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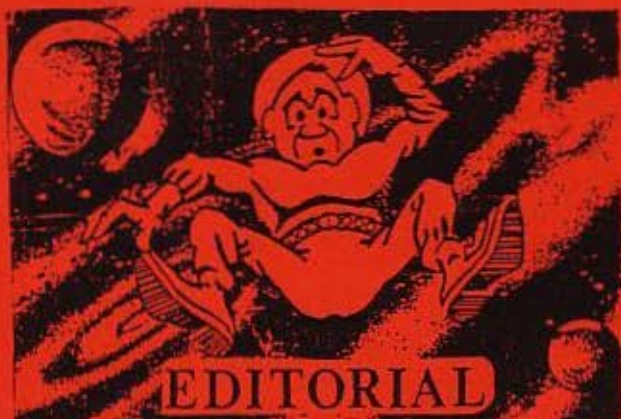
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Welcome to the first issue of UFO BRIGANTIA of 1990. Hope you all had a wild Christmas (we did). Many thanks to all the subscribers who sent Christmas cards, sorry I couldn't send you all one back.

Seeing as all the papers and magazines have been full of look backs at the 1980s why should we be any different? So here is my version of the ufological 80's, with no apologies for length.

Rendlesham, Cash-Landrum, Cracoe Fell, Missing Time, Intruders, Abductions, Strieber, Transformation, Communion, Earthlights, the total decline of FSR, Cornfield Circles, MJ-12, Gulf Breeze, Hoaxers both governmental and just mental, the IUN..... Before we start sounding like that godawful Billy Joel song, these have been the ufological landmarks (mines?) of the 1980s. In addition to this litany of confusion the 1980s have been the decade in which mundanity rose to new levels within ufology - when a piece of shiny rock achieved fame in the national media as a UFO (Cracoe Fell) and the decade in which an unusual meteorological phenomenon (crop circles) has become a ufological cause celebre. Strange days have indeed found us.

Just when in the late 70s ufology was getting to be a normal pastime like stamp collecting the shit hit the fan and we have been plunged into and dragged through a decade of absolute weirdness during which the balance of thought at least in the USA has turned full circle and along with the fashion for all things nostalgic has gone back to American ufology circa 1954. If you believed in something ufologically wierd in the 1980s someone, somewhere, would have some evidence to support it.

Well, that's the '80s over with. What have they been to ufology? Probably the most significant decade in the subjects short existence to date both locally and worldwide.

Locally (the north of England that is) the 80's have been more significant than any other decade. Starting with the abduction of PC Alan Godfrey in 1980 and the Cracoe Fell case in 1981, and ending with some very dodgy photographic cases (Ilkley Moor, Peter Beard) and interspersed with flaps such as the 1987/88 affair, the 80s have seen a procession of good cases which has unfortunately tailed off during 1989. The Cracoe Fell case altered the face of ufology in the north forever and its reverberations still continue to colour the way ufology is practiced oop north like. The formation of the IUN was a major step forward and we are lucky in having a network of people in the north who are dedicated to investigating and solving cases. Investigation standards generally have risen although there is a tendency these days to ignore the 'simple' lights in the sky case and concentrate on cases with more chance of a resolution. Better to have a file full of 'unknown' or 'solved' cases than one full of 'insufficient datas'.

Worldwide the 1980s will be the decade remembered for bringing nostalgia into the subject - Back to the the future ufology. When the 1980s drifted in crashed saucers and alien corpses were no more than a nostalgic gleam in a few veteran ufologists eyes. Then MJ-12 began to be whispered about and before the decade was out an unsubstantiated piece of paper with a schoolboys interpretation of a possible crash retrieval had altered the course of ufology for ever. As the decade grew so did the MJ-12 mystery, enveloping and diverting all sensible attempts to view the subject and by the end of the decade almost being the subject. All this has been shattered by Bill Moores revelations at the 1989 MUFON conference But the effect is there and altho sane ufologists are abandoning MJ-12 faster than rats from the Titanic ("what MJ-12, what's

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THE IUN

The I.U.N. was invented in September 1987 by various ex-WYUFORG, YUFOS and BUFORA members who were dissatisfied with the state of UFO groups and publications in the UK. The I.U.N. exists primarily as a network of people involved in UFO research and investigation at a number of levels. We also have contacts in the fields of earth mysteries and the paranormal. You can't join the I.U.N. (yet!) as we have nothing to give in return although if you want to do something in the I.U.Ns name please feel free. The IUN are more than willing to help any ufologist in any way they can with research, investigations etc. Our case files are complete, well kept and are available for perusal on request.

The I.U.N. also publish various case reports, promote 'famous ufologist lectures', run UFO lectures and courses and generally have lost of fun whenever we can. The I.U.N. have no overall theory as to the nature of the UFO enigma and are firmly convinced that whatever we believe it will turn out different anyway so why bother? Both the I.U.N. and BRIGANTIA's policy is to say and do whatever we feel necessary to promote a better understanding of the subject.

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that then, new shampoo or summat?"), the reverberations from the MJ-12 debacle have yet to filter out into more popular ufology and we will be seeing it interpreted according to taste in the more 'popular' UFO books for at least another twenty years.

A dark decade of ufological conspiracies both human and ET has seen the resurgence of cattle mutilations (brought up to date in human mutants) and now the mutilation of our minds and bodies by the aliens who are abducting and experimenting like there's no tomorrow - which some of the alien base/mute/abductees/abduction followers seem to think is on the cards anyway. Why have an apocalypse later when you can have one now. Armageddon out of here.

Where next then. Do you still believe (that's all you can do as yet ET fans)? Will the 1990s see the denouement of all that MJ-12 indicated and its promulgators promised? Will, as we have been told by a 'top abduction researcher', 'the truth' be revealed within the next seven years? Or will the beat go on? Why is the ETH yes/ETH no argument the only one there is in the subject, which seems to have dominated ufology more than ever over the past decade despite the repeated failure of evidence and growing absurdity of its claims?

Now that MJ-12 has bit the dust we hear that the '90s will see a resurgence of interest in its alleged source material, the Roswell Incident in what seems to be a last stab at validating any ETH presence (how long before the theory is mooted that MJ-12 was just a smokescreen to divert researchers from the real cover-up and the truth behind Roswell and its ilk?). Admirable, but after 43 years what good are site visits going to be. If the Ultimate Secret really exists and thousands of people can be kept quiet over 40 odd years are 'they' are going to be so dim as to leave any ground evidence lying around? Whatever lies behind Roswell, an admittedly baffling case, if it came out would change the face of ufology for ever. Or would it? For all the fuss and words that have been written about the case what if it turned out it was a balloon or a test rocket? Obvious really, everyone one says "yes but" and new Holy Grail crash retrieval would be swiftly promoted to cult status.

The status of the aliens has very definitely changed over the past ten years too. No longer sat back in some far off galaxy, if we read the past ten years ufological writings and contacts correctly, THEY are here, now. THEY control us and our controllers (the government). THEY are inside us (implants) and THEY are inside the earth (secret underground alien bases). We are torn between both knowing and not wanting to know the awful truth and it all sometimes seems just a bit like a mixture of an allegory about political and social control and basic tribal fears hard wired into our brains millennia ago.

Even abduction reports aren't the same anymore; compare a Hopkins abduction with a Sprinkle investigation for example. Obviously if we can be visited by one alien race we can be visited by lots. Yeah, but why do certain researchers get certain cases? Although each abduction researcher fights for his/her template to remain constant this seems to be more an artifact of investigator belief, practice and interpretation than of source material.

However it is done the 'evidence' confounds them and the solidity of the abductees experience melts away leaving us with some truly far out speculations to come to terms with or the option to again address the power of the shrivelled grey creature that lives inside our skulls presided over by Robert Anton Wilson's god 'he who makes the grass green'.

Ufology into the 1990s; From the cosy alien soirees of the 50's contactees down through the Hopkinsonian scars and terminated pregnancies into the shadowlands of Striebers worse nightmares and still to nothing. Nothing but us. Those who still hang onto the outmoded ETH and post-Newtonian science ideas of physical ET

travelling to us in glittering machines to do with us as they choose, be it benign or bad must think again when confronted with Striebers accounts or those put forward by Ann Druffel in a recent American UFO journal when she detailed how abductions had been resisted by what was more or less prayer techniques. Or the many New Age people who will tell you how to have a UFO experience - a benign one natch.

Surely here we are dealing with cultural/mind constructs which can be invoked or banished as we choose rather than anything physical or even (and it's back in fashion now kids) inter dimensional 'things' (the ultimate cop-out). Haven't these investigators ever read any shamanic or magic texts? As FSRs Gordon Creighton has said often "we should study the worlds religious texts". He's right, but for the wrong reasons. Angels, devils, ufonauts, MIBs, the tooth fairy and the Jolly Green Giant etc are all here. Like heaven and hell, or not, as we choose. "Living in the heart of a dream in the promised land", to quote John Stewart." If only we did choose, what fun we could have.

This attribution of the anomalous, things that have no apparent explanation, and things that editors and authors just don't like, to ambiguous and non-human forces has been nowhere more apparent in the UFO literature over the past decade than in Flying Saucer Review. Once the main proponent of rational ufology (if that's not a contradiction in terms), a recent reading of the past two years issues has indicates that editor Gordon Creighton (and many of his correspondents and writers) have attributed the following, at least, to UFOs and alien intervention: WW1, WW2, Armageddon, AIDS, drug use, homosexuality, unruly behaviour and a host of other ordinary things. Probably rock music, once the domain of the devil can now be attributed to the influence of the 'greys'. However this type of propaganda is sick and dangerous. Perhaps Mr Creighton would like to try to tell a homosexual suffering from AIDS that both his disease and his sexual preference have been brought about by alien forces. The sooner this sad journal finally packs it in the better for ufology as we know it. UFO journals can be odd creatures!

Millenialism? We've got it. Want some? Ten years to the millenium and a hell of a lot of prophecies to fulfil/go. How are we going to get them all in (see Clive Potters article this issue). If we were to believe some people it will be more than going into Europe that happens in 1992. And as for 1999, well....How many times can the world be nearly destroyed. Strange that our way of structuring years into tens, hundreds and thousands can have such an effect in reality. But then its the aliens again innit? Just how weird can ufology get?

Weirder I can assure you. No matter what is conjectured about cattle mutilations, EBEs or any aspect of the ETH, and whilst the military (Big daddy hiding THE TRUTH) have it all, the UFO investigators have nothing tangible just stories and witness related experiences. Repeatedly banging their heads on a lack of evidence has led over the years to many things, on one hand more and more diverse theories are brought into play to account for this lack of evidence- these take either the form of 'special pleading' of the 'aliens can do anything' type (clearly false as their craft are dropping out of the skies like flies and their medical techniques are barely ahead of ours), or the lets roll everything into one conspiracy plot, making sure that absolutely everything is covered by some immense and omnipotent military-industrialist conspiracy which seems to be so bad that in some parts of the States you can barely fly a 'plane or a helicopter without being suspected of military/industrialist/alien shennannigans.

