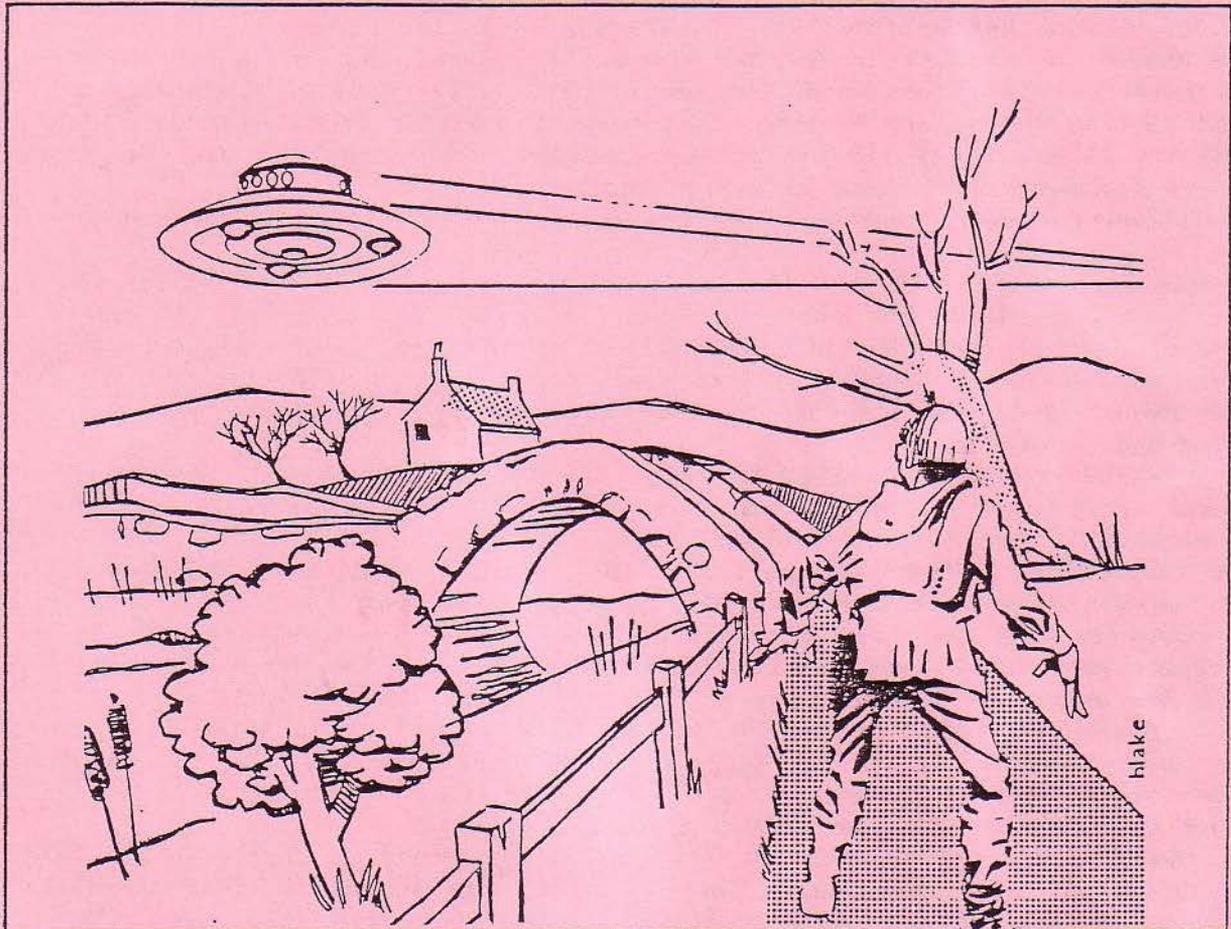


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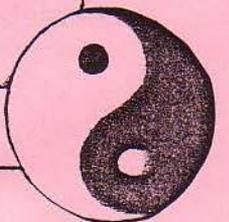
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Hi. Welcome to the first UFO BRIGANTIA of 1989. Due to our joint subscription deal with Northern UFO News we have many new readers so I'd like to welcome all of you to the pages of UFO BRIGANTIA. I hope you all had a good Christmas and thank you to all the readers who sent me Christmas cards, much appreciated. We have two feature articles for you in this issue, from either end of the spectrum of ufological belief. Wim Van Utrecht's paper on the problems of statistics in ufology, with particular reference to UNICAT balances nicely the paper from John Lear whose material, whatever you may think about it, is never dull and is potentially world changing.

This longer than usual editorial dwells largely on American activities. Rather than review the new Strieber book in the review section I thought I'd do a sort of a post Christmas turkey rumination on it and the themes raised by it here. So it's a sort of joint editorial/article/review and totally subjective. Skip it if you like. Two other things first though.

Somewhere in this issue you will find a stamped and addressed envelope with a questionnaire inside. This questionnaire is UFO BRIGANTIA's attempt at 'market research'. As our subscriber list continues to expand we want to ensure that our readers are being served adequately and to this end we would like you all to fill in the questionnaire and return it to me via the sae. We don't need your name or address, just what you think. We will act on any majority

suggestions we get so please speak freely and return the questionnaire as soon as you can.

Now onto the new Strieber book.

WHAT WHITLEY DID NEXT

TRANSFORMATION: THE BREAKTHROUGH by Whitley Strieber, Published by Century Books. £10:95.

If you thought a Visitor experience was Philip Mantle coming to see you, think again because the latest Whitley Strieber offering is upon us. After COMMUNION Whitley Strieber just had to write another book. He had to write one for two reasons. Firstly because COMMUNION made him a lot of money and a follow up would do no harm - Strieber is a writer (of fantasy and speculative fiction as a rule) and COMMUNION had 'first in a series' written all over it. And secondly because Whitley has recently been having more experiences and remembering long-forgotten ones from his past. Judging by the stories circulating in the UFO world (which we can't mention here because Whitley has a bigger bank balance than mine) the follow up could have been called LITIGATION. It wasn't however and what has emitted is entitled TRANSFORMATION, subtitled The Breakthrough.

What can be said about it that won't land me in court for daring to voice my humble opinions? Well not a lot really but we'll try. What do we learn that we could if we wanted to, like good ufologists should, check out? Well, we learn that Whitley has a Hot Tub at his upstate New York holiday home where he can relax underneath the stars whatever the weather. Mmmmmmm, that's nice Whitley. We can also check out the fact that Whitley isn't mad either - he's got the certificates to prove it, so he's got the ups on most of us there. Few people in ufology ever suggested that abduction percipients were unstable anyway and I certainly aren't one of them, but at least here we've got proof.

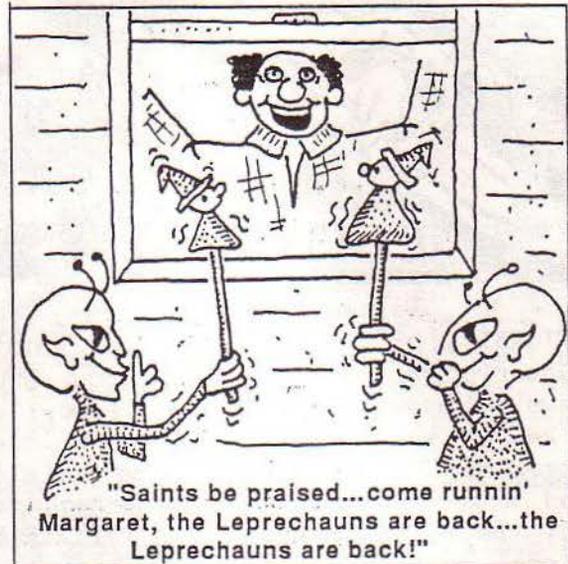
But that's about all we can check out, other than on Whitley's say so we just don't know what happened to Whitley, and judging from this book neither does Strieber himself. So I will suspend my disbelief as you are supposed to do when being entertained (this book is definitely entertaining) and give Whitley the benefit of the doubt. Although I think the onus is on him to prove unambiguously that his experiences are true we'll assume they are. It would be an uncharitable and possibly wallet lightning experience to do otherwise.

The book starts off with an account of an experience which happened on April 1st 1986. Personally I wouldn't attempt to pass off as truth an experience which allegedly took place on a date as iffy as April 1st, but perhaps it is testimony to the sense of humour the 'visitors' have that it did so. We should not forget incidentally that his original experience, recounted in COMMUNION took place on December 26th, a time when turkey is being consumed by thousands.

Superficially it's an exciting book and if you're one of the Gary's and Sharon's who will buy it by the zillion and who know nothing of the wonderful wacky world of ufology, where ultimate 'truths' can be, ahem, elusive, then you won't be disappointed. If you're at all sceptical though it'll have you in alternate fits of tears of laughter and frustration.

Perhaps all ufological encounter experiences should now be dated A.S. - After Strieber, because since Whitley wrote his two books on a ufological theme, there are now no UFO virgins in the western world. Anywhere. Everyone now has seen the Strieber alien face somewhere (surprised he hasn't copyrighted it) whether they realise it or not, leering out from bookshops and advertising hoardings. I would suggest that the 'credible' abductee experience, must now be totally discarded simply because of Strieber and we should be far more sceptical than ever before when dealing with

potential abductees. Strieber has made it increasingly difficult to separate the ufological baby from the cosmic bathwater.



The book, the posters and the man himself have been featured all over the western world (over 250 TV appearances in the US alone). This just may be a good thing. Perhaps it will result in vast numbers of abductees coming forward and something can be learned (where are they in the UK?). Perhaps not.

I had a dream last night that it was all strangely reminiscent of a series of books which hooked a generation written by a guy called Carlos Castaneda. These purported to be the authentic teachings of an Indian shaman and the experiences of Carlos the stupid acolyte, who eventually caught on. The first book was a straight treatment of some anthropological work done by Carlos, but as the market grew (late 60's to today- mainly disaffected hippies) Carlos kept trotting the books out. The material got wierder and flashbacks and earlier memories were 'suddenly' recalled to keep the book series going and to introduce new characters, locations and ideas. The material was all pertinent for the times, just as Strieber's is, at first drug based experiences and then as that faded into more popular culture out came the 'lifestyle' and consciousness changing stuff, just in

time for the ME generation. Were they accounts of real experiences? Nobody knows, because like Striebers stuff you can't prove it or disprove it, only Believe it or Not. Just a thought (a dream actually) because of course nobody would dare suggest that Whitley was fibbing and attempting such a thing.

