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EDITORIAL

Because it's the beginning of a new millennium, I feel we should give you a magazine to remember. A few more pages; some new stories and some reminiscences, and all still for the same price! Apart from that, we want to thank you for your support over the last 11 years, and let's hope we can keep UFO AFRINEWS going for a few more years yet, although age has a nasty way of creeping up on one without prior notice!

Sadly, Maria Sullivan is leaving us for the higher climes of our mountains near the Mozambique border to spend some hopefully peaceful and quiet years with her family there. Well, she's not going **altogether**, as she will still be proof reading the magazine and perhaps contributing cases from that neck of the woods. I only hope she does not become an 'abductee' or an 'experiencer' (as some prefer to be called), because around Nyanga/Mutare there are many UFO cases and with her preference for star-gazing at night, who knows?

When I think back over the years of the UFO cases where I have actually been closely involved with the witnesses, several stand out in my memory and I would like to recall them here. One reason why I want to re-present these cases is that I find it a bit undermining when I read books by respected and internationally known authors, who quote most of the top cases worldwide, but totally eliminate Africa! Is it perhaps because we are not clever enough; or rich enough; or too far away? Whatever, let UFO AFRINEWS, at least, put you in the picture!

Certainly for physical effects, the case of Danie van Graan of Loxton in South Africa, was the best ever. On the 31st of July 1975, Danie woke early and decided to walk over to his sheep *kraal* (enclosure) to see if the animals were all right. Loxton had its water reservoir on top of a hill above the village, so when the winter rains were heavy, the water would spill and flood the houses below. The people decided to build a wall around the village so that the water overflow would not affect them. The wall was about 3 metres (10ft) high and as Danie breasted it, he was surprised to see a caravan (trailer) inside his sheep *kraal*. However, he was aware that

government men, using a caravan, were surveying the area for uranium and he thought he could cadge a nice hot cup of coffee from them.

But as he approached closer he noticed several strange things: the caravan had no wheels; it stood on tines. The windows were large and revealing, not like a usual caravan at all. Also, the four men inside were a bit strange: they were short; they wore tight-fitting suits with hoods thrown back off their heads; and their eyes were slanted, 'like the Russians (Mongolians)', Danie said. Three of them appeared to be examining something through an instrument like a microscope. The fourth stood at a console with flashing lights.

When Danie was about five metres from them, they suddenly looked up as though he had triggered something which alerted them. Almost immediately, he heard a 'click' sound and a strong beam of light hit him full on. Danie staggered. He felt as though he was drowning and his only thought was to get out of the light. At the same time, the craft rose and took off, very quickly, almost colliding with his windmill in the grounds. Danie staggered against the fence of his *kraal*; he vomited and his nose began to bleed. He was never the same man again. He had conjunctivitis for a while and double vision, and within a year or two, he died in hospital, riddled with cancer. But the strange men and their craft had left evidence behind.

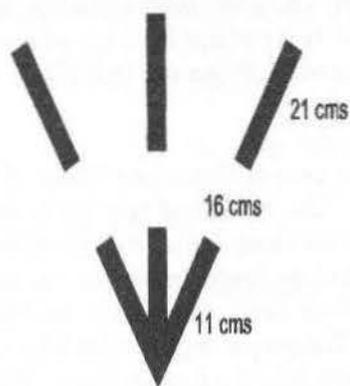


Figure 1: Drawing of the Mark

There were 5 distinct tine marks on the ground where the machine had stood, 4 arrow-like indentations in the hard winter ground on the periphery, and one criss-crossed imprint in the centre. Not only that, but in the centre mark there was a small pile of grey-green granules left behind, and the 2½ metre circle where the craft had stood showed no growth whatsoever for about 18 months.

I have never had a report on these marks from elsewhere but they are the clearest unexplained tine marks ever recorded. Analysis of the granules showed a preponderance of *thaumacite*, which the Geological Survey in South Africa pointed out was of no commercial value.

The other case where physical evidence played a definite part was the Rosmead Tennis Court UFO! This took place on 12th November, 1972. Rosmead is a railway junction 10 Km from Middelburg in the Cape, South Africa. It was also a military base at that time and four soldiers were the first to witness something unusual on the Primary School tennis court. They were lying on mattresses outside the Duty Room at 20:15 hours when one of them spotted red lights circling on the court.

He pointed this out to his three companions. The lights were about 1½ metres above the ground and after turning a few times, they disappeared. There was no sound.

Shortly afterwards, Harold Truter, Headmaster of the school, returned home with his family after a week-end with friends in Port Elizabeth. It was about 20:25 when he garaged his car and noticed that something was wrong with the tennis court. Upon examination he was appalled to see holes in the surface and pieces of tarmac strewn about. He immediately phoned the Chairman of the School Committee and the police.

In the meantime, Sgt Goosen of the South African Police in Middelburg had noticed a strange light in the sky. Its shape changed all the time. He called other policemen to witness this unusual object moving in a southerly direction. The time was 21:20 hours. At 21:35, Truter phoned to report the damage to the school tennis court and the policemen drove over to Rosmead.

The tennis court was fenced with wire to a height of 1,6 metres; the gate was kept locked. Goosen said, 'There were several holes in the surface of the court, some bigger than others... I could still see the strange object in the sky, but later it disappeared.'

Later, Col. van Heerden, District Commander of the Police, said; 'The marks seemed to have the same shape and were the same distance from one

another. There were 5 big marks and 5 small holes about one metre away from the larger marks.' The bigger holes were about 1,5 metres in diameter and the small holes about 20-30 cms in diameter.

Bordering the tennis court were two bluegum trees whose leaves, facing the court, were badly burned. I took samples of these for analysis at the University of Zimbabwe but apart from an 'intense heat' factor, nothing else emerged. Two hundred metres from the court, the police found pieces of tarmac embedded in the trunks of some trees, at a height of about 2 metres.

Col. Neethling of the Police Laboratory in Pretoria said no radiation showed up in whatever was analysed. He felt that children had 'done the damage' and even reported pick axe marks, although no evidence was produced. The day was very hot (100°F) and the sky was clear; no sign of lightning or impending storms, and in any case, the tarmac had been 'pressed down' as in pressure-brought-to-bear and not pushed up as in an explosion!

On January 3rd, 1979, Megan Quezet was reading in her living-room. Her husband and two sons, Gary (8) and André (12) were in bed at their home in Mindalore, a suburb of Krugersdorp, west of Johannesburg, South Africa. The time was 23:50.

Just then André appeared, saying he could not sleep and could he make some tea for both of them. Meagan readily agreed. It was at this point that she heard their dachshund, Cheeky, barking outside. Meagan went to the gate to call Cheeky but he was already up the road. She called to André to come and help her get the dog back home.

They walked up Saul Jacobs Street. Cheeky was barking frantically, joined by many other dogs. At the top of this street there was a T-junction leading into Tindall Road and Meagan could now see a bright pink glow up there. She thought it could be a light plane come down and being a nurse, she might be able to help. But as they drew nearer, they both realised this was something different. The light, very bright, completely surrounded a machine. It was an egg-shaped metallic craft, cut off near the bottom.

There was a doorway with two lights on either side, and one on top. The

craft stood on 'spider legs' (about 10cms thick) with a sort of sucker pad at the end. It straddled the road, which was about 4,8 metres wide. The craft was approx. 3,5 metres high.

Meagan was confused: what could this be? Then, 5 or 6 men got out of the craft. Two remained at the centre, two went to the far end and one came towards Meagan. They were talking in a rather high-pitched language - not Chinese, but like that. Meagan couldn't see their faces clearly, only the one who approached her. The men wore whitish overalls of some kind with only the faces showing, but the one near her had the hood thrown back. He had brown curly hair and a beard and his skin was tanned. He was doing all the talking. Suddenly, he became aware of Meagan. He bowed and said something, never taking his eyes off her. Megan said 'Hello' and laughed, but then she felt afraid. There was something very strange about it all.

She shouted to André: 'Go and get Daddy, and run, please run.'

The next thing, the men had jumped back into the craft. Meagan heard a buzzing noise (like bees), the legs elongated and the craft took off. The legs telescoped into the craft, it hovered for a few seconds and then shot up into the sky and was gone, into the clouds, within 30 seconds.

Later, when Meagan was hypnotically regressed by a well-known Johannesburg psychiatrist, she spoke of going on board the craft with André and said the men wanted her to go with them. Her reactions were those of a woman afraid and confused and quite emotional.

Many weeks later, when the psychiatrist gave me permission to play the tape to Meagan, she emphatically denied it all had happened to her. She felt I had 'hoaxed' this for her benefit but of course, I was not even in the room when Meagan was being regressed.

Sadly, when he was in his early twenties, André was killed in an accident while he was doing his National Military Service. I know that both he and Meagan told me the truth and now I'm sure André, at least, will know the real answers.

These are three of the early cases I dealt with in South Africa, detailed in my first book, UFOs - AFRICAN ENCOUNTERS.

There are many others like these, thoroughly investigated by my team and myself, although the world seems oblivious to the fact that UFOs were alive and operating in Africa as well as Australia, Britain, Europe and the Americas.

