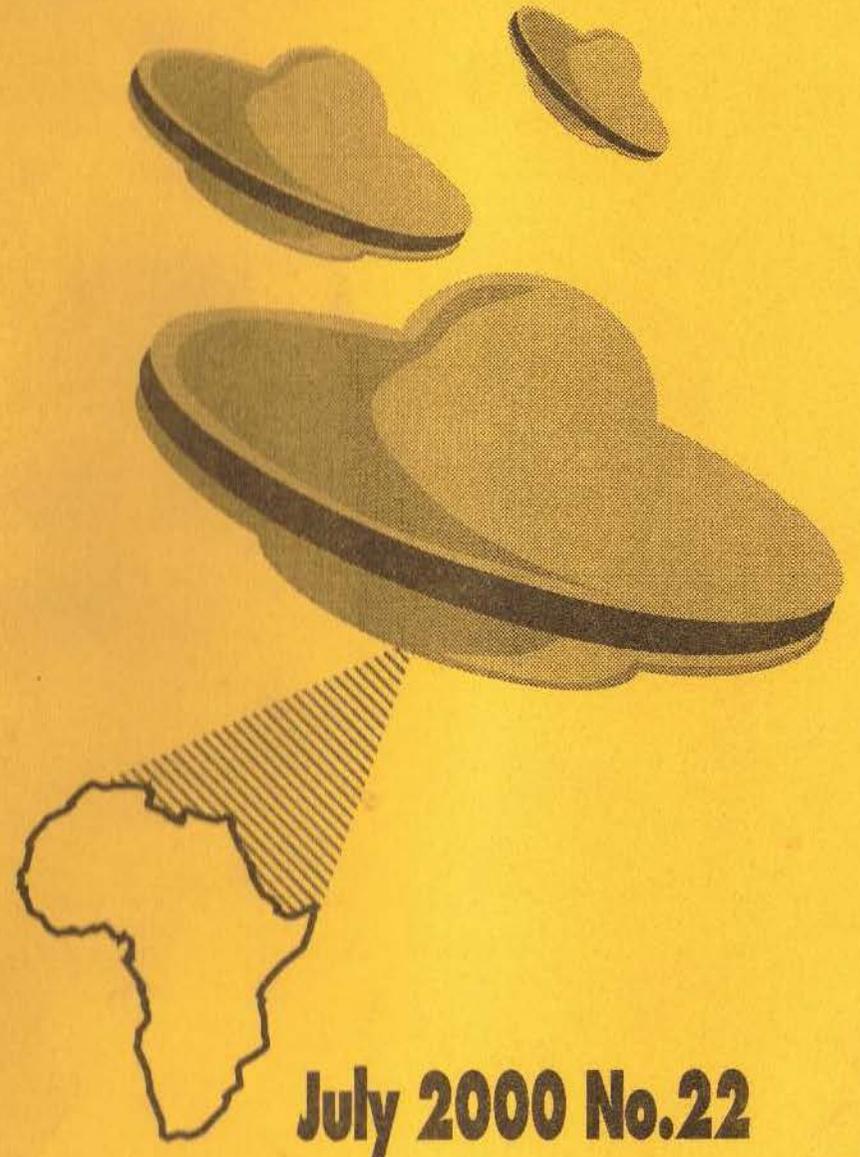


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EDITORIAL

Those of you who have subscribed to earlier issues of UFO AFRINEWS, and particularly the last one – N°21, January 2000 – will know that there are many UFO cases in Africa (especially Southern Africa) which were thoroughly researched and could hardly be the dreaming or imaginary visions of a disturbed mind. There were often other witnesses and sometimes physical evidence confirming that **something out of the ordinary** had happened.

As I said recently, I wanted to bring reminders of these events to those of you who knew vaguely what they were about, but especially to those who have never heard of them before.

As far as I am aware, and I must reiterate that having been into UFO investigations now for more than 25 years, I feel I have enough experience to spot a hoax; if not **immediately**, at least within a fairly short period of time. There has been too much evidence; too many factors of which even the witness is unaware, for me to realise that **that** particular case was genuine. I am not infallible, but there are certain measures and standards I use, which make me feel almost 95% certain when a case is worth investigating. And I want to make it clear that sometimes even the most bizarre of events only prove to me (having assessed them most carefully) that what a person is saying is indeed a reality. At least, to the witness involved.

Ah, but a reality of what, I hear you ask? And you are quite right. For NO ONE yet knows for certain what UFOs and their occupants are, nor where they emanate from.

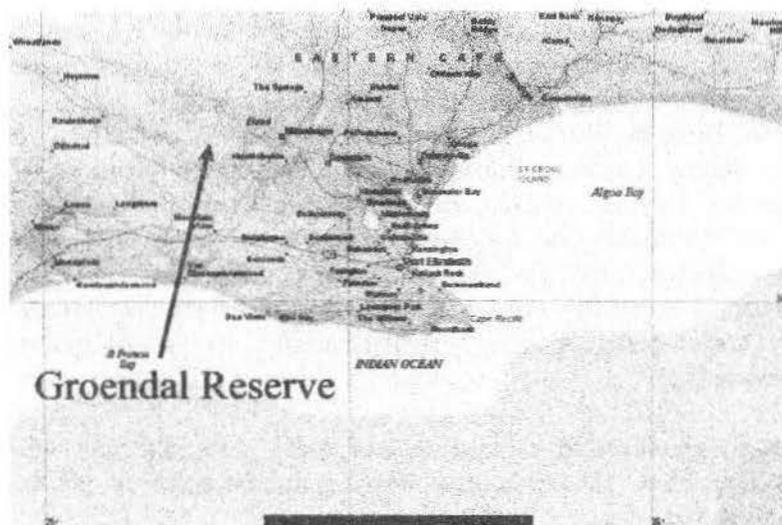
When I first started investigations, I accepted that 'Aliens' – for want of a better word – came from other planets in our Galaxy, or maybe even from further afield. And then I began to think of the distances they had to cover, and I listened to the sceptics (who after all, were respected men of science) who queried (especially the late Carl Sagan) the possibility of

beings 'Out There' being able to travel such amazing distances.

Once, I asked the late Allen Hynek of the USA, the doyen of UFO investigation in the 1970s and 1980s, where he thought aliens and spaceships came from, and he said, 'I don't think they are from other planets. I think they are from another Time or Dimension.'

Now this is the theory towards which I lean. But let me say again, **NO ONE knows for sure, so don't be led astray.**

Reminiscing about old cases, one that I recall very clearly is the Groendal Reserve case, not far from Despatch, near to Port Elizabeth in the Southern Cape of South Africa.



Map of Port Elizabeth Area, Eastern Cape

I had been interviewing witnesses in Rosmead and Middelburg, in the Cape, for more detailed information on the Rosmead Tennis Court case,

when I had a phone call from a friend to ask if I was aware of this exciting event in the Groendal Reserve. This was news to me but my friend and travelling companion, Peggy McLean and I, immediately packed up and took off for Despatch, the nearest small town to the Reserve and where Dr Simpson and his family lived.

Four young boys including Dr Simpson's son Peter (16) had camped out in the Reserve overnight. The next day was clear but overcast and while waiting for Mrs Simpson to pick them up at mid-day, they noticed something glistening in the distance, a good way from where they were.

While they puzzled over this, Jannie Bezuidenhout pointed to where two men had suddenly appeared, moving across their view from right to left and quite a long way off.

At first the four boys thought they were poachers but then they realised the men were wearing silver suits, and they mistook them for firemen. Hugo Ferreira said, 'I thought their silver suits looked like aluminium foil.' The men had come from the glistening object and when they were in the middle of the hill, they were joined by a third man who was carrying what looked like a square silver-coloured suitcase.

The boys watched as the men reached a fence, moving in a strange way, almost as though their legs were fins. As they climbed over the fence, the one at the back looked directly at the boys. They all agreed that he must have seen them. The three men then moved to the top of the hill, and then just disappeared. At the same time, the 'shining thing' was gone.

