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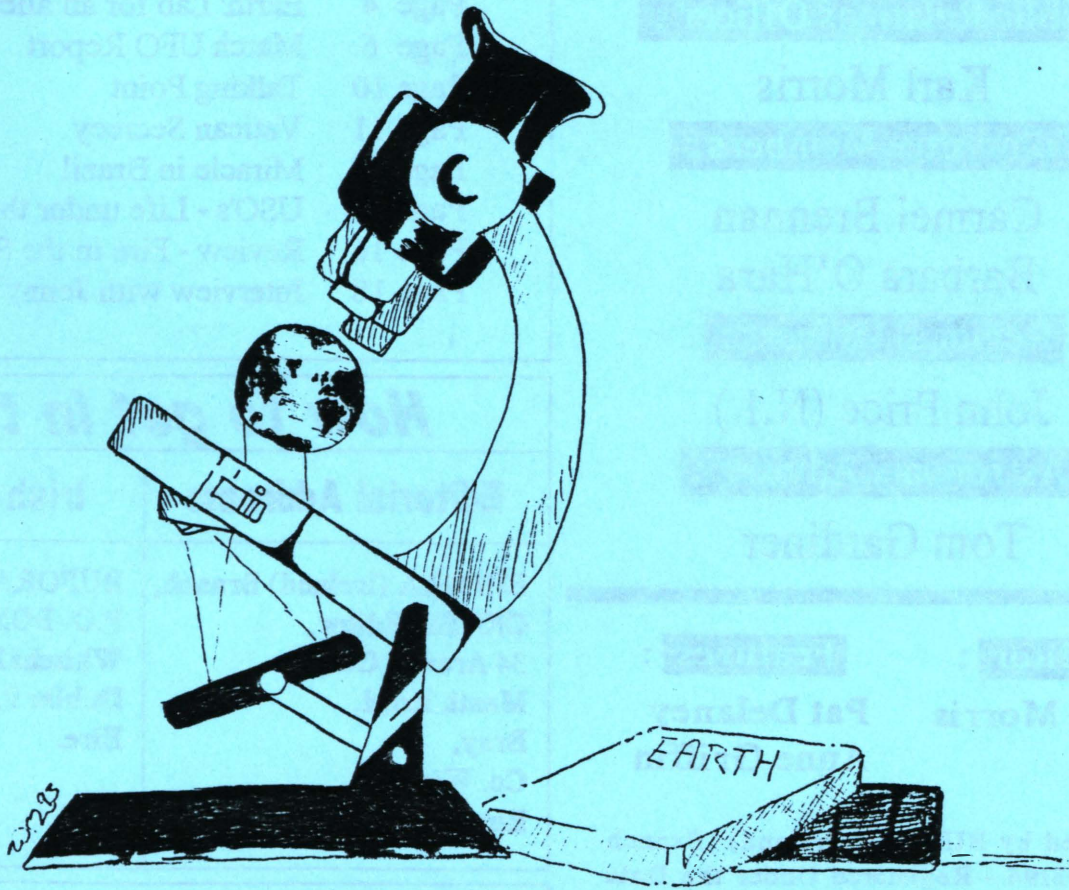
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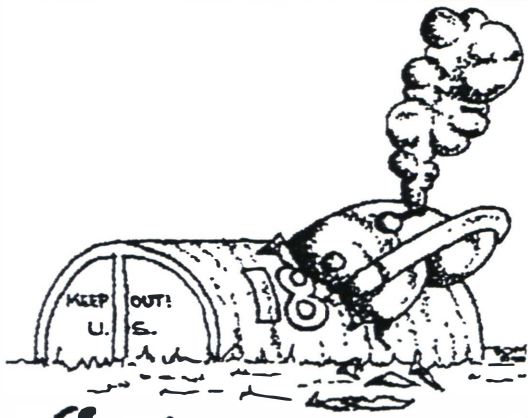


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Editorial

Welcome to another edition of the BUFORA (Ireland) Branch Journal. Apologies for the late arrival of this issue, but I have been in America for a while on business and for obvious reasons I've had to delay the Journal by about a month, I promise it won't happen again! So, what news do I have for you this time around...