Both these ideas are old and bankrupt but popular and perennial and gathering in momentum so much so that many ufologists esp in the US are changing their scepticism to fit this new 'evidence'. Conspiracy seems particular big in the USA and now that the Kennedy conspiracies are an entrenched part of US folklore UFO conspiracies are filling the gap

nicely. The Lear/Cooper axis of US ufology has concluded that Kennedy was shot by his driver because he was going to spill the legumes about the US/alien conspiracy- well done that driver, narrow escape there, and we 're back to the one conspiracy fits all scenario. If any of these conspiracy ideas (from the Ultimate Secret cover-up downwards) are correct then the amount of people involved first hand must be in the tens of thousands. Where are they?

If any of this came up with just one piece of hard physical evidence we could all forget that ufology ever existed and get down to the serious business of waiting for the mutilation call up papers to come through. But it doesn't, when promises of alien artefacts are reduced to, for example, pieces of glass found in legs (case recently hyped in 'UFO' magazine), any form of hunt the believed ETH has clearly failed and makes the pursuit look more ludicrous than useful. But as in any basically religious based belief system failure is used to strengthen and the 'truth' is always just over the next horizon, round the next bend, on the next photograph, up the next abductees nose.....wherever you choose to look, if you just believe hard enough.

If after 40 odd years of ufology we really want to talk about evidence then when all the speculation and hype is stripped away we haven't got squat with the exception of the what the mind and its interactions with environment and culture is capable of and that strange planetary phenomena (ball/bead lightning, vortices, geophysically produced lights) exist. If the awful truth be told misperception, rumour and mythmaking have dominated the last decade more than anything else, but its the interpretation of those things we are seeing thrown back at us which recreates the subject. What if there were no ufologists?

Everything brings us back to humans and the mind, and the planet. Not in the sense of Klass who would dismiss it as all being in the mind, as if that were nothing- maybe it is, but if so then yes, that's the whole point- what can we do with it now we know? What can we do when we know people can imagine abductions, cause marks to appear on bodies, misperceive everyday objects as exotic UFOs, fake photographs and evidence and so on. Shit, too much responsibility, better get on with finding some real aliens quick before we find out who we are and where we live! Neither, like the Chinese girl in a recent episode of Dr Who can we look baffled and say 'sorry, not my mythology'. It is our mythology and we have to deal with it. What's more we are in the enviable position of being able to know it is our mythology. What now?

Ufology is populated by amnesiacs. Perpetually starting from scratch, constantly re-inventing the ufological wheel and attaching it to yet another theory wagon. The ETH wagon despite having only three wheels rolls on.

Most ufologists long ago stopped actually investigating origins and causes for UFOs and instead spend their time mulling over what they and other people believe about UFOs and (us included) trying to stop people believing things they don't like. Fun, if you don't take it too seriously. The biggest mystery of all: when a 'UFO' is discovered to be an 'IFO' it then stops being part of ufology, 'look out chaps another mystery ahoy, maybe this ones is really it' and so it goes. Paul Devereux exemplified this attitude in a recent issue of the International UFO Reporter when he quoted a woman who at one of his lectures shouted, "These earthlights may exist, but I'm here to find about UFOs!". That quote sums up a hell of a lot about the subject of ufology. Good theories and proven sources for UFOs are discarded when found.

The '80s were strange. The '90s will be stranger. My predictions are lots of good UFO books, some ace hoaxes, plenty laughs, but no aliens. Sorry. O.K., rant over. Happy Trails.

FLYING SAUCERS: Harbingers of Doom?

by
D. & T.M. Barclay
Part One
The Devil in Disguise

Concern regarding the reality of the UFO phenomenon takes many forms. Not the least one is the one subscribed to by a growing number of individuals who see in ufological manifestations, especially those of the 'abduction' or 'contactee' variety, the modern machinations of a life form feared throughout history for its attitudes toward the human race. Although mostly ignored by the more modern proponents of E.B.E. and the E.T. Hypothesis, and even by those who, accepting the link with folklore, seek to interpret the Phenomenon in terms of an Earth generated bio-electrical manifestation, the demonology apparent in UFO scenarios continues to exist and even escalate as the years go by. The latest British manifestation being the 'Green Entity' of Ilkley Moor, which, according to the investigating ufologist, even the wife of the abductee, upon seeing the photograph allegedly taken of it by her husband at the termination of his abduction experience, immediately likened it to 'a demon' (Editors note: readers interested in this case should note the Phantoms of the Sky conference at which the case and photograph will be featured).

Certainly there will be those who will want to comfort themselves that such ideas are based on nothing more substantial than culturally reinforced subjective superstitions, and that such 'beliefs' have no place in the modern world. Little do they realise that their own 'scientific' paradigms are based similarly in a cultural concensus that is nothing more than a modern superstition which, because it accomodates mankind's latest ideas regarding itself, has been accepted on the basis of even less evidence than the 'demonological interference' lobby is able to muster in presenting its case.

In fact, if any ufological student takes the trouble to follow the exigencies of each major 'flap' with the documentation it generated they will see that almost inexorably those caught up in interpreting the events were driven to lay aside the scientific in favour of the spiritual. In fact, for many, ufology has taken on the aspect of a 'New Age' religion with the UFO supplanting 'angels' and 'demons', while at the same time taking over the roles ascribed to such beings in the sacred literature of the major mainstream world religions. According to Whitley Strieber in his introduction to Jacques's Vallee's Dimensions: "The only thing now needed to make the UFO myth a new religion of remarkable scope and force is a single undeniable sighting."

As Strieber goes on to explain, because the unconscious mythological foundations of the UFO concensus are now so strongly in place, such an event would:

"..at once invest the extraterrestrial channels, the 'space brothers', believers and the UFO cultists with the appearance of revealed truth."

In other words whatever the UFO Phenomenon actually is it now has the human race primed at the emotional level to accept it as a modern "Deus ex Machina". To speak specifically the UFO phenomenon is well on the way to replacing God in the modern mentality, and as this is what Lucifer was allegedly after from the outset then those who have deep Christian misgivings regarding the true genesis of ufological

manifestations can be forgiven for their forebodings. Even secular authors, while apparently deferring to modern 'scientific' speculations regarding the Phenomenon have repeatedly warned that something was rotten in the state of ufology. John A. Keel in particular wrote what in effect was a modern demonological treatise in several volumes beginning with the seminal 'Operation Trojan Horse'. Yet because present day ideas regarding demons are still subject to cultural inertia the correlation went either ignored or unnoticed. Budd Hopkins has gone on record that these demoniacal E.B.E.s. are: "Immensely destructive", and furthermore, that they give every appearance of belonging to: "...an amoral race.."

These, as anyone versed in the scriptures or other sacred literature can confirm are precisely the traits that make demons demonic. Demons that are, according to Leslie Watkins, author of "The Real Exorcists"..:

"...man's ancient enemy, sworn foes of our race, who befuddles and stupefies the human mind, throws it into terror, and overwhelms it with fear and panic..."

Which, quite synchronously, is a good description of the ongoing effect that UFO manifestations have had on their percipients, and on the human race in general. But to what purpose, you are entitled to ask. Well, in the spirit of "By their fruits shall you know them" let us see if we can deduce a cohesive purpose behind the many seemingly mutually exclusive UFO appearances.

Firstly let us lay to rest a particularly pernicious Flying Saucer Fantasy, and that is that these manifestations are amiably inclined towards the human race. In the face of all the evidence to the contrary it is an unwarranted assumption of cosmological proportions. To ascribe altruistic attitudes to the E.B.E., whatever they are, is, at the very least somewhat premature. The only real evidence we have for their unnatural altruism has been gleaned from the pronouncements allegedly made by sundry entities about themselves, their origins and their objectives. In one of these areas they can be shown to have been guilty of some slight inaccuracies. Unless these entities are far more stupid than cosmic cultists give them credit for being then they must have known that they were telling fibs. Apart from the fact that the Devil is acknowledged to be the "father of lies", what reason could E.T. have for risking its credibility by adopting the role of a cosmic con merchant? It is quite undeniable from the documentation that these creatures initially claimed solar origins, and were only forced to recant in the face of empirical information derived from the Soviet and U.S. space exploration programmes. Well, what can lie once can lie twice (or ad infinitum) so as real friends do not deceive, the more likely assumption must be that UFO entities are hostile for reasons which are presently unclear, or thought to be. Which also might turn out to be an unwarranted assumption if the Good Book is to be believed. And there are many that do believe, and so are sceptical of E.T. no matter how allegedly superior. Remembering that St. Paul, in his second letter to the Corinthians, categorically warned that: "...Satan can disguise himself to look like an Angel of light." Remembering that this facility could equally well lend itself to the personification of aliens or 'visitors' from other realms.

Any number of authors have striven to give voice to the disquiet widely felt regarding the real source and purpose of Flying saucery. Each and every one of them has made a case that begged an answer by pointing to the undeniable interface UFO manifestations with what are known as 'religious visions' of all varieties. John Keel, by the evidence he presented, clearly identified the demonic element in ufology, but then enervated its impact by re-naming the demons 'Ultra-terrestrials' which gave these creatures a superficial 'technological' image so that those who wished to could then ignore

the full import of Keel's otherwise unambiguous identification. Although Keel's voice was the loudest and most consistent in coherently criticising the insupportable extravagancies of the E.T. hypothesis, it was not the only one. Much of what he said has been confirmed by Jacques Vallee in a series of books defining the 'folklore' aspect of UFO interactions. Apparently entities of all varieties have been endemic throughout history. Their modus operandi changing only insofar as human interpretations, based on the intellectual fashions of the time, compelled it to. However it did not change sufficiently to disguise the real motives of the manifestations from those who knew what they were looking at, and even sometimes when they didn't. According to Brad Steiger, another long standing ufological author who has been driven by the behaviour of the Phenomenon he was investigation into considering metaphysical rather than materialistic explanations for it - Somebody up there loves us. Don't you believe a word of it, because according to Steiger the purpose of UFO manifestations might well be to offer to mankind the possibility that: "Men may become as Gods".

Which, as any Christian can tell you, is the self same offer Lucifer made to Eve in the Garden of Eden, and we all know what resulted from her taking him at his word. So from Steiger's informed assessment of the purpose of their modern manifestations it can be confidently assumed that these beings apparently have not change their tune all that much in the interim - have they?