Peter Simpson said the men didn't lean forward as they moved up the hill, as normal people would do; they remained upright. The other factor which only came to light later, was that the *fynbos*¹ in that area was over

¹ *Fynbos* – indigenous bush, essential for holding soil particles together.

two metres high, so that the men must have been gliding above that height for the boys to have spotted them.

There was a great deal of evidence to verify what the boys had seen. Where the 'glistening spot' was, which had first attracted their attention, the ground had been trampled. Sgt. Chris Powell said, 'That depression was not formed by anything normal, the marks were too symmetrical.'

It was suggested that it was the movements of mating turtles but none of the Groendal trackers agreed.

Later, I made contact with Professor Rust, head of the Geology Department at the University of Port Elizabeth. Although sceptical about UFOs, he agreed that two of his lecturers could visit the area and account for the depressions. Russell Shone and Dave Glenister went along with Sgt. Powell. Shone reported that 'there were nine separate impressions arranged symmetrically. There were four small holes in the impressions which could have been made with a tubular prong or tine.'

The two geologists were obviously sceptical and yet impressed.

In 1979, the National Inquirer, a USA weekly tabloid newspaper awarded this case 'the best and most impressive UFO case of 1978'!

There are other cases we should know more about, and I will bring them to your attention as time goes by. But for the moment, I'm quite sure that you will have realised by now that Africa has its share of UFO witnesses.

And some of the best bits of evidence on an international basis.

Did you know that the closest Sun to Earth, which would support life as we know it, is Alpha Centauri, 4,3 light years from us.

New York Times (Science News) Tues. Sept. 21, 1999

SOME OLDER CASES REVIEWED

We have always had generous help from many people in countries other than Zimbabwe; and of course in Zimbabwe too where investigators have become good friends and helpmates.

Without these reports, the magazine would surely have a dearth of material and we are especially grateful to our helpers.

One of the people who supplied me with many good cases in his area (Uitenhage, Cape, South Africa and environs) was Sergeant Chris Powell of the South African Police. In those days, UFO AFRINEWS did not exist, but as new UFO cases seem to be thin on the ground at the moment, we felt it would be a good idea to bring to your attention two cases investigated during the early 1980s by South Africans. The first one was sent to me by Chris Powell in 1980.

Case N° 154 :- On a night in December 1980 (We were never able to establish the exact night), a café owner, Yusuf A., was working in his café on his stamp collection, when at 2 a.m. he became aware of a buzzing noise. Thinking it might be someone tampering with his car which was parked outside, he decided to check the premises. Armed with a torch, he went outside and saw there was no-one near his vehicle, but he then shone the light on the roof of his building and was amazed to see a large, dark, cigar-shaped object in the sky at an elevation of 70°.

The object appeared to be below cloud level, as there was some scattered cloud around at approximately 2000 ft. According to Yusuf, the object was quite close; perhaps 200 ft above ground level. It seemed to him to resemble the barrel of a petrol tanker. One end of the object glowed with an orange colour, although Yusuf felt the glow could not have come from an actual light as he could see no beam. He also mentioned that it was stationary when he first viewed it.

While thus observing the object, Yusuf was suddenly aware that he was cold, despite the warmth of the night. He then realised, with some alarm, that he was completely paralyzed. He could not move his arms nor his legs, and he was also aware of an absolute silence about him².

He then heard a 'whining' noise which increased in intensity while the object began to move upwards very rapidly, becoming smaller and smaller as he watched. As it disappeared from view into the night sky, Yusuf became relaxed and found he could move his limbs again.

Up to this point, there had been no sound from his dogs but now they began to bark and howl as though terrified.

Yusuf estimated that the sighting lasted about three minutes. When he entered the café again the time was 3 a.m.

Yusuf had recently been ill with rheumatic fever, and though he felt that he was only affected two days **after** his experience, his wife reported that he had complained of pain in his body several days **before** the incident.

Both Chris and your Editor felt that there was some significance in the time factor. Yusuf had first heard the buzzing at 2 a.m. when he immediately responded by going outside with his flashlight to investigate a possible thief at his car. When he came back inside, he especially noted the time:— 3 a.m.

Allowing for perhaps 15 minutes for the search, and 3 minutes for the visual sighting and paralysis, this leaves 30-40 minutes unaccounted for.

² This is similar to the Close Encounter in Mutare case (N°133, UFO AFRINEWS Nos. 17 and 19), where the witness, Stuart was paralysed and aware of complete silence.

Hypnosis was not used on this witness and we have had no further contact with him since the report. But we do now have a new investigator in Uitenhage and we will try and trace Yusuf and give a further report on him in UFO AFRINEWS N° 23.

Case N° 155 :— Prier Wintle of Cape Town made the following report.

On Friday, 13th February 1981, Mr and Mrs T. were on their way to their farm between Rawson and Worcester on the side of Du Toit's Kloof. The night was particularly clear with a half-moon and no cloud or wind.

As they turned into the dirt road which led to their farm, Mrs T. leaned forward and saw an elliptical object through the windscreen. The object was very bright but there were no rays coming from it. The long axis of the oval was horizontally placed. It was an electric blue-green colour with a thin not-continuous band of red circling the oval horizontal axis. The object seemed hesitant as opposed to hovering.

When Mrs T. tried to draw her husband's attention to it, it shot off at tremendous speed towards the Southern Cross which was then behind the farm house.

It seemed to settle among the stars of the Southern Cross itself, but shone more brightly than the other stars. But this time it had changed to an orangey colour and promptly disappeared.

When the couple arrived at the house, they got out, both looked up and saw the object again, this time moving towards Tulbagh.

At the same time, they spotted the red light of a plane which they knew made a regular run at that time of night. As they looked, the object shot towards the plane at right angles to its path and when it was slightly above the plane it suddenly disappeared.

The couple noted that the light was quite large when it vanished.

Mr T. then went to check their borehole pump which he found not to be running properly, being only half on, so he re-set it properly. He had never known this to happen before.

When he walked back to the house at 12.55 a.m. he suddenly shouted, 'It's here again', and as he watched, it disappeared towards Worcester.

The couple had heard no sound from the object but Mrs T.'s brother, who had been in the house during the evening, said that just before they returned home, he had heard a humming sound – almost like a whine – and when he went out to investigate, he saw nothing and there was no wind to account for the sound.

Mr T. is an accountant and his wife, an artist.

Where Are You?

*It's terribly quiet on the UFO Front
I'm beginning to wonder if they've all gone away?
Or perhaps in their wisdom, they've thought about it,
And decided to go 'til a more suitable day?*

*Or perhaps this is merely their holiday time
Of dozens of days, in their calculations?
And they're playing quite gaily up there
Enjoying the time of their celebrations.*

*But thinking quite clearly (the way they are born!)
This might be the quiet before a great storm.*

MYSTERY METAL BALLS FALL ON SOUTH AFRICAN SOIL

Towards the end of April (27th April, 2000), two round metal balls fell to Earth in the Cape; one in Durbanville, on the outskirts of Cape Town, and the second on a farm in Worcester.

The Department of Civil Aviation asked the Police to look into the falls and Police Superintendent Andre Kellerman reported that on Sunday (30th April) they had been collected and statements were taken from witnesses.

Both of the objects were pretty weighty, around 30 Kg and 50 Kg respectively. Some of the witnesses said the balls were 'white-hot' as they landed, and that a 20 cm impression had been left where they fell. Peter Viljoen, on whose farm the first metal ball landed, said his workers had heard two loud reports like gunshots before the ball landed. The workers did not go close until after the ball had cooled, which took about half an hour.

NASA is reported to have said that the two balls were probably from the decaying satellite Pegasus, but would have to examine them before confirming this speculation.

We can clearly recall a similar event which occurred some 15-20 years ago, if not earlier. A metal ball had fallen somewhere in the Cape area and while some people were wary in case a small alien stepped out, with his ray gun at the ready, it was later discovered that the letters CCCP were imprinted on the metal, obviously at that time, a decaying Russian satellite.

One cannot help feeling that NASA appears to be treating the whole matter fairly lightly: what if the balls had fallen on a Kindergarten playground?