No one is doubting for a minute that Mr Strieber has had some very peculiar experiences but what is so indescribably naff about this book is how he follows the old trick of so many UFO writers and that is to drag everything in the world in to back up his experience, Fatima, Halloween, Chernobyl, the idea that the 'vistors' speak Gaelic (honest), they are all in here. It's a one (never clearly defined) theory fits all idea and just doesn't work.

Coming from anyone else but an already famous novelist this book wouldn't have been responsible for as many tree deaths as it has. After his first UFO book COMMUNION sold over 6 million copies Striebers new UFO mythology seems to have America's psyche in the palm of its hand. However Strieber also has his critics, and bold ones at that, one of whom is an American ufologist by the name of Shirley Coyne, a MUFON State Director no less, who alleges she spoke for hours on end with Strieber over a period of months and says that whilst Streiber had some initial experiences he went over the top and embellished them. Coyne also alleges that Strieber said 'when I can't make money from UFOs, I'll get into something else'. Ooooooooooooo. This statement is copied direct from QUEST magazine vol.8. no.3. and is of course only offered to you for your perusal. But what do we make of that? Best not to even think about it lest the thought police hear.

TRANSFORMATION doesn't really tell us anything about the abduction experience, or about the 'visitors' or even about ufology. It tells us a lot about Strieber though and is just a hotch potch of Strieber's feelings and emotions, half remembered dreams,

people and places. His perceived experiences with the 'visitors' seem to crystallize out in various bizarre scenarios such as his fear of going down to the woods at night or the bottom line from the vistors that if he doesn't give up sweets then he's for the chop (honest, it says it on page 73, "The being then said, 'Your metabolism has been altered. If you continue to eat sweets, you cannot hope to live long, and if you eat chocolate you will die'"). After struggling with a two Wispa a day habit for several years I wish the visitors would warn me off too!

To thicken the plot further, while sometimes we are entangled in Strieber's past half-remembered experiences, 'lost' months in Europe in his youth, strange childhood landscapes and dreams of fantastic cities and vistas of Lovecraftian proportions, not to mention his speculations on the weirder nature of the visitors and more - in addition to all that amazingly the spectre of crashed saucers, government documents and all that is brought into it (let's face it he couldn't very well leave them out in the US today). By this token the visitors are real and not real, totally inscrutable, able to to travel as they will and affect mankind in a non-normal way - and are yet mundanely capable of crashing and being stored in fridges. It just doesn't all gel somehow.

Worse still is the theorising that occurs when Strieber is told by an (anonymous to us) UFO documentary filmmaker that he had seen (or more correctly, had been allowed to see) documents revealing the truth about UFO reality. The filmmaker was also promised film footage of crashed discs, alien cadavers etc, by the government for his film which was to blow lid of the cover up. Surprisingly the government didn't in the end release the film footage. Now where have we heard those stories before? Is it true, is it disinformation? Strieber is not sure but seems out of his depth in cover-up land and this part of the book

appears only to be in there to keep in with current American trends.



I predict that TRANSFORMATION (shouldn't it have been called ALCHEMY- the practitioners of which call it the turning of base substances and experiences into gold?), like COMMUNION will have a sequel, or maybe even a prequel, and so on. A film is planned. The T-shirts and personalised handbags can't be far behind.

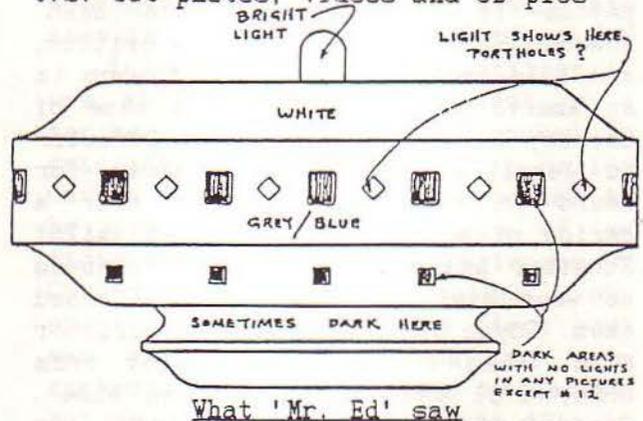
It's not really a book for ufologists although it will directly affect ufologists and I recommend you wait for the paperback to see what all the fuss is about. It's an excellent illustration of what's going down in America today and of the power of one man to inform others of his experiences and as such is part of the UFO phenomenon. Only the passage of time and the analysis of future ufologists will throw any real light on the experiences described in TRANSFORMATION. As for The Breakthrough, I must have missed it.

All of which brings us to further comment on the other current American ufological saga, the Gulf Breeze (Florida) photographic case. I know you must think I'm an Ameraphobe or something but America keeps cropping up in this magazine in not too complimentary terms. Not much has been written in the UK UFO literature about the Gulf Breeze case so my apologies to anyone confused. Suffice it to say that one man has taken numerous photographs of a strange shaped light and some figures on various camera's (35mm, video and 3D) and American

ufology is now fighting it out as to whether they are 'real' or not.

America hasn't had a good photographic case for a long, long time. With all the talk of abductions, joint alien/human bases, live aliens in captivity (sorry but it's always bugged me why we have to keep the little buggers in captivity if we also have secret bases where we are working with them and where if the Lear statement is to be believed they have the upper hand) etcetera of late it seems to me that the great American ufological community was just positively aching for a sign, a sign that these things do exist. A popular chap, whose birthday its just been always said 'seek and you shall find', they've been seeking and boy have they found. Perhaps the Walt Disney song from Pinocchio 'When you wish upon a star...' might be more appropriate in this case though.

Whatever, Gulf Breeze happened we've got to integrate it into ufology as it is lived. Here we can only just scrape the surface of the arguments currently raging in the U.S. but photos, videos and 3D pics



have been obtained of 'something'. That's all, just 'something'. But the stage had been set for the best UFO show this side of the Adamski extravaganza and the performers are all dutifully strutting their stuff. Its stars are the 'credible witness' (Mr Ed), who has been taking these photographs over quite a period of time (always when no investigators are present of course) and the many ufologists who believe him (Maccabee,

Hopkins, Strieber, most of MUFON and so on). Why so many well respected ufologists have chosen to come out of the closet to make pro-Mr Ed, pro-ETH craft statements on the flimsy evidence of a few photographs and a dubious witness speaks volumes about the state of ufology in the U.S.A. today.

Sides have been taken, trenches dug and it's become a pantomime with each side hurling insults at each other. And like any good pantomime we have the baddy. All boo and hiss as people like Robert Boyd cross the stage. Why are they baddies? Because they dare to disagree. They disagree because answers haven't been forthcoming to very pertinent questions like - why haven't all the photos been released for analysis - why do some of the photos appear to be different - why is there a difference between the still and 3D photos and much more. And what happens when they disagree? Well if they belong to that bastion of American ufology MUFON, of which our own Philip Mantle is UK representative, they are reprimanded or sacked. Don't just take my word for it read MUFON Journal, IUR or, and best of all for covering the Gulf Breeze case, Orbiter.

Of course then we have the 'credible' witness, Mr Ed (who is writing a book about his experiences natcherly). Mr Ed apparently always claimed in the past that one day he was going to play a massive practical joke and also some researchers in the USA have discovered that he has at various times made hoax photos of 'ghosts' and 'demons'. Would you buy a used UFO photo from this man? Nine out of ten American ufologists appear to be doing. The few dissenters in the Gulf Breeze case have thrown up more questions than there are good answers for and yet the case still stands because of the belief invested in it by some big name ufologists and the need for some 'proof', pronto.

It pleases me greatly that there are at least some people who will actively fight against things like the Gulf Breeze pantomime in the states. I

was worried that it was the ETH all the way. The dissenters aren't debunking. They are simply trying from within the UFO community to get to the bottom of what is going on, rather than rushing about making statements like:

"My opinion is that these crafts are not from here, unless there is some race other than the human race operating them" (Dr. Bruce Maccabee on the UFO Cover-Up, Live TV broadcast 14 Oct 1988). Heavy stuff coming from as esteemed a ufologist as Maccabee - and all based only on photographic evidence.

Incidentally Dr Robert Nathan from the NASA Jet Propulsion Labs who has several more years experience in the field of photographic analysis than Maccabee has rather a different view of the Gulf Breeze photographs:

"I feel that many of these images are double exposure photographs.....I would like to have said differently but I'm afraid the Gulf Breeze photographs just don't check out."

But why can't the Gulf Breeze believers tolerate a little bit of dissent anyway? If they KNOW, as believers do, and they are satisfied they are right on the strength of the evidence then what's the problem? Even if Boyd and the other dissidents are ultimately proved wrong (though how I don't know), so what? - there are two sides to everything and any organisation that stifles dissent stifles growth and change. But what if, what if the unthinkable happens and Boyd and Co. are proved right and the whole deal is a sham. Ego's will have been deflated, face lost and we'll all be back to square one, all just a little older and deeper in doubt.

If all the evidence were considered by all the protagonists before it were released then surely none of this would have happened. The rush to publicise cases ('look at this it proves extraterrestrials exist'), even within the UFO community, before everyone interested has had a chance to analyse the

evidence is just not a good idea. There is also the problem here of 'whose case is it'. Ufologists just love to make cases 'their own', making only selective evidence available and then complaining when people start to find fault in the basic evidence.

The basic problems surrounding the Gulf Breeze case are applicable almost anywhere in ufology which brings us nicely to obsession. That's why all this happens when a 'Gulf Breeze' or a 'Cracoe' or a 'Billy Meir' explodes on the UFO scene. More so, for some reason, with ufology than any other area of fringe interests. The subject by definition is indefinable and non-quantifiable. With no reality as such to it, it becomes an idea in the heads of those interested in it. The idea becomes an obsession and becomes in turn part of that individuals (and often a groups) personality. Criticise the case (or subject) and you criticise the individual (or group), ergo the sackings and bad feelings in the Gulf Breeze case. This process can be seen throughout UFO history and is constantly at work beneath the surface of many ufologists and is not too far away from simple religious bigotry.

The whole ball game is vastly entertaining to observers and the only people who can't lose are the media and the debunkers. And considering just what some of these ufologists think is at stake (ie alien visitation) it is just fiddling while Rome burns anyway.

