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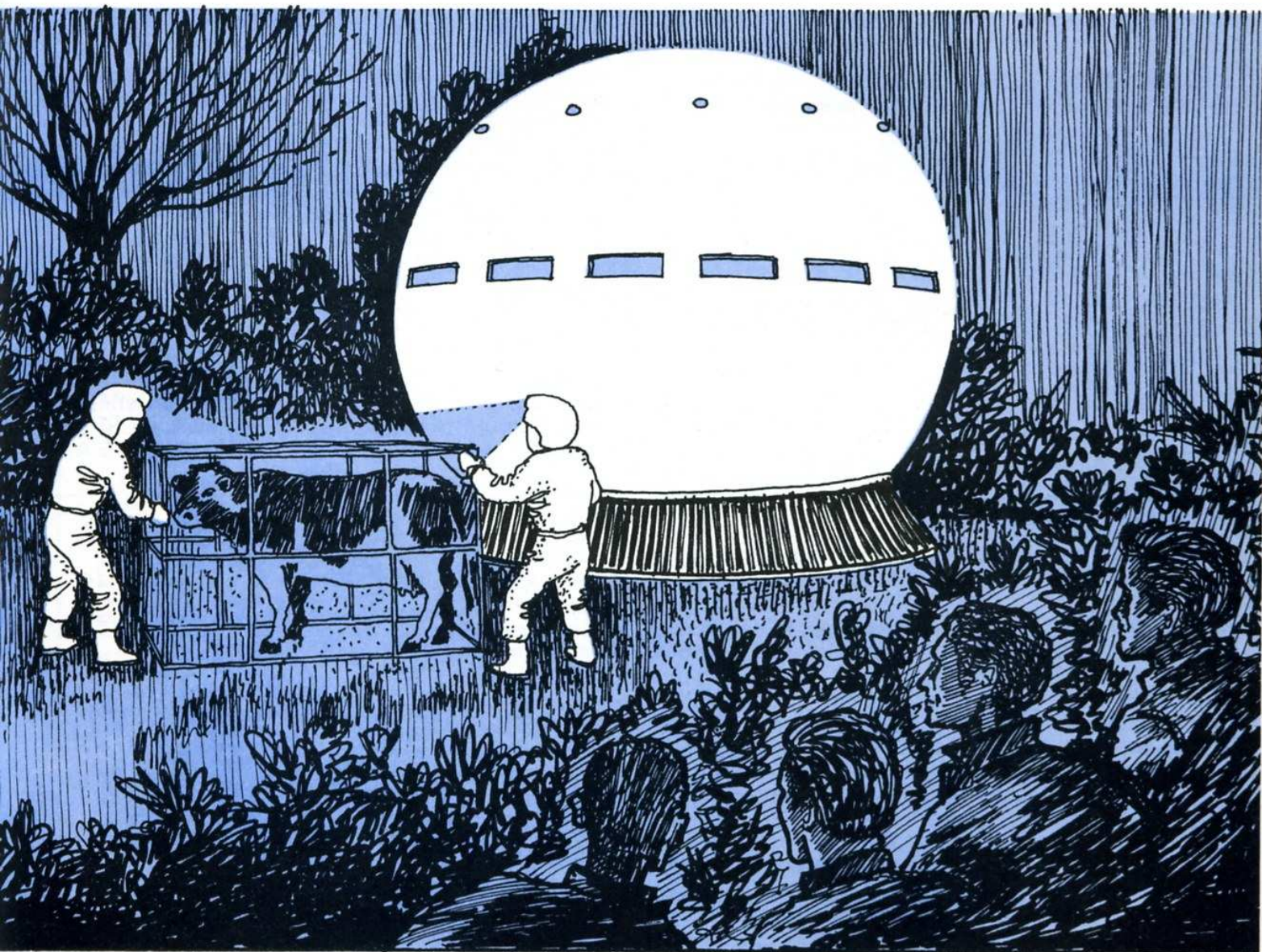
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ON LIVINGSTON LETTERS

OUR Mail Bag columns in this issue feature two readers' letters on topics which invite editorial comment. The first, from Dr. Robert Morrell of the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society, and editor of that society's journal, *UFO Research Review*, complains about the copyright claim made by the investigators/authors of the article "Physical Assault by Unidentified Objects at Livingston," the final part of which appears elsewhere in these pages.

We feel we must agree with Dr. Morrell over what seems to be exaggerated fears on the part of the authors, especially as the Livingston case was already clearly in the public domain thanks to reports of varying quality about the case which had appeared in both provincial and national newspapers, as well as on television and radio. Nevertheless we understand the feelings and frustrations of authors in our subject, for there is little doubt that a degree of near paranoia can be instilled in the minds of those who do all the ground work, only to find that work being pirated by others without so much as a by-your-leave or an acknowledgement. (Even a book as well-known as *The Humanoids* has been accorded such treatment; thanks to an alert Japanese reader we were able to halt in its tracks a clandestine project concerning the book in Japan, but only after the first printing had been sold to the public.) So it is hardly surprising that some writers ask for the copyright sign to be displayed over and above the blanket coverage already accorded by FLYING SAUCER REVIEW.

However we do feel that Dr. Morrell goes a little too far when asserting that Messrs Keatman and Collins wish to halt all public discussion about their work; again we suspect they had in mind the tribe of "professional lecturers" some of whom are inclined similarly to pass off the work of others as their own. We cannot think they wish to inhibit public debate. Such would be a futile and pointless ploy, for this case has been investigated by others and anyway, this REVIEW is a platform for *bona fide* public debate, and free discussion of all work — subject to the limitations of space — is welcomed; full credit is always given in our pages to the sources of work consulted or quoted.

The second letter, from Mr. Stuart Campbell, was typed on official BUFORA notepaper with the writer's address added. It is noted that the writer complains of "... unwarranted interference of so-called investigators from south of the Border."

The despatch of an independent investigator, M. Keatman, was suggested to UFOIN by the Editor of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW on the Sunday after the event; it was considered such a course was necessary following the appearance of the "space craft" or "ball lightning" explanation attributed to Mr. Campbell in the pages of the mass-circulation *Sunday Express*. * It is apparent that this explanation only appeared because Mr. Campbell gave it to the *Sunday Express* reporter in the first place — in which case he has little cause for complaint. When UFO researchers and investigators are questioned by representatives of the media, it is a prerequisite that they keep personal ideas and views out of the conversation, regardless of the fact that some of them may sound "scientific."

* See *World Round-up* feature in FSR Vol. 25, No. 5.

As for the rest of our correspondent's letter, we are confident that any further "warnings-off" or suggestions of the "Divine Right of BUFORA investigators" of the

kind made by the abrasive Mr. Campbell will be duly ignored by independent investigators.

PHYSICAL ASSAULT BY UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS AT LIVINGSTON — Part III

Martin Keatman & Andrew Collins

This report has been specially prepared for UFOIN and Flying Saucer Review

FORESTRY foreman Bob Taylor of the Livingston Development Corporation of West Lothian, Scotland, claimed that, on December 9, 1979, he encountered a domed object in a forest clearing. Two spheres with protruding "spikes" emerged from the object and struck him, one on each side. Full details of his experience were given in Part I of this article.

In Part II, which appeared in FSR Vol. 26, No. 1, we described the on-site investigations, the involvement of the police in the case, forensic investigations, medical considerations and so on. We will continue with other reported events in the locality.

Other sightings

With a case that has gained so much publicity one can expect a dramatic increase in local sightings reported. We have been able to locate a number of incidents during this period, some of which are quite interesting in themselves.

On November 8, 1979, at 17.20 hrs, a Mrs. Sarah Johnson, aged 43, of Ash Grove, Craigshill, Livingston, was on her way home from work when she caught sight of three lights motionless and silent in the sky. They looked like aircraft lights, and were in a straight line configuration of white, red, white. Eventually they were obscured from view as the witness passed beneath them.

On November 9, at 10.00 hrs, at almost exactly the same time of Bob Taylor's encounter, a Mrs. Violet Connor and her sister Mrs. Lilian Black were driving from Bathgate to the small town of Armadale. Glancing skywards Mrs. Connor noticed a white cigar-shaped, or bar-shaped, light hanging motionless in the north-east. She pointed it out to Mrs. Black, and both watched it remain stationary in this position for over five minutes as they drove. Eventually it was lost to sight behind buildings on the outskirts of Armadale. No noise or effects were noted.

At 17.50 hrs on the same day, Mrs. Josephine Quigley, aged 30, and four of her friends, observed a ring of lights rotating silently. No definite features could be made out as it was dark, but the lights appeared to be lower than normal aircraft height. The object remained in the same position throughout the sighting, and was lost to view when the witness had to move away and take her son home from school. The sighting lasted about two minutes.

Two hours after Mrs. Quigley's sighting, Steven Little aged 14 and his brother Alan aged 17, from Bellsquarry, Livingston, watched a dome-shaped object suspended motionless over a main road some 400 metres behind their home. It was at a height estimated by the boys as about 150 metres. It was a glowing bright white dome, with a large red light on its left-hand side, and a similarly shaped blue light on the right. Both lights were pulsating simultaneously at one second intervals. After some eight minutes the white glow discontinued, leaving the two side lights. After a further two minutes both remaining lights also disappeared. No sound was heard, or effects noted.

On October 10, 1979, a man and wife living in Dedridge, Livingston, had observed a strange object that caused physiological effects on the woman, a Mrs. Stewart. She had gone to bed at about 00.45 hrs, and as she went to close the bedroom curtains she heard an unusual noise like a "muffled helicopter." In the North-North-East she saw a large, greyish-coloured, dome-shaped object with six red lights that rotated in an anti-clockwise direction. It seemed to "hover on the spot for about 20 or 30 seconds" while still making the muffled sound. After this the noise became like a high pitched "diesel engine" as the object rose upwards into the sky. It was eventually lost from view as it moved away, and the noise diminished with the increasing distance. Mrs. Stewart had a great thirst for about two weeks after the sighting, especially in the early hours of the morning. To quench this she drank a lot of tea and lemonade, the latter not normally to her liking. She also felt extremely tired and "...rather heavy all the time as if weighted." The last noticeable effect was that her weight seemed to go up from 7 st. 7 lbs. to 8 st. 3 lbs. After a short time it returned to normal as suddenly as it had risen. Mrs. Stewart had also had several psychic experiences, including pre-cognitive dreams and a bedroom sighting of her grandmother.

On November 12 at 17.45 hrs, Mr. Barney Gallagher, father of the well-known golfer Bernard Gallagher of Bathgate, was out walking his dog when he caught sight of a circular shape a mere 60 metres above his head. This has red and white blinking lights. He rushed back to his home, and his wife Millie was also able to observe this aerial spectacle before it disappeared. Attempts to obtain further information on this sighting have proved fruitless.

On November 14 at 17.15 hrs, a time when the authors were at Bob Taylor's home, Sheila Robertson, aged 38, and Ruth Carnegie, aged 22, both of Livingston, were returning home from the LDC Forestry Commission where they work. They suddenly noticed, at an elevation of about 20°, an intense white glow. Ruth was not wearing her glasses and saw the phenomenon as an intense hazy mass, but Sheila could clearly make out a shape which she likened to a light bulb. The object was stationary throughout the five minutes it was seen. As the witnesses entered a built-up area it was obscured from their view.

All the above sightings have been officially recorded and, in addition, two "rumours" that have come to our attention are certainly worthy of mention.

While at the site of Bob's alleged encounter, three teachers from a local school approached us. They mentioned that on Thursday, November 8, several boys said they had seen a strange object (of unknown description) descend into the forests around Deer Hill. The children decided to report the event to their local police station. We were told that at first they were not believed, but after much persistence, statements were taken. Unfortunately, the teachers were not willing to give the names of those involved, and despite checking with the police we were unable to confirm or deny the occurrence.

Animal mutilation?

Another rumour that came to our attention was of a rather more horrific encounter that occurred "west of Edinburgh." This is currently being followed up by UFOIN investigator Alan Price and the authors. Alan said that while at a social function during the evening of Bob Taylor's experience, he was approached by a former policeman who had been told of a police investigation involving an object encountered by a young boy and his dog "a few days previously." It would seem that the dog broke away from its lead and ran towards a landed craft. The object evidently shot up into the air, and no trace of the dog could be found. The incident was reported to the police, and during a search of the area the following morning a severed hind leg of the dog was found! Nothing more was known of the incident, other than it caused temporary hysteria in the area.

The authors located the police station involved. Although no statement could be given, a woman constable confirmed the incident, saying that a senior officer was handling the case. She suggested we speak to this person regarding the matter. Despite several attempts we were unable to track down the officer concerned, but we do know, however, that Alan Price eventually managed to speak to him, and that he denied all knowledge of the incident. For obvious reasons the name of the police station is withheld pending further investigation.

With the knowledge that local hysteria had resulted from the incident, the authors tried to substantiate the claim via other sources in the area. After a number of enquiries a headmaster of a local school confirmed that a police search had taken place as stated, although as far as he was aware no direct UFO involvement was indicated from the rumours that had circulated. He believed that the date concerned was either Tuesday, November 6, or November 13. Despite further enquiries on his part no

more information was forthcoming. However, he did add that one of the pupils at the school had claimed to have encountered a strange object on the ground in the same area on November 6, three days before Bob Taylor's encounter. Investigations are being made into this claim.

A further remarkable claim

Two weeks after Bob Taylor's claim, another intriguing UFO experience came to our attention. Through the *Sunday Mail*, a Scottish national newspaper, we learned that a Miss Susan Devenney, aged 23, of Drumchapel, Glasgow, while waiting for a taxi home in the early hours of Sunday, December 8, 1979, suddenly heard a mysterious noise. Almost immediately a shaft of light hit the pavement, whereupon the head and shoulders of an entity appeared through the pavement! Miss Devenney was stricken with a great fear.

Realising the potential of the claim, the authors, accompanied by fully trained psychologist, Mr. Graham Philips, travelled to Scotland to interview the witness on December 20, 1979. We were unable to arrange a meeting, however, and suspect that this was the result of overreaction by the UFO media after the publication of the newspaper article.

Comparisons with other cases

The way in which Bob Taylor's encounter occurred, the description of the domed object and its strange blending in with the background, reminds us of Trevor P's encounter near Machynlleth, North Wales, in 1975². In this case the young witness also encountered a silent, motionless domed object with a flange. This too was in a remote area. He described the manner of disappearance as though the object was "blending" or "merging" with the background. Unfortunately the Machynlleth witness suffered considerable unfortunate after-effects. Luckily, these are not apparent with Bob Taylor.

The spheres, although seemingly unique in this country, may have been encountered elsewhere in the world. The most obvious case was featured in *Flying Saucer Review*³ under the heading "Mystery flying object rolls along a German road." Here, a sphere with six spikes, encompassed by a bluish transparent spherical mass, rolled along a road, turned 45° to the right, and snaked backwards before shooting vertically into the air. The similarity between the two objects is remarkable, especially since Mr. Taylor had no knowledge (as far as is known) of this particular event. We are also aware of further reports of "spiked balls" in South America, but these are not so clearly comparable as the German case.

The physiological effects on both the witness and the dog are by no means uncommon, and have been noted in several close encounters.

A second visit to Bob Taylor

On December 24, 1979, the authors again visited the Taylor residence, this time with psychologist Graham Philips, to interview the percipient concerning possible further developments.

It became apparent that no further physiological or psychological effects had been noted. Bob was still very puzzled by his experience, and still maintained his

nonchalant attitude towards it. No further UFO or related incidents had occurred, and the witness had not experienced any strange dreams.

The latest media attention had come from Yorkshire television and the BBC programme *Nationwide*.

It would appear that during December Bob Taylor was hypnotized by a leading Edinburgh hypnotherapist, in accordance with the request of an American newspaper. It seemed that the experience was fully recalled under hypnosis and that it tallied exactly with his conscious account. No hint of time loss or an abduction experience was found.

Right through December 1979 Bob Taylor received considerable coverage in local and national newspapers. He has had a great many letters and much attention from investigators, buffs, and curiosity seekers. The site of the encounter has been devastated, and no signs of the depressions and indentations are now visible.

Conclusion

To analyse such a complex series of events is extremely difficult, yet in essence we are left with only two reasonable explanations. First, that the encounter was a physically objective experience as described in the percipient's account and evidenced by the physical traces, the damaged apparel, the physiological effects on the percipient, independent and disinterested accounts of the series surrounding the situation, and the many other UFO sightings.

Secondly, that it was fabricated by the percipient and/or the employees of the LDC Forestry Commission. Let us first consider this hoax theory. Livingston is an expanding new town, and the possibility of attracting industry to the area would be gladly accepted by the LDC. UFO encounters of a bizarre nature usually draw adverse publicity, but even so could it not be that the possibility of attention being drawn to the area was the motive for an elaborate hoax?

Mr. Malcolm Drummond is the publicity officer for the Livingston Rotary Club. This helps attract industry to the area. It was he who took the majority of the calls from the media during the first three days subsequently to the encounter. Bob Taylor conveniently left the area the day of the incident to visit relatives, returning two days later.

To analyse this we must take a closer look at the percipient. The authors are confident with regard to both his and his family's account of the events, and accept them as true and correct for a number of reasons. Certainly Mr. and Mrs. Taylor were not of a kind who could have perpetrated a hoax and then stuck to the story throughout the constant bombardment by the media, UFO buffs, and investigators, and with those around them in their daily lives. Bob Taylor would have required an extensive knowledge of both UFO literature and investigation procedures to have been able to "fox" all concerned. This too, in the light of our investigations, seems totally ridiculous because of the nature of the witness involved.

