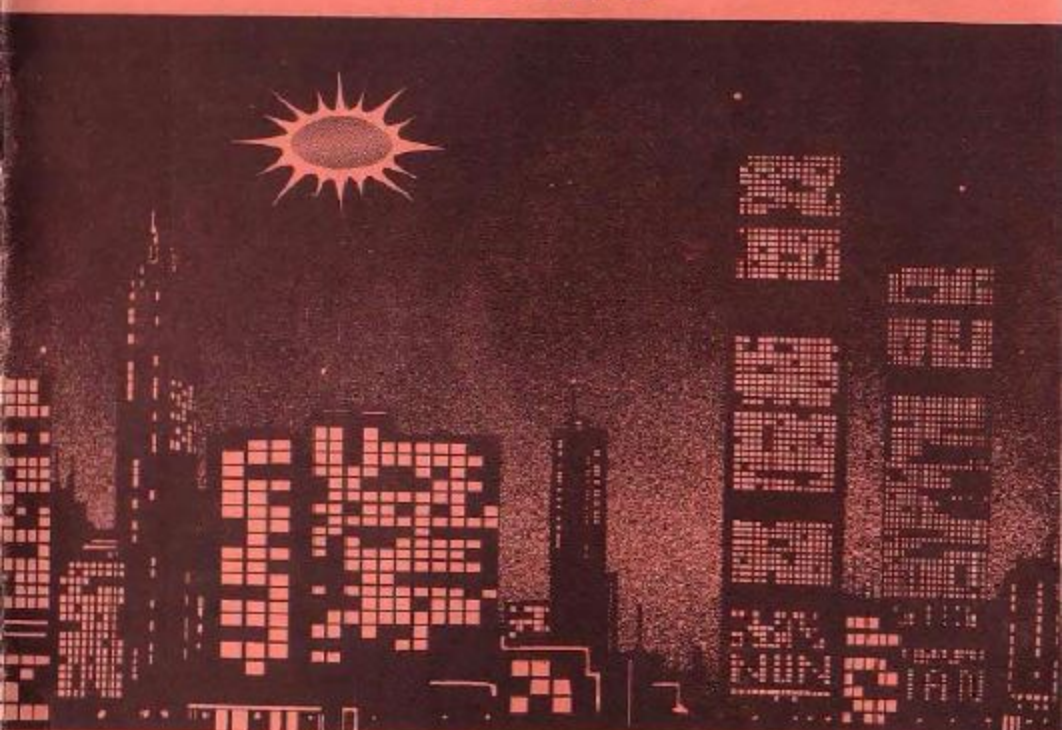


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JR Comments ...

Recently there have been some negative responses to my last two books (The Pennine UFO Mystery and UFO Reality). Whilst no writer likes criticism, every writer must expect it. So I am not too perturbed. But it is evident that not a few have a rather curious impression concerning what I now believe about UFOs, especially judging by David Simpson's review in MAGONIA (Simpson being the "government scientist" on the recent Horizon TV show who paraded his hoax pictures). So I thought I had better offer some sort of position statement...

UFOs exist. Of that I have no doubt. But "UFO" covers a multitude of different phenomena. There is not one single, all-encompassing solution to the mystery.

In recognition of this I am now forcing myself by habit (and I would suggest you do the same) to clearly distinguish between UFOs, per se, and what I call UAPs (Unidentified Atmospheric Phenomena). They are wholly different things and it is very wrong to mix them up. David Simpson, either because I did not explain it well enough in my books, or because he did not read them properly, does just that and says I am proposing alien craft that kill people with dangerous radiation. That is utter twaddle, in my opinion.

UAPs are natural, physical phenomena indigenous to our atmosphere. They are presently not understood, or poorly understood, and on the borders of current knowledge in terms of atmospheric physics, cosmology and geo-physics. There are almost certainly at least two or three different sorts of UAP around. Sooner or later we will figure out what they are and what causes them - although when I say "we" I mean science. For our job, as amateurs and investigators, is to collect data, in a format that is useful to science, and stop being over-dramatic in how we present it, so that we can make serious efforts to persuade scientists to take it seriously and then use it. Until we recognise that function, and alert the relevant sciences (and there are several) to the phenomena which they ought to be studying, then UAPs will remain unexplained. We will continue to fail in our job if we keep pretending we are going to solve the origins of these assorted little enigmas. We are not qualified to do so.

Probably no UAP is going to change the world. But it is possible that some may have useful things to contribute to meritable achievements, like new sources of energy. The Devereux style earthlights is, in my view, one feasible and at least partially supported UAP type. Research into it (because it has testable parameters) makes far more sense than no research at all. I think the "get Paul Devereux brigade" are making an error that is counter-productive to the needs of ufology - although it is certainly true that we ought to be cautious about some of his more extreme ideas. The trouble is that promising avenues of exploration are being rejected too.

I strongly doubt that earthlights represent all (or even most) of the UAP data. There are other forms of seemingly natural phenomena which probably have a different explanation. Some of these do have a good deal of evidence behind them and are highly consistent within the UFO records. Stuart Campbell's ball-lightning like plasmas may be close to the nature of more than one or two. But they appear to emit broad-band radiation and be capable of inflicting harm on witnesses who get too close. In which case I feel we should be taking them more seriously and realizing that to proclaim them as alien craft (when the evidence in such cases is not there) is damaging. Simpson does just that, and I cannot understand why he has misread what I am saying so significantly. Perhaps he wanted to think I really believed something else. But the truth is as above.