Inter-group squabbles in ufology seem perennial and conjure up the ultimate vision of some future UFO-state (look how so many groups have to have National, International, British etc in their names- to impress that they, not any of the others, are the best and biggest), where one national UFO group runs each country and dissenters are simply not permitted, one well-censored magazine is all that is allowed and groups of armed ufologists tour the streets looking for other UFO gang members to 'deal' with them. Possibly at the St Whitley's day massacre. Who knows? If

certain UFO groups had their way this is more or less what would happen.

And after all that the Gulf Breeze case is just a photographic case. It proves squat, zilch. It isn't the reality, just an image of, well an image of 'something'. Where do E.T.'s come into it? The only people who brought them into the reckoning were the ufologists themselves. Hmnnnnnnnnnn.

The Gulf Breeze case will probably remain ambiguous and will fade away into UFO lore, believers will believe it was all true, skeptics will believe the opposite and periodically it will be wheeled out to support one view or another. Oh, and Mr Ed will make \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$'s out of his book.

More Americana. Reporting on his visit to the USA in the current issue of QUEST magazine, Tim Good is quoted as saying, "Arguments in the U.S. don't focus so much on the origin of UFO's anymore; most researchers are now beginning to think more in terms of what their (the occupants and UFO's) motives are" - implying that American ufologists now know conclusively what 'they' are (!!??). Perhaps they've got some proof they aren't telling us about - and "some Americans are quite baffled by some of the viewpoints and statements made in Europe". Not half as baffled as most European ufologists are at the statements being made in the USA Tim. Look out for an article in a future issue by two Italian ufologists which makes even British scepticism look like rabid ETH-ing and which puts its finger firmly on the current UFO pulse in the States.

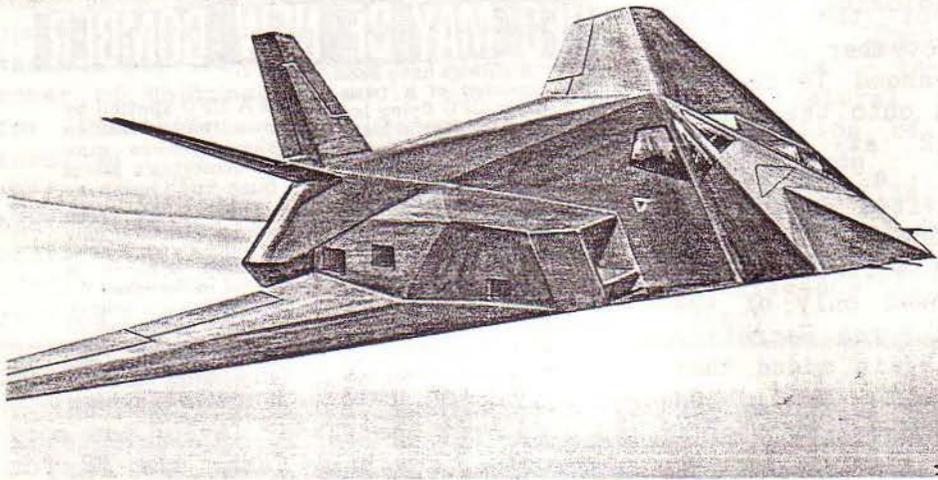
Time to go now. I'm sorry if I sound so cynical this editorial, it's just that I've been casting the runes this Christmas and I've seen the future of ufology-and it stinks. It's populated and run by bigots, believers, hidebound thinkers, people with no sense of humour whatsoever and, no.....The turkey is wearing off now, the nurse has just arrived with my medication and one of those nice little white jackets that lace up the back. Bye.

STEALTH ARRIVES

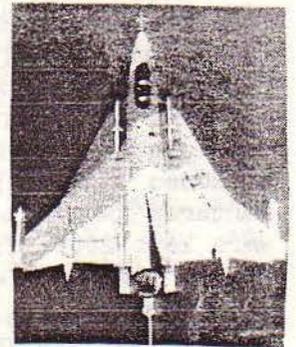
David Clarke

On November 10th 1988, the United States Air Force for the first time officially confirmed the existence of the F-19 Lockheed 'Stealth' fighter, now designated as the F-117A. According to Pentagon sources pictures of the previously top-secret aircraft were being released because the USAF "wants to operate the type from a wider range of bases and also during the day; previous flights have been made almost exclusively at night". [Flight International, 19 November.]

'coincidence' becomes all the more interesting. More so in the light of an article by John Harlow which appeared in the Daily Telegraph on November 12th, in which it was revealed that RAF personnel were being trained by the USAF in Nevada to fly the Stealth fighter. A Pentagon spokesman was quoted as saying that, "It is logical to assume that the F-117A will eventually be based in Britain [but] we do not discuss



The F-19/F-117A 'Stealth' Fighter Plane



The Pentagon revealed that the Stealth fighter first flew in June 1981 and has been operational since October 1983; with 52 of the aircraft now in existence. There can be little doubt that some of this large number are based in Britain, which plays a very important part in NATO and the front-line defence of Europe. 'Pilot' magazine (December 1988) discussed information which indicated that the Stealth fighter had been operating out of three main air-bases in England - Alconbury, Wetherford and - intriguingly - RAF Binbrook in Lincolnshire.

Binbrook may be a surprising choice, but in the light of the recent sightings in South Yorkshire and the Midlands of the low-flying triangular shaped object exclusively at night [see past issues of Brigantia and 'Fly-By-Night' IUN report], this

aircraft allocations before they happen because they may never happen". He refused to confirm or deny suggestions put to him that Stealth aircraft are already based in Britain and making practice sorties in remote areas under cover of night.

I have recently spoken at length with an expert on aeronautics and aircraft technology who told me that he personally has little doubt that the Stealth fighter has been operating in UK airspace for a number of years, and that he is also convinced that some of the recent UFO sightings - details of which I provided - can be attributed to Stealth, or of some prototype aircraft connected with it. Furthermore, a journalist contact who recently spoke to a Home Office official on the subject was surprised

to be told that he would not be surprised if some of the recent sightings were the result of a 'visit' from the Stealth.

More recently, a further development linking Stealth with the British Isles was reported in the Daily Star of December 2, 1988, where



*The Northrop B-2 Advanced Technology Bomber
Could you mistake it for the 2:45 shuttle service from the Pleiades*

Twelve days after the release of the first picture of the Stealth fighter, on Tuesday November 22, 1988, the Northrop B-2 Advanced Technology Bomber was rolled out onto the tarmac at USAF's Plant 42 at Palmdale, California, before a carefully screened group of invited guests and Northrop personnel. Guests and press were kept 200ft from the aircraft, and photographs were allowed only of the front hemisphere. Air Force Secretary Edward Aldridge once again added that the security curtain had been partially lifted on the B-2 to enable it to fly in the daylight. TV news reports added that the American government's investment in the B-2 programme amounted to some \$520 million - comparable in importance to the development of the atomic bomb.

The completely smooth external shape of the 'flying wing' is remarkably similar to the artist impression by Kevin Flannery of Skyscan, taken from eye-witness descriptions of the 'Silent Vulcan' spotted by numerous witnesses in the Midlands of England (see UFO BRIGANTIA Sept/Oct 1988). The V or triangular shapes of both the bomber and the fighter are much more pronounced than the earlier artist impressions appeared to indicate. Only a short time before Stealth was unveiled Graham Birdsall in QUEST magazine made the embarrassing statement that the F-19 was definitely not triangular shaped! It is not hard to understand how an eyewitness who sees an aircraft of this kind flying at night could perceive it as triangular-shaped.

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we are informed that:

UFO MAY BE NEW BOMBER

Sightings have been reported of a triangular UFO flying low over the fens at night.
● Now Mr. Teddy Taylor, MP for Southend East, says he intends to find out if the Stealth bomber is already operating from Britain.

The Stealth's hi-tech makes it invisible to all known radar systems.
● Its role is to penetrate enemy territory and attack important targets.

● A UFO spotted by hundreds of baffled sky-watchers may be America's latest hush-hush bomber.

The U.S. Air Force denies that their new wedge-shaped Stealth bomber is based in Britain.

● But experts believe that at least one of the sinister-looking 500 million-dollar jets is operating out of an East Anglian airbase.

We hope that Teddy Taylor has more success than Bill Cash, the MP for Stafford, who has been badgering the Defence Ministry on behalf of witnesses in Staffordshire, who have spotted low-flying triangular shaped UFO's. he was informed by Defence Minister Roger Freeman that the sightings were "probably due to an increase in activity of aircraft waiting to land at Birmingham airport". Despite this ludicrous statement, Mr Cash intends to continue his enquiry, and we intend to help him gather further evidence. Late in September and early October 1988, another 'flap' of sightings of a large triangular object with multi-coloured lights has occurred in the North Lancashire area around the towns of Blackburn and Darwen. These sightings are under investigation by Rodney Howarth and Peter Simpson (IUN Lancashire), and further details will appear in a future issue of UFO BRIGANTIA.

In 'Messengers of Deception', (1979), Jaques Vallee noted that

"...there are now various types of silent aircraft that can go through maneuvers that are very similar to UFO behaviour. If equipped with appropriate lights, as the Vietnam-type helicopters are, they would closely duplicate what UFO witnesses have reported..".

One of the most interesting facts about the new Stealth aircraft to my mind is that the F117A operates with the 4450th Tactical Group, whose headquarters are at Nellis AFB, and the Tonopah Test Range Airfield, both in Nevada. If secret prototype aircraft such as these (nd who knows what other strange-looking craft may also have been developed) have been operating over certain desert areas of the USA for long periods of time under cover of darkness it would make sense for whatever Intelligence Agency involved to employ psychological warfar techniques in order to ensure that clandestine activities could continue without publicity.

The use of belief in UFO's would be an ideal method of acheiving this with

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The report discussed civilian and military personnel who had been terminated 'to eliminate potentially dangerous elements to the national security'.

That Gen. James Doolittle had been mentioned several times in the report with the notation that "His (Doolittles) predictions might be correct." There was no indication of what those predictions may have been.

A short segment containing the quotation, "By presidential order, certain aspects of research had been undertaken."

This report about Bill English and the Grudge 13 papers was prepared by John Lear, 1414 Hollywood Blvd. Las Vegas, Nevada 89110, telephone number 702-438-8181, on October 7, 1988.