Therefore, if a hoax is still to be considered, we must look towards the LDC Forestry Commission. Could it not be that Mr. Drummond and at least a dozen of his employees concocted the hoax in collusion with Bob Taylor? We think not, as no indication from our interviews with all concerned seemed to suggest any such

collusion. All the stories remained the same, and when considered as individual pieces of a jigsaw, fitted well to form a consistent and overall picture. Nor must we forget that the police were involved from the moment the story broke; the possibility of that happening would surely have been considered by would-be hoaxers intent on bringing publicity to the area.

It is considered that the only possible way a hoax could have been perpetrated was by hypnotic induction. Bob Taylor could have been found to be auto-suggestive by a trained hypnotist (without any kind of hypnotic application), and consented to being hypnotised for the purpose of "seeing what happened" or maybe of "giving up smoking" (Mr. Taylor smokes a fair number of cigarettes a day). Hypnosis could then have been undertaken, with a post hypnotic suggestion that on the date and time concerned he would act out the encounter, including falling unconscious, ripping his trousers, and scratching himself. He would then be told that when he came out of the hypnotic state he would not recall ever discussing hypnosis, ever knowing anyone that could apply it, and that he would not be able to recall the session.

Hence he would have been able to have a complete and seemingly physical encounter. The traces would have been made some time during the morning concerned. Again, though, we must consider that if it backfired there would be very serious consequences for those involved.

Thus the chances of a hoax having been perpetrated seem virtually non-existent. Others indirectly associated with the case have claimed the object and marks could have been caused by ball lightning. In view of the facts of the matter this seems preposterous to say the least.

Our conclusion is that an encounter did take place, and that the accounts of all concerned are true and, within normal reason when accepting witness evidence, correct. Bob Taylor experienced something that has certainly caught the public imagination. This time, however, unlike so many good cases that "get away," this one was caught and recorded immediately and accurately.

Bob Taylor said that had the spheres not come towards him he would have approached the object with the aim of investigating it. Perhaps he was stopped from attempting this for fear of what may have happened. Bob does not think so; he feels "they wanted me inside," yet actually wonders if "they had enough power."

As to whether he had any thoughts on where "they" may have come from his view was "...not really, I don't know whether they come from outer space. ...or whether they're some sort of military thing. ...I just don't know."

This case must surely make us sit up and think seriously about UFO events in general. Why should a hard working Scotsman have such a fantastic experience? Is it possible that such encounters have far deeper implications for mankind? Only time will tell.

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FOUR YOUNG MEN AND A UFO

Terrifying ordeal beside a Cheshire river

Jenny Randles & Paul Whetnall

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AT times being a UFO investigator can be quite frustrating. There will be tantalising hints that one has come across a classic case, and then suddenly all hope of progress will be snatched from one's grasp. This was certainly true of this investigation, which in many senses proved to be a ufologist's nightmare. It is only thanks to some good fortune and sheer persistence that we are able to provide you with any kind of a report at all. Yet the details of this amazing story do justify publication, particularly in view of some rather bizarre and erroneous comment on the affair that appeared about nine months later in the *Toronto Sun*. . . in Canada!

The case came to our attention thanks to researcher Peter Rogerson of *Magonia* magazine. At the time he worked in Runcorn and picked up a very short piece in the *Runcorn Weekly News* which described an apparent CE3 contact at the nearby town of Frodsham. He asked if UFOIN could look into it, and since Paul Whetnall worked in Chester (just ten miles from the location) he was best placed to do so.

At first we presumed that we had struck lucky. The newspaper reporter responsible for the item turned out, on checking, to be one Sue McTurk, and she was an old childhood friend of Paul's. With a rapport thus opened up she promised to do what she could to assist our investigations.

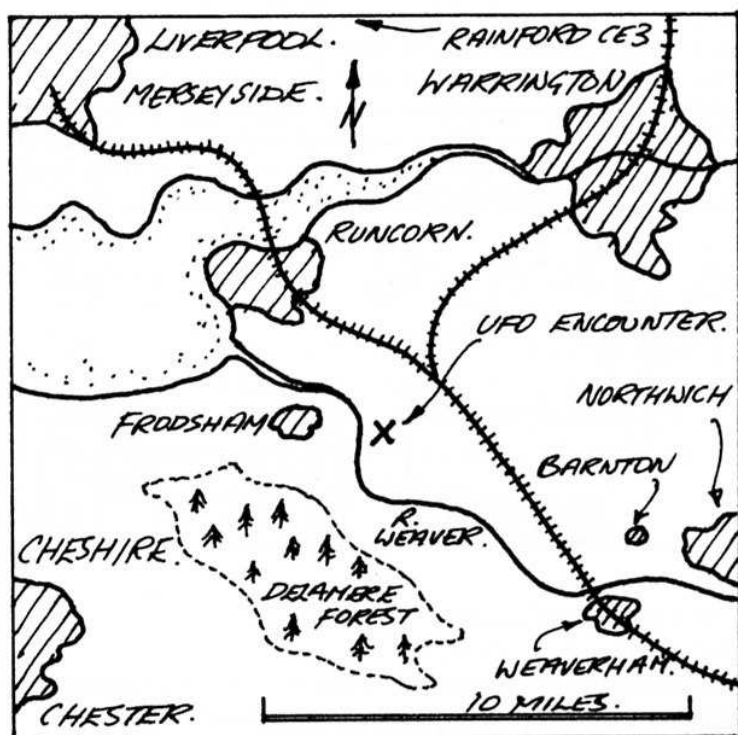
Unfortunately, she had received the story second-hand, via a friend, although she was positive that the source was valid. She had not spoken directly to the witnesses but promised to attempt to do so for us. Meanwhile we checked out the alleged site, finding it to be an isolated and lovely spot, and we also went through local sources such as the police, who had no knowledge whatsoever of any sightings. In view of what we later discovered this was hardly surprising.

It was now several weeks after the events, and when the response came from Sue McTurk it was not encouraging. The witnesses did not wish to be interviewed. Indeed they preferred to try to forget the whole thing. We did find that instead of three witnesses, as mentioned in the press report, there were in fact four, and the fourth (who was the son of a respected official in the local community) was one of the main stumbling blocks. Because of his father's position he was extremely wary of talking, and had persuaded the other three to "pretend" he had not been there originally. However, Sue believed that the tale was genuine (using her reporter's instinct and knowledge of the sources involved), and therefore we were not willing to drop the matter. We asked her to try again — which she did. This time it took some while for a reply, but again it was negative.

Press accounts

While all of this was going on Jenny Randles was approached by a reporter from the *Daily Mirror* newspaper. He had picked up on a reprint of the original short item in the local paper (although almost everyone else — including ufologists — had missed it, proving how easy it can be to miss out on something significant). We were unable to add anything of importance to the details in the initial statement, and simply pointed out that we were endeavouring to carry out an investigation. The *Mirror* article, just a few lines long, was headlined "Close Encounter of a Moo-ving kind" (cows were involved in the case). Subsequently the *Daily Express* featured the story as a "Close En-cow-nter", with similarly scanty details. Even in these few lines there were some significant factual errors, or errors of interpretation (the aliens became spacemen, for example, although at that stage we had had no description of them at all from the witnesses).

By the beginning of April 1978 the media had forgotten about the affair, but we persisted. Eventually a breakthrough did come in the summer. Sue McTurk persuaded the four men to write out a detailed account of what had happened. While her paper itself was no longer interested in the case, Sue kindly turned over to us a copy



of this material, plus all her original notes on the case. Despite our keeping in touch, the situation has not altered so far, and it has remained impossible for us to meet the witnesses.

Naturally this situation is far from satisfactory, but the account that we have been able to piece together from the various sources is worth presenting here for its obvious interest — as well as to clear away any misconceptions. The *Toronto Sun* item, based entirely upon the British newspaper accounts (neither of us knew anything about it until, thanks to a Canadian friend, we saw the piece, with 'Jennie Randles' quoted in it), contained a number of odd features. Simpler ones include the sudden endowment of the entities with pointed ears, like Mr. Spock in *Star Trek*. More fundamental were features such as the transposition of the case from Frodsham in Cheshire to Oldham, some 40 miles away, and in a different county!

The incident

It seems that the evening of January 27, 1978, was cold and dark. At about 17.45 GMT four young men (aged between 17 and 19) decided to look for pheasant on the banks of the River Weaver. This would entail poaching on a farmer's land (the principal reason why they wish to keep their names out of this).

The River Weaver is one of Cheshire's main waterways, flowing into the Mersey Estuary about one mile east of the town of Frodsham. Frodsham itself is a small place, with some pleasant new housing, light industry, and an impressive backdrop formed by the rocky crag of Helsby Hill. This sandstone outcrop rises a few hundred feet in unusual contrast to the otherwise broad flat plain of the rolling country landscape. Chester is ten miles south west, and Warrington about ten miles north east.

Where the river meanders into the estuary there is a wide, flat expanse with generally lush vegetation. Cows graze contentedly in the farm fields. It is picturesque, and only occasionally disturbed by a high speed electric train as it races past on the adjacent London-Scotland route.

The men were in a locality known as Devil's Garden. This ominously named place would appear to have forgotten links with weird experiences in the past — which may be of some significance. Devil's Garden is situated by the weir where the water broadens towards the mouth of the river. The men were here, waiting patiently in the undergrowth, when suddenly one of them spotted a strange object coming along the surface of the river from the south-east, the direction of Barnton and Weaverham.

Their immediate reaction was that this was a satellite that had gone out of control. Shortly before this time there had been quite a scare when a Russian satellite with an atomic motor had crashed in Canada, and this was instantly brought to mind. The object traversed the surface of the water horizontally, and seemingly controlled, no more than 20 feet or so from the ground.

The men watched silently as the object approached, passed by and then landed in some bushes quite close by. It was making a faint humming sound, but intermixed with all of this there was a different noise — like rushing wind. Overall it was a peculiar and eerie effect.

The object was spherical and silver in colour, but at the base there was a kind of skirt or rim. The overall size was about 15 feet, although this was hard to assess in the

gloom. There were flashing lights on the side and also what looked like windows that emitted a very strange glow. This was an ultraviolet type light (although the men did not call it this, their description makes it apparent) and it was painful for the eyes to stare at it for any length of time. The light made the interior appear fuzzy, and it was impossible to see any details inside.

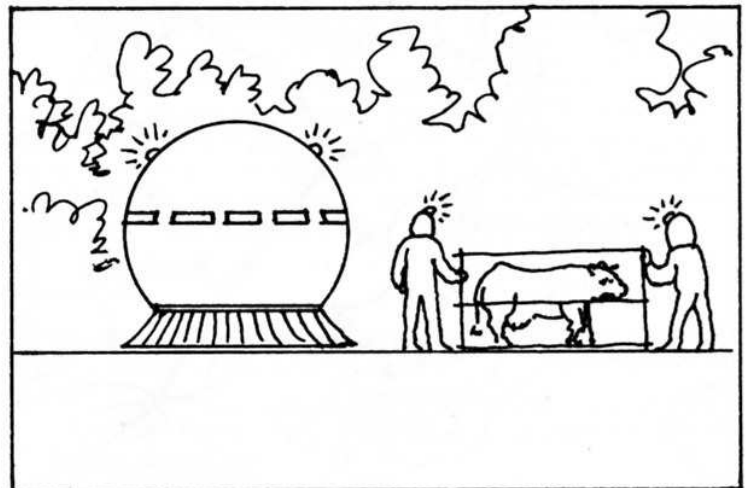
Needless to say the men had now forgotten all about the pheasant, and were watching with fascination and some fear. They still believed it was a satellite, but remembering the atomic energy scare, and in view of the weird fuzzy lighting, they were terrified of becoming contaminated. As they were about to run, however, a figure appeared from round the side of the "satellite."

Naturally it was almost impossible to see any detail of because of the darkness, but the man looked reasonably normal and was wearing a silvery one-piece suit. The only peculiarity that was noticeable was a lamp, something akin to a miner's lamp, on the top of the helmet part of the suit. This illuminated the surroundings with the violet glow at which the witnesses just could not look directly.

The figure appeared to survey the scene and notice, at about the same time as the men, some cows in a nearby field. These were standing absolutely still. Whether they were simply frightened, or were paralysed, the men do not know. The figure moved back to the spherical object, which was no longer emitting flames from the underside (these had appeared as if from retro-rockets as the object had landed). He was gone only seconds, returning with a companion and a piece of equipment that looked like a large cage or frame made out of silvery metal. The witnesses assumed it must be aluminium, or something similarly light, because the two entities had no trouble in carrying it.

The figures approached one of the cows with this cage. The cow remained still. Placing it around the cow they proceeded to move parts of the cage (struts and bars), as if performing an intricate measurement of the animal's size and shape!

It was at this point that the watching men figured enough was enough. They reasoned that after the cow they might be next on the list! As one they turned and fled, without looking back until they reached the bridge which took them over the river, from whence it was a mile or so back into town. They saw nothing further, but one of the men (who was articulate and possessed several high



Cow 'poaching' watched by poachers?

school qualifications in sciences) felt a tugging as he ran away. He is most embarrassed about describing this because he says the invisible pull was on his testicles. He got away, but they remained very sore afterwards (as if he had been hit there by something hard). For a couple of days following this his legs were red and sore as though from a mild sunburn (needless to say impossible in Britain in January).

This, in effect, is the story. We can pass no real judgement on it, but it should be noted that there are close similarities with other CE3 cases — including things which it is unlikely the men would have known about. In addition the nature of the experience, and the fact that they were out poaching are commensurate with their desire not to discuss the case. On the other hand if it were a hoax it seems most unlikely they would have revealed it in the way that they did, and passed up the opportunity of further publicity. It is also unlikely that the embarrassing episode involving the “invisible force” would have been mentioned at all (it was not, originally, and most of the details only emerged in the written statements to us). The embarrassed man was not the only one to describe physiological effects, incidentally, although those recounted by the others were more vague, such as “a funny feeling”, or a “tingling”.

On balance we feel that there is some indication that it might be genuine — whatever genuine implies in such a situation as this!

Our efforts to get the story to you have been severely hampered. We mention these final points not because we believe they are significant (they may or may not be), but as a matter of completeness. Undoubtedly there will be some who might regard this as evidence that the fear of talking was enhanced by a further factor — government intervention. Certainly all the original notes on the case were sent by post from Chester to Irlam when it was decided that we should write these up for FSR. They disappeared. The GPO could not trace them. This was in September 1978 and it was several months later that the envelope turned up (intact). It had apparently been opened and resealed. Officially it had been “mislaidd”, as indeed it may have been. However, the problems have continued to add up.

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“mislaidd”. Certainly, it was only a year later when we noticed that the case had not been published, that we inquired of the editor why. This led to the “new” version of the case.

Of course the chances are that the reasons for this run of “bad luck” are completely rational ones. But it is worth noting the fact.

Finally, we should mention that the month of January 1978 was unusually active for CE3 cases in Britain; it should be noted that the film *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* opened in this country in March, and publicity surrounding it began in February.

On January 2nd a silver-suited figure was seen at Rainford, Merseyside, just over the other side of the Mersey Estuary (see FSR Vol.23, No.6, and Vol.24, No.3). Then on January 18, at Anlaby in Humberside, some children reported to Nigel Watson how a small UFO had landed on their flat schoolroof in broad daylight and three “astronauts,” connected by tubes to the UFO, had got out wearing golden one-piece suits. They had been very frightened for the few moments of this sighting before the UFO had streaked away. In addition FSR Vol.25, No.3, carries a UFOIN report from Ken Phillips of a small spherical UFO that was chased across country in Felmersham, Bedfordshire. This was on January 26, less than 24 hours before a somewhat similar object was allegedly seen by four terrified poachers at Frodsham. Even the names of the locations are not dissimilar — a final coincidence to round off this intriguing tale!

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PARANORMAL FEATURES IN UFO PHENOMENOLOGY

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IN recent years, UFO literature has shown a growing tendency to associate the UFO phenomenon with facts which, as a rule, are the subject of study by parapsychologists.

Laying stress on this stand, some authors have gone so far as to claim that there is an inter-dependence between both disciplines. For instance, American researcher John Keel stated in a letter published by the *Merseyside UFO Bulletin* (September, 1970): "Ufology should be a branch of psychical research . . . It is folly to ignore and exclude cases which contain unsavoury psychical elements, just as it would be folly for medical researchers to ignore leukaemia because they don't like the sight of blood."

Even Dr. Jacques Vallée, notwithstanding his professional background of physics and mathematics, seems to share today this significant change of concept, as evinced by his published statement (*Psychic*, January-February, 1974): "The key to an understanding of the UFO phenomenon may lie in the psychic effects it produces (or the awareness it makes possible) in some observers, whose lives are deeply changed, and who develop unusual talents with which they might find it difficult to cope."

In sharp contrast with these opinions, and maybe as a sort of reaction against them, other researchers who are more inclined to material or physical conceptions, refuse to even consider the possibility of the paranormal encroaching on UFO phenomenology. Since in our opinion all angles and phases of the UFO phenomenon must be investigated, we propose examining in this paper the factual basis of both contrasting views through a comparative study. This will be limited to the particular field in which the UFO and psi phenomena are apparently connected. This field of super-position refers to certain patterns of behaviour which the entities associated with the UFOs share *prima facie* with the paranormal forms called "apparitions" or "phantasms of the living". Below is a study of some of these features.

Sudden disappearance

The instantaneous vanishing of phantasmal images before the eyes of the witnesses is one of the principal features which permit classifying these phenomena as "apparitions". To such an extent, that in many cases it is only on the strength of the unaccountable circumstances in which the image fades away that the percipient realizes that he is not in the presence of a person of flesh and blood. This a well-attested fact, for which there are numerous examples.

