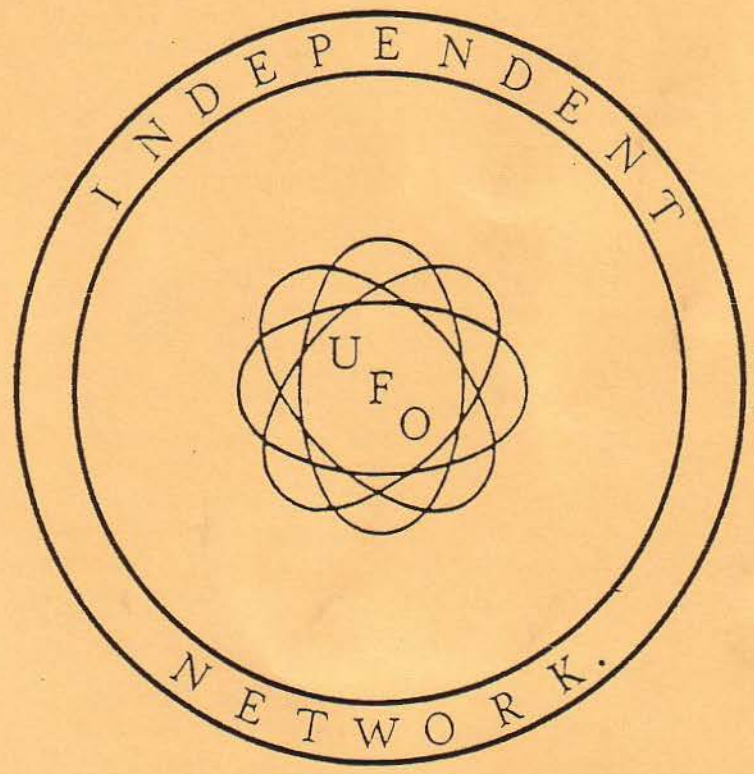


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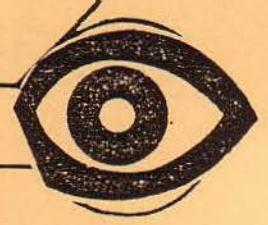
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THE IUN

The Independent UFO Network was formed in September 1987, (and has in fact just celebrated its first birthday- Happy Birthday to us- great party and an excellent cake- thanks Elaine), pheonix-like from the ashes of the West Yorkshire UFO Research Group (WYUFORG) and the West Yorkshire UFO Network (YUFON), together with many hitherto independent investigators from all over the U.K. The Network exists as a non-dogmatic, free-floating pool of active researchers and investigators, who may be members of any other organisation they choose. The IUN operates a policy of total freedom of information, witness anonymity where applicable excluded, and will assist any other serious researchers of the UFO phenomenon to the best of its abilities. All IUN case files are open for inspection and comment. The IUN holds no fixed viewpoint as to the ultimate nature of the UFO enigma (Philip Mantle thought he knew the answer, but he's lost the piece of paper he wrote it on), respecting individual belief and freedom in such matters. Membership of the IUN is free (not for long though), the only criteria being a willingness to further our aims and to help with the workload.

The IUN also operates the 24 UFO Hotline, courtesy of Philip Mantle and is involved in Project Pennine, a long term study of anomalous light phenomena in the Pennine region of the U.K. All enquiries about the IUN, case files, UFO BRIGANTIA etc should be addressed via one of the contact addresses above. The journal's name, 'BRIGANTIA', is taken from the old Celtic word indicating a geographical area stretching northwards from the Wash to Scotland.

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EDITORIAL



ANY OLD AEON?

Strange things often crawl through my letter box and the other day I received a couple of extra strange little numbers, one from the USA and one from Leeds. UFO publications and the motivations behind them fascinate me so we'll look at these two for a minute or two.

The first one is entitled 'Inner Light -The Voice of the New Age' (\$18, 12 issues, Box 753, New Brunswick, N.J. 08903). This magazine illustrates perfectly the other end of the American excess when it comes to ufology. On the left we have rampant abductionism (everybody's had one - they just need some help remembering), together with deep frozen covered up aliens and, on the right this pathetic blend of hippy dippy new-age pseudo mysticism which blends together everything from American Indians to crystals to channelling to Nostradamus etc etc and brings it altogether with UFO's. It is absolute and utter rubbish. But strangely compelling rubbish though. Jaques Vallee in his (I consider best but badly written and underrated book) 'Messengers of Deception' wrote partly about the belief in flying saucers being as real as the actual objective phenomenon (if any). In 'Inner Light' here is what Vallee said in action, all belief and no substance. Even Lobsang Rampa (a.k.a. Cyril Hoskins) the 'lama from Tibet' who couldn't hack it as a plumber and as a result decided to let an ancient Tibetan inhabit his body ('walk-ins' as they are known), is in

here with some dodgy offer designed to part you from your money (or your sanity). Belief in bizarre unprovable things being backed up by UFOs - themselves as yet intangible, but here being acknowledged as a real 'something', although it's never quite clearly stated what.

What's worse about this sort of thing, and in particular this specific magazine is that someone is making the proverbial 'loads a money' out of it all. In this case it's that well known new-age/UFO writer Brad Steiger and his wife The Rev Sherry Hansen. Almost every ad on the mag, from 'Brad Steiger Altered Awareness Tapes' to 'Atlantis Fire Crystals' has their companies address on it. Thus making the whole magazine nothing more than a thinly disguised advertising vehicle/catalogue. It's sad seeing people do this as they are making money out of gullible people who have something lacking in their lives and the Steigers have seen a gap in the market and filled it. And all this goes under the guise of 'new age spirituality'. It's been obvious for a long time that the 'New Age' movement was rapidly putting UFO's in the shade and so it's only a natural step to mixing the two together. However, if we're talking spirituality here it's a well known maxim that true spiritual teachers give their teaching and advice free, not printed or offered in a 'magazine', on what is apparently toilet paper. Sure these people and their misguided adherents represent a part of the UFO phenomenon and are worth study in themselves, but people are quite capable of forming cults, sects and belief systems around the UFO subject without the attentions of people whose only aim seems to be to make money out of them. Hilary Evans has pointed out in a previous issue of UFO BRIGANTIA that a British grandmother killed her grandchildren to save them from being abducted by aliens. That shows the influence of some of the off the wall ufology there is around. When you have people telling you that 'you too can be a channel for an alien intelligence', and are implicitly encouraging them to base their lives on what these 'intelligences' tell them, then it's

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only a step away from madness-remember the Yorkshire Ripper was told to kill people by what could be construed as 'channelling' (voices in the head), and the Jim Jones/Jonestown massacre/suicide was a very clear example of the sort of power cultists of any sort can have.

Besides this very dangerous aspect and aside from the fact that people are being ripped off under the veneer of 'spirituality' this sort of tosh dilutes and splinters ufology itself. Permeating American 'New Age' culture, UFO's are now seen as saviours from the skies (paralleling the fundamentalists 'Rapture' theory in a way - and conveniently ignoring the Hopkins/Streiber interpretation) and people will be only too keen to associate almost any phenomena now with possible UFO's, thus making it harder for UFO investigators to do their job.

That's it- when the Star People read this I certainly won't be on the first beamship out come the holocaust.

YUFOS - THE BLEAT GOES ON

The other 'interesting' publication I received recently was the current issue of YUFOS' magazine 'QUEST' (£8, six issues)- available from, and please note new editorial address, 17 PICKARD COURT, LEEDS 15.

Comment is necessary as a large proportion of this particular issue of QUEST is directed at attacking BUFORA, of which several IUN members are involved with, and the IUN itself. YUFOS appear to have got themselves in a proper little tizzy over the Roundhay Park 'abduction' (see last issue and page here). All that hiding under the cover-up has obviously dimmed their perceptions to the point where they aren't sure exactly where reality begins and ends. By this I mean that YUFOS, (advertising slogans - 'A New Monarch Reigns' - 'Nothing Succeeds Like Success' - 'The Proven Leader of the Pack' - 'Nothing Else Even Comes Close' - and, best of all, 'The Lion Roars Again' - honestly, I'm not kidding you!), have as usual been accusing people of things they haven't done. Philip Mantle has written

elsewhere about this but, the IUN are alleged to have phoned YUFOS up and pretended to be 'freelance journalists', to get information out of them. No, don't laugh yet, it gets funnier. Do YUFOS have any proof of this? Of course not, but since when have they let a simple thing like proof stop a good game of 'The Man From Uncle'. Why *should* the IUN indulge in phoning people up and pretending to be other people when we know plenty people (being genuine journalists, reporters, writers and interested parties) who would and did gladly do this for us? Nothing at all wrong with that as far as I can see, just good investigatative skills which any investigator or journalist would be proud of and which YUFOS themselves indulge in.

We were unfortunately left with no choice as every attempt at rational information exchange with YUFOS was met with Mark Birdsall slamming his phone down! The whole YUFOS attitude is sadly one of unparrelleled infantile jealousy at both the IUN and BUFORA. Being the laughing stock of ufology obviously irks them enormously and they have the curious idea that ufology is some sort of race or competition where one group can gain totalitarian supremacy over all others. This is clearly evinced by, amongst other things, a letter (copies of full letter available on request) written to an IUN member by YUFOS' 'Director of Research & Investigations', Mark Birdsall, in which he writes, in his more lucid and intelligible moments, "*but whoever you are my friend take note, it shall be YUFOS who will shortly be leading British Ufology*". 'Leading British Ufology' eh, now there's a telling phrase if ever there was one and shows exactly where they're at. Why *should* any group want to be 'leading British Ufology'? Surely we are all working together for a common purpose, despite (and I think benefitting from) the many differing points of view we hold? Free information exchange is largely what ufology is all about and groups like BUFORA and the IUN give case file information etc freely. Can you get this information out of YUFOS. No, unless of course you are what they

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term a 'genuine researcher', ie if they like you. Try it and see. We hear much baa-ing from YUFOS about 'freedom of information' and 'cover-ups' and yet this is what they practice and enforce with regard to others of the UFO community.

Co-operation with others and dissent against YUFOS itself are simply not tolerated. YUFOS and QUEST exist in a fantasy world of paranoia, mistrust and self advertisement.