As we are now entering the final decade of the 20th Century, and perhaps, if Nostradamus is to be believed and the Bible be more true than is presently supposed, the final decade of all, it becomes imperative to properly identify ufological manifestations within the context of global events which might culminate in the seventh month of 1999 with a close encounter of the final kind for our race. From its very inception, largely due to the pronouncements of all the 'aliens', ufology has been forced to deal in apocalyptic scenarios which threatened immanent doomsday. That Armageddon has not yet eventuated as promised, or threatened by, innumerable E.B.Es. is no guarantee that it won't at some future date. But, perhaps because UFO entities and others more spiritually inclined, have cried "Wold! Wolf" once too often, we won't see it coming until it is upon us. Which might be why these entities have acted in the way they have. The human race's boredom threshold is not very deep, its attention span even less so. Therefore to continually warn it of something that never quite happens almost assures us that no one will take any notice when others informed by correct interpretation of sacred scripture finally drew attention to the possible onset of the real thing.

Becuse of UFO interference in the latter half of the twentieth century who in his right mind is going to take any notice? As this eschatological aspect has now been effectively rendered ridiculous by the antics of its most staunch oponents - Aliens Anonymous. Pretty diabolical - wouldn't you say?
To be continued.....

Next issue: Abduction: A modern form of possession?

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I'LL TELL YOU WHO'S MAD PAL !

"The bottom line is that ufology is a mental illness. These people in the field, the majority of them, are obsessive-compulsive personalities. They have no objectivity whatsoever. The first thing they should do is start looking at themselves critically. I've known a lot of ufologists over the years, and they are pretty flaky!"
Veteran ufologist John Keel, from an interview in UFO magazine vol.4, no.4, 1989.

Transcending the ET Hypothesis

By Michael Grosso

This article first appeared in 'UFO' magazine, an indispensable round up of UFO news, sightings and theories, available from 1800 S. Robertson Blvd, Box 355, L.A., California 90035. US subs are \$18 p.a. check for UK amounts. UFO BRIGANTIA highly recommends this magazine.

In 1987 at the annual Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) Symposium, UFO historian David Jacobs referred to Budd Hopkins' book Intruders as "monumentally important". According to Jacobs Intruders marks the dawn of a new era of UFO research. "Abduction research has given us more information about the UFO phenomenon itself...than all the accumulated information of the last 40 years." Jacobs adds that we are witnessing a "breakthrough of unimaginable and incalculable importance." The breakthrough comes in knowing "unequivocally" why the extraterrestrial intruders are here. Alien abductions enable us to consider the "motivations of the intelligence behind the phenomenon."

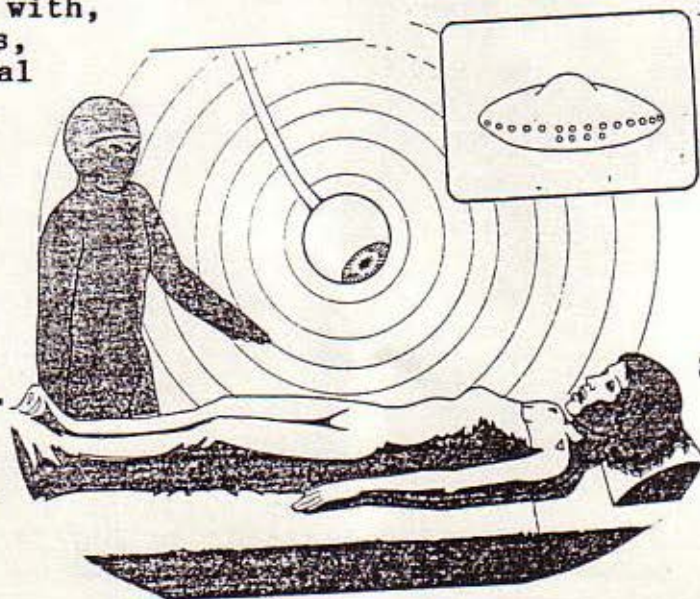
Needless to say, these are extraordinary claims. For many serious-minded students of UFOs, abduction phenomena support the extraterrestrial hypothesis (ETH) while also giving us, as Jacobs says, insight into why the intrusions are taking place. Now, it's a rule of thumb that the more a claim deviates from the mass of accepted knowledge, the stronger the evidence must be to back that claim; the Hopkins abduction hypothesis is monumentally extraordinary, so a rational person has a right to demand monumentally extraordinary evidence.

Lack of space prevents me from looking in detail at this evidence. Instead, I want to question Jacobs on the "unequivocalness" of abduction data.

Let me state my own mystery. To begin with, a mystery; that is, for which no normal explanation is some cases these effects. I also acknowledge the abduction the experiencer. fails to do inner reality experience is of psychic murder. intention to extraconsensus to sketch a model them justice.

My view, in Jacobs', is experiences, the experiencer bearing traces of inexplicable physicality, are equivocal; they need not be seen as evidence for ETs. However, to account for them we need an expanded paradigm of human potential, based on all we know about the human mind, including a wide array of paranormal abilities.

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scars from ET medical procedures. Suppose we can't explain them in any obvious or even normal way; do we have to accept the ETH as the only alternative? I think not.

Students of hypnotism, stigmata, and physical phenomena of mysticism know of the extraordinary plasticity of the human body to psychic influence. A striking example is the stigmata of St. Francis; the saint died with a hard protusion from his hand in the shape of a nail. St. Teresa of Avila once had a vision of an angel that thrust a spear in her heart (a kind of divine abduction.) After she died, her heart was examined and found to bear a spearlike imprint. In the recent case of Natuzza Evolo, stigmatic marks were visible on the woman's body in the shape of letters (see D. Scott Rogo's Miracles, 1981). Pertinent to talk of ET interbreeding, Helen Flanders Dunbar (Emotions and Bodily Change, 1946) cites cases of pseudopregnancy that totally foiled experts. (Biochemical changes normally indicative of pregnancy were observed.) In my view, evidence of physical marks on the body - in fact, all physiological effects - are entirely equivocal; there are abnormal and paranormal ways to explain them, which makes the ET hypothesis unnecessary.

Similar arguments could be used against all types of physical evidence of apparent ET intervention. My general claim is this: if you use all the known data of human psychic function, you can construct a model that accounts for the creation of autonomous psychoid (partly physical and partly mental) entities whose form and function correspond to UFO anomalies.

This paraterrestrial (PT) hypothesis is parsimonious; we do have independent evidence for extended psychic function but no independent evidence for ET existence. the PT hypothesis can handle one of the most baffling features of UFO phenomena, the tantalizing mixture they present of objective materiality and subjective elusiveness. A psychoid entity might affect radar, cause burns, leave traces in the ground and at the same time pass through walls, appear and disappear like ghosts, defy gravity, assume variable and patently symbolic shapes, and strike deep chords of psychic, mystic or prophetic sentiment. In a sense, a psychoid would be doubly 'real' just because it combined the weight of objectivity with the transparency of immediate experience. One of the best examples of a psychoid phenomenon is the apparition of the Virgin Mary, witnessed by thousands (and photographed) in Zeitun, Egypt, 1968-71 (for an account, see Rogo).

The PT hypothesis posits a psychoid world, and we know very little of this world. It would also, in my view, have to posit a directive agency, an overarching intentionality. UFOs change people. Jacques Vallee hit on this when he spoke of UFOs as evidence for a "control system." But who or what is doing the controlling, and to what end?

I think the best candidate is both bold and simple: the control system, as far as I can see, most plausibly is coming from ourselves. However, the sense in which "ourselves" needs to be understood has to be considerably revised and expanded. Certain facts suggest that we posit a species mind - call it Mind-At-Large - the product of all human minds that have emerged on Earth but with properties not possessed by individual minds (see my book, the Final Choice, 1985). Such an overarching directing mental principle needn't seem so far fetched, when we consider that the incredible diversity of life forms on Earth is determined by a biological DNA-RNA alphabet that remains as unwavering in its form as it is inexplicable in its origins.

If UFOs are a manifestation of the species mind, it's possible they address us as individuals in a language of their own. C.G. Jung spent much of his life gathering data on just such a language, which he called symbols and archetypes of the collective unconscious.

Jung, in fact, wrote one of the seminal books on the UFO phenomenon: Flying Saucers; A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Skies. For our

purposes, there are two things we should stress from his remarkable study. Jung said he felt driven to write about the saucer phenomenon as a warning; he compared his UFO study to his earlier (1936) essay, 'Wotan', which called attention to the awakening of dangerous Teutonic archetypes in Germany, changes that signalled the coming horrors of National Socialism. Jung regarded UFOs as psychic projections that foreshadowed similarly dangerous unleasings of collective psychic energy.

After this ominous opening, he goes on to discuss the symbolism of UFO projections in light of the need for wholeness. We are seeing mandala-shaped lights in the sky, Jung argues, because we're entering an era of profound psychic fragmentation. The language of the archetypes, speaking from the depths of our overarching and farseeing species intelligence, is trying to tell us something.

The following points suggest that alien abductions may be a special type of psychic experience. First, abduction experiences typically occur while driving at night, at lonely places, or in bed in relaxed, isolated or sleep-bordering states - condition known to enhance altered states; time sense is dilated, speeded up, or otherwise altered in a variety of dissociated states. Hypnosis is routinely used by researchers to dredge up 'missing time' or repressed abduction experiences. But hypnosis, like mediumistic trance, dream and meditation states, is known to help in detecting psychic signals. So if UFO abductions are essentially psychic experiences, hypnosis should help bring them into full consciousness.

Finally, paralysis is something we often hear of in these frightening experiences, but something called paralytic sleep is quite common and equally as frightening. On several occasions, I've had the following type of experience. I wake up in bed but realize I cannot move; I hear footsteps, the floor creaking etc; I distinctly sense a frightening presence nearby. When paralysis passes I look about, expecting to find someone or something, but there's nothing. I am sure readers have had this type of experience. Paralytic sleep may be a clue to understanding UFO abduction experiences.

These remarks are meant to show that abduction experiences resemble psychic phenomena in important ways, and so argue against strictly literal ET kidnappings. One further point. Researchers currently focussing on abductions want to separate them from so-called contactee experiences. Contactee experiences, often patently absurd and overly mystical and messianic, have been shunned by UFO researchers inclined toward the ETH. But are contactee experiences really categorically distinct from abductions?

In 1979, two years before Hopkins' Missing Time, Raymond Fowler published The Andreasson Affair, an abduction story shot through with mystical, archetypal, and classically 'contactee' elements. John Rimmer's incisive (1984) study The Evidence For Alien Abductions, gives cases in which abduction and contactee motifs are indissolubly mixed. One 1980 study of abductees (Direct Encounters, Gansberg & Gansberg) concludes with this statement: "All the abductees we interviewed have a better outlook on life." (Hardly compatible with the idea of being raped by aliens.)

The categorical separation of contactee from abducted seems to me to be a post-Hopkins artifact. If, at any rate, the contactee (that is, the blatantly mystical and messianic) motifs are inextricable from the abduction scenario, we'd have further reason to believe we're dealing with a psychic experience and not a literal ET kidnapping.