Is there no early warning system about satellites breaking up and where they might fall? Surely, in the interests of people all over the world, pre-knowledge would have everyone prepared?

Source: *BBC News*, Monday May 1st, 2000, *SAPA*, May 1st, 2000

MISINTERPRETATION OF NATURAL PHENOMENA

PLANETS:

The bright planets such as Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn are often reported as UFOs. Planets shine with a steadier light than stars. The remaining planets in our Solar system are Mercury, Earth, Neptune, Uranus and Pluto.

Bright planets and stars seem larger when rising or setting. They often appear to change shape and sparkle with changing colours. This is caused by reflection and dispersion of their light as it shines through the thick, unstable atmosphere of planet Earth. A star or planet may take on bizarre shapes and flash brilliantly with red, green and blue colours.

APPARENT MOVEMENT:

- a) Autokinesis – when a person is standing in one spot and staring at a star for a while without visual stationary reference points, the star appears to move from east to west and north to south.
- b) Reflection and Dispersion – The light of a star or planet does not bend uniformly as it shines through the atmosphere. This causes the star to twinkle, change colour and appear to move about.
- c) Clouds – The movement of the clouds in front of a bright star or planet can also appear to make it move.
- d) A moving vehicle – Often the observer will claim that the UFO gave chase to his car but in actuality, the apparent movement is caused by the vehicle's travelling.

STARS:

Stars are divided by astronomers into seven spectral classes O, B, A, F, G, K and M, with each letter having 10 sections (except O). O stars are the brightest and hottest with M the coolest and faintest.

Our Sun has a spectral classification G2. F8 stars through the G's to K1 could support life as we know it. They have a moderate temperature, are of medium size and have a reasonable rotation. They exist for approximately 11 billion years (as would our sun) with ample time for life to form. Hotter stars O through early F, would probably be too hot and have a much shorter lifespan. Colder stars, after K1 through M are too cool and would not generate enough energy.

METEORS:

Meteors, sometimes called 'shooting stars' are not stars but pieces of matter attracted by gravitation and burn up in the friction caused by the Earth's atmosphere. Billions of meteors enter and burn up harmlessly in our atmosphere. Very few ever survive their flight and even fewer are recovered as material called 'meteorites'.

Extraordinarily bright meteors are called 'fireballs' or 'bolides' and cause the bulk of UFO reports. Although sometimes seen over an area of 1000 or more square km, each observer will have the impression that it is passing close by or that it landed a few km away.

'Fireballs' can appear as brilliant balls, discs or elongated teardrop shapes. They might look like a plane crashing, or appear to be as large as the moon. They may exhibit brilliant colours of white, green, blue, yellow and red, or combinations of these colours. Some leave a luminous trail. Sometimes, a sonic boom can even be caused by a fireball. Although some last only for seconds, others may actually last longer and travel from one side of the horizon to another. Those striking Earth during the early morning hours travel much faster and are more plentiful. Some can also be seen in the daytime.

There are certain times of the year when meteor showers are more frequent than at other times, but not all occur as brightly in the southern hemisphere as they do in the northern hemisphere.

COMETS:

These are masses of frozen and solid matter. Some are members of our Solar System and travel in large elliptical orbits around our sun. Their orbits are predictable but others come from vast distances away with unpredictable orbits, such as comet Lee which recently passed our Earth over a period of approximately eight months.

Bright, conspicuous comets are a rarity and only several appear in the course of a century.

MOON:

A rising or setting red-hued moon is often reported as a UFO. The moon's shape can be distorted by cloudy conditions or refraction and light dispersion and sometimes it appears unrecognizable to a frightened witness.

SATELLITES:

At one time there were 6000 – more or less – satellites circling the Earth, but when I was in the United States in late 1997, figures of 3000 were mentioned to me. Since then, I believe the number has greatly increased but not all satellites are visible to us here in the southern hemisphere.

In a report in the MUFON JOURNAL, the case of Kelly Cahill, a well known Australian UFO abductee, showed that excessive traces of sulphur had been found at the landing site. While dealing with the Loxton case (1975) we found that Danie van Graan had heavy traces of sulphur in his ground. In fact, the water was so contaminated that people in the district came to paddle in his pool feeling this was a ready cure for skin complaints.

THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT STATES: 'UFOs EXIST'

In 1977 the French government set up GEPAN (Groupe d'Etude des Phenomènes Aérospatiaux Non-identifiés) the first time UFOs were studied officially in France, by respected people in defence, teaching or research, who studied UFO reports from all over the country.

Then in July 1999, a document was published entitled 'UFOs and Defence. What must we be prepared for?' This study covered many aspects of the UFO phenomenon, especially pertaining to defence, and was presented by top and highly respected Frenchmen. The overall consensus was that from well-documented cases which had no explanation, all hypotheses should be considered, including an extra-terrestrial one.

The document itself discusses some of the best cases, both in France and internationally. The authors also explain investigative work being done in France and elsewhere, with scientific explanations being given for part of the phenomenon according to the laws of physics.

They review known possibilities, such as secret aircraft and 'extraterrestrial manifestations', and they then suggest what should be done regarding information to pilots (military and civilian) **and if the extraterrestrial hypothesis is confirmed**, how this should be handled regarding strategic, political and religious consequences.

Although our knowledge is limited, the document points out several observations which have already been made, showing that UFOs are **real**. The authors quote General Nathan Twining's secret letter of September 1947, where he says, 'The phenomenon reported is something real and not visionary or fictitious....'

The study also involved the engine failure of vehicles near the UFO;

paralysis of victims³, and beams of light shot down from the UFO⁴.

One hypothesis put forward was that vehicle stoppage might be explained by microwave radiation. Particle beams could account for the luminous beams, and microwaves might explain the body paralysis. Interestingly enough, the authors of the text feel that hoaxes are rare and easily detected obviously by trained investigators. I remember being castigated by Jerome Clark (of CUFOS and Editor of IUR magazine) for saying that I felt that hoaxes were readily detectable.

Of course, he was right – who was I, at that time, to make such a sweeping statement? But now, with so many years of experience, I feel I can concur with the authors of the French text because there are certainly questions one can ask; and relevance of a report that quickly arouses one's suspicions. I am absolutely one hundred percent sure that James van Greunen (with certain basic information, perhaps obtained from a close friend) set up **the whole of the alleged UFO crash on the South African/Botswana border**. And I was not alone in establishing the fallibility of his evidence, so although I accepted the story initially, it did not take long for respected ufologists such as Stanton Friedman (Canada), Michael Hesemann (Germany), David Powell (South Africa) and myself, to see through his story, despite the fact that I am still receiving queries about the reality of this case, 11 years after it was supposed to have occurred.

The French group also regard secret Earth weapons as improbable explanations. They mention that in the USA, there is marked interest from the public, but the Air Force still denies its involvement as perhaps they feel there is no threat to national security. But the report also adds that under the Freedom of Information Act (USA), a different story emerges,

³ See Stuart of Mutare in UFO AFRINEWS N° 17, p. 5.

⁴ Travis Walton case (Arizona , Nov. 5, 1975) in 'Fire in the Sky' pub. Marlowe & Co., New York, 1996.

which mentions 'surveillance of nuclear installations by UFOs', and records are kept of unusual cases by military and intelligence agencies. British reports by Nick Pope, then at the Ministry of Defence in the UK, are also worthwhile and the French suspect that there is a secret liaison between the British and the USA on UFOs. They also report on Russia and the release of information by the KGB in 1991.

The main concern of course is, 'are they a threat?' And apart from the worry of the UFO surveillance of nuclear missile sites, the answer seems to be 'No'. They also point out the increasing secrecy from the USA since the 1947 Roswell report. Well, we have discussed this previously (in UFO AFRINEWS N° 17, p. 32) and have offered readers (free of charge, but requiring return postage) a report on the Roswell incident. As a matter of fact, this alleged crash of a UFO in Roswell in 1947 has elicited more books, documentaries, etc. than any other single case, and we will list some at the end of this review.