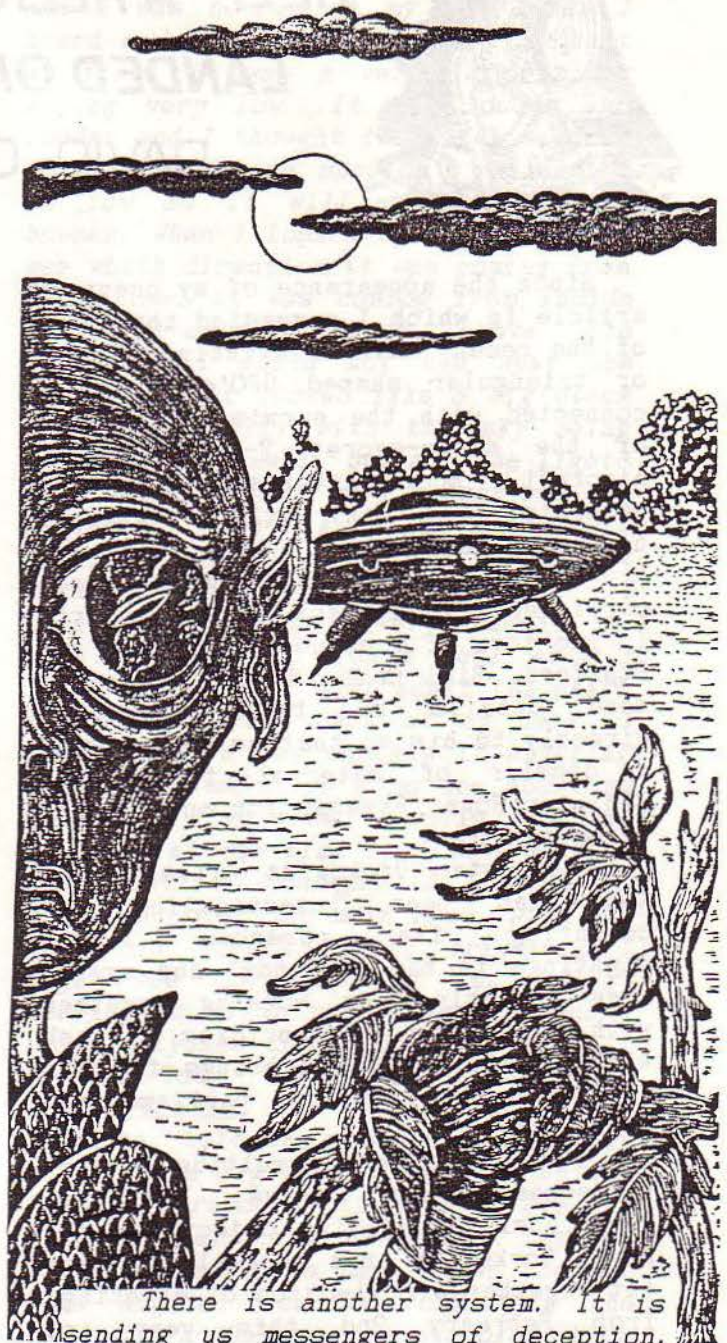
I strongly urge all our readers to write to me for a copy of the article in QUEST, and our contradictory evidence, if they are in any doubt whatsoever that the IUN and BUFORA have been sadly and maliciously misrepresented and lied about. This situation is strongly reminiscent of the Cracoe Case when YUFOS again spent many pages of QUEST and numerous letters strutting, posturing and preening about now they were right and everyone else (WYUFORG and BUFORA in that particular instance - why is it always those two groups?) was wrong - and look what happened there! History seems to be repeating itself with the Roundhay incident. In a world where Santa Claus really does exist and the tooth fairy still brings sixpence YUFOS reign supreme, until we can all join them there they had better start acting like responsible human beings or I can see tears before bedtime.

Bickering between UFO groups, both in the UK and the USA seems to be the norm and we try not to indulge in it, but as long as YUFOS persist in levelling moronic and demonstrably untrue accusations against us or anyone we are associated with we will have no choice but to put the true, provable and documented facts before your gaze. It would be lax of us to do otherwise. Ah well, back to the real world.

This issue brings an update and final conclusion to the Roundhay Park 'abduction'; an excellent article by Manfred Cassirer in which he compares a an alleged 'haunting' with an abduction; David Clarkes usual perceptive look at a selection of UFO cases and the usual round up of news items, gossip, reviews, rumours and vitriol.

Happy Trails

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There is another system. It is sending us messengers of deception. They are not necessarily coming from nearby stars. In terms of the effect on us, it doesn't matter where they come from. I even suspect that 'where' and 'when' have no meaning here. How could we be alone? The black box of science has stopped ticking. People look up toward the stars in eager anticipation.

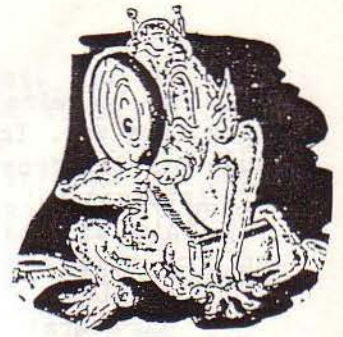
Receiving a visit from outer space sounds almost as comfortable as having a God. Yet we shouldn't rejoice too soon. Perhaps we will get the visitors we deserve.

from: Jaques Vallee, 'Messengers of Deception.'

INVESTIGATIONS

HELP - A HELICOPTER HAS LANDED ON MY CAR!

DAVID CLARKE



Since the appearance of my previous article in which I suggested that many of the recent wave of sightings of "V" or triangular shaped UFO's could be connected with the surmised existence of the super-secret F-19 "stealth" aircraft, much interest has been generated and many other sightings have come to light.

One important development has been parliamentary interest in the reports in the form of a request by the MP for Stafford, Bill Cash, for witnesses to send details of their sightings directly to him so that he can present a dossier of material to Defence Minister Roger Freeman for an official investigation.

Leicester Ufologist Clive Potter (who has been investigating and collating the numerous recent sightings in the Midlands) and myself have recently been working together with the object of providing Mr Cash with a database of sightings for him to use as the basis for parliamentary questions.

Further, after consulting several witnesses who have reported dangerously low-flying objects in the South Yorkshire area recently, I have put together a collection of sightings from February 2nd this year and forwarded them to the Ministry of Defence and to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) in the form of an 'official complaint [against] low-flying unidentified aircraft' on behalf of the 18 eye-witnesses in Sheffield. In this way, the usual standard denials are by-passed and an investigation should be compulsory. Although it seems unlikely that it would be admitted, if some of the 'Silent Vulcan'- type sightings could be officially attributed to military aircraft [even if their true nature is not revealed] a great victory for

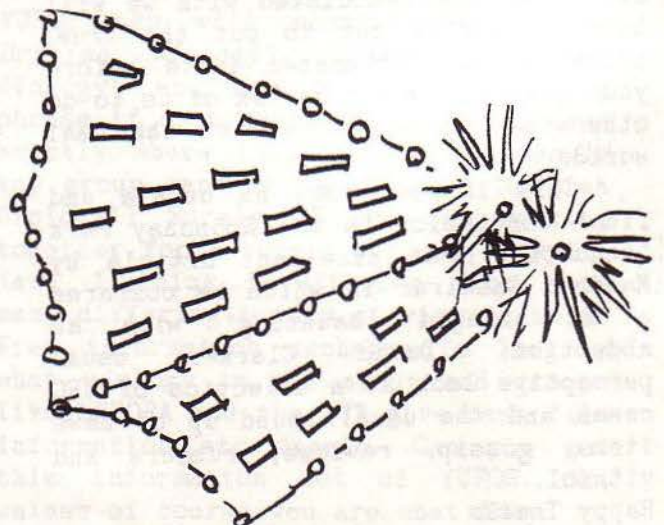
serious Ufology would have been achieved.

STAFFORDSHIRE SIGHTINGS

Many of the recent 'UFO' sightings in the Staffordshire and Northamptonshire areas have been identical in their descriptive detail to those reported from South Yorkshire during the first six months of 1988. In May this year the 'Staffordshire Newsletter' carried several lengthy articles featuring the stories of local people who had seen strange lighted triangular objects in the night sky. All of the witnesses emphasize that these objects are 'completely silent' and perform manoeuvres impossible for conventional aircraft.

A group of five witnesses in Stafford gave a description similar in some respects to the experience of Mrs Sage of Wombwell, South Yorkshire, reported in the Jul/Aug edition of UFO BRIGANTIA:

"We were standing in the garden," said Mrs Eileen Ballard, "when two spotlights came through the sky towards us so that we couldn't see anything else..they banked over and



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went into side by side formation, one above the other, and flew slowly across the sky without any noise at all..they flew very close together and were triangular in shape, too high for microlite aircraft and too low for normal aircraft. There were a lot of lights underneath, red and green round the edge, and within that lots of others."

She added perceptively that "I was in the RAF myself for four years and if these were planes then they must have developed something pretty fantastic that defies all the laws of flying." Quite!

From what is known about Stealth their reason d'etre is long-range incursions into enemy territory, flying low and fast beneath radar, and changing shape so that the wings could merge into the fuselage forming and elongated delta-shape. the engines are likely to be positioned deep inside the airframe to reduce noise and heat emission, hence explaining the curious lack of noise noted by observers in some instances.

One observer who noted the peculiar noise emitted by one of these triangular objects is Mrs E Hopton (pseudonym), a microbiologist currently studying for a degree in Biomedical Technology at Sheffield University, who submitted a detailed UFO sighting report to me on the 18th February. Her account notes how " the accompanying noise was very loud - a cross between a jet engine and a spitfire engine. A strange fact was that the noise - very loud, was confined to the immediate vicinity of the object, and only became audible when the object was overhead and could not be heard as soon as the object disappeared, unlike aircraft which you can often hear long after they have disappeared - or long before they appear."