It was a fairly quite Summer, with most of my time taken up with sundry BUFORA duties. A membership drive was supposed to take place in earnest but was unfortunately delayed, I hope to resurrect this plan soon. If you know a friend interested in joining, please let us know, we will send them some information, and if they join, who knows, you may receive something in the mail with our compliments... The funds are low! It is hard to run an organisation, especially one which endures to publish a magazine for it's members, when cash flow dries up. Obviously, we inject as much cash as we can as directors, but we all have living expenses too! I understand times aren't exactly easy right now, and I don't want to sound like some TV evangelist, but we will soon have a BUFORA (Ireland) Branch T-Shirt and I would encourage members who can spare a few

shillings to support BUFORA (Ireland) Branch by purchasing one (or two!) when available, this is not a compulsory request, so don't feel obliged to do so!

I've completed a preliminary report on the March 30th/31st sightings and it is to be found in this issue. Some interesting last minute details have come to hand but I could not include them in this issue due to space restrictions, I will publish these details in issue 4. Jenny Randles kindly sent us the results of an interview we sent her, we would like to express our gratitude to Jenny for taking time out of her busy schedule to complete this for us. (With just a hint of Irish luck, Timothy Good's interview should make it into issue 4!)

This is yet another plea to all our readers to send us news stories and press clippings, I know you've all heard it before, but if you hear something interesting, let us know, it is much appreciated. All going well, BUFORA (Ireland) Branch will hold it's very first Open Meeting in Dublin City in early '94, probably late February. It will be an Open Meeting, which means non-members can attend, further details will be mailshot to all members when everything is finalised.

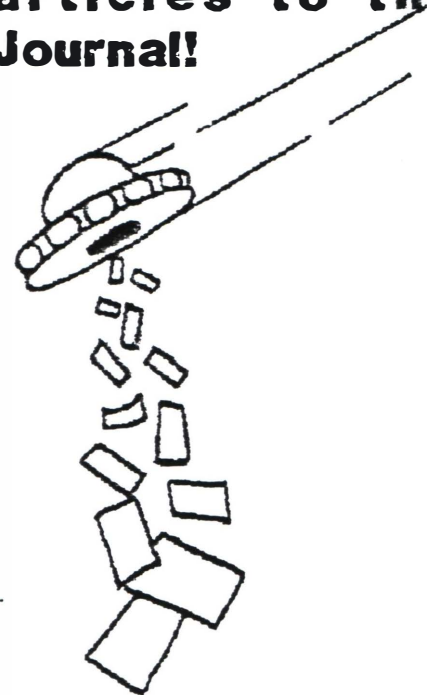
I mentioned earlier that the summer was fairly quite, and that was true, but I have since been informed that in the last four weeks our P.O. Box has been flooded with mail, we are finally getting international recognition and that is important, I'd like to thank all those of you who have written to us, you can be sure we

will keep in touch. Don't forget, if you want information from BUFORA (Ireland) Branch you must be a recognised UFO Organisation/Group, please include all relevant information in any correspondence with us.

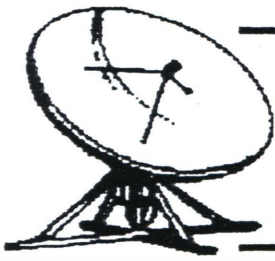
That's about it, I'd better get this Journal to print before it's Christmas! And on that note, have a Merry Christmas and a great New Year and watch the mailbox for issue 4, volume 2, of the Journal about late January 1994! - Karl Morris, Editor.

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News Desk

Abduction?

Romania: The Baci forest near the city of Cluj in central Romania is the focus of many UFO reports. Sometime in 1992 (Romanul Magazin, 16 April, 1993 is not specific), Zoltan Frenc and his son-in-law visited the forest. Although the sky was cloudless, the sun suddenly grew pale. The son-in-law quickened his step and Frenc lost sight of him. A wind began to blow, a thick fog descended and Frenc's eyes began to sting. The fog lifted very quickly and the sun shone again - but the son-in-law had vanished. A search by villagers and police turned up no clue. (Fortean Times, Number 70)