There is strong evidence for UAPs, as just discussed. But there are also very evident reports that do not fit this pattern, without a degree of stretching of the facts I am not prepared to accept. The only conclusion is that real UFOs also exist.

These real UFOs probably represent a small fraction of genuine "UFO reports". And they may be some sort of hallucination. Where are significant suggestions within the data that some UFOs, at least, represent borderline sleep/waking experience (a form of metachoric hallucination...not quite real and not quite unreal). My recent explorations of the OZ Factor (which I regard as a major clue to the curious psychological state during which a real UFO encounter takes place) and the QC (Quasi-Conscious) Experience, which I think best describes this middle-ground on the spectrum of reality (where I believe we should really locate such things) say to me one obvious thing....

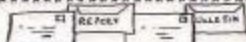
UFOs do not appear to be real, physical craft (like Concorde or an F-111). On the other hand they do not appear to be just some sort of mundane hallucination (they are far too real, or semi-real, for that). The answer lies elsewhere, and we have not realised it because we have asked the wrong question. It is not a case of: are UFOs real or not real? They are both. In which case, in a sense, they are neither.

Something is evidently causing us (as a human perceptive system, or a socio-cultural organism) to experience a "message" which concretises itself into our world as quasi-real "spaceships". There may be a psychological or psychic explanation. But I have not seen any sign of one that adequately resolves the paradoxes we find. On the other hand there may be a genuine, external causation. Contact with an intelligence that is so far beyond our normality that it is capable of (and finds it necessary to) manipulate our way of interacting with the world, in order to make its presence felt. That view is tantalisingly productive. It seems to better explain the many perplexities of the real UFO reports.

Of course, that is tantamount to accepting the reality of alien UFOs (or, more correctly, their quasi-reality). But that is the honest conclusion the facts force me to draw. It is most definitely not wishful thinking or emotional bluff (as Simpson contends). And I do always insist that this is plausible, but not proven. And I certainly believe that my concept of alien contact is miles away from the old-ETH nuts and bolts spacecraft, which it is being said I have now submitted myself to.

Quite frankly it is not that important if I am misunderstood, so long as I know what I am working towards. I hope that others can make sense of what I am seeming to discover along the way. But it is all rather confusing. So I can hardly blame David Simpson if he flounders. After all - he is only a scientist!

NEWS ROUND-UP



It's been a good time for second-hand book catalogues. The Spring 1984 ALPHA BOOKS offering contains 465 titles on myths, monsters, psychology, secret societies, UFOs etc. It's in a very neat booklet and there is some pretty rare (and cheap!) stuff in there. Send an SAE to Tony Waddock 60 Langdon Park Rd London N6 5QG

Meanwhile Arcturus Books have brought out two new catalogues, packed with specialist UFO stuff. It's the biggest collection of UFO titles around - so you must see it. Send reply coupon to Bob Girard 263 N Ballston Ave Scotia NY 12302 USA

Migel Mortimer, of WIUFORG, has begun storing UFO data and graphs onto computer. He is interested in developing a loan system with other readers. He has a ZX Spectrum 48K - so if you have a compatible system write him at the WIUFORG address (see page four).

Walter Reid of the Junior UFO Club says he is fighting to survive and desperately needs help and donations from adults who want to support youngsters interest in UFOs. This is our future, he claims. So if you want to offer help then write to Walter at: 15 Belle Isle Circus Belle Isle Leeds LS10 3DU

I recently heard from a medium who claims she travels "out of the body" to a very cold planet called "Andromeda 7". Its inhabitants are humanoid but they don't have a mouth and don't like earth. I wonder why? (They probably can't swallow it!)

The birth of a new UFO group Stephen Hart, investigator for WYUFORG

Yorkshire, in particular North Yorkshire, is experiencing UFO activity on a phenomenal level (see Media Matters). Whatever the cause or origin of the UFO stimulus it frequently haunts the bleak Pennine moors. West Yorkshire has not been immune. Even after meticulous investigation a large percentage of reports remain as unknowns. So much so that the area has been called the "Warminster" of the north!

For this reason the West Yorkshire UFO Research Group (WYUFORG) was formed. Together with its fellow ufologists, who form the Yorkshire UFO Society (YUPOS) (new independent from its parent group, CONTACT UK) our aim is to scrutinise in a scientific fashion all incoming data. However, I think all serious ufologists would agree that the UFO stimulus must be observed when it is present by a team of objective people who, instead of jumping up and down with excitement, will photograph and study it. That is what WYUFORG intends to do.

We have access to a good deal of photographic equipment and results may be scrutinized for consistencies and patterns. For this reason our six-man team will be spending a lot of lonely nights on those hills. We hope to obtain a UFO spectrum (via a spectroscope) which could tell us what the UFO stimulus is made of.

Back in the warmth of our Addingham HQ will be where our files are stored, on paper and computer. The ZX Spectrum 48K we use will be programmed to search for patterns in the data. At our regular meetings we will be discussing what we find, in the anticipation this will point us towards new research avenues. We will not be desperately seeking things that the evidence suggests are not there!

But what about the rest of the ufological community? It is right that they be kept informed of our progress, news, ideas, reports and even set-backs or misdeeds, and errors (if and when they occur). For this reason we will be publishing "West Yorkshire UFO Scene" - a quarterly journal composed of 30-40 pages detailing our work. YUPOS already do a marvellous job of informing the rest of the world what they are up to, and it is only fair that we do the same.

Yet as a six-man team are we naive enough to think we know all the correct paths to tread? Of course not. We would appreciate help and advice from other interested parties - financial contributions especially!

