhow, the few CE3 cases that I am aware of from Zimbabwe and S. Africa are indeed very interesting.

I purchased UFO AFRINEWS through Lionel Beer, Spacelink Books in UK. I attach some copies of the Malaysian UFO Bulletin which I produced.'

Comments on UFO AFRINEWS N°17, from Jonathan Wigham, Harare:

'I should like to ask you why you make the cryptic comment that "... (the Nordics) are actually humans recruited at some stage to the aliens' cause." Why should this be so? And how were they 'recruited'? From what I've read it seems to me that the two types you mentioned are only the most commonly seen; not the only two. You yourself mentioned the reptilian type. Your comment that the 'Nordic' type seemed to 'dominate' the 'Greys' was also interesting and it would indeed be illuminating to find out more about the relationship between these two distinct types. Perhaps further hypnotic regression on abductees might throw some light on the matter. It is interesting to note that few black Africans, as far as one knows, seem to have come up with abduction experiences. This might well be because they associate the phenomenon against a totally different cultural background and merely perceive the phenomenon as an example of ancestral

intercession. Which of course brings into question Europeans' perception of the 'abduction' phenomenon. Sceptics have suggested that it is a new fad caused by a diet of too many science fiction films. One must remember that myths (?) about incubus and succubus go back into ancient human history. One article I read strongly suggested that myths are a continual human phenomenon but only the material changes: for example, aliens from outer space have now replaced ogres, 'little people', trolls, etc. Case number 133 is very interesting and suggests that an abduction may have taken place (Stuart's missing rib and the peculiar ear infection). Presumably you will report back after the ENT specialist has X-rayed Stuart's ear to establish if there is an implant in it.'

Editor's reply: The reason I said that 'I suspect' the 'Nordics' are actually humans recruited to the aliens' cause was because the Nordics look exactly like us, but mostly with blonde or white hair. It seems unlikely to me that a race of beings in the exact image of *homo sapiens* would exist on distant planets, or in other dimensions of Time. This thought did not really originate from me but seems to be a fairly general consensus of opinion among investigators. Also, people have disappeared in obvious UFO abductions, and in some, not so obvious. On October 21st, 1978, Frederick Valentich, a 21-year-old RAAF (Australian) pilot disappeared while on a trip over Bass Straits after reporting that he was being shadowed by an object which was not an aircraft. Neither his remains nor any wreckage of his Cessna 182 were ever found, despite a thorough search and the Cessna having extra fuel tanks under the wings, which would have floated on impact with the water.

In Budd Hopkins' fascinating book *WITNESS*, he writes about the protagonist, Linda Cortile, being seen by two of the witnesses as helping the aliens on the beach when they, the witnesses, were being led by the aliens. The story is too elaborate to detail in its entirety here.

You are correct; I have only mentioned those 'aliens' who are most commonly seen. There are reptilian types, heavily cloaked beings, creatures of enormous size and strength, one-eyed humanoid types, insect-like creatures, and so on. It would be interesting to find a researcher to list all

these! I think the majority of the 'Greys' (for want of a better word) are robotic in concept: they act on command, are basically non-sexual and do not reproduce. But according to Elizabeth Klarer, the Nordics are capable of reproduction, as Akon fathered Elizabeth's son, Ayling.

We do actually have the abduction of a black African man (see UFO AFRINEWS N°4,p.6) and of an Asian girl (see UFO AFRINEWS N°7,p.5) so people of different cultural backgrounds are affected, but they also react differently and their perceptions are allied to their basic culture. I think this applies to various cultures all over the world. But we do agree that many cases may be in relation to local folklore and myths.

With reference to Case N° 133, we will of course keep readers informed of Stuart's progress.

Excerpt from letter from H. Beck, Switzerland.

'You mention Mr Tanner's theory in AFRINEWS, and his contention that by reducing mass and inertia one would be able to travel anywhere in our universe. This is true, but it has two drawbacks. First, even without mass you still cannot exceed the speed of light. And secondly, the problem of interstellar gas and gas clouds still remains. If you slam into a gas cloud several light years in extent with anything like the speed of light, your ship will meet the same fate as a shooting star on earth: It will burn up within seconds due to friction.

[Referring to the 'Smelly UFO' case] 'My feeling is that the 'Foul Smelling UFO' is exactly what you felt sure it was: the frozen blue disinfectant from an air plane toilet. The 'snowballs' bombarding the earth would not reach the ground, since they enter the atmosphere with a speed of 20-60 km per second and burn up long before they reach the ground. Stony meteorites usually contain some sulfur and an odour of H²S has been reported by people who picked them up shortly after their fall. The snowballs may contain some dust but hardly any sulfur, so they would not emit a pungent odour.'

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

1. THE DAY AFTER ROSWELL by Lt Col Philip Corso (1997), @ US\$24
Revelations of the technology, allegedly back-engineered by our scientists from crashed alien craft!
 2. THE THREAT - THE SECRET ALIEN AGENDA by David Jacobs (1998), @ US\$23.
Are the 'aliens' as benign as we think?
 3. THE CASH-LANDRUM UFO INCIDENT by John Schuessler (1998), @ US\$19.95
See UFO Effects - Part II, in this issue.
 4. THE UFO BOOK by Jerome Clark (1997), @ US\$19.95.
An abbreviation of the best UFO cases from his encyclopaedia of UFO events, by one of the best researchers in the history of UFOs.
- All the above obtainable from Arcturus Books Inc., USA.
5. ALIEN BASE: EARTH'S ENCOUNTERS WITH EXTRATERRESTRIALS, by Timothy Good (1998), @ approx. £20.
We have not read this title yet, but the author's name alone is sufficient recommendation.

Obtainable from Spacelink Books, England.

Local:

UFO AFRINEWS magazine, N^os. 1-18 now available. Prices vary in different countries.

UFOs AFRICAN ENCOUNTERS by Cynthia Hind (1982).

UFOs OVER AFRICA by Cynthia Hind (1997). Pub. Horus House Press, USA. Price US\$15.95.

Obtainable from Wizard Books, S. Africa. Also Books, Etc., Harare, Arcturus Books Inc. and Spacelink Books