

01.26 von Metz sketch.

01.28 O'Brady-Jones.

01.30 von Metz sketch.

Note: All drawings were identical.

We now continued to track the object which was moving at a constant height but in an erratic manner. In the original notes, I drew the position at each separate movement, then marked off the time. I reproduce this here by simply giving the degrees of shift right.

 $01.32\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.

 $01.331\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.

01.34 2°.

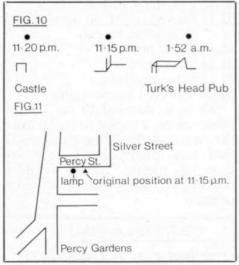
 $01.351\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$.

01.361°.

01.38 Saw another shooting star to the right of object.

01.45 Movement only $\frac{1}{2}$ ° since 01.36.

At this point we were very cold, so we decided to go back to the point at which we had first seen the object, to see how much it had moved since then.



At 01.52 a.m. we gave up the sighting due to the cold. We had marked the spot in Percy Gardens where we had stood.

On Monday morning I called in on the Police. They inspected the notes, equipment, and point at which we had stood and pronounced the notes to be genuine. The Superintendent in charge advised me to get in touch with the Ministry of Defence. This I did, but was told by the girl on the telephone that no department exists to deal with such things. I then rang Robert Chapman of the Sunday Express and gave all the information to him. [Our thanks are extended to Mr. Chapman for putting FSR and Case Histories in touch with Mr. von Metz—EDITOR.]

I am of the opinion that the object was solid and under some kind of control. I am not going to speculate as to what the object was, but I am convinced that the object was not a balloon, star, planet, meteorite, cloud reflection or refraction. It is possible, but unlikely, that it was a secret weapon belonging to this or another nation. I am a physicist, and teach mathematics at the moment to senior secondary boys. I am also well conversant with astronomy and have never seen an object of this kind before. Until now I have had an open nind on what are termed, rather stupidly, "Flying Saucers."

Readers' Reports

Flashing light in the night

Dear Sir,—Recently I have been reading much about UFOs and other aerial phenomena, like ball lightning, in my young brother's *Countdown* comics. This morning, at 0455 hours (Wednesday, November 10), I saw something which I find hard to explain.

My job involves night work on the overhead electric cables on British Rail's London-Shoeburyness electrified line, and on the morning in question I was working near Pitsea, Essex. Suddenly there was a tremendous blue flash which lit up the surrounding sky and ground, the type of flash one associates with very high electrical currents, and even though I suspected that the flash originated from a high altitude, I still thought it possible that it could have been caused by a fault in the overhead cables. I then got in touch with our electrical control operator, using a phone by the side of the track, and found out that no faults had been recorded in the overhead cables.

However, two colleagues of mine, one a quarter of a mile away at Pitsea and the other five miles away at Stanford-le-Hope, had also seen the same thing, and like myself had made use of the nearest telephone. Fortunately my friend at Stanford-le-Hope had spotted the exact location of the occurrence and, over the telephone, using the moon and stars as a guide, advised me as to the exact area of the sky in which to look. Together, at an altitude of approximately 10,000ft., we saw a cloud of smoke, clearly visible in the reflected light of the moon. Since it was a cold, frosty night, with no clouds in the sky, I can think of no normal explanation for this. In the stillness of the night aircraft are very clearly heard, and at this particular time it was absolutely silent. Also it was definitely not a flare from a ship in distress.

I am 100% sure that it was an instantaneous electrical discharge or

explosion.

In all the cases that I have read no one has ever witnessed a UFO with any kind of technical malfunction or difficulty in maintaining a correct flying altitude. Taking this a step further, is it at all possible that this was a UFO with an advanced electrical propulsion system literally blowing up because of some unknown malfunction? Surely even advanced civilisations are not exempt from having occasional aerial catastrophes?

Yours faithfully,
D. Walden, Eastbury Avenue, Rochford Food

ford, Essex.

[An interesting report. I am sure that even advanced civilisations would have malfunctions: it is also possible that extraterrestrial visitors, or whoever else may be responsible for the UFO phenomena, may have wished to draw the attention of "interested" railway electrical night workers near Pitsea for reasons best known to themselves!—EDITOR.]

