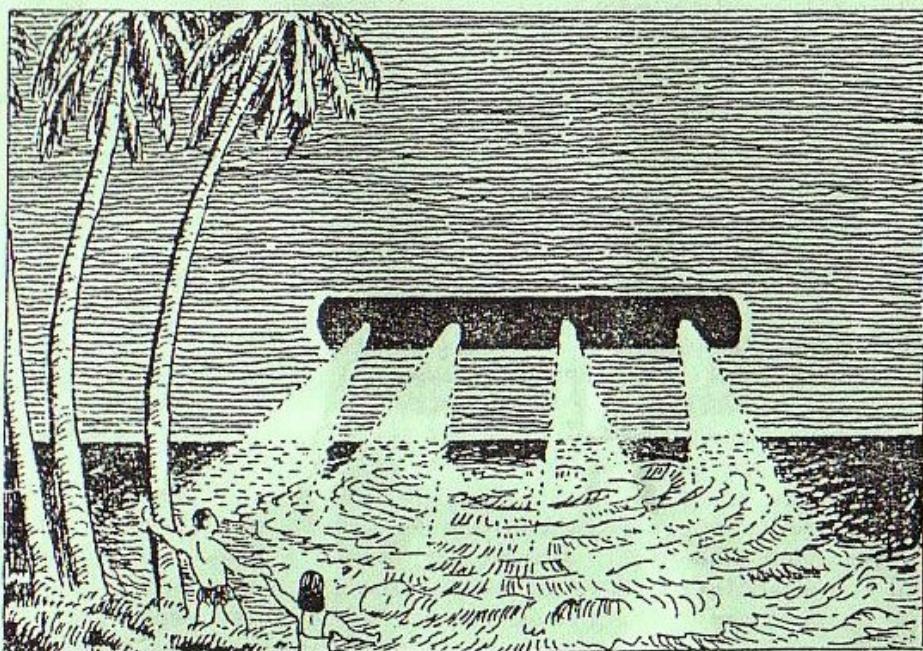


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J.R. Comments... Once again profuse apologies for the serious delays in this issue and the smaller 'emergency' size. I seem to be forever making excuses these days, but it is true that a lot has been going on behind the scenes (see below). Worse still, whilst lecturing at a conference in Vienna, I fell through a hidden gap left between the back of the stage and the screen and in my very own impersonation of an IFO (identifiable falling object) crashed to the floor breaking bones in two fingers and doing other damage to my hand. As a result work on the old amstrad has been slowed right down. I hope during January to be in a position to produce a proper (December!) issue and catch up - at least, I promise I will try!

Since rumours are something UFOlogy is never slow to produce, many people already know that as of 30 November I resigned from the BUFORA council and my long standing directorship. As such I was removed as Director of Investigations. I remain a member of the association and intend to do so.

There is no point in pretending that this was anything but a hurtful and traumatic separation. I have been a member of BUFORA for 24 years and joined council in 1975. In 1981 I became D of I when the still much loved (and in some quarters much missed) UFO Investigators Network (UFOIN) voluntarily incorporated itself into BUFORAs National Investigations Committee. This, one person, one vote, democracy to allow accredited investigators some control of their own affairs has been termed by one senior BUFORA member 'Jenny Randles private army - more loyal to you than to BUFORA' - and therein lies a seed of problems that have ensued.

I do not view the NIC like this. Any D of I had one vote, no more say than all other investigators. In my letter thanking AIs for their work I stress that I am not enticing them into another group nor urging them to quit BUFORA. Far from it. It is true I partly jumped but mostly was pushed from council and my departure from the NIC was a sad option without much alternative. Yet I do not wish to imply that anyone should feel the need to back me nor to incite any rebellion amongst NIC members. I strongly support BUFORAs aims - simply not always the way in which some present officers are implementing them. I have not joined nor formed a rival group. Those who stay loyal to the association have my admiration and continued respect.

