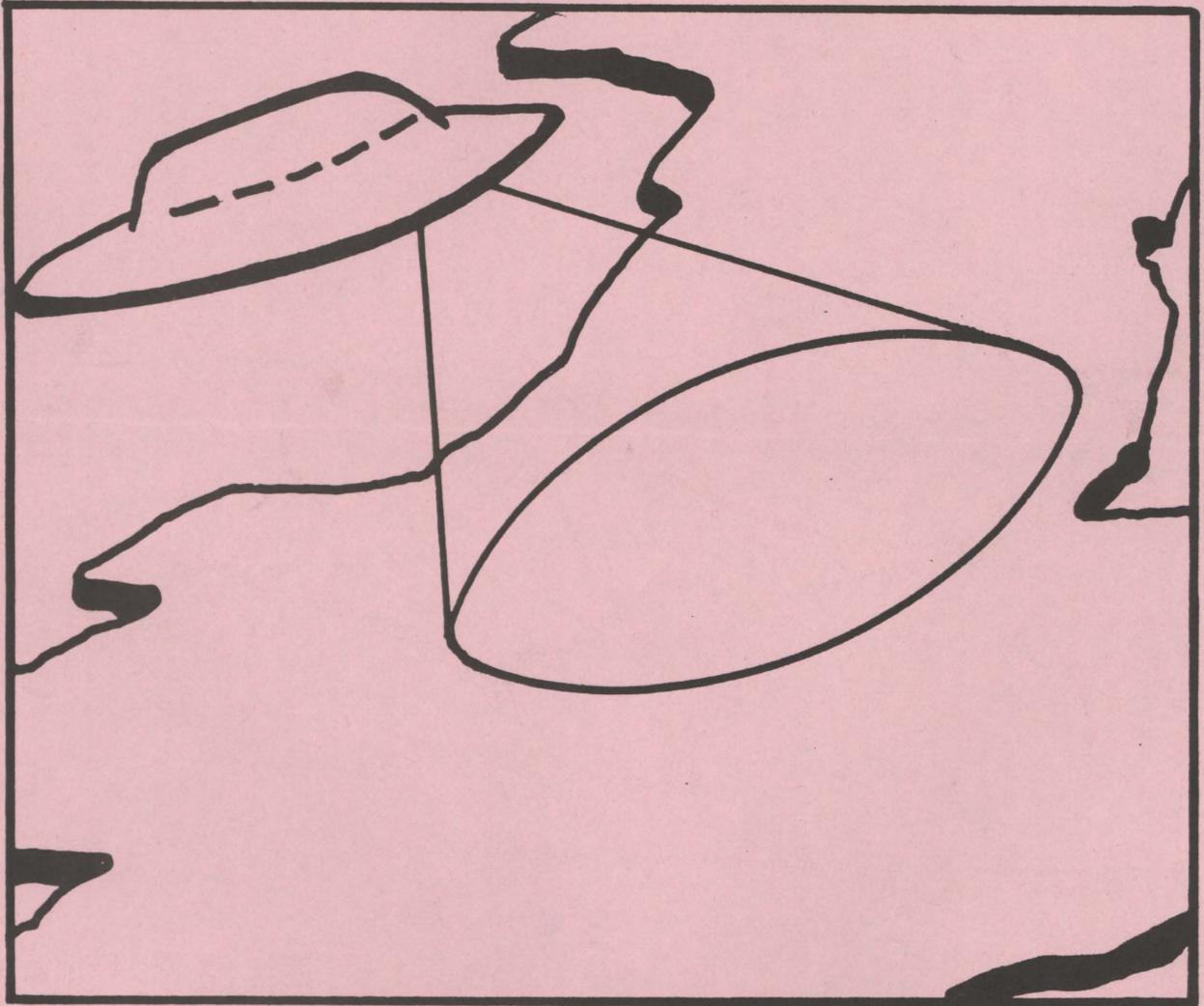


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EDITORIAL: ON THE FUNDING OF UFO RESEARCH Ken Green (Wufos)

The editorial in Issue 43 (December 77) annoyed me intensely! Having recently looked at my pay slip and blanched at the amount of tax which had been deducted your suggestion that the government should spend even more public money on such a lunatic subject as ufology was not welcomed by me. In fact, if, as you state, the MOD is already spending millions on this then I am thinking of writing to my MP to protest!!