Isn't it about time that we too are acknowledged?

More in Issue N°22 - July 2000!

ARE PILOTS 'EXTRAORDINARY' WITNESSES?

Recently, in one of the many publications produced on the Internet, John Schuessler¹ says that 10% of all pilots have seen UFOs. Bearing in mind of course, that UFO stands for 'Unidentified Flying Object' and not necessarily for alien craft.

And although I admire and respect pilots for their cool and calm handling of those huge Boeing 747-400's and other large, passenger-filled planes, why should they be more acceptable in their reportage than policemen, the military, law professors or any sort of highly-placed academics?

Or for that matter, an ordinary man or woman driving a car on his/her way home? Surely assessment should rest on the stable character of the witness? Are they easily fooled; do they normally have too vivid an imagination; are they psychotic enough to long for some sort of recognition in life, however bizarre the event might be?

It is true that pilots, in their aircraft, are closer to high-flying objects than those of us based at ground level. They would also perhaps, have a clearer

¹ UFO POTPOURRI N° 426 July 1999

view, be less likely to panic, and obviously have built-in witnesses in the cabin with them. There have been some spectacular reports from pilots recently; certainly worth recording, even if the pilots decide to stop giving further interviews.

An older report comes from Capt. Graham Sheppard² and his crew, on a clear summer day in 1967. Sheppard was piloting his plane (type not stated) from London to Scotland when a message was received in the cockpit from Preston Radar Control. 'You have a fast-moving, opposite direction traffic in the airway.'

Sheppard and his co-pilot saw a 30 foot wide disc-shaped craft race into view, passing within metres of their plane, and in sight for 5 seconds.

In March of 1967, Capt. Sheppard and his crew, on a flight from Gibraltar to Heathrow, saw two unidentified objects in a 10-minute aerobatic display over the Bay of Biscay. In 1993, Sheppard was interviewed on TV and was castigated by the British Airways Public Relations office.

A few years later, Capt. Sheppard took early retirement.

On July 14th, 1952, two Pan American pilots saw 'a formation of 6 flying discs pivot in the sky and join with two others.' They flew away in a staggered formation at great speed. This sighting took place 24 miles (38 Km) North of Norfolk, Virginia, at 8:12 p.m. 'The discs looked like hot, orange-red metal.' The sighting was never satisfactorily explained.³

At approx. 5:07 p.m. on August 9th 1997, a Swissair Boeing 747 had a 'near miss' with a glowing white, cylindrical object. This was travelling towards the cockpit at an extremely high speed.

² *Ibid.*

³ International UFO Reporter, Summer 1999 Vol. 24 N°2.

The Boeing was at 23000 ft (7500 metres) and flying at 340 knots (about 624 Kmph). The sky was clear and cloudless. The pilot was a Capt. Phil Bobet, with a crew of two (co-pilot and flight engineer). The sighting occurred 16 minutes after take-off from New York Kennedy Airport.

The FAA report stated that it was a weather balloon but Capt. Bobet was dismayed by the explanation for a number of very valid reasons.⁴

M. Herve Giraud, pilot of a Mirage IV bomber (7th March 1997) in the Dijon area of France, and his navigator, saw a very bright light approaching them. The light tailed them at 1500 metres. The pilot made a sharp turn and the light left at supersonic speed. No sonic boom was heard. Minutes later it reappeared and repeated its former pattern.⁵

On the 3rd February 1999, a BAe 146 flight from Sweden to Humberside spotted a UFO the size of a battleship. Neither the CAA (Civil Aviation Authority) nor the Ministry of Defence said they were investigating this report. According to the air crew, the object was 'silver coloured and pencil-thin with square windows along the fuselage.'⁶

AND IN AFRICA.....

On 26th July, 1954, Squadron Leader A J Roberts (ex RAF Bomber Command) was flying with Bob Woodward, a student pilot. They were flying at 137 Kmph in a Tiger Moth at 2100 metres, when they spotted a silver object approx. 760 metres above their plane, not far from Lake Chivero, some 35 Km from Harare, Zimbabwe. The object was like 'an elliptical sausage'. The centre was clear but the ends were hazy.

⁴ MUFON UFO JOURNAL, Summer 1999 N°377
(R.J.Dunant)

⁵ *Ibid.*

⁶ (British) DAILY MAIL, Tuesday 27th April, 1999

Roberts took over as pilot and moved closer to the object, which was in a clear patch of blue sky. But as they approached, it turned on its side and took off at great speed. When the Tiger Moth reached the lake, they saw the object coming towards them. It then stopped dead and hovered about 4 Km away. It now appeared as two saucers, one above the other; they were either separate or connected by something the colour of the sky. Roberts said the object was silver or grey but did not reflect the sun. They estimated its length to be about 12 metres. After hovering for a short time, it again turned on its side and took off at incredible speed. Roberts said, 'The most amazing thing about the object was the way it changed direction....' Both men reported to Flying Control at Belvedere Airport on landing. The radar had not been working so there was no confirmation of the sighting: 30 seconds on the first occasion and a bit less on the second.⁷

Chingola, Zambia: One day I had a phone call from 'Bob' who refused to identify himself. He told me that he had been flying on the Zambia/Zaire (now Democratic Republic of Congo) border in October 1961. He was with the Forces of the then Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, in an Alouette helicopter.

He told me he had a photograph of a UFO taken at that time, but under no circumstances would he reveal his identity. He posted the photo to me and although it was badly creased and rather faint, there was definitely an object discernible, but unfortunately, circled with a ball-point pen.

Joe Brill, a respected investigator for MUFON, had the photo analysed by Bill Spaulding of Ground Saucer Watch, and though Spaulding has been discredited in latter years, I'm sure his assessment at the time was perfectly genuine. It was validated by him as a metallic object of a disc shape. 'Bob' told me the day was bright and sunny and it could have been late September, 1961. The Alouette was practising landing and take off manoeuvres. When the UFO was spotted, it was noon.

⁷ UFOs - AFRICAN ENCOUNTERS (pub. 1982 by Cynthia Hind) pp 72-3

They were flying at about 200 ft at a speed of 190 Kmph.

The UFO came up from behind a hill, travelling at tremendous speed straight up and over the top of the helicopter, disappearing over the opposite horizon.

'We observed it for about 10 seconds', Bob said. 'There was only time for one photograph with a £20 Agfa camera. There was no sound, and no extensions on the craft, nor lights. It was a silver-chrome colour and reflected the sun all the time.'

There were five witnesses altogether: Bob himself, the pilot, Brahm, Chippy Ackerman (killed in Zaire later on), Gerrie Schultz, and a fifth person whose name Bob could not recall. The men thought it was a highly secret United Nations craft, but the shape and speed soon negated this. Bob was never sure of the exact date this sighting took place but it is interesting to note that it was early October - Bob's estimate, although he was not sure - shortly after the death in an air crash of the Secretary General of the United Nations, Dag Hammerskjold on September 18th of that year.

A mystery crash which was never solved.

Well, not as far as the public know!

THE MILLENNIUM

*There are many predictions of a terrible thing
That the Millennium 2000 will certainly bring.
Earthquakes and waves of enormous height,
Meteors to Earth which close off the light.
Death and destruction of a formidable war,
Missiles arriving with an ear-splitting roar.
But remember one fact (placed in your head):
Why should you worry once you are dead?*

OUT OF AFRICA

Alien Hair?

Bill Chalker is a contributing Editor of IUR (*International UFO Reporter*), one of the best – from a scientific point of view – UFO magazines available, and certainly one of the most reliable. I met Bill sometime during the 1980s at the Fund for UFO Research Conference in Washington at the American University. He represented Australia while I represented Africa and although I did not get to know him well, I thought his talk was both factual, well researched and interestingly presented.

Now, he has come up with a case which involves the analysis of a hair follicle from a supposedly 'alien' contact, which is physical proof of a kind we have never known before.

Peter Khoury was born in Lebanon in 1964 (35 years of age now) and emigrated to Australia in 1973. In 1990 he married his wife Vivian and they have two children. Peter is involved in the building industry and has a business of his own.

In 1988, Peter and his wife saw an unusual light which projected a beam and moved strangely. In July that year he had another shattering experience when he witnessed several figures in his bedroom and became paralysed. They inserted a needle-like crystal tube into his head and he blacked out. He explained what had happened to him to Vivian, who was then his fiancée. Peter tried to get help but couldn't seem to find what he wanted. He joined a UFO group but left after a year. Later he formed his own group, the UFO Experience Support Association (UFOESA).

In July 1992, his most bizarre experience occurred! He was suffering from head injuries after being attacked by three men. He was then on medication for this. He drove Vivian to work but was sick on the way and when he got home, he went back to bed and fell asleep.

All of a sudden he woke up. It was about 7:30 a.m. and he sat straight up in bed. There were two women sitting on his bed, both naked. The one opposite him was blonde, with long hair and her legs tucked under her. The other one was half-kneeling. This one was dark and Oriental looking. The blonde's hair looked wispy and it seemed as though it was blown by the wind. It was exotic-looking. She had protruding high cheek bones and her face was long. Also, her eyes were two or three times larger than those of a normal woman.