Indeed, I am proud of our achievements in the past 12 years. The network itself - the investigators guide - the training course - and so forth - were things that a lot of people worked very hard to bring about and I will always be grateful for them doing that. What I feel is wrong with BUFORA has nothing to do with the NIC, which in my view comprises a group of selfless people whose hard work, dedication and commitment of time and money to UFOlogy deserves a better reward from the bureaucrats of this world than they often tend to get. When a major figure within the BUFORA hierarchy told me that he had investigated almost 100 cases but submitted no copies of any reports or shared their data with the NIC I sensed a yawning chasm.

In truth there is much more to it than that, of course, and all disputes have two sides. I would urge anyone interested to find out for themselves both versions of what went on and why - not just my own. I personally believe that I acted in the interests of BUFORAs investigators - as it was my job to do - but it became increasingly obvious that the BUFORA council disagreed with that view and a few influential members wanted me out of both it and the D of I job. That is their privilege, of course, in BUFORAs democratic process, even though I regard their reasoning and methodology was unfair. Equally it is my privilege (now free of binding council restrictions) to explain from my own point of view why this has happened.

UFOlogy always has been a land of inflated egos filled with bold words but few deeds. None of us are immune (myself included). That is just how it is. As such it is never easy matching the need to do real UFO investigation or research to the desire to form super groups with huge memberships. You can quickly find yourself running the board of ICI and losing sight that you are supposed to be UFOlogists first and last.

When it gets more important how often you appear on TV than funding major research projects some of the worries show. When a senior officer of an association tapes a phone conversation, waits months and then plays it (without your knowledge or consent), you realise that UFOlogy is not the CIA and has learnt little from the legendary ineptitude, secrecy or tactlessness of military authorities first charged with UFO study in 1947.

I recall what Jacques Vallee once told me. He felt no serious UFOlogy ever gets done by a bureaucracy. Every important contribution comes from individuals or small, friendly teams. He explained that he preferred to work with people that he believed were concerned with the best interests of the subject rather than to lose himself within the myriad layers of constantly bickering multi-level UFO associations. He is not alone in that assessment. When loyalty to an organisation is discarded overnight and the knives come out, the only proper thing to do is to get out of there fast.

I could have taken this to the full membership. I thought very hard about that, to test my view that they are BUFORA, not just a small board of directors. But I felt this might split an association in need of stability. So my democratic (non disruptive) protest comes by way of my resignation. Paul Fuller, a man that I respect, had already chosen to resign honourably.

Of course, there were days of bitterness where I felt betrayed by the actions of people once respected, but I have realised that in the end result petty squabbles within BUFORA mean nothing. I am not quitting UFOlogy - not even BUFORA - just its cauldron of internecine warfare. Power politics have never interested me and I believe that the sort of UFOlogy that I respect rightly judges people on what they do and say, not on how many fancy titles they stick after their name when on TV chat shows. So I am not quite so angry now. Indeed, new challenges are just around the corner and ultimately I may thank these people for doing a favour they never intended.

If you climb stairs upon the heads of those in front of you, then you may reach the top and give a few people a headache on the way. But headaches get better and can inspire good ideas during the enforced respite that they tend to bring about. Those sat on top of even the smallest pile can find it gets lonely there. Others tend to come along only too willing to knock them off their perch. What goes around, comes around, sooner or later.

BUFORA will go on. I stand by it. One day things may alter; or, as the saying goes, the more things change the more they seem to stay the same.

TRAGEDY AT VIENNA

Putting all of the above into real perspective was the tragic death of Stuart Smith - the day after the Vienna conference ended (15 November). Stuart was well known for his friendliness and bookselling activities at conferences around the UK and had travelled overland to take British UFOlogy into Austria for the delegates. He appears to have contracted the awful flu virus along the way and was too ill to participate in the conference itself. His sudden death came as a major shock to all of us from Britain who had attended. He was a respected figure at the old IUN and ran Enigma Books with Rodney Howarth. He will be missed by many.