To be more serious the above paragraph could easily have been a non-ufologists attitude to the editorial comments, and I am inclined to agree with it. Officially, the government is not 'sitting on the fence' - it is completely ignoring it. There is no official government policy except in so far as possible defence needs are concerned. This provides the interest of the Ministry of Defence.

As for Britain falling behind the rest of the world, this was a very clever piece of writing in that it appeals to national feeling in a matter where national barriers are insignificant. To me it is totally irrelevant WHO solves the riddle of the UFO phenomenon, but even if I were deeply committed to a British organisation being the first I would not suggest that we should be any less likely to be the first just because there is no official research. I feel this is a matter best left to the committed and experienced civilians rather than trusted to any government body.

Finally, we must remember that ufologists are, rightly or wrongly, a minority and in a society which is still, hopefully, a democracy. It is the majority which commands the support. No - we must finance our own research, keeping control over the funds and using the keen interest of ufologists to its best advantage.

Anyway - if research were to be done officially we would all be out of a job! What would then be the use of WUFOS, NUFON or any other ufo group?

(EDITORS NOTE: Some interesting comments here. It is not a question of who is first. Official ufo research, such as is being done in countries like France and the USA, is limited by funding. An international effort must be done - and this should involve Britain. In any event, the research spin offs are what is important. Remember, UFOs should be viewed as phenomena which display factors which if understood could be of great advantage to us. It matters not whether they be spacehips or mental projections. There is no doubt that amateurs will continue to play a vital role despite any official involvement. We have the experience. Scientists and ufologists are needed hand in hand. There is no fears of our becoming redundant overnight - unless the spacemen IF they exist that is - land tomorrow night!)

IN PREPARATION

Continuing our policy of allowing different groups to edit an issue of NORTHERN UFOLOGY (our irregular full scale magazine) Issue Four is to be edited by David Rees of MAPIT. He would like articles, ideas etc as soon as possible (March publication) c/o 92 Hillcrest Rd Offerton Stockport Greater Manchester SK2 5SE

The 1977 NUFON report is also being prepared and ideas of how to improve on the last three issues would be appreciated by the editors.

UFOs have been deceiving us for a long time. Their speed, accelerations and 90 degree turns have always proved amazing. Other fantastic feats, such as 'The Car that Disappeared' (FSR Vol 23 - 3) and the incredible antics of the 'Men in Black' serve to add to the mystery and confuse us still further. The answer to the mystery is put forward in many ways. Differing theories never cover every aspect of the problems and vital questions remain unanswered if they do not fit.

I shall now propose a theory that has often been hinted at, but ignored because of its apparant impossibility. I think UFOs and other strange phenomena are produced using images. Until recently all projected images needed a screen and could only be two dimensional, but now using lasers three dimensional images in full colour, on or off the ground, are possible. These are known as holograms.

In darkness the image produced is solid, but in daylight it is semi-transparent. Future work on laser holograms will undoubtedly overcome these problems and a natural solid looking image will then be possible. Could this be what we see? I believe that theories are the key to the answer and would like to seek your views; You can write to me at NUFOLS HQ 443 Meadow Lane Nottingham NG2 3GB

(NB: Stephen might like to wrestle with the problem that holographic images ARE just images. They don't leave marks on the ground; I think he might well be on to something. It is an avenue Peter Warrington and myself explore in our book)