KEEL COMMENT

"....This is just one of the many 'displaced family' rumours in the UFO lore. In more modern episodes, whole families have allegedly disappeared after military trucks appeared on their property to load up all their belongings.....In others the families are said to have vanished after some members (usually a child) was burned or mysteriously injured. In 1967 a farm family in New Jersey were rumoured to have been carted away in air force trucks after a strange object landed on their property.

However, stories of this sort can be traced back to the 1800s when basement tinkerers were still working on perpetual motion machines. Several yarns of this type appeared in the 1920s, the most famous one concerning the inventor who found a way to make automobile engines run on water."

from: The Cosmic Question by John A. Keel, Panther edition, 1978, p.43.

little or no effort - all that would be required is the careful seeding of rumours about 'secret underground UFO bases', crash/retrievals (the USAF admit that Stealth has crashed three times - at least once in Nevada) and a few manufactured documents. These would be given 'authenticity' by the use of plants or agents who could easily infiltrate UFO investigation groups to create diversions and misinformation which further confuses the issue. This kind of operation would hardly stretch the resources of a banana republic never mind the unlimited budget of the shadowy NSA.

The information we have about Stealth technology fits nicely into William Spaulding's 'Federal Hypothesis' - the John Lear Statement is a natural development in the manipulation of belief systems for these ends. As Spaulding has concluded: "The answer seems to be that UFO's, in the USA at least, are contolled not so much by an intelligence as by an intelligence agency."



◦ REVIEWS ◦

Death By Supernatural Causes?: by Jenny Randles & Peter Hough. Published by Grafton Books 1988. Price £2.99

The ? in the title is the key to this book. On the surface it may seem to be just yet another pop paranormal book to add to your bookshelves but it deserves more than your cursory examination. Randles & Hough are not only saying 'these things are mysteries', but 'why are these things mysteries?' and have brought their years of collective expertise in the UFO investigation field to bear on several 'mysteries', some well known, some not so well known and the effect is very positive.

Instead of just trotting out the 'mystery' and leaving it at that - you know, isn't the universe wonderful, Randles and Hough have gone into what *lies behind* the 'mystery' and how it came to be perceived to be one in the first place, which is infinitely more satisfying than the 'gee wow' type of book we are constantly deluged with. What we get for our £2.99 is an insight into exactly how mysteries are made and you are left to form your own conclusions on the basis of the facts available, not told dogmatically that 'this is so'.

Subjects covered include the UFO-related Valentich 'plane disappearance (even if you are a ufologist this chapter will tell you things you didn't know about the case); the Scottish Nanny accused of witchcraft in Italy; the Jacqueline Fitzsimon SHC case; the Adamski death/Godfrey

abduction extravaganza (a fascinating unravelling of the events surrounding the Godfrey abduction); cattle mutilations in the USA and the Genette Tate murder. This last one needs a bit more explanation. When I first read the chapter dealing with the mysterious disappearance of schoolgirl Gennette Tate, I was appalled that the case had made it into this book. The abduction and probable murder of a child is a touchy subject to deal with anywhere let alone in a book about possible deaths from supernatural causes and my immediate reaction was one of distaste. However, after reading it I completely reversed my feelings as Randles & Hough show exactly how rubbish tends to adhere to cases like this. Psychics come and go pronouncing all kinds of fates for Genette, extreme christianity rears its ugly head even UFOs managed to get in on the act. The psychic circus is all too apparent here and this should be a cautionary tale against letting any kind of psychic or christian near any strange event. The book concludes with an appeal for more tolerance and open-mindedness in our dealings with the paranormal. An excellent and timely book, well worth the read and in my opinion one of the best 'paranormal' books of 1988. Reviewed by Andy Roberts

"The Importance of being Earnest" (Oscar Wilde)-

UNICAT - Not so unique after all ?

BY

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INTRODUCTION

Only very few people who have dedicated part of their life to the study of the UFO phenomenon have understood that the creation of a data-base consisting entirely of cases is a primary condition for progress in any field of scientific enquiry. If 'ufology' is to become worthy of its name, the creation of such a catalogue is essential. Yet, after 40 years of UFO controversy, this major step has not been taken. No one has ever succeeded in establishing a balanced system to sort out the truly relevant data from the heap of information already collected.

Researchers such as James McCampbell and Michael Persinger, as well as many others, have worked with catalogues that contain a mixture of stories, emanating from sources with varying credibility, and describing events that may have their origin in very different stimuli.

French and Belgian researchers have pointed out that the classical catalogues (for instance those compiled by Quincy, Vallee, Saunders and Philips) do not represent collections of true occurrences but reflect a jumble of jokes, hoaxes, rumours, misinterpretations and, who knows, perhaps several authentic accounts of a unique and noteworthy phenomenon.

So, what we need are criteria for credibility and strangeness that allow us to sort out well-documented cases and containing reliable and relevant information. Such an action calls for a definition of the phenomenon we are about to investigate. In other words we have to come to an agreement about the type of report we are interested in. It is obvious that a strange, erratically moving point of light is not by definition of the same nature

as the metallic saucer that Mr X claims to have seen standing in his back yard. Defining the object of our study is the first step to take in any field of scientific research, but apparently 'ufology' does not work that way and 'ufologists' rarely spend their time to tackle these hardly exciting basic procedures.

Only when we know what kind of phenomena we are to investigate and when we are given the guarantee that our data base contains significant incidents relating to this phenomenon, can we start a comparative study and draw meaningful conclusions. To bring about such a data-base will be one of SVL's future activities. But first it is useful to see what has already been done in this area and to learn from the mistakes of the past. We will not give a chronological survey of strangeness/credibility studies that have had some success. Instead, we will pick out the one project that has attracted so much attention during the past two years and is still regarded by most UFO researchers as a useful and promising initiative. I am, of course, referring to 'The UNICAT Project'.

UNICAT

Where Science Becomes Pseudo Science

In 1984 the late Dr J. Allen Hynek, together with physicist Willy Smith, started their work on UNICAT. They conceived and developed what they called 'a sophisticated data-base embodying information on high quality UFO sightings'. It was their objective to establish an international catalogue, exclusively for 'true UFO' cases.

It is becoming clear now that the project suffers from the same imperfections as its predecessors. Even worse, the life story of UNICAT

tells us where 'ufology' goes wrong. It combines all weaknesses that marked earlier codification systems established to discover the potential and validity of a case. For this reason, and for the fact that the project is still being regarded as one of the most scientific UFO studies of the moment, we decided to give it a closer look.

A CATALOGUE OF FALLACIES

While reading through the various presentations of the UNICAT project in different European and overseas books and magazines, we noticed that the problems of UNICAT can be situated on three distinct levels.

1. The competence of the collaborators:

UNICAT can only rely on the collaboration of more than sixty correspondents from different corners of the world. These associates (usually popular and well-known UFO authorities in their own country) send their 'best' cases to the project coordinator (Dr Willy Smith). But apparently no correct agreements were made in order to determine what is, and what is not, a good case. Some admit that one can only talk about quality when a voluminous report is available, while others are of the opinion that a single newspaper account offers sufficient information. Consequently, the real selection has to happen when the cases arrive at the UNICAT address.

In his contribution 'UFOs in Latin America', published in the book UFOs 1947-87, Smith takes a closer look at the credibility of UNICAT's correspondents from Argentina, Uruguay, Chile, Brazil and Paraguay. After all, a large number of cases in the catalogue originate from these countries. Smith's survey confirms what we had already feared: most of the Latin American associates are unconditional - and often fanatic - supporters of the ETH. Some of them have hardly done anything else but promote doubtful stories and sustaining established hoaxes. It is

known that UFO students from this part of the world do not always draw a hard line between serious research and sectarianism. As a consequence the contact movement is well represented there. I know from experience that at least two of the Latin American UNICAT associates will refuse to exchange material with you if you do not share their conviction that UFOs are manned spaceships from distant worlds.

Smith is the first to admit all this and in a diplomatic way he solves the problem by transferring the majority of Middle and South American cases to a new catalogue: MAYBECAT, a data-base for the 'maybe UFOs'... First signs of pollution? As we will see later, it certainly did not stop ill-documented and doubtful cases from finding their way to UNICAT.

2. The problem of selection:

An important feature is to know on the basis of which criteria the incoming reports are included in UNICAT. Let us, very quickly, go over the selection criteria. According to "Before a case is accepted for inclusion in UNICAT, it must satisfy some stringent conditions, among them:

a) Cases involving multiple witnesses, although high quality single witness incidents could be also considered under special circumstances".

A condition that isn't one after all because, under "special circumstances" (which ones?!), also single-witness incidents of high quality (now this exactly what we hoped to have been defined here!) will be given a chance. With such criteria everything becomes possible. While examining the cases that figure in UNICAT, we notice that the chance of being included is big when the witness has a military background. It seems to me that this "special circumstance" is not a very objective criteria.

Perhaps equally important is the fact that, on the basis of the

criterion "more than one witness" a number of possible explanations for the UFO experience are ruled out beforehand. It indicates that Smith's working hypothesis is that the phenomenon is a physical one that can be observed by accidental witnesses. We cannot reproach Smith that he choose this viewpoint as his personal working-hypothesis, but he should have pointed it out from the beginning.

(b). "Cases investigated by well-known ufologists, preferably those published in the literature in any language." This is a selection condition that should guarantee the quality of the investigation but is more likely to bring about exactly the contrary. History has taught us that well-known 'ufologists' are not by definition competent investigators. Remember for instance Jimmy Guieu's involvement with the Cergy-Pontoise hoax, or Wendell C Steven's publications regarding the Meier case. these are well-known authors who spent much time interviewing their 'witnesses' but were unable to recognise (admit?) the true meaning of the sensational claims they were told. Antonio Ribera's confidence in the UMMO affair is another example of credulity.

But fortunately, the UNICAT system allows other material to be included as well so that the scientists from the French official Group for Study of Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (GEPAN) will find that their investigative reports do figure in the catalogue.

Completely inconceivable is the suggestion that a detailed report does not have to be available: "preferably" (but not necessarily!) a description of the incident in a book or magazine should exist. Even the language is of no importance. But then, who at UNICAT will guarantee that an account, written in Dutch, is reliable?

(c) "Sightings including at least 10 of the characteristic parameters specified on Dr Hynek's list. At present this list has 234 entries but it is still open to revisions."