One eye-witness who has been very close to one of these fabulous flying objects is Mrs Margaret Gamble (pseudonym) of Wombwell, near Barnsley. She told me how:

"I was walking down the road where I live, which is a cul-de-sac at 7.20 pm on February 10th. I was the only person around. The sky was very black, and the stars were very bright. The

lights on the road are not very bright and I was nearly at my gate when I heard a loud droning noise. I thought at first it was a very large plane flying very low...it got louder and louder and I thought for a few seconds that a big plane shouldn't be flying so low as it will crash into the houses. When I looked up in the sky to see which direction it was coming from I realised it was coming from inside the cul-de-sac, just above the rooftops. I could not see what the shape was, it looked like a big black mass, especially with the sky being very black as well, but all the lights underneath it were very bright red and silver - I don't know how many there were, but there was a lot. I knew at once it definitely wasn't a plane - I knew it was something very unusual.

"Although I didn't feel at all frightened, but I must admit the hairs stood up on the back of my neck. I thought for a few moments if anything happens to me there's no one about to see where I've gone (I smile about it now, but at the time it didn't seem at all funny). I thought if I watch it disappear over the main road, with all the road lights a bit brighter, I might see the shape of it. But it started to climb very steadily, and I could only see the lights..."

Mike Daly, the assistant editor of Jane's Weekly, the specialist defence magazine, told the press recently that "it's all a big secret, but the United States is rumoured to have 40 Stealth F-19 fighters and there are reports that the Americans have flown them to East Anglia from California in the back of a Galaxy, reassembled them there and test flown them.[but for them] to fly all lit up over a populated area would seem very odd, though I suppose they would need lights if their flightpath wasn't generally known. Even so, I'd think it would make more sense to fly them over the North Sea."

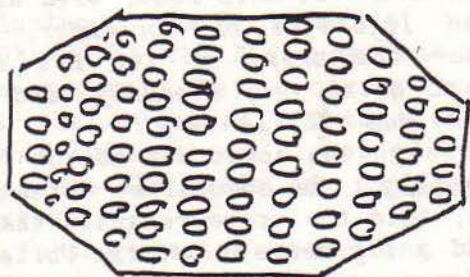
If the F-19 is responsible for the plethora of recent sightings, as appears likely, then how long will it be before one collides with a civilian aircraft or demolishes a row of houses? If these aircraft are exercising over built-up areas at such low-level as witnesses indicate, then

the public should be told before a disaster occurs.

REMOTELY PILOTED DRONES?

Some recent reports, such as the weird incident from Staincross, Barnsley, recounted in the last issue of BRIGANTIA, appear to indicate that other shorter-range Remotely Piloted Vehicles (RPV's) are also adding to the confusion and being reported as genuine UFO's. Some particularly interesting examples follow.

At 6.25 am on the morning of February 19th this year, glass-worker D. L. Smith (pseudonym) of Swinton, near Mexborough, South Yorkshire, was returning home from night shift and had just got off the bus when he saw "a bright light in the distance [in the direction of Mexborough]. At first I thought it was a star but as I walked home I noticed it was moving. I then decided it must be an aeroplane but it was much brighter than anything I had seen before. At the end of my road I stood and watched it as it came nearer and brighter. I stood for



UFO observed by
Mr. Smith, Swinton,
South Yorkshire, 19.2.88.

maybe five or six minutes and watched as it came down over the road maybe 50 feet above the houses and went over my head and away into Swinton in the direction of Rawmarsh. The object was not an aeroplane that I know (it had no wings), there was no noise except for a very low whirr as it went directly over my head [he compared the noise to that made by an electric motor]. The lights were in banks, row

after row like a flying floodlight, but I could not see anything resembling a cockpit of any kind - I read a lot of sci-fi and a 'drone' sprang to mind."

Mr Smith adds that " I could have thrown a stone at it - it was that low", and compares the size of the object with a minibus such as the SYT 'Townlink'. It appeared to be composed of a mass of brilliant white lights in a rough semi-diamond formation, with one flashing red light underneath. A woman standing at a bus stop on the street near him at the time appeared to see the object but deliberately looked away from it. It was a bright, clear dry and still morning, and the lack of engine noise convinced him that the object was not a conventional kind of aircraft or helicopter. An identical object was spotted independently several minutes before Mr Smith by Mr & Mrs Helliwell, of Grenoside, Sheffield, who reported it to the newsdesk of the Sheffield Star at 7.30 am that morning.

It could be that whoever is using this strange flying object is now flying very early in the morning so as to avoid detection. Several reports have reached me from shift workers such as Mr Smith who have observed strange low-flying objects whilst returning home in the "wee small hours".

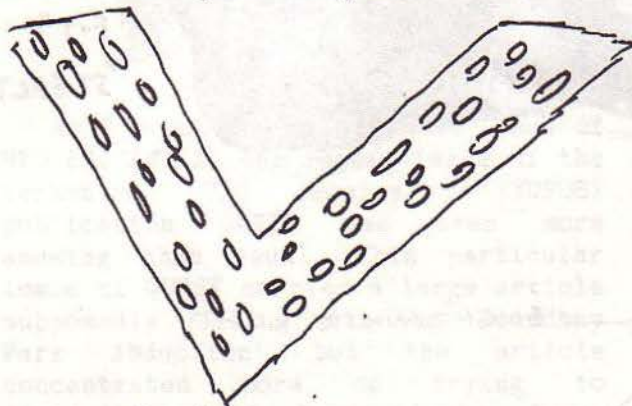
"PHANTOM" AIRCRAFT AND HELICOPTERS?

Another strange experience describing a familiar "V" shaped flying object was reported to me by student Sharon Lindsay, and occurred in late September/early October of 1987. Her account reads:

" I was walking northwards along Holgate Crescent between 8 and 8.30 pm when I noticed bright red lights as soon as I turned onto the street (which runs across a narrow valley of waste ground) near Holgate Crescent at Parson Cross (a large housing estate to the north of Sheffield). The object had lights on the side and as it passed me from east to west, I could see it had lights on the rear too. The lights were very bright and red. Most were flashing, though at different rates, some appeared static. The

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lights were in a definite "V" shape with the point going straight down. I couldn't make out if the object was a different shape from the light pattern. It was flying very slowly - I would say at no more than 30mph, and at only approximately twice the height of the rooftops on Holgate Road."



UFO observed by Ms. Lindsay,

Ms Lindsay adds that "as other people in the vicinity seemed unperturbed, I tried to convince myself that the "V" was a new kind of RAF jet, despite its un-planelike behaviour. In fact, when I called at my parents house later that evening, I told them I'd seen 'a really weird plane'. I didn't mention it to anyone else and had almost forgotten about the incident when I read about the other sightings in the 'Star'. Is it possible that the "V" was something tied under a helicopter as a hoax? This is the only type of plane that I know that can fly so low and slow, can hover, and makes a whirring noise. This thing seemed solid and stable, however - not swaying in the breeze at all".

Did Ms Lindsay see some kind of helicopter as she suggests? It seems unlikely that a helicopter would operate at such a low level as this at night over a densely populated housing estate so near to Sheffield city centre. The witness was most puzzled that no one else in the vicinity appeared to notice the object or give it any attention - "the object was unnoticeable from the street as it was flying low in the valley over a field, and no one took any notice". The sound made by the object (like a noisy jet plane) certainly suggests that what

was seen was some kind of conventional aircraft, but why was such a craft flying so blatant and illegally over a Sheffield housing estate, and why did no-one else notice it or report it to anyone?

Besides phantom airplanes, we have also had a recent report describing what appears to be a "phantom helicopter"!! The national press and radio [why is it these things never make it onto the TV screen?] reported on May 19/20, 1988, how Mrs Moira Taylor, of Balvicar, near Oban in Scotland, had been travelling towards Edinburgh when she "heard this horrendous noise which got louder and louder, at first I thought my engine was going to blow up. Then the car was jostled violently and I saw the landing skids of a huge gray helicopter right in front of my windscreen...then it took off sideways and made for the hills."

Afterwards Mrs Taylor found "dents and scratches" on her car which sounds very similar to the marks left upon the roof of the car involved in the famous Mundrabilla, Australian UFO encounter reported in January 1988. A spokesman for Edinburgh police was reported to have said that "we have inspected the car and have no doubts about Mrs Taylor's story - we are determined to trace the pilot. This was extremely irresponsible." As usual, nothing more was heard about this incident or whether the pilot had been traced and prosecuted.

Did Mrs Taylor really see a helicopter? And if so, there certainly appears to be a worrying number of irresponsible pilots around, judging by recent events!

Thus despite all the denials of Air Force Generals and the tempered scepticism of specialist scientists, flying saucers and their superior occupants, whether sacred or profane, exist, have existed and probably always will exist. As someone else said in a slightly different context - 'If UFOs did not exist, it would have been necessary to invent them.' from: 'Cults of Unreason', C. Evans.

'Fried' by Stealth

WORKERS at the Lockheed plant building the top secret F-19 Stealth fighter plane are seeking compensation for a rash of illnesses caused, they allege, by chemicals critical to the plane's development. Lockheed denies the charges.

At least 160 workers at the company's Burbank plant in California have complained of nausea, dizziness, memory lapses and cancer.

The F-19, designed to be invisible to radar, is classified, and the cloak of secrecy has complicated the lawsuits. Lockheed will not even confirm it is building the F-19 at Burbank.

Employees say they cannot fully discuss with their doctors possible causes of their sicknesses, due to the risk of dismissal and prosecution. Federal safety officials have had trouble inspecting the plant.

The lawsuits, filed more than two years ago, only came to light last month after reports in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

Lockheed ordered a security clampdown: "With the unlimited and often-abused freedom which the media enjoys today, it is imperative that we reinforce our standing 'no comment' policy regarding the release of information concerning our programme," a company memo told workers.

The company does however admit that never in the plant's 50-year history have there been so many health complaints. One union official at the plant said: "We are guinea pigs, and that's a fact of life here."

Experts suspect the cause to be glass-fibre and carbon-fibre composites (which, as they are not electrical conductors, do not reflect radar waves — hence the "stealth"). Such materials are used by other aerospace manufacturers to reduce weight, and have led to similar complaints.