JENNY RANDES

AROUND THE GROUPS: 4) WUFOS Ken Green

WUFOS was formed in 1972, and began as a gleam in the schoolboy mind of Mike Dean. The group centred on the Bebington Grammar School, on the Wirral, and had several problems because of this. The chief one here was the lack of credibility..... 'they're just a bunch of kids playing around' type of thing. Despite this the group prospered and burst from the confines of the school in 1974 with the creation of an adult section. WUFOS reached its apex in 1975, when it had well in excess of 100 members and case investigations were aplenty. It had been one of the three founder groups of NUFON (nee UNO) at the start of the association, and hosted its first conference on the Wirral in Summer 1974. This was the last major venture WUFOS staged.

The decline of WUFOS has come about for several reasons. Firstly the founder members left the school and although the school section flourished for a time it gradually faded. The adult section dwindled also, especially when Mike Dean moved out of the area. Then the group magazine Skylink, which had been a highly praised duplicated newsletter, failed and the last thread with the casual members was broken in the latter part of 1976. Perhaps on a broader base there are the geographical constraints which cut the Wirral off from the rest of Merseyside, making the staging of events in Liverpool and the consequent support of many individuals somewhat difficult.

Throughout 1977 WUFOS has maintained a very low profile, with scarcely any case investigations at all. A minimal amount of publicity has been maintained, although this situation may well change. WUFOS activity has not ceased altogether, however, and the group's name lives on through the auspices of Ken Green and Paul Whetnall - its two most prolific members. Ken operates the NUFON cassette tape library of ufo lectures, and Paul is an editor of Northern UFO News and a UFOIN investigator.

The group has provided at least one significant contribution to ufo research in the sociological analysis of ufo sighting reports conducted by Mike Dean and published as a special issue by NUFON in 1975. It is still hoped to one day update this valuable publication, which is now out of print.

An apparently listless debate within NASA over whether or not to study the UFO phenomenon has been concluded, and at President Carter's request they announced their decision. (See NUN December 1977)

The decision is an embarrassing one in many respects because Carter is the first president who publically admits that he believes, from personal sightings, that there may be something to the phenomenon. Basically NASA have said that they will not cut back anything else to devote money to what they see as a fruitless study and that they would require a direct presidential order to change their minds.

Mr David Williamson, and assistant administrator for special projects, said 'We are a physics agency here, and we would have to have, in evidentiary form, something physical to work with'.

The decision must have been delicate, for not only is Mr Carter sympathetic to the whole subject but public interest in ufos in the States is currently at a massive high because of two block-buster sci-fi films (STAR WARS and CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND). NASA is now handling all letters on ufos sent to the White House, but is reluctant to say how the task is being carried out and what sort of replies it is sending out!!

NEWS ROUND-UP
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Paul Whetnall

Two more new groups to make a note of this month - and this is before the film CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND brings its expected wave of interest in UFOs!

Newly associated are:-

HAPI (Hinckley Aerial Phenomena Investigators) Mrs Pat Berry 430 Coventry Rd
Hinckley Leics LE10 0HH

One of their cases is already featured in this issue.

You may recall mention of the fact that the erstwhile LAPRO group might re-emerge thanks to the continued efforts of Trevor Thornton. They have done so - in quite a big way! They have three ongoing projects: SKY - UFOs; STONE - leylines & SHADOW - parapsychological aspects of ufology. They also have a 24 hour call in number with answerphone - regularly publicised in the local press!!

UAPROL (Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation of Leicester) Trevor Thornton 45 Ellesmere Rd
Braunstone Leicester LE3 1BG

TEL: 0533 - 826545 (24 Hours)

The two Cheshire groups CUFORT and FUFOR are to cooperate on the production of a newsletter. Quite a good idea for the smaller groups in a close area. MAPIT are working closely across the Derbyshire/South Yorkshire Pennines with UFORUM particularly on an examination of the 'Mystery Helicopter' sightings of 1973/74.

If you have any information on these contact David Rees or Linda Thompson.