The French feel – and we agree with this **entirely** – that a 'cosmic vigilance' should be kept internationally on UFOs so that Earth will not be shocked or taken unawares by any hostile move. They also feel that the USA should be pressured into revealing its secret knowledge on UFOs, which assumes that such knowledge is available in the USA.

Of course, this material would only be handled by the elite in science, politics and so on.

Your Editor has been urging this for years, so that the less sophisticated public will not be terrorised by any sudden announcement which would be contrary to their culture and beliefs.

The idea is that this might be a **two-way** exchange: their advanced technology for what they want from us here! (Depending, of course, what that is!)

For years there have been rumours in the USA that an American President made a deal with the aliens that as long as they didn't interfere unduly with Earth, they would be permitted to abduct a limited number of our people and experiment with them. I have never believed this, but there are many who accept this story as absolute fact.

There are several factors the French government need to address and they

have listed them as follows:-

- a) Inform persons in positions of authority at an international level (I feel here that the United Nations needs to be drawn into this subject on a sensible level and not dismiss all talk of UFOs out of hand)
- b) Involve agencies who are involved in space surveillance.
- c) There should be a group analysing and studying UFOs at the highest level. (Hear, hear!)
- d) Study measures which might be necessary in case of emergencies. (And notify the public – just in case – but in a sensible and not frightening way!)

Would that this will happen SOON!

NEXUS, October-November 1999.
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Some books written about Roswell:

C Berlitz and W Moore, **The Roswell Incident**. Granada, 1980
K Randle and D. Schmitt, **UFO Crash at Roswell**. Avon Books, 1991

Philip Corso, **The Day After Roswell**. Pocket Books, 1997
M Hesemann and P. Mantle, **Beyond Roswell**. Michael O'Hara Books, 1997

If you have managed to read Tony Dodd's book reviewed by Prier Wintle in this issue, you should also read Jenny Randle's book *UFO Retrievals* and see what she says about the alleged Botswana/South African border crash-landing. Thanks Jenny for your cool and logical assessment.

ELIZABETH KLARER: THE ON-GOING SAGA...

Astronomers have recently reported that they have discovered a planet circling the Sun **Proxima Centauri** in the **Alpha Centauri** group of stars.

In Elizabeth Klarer's book **Beyond the Light Barrier** she records what Akon, her Spaceman lover and father of her son Ayling, told her (p. 68):

'Our home system in Alpha Centauri consists of seven planets, all inhabited by our Civilisation. The seven planets orbit about the third component of this beautiful star system, known to you as Proxima Centauri. The largest star gives a reddish light about one third as bright as the Sun's, while the second star's light is similar to sunlight. The third star, Proxima Centauri, is like the sun, only with a reddish light and of course, a very stable star.'

Elizabeth's book was written during the 1960's but only published in English by Howard Timmins Publishers of Cape Town, South Africa in 1980. How could Elizabeth have made up a story which would only be verified in the year 2000?

OBITUARY

ARNOLD WEST

We regret to report that on December 8th 1999, Arnold West died of a heart attack.

Your Editor had known Arnold for many years and always found him to be a kind and cheerful person and helpful in many ways. He was chairman of BUFORA at one time and always available when needed.

Our sincere condolences to his family and his many friends in Ufology.

ALARMING ALIENS

Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

Case N°156

Kirsty was living in Bulawayo when all these initial incidents took place. She was 28 when she first contacted me in 1998, having tried to speak to me at a talk I gave at the Bulawayo Museum, but as there were quite a number of people about, she realised it was neither the time nor the place.

She finds it difficult to get to sleep at night, and has a very disturbed sleeping pattern. The first instance she recalls was a strange 'pocking' sound in her room; quite soft, yet loud enough to be disturbing. This 'pock, pock' sound was accompanied by tiny coloured lights which occurred simultaneously, and also a strong smell of human sperm.

The next thing she can recall was trying to move with an overwhelming sense of fear as she realised she was totally paralyzed⁵ and after a great struggle found herself in a kneeling position. She says, 'It was horrid.'

She also recalls lying in her bedroom and she could see a man wearing a black overall, with a black hat and large square, dark sunglasses. He was speaking to a thin white person in a brown garment. The thin person approached Kirsty, its eyes were a 'flashy' type of green.⁶ It seemed to come to Kirsty as a friend and spoke to her: 'Are you all right?' it asked. It reached for her hand and clasped it gently.

⁵ Paralysis of UFO witnesses is a common occurrence: see Stuart of Mutare, Case N°133, UFO AFRINEWS N°17. Also Bruce Mangauzani, Case N°29, UFO AFRINEWS Nos. 4, 7 and mentioned in Proof of Abductions, in this issue.

⁶ I'm not sure here if Kirsty means 'flashing' as opposed to 'flashy'.

In a flash, Kirsty saw herself somewhere else. She was naked and lying on a slab type of table,⁷ while an unusual metal device held her down on her stomach. When she looked to the left there were people who appeared to be human, sitting on bench-type chairs and watching her. She was shocked and embarrassed. She tried to get up and off the table.

One of the female human-looking beings stood up and said in a condescending voice: "These humans!" and threw something at Kirsty.

Her ears hurt; it was as though they were more aware than normally. After this event, sleeping became even more difficult and she moved to her mother's room. However, she would often find herself sitting up in the middle of the night, waiting for these strange happenings. She particularly noted that her ears troubled her a lot. She found there was pus oozing from her ears.⁸ She is also aware of a droning noise in her ears like a constant murmur.⁹ When this droning increases, she knows something will happen.

⁷ This is repeatedly reported in abduction cases. For instance, the Diane and Phyllis Abduction (Case N°50), first reported in UFO AFRINEWS Nos. 6 and 8, then in various subsequent issues. Also extensively dealt with in the book UFOs OVER AFRICA by Cynthia Hind. Pub. by Horus House Press, USA, 1997.

⁸ See Stuart's case, quoted above.

⁹ This seems to be similar to Tinnitus, which is usually a ringing, high-pitched noise inside one or both ears, and is quite common. Also recently, I read that it is regularly reported by abductees.

The first time Kirsty experienced the noise in her ears, it sounded like voices buzzing and speaking very fast. But she couldn't understand what was being said. She sees (in front of her eyes) tiny, flashing lights which rotate in a strange pattern. She also experiences sudden flashes of light and continues to find sleeping very difficult.

Kirsty remembers lying on her side holding her mother's hand, when she felt herself forced onto her back. She could see a man in an illuminated green suit – as though it was lit up. His hands were like 'folding, thin rods' which were pushed into her lower abdomen, and this was extremely painful. Strange thoughts came into her head, as though the man was known to her, which was odd. She could not see his face clearly.

For a few days her side where he had pressed into her, troubled her quite a bit. On the 16th or 17th October 1998, the position she was lying in was different from her usual sleeping position, and suddenly there was a man – not recognisable this time – standing over her. However, he performed the same procedure as the other man and the pain was there again.

Kirsty says, 'I don't know why they are coming and what they want of me but the very thought of them sickens me and makes me very angry. I wish it would stop!'

Editorial Comment: Kirsty is a cross-cultural person, with Zulu, German, Portuguese and Greek blood in her veins. We rarely have abduction reports in Africa and usually those involved are Caucasian, so to us it is particularly interesting coming from someone of Kirsty's background.

If you read as many UFO magazines as your Editors do, you will realise that the shape of the UFO has changed to a 'triangle' instead of the usual dome-shaped saucer. And don't tell us it's the swept back Stealth bomber! They can't hover for 10-15 minutes, nor shoot off from a stationary position at Mach 4 or 5.

STAR-TLING SNIPPETS

Albert Benajam

Researchers have squeezed hydrogen to make it form a liquid metal and turned water into a new solid form different from ice.

Britain's new war-weapon, the helicopter *Apache Longbow*, was unveiled in 1999. There will be a fleet of over 60 of these working for Britain's defence system. So should you be visiting the U.K. do not mistake this craft for your first sighting of a UFO.

Despite the fact that it cannot match up to the USA's *Aurora* (8500 kph), and it reaches only 200 kph, it has some outstanding qualities in this new Millennium. It can destroy an entire town from behind hills in the far distance; and new radar equipment allows the crew to read a map in an enemy commander's hands up to two miles (3,2 km) away.