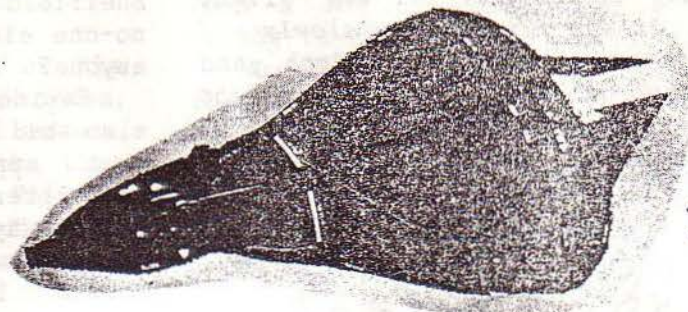
Officials are investigating Boeing's Auburn plant in the state of Washington, where there is no such secrecy and the illnesses can be dealt with openly.

The cause is thought to be phenolic resin, containing the suspected carcinogen formaldehyde.

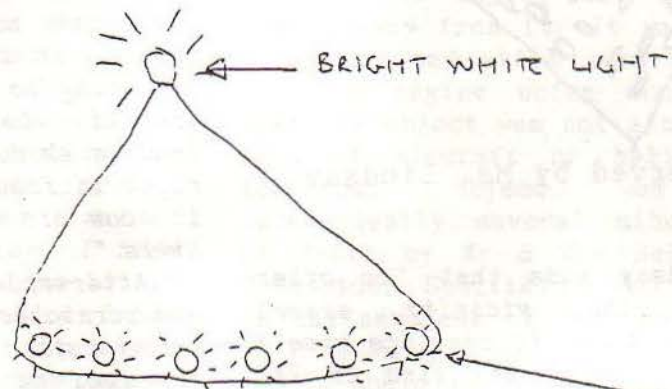
"I'm seeing four people right now whose brains are literally fried," said Dr Gordon Baker, who has examined more than 80 Boeing workers.

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STEALTH - UFOLOGISTS EXPLANATION OR EVASION?



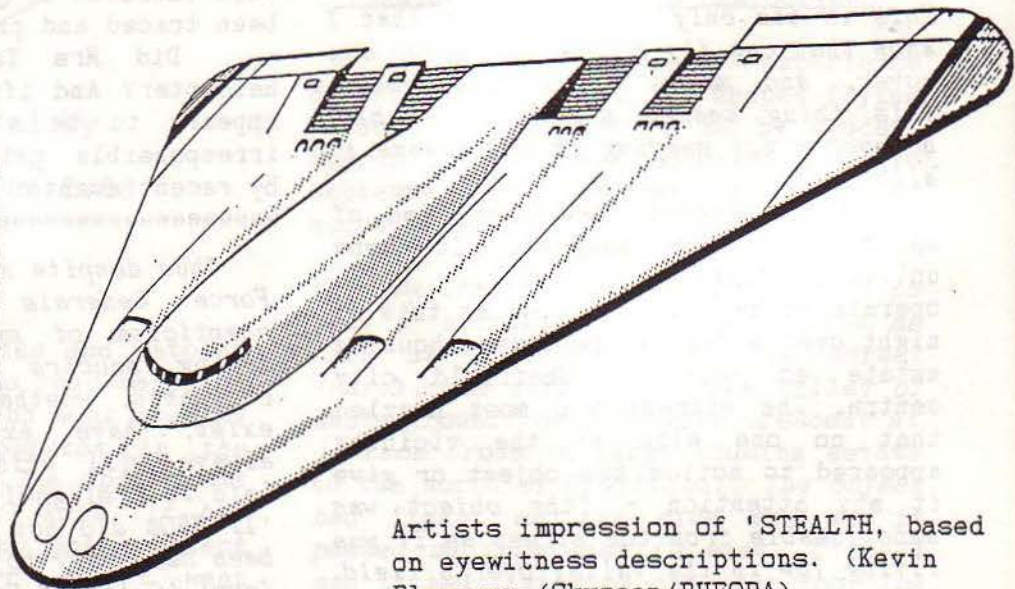
F-19
'STEALTH'



BRIGHT WHITE LIGHT

GREEN, RED AND
WHITE LIGHTS

Witness drawing of the 'Silent Vulcan'
seen in the midlands a few years ago



Artists impression of 'STEALTH', based on eyewitness descriptions. (Kevin Flannery (Skyscan/BUFORA))

ROUNDHAY UNRAVELLING A MYSTERY

INTRODUCTION.

As I predicted in the last issue of UFO BRIGANTIA, the recent issue of the Yorkshire UFO Society's (YUFOS) publication QUEST was even more amusing than usual. This particular issue of QUEST carried a large article supposedly dealing with the 'Roundhay Park Abduction' but the article concentrated more on trying to discredit myself, David Clarke, Jenny Randles and the British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) where we serve as Council members. It would take up far too much space to detail all the gibberish published in QUEST but I will attempt to deal with the main points and supply the readers of UFO BRIGANTIA with the truth.

YUFOS AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

A number of people have asked me why I (and many others) resigned from the executive committee of YUFOS after being with them for almost six years. If someone has several hours to spare then I will gladly tell them.

For quite some time it was apparent that while I was a member of YUFOS they had one main aim in life. This aim was not to help solve the UFO riddle but to continuously attack self respecting UFO researchers from other groups, primarily Jenny Randles and BUFORA, but others got their share as well. It took me quite a while to realise this but it was eventually driven home to me when Graham Birdsall, President of YUFOS, acted in a disgraceful manner at the home of Andy Roberts last year. His actions almost brought legal action from Andy but it did result in myself and several other members of YUFOS resigning. If anyone would like more detail on the actions of Graham

Birdsall as mentioned above I would be happy to supply them.

It would seem that YUFOS did not learn their lesson and in the latest issue of QUEST their attack was mainly aimed at myself and BUFORA, but others such as Jenny and David also come in for some stick as well. Their attack on me and BUFORA stems around our investigation of the Roundhay Park case. I feel sorry for the readers of QUEST at both home and abroad and perhaps they will question their allegiance to YUFOS once they read the facts. What follows is a brief description of what YUFOS tell their readers and also outlines the main points of the attack on myself and BUFORA. Regular readers of UFO BRIGANTIA will be up to date with this case but new readers should see the July/August issue.

YUFOS ON THE ATTACK

On July 8 two men were interviewed on Radio Aire. An ex-special constable claimed he had been walking in Roundhay Park some days earlier when he observed a purple glow, this glow engulfed him, he felt dizzy and blacked out. He came round some time later and found himself in a room and was strapped to a 'bed'. Around this bed were 'furry' female beings which were prodding him. He blacked out again and the next thing he knew it was 6.30 pm the following morning and he was back in the park. He was allegedly found by the second man who was jogging in the park and who also observed the purple glow. It was after this radio news item that YUFOS sprang into action.

Having gained information on the case YUFOS began their seek and destroy type mission (I cannot really call it an investigation). Immediately

suspecting a hoax YUFOS set about obtaining background information on the two witnesses in order to "smash" the rumours currently being generated by BUFORA/IUN members. What rumours you might ask, which BUFORA/IUN members? It would seem that YUFOS mean myself, David Clarke and Andy Roberts, who they claim immediately telephoned the Yorkshire Evening Post (YEP) in order to 'grab' the case first.

So Mark Birdsall and his happy band from YUFOS set out to expose 'Britains most notorious hoax'. By sheer luck or perhaps by divine intervention this case had happened on 'their patch'. Otherwise, they informed the poor unfortunate readers of QUEST, "Had it happened anywhere else in the country it may have become a classic". With their usual modesty YUFOS reported that sources (unnamed as usual) allegedly praised YUFOS for conducting the worlds greatest ever field investigation. During the weekend of July 9/10 YUFOS worked around the clock. This uncovered information suggesting that the two witnesses involved were of 'dodgy' backgrounds and had been involved in publicity stunts before. They also alleged that the ex special constable has become an ex not of his own free will. All of this is crucial negative evidence.

While all this was going on the tyrants of BUFORA/IUN were desperate to secure the witnesses before YUFOS and were going around informing everyone that the case was genuine. The YEP carried a story on the case mentioning BUFORA and quoting, YUFOS say, Philip Mantle. YUFOS believe that this was some kind of "blood lust" for media attention and was also an attempt to convince the press that the case was genuine.

YUFOS finally spoke to one of the witnesses on Sunday 10 July. Instead of simply asking for an interview they parked outside the witnesses home with several cars and used hazard warning lights to flash messages to each other. They trailed the witness and finally appeared unannounced at his door in order to 'surprise' him. After a brief interview they then set off to try and find the other witness, who was thought to be playing tennis. Did they ask for an interview with this person, no, they did not. The

tennis courts near his home until the neighbours became suspicious at which point Mark Birdsall and his merry band took their leave.

YUFOS now believed that they had enough proof to label the case a hoax (the witness had contradicted himself and was allegedly interested in selling his story blah, blah, blah). But us poor misguided people at BUFORA/IUN were still wandering around claiming the case to be genuine. YUFOS had "first hand quality data" about everything we did (via either telepathy or some kind of spy network). This included an "amazing" decision by BUFORA/IUN to visit the site without even talking to the witnesses. Not only that, but once on the site silly old BUFORA/IUN "dug up the park". In addition I had supposedly set up an appointment with a "Dr Hopkins" to examine the witnesses. Determined to stop the hysteria being generated by BUFORA/IUN their "sources" leaked this covert meeting with the witnesses and Dr Hopkins. So YUFOS "monitored the area" (spied on us). They knew the witnesses had "fled" thanks to their actions, so could have a good laugh while the BUFORA/IUN investigators waited for nothing.

This was the final straw according to YUFOS. A disgusting campaign was afoot involving more (unnamed again) BUFORA members telephoning YUFOS 'in disguise' and pretending to be journalists. I allegedly phoned YUFOS at least three times according to QUEST and pretended to be someone else. David Clarke is also alleged to have donned his Mike Yarwood head and yet again impersonated a journalist. YUFOS even state that Jenny Randles had telephoned the YEP and instructed them not to have anything to do with YUFOS and was claiming the case to be genuine. Jenny is also alleged to have instructed the YEP to ignore the YUFOS claims of a hoax and not to publish it the paper. The YEP never ran the YUFOS hoax story. Therefore the best field investigation ever was hushed up by Jenny Randles and he svengali type control over the YEP. BUFORA/IUN, they contend, had sought to pervert the truth about a clear hoax.