Great Yarmouth lights

Dear Sir,—I wish to report two sightings of UFOs which occurred last

night, October 26, 1971.

The first sighting occurred at about 10.50 p.m., when my eye was caught by an extremely bright whitish red light moving across the sky from East to West at a high speed. The sky was about half covered with cloud, fairly thick, and fairly low. The light was so

bright that it could be seen when the UFO went behind the cloud. I listened to find out if it was a jet plane flying rather low, but there was no sound at all

I don't think that the object was a jet plane; first it was far too big for an aeroplane, and also the wrong shape, for it seemed to be cigar-, or pencilshaped, flying horizontally across the sky. Secondly, it was far too bright for an aeroplane, I have never seen an aeroplane which has lights bright enough to be seen through fairly thick cloud. Thirdly it was going at a very fast speed, much faster than any of the biggest freight planes. Fourthly, a jet plane flying at a fairly low altitude would make a lot of noise.

After the first sighting I found a pencil and paper to make some notes, and while I was doing this I happened to look up at the sky, and I saw two objects travelling side by side at a fairly fast speed. They were travelling in a South-North direction, keeping in an even formation all the time. The colour of the objects seemed to be plain white, but at height colours cannot be distinguished very easily.

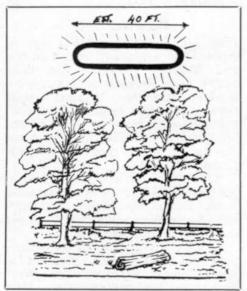
The second sighting could possibly have been two aeroplanes, apart from the fact that they were going too fast. Because they were flying high they were smaller, and also not as bright as the first sighting.

Yours faithfully.

Christopher Brown, Albany Road, Southtown, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

Scottish taxi-driver's experience

Dear Sir,—At approximately 1.00 a.m., June 21, 1969, a friend of mine, Sandy McKillop, who was employed with a taxi firm in Irvine, was returning to base along the Shewalton road when he encountered an unusual spectre. At the bend ahead he noticed



Mr. Jobes' sketch of object seen by Sandy McKillop

a group of trees which appeared to be on fire, but when he neared the trees he noticed a fiery glowing disc hovering just above.

Approaching along the road from the opposite direction was another car, which stopped to view the strange craft which hovered for a few seconds. The object then disappeared straight up into the cloudless sky at a fantastic velocity, and making no sound. Both drivers hurriedly made off in their respective directions until Sandy reached the taxi base in Irvine where he was questioned about the "shooting star," reported by another taxi driver seen travelling over the Shewalton

Sandy commented that what he saw was certainly not a shooting star, but whatever it was terrified both him and the other driver (who, unfortunately, is unknown).

He also states that he doesn't *believe* in flying saucers, but what he saw that morning alarmed him and left him bewildered.

Enclosed is a sketch made under his supervision which I hope will be of interest to your readers.

Yours truly,

William Jobes, Herbertson Crescent, Irvine, Ayrshire, Scotland.

Sir,—At approximately 10.11 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6, 1970, my husband called me to the kitchen window to watch, as he thought, a "Sputnik" in the sky. It was moving very slowly, and we followed its course for about eight minutes, expecting it to disappear eventually from our sight. Instead, it remained stationary for about a minute, and appeared first to go white like a star, then it glowed a dull red. Suddenly to our surprise it seemed to burst into a great brilliant white dazzling ball, and then it seemed to turn. It went back to normal colour, and sped back from whence it came in a manner entirely different to the first slow approach. It then remained stationary for two more minutes, and disappeared from sight.

We were so taken aback that we phoned the *Evening News* "News Desk" to see if anyone else had experienced the same event. Our name and address was taken. This definitely was not an aeroplane, because they pass overhead all night, and the coloured lights can be seen blinking quite plainly.

Mrs. R. Herrnicht, 8 Viking House, Denmark Road, Camberwell, London SE5.

Smoking UFO?