She reached out and grabbed Peter with both hands from the back of his neck and pulled him towards her breast. 'I resisted', Peter said, 'but she pulled me back again - three times.'

The third time her nipple was in his mouth and he bit it. He wasn't sure why he did this: perhaps he felt aggressive towards her for forcing him towards her, but he says he bit a piece of her nipple off and it stuck in his throat.

He pushed away from her and she had a strange expression on her face as if she was saying, 'this is not the way.'

The two women looked at each other as though querying what had happened, and then Peter started to cough. Because of this, he might have looked away for an instant, because as he glanced up again, the two women were gone!

Peter got up to fetch a glass of water and get this 'thing' out of his throat, but drinking the water didn't help.

When he bit the woman's nipple, she didn't scream or react in any way. Then Peter started to cough with the piece stuck in his throat and when he looked up, both women were gone. He had a really bad coughing attack which lasted for three days. But he got out of bed to get a drink of water and then walked straight to the bathroom to use the toilet.

However, when he tried to use the toilet, he was in such pain that he had trouble urinating. He pushed back his foreskin and found a hair wrapped

around his penis; really tightly wrapped. He also found another, shorter hair. It was really painful to remove the hairs but when he did, he got hold of a plastic sachet bag, put them in it and sealed it. He then pushed the plastic bag to the back of the medicine cupboard.

Later, he spoke to both his mother and Vivian on the phone. He told them about his coughing fit and his mother suggested he eat some bread. He also told Vivian that he wanted to talk to her about something when she came home.

In the end, Peter delayed telling her for about two weeks but when he did, Vivian behaved fantastically, telling him it was not as though he could control what was happening.

The one hair was 15 centimetres long, and the other about 6.8 centimetres. The hair was whitish and very thin, and when compared with Vivian's hair, it was quite different.

A mitochondrial DNA analysis was done on the 15 cm long hair by the Anomaly Physical Evidence Group, whose members are professional scientists who prefer to remain anonymous. They also took samples of hair from Peter and Vivian.

The final analysis in full detail would be too long and complicated to reproduce here; suffice then to give our readers a brief summary of what was found.

Probably because of treatment with chemicals (i.e. hair tinting or colouring), Vivian's hair could not be used for the DNA testing. Peter's hair closely matched the human consensus from Mitomap, which is European/Asian in nature.

The tall, blonde female's hair showed five consistent substitutions from the human consensus. She was biologically close to normal human genetics, but of a **different** hair type.

Based on DNA analysis, there are two major hair types: African and European/Asian. There is also a third, **very rare** type, which has been found only in four persons, all of whom are of the Mongoloid-Chinese racial type. One of the four was from a small group in China, whilst the other three were Taiwanese. This third group has only been found in Asia. But the hair of the blonde woman shows that she might share a common maternal ancestor with the third group from the past, 2000-10000 years ago!

This case, which I think might for the first time provide definitive information that Aliens are here, doesn't perhaps present 100% proof of that premise. But with Bill Chalker's excellent investigation into this case, it surely shows that we are now more than half-way there!

Report on Underground Facilities

by Pete Willsher

The year must have been 1966/67. At the time I was living in a village with the charming name of Thundersley South Benfleet, Essex and my band, *The Marksmen* used to play every Friday and Saturday at the 'Smugglers Club' at Hullbridge about 4 miles away.

I remember that it was a warm summer night and my neighbour Gerry and his wife Paula, who always came with us, had brought a friend whose name, as far as I can remember, was Graham. Gerry owned a plant hire company (tractors, earthmovers, etc.) and Graham was doing a part-time job with him having just returned from one of his many trips abroad as an underground explosives expert.

During the band's breaks I was asking him about his work. He told me that after his stint and training in the Army he was continuously employed with a team by a multi-national organisation who took him and the team to various sites on the coasts of the British Isles, France, Italy, Spain and many other countries as far afield as Australia and the Far East.

His job was to blow out vast areas usually in a fenced-off base right by the seashore; and some of these underground facilities-to-be were several **miles** in size.

When his team finished and were moving out, enormous lorries and trucks were sent down to bring out the rubble and his team's quarters would then be occupied by further experts in fields such as metal struts and supports, bricking and plastering and electricians and electronics engineers. He noticed that most jobs had new-people, strangers to him, many Swedes, Dutch, German etc., so the likelihood of any serious discussion about their work was small. He had not been told what these installations were and was advised not to ask, if he wanted to keep his job!!

It was only years later, reading about underground Air Force and Army (and Alien?) Bases that my memory 'flashed back' to that encounter with Graham at the 'Smugglers Inn' in the late sixties.

I must add, that about a year later we had a multi-witness sighting of a strange red rotating UFO! The 'Smugglers' is a Tudor building at the very end of River Road, Hullbridge. It sits on a rock shelf by the river Crouch and North Hullbridge is on the other side. We'd finished playing, and most of the clientele had left. Myself and the rest of my band were loading our instruments. A red light caught my eye above the trees on the other side of the river. High above the treetops, about 300 ft off the ground was a red shiny cylinder, blunt at both ends, with no discernible markings. I called the other boys and soon their wives and girl friends as well as a few last customers, the landlord and his wife and a few people from the area were staring, amazed, as this thing rotated on its axis.

Someone else called out, 'Hey, look at those other little things!' It was 3 or 4 small glowing spheres which were constantly going round and round the cylinder, some clockwise, some anti-clockwise. We all stayed and watched it for over an hour. The only way to get over to the other side of the river was to drive about 2½ miles of winding country roads and to cross Battlesbridge (if it was open!) and none of us thought about it 'till afterwards - or were too scared!

One thing I remember was the absolute silence which was quite eerie. (*The Oz factor*) Some of us had seen things in the sky in this area of Essex before. Canewdon church, nearby, is on a ley-line through Hullbridge and Hadleigh Castle (which is prehistoric Ruins).

On trying to re-live it in my mind, I seem to think that the cylinder had a band or join about half-way along its length with a white light and possibly small white lights at each end. It was a hard, reflective metallic looking UFO and the 'glow' was coming from all of it, not from lights.

This is the best I can recall.

THOSE I HAVE KNOWN: Prof. J. Allen Hynek

Cynthia Hind

J.Allen Hynek was born in 1910 and died in 1986. He became involved with UFOs in 1948 when he was invited to be the astronomical consultant to the United States Air Force. At first he was sceptical and became somewhat discredited for identifying some lights seen in Michigan, USA, as 'Swamp Gas'. He subsequently obtained a PhD in astrophysics and became the Professor of Astronomy at North-Western University.

He was critical of the way investigations into UFOs were carried out by officialdom, and formed the Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS) in 1973, becoming a full-time ufologist and a believer in life in Outer Space.

When I first met Professor Hynek, I was a little in awe of him. After all, I was an inexperienced investigator from Africa, with little scientific background and certainly insufficient knowledge regarding UFOs - their purpose or their behaviour. I was rather overwhelmed when he told me that Africa might be the proving ground for the reality of visitations to Earth. The people were unspoiled by the media, he said, and had no knowledge of what was happening in Space. If they were reporting the same sort of things in an unsophisticated environment, then we should sit up and take notice.

He was a good listener. In Brasil, where we first met, unlike some of the other 'top' investigators, Prof Hynek attended my lecture, didn't go to sleep and listened intently to what I had to say. It was flattering to me and gave me great confidence. We were all in Brasil for an International UFO Conference in Brasilia, and after meeting in Rio de Janeiro, flew on to Brasilia during a particularly turbulent storm. The audience was the biggest I have ever encountered: over 2000 people attended and apart from UFOs, there was the beauty of Brasilia to hold our attention. I remember the Ambassador for one of the African countries refusing to go on the platform with me as he thought I lived in South Africa. I was upset as I had always considered myself a humanitarian and although not involved in politics, I have always worked for a better world for everyone. But it was Allen Hynek who reassured me and said, 'If you come into the public eye in any shape or form, then you must accept the good and the not so good. It happens to us all.' It certainly made me feel better!

I think the next time I met him was at MUFON's San Antonio Conference. I was a little more self-assured and once, while we were briefly alone, I asked him, 'You never say what **you** think UFOs are, or where they are from. What do you personally think?' He took a couple of puffs on his pipe and thought a bit, and then told me he didn't think they were from other planets! 'I think this is something we don't quite understand, but they probably come from another Time or another Dimension...'

When I was at a BUFORA Conference in England, a meeting had been called to form a World Federation into UFO investigation. There were many top UFO investigators there from many different countries, and I think Argentina had drawn up the Constitution. Allen saw me standing in the foyer and came up to me.

'Come along', he said, 'the meeting is about to begin.'

I told him I had not been invited to join.

'Nonsense', he replied. 'Of course you must come.'

He took my hand and led me into the meeting. I was feeling uncomfortable and terribly embarrassed, particularly as he insisted I sit next to him. But he included me in the various debates that followed and listened attentively to what I had to say.