The Vienna conference itself was a low key affair, with almost as many media sources attending as delegates. Much of it was in English as three British speakers and two from America outnumbered the German speaking contingent headed by a rather subdued and (as such) more impressive Eric von Daniken. The organisation masterminded by Ferry Radax was superb and the hospitality offered by him and his colleagues at the Marriott in this beautiful (if rather chilly) city second to none. I just hope that in return for his tireless efforts the small audience who did attend were given some indication of the nuances of modern UFOlogy.

Certainly the media (including German and Austrian TV) were very active and that, in the long run, may benefit UFOlogy in Austria more than any lectures could have done. With people like Ferry involved Austrian UFOlogy deserves to go from strength to strength.

NEWS ROUND UP



:: As usual this time of year new book catalogues are around. Midnight Books (The Mount Asceton Rd Sidmouth Devon EX10 9BT Tel: 0395-515446 after 1.30 pm) is as usual packed with second hand offerings well worth a look. Rarities include 'Crack in the Universe' the English version of the 1974 book of the French radio series that introduced the Minister of Defence's famous statement and led to GEPAN (£15).

Over in the USA, Arcturus (1443 SE Port St Lucie Blvd Port St Lucie FL 34952) is up for sale as a going concern if you fancy emigrating! But it remains the best source of new US titles, most of which never make it here. One new rarity is 'Close ET encounters' by Richard Boylen, which at \$17 discusses 'positive experiences with aliens - ie abductions where the witness was transformed in a beneficial way. Mind you the Arcturus descriptions of books are getting a little amazing, to say the least. Linda Moulton Howe's new \$40 epic ('Glimpses of other realities') linking UFOs, abductions, crop circles and cattle mutilations is described as 'the only valid on-site reportage in these areas' - and she as the 'only contemporary researcher whose work consistently satisfies the seeker after truth'... or to put it another way...

:: Those interested in the outcome of Andy Collins Orgone 93 project in the Wiltshire crop fields in July will be pleased with his progress report dated November 1993. This succinctly reports on the findings of the black and white, colour and other photography plus the radiation levels and radio emission anomalies. I will not describe the interesting results as this is important work suffering from a dire need for money. Income to Orgone 93 was under half the costs of over £2000. A subscriber (at £10) will receive this update and future newsletters on an irregular basis and Andy tells me that a 150 page report with full data will appear early in 1994. He deserves your backing. Contact Orgone 93 at :- PO Box 189 Leigh on Sea Essex SS9 1NF

:: Rattler's Tale is a source of short stories and small features, some with a paranormal theme. With each issue now running to 80 pages it is worth a look. A 4 issue subscription costs £6 (£9 overseas in UK currency only) from Anthony North Enterprises BCM Keyhole London WC1N 3XX. I had best declare an interest here. Current issue (No 18) has one of my short science-fiction stories - and - no - as with my earlier tales it is not about UFOs!

THE BONNYBRIDGE WAVE

Malcolm Robinson at SPI has submitted this response to the comments of Ken Higgins regarding the recent Scottish UFO wave (see p. 5 NUN 162).

I was truly amazed to read Ken Higgins sentiments regarding Bonnybridge. Reading between the lines he implies that it is being put on the UFO map for publicity purposes. This issue just has to be addressed lest people start to get the wrong assumptions.

Firstly, councillor Billy Buchanan at Bonnybridge was instrumental in helping his constituents who were banging on his door to report their UFO sightings. He has a responsibility to deal with their enquiries no matter how strange he might find them. He was voted into position to do so. SPI then came onto the scene and was staggered by the volume of UFO sightings coming from such a small town (although they did cover a wider area than just Bonnybridge itself).

We knew that clearly something was going on. Of course, some reports were misidentifications. I accept that. But at the end of the day there is no doubt that Bonnybridge was receiving something weird in its skies. Why then are some Scottish UFOlogists slagging off the affair? Is it because they are not privy to the vast amount of data SPI has gathered since November 1992? Have they even set foot in town and talked to many witnesses, or just had the audacity to make sweeping statements?