Similarly, in the field of UFO experiences it is not difficult to come across cases in which the entities involved partake of the characteristic of sudden disappearance, something which could not possibly occur in the entities had material consistence.

For example, on October 27, 1954, at Les-Jonquerets-

de-Livet (France), at about 9.30 p.m., a young man of 18 named Cheradame, fell off the motorcycle he was riding when it failed unexpectedly, in the same place where two hours earlier a farmer saw a strange object land. When some neighbours arrived on the scene, they again saw the object and two figures, one metre tall and clothed in what looked like shining armour, standing by it. They vanished suddenly and the device took off noiselessly (see Vallée, J. *Passport to Magonia* — Regnery edition — page 239).

In the evening of November 18, 1957, at Aston, Birmingham, England, Mrs. Cynthia Appleton, aged 27, mother of two children, felt an oppression similar to that preceding a storm, and then saw the figure of a "man" standing by the fireplace. The image appeared just like a TV image, at first blurred and then clear.* The "man" was tall and blond and wore a tight-fitting plastic garment. He disappeared so suddenly that "in an instant he was no longer there" (see Bowen, Charles, Editor, *Los Humanoides*, page 24). [Still available in English version paperback: *The Humanoids* — see page 17 — C.B.]†

Similar events have also been reported in Argentina. One of them happened on August 31, 1968. The witness was Sra. Susana E. Larroude de Salazar, residing in the city of Bahía Blanca. While in the kitchen of her home, accompanied by her two small children, the young woman thought she heard knocking at the front door. Upon drawing the curtain covering the sight-hole, she saw a strange being, two metres tall, with very long arms and wearing tight-fitting clothes. The witness was paralyzed with fear, while the individual started to move backwards producing a sound like the echo of a human laugh. Suddenly, it disappeared when it reached the fence at the front of the house (see *Gente y la Actualidad*, Buenos Aires, September 12, 1968).

Gradual disappearance

In psychical research, the gradual fading away of apparitions is not an unusual occurrence. Numerous happenings of this type are to be found in the voluminous documentation on spontaneous cases systematically compiled since the foundation of the Society for Psychical Research of Great Britain, in 1882, up to the present time.

The following descriptions represent only a few of the many examples which could be given: ". . . the figure began to get dimmer gradually, until it disappeared altogether . . ." (Tyrrell, *Apariciones*, page 89). "As I did

*Parapsychological literature provides, though not very frequently, cases in which "phantasms" appear forming gradually.

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not believe in apparitions, I thought I had gone mad . . . But when I moved on, my eyes never leaving the figure and this started to fade away before my own eyes, I had to persuade myself that they do exist" (*Ibid.*, page 254). "It surprised me so that I hesitated to carry out what I had intended, my eyes remaining fixed on the apparition of my brother. It gradually disappeared, leaving me wondering what it meant" (Gurney, Myers and Podmore, *Phantasms of the Living*, page 431). "At this time his appearance was very much more persistent than before, but his face seemed to retire and gradually fade away" (*Ibid.*, page 279).

If we analyze some UFO cases, it will be observed that humanoid entities are sometimes governed by behavioural patterns similar to those described above for apparitions.

On June 26, 1962, in Verona (Italy), for about one hour, 20-year-old Roberto Poregozzo, his mother María, and his 25-year-old sister Luisa, observed a silvery disc, the apparent diameter of the moon, manoeuvring in the sky near Santa Anastasia church. They finally went home. At about 03.00, Luisa was awakened by a feeling of intense cold** and perceived a greenish light in the room. In the window a sharply defined human shape, delineating a semi-transparent body, was visible. The apparition had a huge bald head. The witness screamed, awakening the two others, and they saw the apparition shrink and vanish "like a TV image when one turns off the set" (Ref. Vallée, J. *op.cit.*, page 285).

We know of another similar case, which happened at Laguna Paiva, Province of Santa Fe (Argentina), on June 24, 1968, at one o'clock in the morning. Sra. Dora Egger de Torres was sleeping with her husband when she was awakened by a loud buzzing which hurt her ears. On turning round, she perceived in the corner of the room an oval of light,*** and inside the oval, two human-looking creatures: one was tall, about, or more than two metres; the other very small, about 50 to 70 centimetres. Both wore a metallic cover-all and a helmet with plastic visor which covered their faces. The witness was completely paralyzed with fear and was unable to utter a single word. Finally, the oval of light and the anthropomorphic beings began diminishing gradually against the background formed by the closed window until they disappeared altogether. (Ref: Report of the Institute of Psychical Research of Santa Fe.)

Other types of disappearance

There are parapsychological experiences in which the vanishing of the phantasmal presence follows different patterns (although equally unaccountable) from what has been described above; for instance, fading away while going through walls or closed doors, or even when entering hermetically sealed rooms. This unquestionably points to the incorporeal nature of such presences.

Taking into account the above mentioned features, the

**It should be remembered that thermic sensations of cold are quite a common feature accompanying paranormal apparitions.

***The oval of light has different parallels in the case of apparitions. To describe this curious phenomenon, percipients use such expressions as "shining oval", "disc of light" and "great luminous oval."

following two cases connected with the UFO phenomenon, which are given for comparison purposes, show striking similarities.

On June 27, 1968, at 5.30 in the afternoon, at Cerro de las Rosas (Province of Córdoba, Argentina), three children who were riding their bicycles in the countryside saw, as if suspended over the trees, an oval-shaped object under which a propeller was spinning with dazzling white and pale blue lights. Over the object there were two persons — a man and a woman — who floated in the air. They were enormously tall and wore shining clothes. Hand in hand, they descended slowly and disappeared inside the object without any door opening to let them through. (Ref: *La Voz del Interior*, Córdoba, June 30, 1968).

On September 21, 1972, 56-year-old Mr. Teodoro Merlo, watchman at the lockers of the Ika-Renault automobile plant at Santa Isabel (Province of Córdoba), when starting his day's work at 5.50 a.m. noticed that in one of the bathroom sections the light had been turned off and a person was sitting on one of the large basins. It was a being of tremendous height (about 2.50 metres), wearing a dark blue, tight-fitting, one-piece suit. Its skull was big and rounded at the top; its ears, large and pointed. As Merlo approached, the light in that section went on suddenly, which allowed him to note that the entity had disappeared. Merlo made a careful inspection of the locker room without finding anything at all. The only two entrances to the locker room were locked, and the transom-windows, which can only be opened and closed from the inside, were also closed. (Ref: Galíndez, O., "Los Fenómenos antropomorfos de Santa Isabel", in: *OVNIS; Desafío a la Ciencia*, No. 2, July-August 1974). [See also *Flying Saucer Reviews* Vol. 21 Nos. 2, 3/4 and 5 1975—ED]

Movement patterns

In moving from one place to another, apparitions do not always act in a realistic fashion, in other words, they do not do so as a person of flesh and blood would walk. It sometimes happens, according to the account of the witnesses, that the "phantasm" shifts without apparently moving its legs, in a sort of sliding or gliding movement, a most curious, but typical feature.

"The lady glided backwards towards the interior of the room, as if she were skating . . .", according to the account of a witness (Tyrrell, *Op. cit.*, page 100). ". . . he saw the figure glide towards the foot of the bed and then vanish" (Sidgwick, E., *Phantasms of the Living*, page 365). "the apparition glided onwards towards my sisters, who were standing inside the room . . ." (*Ibid.*, page 367). "This apparition, which had moved with a gliding motion, was between 4 and 5 feet high, and was soundless . . ." (*Flying Saucer Review*, Vol. 14, No. 3, page 17).

The following case from Argentina, which falls fully within the field of UFO research, enables us to determine that the strange form of motion mentioned above also occurs in the case of some UFO occupants.

On March 13, 1973, on the highway linking the city of Salta to San Salvador de Jujuy, Jorge Roberto Herrera, 23 years old, engineering student, saw a strange object of about 5 metres diameter in the form of two saucers, one on top of the other, land on the highway. It was

aluminium-coloured and resting on the ground on what looked like legs. Suddenly, without the witness being able to say exactly when or in what manner it emerged from the apparatus, an anthropomorphous being, 1.60 metres high and clothed in a sort of one-piece overall, emerged from the side of the craft. It had no hands and the legs ended in very big feet, unshod. When Herrera walked up to it, the entity moved away without moving its legs. Then it stopped and disappeared (it did not "go away", it simply "vanished" (see *Cuarta dimensión*, No. 9, page 23).

Conclusions

Despite the similarities pointed out above, it should not necessarily be inferred that the humanoid entities are none other than the traditional "phantasms" of the occultist literature.

In fact, there are several important differences which prevent making such a simple and conclusive identification. To begin with, apparitions have a striking resemblance to human beings so that they are often mistaken for them until the very instant in which they vanish mysteriously. Furthermore, excepting spectral apparitions (that is to say, apparitions that are linked to certain given places), phantasms are the images of persons recognized by the percipients. "Ufonauts," however, are entities completely unknown to the witnesses, and although they are anthropomorphous, they don't look completely human; their height is usually abnormal — either by excess or by defect — and other anatomic details equally deviate from standard norms.

There are also dissimilarities as to the clothes they wear, according to the descriptions of witnesses, and in this respect, entities as a rule wear practically uniform clothing, consisting of a one-piece overall, usually tightly fitted to the body. This circumstance and the usual association of these beings with devices or anomalous objects (UFOs) confer to this type of figure specific features which are not present in paranormal apparitions.

Briefly, the comparative study made in this paper does not confirm the parapsychologist assumption that UFO phenomena fall within the field of parapsychology, not even in the limited field in which we have carried out our analysis.

What can be stated with strict objectivity is that the anthropomorphous beings associated with UFO

phenomena are sometimes governed by behavioural patterns similar to those of phantasmal images. In other words, there are certain perspective patterns present in UFO research which are also found in the paranormal field. It is logical then to infer from such circumstances the probable identity of the mechanisms involved in the production of both phenomena.

If, as we believe, there are super-intelligences governing the UFO phenomenon, we must assume that their lofty degree of development would not materialize only in technological achievements. We must reasonably admit that their cognizative sphere and understanding of material and spiritual reality would be considerably greater than that reached by man at present. And in such an event, it should not surprise us that what we, the humans, should be, for such super intelligences, a territorial group under control and with no unsolved enigmas.

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FOR the past few years hints of an amazing series of contact experiences by a Swiss farmer have been drifting to the ears of ufologists. During this time they have waited for Eduard Meier to approve publication of his experiences and colour photographs of UFOs, and at last he has. **UFO . . . Contact from the Pleiades, Vol. 1** (Genesis III Productions, Ltd., PO Box 32067, Phoenix, Arizona 85064, U.S.A.; price around \$25, but write for precise details) is both one of the most amazing and disappointing books ever published. From it we learn that Eduard Meier is a Swiss farmer/caretaker, a father of three who lives in Hinwel, Switzerland. He rides a moped, uses an Olympus 35ECR camera, and had his left arm amputated after a bus accident in 1963.

On the afternoon of 28 January 1975 Eduard Meier, following an odd compulsion, took his camera and set off into the countryside not knowing where he was going. At 2.12 p.m. he says he saw a silver, disc-shaped craft circling overhead, and that he rapidly started to take some photographs. The craft landed. Mr. Meier ran towards it and, allegedly, an entity came out and walked towards him. This was his first contact, and he says that in the subsequent weeks, months and years he has had many more contacts with these space beings. As proof we are told that he has produced hundreds of good quality 35mm colour photographs, 8mm cine film, and sound recordings of the UFOs in flight. Landing traces and physical samples have been recorded and other eye-witnesses have

filmed some of the events themselves. These contacts have continued right up to the time of the production of this book. Mr. Meier had at that time compiled over 3,000 pages of notes and dissertations said to have been dictated to him by the space beings.

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The structural details of the five different types of UFO seen by Meier are catalogued and illustrated by line drawings. The final seven pages of the book illustrate the connections which many of the early civilisations of the world are said to have with the Pleiades (which is where Meier's space friends say they come from).

The text is disappointing, giving only a bald outline of the events, and though we are told that 'Every social, technical, historical and spiritual subject imaginable was discussed' with the Pleiadians, the editors have not considered any of their knowledge or ideas of sufficient interest to publish here. Instead the reader's intelligence is subjected to such idiocies as "A single second in the timeless [*sic*], amounts to many million years in normal space" (quote from Ptaah, Pleiadian cosmonaut, 1975) or "By creative thinking man acquires knowledge and wisdom and a sense of unlimited strength which unbinds him from the limitations of convention and dogma" (quote from Semjase, Pleiadian cosmonaut, 1975). The epilogue says that Meier's experiences still continue, and that there will be a second volume with 'more exciting, never-before-seen photographs . . . plus a few startling details not yet publically [*sic*] known.'

How convincingly is the evidence presented in this book? As UFO investigators and researchers of some 12 years' experience, we are used to examining reports that appear to have been carefully investigated and which are presented in an orderly, lucid and sober manner. The worthwhile investigator presents all the facts he can gather and any personal opinions are clearly indicated as such. Unfortunately this lavish production has few of these qualities. Rather it appears to be a glossy public relations exercise promoting the arrival of the Pleiadians. From its silvery 'Certificate of Authenticity' inside the front cover to the promise of further 'startling details' in the epilogue, the whole production is designed to appeal to a gullible consumer public eager for more marvels.

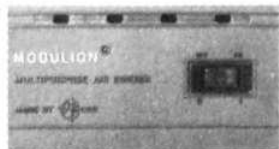
As with any contact investigation, its acceptance depends a great deal upon the credentials which the investigators have established for themselves. Of the various names on the title page, the only one known to us is Lt.-Col. Wendelle C. Stevens (ret.) who is, we understand, an American UFO investigator and writer of good repute. The other investigators are not well known as ufologists, and little attempt is made to introduce them to the reader or establish their credentials. The scientists, technicians and laboratories concerned with the 'computer and laser photo examination' and the 'metal samples analysis' are not identified, and no reason is

given for this, so there is no possibility of checking back.

Typical of the extravagant PR approach is the lavish use of blank white paper. Far more information of a factual nature could have been printed on the large, empty pages; also a smaller typeface could have been used. That there is information not mentioned in the book is confirmed by Wendelle C. Stevens himself, who wrote an article on Meier for the May 1978 *UFO Report* magazine. There he wrote that Meier had inspected the interior of a UFO and has been on several interplanetary journeys, one of which took him away for five days. Did he use his camera then? In September 1976 an Australian newspaper published a short item on Meier with four photographs, including one of a close-up of a blonde woman said to be Semjase, the female Pleiadian contact whose quotes of 'space philosophy' appear frequently throughout the book, but no photograph of her is published here.

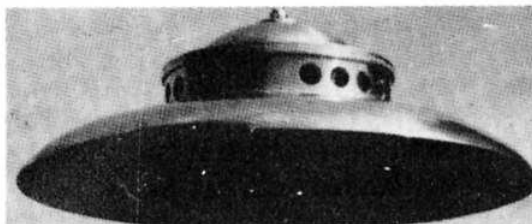
On the page headed "The Investigation" (all pages are unnumbered) the name of Jim Lorenzen, director of APRO and known internationally as a reputable UFO investigator, was used, much to his subsequent annoyance. In an open letter (APRO Bulletin 28/2) addressed to the publishers of the book he presents points which cause him to believe the Meier story to be a hoax. He also described the photographs as "art" in a statement which he prepared for use in the book at the request of Wendelle Stevens, but which was not published. Some of the facts which, says Lorenzen, cause him to doubt the genuineness of Meier's claims are: (1) Meier makes UFO models of the same appearance as the UFOs in his photographs; (2) Meier has been found destroying evidence of such models; (3) Meier claims to have visited other planets, to have travelled to the past where he photographed a pterodactyl, and to the future where he photographed San Francisco during an earthquake; (4) Lorenzen also says that Meier claims space contacts in 1964, whereas the book implies that it all began in 1975. The complete absence of any mention of these aspects of the Meier story in the book is unexplained.

There are a number of other points for dissatisfaction. If Meier has produced hundreds of "clear sharp" photographs, why are 8 of the total of 29 colour plates (sometimes of poor quality) repeated on other pages but trimmed to show different areas? And if Meier has more than 3,000 pages of notes from conversations with Pleiadians, why has not some of this information been presented, or are we to understand that the frequent "quotes" from spacewoman Semjase are representative



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of this written material? We are told that "numerous witnesses" have seen and photographed the comings and goings of Meier's contacts, which now number "well over 130" meetings, but none of these witnesses are named and none of their testimony or photographs are published. Do these witnesses really exist?

The photographs themselves raise some interesting questions. Although the investigative team lays great stress on the positive results obtained through the computer analysis, we have yet to be convinced that this method can infallibly sort out the genuine from the faked. The results still have to be interpreted by a human investigator. Noticeable about these pictures, and possibly of some significance, is: (1) All the UFOs are seen against the sky, even when close to the ground with rising ground in the distance; (2) All the skies are overcast and without cloud detail, although the photographs have been taken at different seasons; (3) In several photographs where the UFO is in sunlight all of the ground below appears to be in shadow. Anyone planning to hoax a UFO photograph by double exposure would prefer the conditions described under points 1 and 2. Strong cloud or landscape detail would be likely to show through the UFO. Point 3 could indicate that two photographs have been combined, each

having a different type of lighting on it. All the pictures have the same 'look' about them, because all the UFOs appear to be equally distant from the camera.

If Meier is on such terms of familiarity with these ufonauts, why are there no dramatic close-ups of a hovering craft, partially obscured by large trees which are at a known and measurable distance? One picture does show a UFO partly hidden by a close tree branch, but it is impossible to judge its distance from the camera. And is it not time that his group of friends raised a subscription to provide Meier with a better camera than his present one with its jammed focussing? One of the current models of auto-focussing, self-winding compact cameras would seem to be ideal.