WYUFORG will continue to support NUFON:- UFO Research North. But if you wish to contact us and/or subscribe to the new magazine, then please write to our coordinator (and BUFORA Regional Investigations Coordinator) Nigel Mortimer at -
33 Green Lane Addingham Ilkley West Yorkshire LS29 0JH (Tel: Addingham 831264)

NE NE NE IMPORTANT NOTE

After a break of three years we have decided to reinstate regular NUFON get-togethers (but with a breath of fresh air brought to them). Part of the proceedings each time will be devoted to a specific controversial theme current within the UFO subject. Specialists will be invited to speak on the theme and general debate afforded. We hope to hold two such meetings each year, at locations spread throughout the region. But this will depend upon groups offering themselves as hosts for the next, and subsequent, seminars.

For the first meeting (still being planned) the controversy over abduction memories care of regression hypnosis will be assessed, with the help of Harry Harris (who has researched such cases with BUFORA and Dr Sheridan King, a psychologist working with WYUFORG). Full details will be published about this feature and the remaining facets of the get-together. But WYUFORG have agreed to be hosts and a venue in BRANFORD is being organised. The date has been finalised and so please keep free the weekend of OCTOBER 13/14 1984. Further information (via an S&B) from WYUFORG.



FOR YOUR PERUSAL:-
Major articles elsewhere

BUFORA BULLETIN 012 (Inc. BUFORA sub. C/o 30 Vermont Rd London SE19 3SR)
Anyone interested in the Rendlesham Forest case should subscribe to BUFORA for this issue alone! A detailed (mostly accurate) resume of the December 1983 debate staged by BUFORA on the case, featuring Brenda Butler, Dot Street, Harry Harris and Keith Beabey (News of the World) on the pro side and Ian Ridpath giving his explanation. Jenny Handles discusses her American research tour. John Barrett gives a detailed analysis of Hessdalen goings-on. And Stewart Campbell writes to deny that there is anything strange going on in the Pennines! Good stuff- 42pp.

YUFOS QUEST Mar/Apr 1984 (£4.6 issues, 1 Wharfeside Ave, Threshold, Grassington, Yks)
Nothing strange going on in the Pennines - eh! Dear old Stewart should read this! 40pp packed with close encounters under investigation by YUFOS. Including a detailed report on the Ground Saucer Watch computer enhancement investigation of what appears to be a bona-fide UFO photograph (which achieved much recent national media interest) Good value from the country's busiest (and probably biggest) local group.

INFINITY Vol 2 No 2 (?? Quarterly 73 Torbrex Rd Cyberrnald Glasgow G67 2JU)
A piece by Phillip Klass on UFO abductions and regressions, culled from his latest anti-UFO tract. More excerpts promised in future issues.

EARTHQUEST Spring 1984 (£1.50, 60pp, 19 St Davids Way, Wickford, Essex SS11 8EX)
Anyone who knows Andy Collins and his past publications does not need to be told that this is huge, detailed (packed with photos, maps and sketches) and super stuff. Not much UFO oriented these days, but a major three-article symposium on the recent big-cat sightings that I know many a UFO researcher is interested in.

UFO RESEARCH AUSTRALIA Vol 4 No 3 (\$ 18 Aus PO Box 229, Prospect, S. Australia 5082)
Aside from the usual cases and news in this excellent Australian journal a good piece by veteran American writer George Earley ("Saucer Tales") gives a marvellous skeptical look at alleged UFO crashes. Not debunking, not credulous, but pertinent!

AFRO BULLETIN Mar/Apr/May 1984 (\$ 18 US 3910 E Kleindale Rd Tucson Az 85712)
Three issues with a lot about what is termed the "English flap" (mostly cases AFRO know of and we don't!) A major two-part serial "The smoking gun" about the NSA and the UFO cover-up. Dr Robert Creegan gives what he claims is inside information on why the British MOD are covering-up. (It has to do with Britain's ties to the UBA)

CUFOS Newsletter Feb/Mar 1984 (\$ 35 US PO Box 1621 Lima Ohio 45802)
A transcript of an unpublished interview with Ken Arnold, father of the modern UFO phenomenon following his 24 June 1947 sighting. Ken Arnold died, age 68, on 16 Jan 1984 in a Washington hospital.

BOOKS OF THE MOMENT:

The World's Strangest Stories (FATE)
226pp, 1984, \$7.95 US (Inc post) from
FATE Magazine, 500 Hyacinth Place, Highland Park, Illinois, 60035 USA



FATE is one of the institutions of our genre, less well known in Britain than it should be since it stopped producing a UK edition from the Isle of Man. But it is still (just about) available in major newspaper chain stores, and some British ufologists (such as Hilary Evans, Peter Hough and myself) have begun sporadic contributions.

This book is a sort of "best of" FATE, divided into sections like "Things from out of this world", "Out of time" and "Glimpses of other realities". UFOs and UFO related themes figure often, and there is a section entitled "Strangest UFOs"

The articles span three decades (from 1952 to 1983) although most stem from the past ten years. They reflect FATE's policy of containing both witness accounts (in their own words) and analyses by leading researchers. When you see that there are pieces here by Coral Lorenson, Loren Coleman, Larry Arnold, Nandor Fodor and D. Scott Rogo - you see the breadth of talent incorporated. There is even a John Keel article about MIBs, dating from April 1968.