As a researcher who has dealt first hand with these witnesses I find it offensive for others to make statements without becoming totally aware of all the data. The councillor is only doing his job. He cannot tell the townsfolk to 'go away'. Most sensible UFOlogists know that once the media find our subject of interest then they jump on it at the drop of a hat. Okay, so they go over the top at times. But that's the press for you.

To put the record straight - something IS going on at Bonnybridge. The councillor is doing a fine job assisting SPI. None of the witnesses I have spoken to have mentioned other UFOlogists or Scottish groups. We are quite prepared to pay the bus fare for these people to come to the town, meet the witnesses and view our data. Then, and only then, should they judge.

CIRCULAR LOGIC



Most of you will have read little about crop circles during 1993. The media almost entirely ignored the subject. Yet the literature of the field was as lively as ever and now seems an appropriate time to review this.

The summer Cerealogist (£2.50 each from 20 Paul St Frome BA11 1DX) was the last steered by John Michel. George Wingfield takes over in the latest round of musical (editors) chairs after that. What this will do to the still amazingly revered magazine remains to be seen. So what was in John's parting shot? An incredible piece decoding some 1991 squiggles etched into Milk Hill ('I am against hoaxes' seems the favoured interpretation - although a prize is offered to anyone who can better it - how about 'Buy the Cerealogist - people living on Mars never read anything else?'). With words of wisdom from the aliens like that how can the earth go wrong?

George Wingfield takes the reins with his review of 'the greatest mystery of our time'. He berates folk like Paul Fuller and I (though unnamed) because we said doggedly 'for several years...that circles were a

natural phenomenon' but now 'some of the same people are telling us, in equally dogmatic terms, that 99%, if not all, the circles are man made fakes.' Well, sorry, George, but from 1983 onward (before he was involved) we were saying that circles were both things. True, the percentage of hoaxing has been upwardly emphasised - but then in 1983 there were a dozen circles of which a few were probably real. In 1990 there were hundreds of them, of which still but a few were probably real. That tends to explain why the percentage of hoaxing in the data has rocketed. It has rather less to do with mind-changing than he would have you believe and more to do with basic maths.

Naturally, Jim Schnabel's book is abhorred by the Cerealogist ('a nasty little effort...taking care (the coward) to steer just this side of libel, and producing not a shred of hard evidence to back up his fantasies' in the words of Michael Glickman - which, even if the book has a few failings, is not how I would describe it).

Yet people still ask me why I think the Cerealogist is mostly tripe.

I must thank Ray Cox for letting me see 'The Circular', which is a neat glossy mag these days (£2.50 each from 20 Paul St Frome BA11 1DX). I do like this publication. It is broad based with varied articles and excellent photos. The March issue has a complete 1992 data base of all the known circles (very useful) and in this and June Roy Dutton extends his long cherished UFO flightpaths theory into circle territory.

Indeed, on the whole, the Circular is full of attempted scientific material (in opposition to the Cerealogists philosophical stance). I am not qualified to judge the merits of all the microscopic analysis and energy theorising but it clearly has its role to play in any attempted research. Ray Cox's own column reporting on what people are saying and doing circle-wise also creates a lively feel and adds to the nice atmosphere of the journal.

It is certainly one I would recommend (along with 'Crop Watcher') to give you a balanced view. However, it is predictably scathing of poor Jim's book - giving it just a few lines because 'it has already had too many' (in other mags). They recommend you borrow it 'and read it for the laugh that it really is'. I suppose most cerealogists would have to laugh - if only to hide their embarrassment which it so adeptly exposes.

Readers know my bias towards the Crop Watcher (£1.50 or £9 for six :- 3 Selborne Ct Tavistock Close Romsey Hants SO51 7TY) so I won't repeat unfettered praise for Paul Fuller's objective rationalism. It never shirks from controversy and if there's a dispute between anyone in cereology you'll find it dissected in here.

In the Jul/Aug issue Doug Bower's lecture and the evidence he offered is analysed in great depth (not ignored as elsewhere) and there is a massive page by page analysis of Schnabel's book, which is largely very praiseworthy of it (although with some reservations).