Not only that, but it has infra-red imaging which can read a number plate miles away, even in darkness or thick smoke! It can create electronic images of the terrain which relay the details to ground commanders – even in another country.

There is also a remote-controlled 30mm cannon in the nose which can split a tank in two!

Daily Mail, October 1, 1999

Whilst your Editors are not war-mongers – far from it – we do like to prepare you for what the new technology can do.

Just recently several scientists (in various magazines) have noted that falls of blocks of ice from the sky are **not** from aeroplane toilets, nor from passing comets, and neither from a meteorite. So — where are they from? Any ideas?

PROOF OF ABDUCTIONS

As those of our subscribers will know, Africa – with a few exceptions – has never been great on abductions. We do have the Phyllis and Diane Case which occurred in the suburb of Northcliffe, Johannesburg in 1988. And we also know that Kerry (UFO AFRINEWS N° 20, Case N° 147) suspected that **she** had been abducted.

In fact, we will have a further report from her in our next issue, which will show that on one witnessed occasion, she was missing for about 15 minutes!

Bruce Mangauzani is the only African person we have personally interviewed who **seems** to have had an abduction experience, although at times it appears to be more of a 'ghostly' experience than anything else (UFO AFRINEWS Nos. 4 and 7, Case N° 29).

But in those experiences, no physical substantiation has arisen; merely the word of the abductee, although there have been instances when the person involved was absent or not seen at the time he/she claimed to have been 'away'. And in **The Allagash Abductions** by Ray Fowler¹⁰ four men recalled being abducted together.

Now, for the first time, some form of physical evidence has apparently been found, peculiar only in instances of abductions.

Reported in 'Filer's Files' by George A Filer in the MUFON JOURNAL¹¹ Dr William C Levenood of Pinelandia Biophysics Laboratory in Michigan had found some evidence in ordinary household dust.

¹⁰ Raymond Fowler: **The Allagash Abductions**, Wild Flower Press, USA, 1993

¹¹ MUFON JOURNAL N° 383, March 2000

Where they had access to household dust in a reported abductee case, they found microscopic glassy particles in dust in bedrooms, kitchens, etc. These particles are in a variety of shapes; hollow or solid spheres; sometimes they are coloured amber and come in sizes from one micron (1/1000 of a millimetre) or sometimes they are larger.

Other shapes are like a 'pseudo crystal' or even an octopus shape. Some dusts produce two different shapes but none produce all the different shapes.

The dust collected was from areas not usually dusted, such as the top of doors and window frames.

It is too early to assume that this proves that all alleged abductees have definitely been taken away, but it is an opening to what could be essential physical proof.

CONTACT BY REMOTE CONTROL

Case N° 153

South Africa

Some of the early printing of the Millennium Magazine UFO AFRINEWS N° 21 (Jan. 2000) had the original story on this case without any alterations. These were made by Jeff and Cathy after reading the first draft of their case as we originally perceived it. Unfortunately, some of our subscribers, who pay a year's subscription in advance, were sent the unaltered magazines and for the benefit of those few, we would like to produce the corrected version here.

UFO AFRINEWS N°21

Page 22 - second para.: (a) 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. Inside, he found a 1,44 meg computer disc and when he and Cathy played this back, it had the first of numerous messages.

Page 23 - fourth para.: (b) 'Can you accommodate the attached media in your facility? Let us know as soon as possible. Overseas contact will be arranged asap. Be ready'.

And immediately below that:

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

Page 24 - third para.: (d) 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.

Page 24: We queried the use of the words 'self-extracting' at the top of page 24, but apparently this was correct as used by 'them'.

Page 25 - second para. (f) 'Destroy this media as soon as you have read it. The dark ones do not know that George is gone.'

Page 26 - second para.: (g) Jeff's home had also been searched, and both thought their phones were being tapped. At one time Jeff received a message by pager

Page 27 - Top line of page: (h) While living in England, Cathy qualified as a hypnotherapist. (Eliminate the next line).

Page 28 - third para.: (i) This paragraph should start with 'I think that Cathy has the feeling that she might be partially alien.....'

...fourth para: (j) Eliminate sentence after 'He has been deeply interested in UFOs for some years...' and go to 'Jeff is also a man of intelligence and leadership....'

Eliminate sentence after '... and reverence shown to Cathy and him'. Continue from '... The entities appear...' etc.

Page 32 - second line in second para.: (k) apart from the Remote Viewing, the messages through Jeff... etc.

We sincerely apologise for these corrections, but the alterations from Jeff and Cathy arrived too late for the printing of the first 100 copies. Thank you for bearing with us.

I was hoping to meet with Jeff and Cathy in Cape Town but circumstances did not permit this, very much to my regret.

Cathy tells me that the contact has not ended and she is still involved.

We are hoping to learn a lot more about this case and will, of course, keep our readers in touch with any development - **Editor**.

OUT OF AFRICA

Boianai, Papua-New Guinea, June 1959

I will never forget my first reading of the Father Gill case in Papua-New Guinea in about 1960.

Well, there you are, I thought naïvely: now the world will have to believe in visitations by people from other planets/Dimensions. I mean, after all, how could we deny what was seen in Boianai in June 1959? With a minister of the Church as one of the main witnesses, and dozens of his parishioners as corroborating witnesses, who was going to deny the event?

Sadly, the craft that was seen; the men organising something on the upper deck, which never landed or allowed themselves to be taken captive, was not accepted as a reality. Anglican Father William Gill of Boianai Mission religiously (excuse the expression) recorded everything as it happened. The region is a remote mountainous area, only reached by boat or small aircraft.

On Friday 26th June 1959, Father Gill had dinner and then at 6:45 p.m. went outside to his lawn. The sky was clear with some cloud patches. He saw an extremely bright light above the planet Venus. As he watched it began descending towards him. He called for Stephen Gill Moi (a teacher at the Mission) and Eric Langford, to see what was happening. Stephen

was intrigued. It looked, he said, like an object he had watched the previous Sunday.

Eventually it came down to 300-400 ft out to sea. When it was close, it looked solid and it was a dull yellow or orange colour. Gill estimated that the lower section of the object was about 35 ft in diameter.

After ten minutes Father Gill told Langford to call more people to witness what was going on. Meanwhile, a man-like figure moved around on the top deck.

By that time there were about 37 observers. For the next few hours the witnesses watched as at least four figures moved around on the deck, visible only from the waist upwards, and wearing a tight-fitting garment.

Just after 7 o'clock, a bright blue beam shone from the top deck at a 45° angle into the sky. The 'people' on the deck continued to come and go until about 7:20 p.m. when the beam turned off and the figures disappeared from the top deck. The craft then moved away to the west when it suddenly swooped south, turned a red colour and vanished into a layer of cloud.

At 8:28 p.m. Gill saw a second object which appeared to descend; it came close and hovered over the sea. Later in the evening, heavy rain began to fall and with the sky overcast nothing further was seen. The following night, Saturday 27th June, Annie Borewa, a medical assistant, saw a large UFO in the same position as the night before. She called Father Gill at 6:02 p.m. and he also came out to watch. Several others joined them and they all watched as four figures again appeared on the top deck. There were also two smaller disc-like objects seen close by.

Two of the figures occasionally bent over and raised their arms as though working on something. One stood with his hands on a rail and looked over to the observers.

Father Gill waved his arms over his head and the figure did the same. One of the other observers did this also and all four figures seemed to wave

back as though responding. If the watchers waved with one arm, the figures did the same; if with two, they responded in the same way.

It was now growing dark, so Gill sent someone to fetch a torch. He sent a series of long dashes to the craft and it seemed to respond by swaying like a pendulum. It also came closer but after a bit, the figures disappeared, presumably below deck.

The watchers had tried calling to the figures but there was no response; in fact, there was no sound whatsoever from the craft. At 6:25 two figures returned to the top of the deck and the blue beam of light flashed twice. At 6:30, Father Gill went inside to have dinner.