Jerry Clark (FATE editor) includes his favourite UFO abduction account, which was investigated by the late Kenneth Arnold himself. This wacky story can be read either as a serious claim by witness Samuel Thompson, or a bit of fun. It is said to be true by the witness, but his 40 hours riding on board a spaceship and the promise of a return trip (if he tanned his skin and went naked!) takes some believing. But then, come to think of it, so do most abductions from today - thirty years later on!

This is one of the best reads I have had in a long time - a lovely mixture of entertainment, humour and the real hard stuff of anomaly research. If you don't have a good stock of the 400-plus back issues of FATEs continuing monthly success then you could do much worse than treat yourself to this. Take it on holiday with you.

One warning. You will doubtless become an addict and end up subscribing to FATE. But as our only mass-market outlet which contains serious stuff you ought to think about that anyway.

Whispers from Space (John Macvey) 283pp £2.50 Paladin 1976

Not a new book, but worth a brief mention as I read it when it was entered into the MUFORA library recently by member George Manson. It is about the best look at ESP contact I have ever read. The rear cover actually asserts "Macvey is no wide-eyed UFO spotter", probably necessary because he does not dismiss out of hand the possible value of ufology to those who seek to establish radio contact with another planet. This is given place amongst lucid discussion of more conventional techniques and the problems of seeking intelligent life elsewhere in the universe...and what we would do if we found it! Macvey even includes (with admirable honesty) an account of his own UFO sighting on the Isle of Arran, during the September 1957 British wave. Find a copy and include it in your library, or group library.

Between the devil and the wide blue yonder

Kevin McClure

I was impressed by Jenny's decision to speak about the FSR problem (NUN 106) Having given so much to FSR, she must feel considerable righteous anger at what has happened. While it is no doubt difficult at present to sustain a constant flow of significant new UFO reports and investigations, there can be no excuse for the state of FSR. It consists too much of reprints and meaningless follow-ups to cases previously covered. Worse it is now wholly undermined by a lack of self-control on the part of the editor, whose attitudes and opinions dominate every issue.

Both Jenny and John Rimmer - editor of "Magonia" and a senior librarian himself - have commented on the ludicrous allegation that UFO books are being mysteriously removed from our libraries, as part of a government-inspired plot. That is pure paranoia - conspiracy theory at its silliest. Both, too, have remarked on the appalling image such ravings - combined with the intellectual poverty of the rest of the content - give to British ufology. As FSR's foreign circulation considerably exceeds that within the UK, many foreigners must have very strange ideas about us.

As if that were not serious enough, there is also the matter that Jenny was tolerant enough to gloss over Gordon Creighton's belief in the demonic nature of UFO occupants, and their supposed influence in world affairs. It must be stressed these are not his ideas alone. They are reflected and developed in many extreme religious books published in the past seven years. It will not be long before fundamentalists and evangelicals are quoting Creighton and FSR as an authority!

Since Jenny wrote her piece two further Creighton declarations have appeared. In FSR Vol 29 No 4 (an editorial entitled "The problem of protection and the 'call from sleep'") and the Spring 1984 issue of MEETING THE THIRD MILLENNIUM (an article entitled "A new look at the UFO phenomenon"). Both develop the demonic theory in a notably apocalyptic direction, based on the influence of Ahriman (a sort of non-Christian Antichrist parveyed by Rudolf Steiner). I gather in private correspondence Creighton is given to quite specific, doom-laden prophecy, but things are made clear in his "new look" article:-

"As we approach the Millenium it looks indeed as though weird and extraordinary things are happening, maybe of an apocalyptic nature. While such evidence indicates that some UFO entities may seek to prevent global conflict here, there is also evidence that others may aim to provoke the holocaust. And, most disturbing of all, the Russian astronomer Dr Yuri Zigel has suggested that some types of entity can pass among us undetected and that infiltration has already occurred. Ahrimanic beings, in the right posts, would be well-placed to achieve their objectives.

In his FSR editorial Creighton makes clear where he sees himself in the great scheme of things:-

"One would like to suggest - and with some confidence - that, in the final reckoning, ig will be the evolved level of consciousness that will give mankind the best protection, as it will lift them out of the sphere of influence of the lower forces... We, for our part, unless we have developed that higher consciousness, will be wise if we eschew these childish enthusiasms for 'contact', lest we too run into more than we had bargained for."

So, he is confident that he knows what is going on in the world, outside the world, in the future and in his own head. We cannot prove he is wrong in any respect, though such assumptions seem safe. But I do not see pity, or even anger, as a sufficient reaction.

Much of my personal research in recent years has involved cases concerning encounters with 'demons' in more traditional contexts. I must have reviewed thousands of cases. Only a handful have more than a superficial resemblance to any of the standard forms of UFO encounter. And only a slightly larger handful show any sign of being more than purely personal, non-objective experiences. Approaching the evidence in this way reveals no support whatever for Creighton's conclusions.

All of our best work is based on solid, sensible investigations of facts, events, people and situations. Speculation is a luxury we can only afford after completing other tasks. If we are arguing any point, establishing any theory, we go back to the best and earliest research we can find. We trust that the research is accurate and has been fully and honestly presented. Future writers must be able to depend in this way on our work, our books, our articles and our investigations.

What is being represented in FSR is not just that UFO occupants have reality, intelligence and the capability of influencing the course of human life, but that they are acting in such a way as to make that life considerably more unpleasant and maybe to end it altogether. These are substantial claims which require substantial evidence.