The Sep/Oct issue devotes much space (I think too much) to the Manhattan transfer UFO abduction. Not that the alternative (negative) investigation on it by US sources is unimportant. It isn't. But its circle relevance is hard to see. I hope TCW doesn't stop discussing circles as its *raison d'être*. There is circle material (a detailed look at Doug Bowers second lecture and a very interesting illustrated piece on Swedish circles)

Finally, an anonymous spoof magazine is doing the rounds called 'The Beckhampton and District Informer'. If you can scrounge a photocopy from one who was sent it or get on the mailing list - do (PF tells you how in TCW!)

The 'Informer' is probably libellous but often funny, like a newspaper filled with silly hoax stories on circles and cerealogists. Most will see the joke. If not those behind it (NOT Paul Fuller!) could be in big trouble.

FOR YOUR PERUSAL

Major articles elsewhere



A new exchange to report this time is from Philip Klass (arch enemy number 1 in the USA). It's the SUN (er - that's the acronym for Skeptics UFO Newsletter). This mimeographed bi-monthly snipes away at (mostly) American UFOlogy in a way that is abhorred Stateside but actually seems just like good, critical UFOlogy much of the time to me. Its newsy and bitty and really like the UFO equivalent of 'Crop Watcher' if you can stomach that! It cites an unnamed 'pro UFOlogist' who has read the galleys of Jim Schnabel's sequel book ('Dark White: Aliens, abductions and the UFO obsession' - coming in Britain in early 1994) saying that it 'should do for abduction research in (the US) what "Mute Evidence" did for debunking animal mutilations.' Can you see the steam rising already? The SUN costs \$20 US for six via 'Philip Klass' 404 N St SW Washington DC 20024 USA.

SPI Enigmas Nov (£10 for 5: 41 The Braes Tullibody Clackmannan FK10 2TT)
Another cracking issue with lots of UFO content ranging from cover ups to earthlights, plus an interview with Linda Moulton Howe. Warmly recommended.

BUFORA Ireland Sep (£2.50 for 1 : Box 3070 Whitehall Dublin 9 Eire)
Just about the most informed comment you'll get out of Whitehall on UFOs!
Its the best issue yet - not just because it carries an interview with me!
It features cases and articles (eg on the 31 March 1993 great sighting).

PEGASUS Spring 94 (£2 for 1: SIGAP 126 Grange Rd Guildford GU2 6QP)
Here's NUN weeks behind and Pegasus sending me their Spring 1994 edition in November 1993. Presumably the first UFO mag to give away a free time lapse.
There's some weird stuff in here on conspiracies and the like (eg from Bob Lazar) but its certainly different from any other UK magazine right now.

Just Cause Sep (\$20 for 4: CAUS PO Box 218 Coventry CT 06238 USA)
CAUS create a minor stir by locating some lost files from Blue Book which seem to have gone missing during the Condon Report era.

MUFON Journal (\$30 for 12: 103 Oldtowne Rd Seguin TX 78155-4099)
Aug: Crop circle special with Canada circles and report on Project Argos and its inconclusive microscopic results.. Sep: Has a fascinating interview with Whitley Strieber (his first for years) where he expresses his current thoughts on the visitors (whom he still encounters)... Oct: Includes an insight into what's emerged from the Kremlin on UFOs after the USSR ended.

IUR Sep (\$30 for 6: CUFOS 2457 W Peterson Ave Chicago IL 60659 USA)
An interesting retrospective on the career of Dr James McDonald one of the unsung scientific heroes of sixties UFOlogy, plus reinvestigations of classic cases the Alamogordo (1957) and the Lubbock lights (1951) photos.
Plus a good 'where do we go from here?' summation by Richard Hall.

BAE Oct (\$25 CAN mon order: 2 St Clair Av West Ste 607, Toronto, ONT M4V 1L5)
Packed with digests from the psychological literature surveying latest progress and research in fields like polygraph testing, false memory syndrome and hypnosis. Nobody seriously into abductions should miss this mag

FATE (\$37.95 for 12: PO Box 1940 170 Future Way Marion OH 43305-1940 USA)
Treat yourself for Christmas to the world's only monthly journal on the paranormal... Oct: Look at the recent protest outside the White House to end UFO secrecy... Nov: Loch Ness monster special plus Ann Druffel on methods to stop yourself being abducted by aliens!