WHAT REALLY HAPPENED

That just about sums up the article in QUEST but if anyone would like to read it in full I will be only too pleased to supply a copy. Strong stuff you will agree but it is really a very mild account of the 'secret service' type of investigation conducted by YUFOS and of their extremist attacks on BUFORA/IUN. If you want to know what really happened (and can be backed up with documentary evidence, unlike the vacuous YUFOS slurs) then read on.

On the 6 July, five days after the 'sighting', the two witnesses contacted Hugh Pincott of ASSAP stating they wanted anonymity but would appreciate an investigation. The details from ASSAP were passed onto Arnold West, BUFORA Chairman, and then onto Jenny Randles, BUFORA Director of Investigations. Jenny then telephoned me on July 7 supplying me with the details of the case plus the witnesses names etc. I had the names, addresses and telephone numbers of both the witnesses right at the very start of our investigation. In my very first conversation with Jenny on the phone we were very suspicious about the case but we said nothing until an investigation was underway. At no point, either in print or vocally to the newspaper did I or anyone else state that the case was genuine. No one set out to get the case before YUFOS as we already had it several days before YUFOS in the first place. The only way to correctly evaluate the case was to interview BOTH the witnesses. This we did on Sunday 10 July. Myself and David Clarke interviewed both witnesses (messrs Cotran and Cohen). To date, YUFOS have to the best of my knowledge, only spoken to Mr Cohen (the alleged abductee). As is practice at BUFORA/IUN I contacted the witnesses in advance and requested an interview which was granted. We did not sit around outside flashing car lights nor did we loiter round tennis courts.

In the meantime some very discrete enquiries were being made and a number of suspects facts were emerging suggesting to us that the case was not all that it would seem. On transcribing our interview with

witnesses and comparing it with a transcription of their interview with Radio Aire, a few more discrepancies crept in, all of which was serving to confirm our suspicions. The only publicity we requested was for other witnesses to come forward which is standard procedure. Both the YEP and Radio Aire had had anonymous callers who had allegedly witnessed the events in Roundhay Park. Naturally we would have liked to have spoken to these people but we have never managed to do so. It was the witnesses themselves who went to the media with their story. The YEP was not fed the story by me or anyone else from BUFORA/IUN. Arnold West and Hugh Pincott were both questioned by the YEP about the case and it would seem that the quotes in the YEP articles, (YUFOS state were made by me) were in fact a combination of both Arnold's and Hugh's brief comments. Having said that the quotes in the YEP article are nothing to be ashamed of and are very well balanced, this is something which I would expect from two such eminent figures as Arnold and Hugh. There was no hype by BUFORA/IUN in this article nor was there any backing by us for the claims being made by the witnesses. This is what YUFOS call "blood lust" publicity that destroyed the truth and created the myth that the case was genuine. This YEP article was reproduced in the last UFO BRIGANTIA but copies are available upon request.

David Clarke and myself interviewed both witnesses and afterwards were led to the site by one of the witnesses. How on earth could we find the exact spot (Roundhay Park is enormous) without the aid of at least one of the witnesses? We also took two small soil samples as a precautionary measure. We did not 'dig up the park' as stated by YUFOS nor did we make any of the ridiculous quotes associated to us by YUFOS. I would also like to know who 'Dr Hopkins' is. The planned meeting where YUFOS 'monitored the area' was attended by myself and Andy Roberts and no Dr Hopkins or Dr anyone for that matter. If anyone reading this knows who Dr Hopkins is please let me know. One of the most ridiculous things attributed to us by YUFOS is our impersonating journalists. Now David Clarke does a fair impression.

when he's downed a few pints of Guinness and my impression of Robert Redford is well known, but impersonating journalists from heavens knows where is not in our repertoire. YUFOS, Graham Birdsall especially, has a saying he is rather fond of in such matters, a saying which I would like to echo and that is to YUFOS, EITHER PUT UP OR SHUT UP.



YUFOS Realise They're Wrong - Again

UFOLOGICAL EQUIVALENT
TO THE SUNDAY SPORT.

BUFORA/IUN went about the investigation of this case in a quiet and calculated way. Diplomacy was needed with such a case and not 'secret service' style tactics as initiated by YUFOS. There was no lust for publicity, nor did anyone seek to silence the press when dealing with YUFOS. I have documented proof from both ASSAP and the YEP to back up my claims (copies available) where is YUFOS's proof of the numerous allegations made against us - only in their minds I fear.

The BUFORA/IUN investigation into this case has been continuing since my last article with a further interview with Mr Cohen. Because of the muddle made by YUFOS and because of the various discrepancies uncovered by our own investigation of the case we now label the case as closed, classification PROBABLE HOAX. I have also respectfully requested the right to reply to the gibberish published in QUEST but I doubt very much if it will be granted. All the accusations made by YUFOS are totally without foundation or evidence and I would ask

you to decide for yourselves who handled the case correctly.

You might like to wonder what motive have for making such wild accusations. It is very disturbing that many honest and intelligent people have yet to see YUFOS for what they really are. Tim Good, for example, is one of their main supporters but I can't for the life of me think why. On showing a colleague a recent copy of QUEST for the very first time he really did sum things up. My colleague had a good chuckle at QUEST and was of the opinion that QUEST was the ufological equivalent to the Sunday Sport. How right he is.


Readers wishing copies of items mentioned are requested to enclose a large SAE and address it to P.Mantle.

REVIEW

PARAPSYCHOLOGY AND THE UFO: By Manfred Cassirer. A5, 62 Pages. £3:75 from the author at 38, Christchurch Avenue, London NW6 7BE.


In a series of essays Manfred a, BUFORA and SPR Council member, examines the way in which aspects of what we call 'ufology' have their counterpart in parapsychology. Essentially UFO reports are paranormal and whilst it was popular to compare the two subjects a decade or so ago it has since fallen out of fashion.

Hopefully Manfred's book will change all this and even a cursory reading should open the most stubborn 'nuts and bolts' enthusiasts eyes. Of course it does beg several questions such as 'what exactly is parapsychology' - but the same could be said of 'what exactly is ufology', so read on. The sections dealing with the possible links between UFO and parapsychological experiences and altered states of consciousness and epilepsy are particularly interesting, as are the comparisons between ghostly apparitions and UFO entities. My one main criticism is it's too short Manfred - write some more. Recommended.



INCIDENT AT WOOTON: HAUNT OR ABDUCTION?

MANFRED CASSIRER



Manfred is a BUFORA Council member and also a member of the SPR. His new book (recommended by UFO BRIGANTIA) 'Parapsychology And The UFO', is reviewed elsewhere in BRIGANTIA. This is his first article for UFO BRIGANTIA.

In the summer of 1954 Mr & Mrs Allan (pseudonym) underwent a traumatic experience.

Andrew MacKenzie, retells it under the heading "A Slip in Time and Place?", based on previously published research of SPR Council member Mary Rose Barrington, who lectured on it at the society's 1984 International Conference at Oxford.

In a state of exhaustion from work the Allans decided to take a day off for a relaxing ramble among the Surrey hills. They were also unusually depressed, almost as if in anticipation of things to come. Even in these circumstances it is strange that they missed the bus stop in what to them was familiar terrain. Was it mere accident that they went on to the next stop, Wooton Hatch, where they were drawn to the local church with its historic tombs and inscriptions?

When they finally settled down for a sandwich lunch (for which Mrs Allan had little appetite) they were surprised that it was already noon since they had started off so very early.

An aura of unreality began to pervade the scene, and made Mrs Allan shiver and fear. Men in black, with sinister features appeared to her, strangely seen through the back of her head. Paralysis as well as a sensation of intense cold gripped her. Soon both fell asleep on the grass, having made their escape to other and hopefully 'safer' parts.

This was followed by an apparent time-lapse, so that all they could remember was having gone home by train to Dorking.

Although he had proved impervious to the apparition, Mr Allan was no less affected by the prevailing mood of "fatigue and amnesia". As for his

wife, it took her an abnormally long time to overcome her horror of the episode in question. Two years later she managed to pluck up enough courage to check up on the landscape, which seemed to have changed meanwhile to such an extent as to be totally irreconcilable with her memory. A local resident failed to suggest an alternative location and subsequent exploration with her husband was no more successful in the attempted reconstruction of their itinerary. Neither did the woodman of the estate agree that their description fitted any place familiar to him. What however was most puzzling of all was the fact that there had never been a wooden seat although they clearly remembered having sat on it.

The reason why this extraordinary tale came to light only 30 years after the event was that when the Allans tried to draw the SPR's attention to it confusion reigned supreme at HQ as the society was in the throes of moving to new premises.

When Miss Barrington eventually heard of it quite by accident she decided to investigate in her turn. But she and Mr Stiles of the SPR were equally at loss for a topographical solution of the problem.

Mr MacKenzie now suggests that the location may have been wrong, in apparent defiance of the fact that it is indisputably identified by the tombs of the Evelyn family, the object of the Allan's special interest which they had been studying with more than cursory attention. He apparently would like to interpret this case as a kind of "British Versailles" - which in some ways it indeed resembles: as in An Adventure, there is an almost magic transformation of the scenery marked by an unnatural stillness as

if the percipients were suddenly propelled into an altered state of consciousness that was trance-like in its effect, in which one at least became susceptible to the phantasmagorical influence of spectral perception. (At the Petit Trianon both ladies saw figures.)

MacKenzie and Barrington share the belief that this was a true haunting, and the latter has attempted to identify the spectres with historical characters of the 17th century.

Now hauntings as I understand them are replays of a kind of past happenings of a historical or even trivial nature that "infest" certain sites, usually inside buildings. In the present case the proof is admittedly as yet missing, but MacKenzie surmises that "we have not heard the end of Wooton Church and its surroundings. Perhaps others have had strange experiences there." (p. 255). Time only will tell: Speculation apart, none of the residents and people familiar with the ground have come forward with tales of the unknown. An alternative scenario is one of potential or actual "Abduction". At the time of its alleged occurrence (1954) it would not have occurred to anyone to link it with UFO sightings: Betty and Barney Hill did not have their encounter till a few years later (1961). In view of the original interpretation in terms of the paranormal no hypnotic regression has yet been attempted or even suggested. However that may be, Jenny Randles's by now familiar "Oz Factor", according to which the victim enters into a psychological state of near-enchantment where normal auditory and visual perception is blocked out, seems applicable.