Gordon Creighton's responsibility to tell the truth is no less than that of the rest of us. If he has evidence to support his claims then he has no right to keep it from other UFO investigators (who must have supplied much of it to him in raw form)

or from the world at large. If he has no evidence, he has no right to edit FSR and should be replaced at once. And that, at the very least, should be made plain to FSR's illustrious board of consultants, even though they contribute increasingly rarely these days.

(Editors note:- Kevin suggested I point out this is his personal view, thus dis-associating myself from it. But I have no intention of doing so. The FSR editor replied to a letter I sent six months ago, the other day. In it he informed me that the forces of evil (alias the axis forged between Colonel Gaddafi, the IRA, and Iran) were about to invade Britain. He had no sympathy left for us because it served us right for ignoring him! Any serious ufologist who cares about the subject and respects FSR ought to be sick. Those people on the masthead include names like Janet and Colin Bord, Allen Hynek, Richard Haines and others. Are they really all content to let this happen and do nothing??)

 THE PAST THIRTY YEARS OF UFOs OVER WEST YORKSHIRE (4)

The final part of Nigel Mortimer's research study.

ORANGE BALL-LIKE UFOs (D)

(i) A resident of Lidget Green, Bradford, saw at 02.35 an orange oval surrounded by red lights. Another witness saw an orange "cone" hover over Bradford for 5 minutes before instantly disappearing. DATED 25 OCTOBER 1966

(ii) An Allerton, Bradford, bank clerk was driving from Thornton at 23.25 when he saw a strange orange light in the sky. On looking closer she saw it was high and "flying saucer" shaped. DATED 25 AUGUST 1978

(iii) A.S and G.T. (now a member of CONTACT) saw a strange object over the cricket field at Idle, Bradford. It was 21.40 and was a bright yellow/orange ball that was silent in the clear sky. The full moon and Jupiter were nearby. Mr T said the object moved up and down in zig-zag fashion. At times points of white light came out of it and melded back into it. The main object then stopped, became bright yellow and flew off towards the city centre. DATED 15 APRIL 1981

(iv) Mr and Mrs Y of Idle saw a reddish/yellow ball in the sky from their top flat sitting room. It looked like it was "on fire" and lit up the sky around it. At times it had a spotlight coming from it but made no noise. They both watched it from 21.45 for about five minutes until it moved away. DATED 15 APRIL 1981

Sightings of all four types continue in Bradford today. Some are certainly misidentifications, but others turn out to be of significance. It is like seeking a needle in a haystack, but I for one will be sorting through that stack, hayfork in hand, until such time as "those who know" are prepared to tell us what is going on.

 MEDIA MATTERS:-

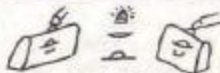
A look at UFOs in the public eye



It has been quite a time for "Pennine" UFOs. Both on the east and west side of the hills there have been stories galore. Unfortunately this means that the new spate of sightings (coinciding with the wave predicted in "The Pennine UFO Mystery") might arguably be due to correct recognition of a real periodicity, or else the aftermath of the media splurge.

BRIEF CASES

Some Current Investigations

Follow-up at Telford: Report on an alleged UFO abduction.

NUN featured a report at the time, based on Stephen Banks excellent investigation into the July 1981 encounter by three young women returning from a night out at Telford, Shropshire. The case involved a time-loss. Regression hypnosis, supervised by Harry Harris, Mike Sacks and Norman Collinson of MUFORA, revealed a dramatic tale. This was discussed by the News of the World in June 1983 but no account has yet appeared here. This article aims to rectify matters, since the case has recently been wound up (at least for the time being).

All three women were hypnotised, although in one case it took three sessions (and two different psychiatrists) to achieve this. Vivien and Rosemary were easily regressed but were unable to remember events they described under hypnosis, except that they had a belief in having been abducted. They did not view the video tapes.

The session referenced in detail here is the one on the third girl, Valerie, which finally put her under. This was with Dr Albert Kellar, a Manchester psychiatrist.

Val tells how the three of them were "wishing something exciting would happen" and how they suddenly stopped talking to one another, immediately prior to Vivien seeing lights in an adjacent field. This was consciously remembered as unusual. They all looked and saw a domed object with a row of windows across the middle, hovering above the field (this description is given in very similar terms by all three girls). Val, however, recalls under hypnosis she saw the UFO as a light in the sky before Vivien spotted it in the field. For some reason she had determined not to say so.

When Val calls out "It's coming towards us" her fear notably mounts (the doctor constantly monitors blood pressure and pulse which proves this). It glides. We are now past the point of conscious recall and Val throws her hands up to her face and cries "The lights are hurting my eyes. I feel funny."

She goes lightheaded and dizzy, feels a painful light inside her head and is paralysed. Vivien is still with her in the car, but Rosemary has vanished. (These facts are again verified in the other sessions). "I don't know what's happened" Val calls out and realises the car is stationary with the doors open. She decides to get out and try to find Rosemary.

Outside all is black. The UFO is not visible. "I can feel its here but I can't see it," Val says. The bright light comes again, giving great pain to her head as she staggers off trying to find her friend. Vivien stays in the car. After a moment or two Val gets too frightened and turns to go back but something touches her on her shoulder and then she feels as if someone is carrying her. A slow and gruff male voice speaks, "DO NOT BE AFRAID". It is slow. Under hypnosis Val gives an amazing rendition of this deep voice, quite unlike her normal speaking tone.

Valerie then says "I feel as if I'm being sucked up" and, with the voice repeating itself several times, she finds herself in a triangular room with no furniture and all alone. She is there a long time and wants her friends desperately. Under hypnosis she is asked if it is happening or she thinks she is imagining it. "I feel as though it's really happening", she says.