By 7:00 p.m. the big UFO was still visible, but further away. Later, the cloud covered the sky and the witnesses saw nothing. At 10:45 p.m. there was a loud explosion outside the Mission House, which awakened everyone, but nothing could be seen due to the overcast sky. Shortly after, some drops of rain fell.

At 6:45 p.m. on Sunday 28th June, there was an overhead UFO sighted but very high up. By 7:30 p.m. it had moved. At 9:00 p.m. three UFOs were seen in a clear sky, and at 11:00 p.m. eight UFOs were sighted. At 11:20 there was a loud metallic bang on the Mission House roof but nothing was found. No other activity was reported subsequently.

There was a great deal of scepticism about this sighting. The RAAF felt they were misinterpreted astronomical observations of planets; the British Air Ministry said the objects could have been reflections on the cloud cover [so how about when there were no clouds?]. Dr Donald Menzel, an American professor who, it has been subsequently discovered, worked undercover for the US government in debunking UFOs, said Father Gill had been observing Venus, and suffered from myopia and astigmatism. I personally recall one alleged solution that the figures were US Marines working on an advanced craft. I'm surprised it wasn't proposed that an American film company was making a Sci-Fi film; never mind cameras or lighting experts.

Father William Gill, now living in Australia (near Melbourne, I believe), is a graduate of Brisbane University and had no reason to lie or imagine such a story. He has stuck to the facts over a period of more than 40 years. Besides, he has 37 witnesses, 26 of whom have signed statements attesting to the authenticity of their sightings.

For heavens' sake, what more proof do people want?

Reports from : *Australasian Ufologist*, Vol. 3 N° 4.
VUFORS (Melbourne, Victoria)

ASTRONOMICAL BRIEFS

(Clippings from Albert Benajam, New York)

New research on the Outer planets Uranus and Neptune, shows that these gaseous planets may truly be diamond factories.

Researchers at the University of California at Berkeley say that the hot, crushing atmosphere may be transforming the chemical methane into flecks of diamonds, like sleet or hail, raining down towards the core of the planet.

Robin Benedetti, a graduate student in physics and Raymond Jeanloz, a professor of Geology and Geophysics, say that when methane gas is heated and compressed, it decomposes into diamonds and other carbon compounds, more easily than has ever been suspected.

Says Benedetti, 'diamonds could range in size from dust to pebbles as big as hailstones.'

Uranus and Neptune are estimated to have a 10%–15% methane content underneath outer layers of hydrogen and helium.

Russell Henley, a mineral physicist with Carnegie Institution of

Washington's Geophysical Laboratory says, '... methane is only one of many ingredients in these atmospheres that we have to look at in this way.'

Two years ago, a group of theorists in Italy concluded that diamonds were likely on methane-rich planets. So there you are, ladies, if 'Diamonds are a girl's best friend' should we not already be on our way to Uranus or Neptune?

International Herald Tribune, Monday, October 11, 1999

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From 'Mary', Johannesburg, S. Africa

'Many thanks for my Millennium issue of the magazine (N°21) and I see my sighting has been given Case N°150. I have spoken to the Met Office here and was told that they release weather balloons at 1 a.m. and 1 p.m. Neither would still be visible at 9:30 a.m.!

The negatives of the photographs I took were sent to Australia for analysis ... and I am still waiting for the report back. I will try to send you copies later.

Keep up the good work and best of luck with your investigations!'

From Kay Collett, Cape Town, S.Africa

'Thank you so much for another interesting issue of UFO AFRINEWS - I was going to add 'your best yet', but have an idea I always think that and no doubt remark on it as well. I really don't know how you do it, sorting and collating such a huge amount of material to arrive at such an excellent result. Congratulations!'

Excerpt from Joe Nyman's letter, Medfield, Mass, USA

'... I received the millennium UFO AFRINEWS a few days ago and am just now getting into it. I must tell you what a breath of fresh air it is. Getting to your Editorial, the Danie van Graan case is certainly a landmark.

In more than 30 years of active investigations, I have never seen a landing case or a trace case of any kind in Massachusetts and environs which is more evidential than those. The slides of the Van Graan case come dimly back to my mind at your lecture in Dayton. As I think about it, it is a case the importance of which requires that it be published in a special monograph. After all, how many cases do we have of daylight sightings and physical effects?'

Editor replies: You are quite right, Joe, to me this is the best case I ever had for physical effects and residue left behind. Sadly, for many years, most African cases were basically ignored.

I suppose because there were so few investigators to report them, and after all, who were we? No astronomy professors or astrophysicists; just ordinary, reasonably educated people.

BOOK REVIEW

Prier Wintle

**TONY DODD, ALIEN INVESTIGATOR,
the Case Files of Britain's leading UFO Detective**
Headline Book Publishing, London, 1999

My initial reaction to this book was not favourable. Its title struck me as presumptuous. Who was Tony Dodd to call himself 'Britain's leading UFO Detective'? What about Jenny Randles, or John Spencer or Timothy Good, to mention only a few names out of what potentially might be a long list?

And phrases the author used to describe himself in the first chapter or two went on irritating me; for instance 'As my experience has grown, I have established an international name for myself as Britain's leading authority' (Page 24) 'I (and other experts)' (Page 24) and 'I am exceptional in the number of times I have seen UFOs..... and I am now Britain's leading expert in this field' (abductions)(Page 61).

Nevertheless, despite it all I somehow persisted in reading, and I am now glad that I did. Eventually I came to recognize that this is, after all, one of the important books on Ufology.

Even the very first chapter, despite its pompous bits, beautifully brings out and emphasizes something which I have come to recognize as absolutely fundamental to the whole UFO mystery – I mean that whenever anyone sees them they are already interacting with that person. It is never accidental. **They** have made it possible and in effect set it up; for they choose whom **they** want to interact with.

The chapter is autobiographical and deals with Dodd's twenty five years as a Yorkshire policeman. In January 1978 he saw his first UFO while patrolling the Yorkshire dales with another policeman beside him in the car. With most people that proves to be a one-off thing but not for Tony. Very frequently over the months and years that followed he saw them again, usually with another constable with him for which he was grateful as it provided independent confirmation. But the others did not usually see them while by themselves. One of them commented on this: 'So it's true what they say about working with you!' he said. Dodd comments:

It may sound strange to those who are not as immersed in the subject as I am, but I have come to believe that I – and all the others who have had close encounters – have been **chosen**. We were not just in the right place at the right time; the event happened **because** we were there. We were **allowed** to witness it. (Page 14)

(Emphasis in the original)

He became eerily aware that they appeared to be looking out for him as much as he was for them. He felt a need to go out to the moors and senses now that it was part of an important education he was being given by the aliens. He took to flashing a torch whenever he saw an object passing overhead and on one occasion a craft swung back and repeated the sequence of flashes he had made with an elliptical beam of amber light. Two other policemen with him also saw it and recognized it as a deliberate acknowledgement. It gradually became so commonplace that frequently if Pauline, Dodd's wife, stepped outside into the garden she would call back "Tony, your friends are here."

Chapters 3 and 4 are on abductions, about which Dodd comments 'It did not take a great leap, therefore, for me to accept that they are studying the human race, and that as part of this work they have taken individuals into their ships to examine more closely.' Yes indeed, but as he describes the cases he has investigated, usually with the aid of regressive hypnosis conducted by Joyce Dinsdale, a qualified hypnotherapist, one rapidly begins to feel that these 'friends' are not quite as warm and considerate as one would really like one's friends to be. His account does not differ much from those described by other investigators like Budd Hopkins in the US and Jenny Randles in Britain and is chiefly important because it does establish that these cases are just as commonplace in Britain as they are in America, affecting all types and classes of people and tending to run in families, just as Budd Hopkins has claimed. Twice as many reports come from women as from men, but Dodd believes this is because men are more reluctant to report emotionally upsetting experiences and be labelled 'weak' or 'nuts'.

Several of the cases he describes are multiple abductions with two, three or four people being taken at the same time. Very frequently they all suffer from acute diarrhoea and nausea subsequently, besides being profoundly unsettled, with nightmares, sleepless nights and difficulty in concentrating. (Hardly what one would enjoy experiencing from one's friends!)