When he was already ill, he visited Dr Willie Smith in Florida. Willie ran a computer programme on UFOs for MUFON and he and Allen were friends. I corresponded with Willie Smith at the time and Allen added a footnote to Dr. Smith's letter sending his love and good wishes in my work.

To me, he was one of the kindest and most considerate of men, and a truly gentle man!

SOME UNIDENTIFIED SIGHTINGS

Report from Mary (South Africa)

Case N° 150

It was a cloudless day in October 1998 in Johannesburg at 9:30 a.m. when Mary, her son, daughter and boy friend saw a solid-silver sphere high in the sky above their house. It appeared to move in a straight-ish line, zig-zagging randomly across the sky. It seemed to be floating as it moved; then it would stop and then move again. It looked as though it was being propelled through the sky. Visually, it appeared to be rather small, and its size, distance from the witnesses, and its speed were difficult to ascertain, especially as there were no clouds in the sky for comparison. There was no sound, no smell and no vapour trail.

The sphere appeared to be metallic as it shone like silver on the side towards the sun. It seemed solid as there was a dark shadow on the opposite side from the sun. The family watched this for about half an hour and knew that the light reflected off the orb, and did not come from within it.

They also spotted a second object, similar in size and shape, but the second one was white, not silver. Both objects were visible for about 10 minutes, appearing at one point to cross paths, moving in opposite directions. When the white object seemed to disappear, Mary watched through binoculars and feels sure the objects were not weather balloons.

Mary had worked for 10 years on a test range for an Armaments Company who had their own weather station.

She was a photographer taking shots of armament testing, aircraft, etc. and says she had not seen anything like this before.

Comments: My first reaction was that the time release of weather balloons near the designated area should be checked. However, there are several factors that have to be taken into account. While weather balloons **could** be white or silver, the two involved here were aloft at the same time and yet moving in opposite directions. As they would be exposed to the same wind currents, this seems to rule out weather balloons.

Also, I find it intriguing that in a clear sky (no clouds) and at 9:30 - 10:00 a.m., the white sphere should just 'disappear'. This sudden 'vanishing' seems only to occur with genuine UFO reports.

I have asked Mary to do some checking on the weather balloons and will report further on this case in our next issue.

Report from Graham (Harare)

Case N° 151

I think it was Saturday, either 15th or 22nd November 1997, and the time was about 2:50 p.m. I was standing in the garden with my then 18-month-old daughter at my feet.

I looked into the sky directly above me for whatever reason and noticed a silver disc. I could only estimate that it was as high as say an international flight from Johannesburg to Mombasa, or something like it. We often see these planes fly overhead as we are in the take-off fly path of Harare Airport.

The disc remained stationary for about 10 seconds at least. It then suddenly accelerated rapidly in a West-South-West direction, more or less in the direction of Beatrice [a farming area south-west of Harare]. I observed the disc for another 10 seconds until it disappeared beyond the horizon. I was then momentarily distracted by my daughter, and again looked up when I saw another disc, apparently in the same spot.

Again distracted and again looking up, I found the disc had gone. I searched the sky in a 360° pattern and in the previous line of flight, but saw nothing.

I cannot accept that these discs were weather balloons. They were distinctly metallic or the like, and to accelerate from stationary in that fashion, was not usual.

The sky on that day was clear of any clouds.

Comments:

We have checked with the Met. Office in Harare who gave us the following information:

- a) Weather balloons are aluminium (silvery) coloured.
- b) They are released at midday (12:00 a.m.) and midnight (12:00 p.m.)
- c) Occasionally, for training purposes, they are also released at 08:00 a.m.

It takes approximately 100 minutes for the balloons to reach their highest altitude, when they expand, become iced-up, and burst. Depending on the wind and its direction on the day of the above sighting, it could have been a weather balloon. As these are often buffeted by winds at high altitudes, it is possible that Graham saw the same balloon, blown by the wind into its original position. However, this is merely speculation on our part as we certainly cannot prove anything, but 2:50 p.m. would fit in with the 12:00 midday release of the balloon.

If any readers can confirm these sightings or suggest a solution, please write to the Editor, UFO AFRINEWS.

Report from Kurwama Kanengoni (Harare) Case N° 152

When Kurwama was 18 years old, in April 1998, he saw an American football-shaped object moving very slowly from East to South. It passed over him at tree-top height, about 20 metres above ground level. The time was about 8:10 p.m. (Early evening).

The object just appeared from nowhere and made an unusual crackling noise which Kurwama had never heard the likes of before. Also, he noted the strange colours from the object: colours which he has difficulty in describing as he has not seen colours like that before. The colours glowed from the object at regular intervals. It first appeared about 40 metres from where the witness was watching until it was only 20 metres from him.

He watched it until it disappeared.

At first Kurwama thought it was a shooting star (a meteorite) but the distance above the ground and its closeness to the witness made him change his mind.

It was a clear night with no obscuring cloud.

CONTACT BY REMOTE CONTROL

The first time I learned of this case, I was not aware of who the witnesses were. But I now know their identities and I am certain that they are telling the truth as they perceive it. They are both intelligent, reliable people and no-one can convince me that this is an attempt to gain financial benefit, fame or even to pull the wool over the eyes of other investigators.

I know it sounds difficult for those of you fairly new to ufology, to accept the bizarre but believe me, the more I delve into the UFO story and its long-existing background, the more I realise that we have literally to lean over backwards to realise that some stories, bordering on the fringe of unbelievability, are true UFO experiences.

The two witnesses are Jeff and Cathy who are good friends and live in a seaside town on the coast of South Africa.

The story begins in 1996. On the 16th June, Jeff visited Cathy and went to a local café. While there, he was approached by an elderly man who suggested he looked in Cathy's letterbox for a message. When he did, he found a plain brown A4 envelope in the box. As Jeff recalls, it had something on the outside which indicated that it carried Diplomatic Immunity and contained classified information. Inside, they found a 1.44 meg. computer disc and when Cathy and Jeff played this back, it had the first of numerous messages.

Picked out at random, one message said:

'Beware... this disc will self-destruct should any attempt be made to copy it to any other media other than a printer. Machine damage may result if this is not followed. The following is for your eyes only and that of your male associate. Your attempt to access sensitive sites has been noted. Our aim is the same as yours. We wish to help you if you qualify. We will monitor your progress. Do not delay. There is much to be obtained. Do not fear us. We mean you no harm whatsoever. We desperately need your help and of others like you.'

Another message said:

'We will never meet. We will not intrude too much in your lives. You have been chosen because of your dedication to the subject and for your loyalty and honesty to each other and the cause... our well being. George sends his regards and hopes you will succeed where others have given up. Attempt to gain access to the followingand remove info Air Force Base. We will monitor your progress. Good luck.'

A further communication followed:

'Contact the following..... may be able to assist you in securing your site. Help on D.... Try extension Overseas contact soon. Delete contents of this disc and enter one word reply to the following..... are

you able to make physical contact at the closest Hydro scheme to you at night..... location is clean but secret. We spoke PM. Leave disc where you found it 9:00 a.m. 9/7.'

This was followed by an exchange of messages through computer discs which lasted several months. The discs 'appeared' at Cathy's house or were found in Jeff's car. They in turn would leave their responses to 'George' in Jeff's car. On one occasion, witnessed by Jeff, the disc started to glow and then disappeared in a flash of bright green light.

When questioned by Cathy and Jeff, some further messages came through:

'We can reassure you that though technically unlawful, the tasks that await you would never result in your prosecution. You might lose material or equipment but no harm would come to the two of you or your kids. You are both far too valuable to us and our desperate cause to allow that and we are well able to act in your defence should it be needed. No agency would be seen to interfere with you directly or officially; it would be to their undoing.'

'Can you accommodate the attached media in your facility? Let us know as soon as possible. Overseas contact will be arranged asap. Be ready.'

When Cathy and Jeff found a bugging device in Cathy's home, they contacted 'them' again.

They received the following reply:

'Let us start by saying we are most impressed by your success. For two people of the street you show remarkable talent but then we knew that to start with. We are aware that at present you do not have the facility for the media offered but we are sure that J. will 'make a plan'.

This is the preferred media as it is self extracting⁸ at the source. To prevent any further confusion, we will be to the point. The subject is what you refer to as UFO and nothing else. Everything we do concerns this. We are in full control of the situation. As C. guessed, some tasks are just test to see how you will cope with the real things. You are doing well. Yes, we have the right people. You J. have been monitored since you gave a talk at the observatory and you C. for a lot longer than that but you should be aware of this as well. It is unfortunate about your equipment. We will assist if we feel it is needed. The sensing device was not ours. We will investigate and take appropriate action.'

One evening when Jeff was visiting Cathy, he experienced a terrible pain in the right side of his head. He could hear a buzzing-whistling sound which Cathy also heard. Within seconds Jeff became unconscious and gave a verbal message which allegedly came from an entity called George who wished to convey it to Cathy.

This was only the beginning: Jeff was to experience a series of blinding headaches followed by messages from either George or three other entities. This occurred over a period of a few months.