Dear Sir,—On Wednesday, October 27, 1971, between 12.15 and 12.30 p.m., a friend and myself were walking

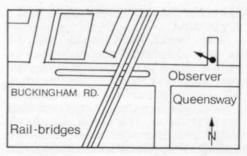


FIG.1; Observer's position.

down Queensway in Bletchley, when I noticed a trail of smoke in the sky, and a little in front of it a small silvery object with a jet of flame at its base. This was looking up into the west. Our first thoughts were that it might be an aeroplane with one of its engines on fire, but after considering the amount of flame we discounted this as ridiculous. It was very difficult to see the shape of the silvery object, but I am positive that it was not an aeroplane. After a while the flame disappeared and smoke again started gushing from the base, and the object seemed to shoot up into space.

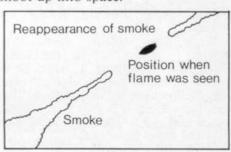


FIG.2: The U.F.O.

I thought nothing more about the incident until my mother pointed out to me an article in the *Evening Post* (the local evening paper) about an unidentified flying object seen by a family at Cosgrove at about the same time. The description also fitted mine and my friend's.

Yours truly,

T. David Airs, Newton Longville, Bletchley, Bucks.

UFO with "metal plates"

Dear Sir,—As you know, there was something of a classical UFO sighting over London last year. This phenomenon was witnessed by many in the city.

A friend of mine, Alan Williamson, who now lives in Middlesex was one of those who observed this and following correspondence from myself included various questions from a "Project Bluebook" questionnaire.

I have summarised it thus:

Although the actual date of the sighting is now forgotten by Mr. Williamson other facts still seem clear.

The sighting, which lasted about 10 seconds, took place at 8.00 p.m. The sky was clear and the object was in

open air, the weather was mild with a

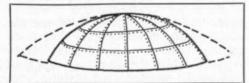
slight wind.

The object itself stood still 3-5 seconds then suddenly rushed away. Although not perfectly certain—he can remember no exhaust or vapour trails, etc. It changed colour as it moved off (from metallic to bright red), speeding up as it did so. The object did change shape, but did not flicker, throb or pulsate. It appeared solid although the edges were blurred.

Mr. Williamson estimates that although unable to give an accurate guess as to its size, it was "bigger than

the house it was above."

Lastly the UFO was giving off a glow, humming and seemed to be constructed with metal plates. A drawing made of it appears thus:



When I said that it changed its appearance, I meant it lengthened slightly. The drawing shows the

change.

While this sighting seems very similar to many others, the metal plates are something I have never before come across in ufology—and Mr. Williamson is fairly definite that they were there. It is only this, I think, which makes it a little more mysterious than the other mysteries.

Yours truly,

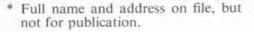
Graham C. Chalk, 15 Premier Road, Plains Farm, Sunderland, Co. Durham.

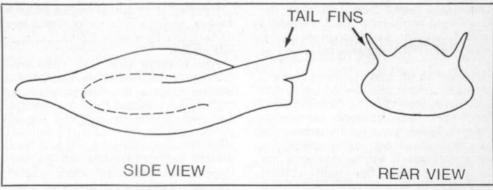
Landing on Winkleigh Airfield

Sir,—This report was sent to the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) in 1966, and I have taken the details of the sighting from their report form No. 124. The sighting took place from 0450 to 0500 hours in early May, 1957, on the disused runway of Winkleigh airfield, North Devon (I believe this airfield is now used by private aircraft).

The main witness was Mr. Payne of Yeovil, Somerset,* who was driving a bulk milk tanker, and had pulled on to the edge of the airfield to have some coffee about half an hour before sunrise. One other person saw the object on the ground and several are believed to have seen it in the air, but no one dared report what they had seen. As this witness said: "Who would believe me? I reported it to no one."

The object appeared to be about as long as an airliner and 28 to 30ft. high, looking rather like a submarine with two large fins (see drawing made by witness). It appeared to be metallic





and was glowing a fluorescent blue. It was first seen to the south-west and after taking off it flew north-west until lost from sight.