If this is a hoax, then it is elaborate and well thought out, and must be a group effort. It is more than one able-bodied individual could construct, and Meier has only his right arm. Although Lorenzen's criticisms appear to leave little doubt as to the true nature of this affair, Wendelle Stevens has, we understand, an answer for each of his points, though as yet we have not heard what they are.

We hope other reliable, unbiased investigators will be invited to examine the whole case, and we will await their findings with great interest.

THE CHEMILUMINESCENT CONNECTION

Gordon Creighton

I feel that I owe an apology to FSR readers over my recent article, *The Spruce Budworm Connection*¹, which was submitted as a genuine attempt to report what the very foremost of minds were thinking on the troublesome subject of UFOs.

When I wrote the piece, I was feeling reasonably satisfied that the judgement of eminent American entomologists Dr. Philip S. Callahan and Dr. R. W. Mankin, as well as of such experts as the science correspondent of the BBC and of the London *Daily Telegraph*, could surely be taken as decisive, namely that these glowing things seen flying around all over the place are indeed luminous moths.

But then, with some mortification, just as my spruce budworm piece was about to appear in print, I found that a far more authoritative statement had turned up in the Soviet journal *Aviation and Cosmonautics*². This indicated that far, far bigger experts than even the American wizards of Project Blue Book or the pundits of the BBC and the *Daily Telegraph* had now entered upon the sacred task of pontification, and had come up with a fresh and indeed a final ruling, namely that the so-called "UFOs" are after all not luminous spruce budworm moths, but microscopic chemically active particles of ozone, nitrogen dioxide, organic compounds, etc.

Writing in the London *Daily Express* for July 30, 1979, Antony Buzek was good enough to furnish British readers

with an account under the headline UFOs: HAS RUSSIA FOUND THE ANSWER? of the startling new Soviet discovery:—

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"And from many carefully recorded Encounters of the Soviet Kind comes what may be a true answer to the flying saucer mystery, all recorded very scientifically, of course, in the Soviet journal *Aviation and Cosmonautics*.

"First let's look at some of the Soviet encounters related by military and airline pilots. On October 11, 1977, three new Soviet military aircraft were tested near the city of Ryazan. At 1800 hours, flying at the height of 27,000 ft. and keeping a distance of 50 miles apart, these reliable, trained observers spotted a luminous, pulsating object. Its front part blindingly white; the rest, also white, looked as if surrounded by white cotton yarn.

"It first approached the aircraft, flew alongside, and finally began to ascend at an angle of 70-80 degrees. As it was drawing away, the intensity of its light faded, and

finally the object looked just like a little twinkling star in the dark evening sky. Only then were the pilots able to exchange between themselves their excited impressions.

"For the 24 minutes while the unidentified 'thing' was in their vicinity, their VHF radio stations did not work.

"A similar experience was also had by the crew of an *Aeroflot* airliner. Its pilot and crew saw a light-emitting object. As it came nearer, its dimensions gradually grew. The crew first thought it was the rising Moon, and switched off the cabin lights so that the passengers could see it better.

"Everybody then clearly saw that the approaching thing was a brilliant white disc floating at an angle of 60-70 degrees. And behind it was a trail of light visible for seven or eight minutes.

"A third mysterious bright object collided with another *Aeroflot* liner, causing an explosion and fire.

"Is all this not a clear proof that Soviet pilots met with 'flying saucers?'"

"'Not quite,' says Soviet scientist Dr. M. Dimitriyev in the *Journal*. 'What they encountered were not UFOs, but bands of chemiluminescence, cold radiation.'

"In the atmosphere, he explains, there are always microscopic chemically active particles of ozone, nitrogen dioxide, organic compounds, etc. Energy released by chemical reactions of these molecules often change into photons, often giving off a faint light imperceptible to the naked eye. When, however, these chemically active particles condense, they create that chemiluminescence —

their light becomes more intense and may, at times, be even ten or twenty times brighter than the Sun.

"These have their own source of chemical energy and can move, rotate, pulsate, emit light, imitate radio waves, or swallow them!

"As Dr. Dimitriyev sternly reminds his readers, they should not speak of UFOs, but of chemiluminescence.

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Well, there it is. A Super-Power does not have a mere ordinary Oracle. It has a Super-Oracle. And the Soviet Super-Oracle has pronounced. And who, one may wonder, is going to dare, in these days when the volume of Russian weaponry is, in all branches, on an average about four or five times the volume of weaponry of the nations of the free world (it is no less than 100:1 in conventional artillery ammunition, I understand) — who, I repeat, is going to dare to dispute the claim of the Soviet journal *Aviation and Cosmonautics* to speak as the supreme arbiter and to have the last word on all subjects, naturally including the UFOs?

With the matter of these pesky things now safely disposed of, perhaps FSR can close up shop and we can all proceed to more urgent and maybe more interesting tasks.

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THE CONTINUING STORY OF THE IMJÄRVI SKIERS — Part 1

Anders Liljegren

The author, who has made several contributions to the pages of *Flying Saucer Review* and *Case Histories Supplements*, is editor of *AFUs Nyhetsblad* of Södertälje, Sweden, from number 18 (January-March 1980) of which this article has been taken.

IN 1970 the attention of the world was drawn to the news of the strange UFO affair at Imjärvi, Finland, by a series of articles published in *Flying Saucer Review*. Aarno Heinonen and Esko Viljo claimed to have encountered a small humanoid while they were out skiing, and their subsequent physiological problems — suggestive of radiation poisoning — were the subject of the articles^{1,2,3,4} by Sven-Olof Fredrickson of the Göteborg (Gothenburg) team GICOFF. The group had correspondence with the witnesses via a Finnish-speaking member, and maintained close contact with the journalist Bo Ahlqvist, who visited the witnesses and sighting location in Finland, and wrote up his account for a popular weekly magazine.⁵

The story, by now one of ufology's classic cases, had many interesting sidelights. One aspect was the percipients' slowly returning memories of what happened that day. At first there was no mention of a humanoid. Then, in the next version, Heinonen mistook Viljo for a "... very small ... unrecognisable" man. Finally, all the details of the man's encounter with a 90 cm midget figure came to light. The pattern of "slowly returning memories" has become a well-known part of our theme, particularly of UFO-abduction lore.

What may not be known so well by researchers outside

the "language barriers" that surround the Scandinavian countries, is the *continued* story at Imjärvi. For there was a chain of events centering on the witnesses of the January 7, 1970, incident. From what is now known, the 1970 encounter was not even the first sighting by Mr. Heinonen; he later claimed his first UFO sighting took place in 1964!

Details of the continuing experiences of the "Finnish skiers" in this article come from two main sources: first, a series of articles in the Finnish UFO magazine *Ufoaika* (1972/73), and secondly, personal correspondence between Aarno Heinonen and a research colleague of mine, Mr. Jorma Heinonen who, in spite of carrying the same surname, is in no way related to the percipient, Aarno. Jorma also provided translations of the *Ufoaika* articles since I am unable to read Finnish. Jorma's correspondence with Aarno ended in 1973, and since then we have no knowledge of what happened to him, or of any possible further experiences of his.

Admittedly details of what happened are somewhat sketchy and indistinct, but having searched the international UFO literature — in vain — for details of the sequel to Imjärvi, I now submit, for what it is worth, what I am told happened. I do so in the hope that someone



Imjärvi 7 January 1970: Left, the 'little man' in the light beam, the end of which floats above the snow, radiating sparks. On the right, the creature has gone and the beam fades upwards into the saucer like a snaky flame. Based on sketches made in 1970 by Bjorn Högman.

more knowledgeable than I will be able to "fill me in."

In their issue No. 10 of 1972, *Ufoaika* reported that up to August 15, 1972, Aarno Heinonen had no less than 23 UFO sightings. He also became a contactee. In a letter to Jorma dated November 8, 1972, Heinonen claimed having seen some 30 light phenomena (on four occasions disc-shaped), and that he had seen humanoids at five separate times, including the January 1970 incident. On three occasions he had met a "humanoid woman" with whom he had conversations . . . in Finnish!

First meeting with the humanoid woman

This is what Aarno Heinonen told *Ufoaika*:—

"On May 5, 1972, I heard three 'sound signals' and then an unknown woman's voice asking me to come to a meeting at a place behind a red barn near the crossroads to Jaala and Voikoski. I was to come on my own, and I was not allowed to bring my camera or my tape recorder. The woman's voice sounded high-pitched and 'strained.'

"I went to this place on my motor-scooter. It was 10.15 in the evening. As I arrived behind the barn I saw a woman, clad in a bright yellow trouser-suit and wearing long hair down to her shoulders. Her hair was yellow and the ends bent upwards. Her dress was close-fitting and glittered when she moved. On her feet she wore silvery shoes with red rosettes. In her left hand she held something that looked like a ball, silver in colour and connected to a rod which she held in her hand. On the ball were three antennae, each about 30 cm long, and each of which pointed towards me.

"I was not afraid, but went quickly towards her. She came towards me, put out her hand, and said 'hyvää päivää' ('How do you do?' in Finnish). I took her hand. It felt soft and cool. Then she took two steps back, and at that moment I noticed another figure, a man, standing immovable some 70 metres away. He too was wearing yellow clothing, somewhat lighter in colour, and had some sort of hat on his head. It was so dark I was unable to see him clearly.

"I asked the woman where she had come from (I called her 'Miss' since I couldn't see a ring on her finger). She responded: 'We come from the other side of the galaxy, from a pleasant green land.' Then she told me that three different species of 'humanoids' had visited Imjärvi. First of all small beings, then people like her (height about 140 cm), and finally a taller race almost 2 metres in height. She told me that the small humanoid's visit at Imjärvi in 1970 had lasted for three minutes, while we had thought it had been only a few seconds. The woman also said her age was 180, although she had the looks of a 20-year-old girl."

That ends Aarno's story of his first meeting with the woman. Many details compare with those in similar cases. For instance, there were the sound signals, and the voice calling for Aarno (we are not told whether they were "telepathic" or whether they were "exterior"). Then there is the young-looking (but old) "fairy-like" woman in tights. She holds a ball in her hand, directed towards Aarno Heinonen (could this be a "language machine" like the "language box" micro computers just released on the world market? And, in fact, conversation goes on in the native tongue of Aarno).

Now for the second episode.

Second meeting; Aarno sees their vehicle

"On June 18, 1972, at the same time of day as before, I was again instructed by this very same woman's voice. This time I was to go to the crossroads at Antinhaara. From there a path leads some 100 metres up a hill. It was there I met the woman, this time alone.

"We discussed the same things as on the first occasion. When I asked her how she had got there she said: 'Go home and you will see the beautiful vehicle we came in.' I did so, and, some 150 metres from my home I caught sight of this craft. It was low, maybe at an altitude of 100 metres. It wobbled and stopped moving, and hovered above me. I drew up on my scooter, and watched it from below. There were no lights from the silvery disc-shaped object, and neither windows nor portholes. Its diameter was some five to seven metres. After a while it rose swiftly into the sky.

"On both occasions I had had discussions for about five minutes with the woman. She spoke very quickly, and her voice sounded 'tensed'; her words, however, came from her mouth. I could see her teeth which were twice as wide as those of ordinary human beings. Her face and hands were very fair-skinned and she was extremely beautiful. Her nose somewhat pointed. She was some 140 cm tall, and wore a two-piece dress with a high polo-neck type of collar. Her shoes were not connected to her trousers. She had large eyes which were perfectly blue.

"During both meetings she held the same silvery ball-like object in her hand. No sound came from it. Her method of departure was very odd: she seemed to 'float' away and disappear. Her gait was stiff, and her knees did not bend."

It will be seen that several other elements of UFO-lore are introduced into Aarno's contact saga: the disc-shaped object, the fast, tense speech ('computerised' talk? — A.L.), the woman's 'floating' disappearance. Also, her beauty is further underlined.

The 'Man' in Viljo's house

Aarno Heinonen and Esko Viljo saw a humanoid figure in the kitchen of Viljo's house on June 25, 1972. The time was 7.40 p.m. when a 140 cm figure suddenly appeared from behind the oven. The creature (if that's what it was) took two steps from the brick wall and remained standing in the middle of the floor. It wore a grey suit with white stripes. It was impossible to see its face.

For about half a minute the figure remained standing where it was, then took two steps back into the darkness behind the oven. A short while later two thuds were heard, and the whole house was lit up by a bright light which seemed to move in a wave-like pattern through the room. Heinonen and Viljo searched the house but found nothing.

With this spook-like episode Aarno and Esko seemed to be moving into the territory of traditional psi phenomena . . . but more is to follow . . .

The green pen

Aarno told my colleague Jorma Heinonen, in a letter, that on March 21, 1972, he had met a humanoid in

Heinola. The male humanoid was more than two metres tall. He handed Aarno a green pen. Aarno started to ask questions but the figure just 'floated away' and disappeared. The pen was said to have been left in the care of a Finnish researcher for further investigations but, wrote Aarno, he regretted he had done this.

The next part of this article will contain details of the things the humanoids are stated to have told Aarno, and there are details of further encounters . . . including a possible abduction.

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FSR BOOKSHELF — 5

New UFO books reviewed by . . .

Janet & Colin Bord

FROM the number of books that have been published on the "ancient astronauts" theme over the last few years, one might think the subject would by now have been exhausted, but not yet, it seems. Despite the severe and apparently unanswerable criticisms made of *Chariots of the Gods?* and his later books, **Erich von Däniken** has come bouncing back with volume 7, **Signs of the Gods?** (Souvenir Press hardback, £5.95). This time he tackles the Ark of the Covenant; test-tube babies, genetics and cloning; Malta's stone "cart ruts" and prehistoric remains; standing stones in Brittany; solar and laser technology; the geometry of Greek temples; signs on mountain sides; the ruins of Zimbabwe; ancient kings; and other mysteries.

In the final chapter he speaks out against some of his critics. Intelligent speculation is necessary in a free world, but it should be based on established fact, a point too often ignored by writers on "ancient astronauts." If the devotees of von Däniken would also read books by his critics, they would be better equipped to make a balanced judgement of his claims.

Another recent publication in this field is **Maurice Chatelain's** book **Our Ancestors Came From Outer Space** (Arthur Barker hardback, £5.95; Pan paperback, £1.25). The author was an aerospace electronics engineer, and his technical leaning is evident in his book, which contains speculation backed up by figures. Chatelain believes that our early ancestors "possessed amazingly precise scientific knowledge" which was "given to mankind by extraterrestrial astronauts" (p.213). Although his evidence comes in numerical form, the book is written for the non-specialist. As with all "ancient astronaut" books, which are invariably wide-ranging, we cannot attempt a subject-by-subject assessment of its validity; but we always look to see what is said about leys, a subject we have studied. Chatelain makes three statements for which we would like to know his sources of information: "These ley lines, when photographed from high altitude, show up quite clearly as they can be detected by lush vegetation and electro-magnetic radiations interfering with radio waves. Also exposures on

photographic film over these ley lines tend to get fogged by some radiation. . . And flying saucers frequently follow these lines in their flights." (p.90) The facts here are clearly overstated, if not actually false, and this evidence of this author's unreliability suggests that the rest of the book should be read with caution.

"Ancient astronauts" writers often include the famous Nasca lines in the Peruvian Andes as evidence for early visits by extra-terrestrials, and von Däniken likened the lines to airport runways. (As Clifford Wilson asked in his *UFOs and Their Mission Impossible*: "Why 37-mile long landing strips? What was the braking system?") The huge designs drawn out on the desert floor have provided "South America's most amazing archaeological mystery," and **Tony Morrison** determined to explore the mystery. His resulting book, **Pathways to the Gods** (Paladin paperback, £2.95), makes compulsive reading. It is scholarly but readable, head and shoulders above even the best "ancient astronauts" literature, and incorporates Dr Gerald Hawkins' astronomical study of the site. This recommended book is also heavily and relevantly illustrated, while Chatelain's book has less than 10 photographs plus diagrams, and von Däniken's has about 50 photographs, some of poor quality.

Ronald Story's *The Space-Gods Revealed* (1977) was a critical investigation of some of von Däniken's claims, and Story evidently felt that more could be said, since he has now written a second volume, **Guardians of the Universe?** (New English Library hardback, £5.95, illustrated). The main subjects demystified are biblical stories like Sodom and Gomorrah, Ezekiel's wheels, the Ark of the Covenant; Mexican and South American mysteries like the Palenque 'astronaut' and the Nasca 'spaceport'; the pyramids; and Easter Island. Story also makes the important point that a number of writers preceded von Däniken in the ancient astronauts field; and he convincingly breaks down Robert K. G. Temple's seemingly cast-iron case presented in *The Sirius Mystery* (1976).

At the end of his book Story introduces 20th-century UFO data. Discussion of Jung's theories and contactees is followed by a chapter summing up the nature of the UFO phenomenon. Since, despite their apparent connection with ancient astronauts, today's UFOs are largely ignored by ancient astronaut writers (perhaps because the behaviour of the UFO occupants does not fit in with theories of ancient astronaut intervention aeons ago), this rather general UFO discussion seems out of place here. Otherwise the book is recommended to all who have ever considered the ancient astronaut theory feasible.