Back to the main idea that alien abduction experiences are mysterious emanations from our own species mind, quite literally gripping epiphanies, 'angels' or messengers from Mind-At-Large: what's the message? Now I think there are two ways to answer this question. One way only the abductee or contactee can answer. In other words, the

intelligence behind the UFO phenomenon invites or imposes a personal dialogue with each person it appears to or enraptures. (Enrapture is a good word here, connoting both the dark side of rape and the bright side of elevation, ecstasy.)

I would note here that in John Rimmer's and Scott Rogo's (Alien Abductions, 1980) study, these experiences are said to happen to people undergoing emotional and existential crises. What that dialogue with the species mind is all about thus depends on the individual, the context of his or her life, and, most importantly, the succession of related psychic experiences, further contact dreams, or whatever.

Apply Jung's principle of dream interpretation here; in other words, it's how the dream fits into your life, how you see it and what you make of it. The latter point is crucial. Dreams and other psychic hints from our deeper selves don't have fixed meanings. You are free to make, discover, evolve your own meaning; this process Jung called active imagination.

But there is a second way we can approach the meaning or the message of alien abductions. Our premise is that these experiences are dialogues with the mind of humanity at large, and that they employ universal symbols that address universal human circumstances. So the second way is transpersonal; the abductions express matters and meanings of collective significance.

Of course, with archetypes, meaning is inexhaustible. I trust that readers will have their own dialogues with these messengers from Mind-At-Large.

The common meanings lie in the common motifs. For instance, Beings from the sky appear in some luminous, gravity-defying form. This simple motif shows the need for contact with higher reality - whatever that means. For Jung it had to do with rational man getting cut off from the symbols that keep him connected with the unconscious, hence with earth, with the feminine, with life itself.

Phases of UFO contact are evident. First, UFO sightings. Signs, reminders of a higher reality. The modern UFO era begins in 1947 at the dawn of the atomic age. The early sightings occur around military installations, atomic sites, reservoirs, dams, etc., places and symbols pointing to our collective fate. Around 1947 starts a period of historic menace to planetary life; if there really is a species mind, now would be the time it would act up, begin to churn out symbols, signals, warnings.

Second phase of UFO contact is contact itself: contact ees space brothers, visions of a new age, warnings of cataclysm, etc. A summons to transformation, to evolution, to rise toward the light of a universal consciousness. At the same time, a bit of surrealistic nonsense is thrown in, false leads, phoney prophecies, pseudo science. (To be expected, perhaps, if we are dealing with a collective dream-vision filtered through brains of uneven quality, but a turn off for those who want to be serious about UFOs - scientific, respectable, objective.)

Meanwhile, the atomic arsenals get bigger, people populate and wars proliferate, the tropical rain forests are spoiled, the ozone layer is falling apart, radon is befouling our basements, dioxin in our sanitary napkins, the homeless are bivouacked in the gutters, the plague is wiping us out, child abuse is on the rampage, mass murder in America is rife and Wall Street is a madhouse.

So, to the third phase of contact: abduction. The abduction experience is forced contact. The gods in the sky begin by amusing us with light shows, then take us for joy rides in outer space, strumming Aquarian love songs on cosmic guitars. Finally, they seize us in a frenzy of despair, terrify and violate us in desperation.

Jung compared the myth of flying saucers to the myth of Wotan - god of berserkers, storm troopers, blood magic. If there's any truth to

this, the latest phase in the evolution of the myth is pretty alarming. Certain motifs stand out. Take the image that keeps coming across of alien intruders who perform medical examinations on human specimens. Well, the message seems plain to me: we're a sick species. That's one way of taking it.

On the other hand, consider the cool and detached way the aliens go about their business. Hopkins takes careful note of this; they're neither saviours nor rampaging monsters; they're just here because they need something from us. Nothing personal. Of course, they don't hesitate to violate our privacy, our sacredness as persons; we become material for their use, for their needs, their consumption. It's all very businesslike, like developers bulldozing an acre of land, wrecking the wildlife and so on.

In my view, this image of alien intruders mirrors with nasty irony the way we as a species objectify one another and reduce nonhuman animals and nonhuman nature to so much raw material for exploitation and consumption. In short, the aliens are our Shadows. Symbolic, in Jungian lingo, to our dark, disavowed selves: our cruelty, selfishness, violence and methodical indifference to all that's alien to our almighty egos.

But the living symbols of the collective psyche are multifaceted. The aliens also crossbreed with us. What does it mean, crossbreeding with beings from another world, ostensibly a higher world? It's an old myth: the gods come down and couple with mortals. The product is always a hero - god man, superwoman: Achilles, Jesus, Persephone, Diotima. I take this alien copulation image as a summons to evolve to the parahuman.

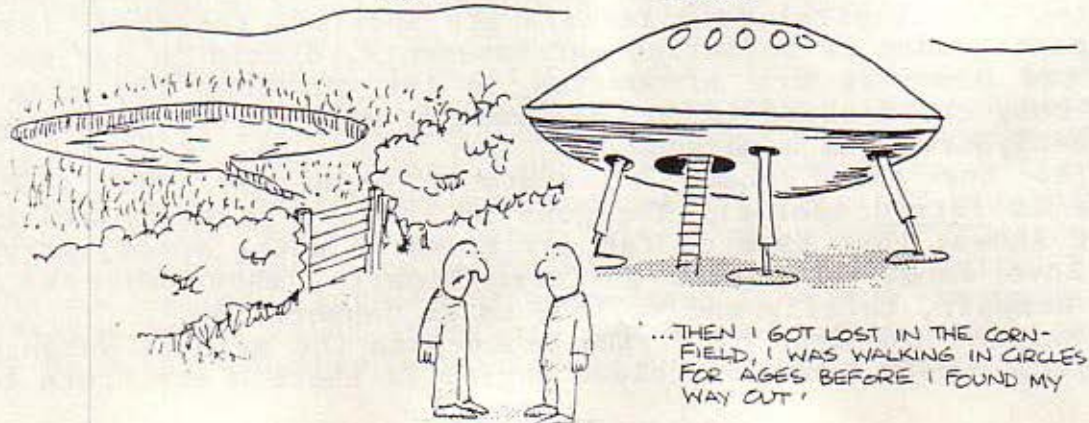
The message from Mind-At-Large seems to be this: become whole, unite opposites, earth and heaven, male intellect and female soul, and so on. Do it or perish. It's the "or perish", with its emphatic waving, its gruesome gesticulations, that comes across in the violence of alien abductions. After all, the "or perish" part is no joke but a real possibility, even a probability. Great Gaia is convulsing in her pangs of death and rebirth. The alien visitors, like the Furies in pursuit of Orestes, witness the dark side of human evolution.

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COSMIC LIGHTSHOW

Police investigating several reported sightings of UFOs in eastern Belgium at the week-end have traced the phenomena to a laser show at a local discotheque. They said the lasers were reflected off fast-moving low cloud.

-Reuter.



DEVIL IN UFO CIRCLES HORROR

By J.G. Giant (IUN corn correspondent)

The summer of 1989 has seen the usual round of heated debate about the so-called Cornfield Circles mystery. With three books currently available about the subject and several lectures being seen on the ufological conference circuit the circles have captured ufological imagination in a big way. The only problem, as always, has been one of interpretation and the 'big guns' of the various ufological camps have claimed that they are evidence for hoaxes, earth mysteries, ley-lines (?!), UFOs and naturally occurring wind vortices. So as with all good ufological arguments we now have what we call round here 'feytin' in the metaphorical streets about who is right.

According to Circular Evidence, the wonderfully illustrated pictorial record of the circles, the circles are largely a phenomenon of the last fifteen years or so and although it is not specifically stated there seems to be an implication that they are a new phenomenon. Maybe, if indeed the circles were a new phenomenon then we would be right in suspecting that the forces of nature were not entirely to blame for their creation (or new forces of nature may be at work), and indeed we might even allow a little speculation to creep in. But hold hard! History has once more come to the rescue and saved us from having to endure rabid speculation. Over the past few months at least three independent (of each other) sources have come across a most intriguing historical document which puts the circles debate into the perspective it so desperately needs.

THE MOWING-DEVIL:

OR, STRANGE NEWS OUT OF
HARTFORD-SHIRE.

Being a True Relation of a Farmer, who Bargaining with a Poor Mower, about the Cutting down Three Half Acres of Oats: upon the Mower's asking too much, the Farmer swore *That the Devil should Mow it rather than He*. And so it fell out, that very Night, the Crop of Oat shew'd as if it had been all of a Flame; but next Morning appear'd so neatly mow'd by the Devil or some Infernal Spirit, that no Mortal Man was able to do the like.

Also, How the said Oats ly now in the Field, and the Owner has not Power to fetch them away.

Licensed, August 22nd, 1678.



The picture to the left is a copy of a woodcut dated 1678 and relates a tale from Hertforshire which tells the story of how a farmer bargained with de debbil about corn cutting and as a result got more than he wanted. The account I saw appeared in W.B. Gerish's Hertfordshire Folk Lore where, amidst a rather confusing commentary, by Gerrish and a contemporary commentary of its time is set the key passage;

"...the inquisitive Farmer no sooner arriv'd at the place where his Oats grew, but to his admiration he found the Crop was cut down ready to his hands, and if the Devil had a mind to shew his dexterity in the art of Husbandry, and scorn'd to mow them after the usual manner, he cut them in round circles, and plac't every

straw with that exactness that it would have taken above an Age for any Man to perform what he did that one night: And the man that owns them

is yet afraid to remove them."

With that description and the accompanying woodcut it is obvious, beyond all reasonable doubt that here we have a recorded crop field circle from the 17th century. The phenomenon is therefore not new, but has always existed and was just not the favourite hype of the media at the time.

Perhaps the best thing about this discovery is how the phenomenon was set in the context of its times; such a strange and wonderous event could not possibly be seen as the work of nature and therefore had to have some outside agent at its root. UFOs hadn't been invented in those days and as God was too busy sorting out witches the Devil 'was it'. From the Devil in 1678 to UFOs, earth mysteries (although if vortices are to blame then it is a genuine earth mystery), ley lines, whatever in 1989. How easily we become the victims of our own belief systems. Of course this woodcut will be seized upon by proponents of the wilder theories to support them (extraterrestrials dressed up as Devils probably), but it is far more likely (damn near certain I'd say) that this validates the fact that the circles are of meteorological origin, have always existed and are constantly re-interpreted in the 'mystery' context of the period.

Further information on this historical find can be obtained by reading the November 1989 issue of Journal Of Meteorology which has articles on the topic by Jenny Randles and Bob Skinner (available from 54 Frome Rd, Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, BA15 1LD, price unknown). Readers who wish to know the full story of the cropfield circles and their relevance to ufology would be advised to come and see Jenny Randles speak at the IUNs Phantoms Of The Sky conference (see back page of this issue). Cropfield circles look set to be the ufological event of the 1990s.