Another strange effect frequently reported is a burst of paranormal activity. Things go missing and then turn up again. Electrical appliances switch themselves on or off. One woman became unable to go into supermarkets as she invariably activated shoplifting security systems, leading to wasted hours of interrogations.

Like Hopkins, Dodd finds the aliens to be chiefly interested in our reproductive abilities and emotions. Women who have had no contact with a man become pregnant and then after three months the foetus is removed. Several report seeing jars containing human foetuses while on board the alien craft. Dodd comments that the aliens are obviously able to maintain life in a foetus outside the womb at a much younger age than we can.

He still feels that their intentions are basically benign. They say they are here to help us look after the Earth, and they teach the child abductees to respect it. Nevertheless, I personally 'hae me doots.'

They say "don't be afraid. This is being done for your own good" and they have the ability to induce sudden calm in very agitated abductees. But 80% of women abductees subsequently suffer a persistent discharge from their navels, into which they recall a long needle-like device being inserted. **Most of them feel helpless and distressed at the lack of compassion exhibited by their captors.** Many report waking up to find strange marks on their body. Strange rashes, headaches, noises in the ears and nosebleeds are common. Almost all those who contact Dodd do so because of unbearable tension and inability to understand what has happened to them. He defends his use of hypnosis because, even though the truth and reliability of what is revealed by means of it has been questioned, it has a calming effect upon the experiencers themselves. And of course even the fact that someone is prepared to listen and not pooh-poooh everything they say is in itself therapeutic.

Just as our own researchers capture animals and then release them again after they have been 'tagged' with electronic devices, so that their subsequent doings can be continuously monitored, so, it would seem, do

the aliens with us. Many of Dodd's abductee subjects express a strong feeling that their abductors have the facility to 'tune into' them whenever they choose. One male abductee spoke of them 'sharing his emotions'. Occasionally the abductors actually speak directly to Dodd through the mouths of abductees. On one such occasion he felt he was back in the interview room at the police station:

"What gives you the right to take people without their knowledge and authority and do these things to them" he asked.

"We have every right" said the voice. "Do you not do these things to your lower animals?" (Page 120)

Dodd noted the implication that we are inferior creatures.

But all abductees tend to report an enhanced spiritual dimension to their lives. They may become more psychic, or more artistic. Some give up materialistic lifestyles and take up less financially rewarding work helping others such as the sick. A very large number report a new empathy with animals.

Once again, however, the contradictions inherent in the whole tapestry of the UFO scenario reappear at this point, for Dodd's next few chapters deal with animal mutilations. How can beings who impress upon us the need to be kind to our own world and the creatures in it regularly and routinely kill hundreds or thousands of our animals, cutting out eyes, tongues, hearts, lungs, sexual organs and rectums with laser-like surgical precision, and then leave the carcasses lying about for the poor farmer owners to discover and tear their hair over? Linda Moulton-Howe first researched this subject in depth in the US and Dodd shows it is every bit as prevalent in Britain. A dead cow is not as exciting as a light in the sky or a human abduction but when properly studied it may well tell us just as much, if not more, about the futuristic skills of those who killed it. He has collected a huge file of photographs (some appear in the book) of wild animals which have been found with mysterious holes in the front of their skulls. They range from deer, foxes, badgers and hedgehogs down to mice. They are

not bullet holes. Remarkably, through these small holes, not more than an inch across, the brain, and often the spinal column, has been removed. All the blood is drained from the body without any being spilt on the ground. There is certainly no consideration for the welfare of farmers. In one case 400 sheep disappeared from a field in one night. Fifty out of a herd of a hundred pigs were mutilated, with unusual triangular marks on their bodies. In Cornwall in 1994 there was a spate of missing cats. One owner reported that one had survived but been sick and then turned 'a strange blue/green colour.' (Page 152)

Dodd here inserts an aside about a schoolgirl abductee who saw a domestic cat aboard the alien craft. She asked what it was doing there and was told that they were 'growing' it and that it would be returned. Reports have been received of domestic-looking cats approximately three times normal cat size! (Page 152)

The question of course arises, why don't we hear more about all this? Initially farmers were only too keen to report their animals' deaths and to have them officially investigated, but no longer. Dodd has had farmers allow photographs to be taken and given statements and he has forwarded them to the Ministry of Agricultural Affairs, the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons or the National Farmers' Union. Yet invariably they say they have no record of strange mutilations to domestic or wild animals. "We are unaware of any cases of this nature", they say. Yet he himself has reported some and he knows of others who have also done so. "There is, in other words, a cover-up going on orchestrated from above" is his comment. (Page 157)

The chapter on animal mutilations was harrowing enough to read but the next one, which opens with the words "Every year 250 000 people in Britain are reported missing", is even worse. Dodd is quick to tell us that of course the vast majority have left to get away from husbands, wives or other family situations but there is a remainder which cannot be accounted for in this or any other rational way. As a police officer he developed an instinct about these cases.

Sometimes they wouldn't find anything: no body, no evidence of a crime, just a big black hole into which a human being had vanished.

And there are other cases where they would find a body, perhaps seriously decomposed, and be unable to identify it. He began to wonder whether the alien predators were carrying out their experiments and removal of body parts on humans as well as on lower animals. He mentions several cases but all are American ones, one example from the early 1950s being that of Sergeant Jonathan Louette of the US Air Force who was actually seen being abducted by a disc-shaped craft which sent down a long tentacle which wrapped itself around him. Three days later his body was found with the genitals, rectum and eyes clinically removed. Typically there was no blood in the body.

But again there is a cover-up. A serving US police officer attempted to access the FBI national crime database for information on all unexplained human deaths involving mutilation over the preceding 20 years. He was told there were none that met the criteria and also warned off, being told he would have to get proper authorization for any further requests. Similarly with a British case that Dodd mentions which he himself investigated though he was not the principal police officer involved. The latter was visited at the police station by two men 'with authority' who told him not to talk about it.

Human mutilations are happening globally and censorship is not quite as strict in South America as in the US and Europe. Some Brazilian photographs have found their way into the public domain. These do provide much needed confirmation but Dodd wishes some officers in the US and UK would also risk their jobs by leaking similar essential material.

Chapter Nine is important because it does tell of a few – a very few – cases where officers have done just this. One fascinating phone contact told how he and 40 other personnel were put on 72 hour alert for an incoming important arrival at their base. When it arrived it was a reddish-blue glow that hovered and then came down in an obviously controlled landing. However, it crumpled as it touched the ground. Screens were put up

around it immediately and the occupants, non-human, were transferred to waiting vehicles. The caller never repeated the contact. Probably Dodd's phone was monitored.

One ex-serviceman told of a training exercise in which his mission was to evade capture in a remote part of the British Isles and make his way to a check-in point by the next morning. Hearing a vehicle approaching as he walked along a rough track he dived over a fence despite warning notices about unexploded bombs. Next moment he found himself looking along the barrel of a rifle. The man holding it was American. He was taken to a hillside and then down several floors in a lift to a subterranean base. Here he was interrogated for several hours till his statement that he was on a training exercise was verified. He had to sign two sets of documents forbidding him ever to reveal what had happened.

Yet another was part of a quick-response team set up in Margaret Thatcher's day to attend the site of any UFO landing or crash. Their role was to seal the area from the public, if necessary evacuating civilians from it. They attended crash scenes across Europe, including Spain and Germany. At one site in Spain there were several human bodies spread around the crash site, all naked and all mutilated by having limbs etc cut off.

They also saw dead aliens, of more than one type. The most terrifying looked like a seven-foot-tall lizard, only with human-like arms and legs. This type appears to be definitely unfriendly to the human race and Dodd speculates that it is the type which carries out the mutilations. As distinct from simple abductions. Perhaps it is, though I suspect that the more typical 'Greys' are not necessarily quite as friendly and benign as he is prepared to believe.