With MUFORA and DIGAP cooperating on cases (see reports section) it seems that unity is the keynote of the day. Good thing too! Chris Rutkowski of the Manitoba Center for UFO Studies (16-251 Cockburn St North, Winnipeg Manitoba CANADA R3M 2N9) has asked us to thank UFOSIS member Gary Lanham for all his work on the admin and investigational side whilst resident in Canada. He says that without his help MUFOS would not have accomplished much of what they have done. Badly, I understand Gary has retired from ufology altogether. His enterprise will be missed. NUFOIS have just published Vol 3 - 2 of UFO RESEARCH REVIEW with the first paper from the NUFON Conference 'The Myth of the UFO' by John Hind in it. Others will be featured in future issues, and then collated in one publication. Review costs 30p and it is well recommended. Also recommended strongly is the Jan 78 issue of PULSAR from PULSE. Much good stuff on Mazes, Zodiacs, UFOs etc. Its 30p from the normal PULSE address (29 Bairstow St. Preston PR1 3TN). Bryan Hartley tells me he will have another Overseas Supplement ready, possibly for sending with the next NUN. SPACEQUEST (PO Box 400 Kings Langley Herts) bring out issue two soon; review of the Hill abduction, major feature on CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND are planned. Finally, congratulations to MUFOB on their tenth birthday

INVESTIGATIONS SECTION

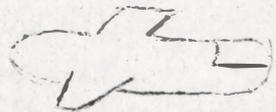
77/215 MARCH 1977 CONGLETON, Cheshire (20.30) MED A MAPIT & CUFORT

Mr Hagston observed a white oval light moving slowly in a zig zag across the sky from SW to NE. It was in view 20 seconds before stopping. It remained at this point for 30 minutes and was seen on and off during this time. Mr Hagston's son saw it too and thought it was a satellite. At 21.00 the light had disappeared.

ENCOUNTER WITH POSSIBLE PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS

77/216 MAY 19 1977 SANDBACH, Cheshire (13.30) Physio CE 1 B MAPIT & CUFORT

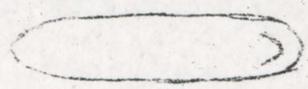
The witness is a railway track man and was working on the lines on a very hot day. His colleagues had stopped for a drink and the witness, Mr Allen, sat on his own. Suddenly something caused him to look up into the sky. Here he saw a passenger aircraft and an object something like it but much smaller (the aircraft was four times its size). The UFO had short wings, seemingly sliced off at the ends, it was transparent with patches of grey all over. The overall impression was of it looking much like an XPAY plate. Both aircraft and object, which was just above it, moved from the NE to the W, climbing higher and disappearing after about two minutes. He said nothing to his colleagues, deciding to leave it until someone else reported it. Shortly afterwards he developed a skin rash. It was red, itchy and felt warm in comparison to the rest of his skin. It covered his forehead, cheeks, arms and webs of the fingers. Lasting three days it went away, reappeared a few weeks later and then went away for good. He did not go to the doctor, but says that he does not suffer from nervous rashes at all. He wonders if there was a connection with the ufo sighting.



Perhaps very interesting as a postscript here is the note that on this same day at 12.55 (remembering daylight sightings ARE unusual in themselves) there was a very interesting sighting at Saltaire, West Yorkshire - which Nigel Watson is investigating for UFOIN. This involved a group of boys and their teacher at a school who photographed a black domed disc. See case 77/116 - SEPTEMBER 77 NUN

77/217 MAY 22 1977 CONGLETON, Cheshire (10.00) MED A MAPIT & CUFORT

David Beresford, one of the founders of CUFORT, had this sighting with his sons whilst going to collect a Sunday paper. At first he thought what he saw was an airship. It was shaped like a fat cigar with a fin or doorway on the top. There were no other markings and the colour was dull red/orange. The object moved very slowly and then stopped before descending out of view. It was seen for 30 - 40 seconds. Manchester ATC had no reports of unusual air activity. The Goodyear airship was in the Midlands in May, could this have been the cause? I well recall the amazing spectacle of it over north Birmingham when I travelled to London. In fact, on checking my hospital records I find I did travel to London ON the 22nd. Although I also went twice more in May I know for certain I saw the blimp one of those dates. The coincidence seems too great to ignore.