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Letters



Dear Sir,

Ian Blake's provocative paper, A Mars a day... (Nov 1989 UFO BRIGANTIA) makes the very important point that trivial data, which tends to be brushed aside in case reports, can sometimes provide significant clues as to what is going on. An encounter witness's casual references to food may tell us more than his more elaborate description of the entities he encounters or the spaceship onto which he is abducted.

In the classic cases of the Contactee Era, the sharing of refreshment was a statutory part of the pattern: Vallee, in his insightful Passport to Magonia (under the heading: 'Food From Fairy Land'), sees it as a ritual act, akin to hospitality rituals in primitive cultures. When we find this ritual element cropping up in an encounter story, it is an indication of the archetypal nature of the experience and encourages us to interpret it in psychological terms.

Ian takes the question farther, taking into account not only the act of eating/drinking, but also what is eaten and drunk, speculating that there may be a link with the fact that diet can affect behaviour, even to the extent that it can induce an alternate state.

At first sight, these aspects seem to belong to different disciplines - the first to the world of fantasy created by those who for whatever reason choose to believe in extraterrestrial visitation, the second to the more-or-less scientific field of the psychology of alternate states.

However, those of us (and I gather Ian is one) who believe that the encounter experience is itself a psychological process with its own

rationale, can see that the two aspects may not be as unrelated as at first appears.

We may reasonably suppose that when witness John reports, let's say, that Ashtar has come all the way from Mekon to tell him to eat less chocolate, what John is really doing is externalising some subconscious impulse. This may be simple guilt at self-indulgence, but it may be something more profound. Many, perhaps most food cravings have a purposeful aspect, which may be psychological - maybe John is guzzling chocolate as a substitute for affection - or physical - perhaps John's metabolism needs the beneficial chemical component which chocolate contains. Alternatively, some diets seem especially associated with certain behaviour patterns: indeed any change in body chemistry may effect a change in behaviour, and psychics are generally very careful what and when they eat.

We know that encounter experiences tend to reflect individual fears, hopes, wishes etc; it is, for example, surely no coincidence that visiting entities in our ecology-oriented 1980s express concern about what we are doing to our environment, whereas in the politically-fraught 1960s the messages were all about how we should love one another and all that stuff.

Consequently, it is reasonable to infer that if John receives instructions about eating chocolate it is because his subconscious mind - which is presumably responsible for setting up his fantasy experience in the first place - has seized the chance to get him to alter his dietary habit - maybe to improve his health, maybe to give him psychological stability, maybe to enhance his psychic abilities or whatever.

Such a process would be behind the cases noted by Ian in which witnesses are converted to vegetarianism. My guess is that, so long as it had to be a conscious decision, these people hadn't the willpower to do what they wanted to do; so their subconscious stepped in and embodied the suggestion in their encounter experience.

If, as I believe to be the case, the encounter witness is in some kind of alternate state when he has his experience, he will be more than usually suggestible. In fact we can liken the process to that of a hypnotist curing a tobacco addict; what the subconscious has done is to 'create' an alien entity whose charisma (note how alien entities are always presented as authority-figures) adds force to the imposition of a suggestion which John would not have respected in normal circumstances.

- So what at first seems a trivial detail can be seen to confirm what is becoming steadily more evident; that the encounter experience is a carefully devised psychological experience, tailor-made by the individual's own subconscious mind to meet his own individual need.

My felicitations to Ian for recognising the importance of this seemingly trivial aspect of the encounter experience.

Hilary Evans (London)

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Dear Editor,

I was most interested to read the article "ET or not ET?" in your last issue, no. 40. In many ways it well reflects my own views, and I happen to have been involved in this perplexing business for fifty years or so. (My book UFOs and the Christian was published in 1978).

Briefly, I have a request to make. Would you be very kind and publish this letter of mine in the hope that some useful information will be forthcoming? The fact is, it could certainly be the case that once again the human race is threatened in a particular way, from a particular quarter. The quarter, quite simply, is that of fallen angels: devils and demons. It is clearly recorded in God's word that

long ago in the past, fallen angels had sexual intercourse with women, and this wicked act led directly to the Flood and the destruction of the human race. Genesis 6: 1-8 is of course the key passage.

The question now, and what a very big question it is, is whether this particular form of wickedness, i.e. rebellion against God's ordinances, is being perpetrated once again. Although as yet no firm evidence appears to exist, circumstantial evidence does seem to be building up, and it would now be the greatest possible help to be kept informed of reports and developments in this sphere. I would therefore much appreciate any useful information which could be provided by your readers in support of this thesis.

One hardly needs to add that Christ clearly warned "As it was in the days of Noah, so will it be again", and since the trigger for that human disaster was illicit "cross-breeding", I need hardly emphasise the importance of this point.

Yes, I quite agree with your contributors D. & T.M. Barclay that "the appearance of UFOs coincides with the decline in orthodox religion." I myself am now in the Holy Orthodox Church, the place of greatest safety in a worldly world!

Sincerely, Paul (Eric) Inglesby

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PS I might perhaps add that I was Secretary of the Christian UFO Research Association (CHRUFORA) 1978-81, which did useful work and proved to the Church in general that UFOs are largely, if not entirely, demonic in origin. This view has never since been seriously contested in Christian circles.

FLYING SAUCER SECRETS

by

The Lunatic Fringe (not the editor he hastens to add)

Secrets? We've got 'em! You've heard of Erich von Daniken, and who amongst us could forget that classic exposition of the truth Laser Beams From Star Cities, not to mention Prehistoric Germ Warfare?. So now from a classic never to be released ufological text, which ranks with Above Top Secret, and in which all the secrets of ufology are revealed we bring you this extract.

"In the beginning there was Rumour. This led to Speculation. Which brought about Conviction. Resulting in the Flying Saucer Faith of the late twentieth century. Praise Be! E.T!

Now, as any ufologist worth his hypothesis can tell you, E.T. moves in mysterious ways, its wonders to perform. It eschews contact with the learned, preferring instead to augment the egos of the nonedescript by embroiling them in Cosmic Plans To Save The Human Race. You might not have realised it but, with the help of the common man, E.T. during the last half century has averted:

Polar Shift

Cometary Impact

Planetary Rollover (like apple turnover but with a planet)

Takeover by THE POWERS OF EVIL (lawksamussy)

Planetary Purgings of THE UNWORTHY

Nuclear War (several times)

Armageddon (possibly three times)

And

A Global Outbreak of THRUMPS (probably)

Because of the sheer volume of salvatory work to be done for Planet Earth, it has required the services of Aliens from:

- Mars (which reputedly has a lot of bars)
- Venus (they're mostly 'armless)
- Clarion (don't Call us, we won't Call you)
- Aenestria (sounds painful)
- The Pliedes (sock it to me sister)
- Orion (of probable Irish descent, but they're Bearing up nicely)
- Sirius (Hot Dog!)

In fact so many Aliens are presently coming to Earth from all points outward that it has to be suspected that saving the Earth is an interstellar growth industry; presumably funded by the Entitypower Services Commission; and there are those researchers who categorically state that adverts for E.T. have appeared on British Television and wonder how significant this development is in the light of the present rumours regarding the Second Coming of Elvis Presley. But, you are entitled to ask at this point, how did we - a perpetually perpendicular primate - become the object of such interstellar attention?

Well, the answer to that is one of the most closely guarded secrets of Flying Saucery. Classified so far Above Top Secret that nobody has ever communicated it, written it down, or read it. It has been confidently conjectured by those who confidently conjecture things that the only time it has been secretly alluded to in modern times was at a clandestine meeting between Akri-Lan (a Martian Draft Dodger), Bhov-Ryll (A Beetlejuician Effluent Entrepreneur), Kokappi (an Ascended Andean Adeptus of the Left Hand Way [you don't change hands at 99-], and Adolf Hitler - in an abandoned Aetherian safe house (presumably a house wherein is stored abandoned Aetherian safes). Unfortunately before A Massive Full Scale Investigation was launched, and the Terrible Truth could be discussed in Full Detail, and all the True Facts brought to light, the M.I.B., who was acting as M.C., but who was secretly with the C.I.A., for purposes only known to the K.G.B., was injudicious enough to ask;

"Anyone f'coffee?"..... and everyone left.

But not before Adolf, who was in fact an Alien Being from another Dimension on a Secret Mission to collect all the royalties on the Other version of Colonel Bogey, had time to pose the ultimate question in ufology:

"Why don't UFO?"

You(fos) just know it makes sense!"

DON'T FAIL TO MISS THE NEXT THRILLING INSTALLMENT OF FLYING SAUCER SECRETS

Which will not appear in thrilling installments in future issues of UFO BRIGANTIA."

This has been a Public Service article to offset increasing stupidity within the UFO community.

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"Lights come and go in the night sky. Men, troubled at last by the things they build, may toss in their sleep and dream bad dreams, or lie awake while the meteors whisper greenly overhead. But nowhere in all space or on a thousand worlds will there be men to share our loneliness. There may be wisdom; there may be power; somewhere across space great instruments, handled by strange, manipulative organs, may stare vainly at our floating cloud wrack, their owners yearning as we yearn. Nevertheless, in the nature of life and in the principles of evolution we have had our answer. Of men elsewhere, and beyond, there will be none forever."

Loren Eiseley, from The Immense Journey (Vintage Books 1959)

Alien Contact or Armageddon?

by
Clive Potter, Philip Mantle and Andy Walmsley
with comments by Dr. John Shaw, M.A., C.Psychol., A.F.B.Ps.S.

Four summaries of case studies. Each individual witness claims an 'alien contact' of some kind which has been carefully investigated by Clive Potter, Philip Mantle and Andy Walmsley (IUN). None of the four following case studies have ever been published in any national newspaper or magazine, one is known to a few researchers, but the other three are published here, albeit in brief, for the very first time, and are a continuation of joint IUN/BUFORA abduction/contactee research.

Each of the four brief case histories below came to the attention of UFO researchers at both BUFORA and IUN. Each percipient has given their approval to have their identities used for the purpose of this article, and each desires to make contact with others who have had similar experiences and have felt the same feelings towards the future of the planet Earth. Each feels that as a direct result of their UFO contact experiences that they have been given information, or a new awareness, with regards to the future and they have a role to play in any future society, or certainly in the transition between the old and the new one. All four percipients are convinced that this information was, and in some cases still is, given to them by 'alien contact':

1. Gary Harlow, Northamptonshire.

Gary Harlow first came on the scene in 1975 when he approached Ufologist Jenny Randles at a conference in Manchester. Since then Gary has maintained his account and attempted to put some of the new awareness that he gained from the UFO experience into practice.