Chapter 10 commences with the following important words:–

For some years I have believed that world governments, headed by the Americans, not only have contact with alien races but have reciprocal agreements with them, allowing them to come and go around our planet without hindrance. I have collected a substantial file of

evidence to suggest that there are alien bases under the sea in the North Atlantic and that these are protected by a high-level international conspiracy.

The rest of the chapter deals with an enormous investigation into underwater activity off the coast of Iceland in 1992-93 in which American, British and even Russian naval vessels were involved. As always, it was explained away as a 'training exercise', yet several ships disappeared without trace, including one destroyer which literally vanished with a tremendous flash. Dodd wonders if it could be an amazing terrestrial high-tech masking device to conceal ships from the enemy.

Dodd's own telepathic contacts again came into play here. He began to feel a strong pull towards Iceland, as if he was meant to go there. So in the spring of 1993 he and a friend flew to Reykjavik, hired a light aircraft and flew across glaciers and remote regions, hoping to sense or be told where to go. One area, on the edges of the glacier Snæfellsjökull had a good feel about it so they arranged to hold a UFO conference in Reykjavik and bring in speakers from all over the world. Unfortunately the media got hold of it and camera crews from America and Europe followed them even out onto the glacier. Dodd was acting on a strong premonition that one of the alien intelligences wanted to make definite contact with him but he knew that with all this publicity it wouldn't happen. And sure enough it didn't. One seems to have heard that sort of story before about UFO premonitions. Promises made to contactees that their alien contacts will return never seem to be fulfilled.

One wonders why. Are they playing a game with us?

One day in 1997 the friend with whom Dodd went to Iceland received a registered letter from a diplomat in one of London's many foreign embassies. He visited him and was told how he had personally attended meetings with alien beings, along with politicians from several other countries. Two of these beings said they particularly wanted to meet Dodd and his friend. They should be ready to fly to America at 24 hours notice. He showed him photographs of alien beings, including the reptilian type,

aboard a warship in the North Atlantic with US officers. Subsequently he was suddenly recalled and tried to hand Dodd's friend a package of photographs and a video. Unfortunately their meeting for this purpose in a quiet street in Hampstead was observed, there was a car chase, and though the friend addressed the parcel to Dodd and posted it, it never arrived.

Just why should terrestrial governments – the governments of every nation on Earth – be involved in a co-ordinated conspiracy to suppress all information and keep the whole world population in the dark about what is going on? Dodd unfortunately doesn't give us the answer to that question. He just tells us that it is so.

And that brings me back to Chapter 2, which concerns us all here in Southern Africa. Was there or was there not a UFO crash in the Kalahari desert, just inside the Botswana border, on 7th May 1989?

Dodd received an unsigned letter from South Africa in July 1989 stating that a South African Air Force fighter plane had shot one down, that it was recovered along with two occupants who had survived, and that then a team from Wright Patterson Air Force Base in America arrived and took both the UFO and its occupants back to America.

Subsequently another letter, enclosing what purported to be a South African Air Force briefing document, arrived, and this time the sender signed his name, James van Greunen.

The document was a photocopy and looked highly suspicious. There were spelling and grammar mistakes and sometimes measurements were in metres, sometimes in yards. The frigate Tafelberg had radioed a report of an unidentified flying object approaching the South African continent at a speed of 5746 nautical miles per hour. Valhalla air force base scrambled two Mirage FHG fighters and 'squadron leader' Goosen fired an experimental Thor 2 laser canon (sic) at the object. It emitted several blinding flashes, lost altitude and crashed 80 Km north of the S.A. border with Botswana. The crash site was investigated. Two humanoid entities emerged and 'was' (sic) taken to a makeshift medical centre. There was

a description of them. One way passage had been requested for both of them to Wright Patterson AFB, USA.

Dodd and a colleague decided to make initial enquiries to see if any of this could be corroborated.

To their surprise an SA intelligence officer whom they contacted confirmed that a UFO had been brought down. Subsequently he supplied further documentation containing names of military officers, medical staff and scientists, from the USA and SA, who had taken part in the retrieval. All of these could be checked out. And they also contacted an official in an American intelligence records office who also confirmed that the Kalahari crash had happened. Van Greunen's document might be bogus but it seemed to be based in fact. They contacted Goosen (Dodd's colleague adopted an American accent and claimed to be General Brunel from Wright Patterson) and he confirmed that he did fire at the object. He also accepted the title 'Squadron Leader', although in the S.A. Air Force the correct title is 'Colonel'. Apparently S.A. pilots like the British ranking system.

And so it goes on. Readers of this review must read the book to get it all. But the trouble is that Dodd and his colleague were always six thousand miles away from where it all happened. There are people in South Africa who know van Greunen and confirm that he is a sensation seeker and has behaved strangely in many instances. David Powell, the MUFON representative in Johannesburg, rang Captain Dave Jacobson, the other of the two South African Air Force pilots on stand-by to intercept aerial intruders into S.A. air space. He said that had any such incident as that described ever occurred he would certainly have known of it. And he didn't.

Goosen is quite a junior pilot in the SAAF, not really likely to have been in a fighter plane equipped with a Maser weapon, and most damning of all, Mirages cannot take off from Valhalla Air Force Base, which is primarily an administration base.

Not one of the top British UFO investigators believes the story – only Dodd does.

But whether it did or didn't happen both Dodd and his colleague Armen became the target of intelligence surveillance over it. Dodd and his wife flew to Tucson, Arizona, in May 1991, where he delivered a lecture on the Kalahari incident. Afterwards he was sitting with four friends in the Holiday Inn when two men in dark suits approached them. His friends immediately got up to leave. The two men played a game that Dodd, as a police officer, was familiar with. One was Mr Nice, the other Mr Nasty. The nice one did all the talking while the other sat in silence, never taking his eyes off Dodd.

'Be extremely careful with what you are doing. We can stop you if we want to. Be very, very careful in future', he said (Page 54).

Dodd is frequently followed as he drives around the Yorkshire moors, going shopping or visiting his daughter. He treats it as a game, deliberately leading them on a dance along unfrequented lanes he learnt as a police officer. In this way he definitely establishes that they are following him.

He believes that van Greunen really saw an official document and that he has a photographic memory and was able to reproduce almost all of it. There was only one major error. He wrote of a 'Thor 2 laser canon.' It should have been Maser weapon, i.e. Microwave Amplifier by Simulated Emission of Radiation. This has been in development since the fifties and the blinding flashes that Squadron Leader Goosen reported would be consistent with it. They were developed in the US for use with F14 Tomcat planes. The only other planes in the world able to use them are Mirages – as used by the SAAF.

So what do you think? Have a look at the book. It's worth a browse through.

Editorial Comment: Prier Wintle does most of the book reviews or

analyses for our magazine. We have always had the greatest respect for his opinions and in many cases, have agreed with his assessments. However, there have been occasions when the opinions are entirely Prier's and not shared by your Editors. In this book by Tony Dodd, we cannot accept Dodd's misconceived view of the alleged UFO crash on the Botswana/South African border. To use one of Prier's own words, it's the biggest load of codswallop we've ever heard. As Prier so succinctly points out, Dodd and his team were 6000 miles away from the event and never personally investigated the case. We worked with SAUFORS, with David Powell, with reliable Air Force officials, and many others **on the spot**.

Van Greunen, who perpetrated this hoax, was an intelligent person and we're not surprised that he took in his British fellow enthusiasts. The telephone number David used to phone 'Squadron Leader' Goosen was given him by Van Greunen – or was listed on the faked documents. We know this number was later abandoned by Van Greunen when he lied that he was being targeted by South African Intelligence for giving away their secrets. In fact, his 'wife' told David Powell who rang the same number, that Van Greunen had been shot the day before, for treason. Strange, how Van Greunen, who is supposed to be dead, turns up continually as a very lively 'ghost'?! Come on, Tony – be realistic. It's not the first time gullible investigators have been fooled!!!

For Those Who Are Ready.....

*We don't understand why some people laugh
When we talk of 'aliens' who visit our Earth;
Our ears are quite open when science gives us news
So why don't they listen and digest our views?*

*You'll never learn if you don't want to know.
So liven up folks and think how to grow!*