A male and female entity come into the room but every time Val tries to recall them she feels a pain in her head. She knows they are 6' tall with dark shoulder length hair and blue eyes, with whitish skins and a green cloak on. They ignore her and seem more interested in her clothing. The female entity takes off Val's shoes and tries to walk in them!

Val is told that the aliens want to examine them "to see what we are like". Vivien was selected at random from the three of them to be medically examined. Rosemary was simply to be observed to see how she responded. The sessions on these two (conducted immediately after each other without possibility of collusion) both concur in these key respects .

As to who the aliens are Val was told "You are not to know" and then "You would not understand". The session ended with her belief that there was a memory of some event still missing and that it was gynaecological in nature. We could get no more.

There is a great deal of material on this amazing case which will hopefully be published in the UFO literature. What is interesting are not merely the many comparisons with other abduction cases (eg the Alan Godfrey story - which they did not know of at time of hypnotic regression) but also the unusual level of agreement between three witnesses independantly hypnotised. Could a fantasy be so interlocked?

A WORLD WAR TWO ENCOUNTER

Case 4201 Winter 1942/43 19.00 Scholes, West Yorkshire WYUFORD (N. Dagless)

Mrs AH (then aged 36) was leaving the railway station to walk home when a flame red ball of light appeared over rooftops to the NE. It suddenly descended and came to rest about 6 feet above ground, beside a cricket pavilion about 200 feet from the witness. She says it was solid in appearance, slightly oval in shape and around 12-13 feet in diameter, its original travelling height had been about 40-50 feet.

The object proceeded to "edge" towards the witness for about 75 feet, before stopping and (without warning) shooting off into the sky at a tremendous speed, heading SE towards Garforth. Inside a few seconds it had climbed into the sky and was gone. Mrs AH says that at its closest approach she saw that the colour was a slightly duller red than it had been at first. She also felt it was observing her.

AH underwent several strange experiences as a child, including a vivid OORE and an event (in 1909, aged 3) when a blinding light filled the room she was playing in. She then saw a stream, surrounded by people who seemed to notice her and wave, as if beckoning her to join them. The child "recognised" them, but she does not know how, perhaps from another life! They wore clothes of modern-day appearance that in 1909 would have been regarded as outrageous.

A possible back-up witness to the UFO was described by AH. This person lived in the next village, Barwick in Elmet. But they are now deceased. Martin Dagless suggests that ball lightning is about the only feasible explanation, but the description seems unlikely. ... "Time will tell as to whether Ball Lightning can attain these extreme sizes as scientists endeavour to understand more about (it)" he says in his report.

Case 6511 Unknown date 1965 early am Liverpool, Merseyside MUFORA (J. Randles)

Mrs G was awoken by a very high-pitched whistling noise and got out of bed to investigate. At the window she called to her husband, HG, waking him up. He leapt out of bed and joined her at the window. Here they both observed an enormous object (at least 100 ft in diameter) which was at a height of only 60 feet above the opposite rooftops. The noise seemed to come from it. It was round and had a number of window "panels" on the underside, but nothing was visible in them. Masses of light were pouring from a central projection, which was almost masked by the glare. After just a few seconds it shot into the sky at a speed "faster than anything on this planet."



LIKE AN ENORMOUS BALLOON...

NLUFOIG Investigation

Grange, Cumbria

This is an interesting sighting which has similarities with the various stories we have featured of late that might be the new type of toy balloon. But in this case the same object was seen on two separate occasions. The first time Mr VL (a 53 yr old ecologist) was witness with his wife and son. On the second occasion he saw it alone, Shiny Messy, whilst driving in his car. The brilliant lights were piercing the air in the latter sighting. Both occurred in the vicinity of Grange over Sands, Cumbria at 13.50 and 15.55 during the afternoon.



The object was elliptical and a pinky red glowing colour, (described as "flame") on the second date. The first event took place on 1 January 1982 and the second on 27 November that year. In the first, multi-witness encounter it was seen for 20 minutes, and watched through binoculars as it drifted "like an enormous balloon" heading NE. Size was estimated as 40' across compared with houses visible through binoculars at the same sort of range. On the second occasion it was higher and in view just a few seconds before it was lost into cloud. The two "headlamps" glowed a brilliant yellow. Moved SSW.

NLUFOIG regard this as a true UFO, and if it is a balloon it has unusual features.

AN OUTCAST AT THE MOTORBIKE SHOW...

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Case 8250 June 8 1982 15.10 Ramsey, Isle of Man NUFORA (J. Randles & P. Warrington)

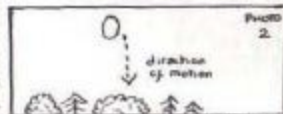
The weather for a few days around this time was excellent; hot, sunny and a faint breeze. I was staying for a few days in the Island's capital (Douglas) with Paul, who had gone to see the famous TT motorcycle races. The island was literally swamped with tens of thousands of tourists for this event.

When GC (a 37 year old extremely well qualified engineer with the MOD in Aldershot) wrote to relate his sighting, this made the investigation much easier.

GC was at a display of vintage motorcycles in Mooragh Park, Ramsey, when his attention was brought to a white ring, very fine in appearance, that was vertical in orientation, but at a slight angle. It seemed to be at about 500' and a subjective estimate of size was put at 30' diameter. It was very slender in appearance. The ring drifted very slowly to the west, at no more than 10 MPH, and disappeared in 2/3 minutes. At no time did it change in appearance, elevation or orientation. A large number of people in the park saw it. One said he had seen two other identical rings shortly before.