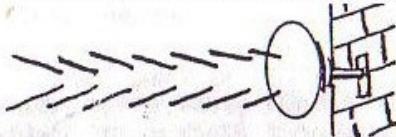
The Skeptic Jul (£12 for 6: The Skeptic Dept B Box 475 Manchester M60 2TH)
A piece critically examining the face on mars affair - plus, again, of course, deathly silence in response to the NUN editorial earlier this year.

GEM 16 (£5.75 for 3: PO Box 258 Cheltenham GL53 0HR)
This is a really nice looking and informative magazine on earth mysteries, mazes, leys, circles and occasional UFOs in Gloucestershire and surrounds. It has improved in leaps and bounds and is well worth your time.

TLH 119 (£5.25 for 3: 'Empress' PO Box 92 Penzance Cornwall TR18 2XL)
These days you need to keep abreast of earthlights developments if you want to be a real UFOlogist and The Ley hunter (TLH) is a good way to do it. It is an earth mysteries journal covering many topics but edited by Paul Devereux it reflects his current work and thinking well. There's a good first hand look at the Marfa lights and other sightings, including an earthlight IFO which is very instructive.

MEDIA MATTERS

A look at UFOs in the public eye



Viewers in the HTV area should look out for a 12 part series called 'Something Strange' which should appear in early 1994. Elsie Oakensen and I recently filmed the UFO episode and other topics will feature each week; eg ghosts and precognition in two. It might get a national screening later.

Can I appeal to all readers to keep an eye on their local newspapers and send to NUN anything about UFOs that appears within them. Please do send national features too if you can. That way this column can continue to report on what the media says about UFOs. Otherwise it must cease. Thanks!

BOOKS OF THE MOMENT

Where science and magic meet by Serena Roney-Dougal 275pp Element £9.99

This is a newly revised edition of the controversial psychologists book. It aims to build a bridge between physiology, psychology and the paranormal. It follows very much the earthlights/GAIA school of thought (eg its fairly short UFO discussions almost completely focus on the Devereux and Persinger concept). But its strength lies in extending into other areas of research - from fairy lore to ESP - and seeking to develop a basis of understanding within the pineal gland and various bodily hormonal secretions. But it does this without ever leaving behind the strangeness of the supernatural. It is not a denouncing type of book.

This is not going to be everyone's cup of tea. You either love it or hate it. But it has interesting ideas that are well worth a contemplation.

The Second Coming by Andy Collins 336pp Century softback £9.99

Andy Collins books are also not everyone's perfect sober account of the paranormal. They race away like an express train on speed. What they undoubtedly are - apart from never being dull - are cracking good reads.

This one is a goggle-eyed yarn about demonic forces and magical skullduggery throughout England, involving a quest for hidden artefacts and assorted psychic messages and the like. Anyone who has read any of Andy's other books will know what to expect. If a fictional account then he'd be praised and they would be making movies of his work. He has the ability to tell a story. The reason why this is not happening is simple. Andy claims these events are all true and - as such - real life never has the same kind of neat endings and plot twists you could otherwise incorporate.

The psychic questing field is Andy's baby - even though he has delved into crop circles and orgone energy of late. But you can feel he is at home fighting weird battles against ancient unseen foes and trying to fathom out the meaning of the world's most bizarre long running treasure hunt.

Of course, whether you 'believe' in any of this or not is another matter. All you can do is suspend disbelief for a time, bear in mind that Andy seems honest and sincere (I've known him a 17 years and have no other conclusion to offer). He also has a lot of witnesses backing his claims.