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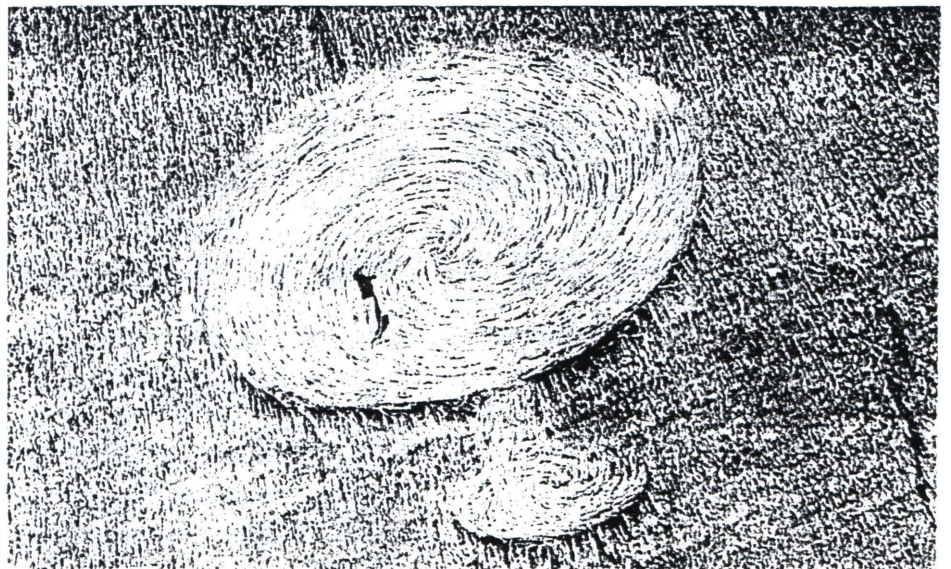
Irish Circles Crop-up...

Antrim, Northern Ireland: 19th August 1993, one of Ireland's first crop circle sites was host to a legion of journalists and curiosity-seekers in the normally peaceful area of Drummuck in the Antrim hills. The barley stalks remained unbroken despite being completely flattened in an

anti-clockwise direction to form the circles, one 30ft in diameter connected by a path 3ft wide to the other, measuring 15ft across.

They were discovered on Tuesday morning in the two-and-a-half acre field a short distance from Mr. Paterson's farmhouse in the townland of Drummuck near Broughshane. Pranksters have claimed responsibility for a number of crop circles but others are blamed on electro-magnetic forces, freak wind patterns - or extraterrestrial activity...

(The Irish News, 19th August, - 1993)



Earth: Laboratory for an Alien race?

— by Denis Harper —

There seems to be a high probability that all life forms on this planet have come into existence through the experimentation and test results of an alien race which, at its physical foundation, is genetically linked to our own being.

The above conclusion has been reached after much insightful study using the accepted personal knowledge that the alien beings are bisexual in nature and of extremely high intellect, as an insentive guideline, what I am about to suggest is my own opinion of ideas, ideas which have manifested themselves as a direct result of witnessing a spacecraft 22 years ago.

I feel that beings from another place in our solar system long ago may have encountered some form of physical difficulties which left them unable to reproduce their kind, I don't believe the experiment was carried out just for the interest of their scientific progress, I could be mistaken on this point though.

The experiment involved the splitting of their bisexual genes along with much D.N.A. manipulation, resulting in the creation of two separate sexes i.e. male and female. After this was done the products were put on a suitable planet under observation, no doubt to ensure

their success. The beings knew that subsequently numbers would increase and the second part of the experiment could take place.

Part two of the experiment must have dealt with the confusion which followed when the implanted half-beings became aware of their existence. Probably at the age of say six or seven years it was found necessary to introduce into their lives some form of a spiritual indoctrination which would allow the half-beings to justify their existence (it may be offensive to elaborate this point), at any rate, once this was established, part three of the experiment could proceed. The unrestrained practice of incest would have been stopped by religious indoctrination.

At this point I feel it would be a good idea to recap on a couple of factors to clarify this scenario:

A.- The alien-beings are what we were when we existed as our complete physical life forms. Through bisexual genetic splitting, in fear of extinction, they created us.

B.- We, the human-race, are the result of this cell split, male and female parts of an alien experiment which was placed on this planet to reproduce itself, thus supplying the material required by the aliens to further their experimentation.