It is, however, the Missing Time syndrome which most strongly militates in favour of the hypothesis of UFO-relatedness. Virtually unknown in the psychic sphere, it is the very hallmark of the classic Abduction. The previous investigators, while aware of this parameter, have failed to appreciate its significance.

To put the matter into proper perspective we shall first state our case in more detail and then reconsider the alternative.

---- The presence of three ghostly entities. It is untypical to be confronted by a plurality of spectres at the same time. Ufonauts on the other hand are hardly ever solitary. The "*black clerical garb*" (p.248) recalls the Men in Black of the period, but the coincidence cannot be considered significant because of the uncharacteristic attending circumstances.

---- The Oz Factor. This is consistent to a high degree with a UFO-type experience. For this reason the follow-up investigations on which so much time and effort were spent may be dismissed as irrelevant since there was no problem with regard to the location (Wooton Church with the Evelyn tombs). If anything, it highlights the danger of being led onto a false trail by mistaken presuppositions, i.e., in the present instance, the tacit (but unwarranted) assumption that the place "*must*" have been haunted. The site, being firmly established by objective criteria, had obviously remained unchanged over the years. The "*materialized bench*", as Inglis calls it, was of the same kind as the operating tables inside UFO's, and therefore hallucinatory: a transient piece of equipment of limited use!

---- Missing Time. the time-lapse and the resulting general disorientation of the couple all point in the same direction. They are much insisted on in the report. When, for instance, the Allans sat down on the (spectral) seat they failed to understand why it wasn't much earlier in the day. There is uncertainty about the length of their sleep - if, indeed, it was not something more sinister and portentous. To lean on Browning, they knew not too well how they got home that night, - apart from the bus ride. This strange and mysterious envelopment, this state of confusion and inability to recall, is surprising on the original assumption.

---- The blocking out of ordinary noise: "*Suddenly a silence descended and the birdsong stopped.*" (p248). This is much more common in UFO cases, where it is often said that there ceased to be any sign of traffic on a road.

Features compatible with the haunt-hypothesis include the following.

---- The apparitional nature of the figures seen by Mrs Allan. This was unusually through the back of her head, for which there is a parallel in Tyrell's. The lady had the impression that they belonged to the past. The thermal effect is also well known, and has been compared to standing in front of an open fridge. UFO entities tend to be bizarre and of unusual size, visible to anyone within sight, and well-defined.

---- The OZ Factor may also be part of a haunting syndrome, but only exceptionally so, and some supposed changes in scenery (e.g. a missing restaurant) have natural explanations. On the other hand, there is every reason to assume that percipients of apparitions are in an altered state.

It is the time-lapse that alerted me to a consideration of the possibility that this alleged haunt may be something rather different. UFO Abductions, whatever they may signify, are commonly extremely traumatic, whereas the occasional glimpse into another dimension is easily coped with by most people. Mild interest, or even slight amusement are frequent reactions to an experience which can be laughed off without too much difficulty, though this is not invariably the case.

Mrs. Allan suffered in silence in a largely uncomprehending world, and even the experts inadvertently disappointed her for a long time for reasons beyond anyone's control. Outside the narrow ranks of the afficionados of the sport of ghost-hunting the present climate of opinion can be less than helpful or supportive of those who come out into the open with weird tales, which are likely to be met with scepticism, if not outright derision. Mrs. Allan wisely chose to hide behind a pseudonym. Like Dante, she had lived through an experience "*which even in recall*" renewed her fear: "*so bitter - death is hardly more severe!*"¹⁰

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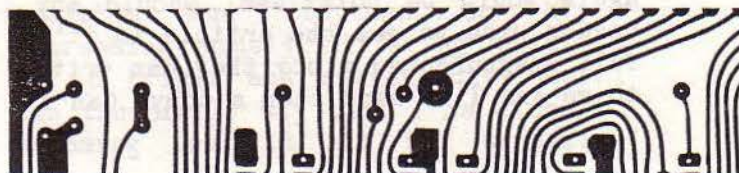
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articles in the "Skeptical Inquirer", Winter 1987-88 and Spring 1988. None is written by Klass, or indeed by any ufologist. But they at least paint a far better down-to-earth picture than anything written so far.

John Rimmer's "Evidence for Alien Abductions" (1984) is also worth reading.

Sincerely

Christopher D. Allan (Alsager).

Regina Cullen

To the Editor,

In response to the C.D. Allan letter I have received from you. I would like to say, having read an article entitled 'The UFO Conspiracy Myth' by C.D. Allan, I do not find him of sufficient intelligence to take seriously, but since he insults me I think I will make the following points.

1) Teleportation does not require 'belief', it is a documented fact.

2) The quote I referred to was given in paraphrase form, as would be perfectly obvious to anyone who reads it in context as I said the gist of the quote etc... (and how anyone could fail to understand its relevance to the text is beyond me.)

3) So what if books make money? Nothing wrong with that especially when they (some of them) tell the truth. The fact that Hopkins makes money shows that the general public is better at recognising and supporting honesty than those who are blinded by their prejudices, or paid to debunk. Criticising Hopkins for this is a typical Klass-like slur.

4) Why does he think abductions and contactees should be 'getting' us anywhere and where does he think we should have been gotten to? Is this an aspersion cast on the ETH?

5) Not having read the Skeptical Enquirer articles I cannot comment on them except to say everyone knows what the politics of that rag is.

6) And as for John Rimmer, I can say with certainty, having attended his recent BUFORA lecture, that he is either inadequately informed about ALL the evidence, or he is of the ilk who prefer to ignore or deny those portions of it he finds inconvenient.

Sincerely Yours

R. Cullen (London)

Editors note: Correspondence on the Regina Cullen Klass review is now closed. C'mon you people find someone else to bitch about!

Also see short piece at the end of the letters column for info on the 'teleportation' case alluded to in Jenny Randle's book Abduction and note in Regina's article.

Andy Walmsley

Dear Andy,

I read with interest the continuing controversy surrounding the MJ-12 documents.

If the documents were indeed 'fed' to the UFO community as part of a disinformation programme as some are claiming then the perpetrator(s) of such a programme must now be grinning broadly or even laughing out loud at the disarray and disagreement which they have brought about within the field. Sadly it looks as if any disinformation programme is to be a complete success judging by the accusations and counter-accusations which pervaded the pages of the May/June issue of UFO BRIGANTIA.

Agreeably, the situation is a difficult one. We have no proof that the MJ-12 documents are authentic and we therefore, have no proof that they are not authentic. In such a situation people may state and believe entirely what they wish. Inevitable these beliefs must ultimately come into conflict and before too long we can see that this conflict spreads away from the documents themselves and their claims but we can see this resulting in the original issue being lost in obscurity, claim and counter-claim, with the settling of personal vendettas taking its place. (Editors note: Sir Mortimer Wheeler once said of archaeology 'archaeology is a vendetta', it seems that substituting 'ufology' would be apt in this and many other cases- if it is not in fact a maxim true of the whole subject).

I have now read quite a few articles and chapters on MJ-12 expressing widely differing opinions as to origin and authenticity and I can truthfully say that I am close to becoming lost in all the wrangling

can see the real issues, are now becoming clouded and are in danger of being forgotten altogether if something is not done. The MJ-12 documents EXIST, there is no denying that. Their content is intriguing and they are important to ufology as a whole. Should they be authentic then the consequences of such would affect everyone in the field, regardless of viewpoint or orientation. It is imperative that the bickering ends now, that we all concentrate on the hard facts we have available to us and that we forget our points of view until the documents have been investigated as thoroughly as circumstances will allow. Granted already have been investigated but not every one of us can have followed every possible line of investigation to its logical conclusion. Only when we can be as sure as possible that this has occurred may we then form educated and well-informed opinions.
Andy Walmsley (Halifax).

C. D. ALLAN

Dear Andy,

After reading John Lear's epistle, I wonder if people who put out such trash ever stop to think what is going to become of ufology.

For decades now, MUFON and other bodies have been striving to make UFO's and Ufology a respectable science. They harp on and on about the indifferent attitude of mainstream science to UFO's. Yet MUFON have just appointed this John Lear as a State Director for Nevada. (One fact Lear omitted is that his father was a keen ETH supporter and a special advisor to NICAP when it flourished in the late 1950's & early 1960's).

As you say, the USA has gone "over the top", and such people as Lear seem determined that it shall stay "over the top". As to whether this sort of garbage will further the case for Ufology ever being accepted as a respectable science, redares can draw their own conclusions.

Lear says the EBE's have some genetic disorder. The genetic disorder is not with the EBE's, but with certain individuals of terrestrial origin, resident in the USA. I await

with interest to see who is the next individual or group to inherit this disease.

Regards
C.D Allan (Alsager)

Editors note: You didn't believe the JLS? Really Chris. Well, whilst helping the aliens doing a spot of human melting in the secret underground base beneath Brighouse, I mentioned your scepticism of the Lear document to them. Sneering an otherworldly sneer (showing teeth that displayed an alarming state of dentistry on their planet) they showed me the somewhat grubby list of abductees they were compiling (to send to the US government-natch) and whose name should be at the top?..... C.D. Allan. The sceptics are always the first to go. Must dash, the humans are boiling over.

Robert Kelly

Hiya Andy,

The JLS was quite revealing, but not altogether surprising. There has been an American book out a few years back where metal had been obtained from a UFO. After analysis it was found to be a new metal produced only for NASA. It's also interesting to note that you require electromagnetically secure premises to hold the EBE's. I wonder why. Their claims to have created the foundations for the worlds religions means that they also could possibly have been on this planet as long as thinking man. You would think that the JLS would have a reference where they come from. I would think that the EBE's would have quite a few different bases by now. The logical place would be under the sea. With all the activity down in the Bay of Matius, off Argentina over the years, and with 3000 troops guarding a few thousand sheep down in the Falklands, and an international airstrip as well it just could be.

Taking over a planet would mean that the EBE's would have to take control of the monetary system and media systems also. the JLS reads as if there is only a small number of EBE's involved so it appears they have been experimenting with regard to creating biological robots looking

like members of the human race with which they can infiltrate. It's unlikely that anything will happen publically until China has been brought into the fold. 1000 million Chinese is by far the biggest threat to anybody.