The list Smith is referring to numbers 225 parameters and bears a lot of resemblance to similar codification lists compiled by other researchers. In Hynek's list the different observational characteristics are abbreviated in a more or less recognisable way. An important remark we have to make is that these do not represent criteria for strangeness or credibility, but only constitute an enumeration of all kinds of details that may appear in a witness account. Some examples are, and I quote from ϵ : 'AN' for 'slow ascent', 'HL' for 'high altitude', and 'WX' for 'severe weather conditions'. But also: 'CA' for 'childrens accounts' and - this is a clincher - 'SW' for 'single witness'. It will be clear that this kind of observational data offers no guarantee whatsoever to conclude that a case is truly mysterious - let be unique.

According to Dr Smith, condition (c) implies that there exists a "lengthy written report" of the case. Does it really? I found that it takes very little time and imagination to write down a fictional sighting which refers to an airplane and still has 15 to 20 of the necessary parameters.

But there is more. The list of UNICAT parameters bulges with ambiguous and suggestive expressions. Pass your own judgement on the following examples: "UFO aware of witnesses", "curiosity exhibited", "deception implied", "entities friendly", "paced aircraft", "programmed motion", etc....

My criticism would be only partly justified if the list was intended to be used as an aid to store as many data as possible about a case. But, according to Smith, it does concern 'parameters' that determine whether or not a case is 'solid' enough for inclusion in UNICAT.

It may be argued here that Smith did publish a paper in which he groups those parameters that do tell us something about the strangeness of a case. But the system presented in this study is used to determine the

strangeness ratings of those cases that have already been included in UNICAT. It is not used in the selection process itself.

3. The problem of definitions:

The essence of the problems discussed in previous points can be brought down to the fact that no fitting definitions are built in, in the UNICAT system. What does the project co-ordinator mean by "a high-quality sighting", and a "reliable witness"? The lack of standardized definitions and correct agreements is still one of ufology's major obstacles.

A CLOSER LOOK AT THE CONTENT OF THE CATALOGUE

First of all I should admit here that I never consulted the complete list of UNICAT cases. For that reason I only know very few cases of which I am certain that they figure in the catalogue. As a matter of fact, Dr Smith's presentation of some of these cases in 'UFOs in Latin America', is one of the few indications I have about the content of the catalogue. From the four UNICAT cases that Smith labelled as 'outstanding' in this paper, there are two which have only one witness and there is one that is entirely based on Brazilian newspaper articles!

The Yacanto Photograph

Except for the famous 'Trancas affair's, Smith considers the 'Yacanto photograph' to be one of the best Argentinian cases. It concerns a daylight photograph, taken on July 3rd, 1960, by Hugo F. Niotti, and officer in the Argentinian Air Force.

Smith seems to be very impressed by this photograph since his comments are anything but objective. On the photograph in question, a tilted cone can be seen above a somewhat barren landscape (in fact, the 'UFO' is not much more than a black ellipse-shaped spot, apparently the base of the cone that is turned towards the camera. At the left a hazy protrusion can be

seen, supposedly the body of the cone.)

Smith writes: "There are two interesting details in the photo which must be emphasised. When Capt. Niotti saw the object, his perception was of a uniform colour (a metallic dark grey-WVT); thus he was surprised after developing the film that in the photographic image the base of the cone is a dull black, without any gradation of colour in spite of being oriented toward the sun, which was hidden by the clouds. The rest of the cone appears to be lighter, to the point that it is sometimes difficult to obtain copies showing it clearly, due to the highcontrast between the base and the sky background. The edges of the base, in the original negative, appear sharp and well defined, even more defined than other elements appearing in the photograph. It seems as if the base of the cone were a total sink of radiation, reflecting no light."

This is of course one way of interpreting such a detail but, according to us, a discrepancy between the account given by a single witness and the physical evidence that should back up his claim, clearly points in another direction.

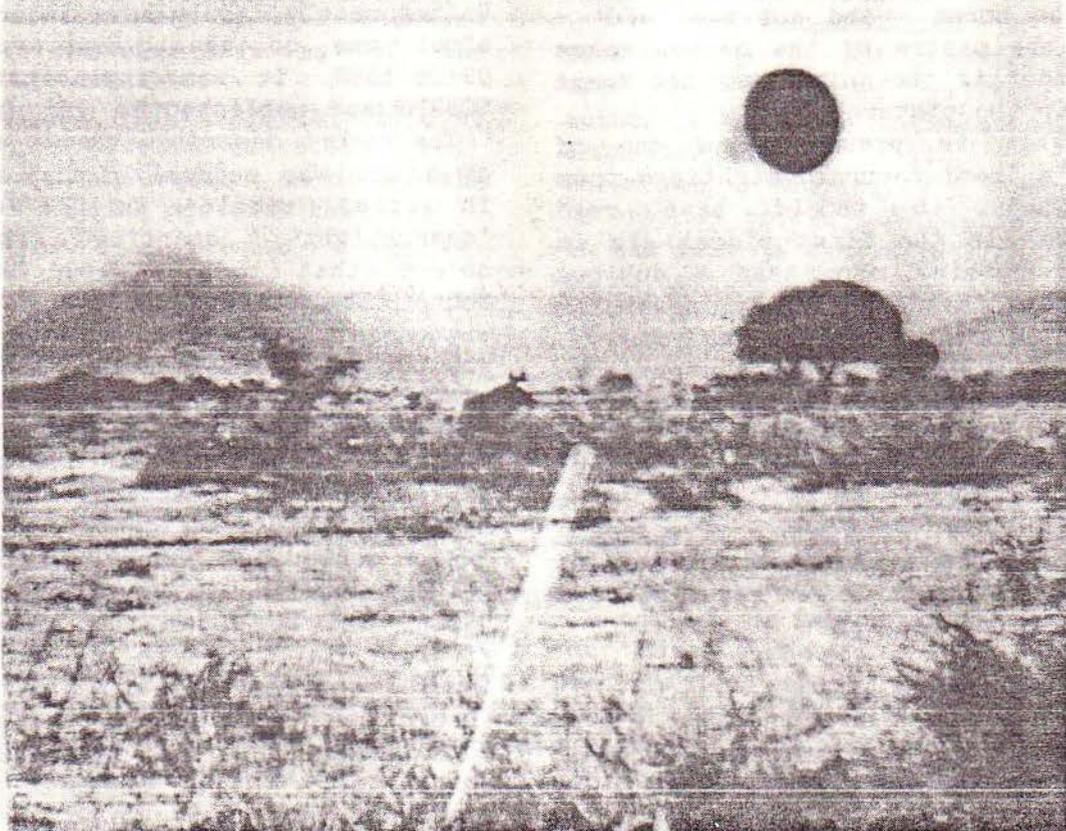
When Smith ascertains that the base of the cone is completely black he is wrong. While reading through a Palmer Publication from 1970, we discovered a much lighter print of the Yacanto photo. On it one can clearly distinguish different shades of grey in the - apparently vaulted - bottom.

According to Smith, a second anomalous detail in the photo is the presence of a horse in the centre of the image. About this he states: "As anyone familiar with a rural environment knows, horses kept in pastures near roads become totally indifferent to traffic and will not interrupt their grazing for the presence of a car. Nevertheless, the horse seems to be looking directly at the object, placed halfway between him and the road."

Quite an uncareful presumption we feel. Obviously, the photograph does not allow us to determine with certainty that the animal is looking at the object or at the road. Contrary to what Smith is trying to prove, every horse will interrupt its grazing (if it was grazing in the first place) as soon as a car stops close by, a man gets out, runs towards the edge of the field and sets about to take a photograph.

Further in the text, we learn that Argentinian investigators calculated that the horse was about 80 metres from the photographer and the object at no more than 50 metres. On the basis of these data they found that the cone was 6 metres in diameter and

the same when measured on the photograph, and this in spite of the earlier statement that the object was much closer to the lens?! If the latter assumption is true, it does not take complex calculations to deduce from all this that the object must have been much smaller than the average height of a horse. On the other hand, if we accept that the object was really 6 metres in diameter, it would have been in a position far behind the horse. The latter solution is very unlikely since it would have made the edges of the dark base appear less sharp. The heavy contrast with the back-ground and its sharply defined outlines, reinforce the idea that the object



THE YACANTO PHOTOGRAPH

Yea or Neigh? Only the horse knows for sure.

7 metres in height. Estimates that correspond miraculously well with the dimensions given by the witness. But what do we have to think of the fact that the size of the horse and the size of the object (which are both in the same perspective plane) are almost

must have been very close to the camera. All this undeniably suggests that the photo shows a small object, probably in the order of several tens of centimetres.

Smith rounds off his presentation of the Yacanto case with the

following remark: "But the most interesting detail, which I have reserved for the end, is that Capt. Niotti was extremely surprised when he inspected the copies of the photo and saw the horse, as he had not noticed its presence during the incident. This is a clear indication of his concentration while taking the photo, and his disorientation after the sudden departure of the object when he just jumped back into his car and continued his trip."

I have read and re-read this final conclusion but can make neither head nor tail of it. It goes without saying that such reasoning only applies when one assumes a priori that the witness is an honest reporter. The simple fact that the horse - and not the 'UFO' - is in the centre of the photo, makes you wonder if the animal was not meant to be in the picture.

What is presented as one of UNICAT's "best recorded sightings from Argentina" (it should have read 'reports' in the first place!) is in reality nothing more than a dubious photograph that, apparently, never has been subjected to serious analysis.

The only really mysterious aspects of this case are the involvement of a man like Niotti who later rose to the high rank vice-commander, and the fact that neither Smith, nor the Argentinian investigators (including 'experts' from a technical service of the AAF) noticed the very obvious weaknesses of the case.

CONCLUSION

The UNICAT project is a fairly young initiative. Why then, won't we give it a chance?

Honestly speaking, I don't think the project will bring us one step closer to the solution of our problem. We have pointed out that the selection criteria offer no guarantee for the uniqueness of the catalogue. We also know that many of the project associates have their own criteria in establishing the properties of a high-quality case, not to mention their lack of scrutiny in collecting and

publishing the details of a case (although a continual revision system is built in, this specially designed software only unmasks logical contradictions and typographical errors). There obviously exists no solid basis for the project. The list of parameters can only be used as a reference tool for statistics about UFO reports, but it does not allow us to separate the UFOs from the IFOs.