I give below Mr. Payne's own account

of the incident in full:

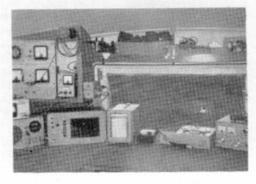
"On the morning in question it was fine, dry and a good light. I pulled on to the perimeter track at about 4.50 a.m. at Winkleigh aerodrome, North Devon, a disused wartime aerodrome, the idea being to drink my flask of coffee. After some minutes I noticed what appeared to be a submarine on the end of the runway. My first thought was, how did that get up there? Also it looked very new. I sat and watched this for some minutes, then thought I would take a closer look and got out of the cab and walked towards it. After getting to within some 200 yards it was impossible to go any closer to it. Just like walking into the sunshine. This was the very first intimation of anything out of the ordinary. Then this thing went straight up like an elevator for about 1,200ft., before going off towards the North Devon coast. The speed was terrific. There was never a noise of any sort. There were no windows, no exhaust, no sort of movement that I could see. Possibly the tail fins were just a little more fluorescent when in motion.

"No green men—nothing. Please, I am not a crank, just a lorry driver. I make no claims as to its identity." Richard Farrow, Oppegårdsvn 2, Ski,

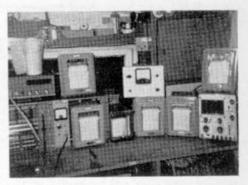
Norway.

Project Warminster

Dear Sir,—I am a member of "Inter-Stella Research"—formerly the active part of "BUFOS"—Bedfordshire UFO Society.



As you may be aware, my colleague, Mr. David R. S. Viewing, gave a lecture to BUFORA on Saturday, September 4, 1971, about our own "Project Warminster." Our aim is to gather high-grade, high-integrity information if an ETV was to pass within



the monitoring range of our caravan of instruments.

I have enclosed Polaroid snaps of some of our equipment. I trust that you and your readers will find them interesting.

At the time of writing, two of our group, Mr. Roger Blackwell and our Chief Engineer, Mr. David Viewing, are at the caravan down at Warminster. Yours truly,

Robin S. Lindsey, 87 Station Road, Whittlesey, Peterborough, PE7 1UE.

September 6, 1971.

Recurring UFO

Dear Sir,—Here is a UFO sighting report. The witnesses: Rosina Bishop and Michael Howard. The date: May 1, 1971. The location: Harrow-onthe-Hill, Middlesex. Weather Conditions: Clear and bright, at approximately 15-20 minutes after sunset. Some stars were visible, also the moon, one day before 1st quarter. Visibility: Good.

At 9.00 p.m., an unidentified yellowgold light was seen by both witnesses. It was behind trees half-a-mile away, due South-West. The light moved

slowly South and went out.

At 9.05 p.m. an unidentified yellow-gold light as large as a 1p piece held at arm's length appeared due West. Stationary for approximately three minutes. Through 7×50 binoculars the object could be clearly seen as a

perfect edge-on disc, studded with yellow-gold "star" lights. Object approached closer to witnesses' viewing point, moving due East. It then retreated and slowly glided South out of view behind the top of a nearby school and trees.

At 9.30 p.m. an unidentified yellowgold light was observed gliding very low in the South-West, moving due East behind trees. Impression gained through binoculars of a disc-shaped object outlined against street lights. (The witnesses were viewing the object from Harrow Hill, which is

408ft. above sea level.)

N.B.: For half an hour previous to the first sighting both witnesses had observed commercial 'planes from London (Heathrow) Airport taking off and climbing rapidly West-East to the South of the Hill. Between and during the sightings these 'planes were also observed and they did not deviate from their flight path. The witnesses are also familiar with military aircraft lights from 'planes flying into Northolt R.A.F. Airport, and are fully conversant with helicopter lights, tail fin illumination, meteorites, satellites and all other natural phenomena. The object seen was none of these and remains "Unidentified." Yours faithfully,

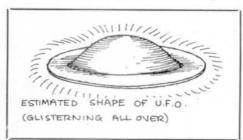
Michael Howard, London Road, Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.