Gary is in his early forties, married with two children, and is a research technician. He claims that when he was a youngster, whilst digging the garden at his former home, he saw a luminous multi-coloured disc-shaped object just hovering above the trees. He then claims that he saw himself looking down on himself from this object. Within six weeks he had forgotten the event. After he had got married at the age of 22 he began to get interested in theology. Upon reading a certain passage in the Bible he remembered his UFO experience. It was as if he gained a new sense of awareness and realised that he was something other than himself.

Gary now states that he has a particular mission to perform, involving the changing of mankind's consciousness and of the events as foretold in the Bible and other religious teachings. Gary claims that there are several important artefacts that are currently concealed and that the time is right for these to be found and their nature revealed to mankind.

Essentially, Gary's claim is that the events as told in the Bible under Revelations will occur and that he will be instrumental in bringing some of these events about. Gary's case is extremely complex, and often bizarre, but basically concerns itself with future changes brought about by alien involvement on Earth.

2. David Rogers, Coventry.

This case, currently still under investigation, came to our attention through personal contact with the witness. The witness, single and in his late 30s and currently unemployed, has had UFO contact and psychic experiences since a young child. His first UFO sighting was of a strange light that was observed by David and a group of classmates whilst still at school. He was then about 15 years old. The same strange light appeared to make a very personal appearance to

him when he was 17 and at home in Coventry. The light performed large triangle movements in the sky. Between the first and second sighting David had images or experiences of seeing non-human entities at his bedroom window, and of being transported through the window and onto a craft of some description in the sky. Also, between the two sightings and since for several years, David would often wander the nearby fields and simply stare at the sky for hours on end. He felt that he was waiting for something but cannot explain what. These 'wanderings' would often leave David with a 'Missing Time' experience, not knowing what had happened during a certain time period.

David later developed into a clairvoyant. He has displayed all the outward signs of being a 'secret abductee', someone who has had missing time, memories of entity visitations, UFO experiences and so on, but who cannot now recall all of the details either through repressed memory or by some other means.

David has had great feelings towards the future of the planet and feels that there will be a nuclear holocaust, and possibly a natural catastrophe. There will be people who will survive and continue in a new society. Since developing his clairvoyance, David has received psychic messages about this future holocaust and the fact that a particular artefact will be retrieved and it is to be used for some unknown purpose in connection with future changes.

3. Patricia Mee, Manchester.

Patricia Mee first contacted BUFORA in April 1989. She believes that UFO contact (alien contact) has been made with her, and she has had this feeling of alien contact (or knowing as she puts it) since she was six years old. She is now in her early 30s. Patricia is married and works as a secretary and personal assistant.

Patricia has received information through her mind about other civilisations, and a whole host of information about the universe. Much of this information has been repressed by Patricia for whatever reason and she has stated that she feels 'different' from other people - almost 'alien' in fact. She states that at the age of six she began to feel certain 'funny feelings' which she could not understand, feelings of not being alone. She felt as though she was being followed everywhere, but could not see anyone, she could only feel their presence. Patricia began to look skyward, day and night, and did remember saying to herself "that's where they come from". Patricia remembers having a secret playmate visible only to her as a child. This playmate looked exactly like the strange alien entity depicted on the front cover of abductee Whitley Strieber's book 'Communion'.

Patricia has also detailed numerous 'alien contacts' throughout her life, she even claims that at one stage she was shown the alien's home planet, Their planet is a three-planetary system and Patricia even knows the names of the three planets.

Patricia has undergone deep emotional feelings about herself. She does not feel that she is from somewhere else and that she has a specific task to carry out, rather she feels that she has to meet similar people to herself who can help her impart the information given to her via her "alien contact" experiences. She feels strongly that the earth is moving into dangerous times and that physical as well as spiritual changes will occur. She feels that there is a plan to lead mankind to greater understanding and enlightenment and that she is part of that plan. When that plan is fulfilled she feels that she will be able to return 'home'.

4. Graham Allen, Staffordshire.

Graham first contacted BUFORA in April 1989. Graham is in his mid-30s, married with three children, and runs his own decorating business.

In June 1979 he was driving on the A34 near Oxford when he underwent a typical 'missing time' experience often associated with so-called 'abductions'. His car radio became 'crackly' and he lowered his head.

and fiddled with it. Looking up again, Graham discovered that it was now raining heavily - moments before it was not. He also discovered that he was inexplicably lost and was on an unfamiliar stretch of road. He was disorientated and quite confused. Eventually Graham found his way to his destination and reached there in some distress. He later discovered that he had 'driven' over 15 miles in less than a few minutes, something which is quite impossible.



In November 1982 he occasionally experienced a high-pitched sound at night, and he seemed to lose control. At times these experiences would increase and then would subside in regularity. Between 1983 and 1984 he began receiving information into his mind from an unknown source. The subject matter in this information seemed to relate to time, space, gravity, molecular structure, positive and negative forces and even pollution. These experiences would often last all night and he would be fully awake during them. Often he would end up with severe headaches after them. These experiences ended in the summer of 1984. He was presented with a detailed description of a machine with non-frictional moving parts. Graham requested the messages to cease as he could take no more at that time.

No more contact was made for two years. When it did return the information was now about the mind and reality. In December 1987 Graham awoke one morning and had a spontaneous recall of the original event on the road near Oxford. He recalled seeing a golden yellow haze surrounding his car and the car itself was stationary. He could see a man with a dog who seemed to be absolutely motionless. He was also aware of a loud humming sound and saw a bright yellow light above the car. He panicked and shouted to the man who did not respond. Then everything went black and he was then aware of being on his back and observed three strange faces peering over him. When he fully awoke Graham was convinced that this is what really happened to him on the road near Oxford.

Between 1987 and 1989 he had regular contact with what he then began to accept as extraterrestrial beings. He could now ask questions of the aliens and answers would be given.

Graham now feels a need to speak to others about his experiences and his information as he feels that the planet Earth is about to undergo severe physical and spiritual changes. Like other people who have had UFO or even religious or psychic experiences, the year 1992 is given as the year when these changes will occur.

Comments by C. Potter, P. Mantle & A. Walmsley
(IUN/BUFORA).

All of the above cases represent people from a very wide variety of backgrounds, who have undergone what may be termed as an "alien contact". The percipients generally express or interpret their contact as being with aliens, but it is at least the view of these researchers that these experiences could be the result of contact with another form of consciousness rather than some extraterrestrial beings.

Close Encounters of the 4th Kind (CE4), where contact is made with

UFO occupants or alien entities often occur during sleep, which as we know is an altered state of consciousness. It could well be that the CE4 occurs in the mind of those involved when it is in a receptive state, and contact can occur with another realm of consciousness. It could be that this altered state of consciousness could form part of the collective unconscious which in turn would explain the similarities of the experiences related by the different percipients. Research in this area is still in its infancy in Britain and the assistance of well qualified social scientists is urgently needed.

CE4s are on the increase as are messages concerning impending doom. Mediums are convinced that such messages are from the spirit world, while others like the four cases above, are equally as sure that the messages are from aliens trying to help us. But one thing is certain, with all of the cases described above and with countless other people who have had similar warnings or visions of the future, and that is we are being told that we are in danger. Prophecies, messages of alien contact all talk of the End Times, of an Armageddon, beginning in 1992. All of these messages, be it via mediums, the spirit world, visions, dreams, prophecies, or alien contacts, all are processed through the subconscious mind, This is where the message itself is broadcast. Such people, as the above feel an urge to seek out others and to spread the message.

The world is about to enter a great time of upheaval according to the vast array of messages received via mystics, mediums, contactees, etc. Pollution, ecological destruction, nuclear weapons, the greenhouse effect, all are combining to produce a possible Armageddon of truly biblical proportions.

Perhaps a future Armageddon is making ripples across time, spreading outwards so that closer we get the stronger and more frequent the messages become. Sensitives could pick up the information first and from this reservoir of super-consciousness which we can all dip into, some of us may also pick out images of alien contact. The perceived images will be suitable for that person/society/culture, but the messages are the same - that of impending changes that will affect the world.

Comments by Dr. John Shaw, M.A., C.Psychol, A.F.B.Ps.S.

There is little doubt that the individuals whose accounts you quote in your article are 'sensitive'. Like Whitley Strieber they are tuned into the fact that the planet is in a perilous state with global warming, depletion of the ozone layer, etc. They are picking up in symbolic form warnings about impending problems and the possibility of cataclysmic events.

As to the UFOs and the alien beings, these are at least the symbolic forms in which these warnings are expressed. The phenomenon of dreams shows us that it is not the form that is important so much as the message which the form of the symbol expresses. However, we have to conclude that mankind has only partial knowledge of the reality in which he lives and some individuals have, from earliest times, claimed greater knowledge than their fellows. Similarly, most have only partial knowledge today, others claim more.

Strieber concluded that a non-human intelligence was at work in the phenomena and the close encounters which he experienced. However, just because the CE4 seems objectively real at the time does not mean it is real in any objective material sense. It should be treated as a significant dream in which the message is all-important, not the form.

As to 1992, this must be treated with scepticism I'm afraid. Christmas 1982 was supposed to be the time for a cosmic event which did not as far as I know occur. Already May, 2000AD and 1999 have also been given as key dates. As Berlitz says "announcements of impending catastrophe are now becoming more frequent, and not only from psychic

prophets but also from scientists of a variety of disciplines". When the present era will end nobody knows for sure...

(Note: Dr. Shaw is the Senior Staff Tutor in Psychology and Director of Race Relations and Equal Opportunity Courses at the Department of Extra-Mural Studies at the University of Manchester).

The above is the latest in the continuing research programme of contactees and abductees in Britain. A research programme which is badly in need of further assistance from all aspects of the social sciences. The authors are continually searching for further material as the above. If you are a witness, an investigator or a researcher, from either the UFO field or the field of psychic research and have material of a similar nature that you would consider sharing with the authors. Then please contact: Clive Potter, 31 Grove Road, Highfields, Leicester LE5 3HJ.

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Crashed Saucer in South Africa?

NEWS, VIEWS, COMMENT & ANALYSIS

With the 1980s seeing the rise and rise of the crash retrieval story it seemed only fitting that the last year of that decade, 1989, should see the genesis of what will be a long running c/r story in this country, used both to bolster belief systems and inter-group politics alike. Although the alleged crash took place in South Africa it seems to be mainly UK researchers who are involved in it directly so far. Three major articles have so far been published in the UFO literature and there are several 'official' documents floating about so it seems set to snowball. So what have we got?

The IUN first became aware of this case when one of our contacts (the perennial Allan Staithes) who deals with intelligence told us a vague rumour about this case, and also that it was a hoax, in mid-June. We sat and waited to see what developed and by October it had become a full blown 'case'. YUFOS were the first to write about it in the UK, for the simple reason that it was one of their contacts who came by the case. So here we go.

If we are to believe the account published in YUFOS' journal QUEST this is what happened (taken from the 'official' documents which they obtained from S.A.). We offer this without comment but please read 'allegedly' in front of all the statements - all names etc are pseudonyms.