This book is a sequel to 'The Black Alchemist' - the only paranormal work ever to be hailed a 'cult classic' by New Musical Express (which will either convince you of Andy's merits or cause you to cry 'next'). The team again front the NME (sorry!) who in the last book took the blame for unleashing the catastrophic October hurricane against Britain. It gets up to more dastardly tricks here and perhaps in the next book we will find it was responsible for England's failure in the World Cup... Well something was!

BRIEF CASES

Some current investigations



Case 6815 Feb/Mar 1968 Marple, Cheshire Inv: P. Hough/MUFORA

Mrs T was a young mother talking with a neighbour (who was also a young mother) at the doorstep. It was 2 pm. Suddenly they were attracted by a light in the sky and looking up saw a cone shape with a flat base that appeared to be rotating anti-clockwise. Around the top was a misty aura glowing bright orange. There was complete silence as they watched this phenomenon for some 1½ minutes. It gradually moved away towards the NE (over earthlights country) and faded out of sight. A few days later the local media carried a report of a fluorescent object seen by a police officer over the cinema in Wilmslow early one morning (the famous PC Perks case).

Bravo, Juliet

Case 7482 Winter (late) 1974 Bacup, Lancashire Inv: MUFORA

Juliet (not her real name) has bravely chosen to come forward to report these events after many years. They occurred in the small moorland town where the TV police series 'Juliet Bravo' was filmed. It is, as you may know, a hot window area leading to Todmorden. The story may mask a deeper memory of hidden incidents which at this time we have no way of uncovering.

Juliet was aged 3 and her parents had already separated. She was living with relatives when she awoke in the early hours of one night 'bathed in light'. There was silence but she went over to the window and looked out. Three large orange lights were in the form of a massive triangle which seemed to be right outside her window. These remained still as she watched - entranced - for an unknown time, almost being hypnotised. Then there is no further memory until she woke up the next morning. Her family told her not to be silly - they were just streetlights. It was some years before she realised that they were not.

After this Juliet became unusually bright. Even before attending school she could read from the local paper (and this was a family 'party trick' for a time). She also developed curious physical symptoms after the encounter where her middle finger had a sore wound on it - almost like a scab that would not go away. A few months after her nocturnal experience she also had to see a specialist in Burnley Hospital after a serious urinary infection took hold. It was one of the worst cases ever diagnosed in a child of 4, her family were informed.

As Juliet says; 'I am probably reading far too much into all of this without any real proof... (but) I know I saw something that night.'

This is the sort of case where regression hypnosis would be applied immediately by many UFOlogists. Any thoughts???

Case 79-185 October 1979 Nantwich, Cheshire Inv: Roy Sandbach

Mrs L and her father observed an object over Ravensmoor at about 21.15 and chased it in a car. For 20 minutes they saw it drift, slowly towards Nantwich Church and disappear. From the sketch and description there seems little doubt that this was an airship. One did visit the north-west several times between 1977 and 1979.

Case 9209 16 August 1992 Wigan, Lancashire Inv: P. Hough/MUFORA

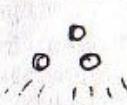
Mrs R observed a ball of fire with a blue tail of sparks fall from the sky at 22.50. It was visible for only a few seconds and distracted her from watching TV inside her house. This was almost certainly a bright meteor.

Case 9310 22 February 1993 Crowden, Derbyshire Inv: P. Hough/MUFORA

Four people (including a security guard and a nursing home officer) went for an evening drive over the Pennine moors. At 20.40 they passed through Glossop towards Woodhead and the Devil's Elbow, scene of many earthlight type phenomena (see 'Earthlights Revelation'). At this point a bright white light was seen to their left (north west) which seemed unusually bright and was pulsating. Then it hovered over the hills by Crowden reservoir. They thought it might be a farm house but as they rounded a bend, having lost sight of it, this now appeared over Bleaklow on the other side of the road (NE). It now seemed dimmer and was fading out. They later consulted an OS Map and found there were no roads or houses in the area.



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Case 9311 1 August 1993 Haslington, Cheshire Inv: Roy Sandbach

Mr W called his son into the garden this afternoon to see three dots (one blue, two white) moving NW-SE on an erratic course. They swapped places as they moved. Later several more dots were seen. This is almost certainly an observation of high flying birds reflecting the strong sunlight that day. The similarity with the famous Tremonton, Utah, movie film is notable.