I do not claim to be any sort of genius on the topic of hybrid technology in any way, I prefer to leave that to the scientist to work out, but as a rough guess, I would bet that it could be possible to revert a split cell back to a whole cell through continuous hybrid matching, a process which would include in this case the need for the alien-being to mate with the female half cell for a pre-determined space of times in the anticipation of finally producing the perfect result... A complete bisexual being, a single cell entity which would solve the problem and remove the threat of alien-beings extinction.

At the end of this article I will be making comments on my personal religious beliefs associated with this scenario, they are not said with the intention of causing any kind of offence to anyone or any religious organisation.

Note: In this scenario the "Alien-Being" relates to a specific bisexual race, no doubt there may well be others who are not bisexual in their nature... Why not?

Life exists, something created it, began time itself, other than these obvious facts.. I know nothing. This is my religion, anything and everything else that has been added to this over the space of time on earth has got to be by definition the result of imaginative, indoctrinative,

speculation.

I feel that the experiment is fast reaching it's conclusion, the final stage of hybrid interchange is soon to come. The reason for this feeling was motivated and inspired by a logical process of creative thought. As with any scientific experimentation there is always a preset time of test endurance before one could expect completion of the desired result. It appears that we have on earth been given this time factor, it is buried deep in the testaments of religious indoctrinations, it is the measure of life, one second follows another and is counted, man counts the number of his existence. In the religions, this number is 666, it is the number which represents man or the beast, hence the expression 'your days are numbered'. It seems to me that if one is looking for the time factor of the alien experiment endurance, one could not have it more clearly defined as this. We are informed in religious text, there will be a second coming, likewise we are told that it will occur in time, of the last week of years before 2000 A.D.

Summary

The "Alien-Being" is not a God, nor is it God in any shape or form, in this, my own personal description, the alien I refer to, is a genetically linked being of superior intelligence to our own, a being which, through it's own scientific knowledge, was able to cause, through experimentation, a genetically manufactured split in it's own bisexual being resulting in the creation of two individual half-

beings, male and female versions of it's genetic self. These half-beings were then placed on earth to breed and by so doing produce the material required, which was genetically altered by alien cross-breeding, would produce over a pre-determined length of time, a split cell reversion life form as perfectly mirror-imaged on every genetically parallel as the original test specimen.

Taking this knowledge into account, is it any wonder that we on earth can't live in harmony, such mental and physical confusion to propagate wars, hatred and self destruction to the point of pathological diversion and conformity to a dreamworld existence, which we, for dread of truthful enlightenment, call reality. (Was this a fault in the overall experiment? Did 'their' scientists do enough to make 'their' experiment work properly, i.e. introduction of religious indoctrination, is this where the fault line begins in our pathetic attempt to live in harmony on the same planet, or should that be the same laboratory? - Ed)

This humble attempt to explain what I feel, what I am, is now almost complete then. It's a pity that my relative creator from wherever, hadn't been honest in the first place, they were not perfect nor infallible, they must have known that all experiments have at least one flaw, sure, you can split a cell, we can do it here on earth can't we? One could anticipate almost a 100% success rate in producing two lifeforms each time the

genetic split was performed... but what of the individual genetic contents?, what if there was a flaw, an imbalance? is this result called homosexuality? Were we not in ourselves confused enough already without this added problem?, or did 'they' just not give a damn?

I would like to exit this scenario and leave you with a little mind-game, the end result from which you, the reader, can draw your own conclusion, the game is called...

"2666.6667 Ways to whip a cheeky Monkey"

Ready to play? These are the rules:

A.- Take the number of years up to the end of this decade. (since indoctrination)

B.- Multiply this number by twelve to get the months.

C.- Divide it by the number of months it takes for human reproduction.

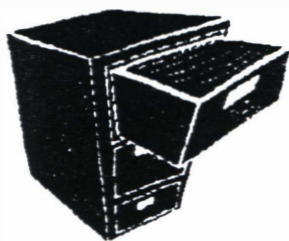
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March UFO Report

Compiled by Karl Morris

This is an interim report compiled by BUFORA (Ireland) Branch for readers of our Journal. Sources used in this report are credited at the end, special mention should go to Doug Cooper (DUFORO) and Frank Marron (ANSO) for information supplied. The report begins with the first known sightings in Co. Clare and Co. Limerick.