On the 7th May 1989 at 13.45 GMT a South African naval frigate, The White Swan, reported that they had tracked a UFO on radar. This UFO was travelling at 5746 nautical mph. This report was confirmed by other radar installations. Radio contact was tried, without success and two mirage fighters were scrambled to intercept the object. At 13.59 GMT one of the fighters reported radar visual contact and he was ordered to fire his 'experimental aircraft-mounted Thor 2 Laser cannon'. The laser cannon must have damaged the UFO as it lost altitude and eventually came down at an angle of 25% in the Kalahari desert approximately 80 miles into Botswana. The fighters were ordered to stay in the area until an Air Force team were on the scene. When they arrived this is what they found.

Inside a crater (150 metres across by 12 metres deep) they found a silver coloured disc shaped object. The object lay at an angle of 45 degrees and had impacted with such heat that the surrounding area had

become fused. A magnetic field was present which disabled some of the Air Forces equipment. Eventually the object was moved for analysis and the site was filled in and returned to normal.

The document then goes on to list the findings by the S.A. A.F. when they examined the craft at the Air Force base it was removed to. The type and origin of the craft was listed as 'extraterrestrial' and it had a 'curious insignia forged into metal' on its side. Its dimensions were; Length- 20 yards, Height 9.5 yards, Weight 50000 kg. The material construction of the craft was (as usual) unknown and no point of entry could be located. During this investigation a hatch suddenly opened a fraction in the craft and this was fully forced by a hydraulic jack. When this was done two 'entities' came out and were taken to a medical centre.

The document went on to describe the entities as being of suspected extraterrestrial origin, 4-4,5 ft high, greyish blue complexion, devoid of all bodily hair, oversize head in relation to body with prominent cheek bones, large, pupilless eyes slanted upwards at the side of the face, small nose, mouth but no lips, no ears, arms reaching to below the knees, three fingers on each hand, no exterior sexual organs and many other small items all devoted to indicating the entity was one of those 'grey' chappies beloved of ET ufologists over the past few years.

Apparently no blood or tissue samples could be taken as the entities were very aggressive and had in fact attacked and scratched a doctor. Instead of hanging a 'careful, I bite' sign round their heads the aliens were consigned to 'level 6' (no, not level 6, anything but that we imagined they screamed) of the APT and kept there until such times as they were transported to Wright Patterson (where else) on the 23rd of June.

YUFOS' involvement in all this is unclear but it seems that first news and the documents were obtained by a YUFOS contact Dr Henry Azadehdel (famous last June in all the national papers for taking a walk down the steps at the Old Bailey for international orchid smuggling). Described as 'one of the worlds leading abduction experts' at YUFOS' 1989 conference, several members of the IUN team have met Henry and found him to be well versed in the UFO field but with a particular penchant for the American version of contemporary ufology.

Tony Dodd, a YUFOS member, ex policeman and shareholder in QUEST International apparently was made aware of the case by Henry A. and eventually the shadowy South African contact came to the UK and met with the two YUFOS people and gave more info on the case including names of officials and scientists from SA and America who were involved in the case. These names are not given. The SA contact signed a long statement to the effect that the story was true and that he was ready and willing to take a lie detector test.

YUFOS made contact with another SA intelligence officer who confirmed the case and said he had access to photos (8 by 10 glossies no less) and a fifty page telex from Wright Patterson giving details to the South Africans of how to conduct a crash retrieval. YUFOS then 'phoned the Squadron Leader in SA who allegedly fired at the UFO, lied about their identity, and managed to get him to confirm that he had fired once. NORAD in the USA was then contacted and they confirmed to YUFOS that an object had been tracked (you try 'phoning NORAD and see what they say!) and the sleuthing went on. Wright Patterson and one of the men named by the SA intelligence agent was tried. They know nothing but according to YUFOS 'he was obviously shaken and took some time to answer' (interesting how if officials confirm a UFO sighting they are 'spilling the beans' or 'coming clean', but if they deny them they are always 'shaken' by the knowledge that others know the terrible secret - has anyone considered that they might not just think 'who the f### are this bunch of loonies' and give them a load of garbage?). Not surprisingly when YUFOS phoned again they man had 'gone away on an

anything at the sides of the road which was in your way- houses, lights etc. Did they really do this?

8. And the impact? The UFO crashes at an incredibly high speed, fusing the ground around it, yet is not scratched (this after being shot up by a laser cannon too). Remember the Roswell Incident- that alleged craft broke up after just skimming the surface never mind impacting at god knows what speed. But this one did and without a mark too- alien technology eh?.

9. OK. We can dig that...but..then the little aliens get out and they aren't splattered from one side of the craft to another from the impact- amazing. But then aliens are clever; so clever they can resist a massive impact but not so clever to avoid being shot down by a laser cannon. You get the picture? Yes, we see.

10. The SA, US & Israeli intelligence services (at least) know about the case and yet one of their number is allowed to come to the UK to spill the beans, phone calls are made to and from SA, documents passed through the post. All this and no one prevents THE ULTIMATE SECRET from being passed to a bunch of amateur ufologists in West Yorkshire. I should cocoa. In the real world this doesn't happen.

13. The craft has the Socorro insignia on the side. Puhleese.

Call me cynical if you like but I think the whole thing smacks of a hoax and a pretty naff one at that. Why and by whom? Hard to work out but look at the sequence of events. Who got the case first? YUFOS (but apparently after Allen Staithes heard about it)- why no-one else? But there was someone else. YUFOS take great pains in pointing out that Harry Harris (ufology's forgotten man according to him) was told about the case before YUFOS revealed it.

Deep thorkus here. If you were a hoaxer and wanted a group in the UK to promote your hoax who would you choose? YUFOS and Harry Harris would be as good a bet as any. And what better way to 'make it real' than to tell someone else before the case is made public. But still, who done it? We are pretty sure and said person lives north of the Watford gap but we can't say more as ufologists are notoriously litigious these days when their hoaxes and beliefs are threatened.

That's the case in the UK. The SA case also reared its ugly head in the USA where the Nevada Aerial Newsletter has covered it (from POB 81407, Las Vegas, Nevada 89180-1407, USA- \$8 an issue in the UK). NAR is a conspiracy based UFO journal. You know John Lear, underground alien bases, aliens breeding us for food, agents killing people for knowing 'too much'. Its a mindblast really you ought to buy it to see where ufology is at in some peoples heads. But anyway, in their November issue the case is outlined. Exactly the same as the YUFOS document version (except the electromagnetic field surrounding the object caused a helicopter to crash killing five crew), until the can is opened so to speak. Then guess what. Two figures emerge from the UFO but stap my vitals if they aren't US military personnel. This statement is qualified by the fact that NAR say that there were also 'greys' on board (this after and probably only upon seeing the YUFOS document or version of events) It's all true, it says it in NAR. According to NAR's analysis the UFO was an American UFO; they are allegedly building and flying UFOs as part of one of those iffy deals with the aliens. NAR says they are called ARVs (Alien Reproduction Vehicles). There's a whole lot more of this stuff in every issue of NAR and it's W-E-I-R-D shit indeed.

So two versions of the story each one slightly different. Tempting to say each one tailor made to fit the ufologists it reached (why wasn't the story 'leaked' to, say, BUFORA or CUFOS?). For example UK ufologists, even the loonies amongst them wouldn't (yet- just wait, it's coming) accept alien/human deals and that whole John Lear thang - so give them a straightforward c/r with cover-up to go and they love it. But give that to the wilder shores of American ufology and its no

assignment for several weeks'. Well he would have wouldn't he? Wouldn't you if you were being pestered by ufologists?

The YUFOS article goes on to detail the many phone calls made to Wright Patterson, and various agencies in both countries. Threats were made by phone to the SA intelligence agent who was staying with Henry Azadehdel and the article finishes with the comment from a South African contact who said "There is absolute hell let loose here at the moment".

The IUN have a correspondent, a veteran ufologist, who lives in a relevant area of South Africa who has supplied us with a list of criticisms of the case, which, mingled in with my own are as follows (in no particular order.)

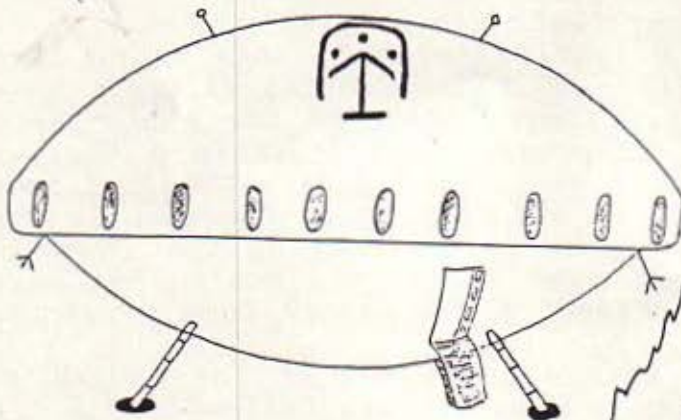
1. The document is littered with grammatical problems. Kalahari had been spelt on the document as 'Calahari'. Also the report seems to mix metric with imperial weights and measures - why?
2. The Thor Two laser cannon is a joke. No aircraft in any airforce carries Laser cannon capable of shooting down aircraft let alone UFOs travelling at high speeds. In fact it was reported in early January that the UK air force was experimenting with lasers which could dazzle pilots eyes- a long way from the Thor weapon mentioned.
3. The frigate involved was alleged to be secret- our S.A. contact assures us that frigates were phased out two or three years ago. The remaining frigates were used, once, for target practice by submarines. Obviously one was secretly stored away until it could be fortuitously involved in this nonsense.
4. We are not totally sure but suspect that the term 'Squadron Leader' is not used in SA, where British Army ranks are generally used.
5. Why should the SA's deal with Wright Patterson? There is no love lost between South Africa and the USA- US ambassadorial aircraft have recently been caught using their privileged position for photo-recce missions and the CIA were nicked attempting to infiltrate a nuclear research establishment at Pelindaba 18 years ago. Add to this the fact that the US has imposed sanctions on SA and instant co-operation seems odd to say the least. Of course, it goes without saying that the UFO problem is well Above Top Secret and even people who don't love each other will co-operate to halt the dreaded alien menace from tampering with our women and children.
6. A UFO crashes in Botswana and within the space of the length of time a jet can remain above the site a team goes in followed by a c/r team? This besides the time and availability factor also assumes that the South Africans happen to have a team of men and vehicles suitable for retrieving crashed UFOs. The area of the Kalahari the UFO is alleged to have crashed in is not sandy open desert it is in fact 'thornveld' and is farmed sparsely, why didn't anyone see such a massive operation?. Furthermore Botswana, quite correctly, is not exactly keen on SA due to the SA treatment of everyone who isn't quite white and who speaks with a funny accent. Had its territory been violated by jets, c/r teams and a bloody big UFO traipsing across its desert it would have said so. Ah but I forgot. Of course, the UFO subject, being Above Top Secret can even smooth things over between countries torn by race problems. Sorry.
7. But OK, they get in there (remember that the lead jet stayed in the area long enough for an initial team to get there- attracting attention all the time), and avoid Botswanan military patrols whilst they check it out. How do they get the UFO out without leaving tracks all over the desert, a desert where tracks can remain for over 30 years. Planes can't land so it has to be transported across desert and roads. The problem here is that of the c/r's from the USA in the 50s. To transport such an item it would have been necessary to move

good, too tame. No, those good 'ol boys need alien human deals, underground bases and stuff. If we were really cynical we would say it has all been carefully designed for cross fertilization of story. The NAR version doesn't mention the Soccorro insignia, the YUFOS version does but they don't pick up on the fact that the Soccorro craft was supposed to have been a military UFO at the time etc. Non of this affects the basic problems or thoughts given above.