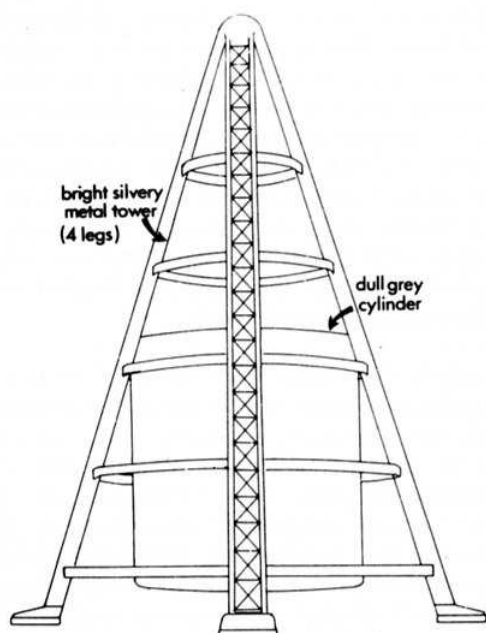
"Great Mysteries Re-examined" is the subtitle of **Charles J. Cazeau and Stuart D. Scott, Jr's** book **Exploring the Unknown** (Plenum Press hardback, \$15.95; available from the publishers at 227 West 17th Street, New York, N.Y. 10011, U.S.A. Purchasers outside the U.S.A. should add 20%). The mysteries they deal with are the migration of ancient civilizations (including Vikings in America), archaeological mysteries (like Mystery Hill, Stonehenge, the Pyramids), ancient astronauts, UFOs, Easter Island, Bermuda Triangle, Atlantis, monsters (especially the Loch Ness Monster and Bigfoot), astrology, Velikovsky, and Noah's Ark. This number of subjects covered in a 284-page book necessarily means that selected evidence is considered, and there are resulting gaps. The authors seem unaware of the statistical evidence in support of leys, and their Bigfoot and Nessie studies seem (judging by the bibliography) based on very little reading. So how can they conclude that Nessie is a giant eel, when they don't even appear to know about the incredible 1977 Shiels photographs?

Their coverage of archaeological and geological mysteries is somewhat better, since these are the authors'

own specialities. They only devote 15 pages to UFOs, and rightly conclude that "It is a long step from the proposition that unidentified objects can be seen in the sky to the conclusion that they are piloted by extraterrestrial beings," (p.97). But their coverage of UFOs is very "nuts and bolts," with entity sightings hardly mentioned, and esoteric theories ignored. So UFOs survive their critical scrutiny, and, perhaps surprisingly in view of their demolition of some of the other subjects in this book, they decide to "suspend judgment and accept UFOs, for the time being, as a great mystery of the earth," (p.103). As an antidote to "ancient astronaut" extravaganzas, this book is well worth reading — with the proviso that the authors are less reliable on monsters and have little of value to add to the great UFO debate.

The spate of abduction reports of recent years continues unabated from North America, and a recent one is reported in **The Ethereal Invasion** written by APRO investigator **John De Herrera** (and available from the publishers, Hwong Publishing Company, 10353 Los Alamitos Blvd., Los Alamitos, CA 90720, U.S.A, price \$2.95 plus \$1.60 foreign postage). The close encounter concerns 24-year-old Brian Scott who in 1975 underwent hypnosis to recall the events which occurred in 1971. The case seems to be an ongoing one with many types of poltergeist phenomena manifesting around Scott in subsequent years. The investigation appears to have been inadequate, and some of the questioning of the hypnotised witness is a model of what to avoid. A confusing series of events is rendered even more incomprehensible by the unsatisfactory presentation of the material.

From this account Scott seems to be an unbalanced and unreliable character, and the story ends as he sets himself



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up as a cosmic guru. Somewhere beneath all this there is an interesting case history for the psychiatrist and psychic investigator. Although the writing is too disorganised to appeal to a wide readership, this book may however be of interest to the specialist student of abduction literature.

Books dealing specifically with UFO occupants are surprisingly rare. We can only recall *The Humanoids* and a couple of books by the Lorenzens. Now French researcher **Eric Zurcher** has written **Les Apparitions D'Humanoïdes** (published by Editions Alain Lefevre, price not known; write to the publisher at 29, rue Pastorelli, 06000 Nice, France). It is subtitled "202 encounters of the third kind" (all in France), and Zurcher has meticulously divided and sub-divided his data so as to extract the maximum comparable information from it. We learn that there are eight main groups of entities (illustrated), that 79 of the encounters took place in the extra-ordinary year of 1954, that 25% of witnesses were children or students, and much other information relating to the entities themselves, their craft, the witnesses, the locations of the sightings, and so on. Comparisons are made with the creatures of folklore, with visions of the Virgin Mary, and with paranormal phenomena, and conclusions are drawn with reference to hypotheses such as the ETH (in French 'HET'). No stone seems to have been left unturned, and we can only wish that an English

translation of this useful book was available for those many potential readers who will be discouraged by the thought of having to dust off their French dictionaries.

Full references are given, we are glad to see, but two notable omissions are an index, and full details of the 202 encounter cases. These are listed briefly in one line apiece, giving date, time, place, name of witness, and the author's main source of information. Ideally the details of each encounter should have been summarised as well, but we realise this could have added, at say four a page, 50 pages to an already full book of 328 pages. Nevertheless, this is a valuable book, and Zurcher's idea could usefully be taken up by researchers in other countries.

To read only UFO books is to have a blinkered outlook, especially in the 1980s when many researchers are realising that aspects of "paranormal" research contain clues to the nature of UFOs. Anyone wishing to widen their knowledge could do no better than start by obtaining the Society for Psychical Research's Study Guide No.4, **Books on the Paranormal: An Introductory Guide** which has been compiled by **Nicholas Clark-Lowes**, the S.P.R.'s Librarian (price £1/U.S. \$2.50 including postage, from The Secretary, S.P.R., 1 Adam & Eve

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MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

C.U.N. address correction

Dear Sir, — With reference to FSR Vol. 25, No. 4, Page 6, may I state that the precise address of Italian Centro Ufologico Nazionale (C.U.N.) and of its official journal *Notizario UFO* for overseas contacts (Foreign Relations Secretariat) is as follows: C.U.N., Via Magenta 49, 10128 Torino, Italy.

Several publications did indeed refer to a Rome P.O. Box, which is not our address, but our publisher's one instead. As for the old "Via Vignola 3, 20136 Milano" address (referred to in the same issue of FSR, Page 3), it is no longer operative, although mail will be forwarded to us from there.

Thanking you for this clarification, let me wish the best UFO magazine in the world another 25 years of life.

With compliments,
Edoardo Russo,
Foreign Liaison Officer,
Centro Ufologico Nazionale,
Via Magenta 49,
10128 Torino,
Italy.
June 11, 1980.

A complaint from BUFORA investigator

Dear Sir, — The highly imaginative and rambling account of the CE2 (Taylor Case) at Livingston by Messrs. Keatman and Collins includes an incidental comment that I was contacted by the press and that I stated that the phenomenon encountered was possibly ball lightning. The implication is that I did nothing else.

In fact I have conducted a most thorough investigation of this case, and was at the scene of the incident the day after it occurred, before any snow fell. Thus, unlike Keatman and Collins, I saw the ground markings before they were permanently obliterated. A preliminary, but full and accurate account of the case can be seen in *Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena* (Vol. 1/2; Mar 1980), but a full report will be available later as a BUFORA Case History. But my task was not made any easier by the unwarranted interference of so-called investigators from south of the border.

The attribution to me of a ball lightning explanation is apparently derived from a report in *The Sunday*

Express, which is not accurate and oversimplifies. Keatman and Collins have never checked this report with me, nor have they ever asked for my views on the matter. My personal views are not necessarily those of BUFORA.

Yours faithfully,
Stuart Campbell,
Scottish Investigations
Coordinator (BUFORA),
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Scotland.

Copyright to curb discussion?

Sir, — In light of what Jenny Randles has written concerning the aims of UFOIN (FSR.25.4.1979, pp28-29), I find it extraordinary that a UFOIN-sponsored report "Physical Assault by Unidentified Objects as Livingston," by Messrs. Keatman and Collins, which appears in FSR.25.6.1980, pp2-7, should be followed by a copyright claim on behalf of the investigators which also seeks to prevent public discussion of the material in the report.

As a member of UFOIN myself I do not recall the organisation vesting copy-

right of investigations undertaken on its behalf in themselves, and while I can understand the need to prevent commercial exploitation of a report by bodies outside ufology which may wish to profit from the work of ufologists, I find it difficult to see any sense or reason in an attempt, which cannot work, to prevent serious discussion of an interesting case.

If ufology is to be taken seriously the last thing it should be attempting is to curb discussion; indeed in scientific circles the interchange of conflicting ideas is of vital importance. In the case of the Livingston event another investigator, Stuart Campbell, who is referred to in the Keatman-Collins paper, has also published a report in which there is data which conflicts with that presented by the UFOIN report, eg. Keatman and Collins state the large object to have been "resting silently on the ground," while Campbell states that it "was hovering" (*Journal TAP* 1.2.1980, pp43-46). Which report is correct? Only an interchange of views can establish this, but Messrs. Keatman and Collins, unlike Mr. Campbell, want to prevent discussion by a blanket copyright claim.

In point of fact while Keatman and Collins may be able to claim copyright on their own report they cannot prevent discussion, nor do they have an exclusive claim to the facts of the case. Copyright legislation, in so far as I understand it, permits reasonable discussion for purposes of review or criticism. However, this fact should not be taken as mitigating what is all too clearly an attempt to prevent the case being discussed, an act which does little credit to its authors and reflects badly upon UFOIN.

Yours faithfully,
Robert Morrell, B.Sc., Ph.D., F.L.S.
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Nottingham NG2 3GB.
June 10, 1980.

Support for Stringfield

Dear Sir, — I feel I must comment on the opinion of correspondent A. J. Papard (FSR 'Mail Bag' Vol. 25, No. 6). He seems to be of the impression that if the US military had had a UFO intact for about 30 years then they would have been able to copy it. However he does not seem to appreciate what technical progress really means.

If, for example, a present day American jet fighter was to fall into the hands of, for example, the Russians, the latter would be able to learn and copy from it.

However if the same aeroplane were "time travelled" back even 50 years, the military experts would be able to identify some parts but would learn very little from it. The mechanical engineer would be fascinated by the engines, but how would he copy a titanium part when he

has no knowledge of the material. The control of the engines and many other functions would be performed by boxes containing integrated circuits each of which would contain the equivalent of about 100,000 of his triode valves in a space of about a square millimetre.

This is obviously only one example! What would have Leonardo da Vinci have done with this aeroplane? He would probably have realised that the seat was to sit in!

If the US and other countries have UFOs in "captivity" they would certainly be meaningless to them, which is the one reason why they would be so scared. My congratulations to Mr. Stringfield on an excellent series of articles.

With regard to the Livingston incident has anyone compared the hoof prints left by the two spheres with the "Devil's hoof prints" which occurred in Cornwall at about the turn of the century (I have no sources to look up exact dates)?

With many thanks for FSR I am,
Yours sincerely,
D. I. Norman,
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CH 2563 Ipsach,
Switzerland.
June 9, 1980.

Interstellar "nuts and bolts" spacecraft impossible

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I don't believe a word of "Retrievals of The Third Kind" (FSR Vol. 25, Nos. 4, 5 & 6) by Leonard H. Stringfield. The reason for my scepticism is quite simple:

If UFOs were so imperfect as to crash on to our soil, they would logically be incapable of covering vast interstellar distances for which even the speed of light is far too slow. Interstellar travel is out of the question for any mechanical "nuts-and-bolts" spacecraft (cf. Einstein's theories of Relativity).

I don't think the U.S. authorities are withholding any UFO data from the world public. They just don't know the answer to the UFO enigma any more than we do, except that it is of para-physical nature.

Yours sincerely,
Julian H. Kaneko,
18, rue Le Corbusier,
CH-1208 Geneva, Switzerland.
June 3, 1980.

On the nature of the "Paraphysical Intelligence"

Dear Sir, — The more letters I read in FSR of the calibre of that emanating from Mr. Julian H. Kaneko (Vol. 26, No. 1, Spring 1980), the more I become convinced of the validity of the Karmic claims in respect of birth, death and rebirth.

I would contest most strongly, therefore his assertion that the "Paraphysical Intelligence" to which he refers in his letter, is neutral, or indeed that it is neither God nor Devil. There is no such thing as Cosmic neutrality, material or immaterial, physical or spiritual, since the Cosmos itself, in all its implications, is wholly dependent on the ever-present activity of opposing forces. As such, therefore, there can be no such thing as the doctrine of agnosticism, since the sum total of the process we call life is the realisation that good and evil are most certainly *not* "purely human concepts," but that they exist in Nature and are wholly relevant to the way one lives.

And with regard to the last paragraph of his letter, I would wholly support Hilary Evans' theory that parallel universes, or perhaps we should call them dimensions, do indeed exist. Indeed I have in my possession a tape recording I made when interviewing a local farmer who is clairvoyant, and who has on many occasions encountered Nature spirits during his solitary walks around the lonely hills of Pembrokeshire.

These denizens of our planet's "other dimension" are as natural in the overall scheme of things as are God and the Devil. However, I could perhaps agree with Mr. Kaneko's assertion that "parallel universes are neither superior nor inferior, but equal to our universe." The one disconcerting element in this degree of universal 'sameness' is the fact that some of the inhabitants of our analogous dimension seem to be much more advanced technologically, intellectually and even physically than Homo Sap. himself! The remainder are, theologically and secularly, cast much in the same mould as Man is.

Yours truly,
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St. Brides View,
Roch,
Haverfordwest, Pems.,
West Wales.
July 9, 1980.

Laser projection of UFO images

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I found J. G. Adams article "Projection of Humanoid Images" (FSR Vol. 25, no. 6) interesting throughout, and a quite acceptable explanation to account for the cases selected.

An additional point of value and something which, I might add, would be part and parcel of the "Holograph" theory, is the possibility that holographic images are used to produce the diversity of shapes and types of UFOs reported.

If images of aliens or entities could be projected into open space, is it not feasible that some of the "objects" themselves are also projected images?

Also, movie-like projections produced

by UFO entities have been reported by percipients involved in "abductions" in recent years, two that come to mind are the "Dapple Gray Lane" and "Aveley" incidents (FSR Vols. 23 Nos. 1 & 2; Vol. 23, no. 6 and Vol. 24, no. 1 respectively).

Yours sincerely,
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June 12, 1980.

Italian entity's "double"?

Dear Sir, — May I refer to the sketch of the entity allegedly seen by Sig. Zanfretta, which appears on page 7 of FSR Vol. 26, No. 1 (Spring 1980).

This entity is quite similar, if not exactly the same as, a creature used in an old horror film.

If my memory serves me correctly the film was called *The Creature from the Black Lagoon*, and it was made, I think, about 1955. Perhaps some FSR reader who is into horror movies could look this matter up.

Yours faithfully,
A. Ryan,
27 Temple Court,
Lansdown Green Est.,
London SW8.
July 7, 1980.

A projected image?

Dear Sir, — In the last issue received of FSR (Vol. 25, No. 6) the article by J. G. Adams on "Projection of Humanoid Images" brings to mind an incident observed by myself at sunset on November 4, 1954. I recorded detailed notes of the sighting.

The link with Mr. Adams' theory is as follows:

What I saw was something that resembled the rear nozzle of a jet motor

belching flames. It was immense and silent. The most intriguing thing was that the "flame," which I estimated at about 50 yards in length, appeared "fixed" in the sky, like a drawing, although it was travelling. It was not like a flame from a blow torch flickering at its edges. Instead, it was clear cut in detail.

The observation I made was also reported in our papers by two boys who said they had seen a football type object [*rugby football?* — ED] at approximately the same time. The object was reported to have windows or port holes. It was in the same direction as the object I saw. Furthermore, some Air Force men at Taieri airfield also reported a sighting in a continuing line with the boys' and my sighting. But as I stated, I only saw the strange "flame" issuing from the huge jet nozzle.

Yours faithfully,
F. J. Burton,
Dunedin,
New Zealand.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS ON THE RIZZI CASE

Gordon Creighton

SIGNOR WALTER RIZZI, the author of the following article, is, as readers see, of Austrian-Italian parentage, and lives in that part of the Austrian Tyrol which was incorporated into Italy after World War I. His mother-tongue is evidently Italian, and, as he admits, his German is not quite 100% accurate, and there are a few passages — fortunately not important ones — where I have had to do a little guessing about his precise meaning.

The Rizzi story came to me in December 1979 from FSR readers Hans Hermann Markert and Frau Daphne Markert, of Mannheim, Germany. (Daphne Markert is British-born, being the daughter of the well-known UFO investigator and FSR reader Mr. Ian Norrie, an engineer and Cambridge graduate, who lives and works in Mexico City and whom some of us had the pleasure of meeting when he was visiting London a couple of years ago).

It seems that Herr and Frau Markert first learnt of the Rizzi story when they heard Rizzi lecture about it in Germany in October 1979. They had the opportunity to speak to Rizzi after his talk, and from his general manner and behaviour, and his vivid way of narrating his experiences, they were left with the very strong feeling that the man was genuine. They are still in constant touch with him and are still investigating the case.

They then sent the whole of the material on to me, plus sundry other items, such as maps of the landing area and a number of Rizzi's colour slides of the landing site and vicinity.

Herr Markert explained that in passing this material to me it was his hope that FSR might be able to extend the

investigation still further and give their critical evaluation of the Rizzi case. Such a course, regrettably, is not within our power. The scene of this close encounter — if it happened — lies far from Britain, and is said to have occurred twelve years ago. It is obvious that, however many investigators we had and however much money we had to spend, we should probably never be any the wiser. This UFO report, as indeed do all close encounter claims, **stands or falls by the inner feeling we get as to the integrity and probity of the alleged percipient.**

I have been "sitting on" the Rizzi case for the past six months, ruminating on it and wondering what, if anything, we ought to do about it. My personal feeling is that the story could very well be true. If so, then the report is of great importance, for the Rizzi story contains a "message" for mankind. This message is unpalatable, to say the least. But it is a message that happens to be borne out by an increasing volume of corroboratory evidence coming from the most diverse quarters, and from individuals who by no means all "believe" in UFOs or know anything about the UFO Phenomenon.