GC took two photographs of the object using his Chinon CMJ camera, with 150mm zoom lens. Shutter speed was one-two fiftieth of a second. Film was AGFA 200 ASA. Whilst not properly exposed and showing a brilliant sky (the second shot does show trees) the faint ring is just visible on close examination of the print. Its visual appearance is exactly as described. The film was examined and pronounced genuine.

Investigation revealed a flying display had occurred at 15.00 (lasting a few minutes). It had just concluded shortly before the sighting. The aircraft involved was a Pitts Special and smoke was used to enhance the display. The investigators cannot prove it, but conclude that it is most probable the rings resulted from a combination of the aircraft, the highly stable weather conditions, and the presence of a very large crowd generating body heat.



NLUFOIG Case 8251 August 12 1982 09.30 Flockborough, Cumbria

Schoolboy saw bright cylinder (like a telescope) tumble through sky, reflecting sun. In view 15 seconds. Lost into cloud. No other witnesses. Slight rushing of air??

ANOTHER CASE OF MOONSHINE?

Case 8317 October 21 1983 00.00 Whitchurch, Shropshire MUFORA (J. Randles)

Mr and Mrs C were driving north along the A49 from Shrewsbury (after a family visit) to their home in Weaverham, Cheshire. Mr C is an engineer and a very cautious man. His wife is nervous and suffers easily from tension.

After being on a very quiet road (no other traffic) for around 30 minutes they realised that something was pursuing the car. It was disc-like and projecting out strong beams of white light. These entered the car and struck their feet! It's first appearance was when it flew over the trees ahead of them and "beamed down" onto the car. Mrs C felt she could smell burning. But nothing appears to have confirmed this. However, she became so frightened that an attack of hypertension came on and she was very ill. The rest of the drive became a nightmare for Mr C, as well as his wife.

At Tarporley they saw the object again as it seemed to shoot across the road in front of them. They thought they could hear a faint whirling noise. At Cuddington they obtained the closest view (as a fluorescent white oval with a slight dome on top and two green, two red and a brilliant amber light on it - in a line). It remained in the same position relative to the car until just after Cuddington and then was lost to sight. But Mr C cared about little else except getting his wife home.

He thought long and hard about reporting it to Jodrell Bank, before doing so (from which it reached MUFORA, later on the day of occurrence). This facilitated our work. A postulated time lapse by the witnesses was seen to be more likely miscalculation. And the weather that night was very clear and frosty. There was a brilliant full moon that on an open road would certainly have illuminated the car. Mr and Mrs C were each asked individually if there had been a moon and they said "I don't think so". This means it is virtually certain that this complex close encounter (with alleged effects) was caused by nothing more than the full moon!

Yet again we have to ask how two apparently sensible witnesses can be so lead astray by such a mundane phenomenon? This class of case is becoming quite a fascinating little mystery in its own right!

Case 8403 February 14 1984 19.15 St Helens, Merseyside MUFORA (D. Blades)
Mrs BM, 34 year old Youth Training Scheme supervisor, was driving away from home when she saw a brilliant W LITS in the N. Elevation 50 degrees. Size of golf ball at arms length. It moved to the S and descended. When she looked after another minute it had gone. Probably an aircraft inbound to Manchester or Liverpool airport.

Case 8404 February 27 1984 17.32 Heysham, Lancs ELIPOIG (G. Barryclough, S. Hicks)
Mrs S, retired lady, was drawing her curtains when she saw a very strange object gliding like a butterfly past her window. It was very close and was as big as the full moon, at its most distant! It comprised alternating perfect circles of grey/black and silver and shone brightly. After about 1 minute it was lost to the S.

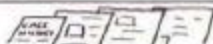


EPITAPH FOR AN EARTHQUAKE... Reported by Janet Bord

Case 8405

On April 15 1984 at 22.06 an earthquake measuring 3.3 on the Richter scale struck Powys, Wales, centring on Kerry (just 6 miles from the home of well-known writers Janet and Colin Bord). They missed the quake, as they were driving home from a trip. They had neared home at 00.10 (2 hours after the tremor - which at this time they knew nothing about, of course) when Janet saw a bright "star" below the full moon. It moved from the left, to a point immediately beneath the moon, where it entered a small cloud. The sky was otherwise very clear but the "star" never emerged. It was only in view 1 minute and Colin, who was driving, was not alerted to it. The event took place at Churchstocks, on the Shropshire / Hereford border, just a mile from Cyffwrdd Lyke.

CASE HISTORIES



AN UNEXPECTED VISIT TO THE TOILET 1 WYUPORG report by M.Dagless, S.Hart, N.Mortimer.

Date: March 13 1979 Time: 20.00 Location: Alverthorpe, West Yorkshire

Mr WP is an electrical engineer, aged 28 at time of event. He set off to visit a local pub to meet some friends for a drink, but on this cold night found himself taking an unusual and illogical route across wet and muddy playing fields. This "pre-encounter" phase of peculiar behaviour (as if to lead a witness to the right place) has been noted before by researchers into OR3 and OR4 cases.

Half way across the field he saw a bright light hanging in the sky. He knew the spot and so wondered about this unfamiliar light, but dismissed it as a security lamp on a building site that was in that general area. A few moments later he glanced back and the light was now bigger and apparently moving towards him. He began to hastily move away, although the object was still only a light source at a height of maybe 40'.

WP rushed off the fields and onto the lane that leads directly to the pub. He noticed it was unusually deserted. But the object was now close above him, between him and the pub, and was a structured device surrounded by greenish mist. It was perhaps 100' from him.