In their Dec 89/Jan 90 issue NAR reprint the YUFOS conference lecture on the case (apparently the code name for it is 'Silver Diamond' two items closely associated with SA and dare we say it put it to make it all more 'real' - surely the intelligence services are not so hackneyed. At least 'MJ-12' had a ring to it).

That's the case and our thoughts on it so far. Our contact in SA is checking further into the case and intends to visit the area, so we will bring you more news when we have it or when other groups publish something. Unfortunately YUFOS are not releasing any names, locations etc which are seriously checkable so we will have to criticise what we have got. It is the IUNS opinion that the case is a hoax, carefully designed to create a 'classic case' for purposes we can only guess at. This is the 1990s, time to grasp the nettle. We may never get to the bottom of this, but let's make sure it doesn't escape into the ufological literature as a classic case- at least until the problems have been resolved.


Selections below from alleged documents pertaining to the case sent to us by N.A.R and a source in South Africa.



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RESTRICTED ACCESS:	Illuminated line
PRIORITY CODE:	04
SPECTRUM LOT:	Blue
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PORTION OF THE 'DOCUMENT'

A Critic Writes...

(Editors note: This edited letter refers to articles and info in the Summer 1989 issue of UFO BRIGANTIA)

Dear Sir,

Frankly I am embarrassed to have had a flyer about my Sheffield lecture on the back of the Summer issue of UFO BRIGANTIA with its examples of Arm Chair Theorising (ACT) replacing careful investigation. I realise that ACT is a lot easier, but it hardly qualifies as 'UFO Investigation'. To be specific:

1. p.21. Ian Blake says "Detlev Bronk" a fairly obvious alias if ever I heard of one". How absurd! Bronk is named as a member of MJ-12. Anybody who took a few minutes to check would find that he was one of America's foremost scientists for decades. Any careful investigator would recognise that he and the other named MJ-12 people were very well qualified. Alias indeed!

2. In the Stop Press on p.21 it is claimed that Bill Moore "actually admitted that for a number of years he has worked for a US government agency spreading disinformation". Bill read his paper word for word. I was there and have read the paper. No such admission is made at all.. for a simple reason. It is not true.

3. The same Stop Press refers to the "MJ-12 fiasco". As a scientist who has published a number of papers dealing with MJ-12 and spent time at a total of 14 different archives and done a great deal of serious investigation, I find this bit of ACT equally absurd. The only fiasco connected with MJ-12 is the ACT of a variety of noisy negativists and arm chair theorists whose attempts to debunk MJ-12 have turned out to be so ludicrous. None of the arguments made to date against the legitimacy of the 3 primary MJ-12 documents stands up to careful scrutiny. Philip Klass has made many of these silly arguments, all of which turned out to be wrong. To his small credit, at least he did pay me \$1000 for proving him wrong about the PICA type used in the Cutler-Twining memo.

For those who may be interested in the results of the serious investigations done to date, I am pleased to offer a bound 90 page collection of my MJ-12 papers including a clean copy of the documents and even a copy of Klass's cheque, for only \$10 sent to me at 79 Pembroke Crescent, Fredericton, NB Canada E3B 2V1. Obviously the fact that none of the debunking stands up to scrutiny does NOT make the documents genuine.

4. The worst case of ACT however is the 5 page article "Roswell: A Federal Case" by Ron Schaffner. he speaks of "true objectivity" and then proceeds to make mistake after mistake and to ignore most of the FACTS that do exist. I began the investigation of the Roswell Incident in the 1970s and with Bill Moore and others have now talked to more than 100 persons connected with the event. About 30 of these were involved firsthand..and yet Schaffner gives 10 references and yet makes no mention of the six long papers published since the publication in 1980 of the book. Where has he been? For those who want the best up-date covering work through 1985 I would recommend Bill Moore's "Crashed saucers: Evidence in Search of Proof" which is 50 pages long and available from me for \$8. Special price for MJ-12 and Crashed S etc. of only \$16. A few corrections

1. Mac Brazel did NOT see the glowing object. 2. Barney Barnett's observation was not on July 3. 3. Mac was NOT unimpressed with his discovery and took samples immediately even driving 10 miles to his neighbour, Floyd Proctor. 4. Walter Haut's press release was issued at the direct order of base commander Blanchard. 5. The release was not

made prior to Marcel's return. The notion that Hoover would not cooperate with the military is ridiculous in view of the more than 2000 pages of FBI material released under the F.O.I.A. 7. The notion that the wreckage was that of a parachute or other portion of the rocket launched on July 3 has no basis in fact. There is no indication at all that that rocket was not recovered. The first hand descriptions of the wreckage from 6 people all contradict the explanation as Schaffner would know if he read the 1985 paper. The notion that Barnett's testimony should not be trusted is again contradicted by the testimony of many people who knew him very well. There is much more but enough is enough.

Perhaps I should add that Philip Klass made more than 20 factual misstatements in his three pages about the Roswell Incident in one of his books, probably as a result of the fact that, not unsurprisingly, he had talked to NONE of the 100+ witnesses we have located and had never been in Roswell. As a matter of fact, some colleagues and I have a number of very hot leads and expect many more as a result of the broadcast of the show Unsolved Mysteries (20/9/89).

Most cordially

Stanton T. Friedman, Nuclear physicist-ufologist

Editors comment: OK Stanton, back in your pram. Cross ufologists, donja just love 'em? Those readers who saw Stanton's Sheffield lecture will have gathered that he is firmly convinced of the ETH and has done a fair bit of research. We are only too happy to print his criticisms. But..some points. 1. Friedman makes money out of lecturing about the very things he is saying others have got wrong. If these things were disproved bang go those lucrative lecture tours, book contracts etc. 2. We take your point about Detlev Bronk, although if it wasn't an alias it should have been an anagram- being who he is though does not make him any more likley to have been a member of MJ-12 no-one can prove that it existed other than on a few pieces of paper which are very likely hoaxed. To this end you have recently spent \$16000 of the Fund for UFO Research's money on MJ-12 work and come up with zilch. 3. Bearing in mind Bill Moore's talk I would contest that MJ-12 is a fiasco but one which people can make money of of whilst pandering to people's belief systems. As to wether or not Moore worked for a government agency Iquote from the September 1989 issue of Just Cause; "...whether he likes it or not this makes Moore an agent of the US government. Funk and Wagnalls dictionary defines an agent as 'One who, or that which acts as an agent for another'. If Moore received instructions from what he believed to be a government source, and reported on the effects of official disinformation on Bennewitz, he is acting as an agent of the government, whether paid or unpaid". And as apparently both yourself and Jaime Shandera were aware of some of the disinformation Moore knew about/had been spreading it makes one wonder. 5. Scaffners article was o.k. The fact remains that rockets were being tested in that area at that time and that the Roswell area is in the midst of 'secret weapon' country. We know that rockets exist, we know that they were being launched, we do not know that ET craft exist or that one crashed. The theory is perfectly tenable and does not rely on the convoluted logic invented to support the MJ-12 extravaganza, in support of which I would again like to quote from Just Cause in relation to the infamous Cutler/Twining memo (found in the National Archives and alleged by some to be confirmatory evidence that MJ-12 did exist outside of a few people's vivid imaginations) "Friedman acknowledges a plant as the most likely explanation for the C/T memo's appearance at the National Archives but insists that it is still genuine, planted by sources in the government to get the facts about UFOs out." If that's not imaginative thinking I don't know what is. Have fun with your 'hot leads'.

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1st Annual International UFO Conference
Sheffield Library Theatre
July 14th & 15th 1990

The Independent UFO Network are pleased to present the only international UFO conference of 1990 held in the U.K. Entitled Phantoms Of The Sky - Ufology Into the '90s, the conference is a two day event giving the latest in ufological research - with a particular slant on where the subject has been and where it is headed in the last decade of the 20th century.

The line up of speakers so far is:

14th July: Budd Hopkins (USA) Abductions
1-6 pm Peter Hough (UK) The Ilkley Alien (Photo & CE4 case)
Dave Clarke & Andy Roberts (UK) Phantoms of the Sky

15th July: John Keel (USA- provisional)
10-6 pm Jenny Randles (UK) 'The Death of Ufology'
Paul Devereux (UK) Earthlights & Ufology
Budd Hopkins (USA) Abductions- in depth
Perry Petrakis (France) The French UFO scene

This is just a preliminary outline. Full lecture titles and exact timings will be announced shortly. We are also hoping to have an well known Australian ufologist giving his opinion on the subject and its development in that country.

THE VENUE

The Phantoms of the Sky conference will be held at the Sheffield Library Theatre in the centre of Sheffield. Those of you who attended the IUN's Stanton Friedman lecture (a sell out) will know that it is easily accessible by road or rail (400 yards from bus and train stations), with ample car parking nearby. The Theatre seats 260 people, is angled for ease of vision and has comfortable seating. A bar selling alcohol, tea, coffee and soft drinks, will be open on both days of the conference.

Additionally there will be the best second hand UFO bookstall you have ever seen (and we're not kidding here!), and new and old books by those giving papers will also be on sale. Conference proceedings, consisting of summaries of papers given, will be on sale at the event as will a special conference issue of UFO BRIGANTIA. Further details and advance order forms for these as they are finalised.

Obviously ticket demand is going to be high to see the calibre of speakers such as Keel & Hopkins (both of whom incidentally have never spoken publicly before in the UK), and you are urged to 'book early' to avoid disappointment.

Ticket prices are: Saturday £4, Sunday £5. Special two day ticket price - £8, Please make cheques payable to 'Martin Dagless' and send to 'Phantoms', 84 Elland Rd, Brighouse, West Yorkshire, HD6 2QR..

If you require any further details about the event, the location or anything connected with the conference please enquire to the above address or 'phone (0294) 444049 or (0484) 721993)

PHANTOMS OF THE SKY is the event to be at in 1990. Be there.