One message said:

'We know you are troubled by what is happening. The dark ones are doing their best to disrupt you. George cannot be there now, that is why J. is in pain. He cannot be shielded by George's mind. You are in no real physical danger, only mental. Keep your minds occupied somehow. We will help as we can but without George it is very difficult. You will be contacted soon with the answers you seek. Both of you must beware what you see for it may not be real. J. is at risk mentally but he is strong. Your presence helps him. You have a

⁸ Could this mean self-destructing? We have copied exactly as written.

powerful mind; use it. We cannot do more for him now. He is not sick but is suffering from very strong headaches which are caused by the use of parts of the brain that your life-form does not require normally. We do not think a doctor would help but direct thought stimulation will. We think that you C. can maybe do this for him. It will be the worst for J. at night when only his thoughts occupy his brain. This is the reason only one of you is exposed at a time so that the other can help. J. is the stronger of the two of you, but you have skills that may help him. There is no mind control. We do not like this. It is hurtful but we know that some of your ones do this; we know the dark ones have taken from J. We are seeking them. Please do not give up. **Please!**

The Elder.'

During this time, the discs also continued to appear but at the suggestion of the sender, they were destroyed by Jeff and Cathy after listening to them.

'Destroy this media as soon as you have read it. The dark ones do not know that George is gone.'

The discs encouraged the two to hack into military sites through the Internet, where UFO information could be obtained and the originator even supplied e-mail addresses of third parties who might assist. A 12-inch (30 cm) reel of magnetic tape was also supplied on one occasion but neither of the two could ever discover its contents. Apparently it was supposed to contain evidence of inhumane medical research being carried out on small Aliens.

These events were shown to Jeff while he was unconscious - possibly telepathically. He saw the inside of the actual facility where this research was taking place. Jeff was able to recall clearly what he had seen. George pleaded with Jeff and Cathy to intervene and stop this experimentation.

After a few months, another entity took over and he could contact Cathy at will at any time through Jeff, either through the physical presence of each person, or even in the middle of a telephone conversation. The sinister side

of these contacts was the finding of the bugging device in the ceiling of Cathy's home. Her computer also disappeared from the house for a short period of time with no evidence of a break-in. Unexplained power failures, surveillance of both their homes by unknown people; Jeff being followed around by a car which the police found had been hired under a false ID; all these incidents were weird and unaccountable to them.

Jeff's home had also been searched and items were missing, and both thought their phones were being tapped. At one time Jeff received a message by phone. The man spoke with an American accent and said they should both report to a local airfield late at night to meet a foreign person. This they did, but no one turned up.

Subsequent to this incident, the bugging device was found in Cathy's ceiling.

Cathy seems to be an intelligent, sensitive person, with a no-nonsense attitude. She has lived in South Africa, Britain and Zimbabwe. She appears to have had strange experiences throughout her life. When she was 3 or 4 years old, she saw what she termed 'whisky men' emerge from a triangle of light in her bedroom. She recalls some interaction and a dark figure standing beside her cot.

As a teenager in Zimbabwe, she saw the sudden glowing of a pond, or small lake, while with a friend; both witnessed this. She has had several 'out-of-body' experiences which have continued throughout her adult life. She sometimes feels as though she is being dragged out of her body.

Occasionally she sees strange people and places while in a sort of semi-conscious state.

At one time she was a veterinary nurse; at another, she ran a small shop. She has also completed a course in Beauty Therapy, and other courses in bookkeeping and general office management. She has a great passion for flying and manages to take the occasional lesson. It seems almost as though Cathy is searching for her true role in life, not knowing yet exactly what that is. Cathy married at 20 and has two children, a boy and a girl. While living

in England, she qualified as a hypnotherapist and she is a member of the British Institute of Hypnotherapists.

She then returned to South Africa and was divorced shortly afterwards.

As an observer, one is inclined to question whether Cathy's training has influenced Jeff at any time. Without delving personally into the background of this fascinating case, it would be difficult to assess Cathy's influence on Jeff and his on her.

I think the relationship between these two people (who are not married to each other) is far deeper than they speak of or perhaps are aware of themselves. Having just read the book 'Connections' by Beth Collings and Anna Jamerson⁹, I realise that abductions have a much more complicated effect on people than they are cognizant of, and in this book, where Beth only meets Anna in adult life, they gradually begin to realise that their friendship and fondness for each other has extended over the whole period of their lives, from almost the beginning until now in their forties..

What significance can one read into this? Is there a linking arranged by these entities, whoever they are, that affects our total destiny?

In Budd Hopkins' book 'WITNESSED'¹⁰ on the Linda Cortile case, she feels threatened by two security men who were, allegedly, guarding the UN Secretary-General at the time (Perez de Cuellar) when they witnessed her abduction through a 12th storey window, into a craft. The two security guards gave themselves the names of Richard and Dan, but these are obviously pseudonyms. The one guard, Dan, follows Linda, tries to kidnap her, and on a beach in New York on one occasion, actually tries to drown

⁹ CONNECTIONS - Solving Our Alien Abduction Mystery (1996) Wild Flower Press, Newberg, OR 97132, USA.

¹⁰ WITNESSED by Budd Hopkins. Pocket Books, 1996.

her. He is eventually found to be mentally disturbed. He has now disappeared, leaving no trace, and one wonders what might have happened to him: was he 'done away with' by human intervention, or did the entities have a hand in this?

The other guard, Richard, also falls in love with Linda and tells her that they are bound together and have known each other since childhood, when he knew her as 'Baby Ann', and that they have met in his dreams over a long period of time.

At first she rejects his story, but later events make her re-think about it all.

Cathy's mother has never accepted her UFO involvement, so Cathy received no sympathy from her. I think that Cathy has the feeling that she might be partially alien, which could account for some of the strange happenings affecting her now. Particularly as not very long ago, her father told her that he had recollections of 'beings' visiting him and operating on him when he was a young boy. All these years he has kept this to himself, especially as he feels his wife is totally unsympathetic and dismisses his memories as 'garbage.'

Jeff was born abroad but moved to South Africa when very young and was educated there. He is an engineer and now in a top position. He has been deeply interested in UFOs for some years and has searched the Internet for UFO sites. Jeff is also a man of intelligence and leadership otherwise he would not hold the responsible position he does. 'George' talks of him as being the stronger of the two. But it is Cathy who seems to affect Jeff when he goes into his trances and one wonders if the same effects would occur if she was not there. Jeff often feels resentful about the way he is being used; he feels there is more consideration and reverence shown to Cathy than to him. Perhaps being a man who is at the top of the ladder, he resents being at their beck and call. The entities appear to have no respect for time nor place and Jeff feels this is distressful for him. After all, who wants to fall into a trance in the middle of a Board meeting?

I think also that although he respects Cathy, who on one occasion put her hands on Jeff's head in a certain area and the entities came through

immediately, he feels that for a man in his managerial position, this must be an undignified acceptance of Cathy's power over him.

Jeff is also worried that should such a story as this become public, both his credibility and standing in business would be jeopardised. And who can blame him? At one time, when in trance, Jeff was able to view a 'secret' site in detail. Both he and Cathy were under the impression that this was taking place at a local dam and they went there some time later to check out if there was some secret military facility embedded in the dam walls. But they could find nothing! They now feel that Jeff was virtually 'remote viewing' a totally different site, perhaps not in Africa at all. The pity here is that Jeff did not note the exact details he saw as one could possibly make comparisons with some USA military or Air Force bases. Or perhaps try for the co-ordinates.

It wasn't only 'George' who came through to Jeff, but 'Georgia' also. She was the female entity with a good sense of humour. She did not react too well to Jeff and 'found him stubborn and difficult to work through'.

One can understand and sympathise with Jeff's reluctance to become too involved with this whole weird scenario, so that he would appear impatient to 'Georgia'. I have great empathy with Jeff because not being overly gullible myself, I can more than ever relate to his feelings. In much of Cathy's reporting, she says she is embarrassed at the absurdity of what was happening to her and Jeff, but if she was aware of all the case histories which I know intimately, she would realise that this case is not so different from dozens of others.

Cathy was in shock at one time when one of the entities informed her that neither her mother nor her father were her real parents, and that she had been implanted with 'a genetic code'. Although Cathy is not aware of this, the message is not new to abductees. There are several cases where those involved have been told this story but quite frankly, it would be difficult to prove or disprove this. The only positive way would be for DNA samples to be taken from the accepted parents and the abductee and comparisons made. I am beginning to think that hybrids might well exist, because these stories surface so frequently with a human mother and perhaps sperm from

one of the entities - or vice-versa. But until we have absolute proof of this, acceptance of the real parents is obviously the answer. I think also that it should be borne in mind that aliens do not tell the truth! Perhaps to them it is an acceptable way of evading a question by stating that their home planet is Venus, or Mars, or even some remote place deep into our Solar System or Galaxy, e.g. Meton in Proxima Centauri in Elizabeth Klarer's case. At this stage of our development, how can we prove anything like that? On the other hand, maybe they are not lying, and we just don't understand who or what they are. Certainly, as *homo sapiens*, we cannot live on Venus or Jupiter because the atmosphere is not compatible with our requirements. But what if aliens are not 'people' as we think of people, but more like spirits or ghosts?¹¹

The hypotheses for all eventualities are so vast and widespread that it would be difficult for us to reach a conclusion at this stage of the game. I have always sympathised with those who feel that Support Groups are of great help. If something really weird happened to me, and I felt that insanity was just around the corner, the thought that a portion of what was going on had occurred to others too, the discomfort and stress would soon disappear, or at least lessen.