Toward the end of 1987, UNICAT already contained some 600 cases! I wonder how many of these concern well-documented and truly mysterious events. Except for the Latin American cases already discussed in this analysis, I found that there are four Belgian cases in the catalogue. Unfortunately I only have information about one of them: Sambreville - 09/05/1983. It was investigated by SOBEPS and published in Infospace. The report describes the experience of a boy who suddenly found himself in the middle of a white 'searchlight', emanating from an object that made a loud humming sound. The parents of the boy also witnessed the object. It is very well possible that a helicopter was at the basis of this sighting. Not only are there many similar incidents in our files, I have also personally experienced an identical nocturnal adventure with a helicopter.

A comparative study carried out between the cases that figure in UNICAT and the ones that figure in FALSECAT (a data-base of imaginary cases) confirms what could have been foreseen much earlier. In the November '87 issue of the Computer UFO Newsletter, Smith comments on the results of this study. He writes: "The catalog of imaginary cases does not differ statistically from UNICAT, even if its content is slightly different, the three classic variables (time of day, day of week and duration) yield similar, if not the same distribution curves. This was an unexpected result and makes the whole FALSECAT effort a waste of time. The question is now: why is this so? I think the key is in the

fact that the majority of the participants were well-seasoned ufologists or people well informed on the UFO phenomenon and thus were guided by their detailed knowledge of the subject when preparing the imaginary cases."

Was this really an unexpected result? Is it not more rational to conclude that both catalogues (UNICAT as well as FALSECAT) are essentially built up from the same material?

I round off with a final note from Dr. Smith. In 1985 as he presented UNICAT to the readers of the International UFO Reporter, he prognosticated: "If we faithfully adhere to the above procedures the caliber and quality of UNICAT will be beyond criticism and it will withstand the most severe scrutiny of the scientific community."

No way the UNICAT system will ever pass an objective and scientific minded jury. The verdict is clear: the UNiversal CATalog contains the same

dubious information as all the other catalogues we have vainly worked with for so many years.

Possibly the major reason why UNICAT never became what it promised to be, is that its present co-ordinator has been too eager to start working with the cases that perhaps related to 'true UFOs'. As a consequence, the project has developed much too fast. This is a pity because its concept offers useful - and sometimes original - suggestions for a comparative analysis of high-quality cases.

But as things stand now, the story of UNICAT should make us all worry about the present status of "ufology".

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NEWS

IUN REPORTS

The IUN now have three comprehensive reports dealing with 'flaps'.

1. The AUGUST REPORT (David Clarke) - Sightings during the infamous August if 1987. 30+ pages. £3:00 (£3:50 outside UK - USA \$7)
2. The HULL REPORT (Gary Anthony) - Investigation and reconciliation of UFO flap which took place over Hull on 9th december 1987. Same price as above.
3. FLY-BY-NIGHT (David Clarke) - A magnum opus this, (what do you expect from a university student? - too much time on their hands if you ask me). Over 150 pages chronicling and analysing the initiation and development of a major UFO wave (1988). Besides exhaustive sighting and investigation reports, the document also contains newspaper cuttings, maps, photographs, drawings, statistics, letters from the MOD etc, etc. Due to its size and weight this is not cheap. Originally a limited edition, demand has forced a reprint. Copies are again available at £8:50 inc p&p.

All the above are available from Dave Kelly at 193 Hunloke Avenue, Walton, Chesterfield, Derbyshire, S40 3EA. Please allow up to 3 weeks for delivery altho they should be with you sooner than that.

FORTHCOMING IUN REPORTS

By the March issue the IUN will have three more reports available. Philip Mantle is completing the definitive work on the Peter Beard (Barnsley) sightings, which will cover the case from all angles, photographic analysis from the US, etc, etc. Philip will also be editing an MOD report from the 1950's. Just when you thought you'd forgotten all about it, it's back. Yes, Andy Roberts is nearing completion of CRACOE- UFO into IFO. The full story of the infamous Cracoe saga, replete with tales of insider dealing in the UFO community, 'credible' witnesses and possibly the best 'UFO' story this decade. You'll believe a rock can't fly when you read CRACOE - coming soon to a letterbox near you.

grudge 13

the missing report?

by John Lear

Editors note: Since we first published the 'John Lear Statement' early in 1988 John Lear has kept in touch with UFO BRIGANTIA and has frequently sent us snippets of useful information. Here UFO BRIGANTIA presents a paper by John Lear which was prepared from interviews with Bill English. Whether or not you believe any, all or none of it, it makes fascinating reading and seems to be 'state of the art' ufological thinking current in the USA today. The paper is presented here as I received it.

A series of PROJECT GRUDGE/BLUE BOOK reports have been released over the years in connection with the USAF's investigation into UFO's which was supposedly terminated with the release of the Condon report in the late 1960s. Reports 1 through 12 of GRUDGE/BLUE BOOK were generally innocuous and contained no classified or truly sensitive material. There was a final report, no.14 which was widely circulated and about which an entire book was written: FLYING SAUCERS: AN ANALYSIS OF THE AIR FORCE PROJECT BLUE BOOK SPECIAL REPORT NO. 14 by Leon Davidson; 63 Prospect St. White Plains, New York 10606. Missing from public view, however, was report no. 13.

Several years ago, Bill English, son of an Arizona state legislator and former captain in the Green Berets had been assigned to an RAF 'listening post' north of London as an information analyst. English was, in the course of his duties, asked to prepare an analysis of the elusive GRUDGE 13 report. On his discharge from his work at the 'listening post' he returned to the United States and began to do a little UFO research on his own. English had been no stranger to the UFO phenomenon. In Viet Nam he was a member of a Special Forces investigative team that went in to retrieve a B-52 that was forced down by a UFO and all the occupants killed. Communications had been received from

the B-52 before it went down to the effect that it was "...under attack by a UFO..", a "...large light...". The plane was found intact, sitting in the jungle. There was no swath indicative of a crash landing. Only the bottom of the fuselage showed any damage, there was no damage to the underside of the engine pods. Although the plane was completely intact the entire crew had been mutilated.

English, through contacts he still maintains has determined that the US government 'most definitely' supports a "project dealing specifically with UFO's and captured aliens". According to what he has learned, the US government captured a trio of aliens, and that as of mid 1981, one of the beings was still alive in captivity. English also claims that "at one point in the early 1950's until the mid 1960's the Air Force maintained relocation and debriefing colonies for people who had experienced close encounters of the 3rd and 4th kind. They were isolated for all intents and purposes for the rest of their lives. He doubts that these colonies are still in existence.

English dictated two audio cassettes outlining what he remembered from the Grudge 13 report. The audio cassettes were transcribed into hand written notes by another person. the information contained therein indicated what had been

suspected all along: that the U.S. Government was involved in the greatest deception in the history of mankind and that not only did flying saucers exist but that the government had several in secret storage and had captured at least three live aliens.

The following is a summary of what Bill English remembers from what he read during that day in June, 1977, Of PROJECT GRUDGE/BLUE BOOK REPORT NO. 13.

"In Box, diplomatic pouch under lock and key system. Lock had been opened, pouch was easily accessed. Standard diplomatic couriers pouch marked. American Embassy Couriers, contained pouch serial number JL327 Delta. Inside a publication with red tape which indicated code red security precautions and an Air Force disposition form. Disposition form was standard white page copy, title was 'Analysis Report'. Further down was 'Analyse enclosed report under code red measures, give abstract breakdown and report on validity. Observe all code red measures. Analysis required immediately'. Underneath were a series of dashes then the letters NDF then another series of dashes. Below that, lower left hand corner were the letters WGB.

Publication was withdrawn from pouch. It measured approximately 8" by 11" with gray cover. Heavily bound, paper back style similar to technical manuals. Across the centre it read, 'Grudge/Blue Book Report No. 13'. It was dated 1953- (1963). In the lower right hand corner was AFSN 224-3. In upper left hand corner was the word 'annotated'. Across the front upper right hand corner to lower left hand corner was red tape indicating code red security measures. Across the front was stamped in red ink 'Top Secret Need to Know Only Crypto Clearance 14 Required'. Inside front cover upper left hand corner were hand written notations in ink which were blacked out by black felt pen.

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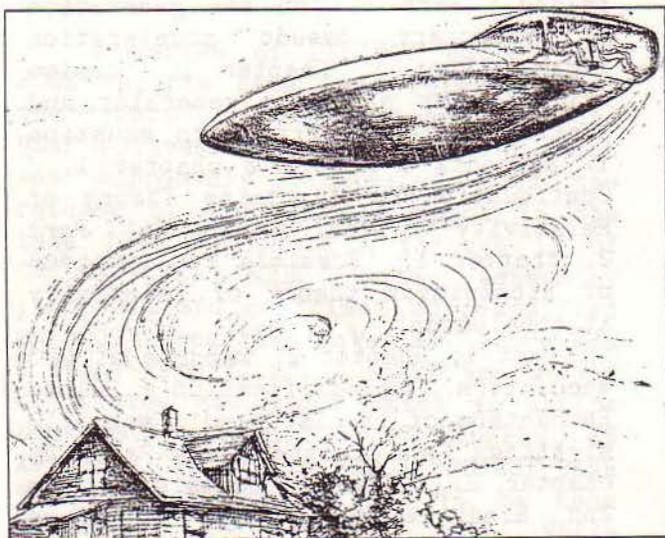
after that was an appendix with numerous notations made in it. Notations dealt with inserts of what appeared to be photos and additional notes. At bottom of third page it read G/BV Page 1 of 624 pages. Title page was subject letter. Complete list of appendix not remembered. Title. Some notes in the practical applications of the Worst Nemo equations.

Table of Contents, Part 1. On the design of generators to accomplish strain free molecular translation.' Part 2, 'The generation of space time discontinuums, closed, open and folded.' Part 3, 'on the generation of temporary pseudo acceleration locas.' Part 1, Chapter 1, 'design criteria for a simple generator and control system referring to equation 17 appendix A'. Part 2 chapter 1, 'Continuation of Einsteins Theory of Relativity to final conclusion'. Part 3, chapter 1, 'Possible applications of Einsteinian theory of relativity at conclusion'.