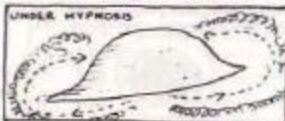
He estimates that the object was 20-30' wide and 6-10' high, like an elongated oval in shape. It seemed to be made out of a sort of solid "gunmetal" but was silent. The mist rolled around it, seemed fluorescent and glowed onto the surface of the object. WP also realised that the ambient sounds he would have expected to hear had gone. Everything was strangely quiet (the OZ Factor).



WP had only seconds to take this in. For suddenly (with no sense of transition) he was inside the men's toilets, adjacent to the pub, staring at the outer wall as if he were ready to walk out. He has no idea how he got there!

Feeling very confused he used the toilet when somebody walked in, to mask his embarrassment. Then he walked into the pub and promptly forgot all about the UFO! The barman told him he was "a lucky man". There had been a power failure just before he came in and all the pumps had gone off. But it had rectified itself now.

It was three days before the story as described above came back to him. The way of recalling it is interesting. It is worth quoting the witness from the transcript included in the excellent WYUPORG case report... "If you can imagine that you have got a thought right at the back of your mind and you are very aware of the fact that something is there, but you don't bother to think about it; Rather like a "lazy" feeling and as if you don't really need to remember what is there." But when the memory did come back it was incomplete, as recorded. Over the years he was never to recall how he got from the closest view of the object to being inside the toilets. He says he started asking himself "Did it really happen?" "Did I really go to the pub on Monday night?" But he knew in his head that he did. But he only plucked up courage to tell his wife a long time later.



WP was found by the investigators to be a sincere man, clearly embarrassed by his strange story which had no supportive evidence. He has taken a deep interest in UFOs and often goes out, camera in hand, determined to get better evidence. He has seen a few lights. Once he saw a brilliant light shining through his bedroom window that seemed to be "hypnotising" him. But he dismisses this as "maybe Venus". He has had no other unusual experiences and impressed all the team as an honest and reliable man. He is artistic and creative (a common factor) and the group find it relevant that he does not elaborate an imaginative fantasy and still cannot recall anything of the missing time. But he believes the green mist is very important. It was (you may recall) an element of the famous Avelley "hac-less" abduction.

Regression hypnosis, under the auspices of Dr Sheridan King, has so far revealed little additional information. The precise date was obtained this way and a clearer sketch of the UFO at closest approach. Dr King believes more information will be obtained in the wake of the hypnotic regression by spontaneous memory.

WUFOBS promise a further report on this aspect of the case, in an effort to ascertain what transpired in the missing memory period. This will appear later in NUN.

REVENGE OF THE SQUASHED UFO

MUFORA report by Jenny Handles

Date: November 9 1980

Time: 20.15

Location: Mobblerley, Cheshire

This began as a straightforward report by Mr JG, a cargo handler at Manchester Airport. On the date in question he had left his sisters in Knutsford five minutes before and was in a taxi with his wife, daughter and mother-in-law. All four (plus the taxi-driver) saw the object (although JG had seen it first as a pinkish light high in the sky. But it paced the car (heading east) until a forest blocked it from view. The taxi then approached a bridge over a railway line (the line heading north towards Altrincham). The object was now hovering over a field beside the line and it fell until it almost landed. However, in one movement it climbed again and then headed away to the north, seeming to follow the rail-lines.

The object was a brilliant pink on the outside and a very bright white in the middle. It seemed to shimmer. The Airport is 2 miles east of here. But JG is very familiar with all types of air traffic, due to his work. He is convinced this was not a helicopter.

Upon inquiry it proved that this was merely one in a long line of encounters by JG. The key starting point for these came in March 1979 (see above case) when he ran over a UFO!

At the time JG was an HGV driver and was returning from Crewe on the A54 in his 3 Ton Dodge truck. It was 16.40 and he was near Middlewich. He passed a farm and saw 4 strange white objects that were round, atop a rise beside the road. As he neared them one climbed gently into the air, fell to the ground again and rolled down the slope right under his wheels. He was too close to stop! He turned back and returned to the scene, sure he had hit an animal of some sort and expecting to find it squashed on the road. There was nothing. It was now dusk and he turned the lorry again to carry on. The three remaining objects were still on the top of the slope, looking like inanimate boulders silhouetted against the skyline.

This delay made him late back to his Manchester depot and he was told off for this. The manager disbelieved his story and sent him to Leicester without checking that tank. On his way back (about noon the next day) he broke down and the AA had to come to him. The patrol found a small hole in the radiator.

JG speculates that, since there was a small wood opposite the farm where the three of four "things" were - this could have hidden a "mother ship". The "things" might have been probes, one of which attached itself to his truck to follow him home!

Some months later (either the 11 or 13 August 1979) JG awoke at his Mythenshawe home in the early hours to see two orange/red balls with a dark bar between them (thus forming a dumb-bell shape) hovering over opposite rooftops. The centre of the rings were jet black. He leant out of the window as far as he could, closed his eyes and kept them shut for ten minutes! When he opened them again (he had fortunately not fallen out of the window!) but the object was still there. He now knew it was not imagination. The object then receded backwards and vanished. This is a very similar object to that seen this year by the witness to the time lapse case at Church Stowe.

One last sighting occurred on October 25 1981 at 17.45 when he was working at the Airport, about to pull out a Laker Airways BAC-111 for passenger loading. Two other ground crew were with him; four in the SW they saw a big "star" which moved from side