MYSTERY PHOTOGRAPH JUST A SPECK OF DUST?

77/218 JULY 30 1977 DONCASTER, South Yorks (16.00) INST B MAPIT & CUFORT

Mr Birkenhead was at the popular air display at RAF Finningley and took several photographs of the RAF strike command maritime flypast with his Nikkormat camera using Kodacolor 2 film and a shutter speed of one 250th of a second. At the time he saw nothing but on processing a friend spotted a dark saucer shaped point below the formation of aircraft. RAF Finningley were contacted. They had no photographs which show anything similar. Aircraft magazines, who had photographers present, had had no reports. Kodak provided a full analysis report on the film and suggested that the slide simply showed a mote of dust which had become dislodged in between shots. This seems feasible and no further action is to be taken.

77/219 OCTOBER 16 1977 WARTON, Lancashire (20.00) MED G Ian Cresswell

Deborah Hale, age 12, was looking out of her bedroom in the area where several strange things had been seen earlier in the week. Over the nearby crag she saw an oval object coloured grey/red with flashing lights on it. It moved very slowly, making a kind of droning noise. In the five or six minutes that it was in view it seemed to climb slightly and move westwards. On top was a slight 'bump'.



77/220 OCTOBER 18 1977 OAKHAM, Leicestershire (20.50) LOW UAPROL

Two witnesses observed two lights. One of the men says that they were both orange, the other that one was white and one red. They travelled very close together across the sky quite silently. One witness says they faded from view. The other, that they simply disappeared.

77/221 OCTOBER 25 1977 Various, Leicestershire (17.00) MED UAPROL

Many witnesses from all over the region reported what seemed to be a high flying metallic object reflecting the setting sun and glowing orange or red. Mostly it was described as an elongated oval or a cigar. One witness only claims that they heard a whirling sound. The object was both stationary and then erratic in slow movements. Sightings lasted several minutes. It seems, from the wide dispersment of the witness locations that the object was very high. If you recall 77/195 (December 77 NUN) the object seen in Uleby was almost certainly the same thing. As this was regarded as a weather balloon (later found) the possibility that these reports relate to the same thing must be borne in mind.

77/222 OCTOBER 31 1977 Various, Leicestershire (17.45 to 19.30) LOW UAPROL

Again many witnesses from Anstey, Melton Mowbray and Leicester itself to a white ball of light which occasionally flashed red/green/yellow. One description was 'like a twinkling star'. Many of these observations seem to relate to the same thing seen at Crewe, Cheshire that night (see NUN December 77 77/196) - Again the value of data exchange via NUFON is illustrated by this case. One report from Anstey at 19.55 was of a dull red cigar which seems to relate to something different.

77/223 NOVEMBER 1 1977 Barwell, Leicestershire (19.45) MED A HAPI

Two 12 year old girls travelling home from gym practice spotted an object at 65 degree elevation in the south. It was cigar shaped with pointed ends and a flat middle and was very large (estimated to be between one and two inches long held at arms length). The top side was red and the underside a more indistinct pinkish hue. The whole object rotated anti-clockwise. It moved upwards at an angle of 30 degrees rotating all of the time and disappeared suddenly as if just switched off.



77/224 NOVEMBER 4 1977 Various, Leicestershire (20.30) MED A HAPI & UAPROL

Again many reports of flashing lights, coloured white/red/green. Reported as being in view for many minutes and giving off beams of light in one instance. One set of witnesses reported a slight humming noise. These same witnesses describe the light as looking like a dome. Reports from South Wigston, Braunstone, Hinckley Leicester. Multi witness LITS sightings often have stellar explanations.