Part 1, chapter 2, reports of UFO encounters, classification 'Close Encounters of the 1st Kind', subtitle sightings and witnesses. Part 2, chapter 2, 'Close Encounters of the 2nd Kind' subtitle UFO sightings witnesses within close proximity. Part 3, chapter 2 'Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind', subtitle UFO encounters and extraterrestrial life forms witnessed and personal encounters. Subtitle, 'colonies relocation thereof'. Case histories. Chapter 3 Part 1, titled 'Military Encounters with UFO's'. Part 2 Chapter 3, 'Military Reports Concerning Sightings on Radar and Electronic Surveillance of UFO's'. Subsection 2, Analysis Report, J. Allen Hynek, Lt. Col. Friend. Appendix continued on for about 5 pages. Opening subject page consisted of a report of the findings as written by Lt. Col. Friend and his analysis.

Must stress at this points that the version seen was annotated. There were inserts that were added to this copy after it had been initially

printed. Sections remembered very vividly are the photographs and the reports concerning captive sightings to UFO's to include Mexico, Sweden, United States and Canada. There were also what was then classified Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind. It was made very clear that these people whom it was determined had genuine CE3's were moved in the middle of the night by Air Force personnel and relocated to various sites in the midwest and northeast parts of the United States. In many cases these people experienced physical ailments from exposure to various types of radiation.



One case especially noted and remembered very vividly was entitled 'Darlington Farm Case' out of Ohio. Case apparently took place in October 1953. Man, wife and 13 year old son were sitting down at dinner table. As they sat there the lights in the farm house began to dim. Dogs and animals raised rucus on outside. 13 year old boy got up from dinner table to see what was going on. Called his mother and father to look at funny light in the sky. Father and mother got up and as they got up the son went outside into the yard. Father and mother went out onto the porch. When they got out on the porch one of the dogs broke loose from leash beside house and came running round front. Boy began chasing it out into the open field. As mother and father watched the light came down from the sky. They described it as a

round ball of fire and it began to hover over field where boy and dog had run to. As they stood and watched, the mother and father heard the boy start screaming for help whereupon the father grabbed his shotgun which was right next to the door and began to run out into the field with the mother following. When the father got to the field he saw his son being carried away by what looked like little men, into this huge fiery looking object. As it took off the father fired several rounds at the object, to no avail. They found dog, its head was crushed but no sign of boy or any other footprints of the little men who apparently carried him off. father immediately called Darlington police and they immediately came out to investigate. The official report read that the boy had run off and was lost in the forest which bordered the farm. Within 48 hours the Air Force made the determination that the family was to be relocated and the mother and father were picked up by Air Force Intelligence and all personal belongings and possessions were loaded into U.S. Air Force trucks and moved to a northwestern relocation site.

The mother was in shock and had to go through a great deal of psychotherapy and deprogramming as did father. One interesting aspect about this case was classification under the Air Force report which read it was a genuine CE3 and that for the good of the national security the mother and father had been relocated to relocation zones Z21-14. Not sure whether this indicated map grid coordinates or latitude/longitude. According to the report there were at least four relocation sites across the United States. Depending on which type of encounter these people had, the report indicated that there were extensive medical facilities available at these relocation sites to deal with all medical emergencies up to and including radiation poisoning. The report mentioned a

site located in the Utah-Nevada area, but no indication of its purpose or what it was for.

Report gave clear indication of reports of human mutilations, most notably was a case witnessed by Air Force personnel in which an Air Force Sgt. EE-6 by the name of Jonathon P. Lovette was observed being taken captive aboard what appeared to be a UFO at the White Sands Missile Test Range in New Mexico. This abduction took place in March 1956 at about 0300 local and was witnessed by major William Cunningham of the United States Air Force Missile Test Command near Holloman Air Force Base.

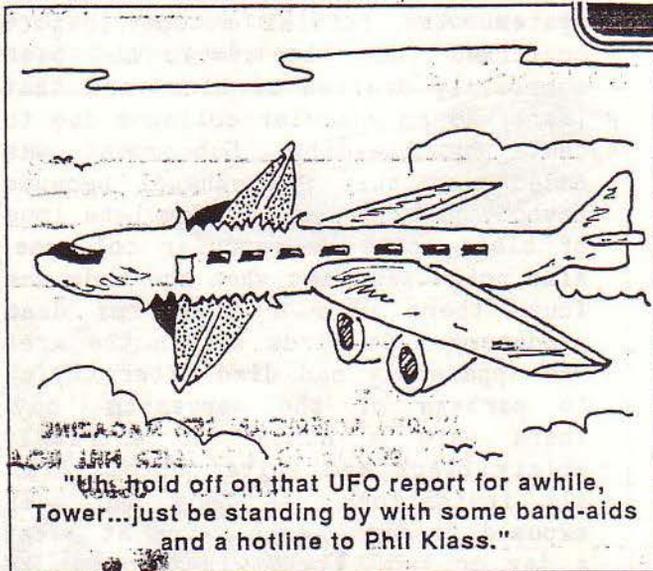
Major Cunningham and Sgt. Lovette were out in a field downrange from the launch sites looking for debris from a missile test when Sgt. Lovette went over the ridge of a small sand dune and was out of sight for a time. Major Cunningham heard Sgt. Lovette scream in what was described as terror or agony. The major, thinking the Sgt. had been bitten by a snake or something ran over the crest of the dune and saw Sgt. Lovette being dragged into what appeared to him and was described as being a silvery disk like object which hovered in the air approximately 15 to 20 feet. Major Cunningham described what appeared to be a long snake-like object which was wrapped around the sergeant's legs and was dragging him into the craft. Major Cunningham admittedly froze as the sergeant was dragged inside the disc and observed the disc going up into the sky very quickly. Major Cunningham got on the jeep radio and reported the incident to Missile Control whereupon Missile Control confirmed a radar sighting. Search parties went out onto the field looking for Sgt. Lovette. Major Cunningham's report was taken and he was admitted to the White Sands Base Dispensary for observation.

The search for Sgt. Lovette was continued for 3 days at the end of which his nude body was found approximately 10 miles downrange. The body had been mutilated; the tongue had been removed from the lower portion of the jaw. An incision had

been made just under the tip of the chin and extended all the way back to the oesophagus and larynx. He had been emasculated and his eyes had been removed. Also, his anus had been removed and there were comments in the report on the apparent surgical skill of the removal of these items including the genitalia. The report commented that the anus and genitalia had been removed 'as though a plug' which in the case of the anus extended all the way up to the colon. There was no sign of blood within the system. The initial autopsy report confirmed that the system had been completely drained of blood and that there was no vascular collapse due to death by bleeding. Subcomment was added that this was unusual because anybody who dies or has complete loss of blood there is vascular collapse. Also noted was that when the body was found there were a number of dead predatory type birds within the area who apparently had died after trying to partake of the sergeant's body. There were a number of extremely grisly black and white photos. From all indications the body had been exposed to the elements for at least a day or two. The New Mexico sun in the desert is extremely hot and debilitating under normal circumstances.

In this section of the report it also indicated that there were numerous occasions in which a UFO tracked alongside of a fired missile and on one occasion said missile was observed being taken aboard a UFO while in flight. The speeds indicated were absolutely phenomenal. (English's father had told him privately that on more than one occasion he had personally tracked what they had termed as 'foo-fighters'. English's father was an electronic engineer by profession and was fairly well versed on electronic engineering and design and on more than one occasion he was involved in telemetry programming of missiles. English's father is currently a state legislator in Arizona.)

The report also indicated that there were a number of recovery teams that were activated specifically for the purpose of recovering any and all evidence of UFO's and UFO sightings. Most notably recorded in publication was what they called Recovery Team Alpha. It was reported that Alpha had been extremely active in a number of areas and on certain occasions had travelled outside of the continental United States. Alpha was based out of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base and was on the move constantly.



Further information in the report consisted of such things as reported sightings and where air force planes had been destroyed or had combat encounters or had been attacked by UFO's. Also there were autopsy reports of various human mutilations.

About midway through the report came a section which dealt specifically with photographs. Each photo was labelled and appendixed to certain reports. A number of photos in there dealt with a recovery program of some type that took place in the southwestern part of the United States. They did not give a location name but they did give co-ordinates for that area. There is no clear indication to exactly where it was. The photos dealt with special teams that were called in to recover a crashed UFO. It also dealt with alien bodies and autopsy reports, autopsy

type photographs, high quality, color, 8x10, 5x7.

Photo number 1 showed an alien being on an autopsy table which is a metal table with runnels and traps underneath to trap fluid and faeces. Body appeared to be a little short of 4 feet. Table was about 7 foot. No clothing on body, no genitalia, body completely heterous, head was rounded cranium, slightly enlarged, eyes almond shaped, slits where nose would be, extremely small mouth, receding chin line, holes where ears would be. Photo was taken at angles, sides view, looking at body from 45 degree elevation, left hand was visible, head was facing to left, body was right to left position (head on right, feet on left), eyes were closed appeared oriental-looking and almond shaped, left hand slightly longer than normal, wrist coming down just about 2 to 3 inches above the knees. Wrists appeared to be articulated in a fashion that allowed a double joint with 3 digit fingers. Wrist was very slender. There was no thumb. A palm was almost non-existent. The three fingers were direct extension from the wrist.

Color of the skin was bluish gray. At base of the body there was a darker color, indicating body was dead for some time. Body fluid or blood had settled to base of body. This indicated that body had been examined before beginning autopsy.

Picture showed beginning stages of autopsy, following standard procedure, body was slit from crotch to just under chin and green viscous liquid was in evidence. There were internal organs but these could not be identified. Photos thereafter concerned specific areas of internal organs of what appeared as small cluster of a multi-valve heart or at least 2 hearts within the cadaver. No accurate description of autopsy report or what was found within corpse accompanying photos. Indication that there was no stomach or digestive tract per se. Later analysis showed that fluid within body was chlorophyl-based liquid

which apparently dealt with photosynthesis or similar process. The report theorised that nourishment was taken in through mouth, however since there is no digestive track or anything of this nature, the waste products were excreted through skin.

One section of report did specify that cadavers were extremely odorous, but this could be accounted for by either deterioration or a number of things, but theory was that waste was excreted through pores of skin. They could only theorize in report because there was no xenobiology.

A report by Dr J. Allen Hynek was recalled vividly which indicated that he had also studied the information provided by this particular case and that he felt that it was indeed a genuine UFO capture and subsequently the alien was part of UFO. Dr. Hynek was non-committal but did however sign the report. Also indicated in report that he did not view bodies personally, but viewed photographs and accompanying reports from autopsies.