The EBE's also appear to be unable to reproduce, that could be the reason for the genetic experiments. The EBE's large eyes makes me believe that they came from underground. It's interesting that the first communication was 1964, then you note the spate of terminations that occurred after the two Kennedys were killed. Maybe Mr Lear will find out what technology the Americans were given if you hear from him again, which is unlikely (editors note, John Lear subscribes to UFO BRIGANTIA). If it's all true then he's going to conform or 'disappear'. Like a lot of other people who got too nosy.
Yours faithfully
Robert Kelly (Huddersfield)

TELEPORTATION!

Following Regina Cullen's review of the new Klass book subscriber Richard Heiden, from the USA sent me a photo copy of a page from APRO Bulletin, August 1977 which refers to the 'teleportation' case Regina refers to (and which Chrsi Allan alludes to in his letter) which is mentioned in Jenny Randles' ABDUCTION (page 137-38). The piece is reproduced in full below.

Carlos Alberto Díaz Was a Hoaxer

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Investigation by one of the authors (Roberto Enrique Banchs) for the Centro de Estudios de Fenómenos Aéreos Inusuales (CEFAI) of Buenos Aires has shown that the Argentine abduction case reported in the *APRO Bulletin* of March 1975 was a hoax, as the events could not have occurred as the witness claimed.

To briefly summarize the incident, Carlos Alberto Díaz said that after getting off work in Bahía Blanca at 3:05 a.m. on Sunday, January 5, 1975, he walked seven blocks to the bus stop at Plaza Rivadavia, where he took the bus to his home city of Ingeniero White, arriving at 3:30. Díaz was 100 meters (330 feet) from home, walking on a deserted street, when, just before 3:50, he saw a bright light, and then became paralyzed before being pulled up off the ground and then fainting. Díaz came to in an empty ovoid. After 15 minutes three

humanoids appeared, who proceeded to hold down the witness, and pull out some of his hair. Díaz again fainted, and woke up at about 3:00 p.m. near Buenos Aires (400 miles away), lying off the side of a highway. He hitchhiked to the Railway Hospital, where he arrived at 4:15. The doctors were impressed by his story when Díaz showed them the morning Bahía Blanca newspaper, which indicated that he had been there not too many hours before, and they gave him a thorough examination. (Some of these details vary from those in the *Bulletin*; several versions of the story have been published.)

Investigation revealed the following:

1. The abduction site, on Daniel de Solier Street, is always busy, even at that time, yet Díaz said he saw no one around. Also, house-to-house inquiries found that no one in the neighborhood had noticed anything unusual, nor had any watch dogs acted up.

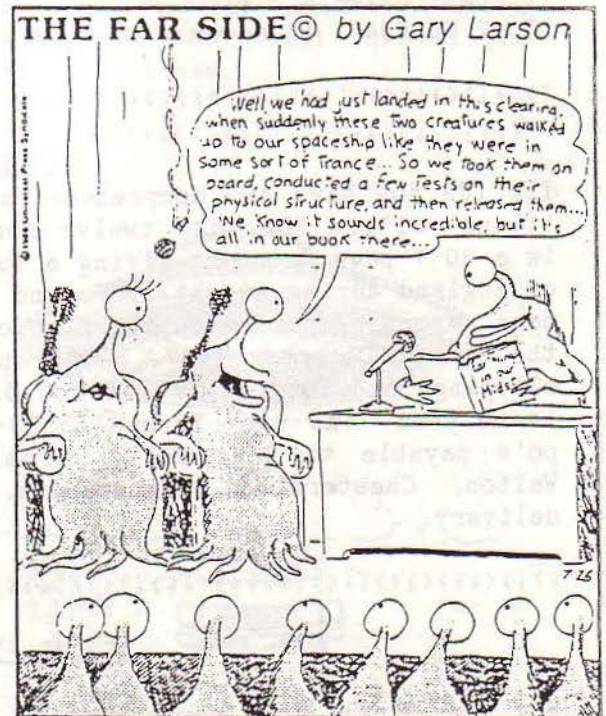
2. The bus leaves Bahía Blanca at 3:30, and takes 25 minutes to get to Ingeniero White, whereas Díaz said he arrived at Ingeniero White at 3:30, only 25 minutes after leaving work.

3. Finding the above discrepancies, it was realized that Díaz probably went directly to Buenos Aires; he could have taken the train. The train originating in Zapala passes through Bahía Blanca at 6:15 a.m. (the newspaper having come out at 2:45 a.m.), though it is often behind schedule. During the investigation, Train 142 making this run passed through Bahía Blanca at 7:07, arriving at Buenos Aires at 4:10 p.m.

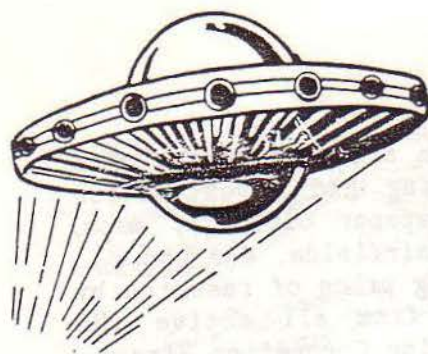
4. The records of the hospital guard show that Díaz arrived there at 5:30 p.m., not 4:15.

5. Psychological assessments of Díaz found these characteristics, among others: rich imagination, quick intelligence (but without depth), inclination to exaggerate, good memory, occasional use of poor judgment, and maladjusted personality.

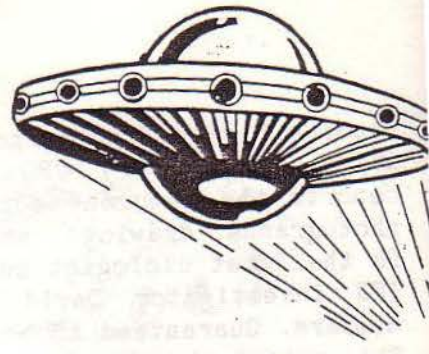
We think that under these circumstances we have enough sound arguments of the inauthenticity of the episode, and are able to consider the case a hoax, made up by the witness himself.



Alien talk shows

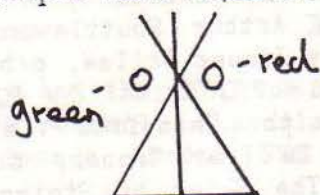


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An occasional roundup of gossip, rumours and news, sampled, stolen and obtained by occult and covert means by our SAS trained staff. Well, just stuff basically.

OK, imagine you're stood outside late at night and you see a UFO flying overhead. How do you tell the difference between a genuine alien UFO and one of those boring old military planes or even worse, 'natural phenomena'. Easy if you live in the USA! Many people have reported seeing this sign



on alien craft operating in the south west of the USA, according to the Nevada Aerial Research Newsletter (N.A.R.N. - available from Box 1015, Las Vegas, Nevada 89128). To confuse matters the same sign has also been seen on government material shipments. If you believe that the US and the ET's are working hand in hand then this just confirms what you already knew.

N.A.R.N. is an excellent source of ufological folklore and hopefully in subsequent issues we will feature more of its content. ETH'ers will love it, sceptics abhor its very existence. I think it's terrific and urge you all to subscribe. Here's some more ufological gossip from various sources.

Animal mutilations have floated in and out of ufological consciousness since a horse named 'snippy' came to an untimely (and highly questionable) demise in 1967. 'Mutology' as the study of snuffed and snipped animals became known evolved out of ufology and many of the principal characters in mutology also had/have a hand in today's fringe ufology in the 'states. Linda Moulton Howe is a case in point - she made the TV documentary of cattle mutilations 'Strange Harvest' and never looked back - now she's being

allegedly contacted by US government agents who are claiming that, amongst other things, that live aliens are being housed at Los Alamos, New Mexico. The names given now to the aliens in the US are 'EBE's' (Extraterrestrial biological) and 'Grays' (presumably after their appalling complexion). EBE's and Grays are names which have taken a grip in the 'states, but not here yet (if the name catches on in this country, would they be the EBE G.B.'s?). That aside and back to the dismemberment of defenceless animals, various sources including N.A.R.N. are claiming that over 200 exotic species of animal have been recently removed from zoo's and game reserves.

This possibility is so fascinating (hands up at the back who said 'ludicrous') that I will quote the relevant section from NARN "...There are several possibilities as to why this may be happening. One is that it is simply another sample retrieval situation which might have been pre-programmed as another in a series. Another possibility is that these animals are being removed in advance of some geological disturbance that might terminate their existence. One might presume that the various species would be put back on Earth after such a disturbance had passed. One recent abduction of 26 elephants (!) drew a lot of attention. The whole scenario took place over the course of two minutes. Evidently, the bowl-shaped craft projected an orange beam at the animals, who proceeded to float upward into the bottom of the craft, which then left the scene. This "new" activity is coming to the forefront on the tails of activities such as human abductions, recently popularized in books like "Communion" and "Intruders".

The last sentence says it all really and I rest my case- but I'm sure you'll want to double check your cat (or elephant) is safely locked in tonight. The source of much of the above info, although quoted from N.A.R.N. appears to be the 'Weekly World News', which is one of the Sunday Sport's happy hunting ground for stories.

Anyone seriously interested in the animal mutilation phenomena (and remember, the phenomenon has only been really reported from the USA), should read the excellent book by Kagan and Summers - 'Mute Evidence' - which in its 400+ pages carefully and painstakingly dissects the flimsy evidence for and the motivations behind the cattle mutilation phenomena and the people involved.

N.A.R.N. also has some more stuff on underground joint EBE-US labs, a la the John Lear Statement last issue, so get your bucket and spade out and head for; Cloride, Sunspot, Pietown, Roswell and Pueblo. N.A.R.N. also claims that "some of these bases are camouflaged as Government Experimental Sheep Stations". Bah! Underground base fever hasn't really caught on in this country yet, but it will. There were already intimations of it in the Rendlesham Forest case (multi-floors with crashed discs under the Bentwaters base and also under RAF Brawdy in West Wales [itself reputed to be a joint alien/military test centre], complete with secret tunnel) and we promise not to name the Yorkshire based UFO group who have more than once been on a 'quest' for underground bases they believe are in the Yorkshire Dales. Lovely rumours. Trainspotters have pretty much the same rumours whereby the old steam locomotives are secreted away under hillsides and in tunnels in pristine condition, or going further back, how about all the legends of King Arthur who is alleged to be lurking under at least a dozen hillsides just waiting to rid the world of evil. And as I write this there is a fab story in the Sunday Sport about a guy from Scotland who was abducted by aliens into a hillside in which there was a UFO (shades of the fairies 'hollow hills' there, history picknickers). Where

will it end? Never mind that, where did it begin? We may feature an in-depth look at underground UFO base rumours in a later issue.