77/225 NOVEMBER 8 1977 OAKHAM, Leicestershire (18.00) MED UAPROL

A single witness reported a round ball of light coloured orange and continually flashing. It was sharp in appearance and the apparent size of a cricket ball. It remained stationary.

77/226 NOVEMBER 11 1977 Leicester (18.35) LOW UAPROL

A vague cigar like outline connecting two stationary white lights and two blue lights, flashing and very bright. Descended steadily and then erratically out of sight behind some houses.

77/227 NOVEMBER 18 1977 COWLING, West Yorks (19.00) LOW E FSR

Mr Monkhouse was walking his dog when he saw a very brilliant white light travel from the Sutton area across the sky towards Silsden in the north east. It moved extremely fast, and when it got towards the horizon it broke up into three pieces. Duration was only a few seconds and there seems little doubt that this is a description of a meteoritic phenomenon. Note the connection with reports 77/200 209, 210 & 211.

* 77/228 NOVEMBER 25 1977 DOBCROSS, Gtr Manchester. (pm) MED A MUFORA

Mrs Brice and an elderly lady were returning from a social evening in Upermill near Oldham when they turned onto the road from Saddleworth railway station to Dobcross. Here they saw a grey green ball of light in the sky at 10 degree elevation. It was bigger in apparant diameter than the full moon. They walked along the road for 15 minutes and it moved several times over to Wharmton Rise and back. At times it stopped and hovered midway between. The witnesses went indoors and did not see the light disappear, but Mrs Brice's son returned a few minutes later and it was not there then.

* 77/229 DECEMBER 3 1977 HET, OLDHAM, GTr Manchester (03.00) LOW A MUFORA

Mrs Chetham was driving towards her home when she saw at elevation 30 degrees in the south several white lights close together and spinning around one another. She stopped the car and watched as the lights (four or five visible at a time) hovered then moved slowly east, then turned and moved south east until obscured by houses. They gave the impression of being on a large round rotating object although this was not actually seen. The sighting lasted for ten minutes.

* 77/230 DECEMBER 3 1977 DENSHAW, Gtr Manchester (17.00) LOW A MUFORA

Mr Greenwood was driving along the A672 and reached its highest point $\frac{3}{4}$ mile east of Denshaw when his eyes were attracted to a flashing light in the north. He drove on still watching the light and the road, and then stopped to concentrate on the object. It was moving very slowly and was the size of a pinhead and low on the horizon. It flashed twice brightly, twice less brightly and was then replaced by a dull reddish glow. It moved north to south from a position hovering over Ogden Reservoir and was lost to sight still flashing.

* 77/231 DECEMBER 3 1977 CASTLESHAW, Gtr Manchester (18.28) MED A MUFORA

Three people at their home (OS REF: 004095) saw a bright light in the SE at 10 degree elevation. It had a match head sized centre of pinky red with a bright red glow around it. It was shining so bright that a large part of the sky and some of the ground beneath it was illuminated. Houseowner Mr Bottomley went round the back to see more clearly and as he did so his wife shouted that it had started to move. It accelerated from a static position and moved north across the head of the valley. As it did so it changed colour from red to orange to yellow to white. As it changed the area lit up became predominantly less. All witnesses are sure that when the light was stationary there was smoke or vapour above it. Duration 1 minute.

Note: This case ties in well with 77/214 (Jan 78 NUN) where cooperative independent witnesses are found. This is interesting as the phenomenon is somewhat unusual. The area was searched afterwards but no traces were found. The next day the witness saw a helicopter flying over the valley in the direction that the object went (this is not common over such hilly terrain). Also two well dressed men who said they were from the Customs & Excise (working Sunday???) called to ask the Bottomleys about the people in the house 100 yards down the lane.