CASE HISTORY BRIEFS

Update on the Hockliffe case by Judith Jaafar

Readers may recall 'The fog from nowhere' (NUN 158) where a family on 8 August 1992 driving to Milton Keynes suffered a 'reality tilt' after passing through a mysterious bank of mist at Hockliffe on the Bedfordshire/Buckinghamshire border (cf the Aveley, October 1974, case).

Judith (who investigated with Ken Phillips) reinterviewed the witnesses some months later and discovered that things had progressed. Mrs B had experienced weeks of 'nightmares' and 'funny feelings' plus 'vivid dreams of a bright orange triangle of lights' (see Bacup CE case on p. 9). This 'was hovering over a stand of trees' which 'since driving over the same Hockliffe road she has been able to identify at this spot.'

On another occasion, driving this road, Mrs B saw a flock of birds fly over in an odd triangle formation and this immediately triggered a memory of a mark on the back of her neck which had appeared after the encounter. She now clutched at this; although it was not painful.

Their five year old daughter (who had been in the car during the CE) has reported 'shadows' in her bedroom at night 'some the size of children and some bigger'. She sees them at night coming up the stairs and going into her parents bedroom.

The family have requested from Judith that Hypnosis be carried out but she is unhappy and uncertain that this would help. In the year since the encounter the family had much contact with UFOlogy and it seems unclear how 'uncontaminated' any hypnotic testimony would therefore be. It may make matters worse, not better, for the worried and confused witnesses. However, another investigator has offered to 'take over' and provide this regression for them. I applaud Judith's correct decision to be cautious here and not bend to the urge to hypnotically regress as the road towards truth.

New close encounter in Cornwall - preliminary report from Doug Cooper

On 28 October 1993 at 23.20 a potentially important case occurred. Doug was called in immediately by the police at Liskeard, Cornwall (at 02.30 am!) A naval officer had told them minutes earlier of his close encounter.

There was been reports of various lights in Devon and Cornwall since 22.00 the night before. However, this new sighting quickly became clear as a close encounter with unusual features. Not least were the animal effects and the graphic description of the UFO, which will make Adamski fans happy.

Doug and DUFORO are investigating this case as I write but it seems worth a preliminary note given its obvious significance.

The witness was coming home when he saw a silver/green light approach a football field. Descending towards this (hovering just above ground level) was a large object with 'three protrusions on the base like rugby balls'. It was there for about five minutes during which the officer felt 'a kind of empathic voice in contact'. The object then lit up very brightly and shot away upwards at great speed.

When it first appeared the witness's cat, who was waiting for him on his doorstep, fled in terror and was missing for some time afterwards. A bird was also seen flying across the sky towards the object and then fell 'like a rock' towards the ground as if it had hit an invisible brick wall. It seems only to have been stunned and was not there the next day.

The police were called and took an immediate statement (hence the instant report to Doug). The witness cancelled a weekend trip away to spend time with Doug to follow up the case. His naval unit also reported it to the MoD. On the Monday, when arriving at work, his senior officer called him in and asked if he had been drunk. All his colleagues knew (even though he had not yet told his girlfriend). He called Doug upset by this ridicule and Doug contacted Nick Pope at the MoD. They had been informed about the same time that Doug had been (on Friday) by RAF West Drayton (who had been telexed by the Liskeard police).

The MoD claimed not to know how his senior officers had become informed but took the extraordinary step of agreeing to Doug's request to call the base and talk to the man's senior officer on his behalf.. Nick Pope did so and the officer later apologised to the witness for the ridicule. Things have certainly changed for the better at the Ministry!

Coming Events:-

BUFORA lectures have moved from their new (much disliked) venue at Kings College, London after only 4 months. The 8 January lecture will be at a new location (no details yet). Time as usual 6.30 pm. Stay tuned to UFO CALL on 0891 - 12 18 86 for information.

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