With reference to the meeting at an airport they were urged to attend, Cathy was with Jeff, having a morning snack at a restaurant. She saw him receive the message on his pager, saying that they should be at this place in the middle of the night. They had already been told on a disc that there would be an overseas contact soon. Cathy located the person at the paging company who had received the message and this person recalled the messenger as having 'an American accent'.

Cathy and Jeff went to the meeting place at the appointed time where they

¹¹ In a lot of cases in Africa, e.g. La Rochelle in Zimbabwe, Clifford Muchena sees three men in silver suits watching a fire burning in an orchid storage building named 'The Fantasy'. When asked who he thought they were, he replied, 'The spirits of my ancestors'.

waited for several hours. But no-one came! Jeff wonders if perhaps this was done deliberately to give 'them' time to bug Cathy's house. He could very well be right. When Jeff was shown the reality of what was being done to the aliens by humans, he was able to 'remote view' the inside of a Medical Research Facility involved with the dissection and examination of the small aliens. He was able to make sketches of what he saw but at the time, he assumed this was all taking place in a nearby Hydro Electric Scheme. The laboratory was allegedly housed inside the wall of the dam, reached by underground tunnelling.¹² The entrance was at the rear of the dam flood area, with military guards supervising.

When Jeff and Cathy visited the same place at a later date they could find no evidence of such an opening, and Jeff says it 'undermined the credibility of the whole story.' Now he feels that perhaps the location as he perceived it was totally incorrect and that all this might have occurred elsewhere, even in another country.

Jeff also reports that when he 'remote viewed' the room where the aliens were being held, he found it most distressing. He says he seemed to move around unnoticed by the medical staff, but the aliens were aware of his presence. One of them lay on some sort of table and was in poor shape. He pleaded with Jeff to stop the slaughter of his fellow-beings who were being killed in an attempt to find organs which might be responsible for their heightened abilities. Then, while he was there, this alien - larger than the others - died, and Jeff felt absolutely devastated.

Jeff also remembered, at a later date, details of what he saw and was able to sketch these scenes. There were 'baby aliens' in plastic incubator bags; and large tanks of liquid in which there were body parts floating [reminiscent of the David Brown Case 130 in UFO AFRINEWS N°16, of July 1997]. During a visit by Cathy to Roswell USA, in 1997, she was

¹² See Pete Willsher's report about underground tunnels in this issue.

shown sketches of a similar research facility in Dulce, USA.¹³

Jeff also feels there have been many mysteries involving these 'alien contacts' which he cannot explain; apart from the CD Roms, the Remote Viewing¹⁴, the messages through Jeff, etc. Jeff has also had some form of contact through 'mechanical devices' and Cathy, a special contact for her alone. There was also the disappearance of Cathy's computer case, returned a few days later into Jeff's locked car, with no sign of entry. Jeff found a microphone as well, which he admits he foolishly wrapped in foil and drove to the sea front and tossed into deep water. Perhaps this was a correct and instinctive reaction, but it would have been an interesting piece of evidence. Jeff also feels that the room he uses as a study had been 'gone through' and although not ransacked, things had been moved about. He also found documents missing. There were other physical contacts, strange in context, although nothing definite that could be proven. Jeff says he met both George and Georgia. George¹⁵ was 'elderly, wearing a suit and had

¹³ Of course, I have come across Dulce mentioned many times in my own research, but I have never had any proof of these claims, and it has apparently long since been abandoned by USA ufologists.

¹⁴ Something which I have mentioned before and is part of the USA's 'black budget', also used by Russia. I will discuss this more fully in the next issue of UFO AFRINEWS.

¹⁵ Edwin, the Durban man who allegedly is in touch with 'aliens', says that his first contact was 'George'. He had dark hair and was a good-looking man. I have seen his picture and was told he was 30 years old. I was asked not to publish this, and I never did.

thin greyish hair. Also, he had a pleasant manner.'

Georgia had dark hair, wore a two-piece suit and seemed to be about 35 years old, but did not speak out loud. Jeff feels she communicated telepathically. He only met her once.

Since all these events occurred, direct communication ceased until quite recently. In January 1999, Cathy wrote to say that there had been a telephone call again. Unfortunately, Jeff could not remember what was said, although it was brief. What disturbs him is his lack of recall and the fact that 'they' can communicate where and when they wish. Cathy feels they are not malevolent, but appear gentle in many ways. Or is it merely the façade they want to present?

I must say, of all the cases I have handled this is certainly the strangest. But I find that with the passing years, UFO contacts have become increasingly bizarre. This does not mean that I feel the people involved are dreaming, 'out of touch with reality', or lying. I think the whole UFO story is far more complex (and perhaps more frightening) than we realise. Nevertheless, it does not settle our fears nor our curiosity and I for one have no intention of giving up until I know the answers.

Or until I've left this Earth for ever, when I'll probably know what it's all about anyway!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

*For 25 years I've wondered each day:
Are aliens out there, and where do they stay?
Are they creatures quite strange, assuming our shape,
Who don't incur fear, or threat of a rape,
And show us for ever that they are in charge
And we, sadly human, our thoughts must enlarge.*

ASTRONOMY – ACCORDING TO THE ASTRONOMERS.

Comet Lee

Australian Steven Lee discovered Comet Lee on April 16, 1999. It is an unpredictable Comet but it is due to pass close to Earth from mid-August 1999 to early 2000.

At the very least, Comet Lee will cause solar explosions, earthquakes and hurricane-like weather. But at worst, it could be captured into the Earth-Moon orbit, and then what? Remember Shoemaker-Levy Comet fragments crashing into Jupiter?

Scientist James B. Ervin says, 'Nobody can project its path... I believe it will pass much closer to Earth than originally anticipated ...' Scientist Jim McCanney observes, 'Comet Lee is a truly lawless Comet', and adds, 'August (1999) is now looking like a time for the first possible trouble.'

Well, so far we have had the devastation in Turkey, then in Greece and Taiwan. Also the hurricane off the East coast of the USA and terrible flooding in Japan. According to McCanney, planetary alignments in August and September 1999 make Comet Lee especially hazardous. '... the Earth and Moon could capture this thing', he said. Because of the planetary alignments, it will be electrical plasma alignments and not gravity which will do the harm.

There were two other factors worrying the scientists: the Solar Eclipse of August 11, 1999 and the fly-by of Earth by the Cassini spacecraft on August 18, 1999 which carried 72 lbs of plutonium, equivalent to over 50 % of all the radiation released since the beginning of nuclear testing.

Reported by UFO ENCOUNTER (UFO Research, Queensland)
[N° 188 June/July '99]

What's Happening to Mars?

NASA has far-reaching plans for studying the weather, the soil, and researching possible human landing sites, as well as probing for water and living organisms on Mars, within the next 15 years (2015). Mars Climate Orbiter and Mars Polar Lander were sent off from Cape Canaveral in December 1998, due to land in September 1999 and December 1999 on their 416 million mile voyage. We already know that the Climate Orbiter disappeared after completing its 9 month journey to Mars, and ready to start its work. It then passed behind the planet and never emerged. No further news has reached us. It is thought that this was due to a navigational error. Dan McCleese, a physicist and chief scientist for the programme, says that the Climate Orbiter might have fired its engine too late to enter Mars' orbit and burned up in its atmosphere.

[Or, from a ufologist's point of view, perhaps we are being rejected by beings who just don't want us there!!! - Ed]

The Polar Lander was due to land in December 1999, and by the time you receive your UFO AFRINEWS, who knows, that might have gone astray too. NASA plans to launch a further 9 probes, but if the USA government cuts back further on its Space programme, perhaps this will only remain a dream. The two probes already sent cost US\$356 million and if further probes are 'lost in Space' - as more than one already has been! - the government might rethink its programme.

New York Times, Dec. 12th, 1998
Newsweek, Oct. 4th, 1999

What a Time for Gravity in Space!

In 1972, the Pioneer 10 Space Probe was launched to explore Jupiter and then move on into Space at 27 000 miles per hour. NASA needed to check its positioning of these Probes for their own accuracy. But it didn't work out that way, even though friction and the gravity-pull of the sun and

planets was accounted for. So, according to recognised physics, what had gone wrong? The Probe was slowing down more than had been allowed for it.

John Anderson, the scientist involved, assembled a team of expert astronomers and physicists to study this discrepancy, especially when the same effect was noticed on Pioneer 11, moving in the opposite direction, and also on the Ulysses Probe, circling the sun. Eventually, and **not as a final answer**, they came up with the idea that the Probes were being affected by Gravity and Time.