* All these cases relate to another Oldham area flap. Again the 'Mystery Helicopter' seems to be giving us a busy time around the turn of the year. Phil Whitehead investigated these cases for MUFORA and NUFON.

77/232 DECEMBER 27 1977 LANCASTER, Lancs (07.00) MED E Ian Cresswell

An 18 year old walking the dog saw a strange object hovering above trees. It was a small grey egg and was only in view a few seconds before disappearing suddenly.

77/233 STRANGE PHENOMENA - A POTENTIAL CONTACTEE? Inv: Peter Hough MUFORA

These incidents are related because they are intrinsically interesting, although they do not as such have anything to do with UFOs. They do have parallels with reports in ufo literature, and are perhaps important in view of the often noted link between contactees and paranormal events which seem to act as a prelude.

Mr S Harwood is a 17 year old employee of a tailoring firm in Warrington, and a colleague of Peter Hough. On December 24 1977 at 13.00 he was alone in the shop when he suddenly saw a white conical object come through/from the window and travel across the room at a downward angle disappearing in the direction of the door. His view was then obscured by a wall. The object was the size of a pear and glowed white with a wiggly tail about 2/3 times the size of the 'pear' behind it. It was in view 2/3 seconds only. The weather was stormy so could this have been ball lightning?

Then on December 31 1977 between 19.00 and 20.00 the same witness was driving along a road in the Cheshire village of Lymm heading for Partington in Greater Manchester. Passing a boy carrying a skate board he glanced back in his mirror and saw several glowing rings surrounding the boy about six inches above the ground. They were about a foot in diameter and glowed the colour of an orange electric fire. They seemed to wobble much like a coin when spun. The boy seemed totally unaware of their presence. The phenomenon was in view all the time he could see the boy as he drove past.

MUFORA is keeping a monitor on the witness, who has had no previous paranormal experiences

7801 SPIES IN A CUMBRIAN ATTIC? Inv: Peter Warrington MUFORA

This is an intriguing story which is still being pursued. It concerns a lady from Windermere, Cumbria, who was driving along the A 591 4 miles north of Kendal on JANUARY 2 1978 at 20.40. She drives this road at least five times a week and is well aware of what is on it. The surroundings are fairly desolate amidst the lovely countryside of the region. The night was bad. It was raining hard. Suddenly she came upon a colossal two-storey 'mansion' which was sitting close to the side of the road. It had dark mullions dividing rows of windows and a sharp slope at the left which she took to be a porch. The whole building glowed with a peculiar amber red light which was very intense. The witness was immediately puzzled but still thought it was a house. She intended to stop in a nearby lane to have a closer look but a police car was there and she drove on. She now regrets she did this. It was only on reaching home and talking to her husband did she realise that a house is never evenly illuminated in this strange way, that the 'mansion' was just too large for her not to have noticed before and that perhaps she had seen something truly weird. She called the police but got no help. Eventually Lancaster library put her onto MUFORA. A phantom building? A time displacement? Or - a landed UFO? Whatever the building is not there now. There is no trace of it! It is worth remembering the major flap in Cumbria last Summer (one photographic case took place within a mile of this lonely spot!). Also read the article by Ignacio Darnaude 'Spies in the Supernumerary Attic' (FSR Vol 23 - 3, 1978) where a phantom building was seen in Spain. Interesting that such a story of this very rare phenomenon should appear in FSR (for the first time certainly in ten years, perhaps more) at precisely the same time as a report is independantly made to us. Coincidence yet again?

7802 JANUARY 2 1978 GEDLING, Notts (21.33) MED A NUFOIS

The witness is an experienced amateur astronomer and his veracity has been supported by the Vice President of the Nottingham Astronomical Society. He at first saw an orange point of light he took to be an exploding fireball. It split into five or six separate objects which slowed down and changed into thin crescents. They moved from 090 to 135 degrees dropping from elevation 75 to 40 degrees. Their colour was that of a sodium street light (note colour of the mansion above!). They fell in a falling leaf motion, rocking from side to side, before merging again and disappearing.