Back to EBE's anyway. Veteran ufologist William Moore, who is or is not an FBI agent (this alleged by Phil Klass, who is himself also alleged to be an FBI agent!) depending which side of the paranoids fence you sit, has intimated that one of the US TV stations will be broadcasting an interview/appearance by an EBE together with the President, who will also make a statement. As the time scale given was September 1988, by the time you are reading this the 'Ultimate Secret' may well be out, so don't say I didn't warn you. Speaking of rumours, one taking a fast grip in the UK UFO community is that our very own Ralph Noyes (hi Ralph), ex MOD, is in fact a 'plant' - after our secrets no doubt. This is silly 'cos every one knows it's really Gordon Creighton, whose ludicrous views on 'our subject' (as FSR cosily calls ufology), could only have been made up by an intelligence agent - or an agent at least.

All this aliens/EBE's appearing on TV stuff is pure advertising/hoax hokum with a tad of UFO personality brinkmanship entwined for fun. Similar rumours have been pushed about for years and the deadline always passes without event. Unless of course the alien appearing with the President, that Moore is referring to, happens to be George Bush. While we're in America....

Since the Gulf Breeze, Florida multi witness/photograph case began in November 1987, ufologists in the USA have been falling out in lumps over it. Just because the principal witness/photographer (of numerous UFO photographs) wishes to remain anonymous and is known as 'Mr Ed' is no reason to suspect a hoax is it? Neither is it good reason to suspect a hoax just because the pictures look like hoaxes and don't tally with the witnesses reports (he has more than one version of events). Absolutely not. Not to mention that the said Mr Ed had once said he was going to initiate a massive hoax. No reason at all. Well despite these minor

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irritants (and many others) in the eye of where 'truth' lies, both MUFON and CUFOS (the two principal US UFO groups) have been squabbling in a manner befitting infants or YUFOS. The photographs have been analysed by Bruce Maccabee and his presentation of this proof was so good at one of the major UFO conferences this year that it made IUR editor Jerry Clark change his mind completely about the case.

Others are not so easily swayed and one of the principal critics of Gulf Breeze, Bob Boyd, has left MUFON in somewhat acrimonious circumstances even going so far as alleging that Walt Andrus- great white chief of MUFON actually told him to 'go to hell'. Walt denies it, natch- big chiefs just don't behave like that. Jim Melesciuc, State Director of MUFON has also resigned over the incident claiming that MUFON "is controlled by abductees, who are mostly women who have a story to tell everyone". And all this over a scratty series of photographs that resemble nothing more than a lamp reflection in glass. Why people get so excited over UFO photos is beyond me. They are a complete waste of time. In the next issue of UFO BRIGANTIA we will be printing the final word on the Peter Beard/Barnsely photographs, so hang on to your imaginations.

Another snippet, again from the Weekly World News, enlightens us to the fact that "Space Aliens Graveyard Found". A Swiss anthropologist working deep in the jungles of Africa has apparently discovered bodies which have been buried since the year 1400. *"The creatures were much taller and skinnier than humans. Their heads were larger than the average man. They had no mouth, nose, or eyes to speak of. Humanoid height was about seven feet."* Hasn't this guy read Hopkins, Hall or Streiber? Doesn't he know that all aliens (except ones in the UK, but don't mention that) are small, about 3½ feet. Still, everybody knows they have bases in the jungle so perhaps he's right after all.

The John Lear statement we printed in the last issue brought more response from readers than almost any other article we have printed.

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Comments ranged from 'fantastic' to '?!'. I was astonished that more people appear to believe it than disbelieve it. Perhaps people in the UK actually want these sort of stories. Let's make some up, we could always send them to Sunday Sport. Personally, I'd recommend H.P. Lovecraft as his stories are a little more realistic. Come on people, if these things are really going on just cut the crap and wait until you've got some concrete evidence to show us, wait until you've got a piece of a spaceship or a limb from an alien body, or until you can prove that one of these so called underground bases is really run by the US military and the EBE's, because until then only extremists, cultists and fools are going to be convinced.

Whilst we're on the subject of hoaxes, the New Scientist of 26th May 1988 ran an article by David Langford in which he revealed the truth about the book 'An Account Of A Meeting With Denizens of Another World' (pub. David & Charles 1979) It was a hoax. Of course you all knew that, didn't you? (Listen carefully and you can hear ufologists all over the country surreptitiously removing the book from their shelves) For those who didn't, or who haven't read the book...

Myths in the making

David Langford on the birth of a UFO

THE suggestion came from my publishers' editor. Write a spoof book about a 19th-century encounter with a UFO. "Examine" the "evidence" as a physicist would. Lambast modern ufology for its lack of scientific rigour. Make the Victorian UFO sufficiently over the top that no close reader could believe it. What larks, what larks!

More than one sceptic has been tempted in this way to exert the happy irresponsibility of the science-fiction writer, only to find the resulting satire embedded (like a fly in ointment) in the pseudoscience which was



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Edited and with commentary by
DAVID LANGFORD

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For the antique UFO report, my editor provided a style book in the form of Thackeray's *Adventures of Philip*; my wife searched her family tree for an impeccably documented ancestor, William Robert Loosley, craftsman of High Wycombe and provider of posh furniture to Disraeli. Loosley's first-person narrative (in tone vaguely reminiscent of Thackeray, with a larding of Biblical phrases) allegedly survived to be published in the 1970s. A surrounding commentary by that little-known savant David Langford proved quite inconclusively that, during his carefully recorded encounter in the Buckinghamshire woods, Loosley was exposed to advanced knowledge of nuclear physics, quantum mechanics, general relativity, black holes, and indeed everything else I could remember from a physics course at Oxford.

No, this isn't a plug for the book, long out of print despite its snappy title of *An Account of a Meeting with Denizens of Another World, 1871*. I come to bury it, not to praise it, and as usual my publishers had the same idea: there was a change of editors, and the new chap combined integrity with economy by omitting a key element of the original plan (forged pages from "Loosley's manuscript") and deciding that really the book was a jolly good science-fiction novel. In the face of rampant indecision about how to publicise it, my squib passed away quietly to that remainder shelf whence no traveller returns.

Nevertheless, *An Account* made its mark. The grottier sort of newspapers and magazines ran Amazing UFO Proof stories, their devotion to investigative journalism being amply shown by the fact that not one asked the obvious question, "How about a look at this 108-year-old manuscript?" Enshrined in many a footnote, plus two pages of the doubtless deeply scholarly *The World's Greatest UFO Mysteries*, Loosley has passed into history—at least, that peculiar alternative history beloved of the ufologist. My finest hour came when I was attacked for the excessive caution and scepticism of my commentary on Loosley's narrative.

Later I found that I wasn't the only science-fiction writer to have gleefully muddied the waters of research. John Sladek, as "James Vogh", had gone to the extent of inventing the lost 13th sign of the zodiac. His books on the sign Arachne, he told me, "were conceived as jokes, but very quickly turned into moneymaking enterprises. Only they didn't make a lot of money, either. So finally they turn out to have been a gigantic waste of time."

I probably picked a slightly better market. Astrology already has its fact-proof theories and doesn't require more, while ufology is always prepared to assimilate any odd incident whatever, declaring it to be further confirmation of something or other.

(And as we all know, an explained or exploded incident never attracts the same attention as the original enigma. Even *The Sceptical Enquirer* displayed no interest in my attempt to confess my own spoof.)

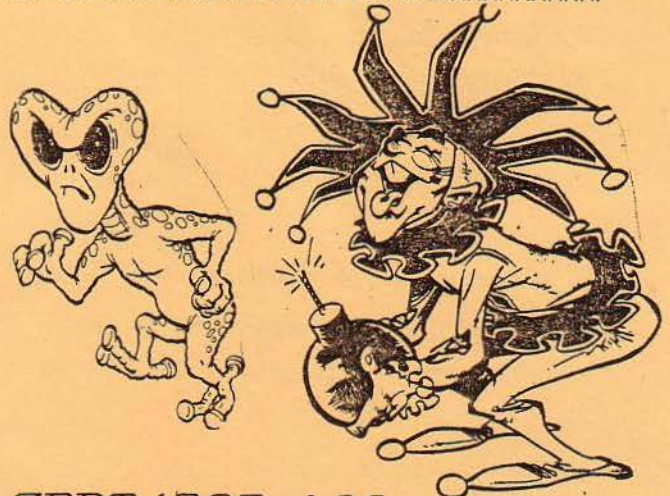
The moral: science-fiction authors writing with tongue in cheek should stick with

science fiction. In ottrair phenomena as in bodice-ripping romance, the book market sniffs at jokesters but rewards sincerity, even misguided, self-deluding and totally daft sincerity. It's mildly depressing to have contributed another snippet of disinformation to the already over-large folklore, without even the compensation of getting rich. Apologies to all, including my bank manager. □

How many more hoax books are there out there sat on library shelves just waiting to be discovered? (It's noteworthy that non of my local libraries at least have re-shelved the book amongst the humour or fiction sections).

The Boston Globe reported in June this year that the much-vaunted 'Stealth' Bomber will make its first 'public' flight just after the Presidential elections in November. Whether or not Stealth and its analogues are in fact the source of many UFO sightings may become clearer if and when the aircraft is making regular public appearances (more STEALTH stuff on pages 6 & 10).

There are already a couple of rumours circulating about how UFO's really destroyed the ill-fated US Space Shuttle so lets fuel them by adding this one that appeared in the Hartlepool Mail of 9th May 1988. A round the world bicycle rider was apparently accosted in Geneva by now destitute and drug addled ex-electronic engineer who 'revealed' that the Space Shuttle had really been shot down by the French with a new laser weapon they had been developing. So now you know.



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