UFO and cloud over Essex

Dear Sir,-My husband and I were riding along in our car on Tuesday, a few wisps of cloud here and there.

DOWNWARD

I sat back in my seat thinking what a gorgeous day it was, and how good it was we were going to Southend to sit on the pier. I casually looked up to the sky and then at one of the wisps of cloud, and was held fascinated by the sight of an object, whirling around while hanging over this wispy length of cloud. It was very much the shape of



an "oval round", it had no wings or tail, and was definitely not gliding along like an aeroplane. It was silver grey, glittering in the sun-all over, not just the side facing the sun. It came straight through the very narrow cloud, in a straight line although it spun round and round [on its axis?-ED.]. It stopped for a while, then twirling right, it spun round and round and stopped in what looked like a few inches, right underneath

the dead centre of this wisp of cloud.

I said to my husband: "What a peculiar object," and tried to focus his eyes to this object, but he had to keep his attention on the bends in the road. I was pointing my finger to the exact spot for him to see, but in the flicker of an eye it vanished. I looked to see. I am sending you some sketches to show you the shape of the object,

October 5, in a country lane at St. everywhere for it, but it was nowhere Mary's Tey, Upminster, Essex. The to be seen. It was a most exciting thing time was between 10.30 and 11.00 a.m. The sky was exceptionally clear, the sun was brilliant, and there were just also the directions it went. My son, who is very interested in BLUE SKY OBJECT FIRST SEEN HERE - STATIONARY LIGHT CLOUD 4 U.F.O. MOVED TO THE RIGHT 5 U.F.O. STOPPED 3 STOPPED HERE HERE & DISAPPEARED 2 U.F.O. CAME 'TUMBLING'

Redrawn from Mrs. White's sketches by her son, Tony White, professional illustrator.

BLUE SKY

this, asked me to write and tell you about it.

Yours truly.

Dorothy White, Rusholme Avenue, Dagenham, Essex.

Linked-Globe UFO again

Dear Sir,-I have just received Supplement 5 of FSR Case Histories for June, 1971, and read in it the experience of Michel M. Jaffe ("Personal Observation" on pages 11 and 12).

It was a pleasant surprise to me that his sighting tallied with a sighting I made one evening in late June or early

July this year.

Between June 26 and July 4 a Baseball Week was held in Haarlem (Haarlem lies some 20 km. west of Amsterdam). All the matches started at 8.00 p.m. and I attended every one of them. The Baseball Stadium on the night in question was crowded.

I cannot remember the exact date, and the time may have been anywhere between 8.00 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. (Generally a match lasted 2½ hours.)

One evening I suddenly noted at about 100 metres to the right of me an object, consisting of two spheres, clearly connected by a link. This object precisely resembled the one seen by Mr. Jaffe, except for the "link" trailing behind the spheres as seen in figures 2 and 3 on pp. 11 and 12 of Case Histories, Supplement 5. Besides, the object I saw was brilliant white, both spheres and link. The object Mr. Jaffe spotted was flying in a lengthwise position, but the object I saw was flying sideways, i.e. the spheres formed the sides of the object, not the back and the front.

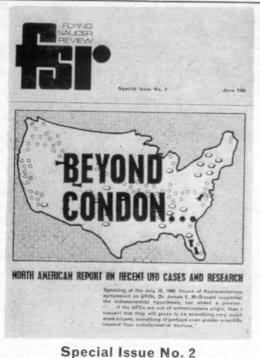
Each sphere had an apparent diameter of approximately 1in., while the link may have measured 12in. The altitude I'd say was between 500 and 1,000 metres. The object was flying slowly and made no noise, at least no audible noise. I drew the attention of several people to this object. They agreed that it was a peculiar sight, and could give no explanation either. When the object disappeared behind me I stopped looking and concentrated on the game again.

The following night I saw the same phenomenon again. I do not know whether it was the same or a similar object. It was following the same course, or practically so. At one moment I thought I could discern some dark structure, running from the link backwards. However, it was too vague to make anything of it.

I don't know what to make of all this, but had it been some aircraft it sure had a funny shape.

Yours truly.

G.S. Wiersema, Bloemendaal, Holland.



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