I came finally to the decision that I ought to take the trouble to translate the report in full and submit it to the Editor of FSR for possible publication. For *Flying Saucer Review* is not, nor has it ever claimed to be, anything other than a **forum** wherein UFO accounts and UFO-related claims might be ventilated and discussed. If I were to go on "sitting on it," our readers might in all probability never hear of Signor Rizzi. If the case is published,

readers will be able to chew it over at their leisure, seeking those features which strike them as "strong" or "weak." That there *are* numerous features in the story which recall details known to us all from other cases is obvious, and here one is confronted with the old problem of "suggestion" engendered by the widespread dissemination of UFO stories. Dr. Pierre Guérin of France, for

example, is one of those who hold extremely strong views about this. He thinks that UFO reports should never be published at all except in the journals of very specialized bodies with limited readership. (He concedes that FSR qualifies for inclusion in this category.) One must agree that there is a very great deal of sense in what Dr. Guérin says.

CLOSE ENCOUNTER IN THE DOLOMITES

An alleged CE-III — or perhaps a CE-IV? — in the mountains of Northern Italy

Walter Rizzi

Translation from German by Gordon Creighton

THE EXPERIENCE which I am about to relate befell me in July 1968, and made a profound impression upon me, indeed, to such an extent that, in view of the ridicule with which I was greeted when I attempted to tell people about it, I have maintained total silence about it for eleven years, until the opportunity came to broadcast my story in 1979 on *Radio Nord Bolzano* (North Bolzano Radio), a privately operated local station in the South Italian Tyrol. My broadcast aroused great interest, and as a result I was invited to go to Rome and tell the story again on the Italian International R.A.I. Network, where I was introduced by the famous actress Sandra Milo. Here again, the transmission was a great success and led to numerous requests for detailed information, which has now induced me to give the following account of my experience.

In 1968 I was working with a Bolzano firm, as their representative for all Southern Tyrol. Since I had been born in the Dolomite Mountains myself (in Campitello di Fassa) it has always given me great pleasure to travel around in this region, and thus it came about that I had my UFO experience, one night in July of that year.

I had spent the evening in the company of a Dutch girl who was holidaying at St. Kassian in the Gader Valley. I parted from her at midnight and decided to go via the Grödner Pass and the Sella Pass to Campitello, where my aunt runs the Sporthotel. The weather that night was not very good. The sky was overcast with very thick, heavy clouds, and only rarely did I catch a glimpse of any stars. At times my road lay through banks of mist which enveloped the mountains, so that I had to drive very slowly and stop to take my bearings repeatedly. Several times I had been within an ace of driving off the road and over the edge so finally I decided that, at the first favourable opportunity, I would pull up and park beside the road and try to get a little sleep. After going over the Grödner Pass I came to a spot where there was a heap of sand beside the road, and I decided to stop near there. I lowered my seat so as to recline. It was about one o'clock

in the morning and I was very tired and badly in need of sleep.

Then suddenly I found myself awake again, and I smelt a strong odour as though from something burning. At once I thought my *Fiat 600* must be on fire, or maybe I had a short circuit somewhere in the wiring. I jumped out of the car quickly and, with my hand-torch, made a check-up, but found everything in perfect order. As I was walking round the car I caught sight of a light, about 500 metres or so it seemed, further on downhill, on the other side of the road, shining through the mist. It looked like the light from the terrace of some hotel, and this set me wondering, for I knew very well indeed that there were no hotels whatever in that area, and no houses either, the whole place being quite uninhabited. I knew the whole area like the inside of my trouser pockets, as I must have been through there a good thousand times in my life. Then the bank of mist parted, and I saw this enormous thing there with a very queer white light. My heart started to beat madly, and simultaneously I recalled my meeting with a strange hermit during my time in the Italian Army, in 1942.

The hermit of Rhodes

At the time of the meeting I was serving as an interpreter between the Italian and German Air Forces, and was stationed at the Gadurra airfield on the Greek Island of Rhodes in the Near East. The civilian population of Rhodes were suffering extreme privation at the time, and almost daily a little Greek girl about ten years old came to me to beg for a piece of bread. I enjoyed a good deal of freedom in my job, for I was always with the senior officers, and in actual fact they did not have any very tight control over me, as at one time I would be at the German headquarters and at another time with the Italians. Consequently I had quite a lot of free time, and I was able to fix it for the little girl with the angel face to

have some good food from the Mess. One day I asked her whether she took all the food home, and how many brothers and sisters there were in the family. She explained that she had only her parents, and that she gave half the food to a Holy Man who had been living in the mountains for more than a hundred years and never came down into the valley, and she said she was the only person permitted to take food to him and to talk to him.

It took me many weeks before I could persuade her to take me to see the Holy Man, and when I first set eyes on him I was struck by his thinness. His skin was all wrinkled like a shrunken apple, he was almost stark naked, with very long hair and beard, and his eyes were pitch black and shining. He did not extend his hand to me in greeting, but did it by raising his hand in the air. His look went right through me, and he said to me "*Esi kalá*", meaning: "You are good." And so it came about that I spent a lot of time with the old hermit, sometimes for even as much as two or three days in a row. In order to absent myself for so long without anyone going to look for me, I would go to the Italian Headquarters and tell them I would be over with the Germans who needed me, and then I would do the same thing with the Germans, and in this way I managed to keep out of trouble.

The hermit told me he was over a hundred years old, and he taught me how to read the most important signs from the palm of the hand, and how to tell a person's character from his face, and he also taught me a prayer in magical ancient Greek words which had always to be pronounced at precisely the same time of the day and in trance. This was, he explained, good for purifying the spirit and for achieving a positive influence in the Cosmic Magnetic Field.

Once a month the old hermit retired into isolation and remained immobile like a statue for two days.

He told me that he was able to travel through the Universe, and there were countless numbers of planets, far far distant from our solar system, and inhabited by

completely different creatures. He prophesied that I would one day meet beings from the Cosmos and that they would provide me with the assurance and the certainty of the existence of life throughout the Universe. I asked him to tell me more about my future, and he said that the voice of my conscience was already seeking for the Light, and that all I needed to do was to carry on along the same path. He told me that, once I had attained perfect concentration in the prayer that he had taught me, he would be able to give me a sign of his presence, and this would be simply by means of a powerful odour. Finally, after many years, I did manage, every three or four months or so, to reach such concentration that, wherever I might be, I would receive a strong smell of roses and lily-of-the-valley.

The great glowing object

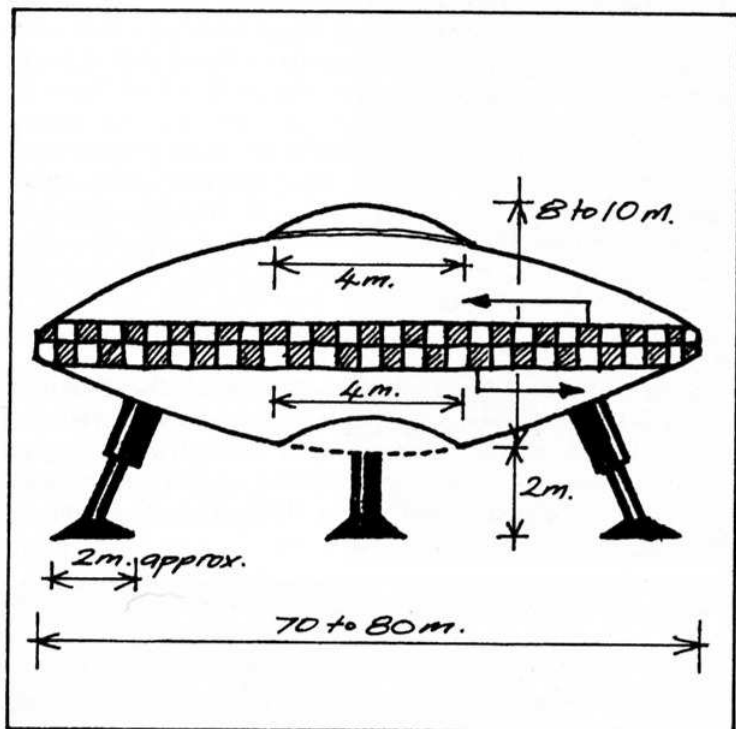
Returning to the matter of the enormous object, I was instantly convinced that the moment had now come that had been foretold by the old hermit. The ground sloped away down from the side of the road and as it was very dark I had to take my flashlight. Treading with great care, I made my way down to the level area where the huge object was standing, and as I got closer I could see it more and more clearly. There was now another break in the belt of mist, and my heart started beating madly. I could feel the veins in my neck greatly swollen, but I had no fear — I have never feared anything. I was merely terribly excited.

The object was wonderfully beautiful, silvery in colour, and about 80 metres in diameter, standing on three legs about two metres long and about two metres thick at the bottom. The UFO was bathed in a fleecy white light, and the burning smell that had awakened me was intense and overwhelming. When I had got to a distance of about three metres from the object, I felt myself suddenly halted, blocked, with a sensation as though my body weighed 1,000 kilos. I could not move another inch and found that great effort was needed to breathe.

The transparent cupola on the top of the craft now lit up brightly and I saw two beings in it who were looking down at me. On the right-hand side of the machine there was a robot, about 2½ metres high, and with three legs and four arms. It was holding the outside of the craft and making it rotate. From the centre of the craft came a beam of light, about two metres wide, and alternating between violet and orange in colour. And from within this beam of light I saw coming down out of the craft a being dressed in a tight-fitting suit and with a glass hood over the head. This being was about 1 metre 60 cms in height. He came right up to me, until he was no more than one metre from me, and raised the right hand in greeting just as the old hermit had done.

The humanoid beings

I find it quite impossible to describe the emotion produced in me by the sight of this being. He had very beautiful eyes, which gave me a strange and very sweet sensation. I felt myself as free and light as a feather. At the same time I also felt quite calm, and I gazed at him eagerly. He was just like us. The glass hood started at his shoulders and encompassed the entire head. I asked him



Dimensions of the 'Great Glowing Object'

in Italian where he came from, and no sooner had I said it than I already had his answer inside my brain, as though I had always known it. The planet from which he had come is far distant from our Galaxy, and is ten times the size of our Earth and has two suns, one large and one smaller. Their day is far longer than ours. One-third of it is less bright than the rest, and their night itself is very brief. The vegetation there resembles ours. There are very high mountains, and immensely tall trees. They have two icy Poles as we do, and desolate stony zones. They also have animals that resemble ours but of different structures and sizes.

Then the thought came to me to ask him how they live, and what they eat, and straight away I had the answer. His mouth had moved slightly, but I heard no voice, and I think it came to me by telepathy.

He told me that they do not work, everything being automatic. They are all equal, and each has whatever he wants. There are also ape-like creatures there that perform certain work tasks, planting fruit and vegetables and reaping the crops, and so on.

After I had studied the being pretty thoroughly from top to toe, he gave me to understand that his type of structure was the one best suited for life on his particular planet. The upper part of his head was wider than ours is, because their brain is twice the size of our brain, and they make use of the whole of it. Merely by means of thought and by the emanation of waves of energy they are able to do things that we cannot even imagine.

As his head and neck were completely clearly to be seen under the glass hood (there were however two smooth tubes *behind* the hood), I was able to examine him closely. His hair was quite short, and of the shade of a light-coloured beaver — it looked like fur. His eyes were marvellously beautiful, set further apart than ours and slanting slightly upwards at the outer corners and shaped rather like a cat's eyes. The part of the eye that is white in us was a chestnut brown in him, or one might say almost

light nut-brown. The pupils themselves resembled ours, but their colour was green, with blue reflections. In the centre of them there was a black spot which from time to time changed shape and became long and narrow. To begin with, before changing shape, the black spot was round; then, when it became elongated, it was oval like the eye of a cat. His nose too was very small, like a cat's. His lips were small and very thin, and as I looked at them I thought of Greta Garbo. When he laughed, no individual teeth were visible, but simply two very, very white uniform rows. He told me that they have no use for teeth, since they are not flesh-eaters. He said that we, on the other hand, have the body-structure of animals. Their food is fruit and vegetables and seed-grains. Furthermore, they possess devices which store up energy, and there is no sickness among them.

The being's skin was smooth and of a clear olive-green shade, looking as though made of rubber. When he turned his head (turning it right around to face backwards) not a single wrinkle was to be seen on his neck. I felt the urge to ask him why he had an olive-green skin, and he told me that the colour which I was now seeing was not the true one "because the system of the magnetic content of the colour was not the same as with them." I did not understand what he was trying to tell me.

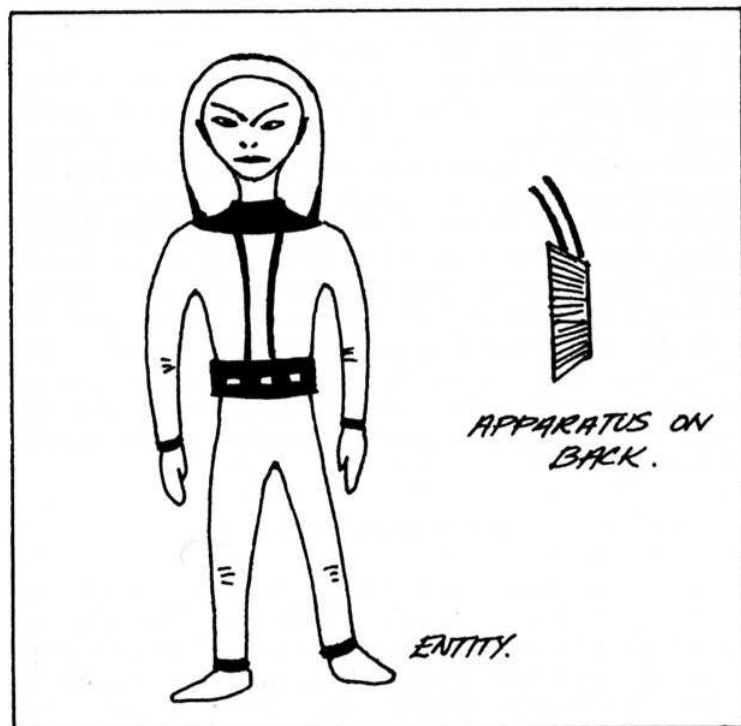
His shoulders were very broad and he had a very slim middle part to his body. I also had a look at his feet and arms. They were a little bit different from ours. The part of the leg running from the backquarters of the body to the knee was considerably longer than the part below the knee, and it seemed to me furthermore that the foot had somewhat of the shape of a horse's foot. The upper part of the arm was also longer than the lower part. As regards the hands, I did not have a good view of them and I have the impression that he was wearing gloves. His fingers must have been very long.

He told me that their organism is less complicated than ours. They have only one digestive tract, and lack all the entrails that we have. But their heart and lungs are very highly developed, since they require a great deal of air to nourish the brain and to purify the fluid which flows in their veins and which, moreover, has a composition different from our blood. Furthermore, they possess very powerful muscles, required for standing the great atmospheric pressure on their planet. In fact, when he came down out of the machine he came towards me with a hopping gait, just like the astronauts who landed on the Moon. This being due to the fact that our pressure is much less, and also to the fact that their composition is different from ours.

I was still fascinated by his beautiful eyes, and I wanted to ask whether he was a man or a woman. His eyes glowed more brightly for an instant and he smiled, and he gave me to understand that he was neither, and that when they desire to propagate themselves they do not couple as animals do.

Space travel

Since I was only a metre distant from the being, I tried twice to touch him, but was instantly prevented. Meanwhile, the robot was still at work on the other side of the object. It was like a ring, sticking out to a distance of



Based on the author's sketch of the entity



Witness at the spot near the Grödner Pass where he claims he spoke with the 'occupant' of the great glowing machine.

We apologise for the poor quality of this reproduction which had to be prepared from a colour transparency.

two metres and two metres high. It frequently bent down towards the ground and its central part became sharp-pointed, while one half moved towards one side and the other half towards the other side.

I was about to ask the being whether that part of the robot formed a sharp point for the purpose of splitting the meteorites flying at tremendous speeds against the

machine?

He laughed again, and gave me to understand that their method with meteorites was not to split them; he said they disintegrated them or displaced them. He said the outer ring was used by them only when they sought to enter the atmospheres of other planets for the purpose of being able to remain there for a certain length of time.

A group of friends of the witness stand in a depression allegedly caused by one of the legs of the huge object.

The two photographs on this page were taken about one month after the incident is said to have occurred.



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He said that in the depths of the Universe they travel in their Mother-Ship, which remains outside of a magnetic field.

The Mother-Ship is propelled by a different sort of energy. It is of the same shape as the craft, but is merely far, far bigger I think he said with a diameter of five kilometres. The Mother-Ship carries many more of the smaller craft, in addition to their own, and it also has a quite tiny type of unmanned craft which is sent out to gather information. These are operated by a particular sort of magnetic drive. When not in an atmosphere these small ones are subject to no speed-limit, and they suffer no effects from attraction or temperature, etc., etc.

He said that aboard the Mother-Ship hundreds of their type of beings are living just as they do on their home planet. He said that they fly along "neutral channels" which exist in the intermediate stretches of Space. This is done in order to avoid being drawn into the magnetic fields of other planets or encountering meteorites or dead planets.