Numerous scientists of note have come in on this, but the bottom line remains that 'either gravity is different from what we think it is, or Time is messed up somehow', says Jonathan Katz of Washington University in St Louis, USA. But if this is so, we will have to re-think our physics, and that surely will drive all scientists crazy!

Maybe Space is telling us something, and maybe we should listen carefully!

Time Magazine, Oct. 4th, 1999.

Good-bye MIR!

(Reported in UFO AFRINEWS N°19 (Jan. 1999))

On the 28th August 1999, the crew of the Space Station MIR landed in a deserted part of Kazakhstan. Previously the Russian Commander Viktor Afanasyev and his compatriot, with a French astronaut, had climbed into the cramped Soyuz escape capsule and after firing its rocket motors, later set down on Earth.

The crewmen, their muscles weak from weeks in zero gravity, were carried from the Soyuz and flown to Moscow. For the first time in 13 years, MIR was on its own. Mission Control will now gradually switch off MIR's systems and probably in April 2000, two cosmonauts will spend a month on MIR, lowering its orbit until it touches Earth's atmosphere. Then they will

pack up and leave, and MIR will begin its last drop into a fiery demise, where its remains will drop into the Pacific Ocean.

There is an effort by the State-run RKK Energia Company, to leave MIR in space for a few more months in case money can be found to send up another MIR. But to find the money will be a long shot and most expect there to be none, in which case MIR will finish in a glorious pyrotechnic display. MIR has not had an easy time: with over a thousand breakdowns; a fire, damage to its structure when hit by a docking cargo craft, and a computer crash, life has been tough for the Russian Space Station.

But whatever else is to be said, it was still the first of its kind.

The Observer, United Kingdom, 29th August 1999.

'UNIDENTIFIED SMELLY OBJECT', 8-JAN-97

UFO Afrinews N°s. 16 & 17. Case N° 135

On the 8th January 1997, at about 11:00 a.m., Mrs Moyo of Tsmalyemba, Matobo District in southern Zimbabwe, saw a football-sized blue object fall out of the sky and land about 100 metres from her home.

The object had a pungent smell and melted into a blue-green slime. The police, who were called in, took a sample but they contacted the Met. Office in Bulawayo who said it was a small meteorite, although they did not examine the sample; so the police destroyed the evidence.

I established from William Corliss' books on such anomalies, that it could have come from an aircraft toilet, which would account for the smell; but of course, without the evidence, nothing is certain.

However, in the DAILY MAIL of Gt Britain of Friday, May 7th, 1999, there is a report of a Mr and Mrs Keith Smith who were sleeping in their bedroom in Hertfordshire, when a 2 ft block of ice smashed through the roof leaving a gaping hole in the ceiling.

Furniture was broken and everything was dripping wet. It was thought the ice had come from an overflying plane.

The Civil Aviation Authority said ice could form on the plane's wings or come from a leak in the seals around the toilet.

Fortunately, the Smiths kept some of the pieces of ice in their freezer, hoping to have an analysis thereof.

We'll have to wait and see!

BOOK REVIEW

by Prier Wintle

Timothy Good: ALIEN BASE, Century, Random House U.K. 1998

Speaking for myself personally I must say that I was disappointed in this book. I was very much impressed with the broad-mindedness of Timothy Good's earlier book 'Above Top Secret' when I read it three years ago, but this one struck me as having very little personal input in it. As Groucho Marx said in a different context, "If this is the kind of book you like, this is a book you'll like."

To begin with, the title is misleading. This is certainly not a book which deals in depth and in detail with alien bases on this planet. It is a book in which chapter after chapter presents us with a selection of C E 3 cases ("Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind", to use Alan Hynek's classification), with an occasional C E 4 (abduction or invitation on board an alien craft) thrown in for good measure. There are nineteen chapters, each containing on average somewhere between four and six anecdotal cases mostly drawn from copies of Gordon Creighton's *Flying Saucer Review* beginning with a vast number from the early 1950s and progressing slowly to somewhere near the present day. Each chapter is provided with a title to catch your eye ('A Pantomime of Unrealities', 'From the Benign to the Bristly', 'Let Humanity Beware!' and 'Disquieting Developments' are some examples)

and each case within it also has a subtitle of similar character ('Of Robots and Humanoids', 'More Mysterious Submarines', etc.) so that the overall feeling is like reading one of the more sensational illustrated magazines in which the next page or column will deal with the sex life of some well known film actor or politician. Only a very small minority of the cases - less than one in six - mention the belief of witnesses or inhabitants of a region generally that the aliens have a base somewhere in their area. Usually it is somewhere in South America, particularly the Peruvian Andes, but the book is in no sense an attempt to research the matter. Timothy Good merely states the generally held belief and leaves it at that.

In just one case, the third anecdotal titbit out of seven in the final chapter of the book, is there a fascinating description of the earth rising with dirt, rocks, underbrush, bushes etc on it like a camouflaged platform, revealing a large rectangular opening about 80 feet wide. Out of this came two silvery flying saucers, some 60 feet in diameter, and hovered above it. This was in the summer of 1979, near the US Army Reserve Base at Santiago in Puerto Rico, and the two young witnesses claim to have seen the letters U R S S on the underneath of the saucers. This is the Spanish acronym for the U S S R. So Timothy Good speculates that it was a terrestrial base, a joint venture of the Americans and the Russians. As the two witnesses continued watching a jeep came speeding towards them from a distant white building so they assumed they had been spotted and reported to security and rode away fast. They reported what they had seen to Jorge Martin, whom Timothy Good says he knows personally as a reliable, honest investigator. But that is all he tells us about the matter. No follow up investigation.

The chapter goes straight on to anecdote four about a strange creature allegedly killed in a cave system high in the Puerto Rican mountains. They don't know if it is alien related but there has been a lot of strange activity up there.

Blimey!

Four chapters depart from the regular pattern of anecdote after anecdote by being devoted to one particular individual. Two of them are on George Adamski and the third on another early contactee, Howard Menger, whom

Timothy Good met and interviewed in 1978. He includes a photograph he took of him then, describing him as "charismatic". Both Adamski and Menger claim to have seen the reverse side of the moon in the 1950s, long before space probes provided pictures of it proving it to be as desolate and airless as the side we normally see. Adamski claimed to have seen valleys where a small growth of vegetation was perceptible and, on his third trip, "a temperate section around the equator with snow capped mountains, forests, lakes, rivers and even a 'fair sized city' where, he was informed, human beings could live comfortably, given sufficient depressurization" (Adamski, **Inside the Space Ships**, pp 203-5, quoted by Good, Page 131). Menger actually walked on the moon.

"Finally we came to another large dome shaped building, where we halted and our guide told us we could get out on the moon's surface where we could breathe the air with little or no difficulty"

(Menger **From Outer Space to You** pp 153-6 quoted by Good, Page 185).

Timothy Good admits that these claims are likely to provoke ridicule but nevertheless remains undeterred. He even attempts to back up Adamski's claims by reproducing a NASA photograph of the moon's surface which shows it with a greenish hue. He has met Lou Zinstag and Lucy McGinnis, two of the six witnesses to Adamski's first encounter with an extraterrestrial near Desert Centre, California, in November 1952, both of whom supported his original claims until their deaths. And his book includes a charming photograph of Adamski looking out of a porthole of one of the alien craft, allegedly taken by one of his extraterrestrial friends from a scout craft, using Adamski's own camera. Good's comment on the photograph (Page 142) is simply, "I see no evidence of photographic trickery."

The 4th untypical chapter is the one I most enjoyed reading in the book. For the most part I must say that I found it a strain ploughing on through anecdotal case after anecdotal case in chapter after chapter. I had to force myself to do it out of determination to be fair to the book.

Chapter 15, however, is a condensation of a book called **Cancer Planet Mission** by Ludwig F Pallmann, published by the Foster Press, London in 1970. Pallmann, a German business man, was on the night express from Bombay to Madras, India, in October 1964 with a travelling companion whom he at first took to be an English sahib left over from Imperial times. He talked to him in English and offered him some whisky. Gradually, however, he began to notice some odd things about him. His legs were extremely long and so were his fingers, the tips of which were covered by some sort of protection. Strangest of all, though, when he spoke his voice didn't come from his mouth at all but from a small speaking device clipped to his chest.

He introduced himself as Satu Ra.

Pallmann asked him where he came from.

'I come from Cotosoti', came the direct reply.

Pallmann asked if it was in South America.

'No, no, my friend', said Satu Ra; 'It is on Itibi Ra II.'¹⁶

Pallmann thinks he must be joking but the two strike up a friendship and meet several times again in different cities in India. On one occasion Satu Ra asks if he can invite his sister. Pallmann says yes so Satu Ra says he will summon her. The expression on his face changes. His chin seems possessed by lockjaw. The eyes are widely dilated. Then an attractive lady advances and is introduced as Xiti. She walks with a gliding, undulating movement and from the start Pallmann finds himself irresistibly attracted

¹⁶ Readers of L Ron Hubbard's space fiction will know that it is the custom of extraterrestrial travellers to refer to the planet on which they live in terms of its numerical order outwards from its Sun. Reckoned this way the Earth is Blito P3.

to her. An orange half veil accentuated rather than hid her matchless beauty. Her voice, however, like her brother's, came from an electronic gadget hanging from her neck.