Other photos dealt with a number of bodies which were vivisectioned in various ways. At one point, a head was removed from body and photographed and autopsy was performed on head. The cranium was opened and brain matter was photographed and evident. Interesting thing about photo was that there was a ridge bone or dividing partition-type bone running directly through center of skull, from front to back, as though dividing two brains, one from the other. This seemed apparent from the picture. The skin was completely removed from cranial structures and the skull was layed bare as much as possible.

At one point the skull was cut directly in half and photo showed under-developed esophagus and nasal cavities. No clear photo of eye orbs as we know them, just photos of complete vivisection of skull itself.

Numerous photos of flesh of the being starting with cutaneous and subcutaneous microphotographic plates. Appeared to be cellular studies done under microscope and electron

microscope type photos. Extreme magnification of tissue samples.'

This concluded Bill English's statement which was transcribed from 2 cassette tapes. I obtained this handwritten memorandum in August 1987 from Paul Bennewitz during my visit with him in Albuquerque. In September of 1988 I received a call from Bill English. I asked for a chance to meet him and discuss the Grudge 13 report. He said that this could be arranged but that the meeting would have to be on his terms for security reasons. He explained that there had been several attempts on his life by persons unknown since he had made the cassette tapes about 6 years ago. We arranged a meeting at a small airport in Virginia on September 16. I was to sit in the lobby with my black flight bag and for identification purposes I told Bill what I would be wearing. I had no telephone number for Bill.

As I walked in the small airport lobby after a 3 hour drive from Richmond I immediately noticed 2 gentlemen who seemed 'out of place' for this locale. Both were wearing pin striped 3 piece suits, both had on dark glasses. One was a black gentleman. One was stationed inside the lobby door looking out at the parking lot, one was leaning up against an airline counter. I sat down and after a few minutes was approached by a tall bearded man in jeans and a heavy jacket. He asked if I wanted to have a drink. We walked outside and he introduced himself as Bill English. We drove in Bills car into town to a local bar. About 5 minutes after we ordered and had started to talk, the men I had seen at the airport came into the bar and sat down. We left for Bills house and never saw the men again for the next two days.

During the next 2 days I stayed with Bill and his wife and 2 children in a small trailer in the middle of a field at his farm. I asked him endless questions concerning the Grudge 13 document, how he happened to see it, what happened to him after

he saw it and literally thousands of questions about the content of the document. My impression of Bill English was that he was totally honest, that he stood behind his statements and recollection of the Grudge 13 papers, that he was a devoted husband and father to his wives 2 children. That Bill English was ready to come forward and enter into any debate regarding the legitimacy of the document and his recollections thereof. Of Bills compassion for his father and his feelings concerning Bill and the reasons for their occasional disagreements. I have tremendous respect for Bill and what he has tried to do in getting this information out to the public. It has been at tremendous personal risk not to mention the ridicule by sponsored agents, such as Bill Moore who has stated that the Grudge 13 papers are a fraud.

What follows is additional information about the Grudge 13 papers that I obtained from Bill during my visit. In addition to the following, Bill painstakingly drew many sketches of different types of flying saucers, the equipment obtained from them, including a sketch of the football sized nuclear generator and sketches of the autopsy photos.

From my notes taken during our 2 day meeting: Bill described a photo taken of 3 live aliens. Very clear photo, aliens standing against white tile wall, looking confused as if they had been shoved, were looking in different directions.

Reports said that aliens had contacted a U.S. Intelligence Agency for initial 2 meetings, one at Holloman, one at Homestead.

U.S. Air Force relocation personnel (for persons involved in close encounters) were referred to in report as 'Men in Black'.

Major Cunningham was initially accused of murdering Sgt. Jonathon P. Lovette. Charges were later dropped.

Bill English's place of employment in England was RAF Security Services Command, RAF Chicksands.

Entire Grudge 13 report was written as if report was geared toward preparation of defenses.

Report told of ultrasonic weapons found in Germany at the end of WW 2 that could shatter 4" thick armour.

Report told of sensitive military and industrial areas at which personnel experienced missing time.

Report told about missing time experienced with personnel associated with North American X-15 rocket plane project.

Report stated that there were 17 different extraterrestrial species accounted for up to the time of the report.

Extraterrestrials were referred to as A.L.F.'s, Alien Life Forms in the report.

Report referred to one UFO that was recovered and test flown. The UFO blew up as the 2 Air Force pilots aboard attempted to leave the atmosphere. English recalls the date as the mid 50's.

Report refers to flying saucer program as Project 'Red Light' and that a secret installation had been constructed in the middle of the Atomic Energy Commission testing ground in Nevada.

At the time of the report 11 alien cadavers were being kept at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base.

That additional alien cadavers were being stored at 4 to 5 other medical institutions.

That 2 flying saucers of extraterrestrial origin had been tested in the wind tunnel at Langley, Va.

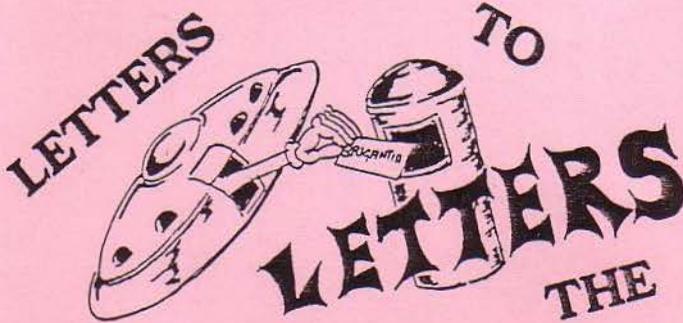
That at the time of the report, 1 damaged disc was being stored at McDill Air Force Base in Florida.

That at the time of the report, 1 damaged disc was at Elgin Air Force Base in Florida.

That at the time of the report there had been 2 UFO incidents at Ft. Riley, Kansas.

That at the time of the report a detachment of the Alpha recovery team was based at Randolph Air Force Base.

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The Rael Thing?

Dear Andy,

It is interesting that you should refer to Claude 'Rael' and his proposed alien embassy on earth (see editorial Nov/Dec Brigantia - Ed.). This gentleman appeared on the Central Weekend TV show on Friday Dec. 16, along with some of his disciples. The audience had a good laugh if nothing else. Although a few other UFO enthusiasts and a few skeptics were present, Mr. Alan Godfrey was not (at least he said nothing if he was). Also present was a representative of the Aetherius Society, who tried to get a word in, but was not supportive of Rael.

As regards Regina Cullen's last letter and the 'dossier' that was supposedly sent by CNES to various French research groups, containing information similar to John Lear's statement, I am very certain that CNES has done nothing of the kind. There is a small UFO research group, known as GEPAN, under the auspices of CNES, which was set up in 1977 to study UFO's. GEPAN was at one time headed by Claude Poher and Pierre Guerin, both of whom were committed ETHers long before their involvement in GEPAN. Guerin is also a strong believer in cattle mutilations, their links with UFO's and the official cover-up of this fact. I have no doubt that the said 'dossier' is nothing more than a rehash of this, by the same group. However, to be fair, since Regina challenges you to check things for yourself, I suggest you or anyone else interested write to CNES (their address is available from the French

Embassy) to check whether any such official dossier was sent out. They can hardly try to cover this up, since the dossier is already in the hands of the French UFO research groups. Here is a perfect opportunity to test the veracity of Mr George Andrews or his anonymous informant. If, as I predict, no such dossier exists, you can draw your own conclusions about the reliability of the rest of Mr Andrews' statements in his book. In fact, I see you have done so already.

I shall write to Andrews at the address supplied and ask him for further information, including the names of the said recipients of this document, and I shall request from him a copy of the document itself. I will let you have a copy of his reply, plus the dossier, if I receive it.

Meantime, I look forward to reading the documented evidence for teleportation, but please, please I hope we are not given the Philadelphia Experiment again.

Sincerely
Christopher Allan, Alsager, Cheshire.

editors note: Letters have already been sent to various French researchers and information will be printed as and when we have some.

Would You Believe A Used Crash Retrieval Story From This Man?

Dear Sir,
Thankyou for printing my letter in the last issue of UFO BRIGANTIA. I was concerned that your biases may deter you from printing some truth.

You are obviously far more open-minded that I gave you credit for. Since I wrote that letter I have been contacted by a friend who works for the security services and he has given me valuable information which may once and for all end all argument about the reality of the visitors. My friend, who I shall call Peter, was told by one of his superiors that a UFO crash took place in England sometime during August of 1987 and that both the craft and occupants were retrieved by a unit formed of SAS personnel, under the guidance of a small American team.

Peter is hazy about the exact location of the crash but seems to think from his conversation that it occurred in upland country, possibly the moors, somewhere in northern England. I am wondering why we have not heard of this through the normal UFO literature. Does anyone have any information, or am I first to break the news? Should I hear any further information I will keep you informed.

I enjoyed Regina Cullen's letter immensely. Why doesn't this woman have a column of her own in UFO BRIGANTIA? We need more of her incisive thinking to cut through some of the waffle that is apparent in much of todays ufological writing. It's nice to know that even an editor isn't above being taken to task in print. Well done Regina!

Lastly I feel sure that 1989 will be the year in which our government 'let the cat out of the bag' over the subject of UFOs.

Yours, Alan Staithes, Preston, Lancs.

editors note: Thanks for another stimulating letter Alan. UFO crashes, alleged or not, are few and far between in the UK, as are talkative members of the security services. And in the north of England - 'doubtful'. I'll believe it when I see it. Regina's particular brand of ufology does have its adherents and the walls of my office are papered with the scrawls of those who agree with her. She can have her own column anytime - as in fact can anyone who wants to. Even you Alan.



SUBSCRIPTION NEWS

Subscription to UFO BRIGANTIA is £7:00/6 issues (one year), from the editorial address. We are also running a joint subscription deal with Jenny Randles' Northern UFO News whereby the two magazines are available jointly for £11 pa. - that's a magazine a month for £11- think about it! One UFO magazine dropping through your eager letterbox every 28 days, and all for £11.

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This is not a 'merger' between the two magazines as some people of a paranoid persuasion have intimated - both 'zines will keep their individuality and flavour. The object is to give readers value for money and the chance to have a more varied view of the UFO phenomena. Also to prove that UFO groups and magazines can work together for the benefit of ufology.