I asked him what sort of defensive weapons they had, to which he replied that they can disintegrate anything, even at great distances. He signed to me to pick up a stone that was lying about two metres from me. I picked it up, and he told me to try to throw the stone — which weighed about a kilogram — at the cupola of the UFO. I swung myself round twice to develop a better throwing speed, and hurled the stone with all my might right at the cupola, whereupon a whitish-lilac coloured beam of light shot out from it and the stone exploded with a dull report and I saw not even a single fragment of it fall to the ground.

A "message"

I asked him why they are not willing to help us with their technology and remain on our planet, and also how long it would be before we had their kind of technology? He gave me to understand that, firstly, they are not allowed to interfere in the development of another planet, and that the time they spend in our solar system makes them age far too rapidly. Secondly, he said we would never reach their level of evolution, since the crust of our planet is far too variable, and that in the near future there will be a displacement of our Poles. In the process of adjustment to this Polar Shift, an enormous crack would develop in the surface of our planet and this would entail an upheaval on the Earth that would destroy 80% of all living things here, leaving the survivors to carry on on a habitable strip of the planet.

At this point I asked him whether he believed in God. He was a bit surprised at that, and gave me to understand, with a cosmic turn of phrase, that *everything* is God — we, Nature, the Planets, rocks, grass — in fact everything that exists. I also asked him how they die and to what age they live: he replied that they die when the cosmic energy in them runs out and that they live about a hundred times longer than we do, reckoning on the basis of our planetary time-cycle.

Meanwhile, the robot had stopped working. It became smaller, the cylinder grew narrower and moved towards the centre of the UFO, where an orange light came on, and it went into the craft as though floating.

Consequently, I understood that they were leaving. Then the other being in the cupola signalled to me in

salutation. I did not have a very clear view of him, but he looked the same as the one standing beside me.

Departure

During the whole time while I had been talking with this being, the object had been enveloped in a fleecy-white light which threw no shadows and did not hurt the eyes. I now asked him whether he could not give me something of theirs. He said no, since it would be harmful for me. I was so fascinated by this being that I asked whether he could not take me with him, saying it would be all the same to me whether or not I ever returned. Then I was overcome by a great wave of emotion at the mere thought that I would not see them again, and I started to weep. I even knelt down and begged him to take me with them, and I tried to put my arms around him but every time I did so I was stopped. He signed to me to stand up. His eyes glosed with a strange light which sent a feeling of warmth right through my whole body, and he gave me to understand that I was very brave and that I had, moreover, been lucky on two counts: firstly, had I gone so much as one metre nearer to the machine, that is to say, right underneath it, I would have been disintegrated. But, as they had been controlling the ring, their magnetic field had not been permitted to extend beyond the diameter of the craft. Secondly, I had been lucky to see them at such close quarters and to be able to talk to them. But that neither I nor any being from this Earth can be with them, and even less travel with them in their space-craft.

He raised his arm in greeting to me, as at the beginning, and I was flung far away from the machine by a powerful force, while the being, returning to the machine, disappeared into the brightly lit ring. Up in the cupola, the other being waved to me with his long arms. The white light of the machine was now growing dimmer, and meanwhile this force which I have just mentioned had continued to push me away till I was at a distance of some 300 metres or so, where I found I was once more able to move freely.

The light from the cupola had now turned to violet. The outside of the craft was violet too, with transitions now and then into orange. At this point the machine was making a noise like a circular saw being started up. It began to move, and rose to about two or three metres or so above the ground, and I watched the three legs, one after the other, being retracted. The light, from light violet, was now growing steadily whiter, until at last it was totally white. Then I heard for a moment a sharp whistle that I felt was going to blow my head off. The machine started to dip from side to side, as though bidding me goodbye, and slowly it rose to a height of about 300 metres or so. Then, in the twinkling of an eye, it shot straight up into the sky at a terrifying speed and was gone.

I was by now utterly thunderstruck, the tears were running down my face, and I was overcome with despair. For the first time I became aware that I was drenched with sweat. The air seemed warm, and I touched the ground and it felt tepid too.

The mist had now cleared. It was quite dark, and the sky was full of stars. I wanted to use my flashlight, but it no longer worked, so I had to grope my way to my *Fiat 600*. I simply could not get over what had just happened. I pricked myself with a pin to see whether or not I was

awake. Then I relieved myself, and got into the car and drove over the Sella Pass to my aunt's hotel in the Fassa Valley. Next morning, in the hotel, I at once made drawings and sketches of what I had just experienced. I tried to tell my cousins about what had happened to me, but they simply laughed in derision and jeered at me.

Then I tried to talk to more serious people about it, but their reaction too was anything but favourable, so I decided not to say anything to anyone. After that, I wrote to my daughter, who is married to an American in California, and asked her to put me in touch with authorities who deal with UFO matters.

Twenty days after the event, I drove back to the spot where the UFO had stood, in order to take photographs of the marks left by the weight of the craft. (These marks can still be seen today).

One thing that has astounded me greatly is that, near where the opening was in the craft, from which the light was beamed out, the grass had grown to be three times as long as the rest of the grass around. I used a screwdriver to dig up some plants, complete with roots and earth, and put them into a nylon bag in order to take them to America with me.

Rebuffed

Two days later I flew to California. At the San Francisco Airport the official on duty opened my bags and checked my passport, and said in a contemptuous tone: "Oh, you Italiano, emigrant?" I answered as best I could with my meagre knowledge of English that I was not an emigrant and that I wanted to spend my vacation with my daughter who is married to one of the directors of Pan American Airways. The official promptly changed his tone and enquired very politely whether the plant in my nylon bag was marihuana? I replied that it was not, but

was a chrysanthemum that I wanted to plant on the grave of my daughter's father-in-law. So he said "Okay" and let me go without having the plant analyzed. When I got to Sacramento I went with my daughter to get copies made of my sketches, and I spent a whole morning writing letters to addresses given in publications about UFOs. Not a single one replied to me, so I again decided to keep my experience entirely to myself. But I was starting to get very interested in UFOs, and I have often had to laugh over articles disseminating so much complete nonsense. Very few of the articles struck me as being genuine.

After-effects

As an afterthought I feel I should mention that the only consequence of this encounter is that I found my watch was losing as much as two hours in a day. I took it to the watch-maker to be put right, but it was no use, so I had to buy a new one.

For about a month I felt very tired the whole time, and I lost a lot of my hair. I cured myself with fresh honey, coffee, egg-yolk and brandy — a preparation that I had learnt from my grandmother. I also bought garlic pills and took two thrice daily. Before two months were up I was in good shape again and my hair had begun to grow again too.

Straight away after I had seen this UFO I went out and bought myself binoculars, an ordinary camera and a ciné camera, in the hope that I might have the luck to see another UFO and to photograph and film it. I never did have such luck.

The experience changed my character greatly and had a profound effect on my attitude to all questions of Religion or Politics. I have come to the realization that we humans are really still very crudely constituted and that, as the being said to me, we have animal-like tendencies.

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Mews, London W8 6UG). The books listed cover Altered States of Consciousness, Animals, Apparitions, Brain-Mind Relationship, Criticism, Dowsing, ESP, General, Hauntings, Healing, History, Hypnosis, Mediumship (Mental, Physical, Shamanism), Methodology, Miscellaneous, Out-of-the-Body Experiences, Parapsychology and Religion, Philosophy, Precognition and the Problem of Time, Psychokinesis (PK), Poltergeists, Reference, Reincarnation, Spiritualism, Survival, Theories, Ufology. The eight titles listed under the last heading have particular reference to the psychic aspects of ufology, which perhaps explains the strange selection. The S.P.R. have two other study guides available at the same price — No.1 *PSI in the Laboratory: 12 Crucial Findings*, and No.3 *Apparitions* — and more are planned.

In our Bookshelf No.4 we reviewed Arthur Bray's *The UFO Connection* which contains a chapter on Canadian government scientist Wilbert B. Smith who died in 1962. Smith's Project Magnet was authorised by the Canadian government in 1950 to investigate UFOs, and soon became something of an embarrassment. For a scientist, Smith's approach was unconventional, and FSR readers who can cope with molecular physics and associated philosophies may be interested to read his own writings, which were assembled, he said, "...from data obtained from Beings more advanced than we are." **The New Science** by Wilbert B. Smith, B.A., M.A., is a 72-page booklet, and the 1978 reprint is now obtainable from W. James Smith, 50 Oberon, Ottawa, Ontario, K2H 7X8, Canada, for a cost of \$8.66 Canadian dollars, including postage to the U.K.

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A FRIGHTENING LATE NIGHT DRIVE

Brian Fishwick

Our contributor, a fireman, is investigation co-ordinator for the Merseyside group MIGAP. This report was prepared for UFOIN, and is based upon the 11 page file housed at the Nottingham HQ.

MARCH 17, 1980 Rainhill, Merseyside CE-1 (EM)? Level A

THE Merseyside village of Rainhill, a few miles south of St. Helens, has a place in history. It was the scene of the famous locomotive trials which led to the introduction of Stephenson's *Rocket* on the first proper railway in the world. The 150th anniversary of the event was celebrated with a grand re-enactment in May 1980.

The picturesque village has a place in UFO history too. It has been the scene of a number of interesting encounters over the years, far more than one ought to expect. In May 1976 a landed UFO and single silver suited entity were seen nearby. Twelve months before that, a UFO resembling three spheres of light (in a cone shape) was seen to land in a copse. Subsequent investigation discovered a large, heavy boot print — with tracks that started and ended suddenly in a sea of mud. On January 11, 1978, two police officers on the motorway here observed an inverted "T" shape (i.e. conical once more), and on February 9, 1979, the three lights in a triangle were seen yet again. This time, however, the witness had a closer view. Underneath this part of the object was a zeppelin-like carriage, hanging as if suspended from the main body.

This is the background with which to consider the following case.

The Witnesses

There are three witnesses. Mrs. Margery Sherrard, her adult (but unmarried) daughter Deborah, and Teresa Malvaney, a friend of Deborah's. The Sherrards live in Amanda Road, which has a line of semi-detached houses, and is flanked by farmland to the north, east and west, while the village lies to the south. Teresa lives in Knowsley, about 5 miles away. On the night in question the three women had visited a keep fit class at a school in Rainhill, and had gone back to Amanda Road for coffee.

The incidents

At 11 p.m. (BST) they decided to drive Teresa home to Knowsley. Deborah took the wheel. Her mother sat in the front with her, and Teresa was in the rear.

They drove out of Amanda Road on to Longton Lane, and then headed south west along Holt Lane. Half way along here Margery noticed a bright light high in the sky, but descending. She pointed it out to Teresa. It was visible in the east over some playing fields.

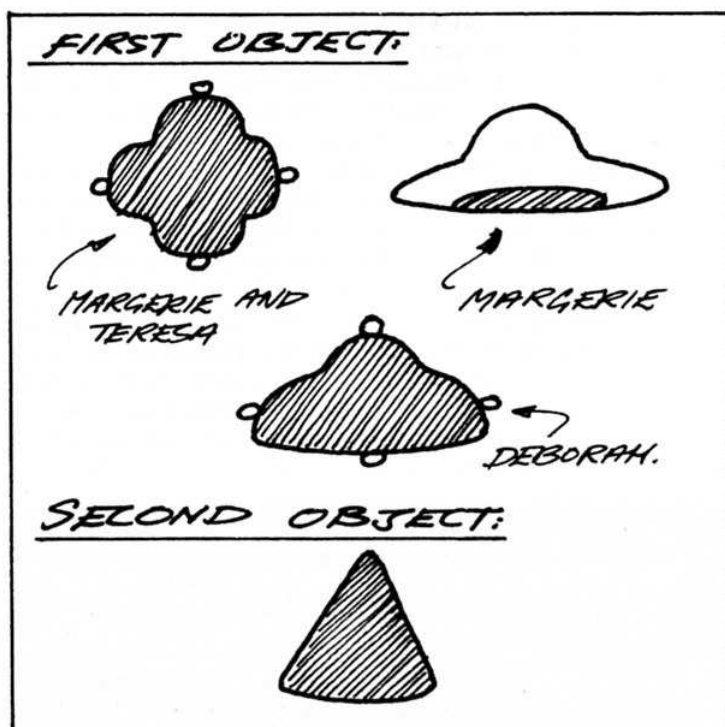
The immediate reaction was that it was an aircraft heading into Speke (Liverpool Airport). This is situated several miles South West, and the course of the object was taking it in that direction. However, as it came closer the women could not see any lights. Eventually Deborah was persuaded to stop the car and switch off the engine to have

a look for herself. They watched for several moments as the light approached. When it came closer they could make out a clear shape. This was described as being like a "clover-leaf" with white lights on each of the four corners. The underside was a dull orange colour.

There was no sound, and the women were beginning to get a little wary. The light seemed to have changed direction and was now heading towards them. Afraid that it would hit the car, Deborah drove away fast. The last sight Margery had of it was just before it vanished behind houses. It looked like a bowler hat, but still with an orange underside. It seemed so low that it was bound to land on the fields, but the women did not stay around to find out.

At the bottom of the lane they turned north west into Warrington Road, which led them through the small town of Prescott. After this they turned north into Knowsley Lane, heading towards Teresa's home. They dropped her off and immediately started back. With the stop, the normal 20-25 minute journey had taken a little longer, and it was now about 11.35 p.m.

As they drove back down Knowsley Lane they passed Lord Derby's estate on their left. Margery now noticed another light, reddish in colour, over to the east (as with the first light). This seemed to be travelling on a parallel South West course with them. Deborah was able to take quick glances at it as she drove. When they came to Elm Cottage they could see the new object clearly in a gap



Based on witnesses' sketches of the UFOs

between trees. It was now very definitely a red conical shape. Deborah put her foot down and they sped away. At last sight the colour had turned more yellowish. The object was lost behind trees but when they came past these it was no longer there.

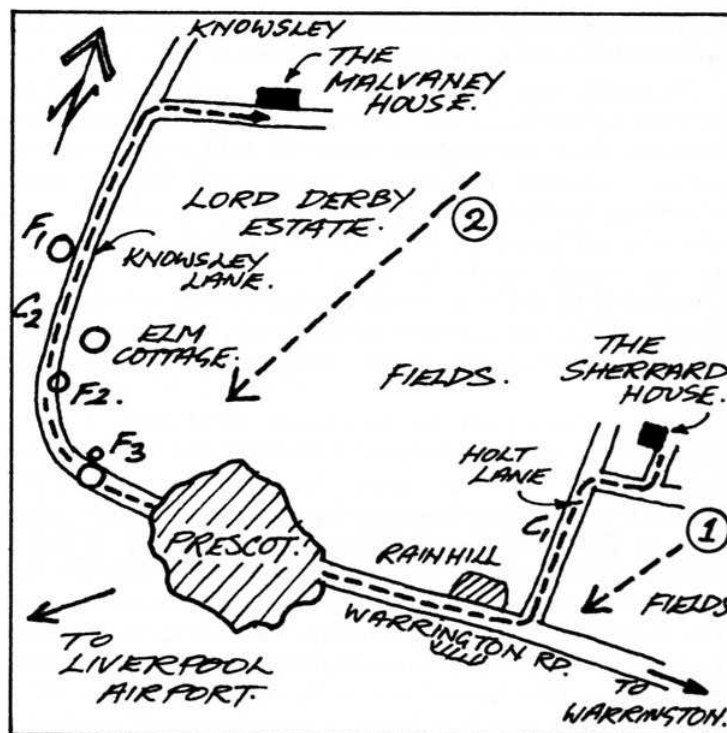
The two women returned home, arriving sometime shortly after midnight.

Subsidiary events

At first the witnesses did not want to report their observation of strange figures, but ultimately picked up courage to do so.

These figures which may have been two or three individuals (one figure may possibly have been seen twice) were all on Knowsley Lane. They were identical in appearance. They looked about 50/60 years old and each had a long, thin pale face with long grey hair. They were dressed in white mackintosh coats. None of the figures looked at them, despite their approach in the car, and did not move off the road, upon which they were walking, to avoid the vehicle. On all three occasions Deborah had to swerve to avoid hitting them. The first figure was seen just north of Elm Cottage by all three women. The second was seen only by Margery and Deborah, on their return journey, in the vicinity of Elm Cottage. The third was seen as they approached the roundabout towards Prescott.

No effects were noticed on the car during the sighting. However, next morning the radio (which is used regularly, but was *not* used during the sighting trip) failed to work. That evening Mr. Sherrard examined it and found that a fuse had blown. This was replaced and there



(1) First UFO. C1 Position of car
(2) Second UFO. C2 Position of car
Figures seen at F1, F2, and F3

has been no trouble since. The car is a 1973 Morris Marina.

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RESEARCH REPORT — No. 3

The spatial distribution of UFO events

Jenny Randles

IT is a well known fact of UFO life that sightings are not randomly distributed. Aimé Michel was probably the first to notice this with his now famous discourse on "orthoteny." Several articles around this theory of straight-line alignment have been featured in FSR, with particular reference to the so called BAVIC (or Bayonne to Vichy) line in France. The existence of this has been verified on computer by Dr David Saunders in the USA.

Following on from this Dr Jacques Vallée noted in the mid-sixties how sightings tended to be inversely related to population density. In other words UFO events were much less likely to occur in an area of major population than in somewhere remote or lightly populated. Clearly this constitutes a major piece of evidence about the true nature of the phenomenon, and we seem to have overlooked this fact. Very few studies have been conducted which have taken these preliminary conclusions any further. However, there are a few recent pieces of work which I think can be drawn together at this moment. They seem to offer scope for more detailed appraisal of this whole question.