She has even longer fingers than her brother's, and again the tips are covered with a protective covering. They reveal to him that they have no finger nails. Neither do they have teeth. Satu Ra explains that for many thousands of years men and women on their planet had lived without teeth, gradually finding them unnecessary.

That fact has a direct connection with the reason for their presence on Earth. During many hundreds of thousands of years they have evolved from meat eaters to vegetarians.

But as a result of this they do suffer physically if they do not get enough new flavours. Consequently they have established several plantations in tropical South America for hybridization purposes - not of human beings, however, as suspected by most abduction researchers, but of plants. The evolutionary process in their food habits has brought in its wake a character problem - love of over-tasting! When they first discovered the tropical chirimoya fruit they became almost gluttonous. So they hybridize their plants with ours.

Pallmann initially considered including some details about the erotic behaviour of the Itibi Rayans but his publisher advised against it. "Actually, all I wanted to do was to describe the very healthy and natural behaviour of another civilization", he explained (quoted in Good, Page 321). Xiti twice spent the night with him.

Sadly we are told on Page 322 that she was killed in an accident which befell an expedition to another planet. She was about 250 years old. There is a portrait of her in the colour plate section of Timothy Good's book. She looks plump and cuddly.

Beautiful women who look to be in their mid twenties but are really anything from 200 to 500 years old figure in quite a large number of stories included in the book. Howard Menger's first contact was with:-

the most exquisite woman my young eyes had ever beheld! The warm sunlight caught the highlights of her long golden hair as it cascaded around her face and shoulders. The curves of her lovely body were delicately contoured....

(Menger, *From Outer Space to You*. Page 26. Quoted in Good, Page 177)

She later claimed to be more than 500 years old. Later, in Hawaii on army service, he met another.

She was dressed in a sort of flowing outfit of pastel shades. Under a kind of flowing tunic, translucent and pinkish, she wore loosely fitted pajama-type pantaloons. She stood about five feet six inches, with the dark wavy hair falling over her shoulders and the tunic floating gracefully around the shapely contour of her body.....

(Letter from Menger to Good, 14 September 1997. Quoted in Good, Page 179)

There are a few (a very few) accounts of aliens with slanting eyes in Timothy Good's book, and even of one with roughish skin. Several are also quite short - a metre or so in height. But there are none of the little Greys with wrap-around eyes we are accustomed to reading about and seeing illustrated in most other UFO books. It must be a matter of personal preference for the book is not a record of his personal investigations but in the main simply a kind of literature review¹⁷, yet he must have seen just as

¹⁷ A literature review is a procedure which is normally carried out whenever an investigator wishes to research a particular subject. Thus if he or she wishes to establish definitively whether more French men than French women eat snails for breakfast the first requirement is to read and list all the previous books and articles which have dealt with the subject. Only after this can personal investigation

many accounts of Greys in the course of his reading as the rest of us have done. It seems probable that he is himself particularly sensitive to these unusual women, and a passage on Page 153 of the book tends to bear this out. It was during his first tour of the United States as a violinist with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in November 1963. He had hoped to meet George Adamski on that trip but it proved not to be possible. However, during the orchestra's bus trip from Tucson, Arizona, to Los Angeles, they stopped at a roadside restaurant on the Arizona/California border. There his attention was drawn to an extraordinary looking girl with blond bobbed hair, delicate pale features and a petite figure. He decided to make an attempt at telepathic communication with the unknown girl and transmitted the question "Are you from another planet?"

There was no immediate response, but as she left the queue she made a point of walking past my table, pausing to give me a gracious smile and an actual bow of acknowledgement, before proceeding to another part of the restaurant with a 'dead pan' expression on her face.

So there you have it.

properly begin. T.G's book reads very much like a literature review - though a very selective one - but it never proceeds thence to the real research which should follow. There is no systematic analysis of the cases cited, nor even a comparison of one with another apart from a few stray remarks such as "this is reminiscent of what happened to so and so. See Page such and such." All the real investigation and research work is left to us, and quite possibly purposely so, for at the end of the hard back edition of the book there are eight blank pages, ideal for making your own notes of special features characterizing each case for subsequent comparison with ones described in other books. I filled all the eight pages with my own notes for this purpose.

Many readers probably know or have read the story of the abductee who was able to obtain compelling and irrefutable evidence while he was on board an alien craft that the enormously scientifically advanced intruders had a long-range, minutely worked out plan to infiltrate and eventually take over the whole of Earth's institutions and government. When he was returned to Earth he made straight for a senior department of the Air Force to report the matter. He was listened to with scepticism. He cited various names he had learned who were infiltrators and mentioned things that had happened which showed that something untoward was afoot. It made no difference. Desperately worried he insisted and insisted and finally asked to see someone else. A doctor was called. Then two doctors. They certified him and attendants arrived to take him to a mental hospital. The senior officer who had listened to him shook his head at the sad case. Slowly he put his papers in order. He had to attend a meeting in the building next door. Unfortunately the lifts were out of order and it meant a long trek down five flights of stairs to the ground floor and then up a similar number in the adjoining building to the meeting room. He was tired. He looked up and down the corridor. No one was coming so he quickly walked through the wall.

In a way I was surprised not to find this story included in Timothy Good's book. I forget who the author of it was but it was certainly published as fiction, but Timothy Good would have interviewed the author and ascertained that it was based on fact and state that he was entirely convinced of the said author's sincerity and believability.

Perhaps indeed it was based on fact.

The trouble with Timothy Good's book is that quite a lot of the stories included in it may be true and factual. We just have no way of knowing which are and which aren't. All we have from him is the occasional statement that he has met a particular writer or investigator and been impressed with his sincerity. It unfortunately comes across as codswallop. And that really is unfortunate because of course a great many of the accounts are **not** codswallop. But why oh why didn't Timothy go into them, analyse them, make detailed comparisons, in a word - **be an investigator?** Really he is right to take a second look at the contactees. Perhaps they

really have been dismissed too lightly and unjustly as spoofers. But that is no justification for just quoting what they said all over again with no attempt to look into it more deeply.

When I came to the end of the book I almost wished I could meet Timothy and collaborate with him in rewriting it!

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JOE NYMAN'S VISIT TO ZIMBABWE

In July 1999, we had a visit from Joe Nyman of Medfield, in Massachusetts, USA, together with his wife Joan. It was their first visit to Africa and hopefully, they enjoyed it.

I have known Joe for many years although we only met briefly at MUFON Symposia, but I had always found him to be a dedicated researcher, an honest investigator and a person of high ethical standards. His expertise is with hypnotic regression of people involved with traumatic experiences and of course, alien abductions comes into this. He is not a seeker of fame and fortune and a lot of his cases remain quiet investigations on his part; nonetheless, he is extremely thorough and sympathetic towards the people with whom he is dealing.

He was interviewed in Zimbabwe on our local radio and gave a talk to a fascinated audience of approximately 200 people at the Medical School Lecture Hall.

I must tell you that we had quite a time getting the hall ready for our important guest. Many of the seats of the chairs were broken, some of the TV screens weren't working, and we were afraid that the microphone would collapse in mid-speech.

As I once told Lionel Beer (of BUFORA, Gt. Britain) when he visited here some years back; in Zimbabwe you never quite know what is going to work, a maxim he soon grew to understand. But well, that's the situation when affluence meets a struggling new Nation! But I can assure you, we all came up smiling at the end of the evening. At least, the hall was still standing!

Joe and Joan were also able to visit some of the main tourist spots of Zimbabwe, which really are quite spectacular. The Victoria Falls is something to wonder at, the biggest Falls in the world (which is one up on the Texans) and then onto Hwange Game Reserve where they were able to see many of our wild animals. Fortunately, none of these were of the human variety.

We had several polemics, enjoyed by the UFO enthusiasts with whom Maria Sullivan and I work and in fact, it was a good thing we didn't keep Joe up after midnight, otherwise he might have been in a state of collapse by the time he reached home and would probably have vowed to never, ever visit Zimbabwe again.

Joe and Joan, it was a pleasure to have you with us. Come again!

MY ALIEN LOVE

*I fell madly in love with a charming man.
He was tall and blonde with a wonderful tan.
His eyes were blue, his body divine,
I knew in my heart he had to be mine.
"I love you", I cried, and clung to his being,
When suddenly I realised he was just a machine!*

The Search for Life in Space

SETI (the Search for Extra Terrestrial Intelligence) is backed by a group of scientists who want to spend US\$95 million over the next 10 years, to search for Life in Space. Today, the technology used is far in advance of when the search started in October, 1992. What happens is that the scientists continually sweep the skies with millions of radio channels, hoping that they may find a message which is not a natural phenomenon.

Readers may recall that in UFO AFRINEWS N°18, we had a report that an astronomer with SETI had 'some sort of contact' with Outer Space. He used the web-site to impart this news before a clamp-down – and this is the last we've heard!