7804 JANUARY 8 1978 DRIFFIELD, North Humberside (03.10) LOW E Philip Fargus & Derick Shelton

Several witnesses in the town, including PC Peter Ashworth, reported a white light flashing red and blue, moving very slowly across the sky from above Northfield Hospital. It was in view thirty minutes. There were no aircraft in the area.

MERSEYSIDE FLAP

What seems to be an interesting flap has developed in Merseyside in early January. Investigations of the two following and other cases are still proceeding, including a report which may offer a UFO to fit in with the Rainford CE3.

THE RAINFORD HUMANOID 7803 JANUARY 2 1978 (23.20) CE3a A DIGAP

Four young men in their early twenties were returning home from a night out along the lonely B5203 near Kirkby, Merseyside. They took a wrong turn and ended up on a dark farm track in a desolate spot outside Rainford on the Merseyside/Lancashire border. They took the corner too fast and skidded onto the edge of what was a narrow dirt road bordered by a ditch. As they contemplated their predicament they noticed a figure on the road 25 feet ahead. It was very tall (about 7 feet) and had a fluorescent white one piece suit on with boots but no visible visor in the headpiece. The arms were short (NB see the entity seen at New Elgin, Scotland last May - FSR Vol 23-4). On the chest of this 'monster' was a box with two red lights flashing alternately. The body was very wide and the arms seemed to end in claws. (see the Fencehouses CE3) The figure took a few steps towards the men, seemingly as surprised as they to see it. At this they panicked and reversed the car out of the ditch. The driver, however, suffered from asthma and had an attack! Desperately they managed to reach a nearby farm. The farmer called the police who came right away. They examined the area with the men but found nothing. However, they were certain that they had seen something very odd - and told Stephen Balon - the DIGAP investigator who has done an excellent investigation of this case. Stephen checked the area with a geiger counter but found no trace of anything. BUFORA Research Director Tony Pace also assisted in the investigations of this story which was featured in several national papers. A full UFOIN report is being prepared for inclusion in FSR.



Note the connection with the next case and the proximity (a few miles only) to the locations of the Rainhill CE3 (??) where heavy BOOT prints were found (May 1975) and the Higher Fold CE3b case (May 1976). NUN Aug 75 FSR Vol 22-3

7805 JANUARY 11 1978 RAINHILL, Merseyside (16.45) MED A MUFORA/DIGAP

Motorway patrol policemen Robeets and Lowe, both experienced officers, were driving east along the M62 at Rainhill. It was semi-dark when in the north at 30 degree elevation they saw an object the size of a golf ball at arms length shaped something like an inverted 'T'. It was very bright and sharply defined and hovering over Bold Power Station. After about ten seconds it started to pulsate and then traveled very fast to the south where it came to hover over the Fiddlers Ferry Power Station. It was now



stationary here for a further ten or fifteen seconds before beginning to pulsate once again and streaking straight up into the sky at a very fast speed, disappearing in a matter of seconds as a tiny pinpoint of light.

STOP PRESS

Readers might be interested in news of books that are forthcoming. Quite a number are being brought out to coincide with the release of CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE THIRD KIND which has its Royal Film Premier in London on March 13 and is on general release in selected centres later in March (actual wide release will probably not be until May) Corgi have 12 books planned for March release! Mostly these are reprinted ufo classics but there are some new ones too. Alan Hynek's new book 'UFO REPORT' is one. A new compilation by Charles Bowen, 'ENCOUNTER CASES FROM FLYING SAUCER REVIEW', already published in the USA, is due over here at about the same time. Alan Fossey has a large size Arrow paperback 'UFO CLOSE ENCOUNTERS' out in May (some NUFON cases in there, I gather). Finally, 'UFOs: A BRITISH VIEWPOINT' by Penny Randles & Peter Warrington is due to be published by Robert Hale in about September. No doubt there will be others