Over in Sweden A.F.U. recently decided to test the Vallée hypothesis with a research project which would certainly merit duplication for other areas. They divided the country into units (akin to English counties) and obtained accurate population statistics for each unit. On the basis of the total population of the country they calculated what percentage of a sum total of UFO reports each unit should receive, assuming random distribution. In order to test this against actuality they could not simply use every UFO report on file for a number of reasons. The chief one of these was that there would be a bias according to the placement of UFO investigators. In order to attempt to overcome this they eliminated all cases which came to light through investigators, retaining only those received through channels such as military or police installations. From the final sample of reports they were able to calculate the expected total for each individual unit and compare it with the real total. The results showed quite conclusively that the less densely populated units had more than the expected number, and the more densely populated units had fewer. Indeed they even

seemed to indicate that the less dense the population the greater the positive deviation from the norm.

Naturally this work is embryonic and did not take account of many factors which might still be considered relevant (e.g. the reports must be taken from over a period, whereas population changes at varying rates according to fluctuating geographical movement). It was also a result based on *UFO* reports which is not the same as one which might be based on *True UFO* reports. Consequently there is no proof whether they are isolating a sociological bias in reporting factors, or an inherent facet of the phenomenon itself. Nevertheless a laudable attempt.

While working on my new book, *UFO Study*, I did a pilot project on the question of whether this non-random distribution was the same for all types of *UFO* phenomenon. I found clear indication that it was not. The type of event commonly referred to as the CE 4 shows definite preference for populated areas. Indeed such cases very frequently happen within major conurbations, and also from within a person's home, which is most certainly not the situation when one considers other types of Close Encounter. This has led me to the opinion that the CE 4 may well be a totally subjective experience (although not necessarily without an objective stimulus). In any case it is a different aspect of the phenomenon, and should be treated as such. At the present I am considering ways to further test this hypothesis (certainly supported by Dr Alvin Lawson's studies on imaginary abductees, created under the influence of regression hypnosis). If anyone has any proposals about this I would be interested to hear from them.

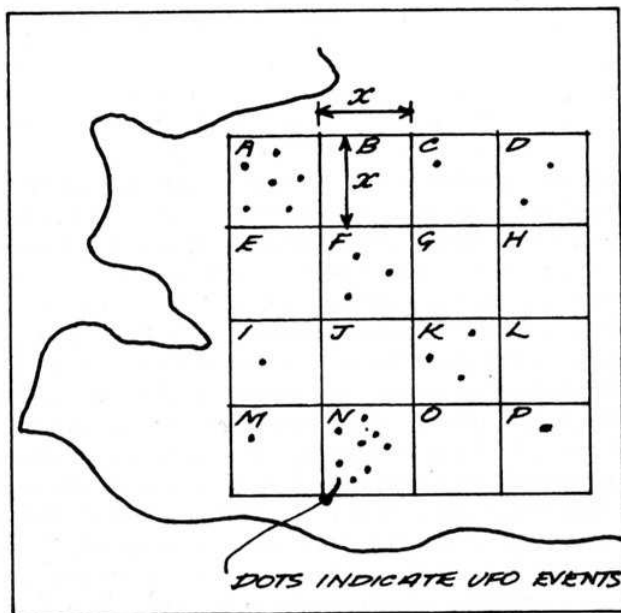
Despite the suggestion that something subjective is involved in the phenomenon, it is undeniable that something objective is also involved. Consequently I would support the proposals of UFOIN investigator Ken

Phillips for the testing of a hypothesis proposed by two scientists and known as the "Lafreniere/Persinger Hypothesis." He has given me a detailed plan of what he would do in order to test this. It could be conducted, he adds, with minimal resources and either by use of a computer or a team of researchers working together. UFOIN in the UK is prepared to cooperate in such a project and would be interested to hear from overseas organisations which might also be willing to participate.

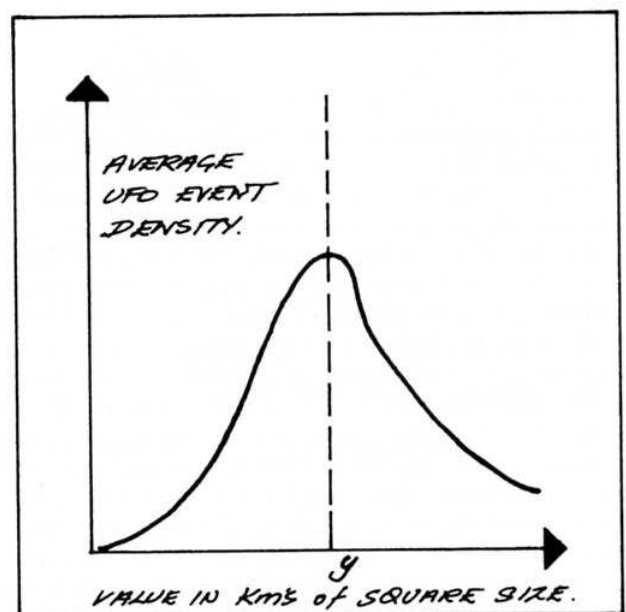
Phase One involves the compilation of a list of *True UFO* events. It is important that these be as free as possible from investigator placement bias, and so a similar process to that used by A.F.U. might be appropriate. All the data required for this phase is specific location of the witness. This should then be plotted on to a detailed regional map, simply as dots, with the map then divided by an overlay grid system. The size of the grid used in the overlay should be varied. For the first result a grid with squares 10 Km might be used, for example, with subsequent overlays reducing the square size by 1 Km until a final grid size of 1 Km square is used. For each overlay the number of events falling into each square on the grid is counted, producing an average event density for that particular overlay size. A graph can then be drawn which plots this average density against the overlay grid size (as shown). If the graph is similar to that illustrated an optimum grid size will have been found. When using this as an overlay, definite clusters of events will be found on the map. These will be akin to the so-called "Window Areas" or "Ufocals" and this particular theory will be validated. *UFO* events do tend to cluster in specific geographical locations.

While this in itself would be a valuable piece of evidence, Ken Phillips suggests that we move on to Phase Two. Check every available record within each unit area that shows a peak or cluster. Look for reports of Fortean phenomena, freak weather, poltergeist outbreaks etc. If the area is prone to these also then a further useful piece of data is added.

To check out the specific hypothesis proposed by



A grid overlays whole country with squares of side 'x' kms; 'x' can be variable (e.g. 1-10 kms). Average *UFO* event density = densities of squares added together, and divided by the number of squares (in the given example this is $26 \div 16 = 1.625$).



A result of this kind validates the hypothesis and provides an optimum square size (to be used in further phases) of 'y' kms.

Lafreniere and Persinger, Phase Three is necessary. Checking all astronomical, meteorological and seismic records a search must be made for major disturbances involving large quantities of energy at any point in space, provided there is a close chronological link with the events featured in the cluster.

Phase Four would involve the checking of the area for any geological structures which might be consistent within each cluster unit.

The principle aim of the project would be to ascertain the validity of geographical clustering, and to search for possible geophysical correlations. In order to double check it would be necessary to repeat all four phases with the

units (or some of them) which do *not* show clustering. If the hypothesis is to be proven these should not give the same results.

Certainly the idea has merit, and would be a step in the direction towards a better understanding of the physical nature of UFO events.

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THREE ODDITIES FROM ALBERTA, CANADA

W. K. Allan

A welcome return to our pages by veteran investigator Bill Allan who, when living in Edmonton, Alberta, had his own local radio spot for features on UFOs, so becoming a clearing house for reports of many incidents which otherwise might have gone unknown.

HERE are three reports from the Province of Alberta, one from the Calgary area, and the others from Wetaskiwin, which is some 50 miles to the south of Edmonton, which I feel may be of interest to readers of *Flying Saucer Review*. Many of the items which I receive come to me on tapes, while others are recorded from the telephone: sometimes they are taped recordings of interviews I have conducted personally with the witnesses. When these are transcribed, the vernacular is largely retained — at least where it is understandable.

Poltergeistic(?) bum's rush near Calgary

The first story is an account from Mrs. Rose Roberts, of Rural Route 8, Calgary, Alberta T2J 2T9 who reported by telephone — and confirmed by a letter — a curious experience (in 1967 she was a valuable source of reports of UFO events southwest of Calgary).

She first refers to the cattle mutilation outbreak around Calgary, and then continues with her own experience at 10.45 a.m. on Oct. 3, 1979.

"We have a herd of dairy goats on our farm, and they are not too anxious to pasture too far from home on account of coyotes and dogs, etc. They especially like to graze among the trees for a half-hour every day; they require a variety of forage. When I am ready to take them into the trees I give a hoot and a holler and they join me on the run. As we approached the tree line I became aware, above and around me a sound similar to several jets 'revving-up' for take-off. With this 'revving-up' was a metal clanking or clinking in harmony. This noise came closer and enveloped me, almost to the point where I wanted to hold my head and run. I took a quick look

around at the animals to see what they were doing — our cattle were a little distance from me, but showed no sign of disturbance — the goats, unnoticed, had already made a run for the trees about 50 yards away; they were grazing nervously. As I entered the trees two loud clankings of metal sounded, that had an echo, or a ring, or resonance. Could say that the clanking metal sounds were like they were not grounded, therefore they had a resonant ring.

"Being joined up with my goats again, all around me, there started up a booming (4 times). These booms would be identical with the Sarcee artillery training booms which are 20 miles away from us, and although at that distance the sound is muffled, we are quite familiar with them.

"The first boom came, and was sort of in the direction of Calgary (Sarcee). My goats jumped in reaction, a little in fright caught up close to myself and dog. They were still nervously, and ravenously, eating. Second boom made the animals, which were 10 ft. from me, scatter in a half circle, meaning that the origin of the boom would be pinpointed beside the goats. Third boom behind us made the animals rush ahead to bunch together. Fourth boom was to the south of us, in the opposite direction of Sarcee. We had turned, were heading back, and I had a side view of our dog, 15 ft. from me, heading down the trail the boom was directly in contact with the dog's back parts. You can picture what action a dog would perform when poked with an electric stock prod. The boom that made our dog react in such a manner amused me slightly, thinking of the humour that might be attached.

"After emerging from among the trees the whole experience was completely forgotten for at least three days. When looking out the window one day, and seeing the dog in the yard, I remembered only about him getting

the bum's rush. The rest of the episode came back little by little. The feeling was I knew full well what was going on, but would not look up or worry in the slightest about the noise. I also felt that there was nothing to see anyhow."

Sandy Lake sparking plug carrier!

The second oddity is described in an account by Mr. Steel, based on a report from Wm. D. Holt, Wetaskiwin, Alberta, who knows the parties involved.

In the early part of 1979 (winter), Charlie ("Junior") Fix, a bush pilot, was flying workmen in the area of Sandy Lake from McMurray Inlet. On dropping the crew he proceeded toward Sandy Lake when his Cessna 180 single engine monoplane (carries 4) was overtaken from behind by a flying saucer-shaped machine which stayed alongside for a while, then speeded up and left him behind, before reappearing, and speeding past again. This manoeuvre was repeated several times. By this time Charlie was very nervous. He said the object was big as a house with what looked like spark plugs all around the outside. . . and they were firing!

When Mr. Fix landed at Sandy Lake airstrip Mr. Bert Larson was there and observed that Charlie was white as a sheet, and very scared, and for him that would be very unusual, as nothing scares Mr. Fix. When Mr. Larson, seeing that he was so pale, asked him what was the matter, he was told what had taken place and that the saucer had landed at the end of the airstrip ahead of the Cessna, but by then it had gone."

Wetaskiwin bedroom interlopers

Finally, a really 'spooky' case, as detailed in the statement by Mr. Charlie Cummings, and Mrs. Phyllis Cummings, about their experience on August 8, 1961, at 3.30 a.m., following a lead furnished me by their friend William Holt of Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

"I had a queer sense of presence and was trying to wake up, when I saw a small 'man' at the foot of the bed, and another at the head of the bed standing beside a filing

cabinet (at this point he left to measure the cabinet finding it to be 44" high-WKA) from which the 'man' was estimated to be 4' 10" high. The older 'man' was at the foot of the bed (his hair was receding above his temple) and the younger 'man' had wavy dark hair — obviously younger.

"The older one looked at the younger, and I got the mental impression he was saying, 'We had better leave.' I also got the impression that they were friendly, and that they would come back. They disappeared, just. . . zapp, and they weren't there. Now the minute they disappeared I leaped out of bed, right over the bottom and landed on my feet and went outside, and couldn't see anything, but I heard a faint *whoosh* like air escaping from a tyre."

Mrs. Cummings now picks up the account:—

"He came back into the room and I asked: 'Where did you go?' He replied: 'You know what happened?' and I said: 'I know there were two men here' and I was able to describe them in detail."

Mr. Cummings interjected: "The same as I saw."

Mrs. Cummings continued:—

"They had a headgear of clear glass like a motorcycle helmet, but a two-piece deal with the transparent eyeshield slid back over the top with some of the hair showing. They wore a green, belted tunic. They were fair skinned and very pleasant looking, like a miniature human. The one at the head looked taller. I don't remember their hands. When I woke up I wondered if people had synchronized dreams. Unlike Charlie, afterwards I didn't want them to come back.

"We felt pretty queer, and didn't tell anyone but our children, until Christmas when someone started discussing UFOs at a party, and Dr. Whitney told of seeing a light over by the Cummings's."

Dr. Gerald Whitney was unable to sleep and, looking west out of his window saw, about a block away from the Cummings house, a bright light illuminating the trees and then disappearing in the sky.

A report appeared in the paper, about this UFO, from Dr. Paul Franck of Camrose.

UFO WITH MULTIPLE LIGHTBEAMS IN KENT

Timothy Good

I was asked to investigate this case in detail by UFOIN, following a preliminary investigation report on the sighting. I interviewed the principle witness Keith Waterhouse for some time, but was unfortunately only able to spend a few minutes with the other witness, Geoffrey Manwaring.

At the time of incident, March 17, 1975, Keith was 16 and Geoffrey 14. They were returning from an evening spent at the boys club in Higham — which is near Gravesend in Kent. The time was 8.55 p.m.

When first seen, in the distance, the object appeared

just like a bright star. However, it moved without sound and quite rapidly in the general direction of the two boys and appeared more or less overhead. Here it assumed the shape of a disc seen edge on. Beams of light were projecting from the upper and lower surfaces. They were thin, and some were about half the length of the others. They were coloured green. The disc itself was a very pure silvery-white colouration.

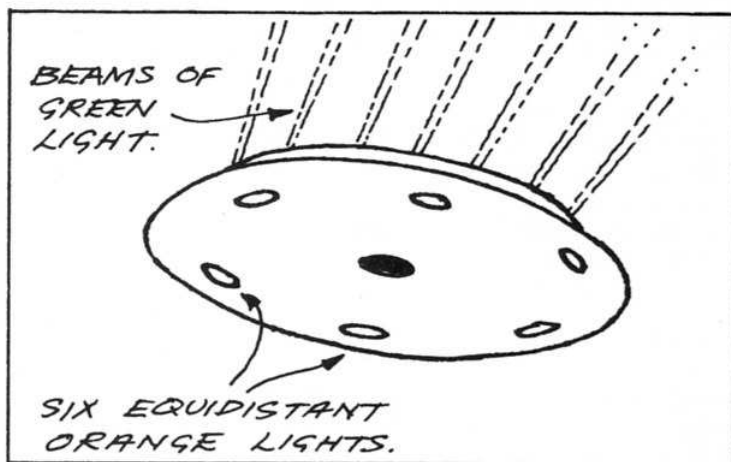
The object now moved very suddenly, and came almost directly above the boys and apparently quite low. They were able to see the underside very clearly. There was a

central green light surrounded by six orange lights in an evenly spaced circular formation.

At this point of closest approach the boys could no longer see the light beams projecting from the underside, although those on the upper surface were still visible. The object was estimated to be no more than 100 feet from them at this point. They now felt a peculiar sensation. It was a warmth that covered the portions of their bodies below the waist, but there was no paralysis, or tingling, or any other sensation. It lasted for approximately 5 seconds.

The object now began to move away, and at first this motion was slow enough for the boys to pursue it a little way. Eventually, however, it was lost to sight. They estimate that it was in view for no more than 10 minutes, possibly a little less.

I would regard both witnesses as honest and sincere. Keith did have some previous knowledge of UFOs, having read *The Humanoids*. This enabled him to keep his head and record the time and details accurately. The next



day, incidentally, he found his watch had stopped at 7.00 a.m. It had recently been serviced, but would not restart. About four or five days later it started working normally.

FRIGHTENING DRIVE (Continued from page 29)

Conclusions

The weather conditions were found to be clear sky, little wind, and cold.

Liverpool Air Traffic Control were contacted and, as usual, they were very helpful. They advised that between 11 and 11.35 p.m. they had no air traffic in the area. Whatever the objects were they were apparently not aircraft. I asked if they had anything on radar, but they decided that they could not divulge this information (normally they simply say "no").

The witnesses were interviewed, and Liverpool ATC contacted, within 48 hours of the sighting, and so I am fairly confident about these details. Less than 72 hours after the sighting MIGAP investigator Andrew Kelly went to check out the field where the first object was presumed

to have landed. It was very damp and he felt that traces would have been left. A thorough search revealed nothing.

As a final point we did discover that several "leys" are supposed to cross the Rainhill area, and as well as UFO sightings it is quite well known for having a number of buildings alleged to be haunted. Coincidence perhaps, but an interesting one.

Note by Jenny Randles: I should point out that the Lord Derby Estate, Knowsley, was very close to the site of the meeting between four young men and an alleged silver suited figure, late one night in January 1978 (see elsewhere in this issue). Also the date March 17 is significant. On March 17, 1978 (again at almost exactly the same time as the above and this case) there was an encounter between Ken Edwards and a white figure on the road at Risley, Cheshire, about 12 miles to the east (See FSR Vol. 24, No. 2).

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