At approximately 1:13 a.m. March 31st, two Gardai in a patrol car, which was heading toward the town of Askeaton (Co. Limerick), reported a "large object in the sky with two bright lights, one at the front and the other at the back". The object was first thought to be a Jumbo jet flying at low altitude, but it made no sound, there was a "sort of vapour trail like a jet behind it". The object "flew" right over the two Gardai towards the town of Croom (119 degrees S.E. of Askeaton), the Gardai thought the object might hit power lines or buildings because it was flying so low. This report would be one of the many 'reliable' reports to be made during the early hours of March 31st. Reports made to Shannon Air Traffic Control, who incidentally said that "most of the reports came in between 2:00 a.m. and 2:15 a.m." (nearly an hour after the first sightings), told of "between 2 and 4 objects". Witnesses in Limerick City also reported "a silent craft like a Jumbo jet gliding over rooftops

of houses and looked like it was about to touch electricity pylons". (Fig.1 - Limerick Area)

The reports from this region seem very consistent, and it must be said that many of these sightings were "probably" the debris of a Russian satellite launcher (spent rocket bodies), more on this later. I say "probably" because from information received it seems that there is also the "probability" that there was something else witnessed along with the Russian space debris, these "unknowns" have been acknowledged as such by the British Ministry of Defence. It is plausible, and there is evidence to suggest it is, that these "unknowns" are "monitoring" the Russian Space Programme. In Timothy Good's book "Alien Update", Chapter 11, there is more on these reports and, more importantly, these "unknowns" are very well known to the Russian authorities. It is interesting that in many of the reports on the night of 31st March, that other, fainter objects were also seen "trailing" behind the main object. In fact, a report to this effect was broadcast on a few local radio stations here in Dublin, David Moore of Astronomy Ireland said: "It was a spectacular sight seen by one of our members in Sligo (County) whos an expert astronomer, new it for what it was, it travelled N.W. to the S.E. at 1:10 (a.m.) in

the morning and, as two bright orange stars, leaving a fiery train behind them and several other small, fainter objects, which also left trails behind them..." (sic) Without commenting further on this no doubt "expert" report, these other objects were also reported in the United Kingdom, more on these later.

Before moving on to the Dublin area, it is also interesting to note further reports from Shannon ATC. Unfortunately, they did not respond to our inquiries, but from newspaper reports it shows just how many witnessed the object(s), many aircrews reported the UFO to Shannon ATC, and although Radar at Shannon did not pick the object(s) up, it would be interesting to see if any pilots made an "Official" report. Obviously, we can say that the object(s) was at a very high altitude because if Shannon Radar could not see it on screen it wasn't at a height below cruising altitude or carrying a radar transponder, therefore it was above Radar range. If this was a military aircraft (which



Figure 1. Limerick Area

could have the ability to screen itself from civilian radar, then only military radar could track such a plane, (unless it was of Stealth technology!) would the Irish military have the ability to track aircraft other than civilian air traffic?) and this has been ruled out, it would have probably been seen by aircrew who could identify landing lights etc of such an aircraft.

So, we have the first reports from Limerick which indicate sighting times of approx. 1:10 a.m. to 1:20 a.m. If this object was travelling in a South East direction, surely it would be clearing the French coast by Approx. 1:50 a.m.? No? because reports from the Dublin area suggest it was there, from accounts made by three witnesses on a Dublin radio talk-show, and a credible witness, an RTE news reader, it seems the object had changed it's course several times. Consistency remains in the description of the UFO, what does change however is the direction of flight and reported sighting times. Here are the three accounts made on radio, notice the consistency of the descriptions:

A - Duleek, Co. Meath (Approx 25 Miles from Dublin City) - Witness called "Pam" was visiting her parents home in Duleek, she and her sister were looking for their cat when Pam looked up and saw two lights, "you could draw a straight line between them, in between was total blackness", she continued "there was jet wash and no sound or flashing lights, they were very low". Unfortunately, no time was given, except to say it

was "late at night", direction of flight wasn't mentioned.

B - Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin (South) - Witness called "Michael" was working, he saw "two lights, moving fairly slowly towards the North", he also mentioned that it was a clear sky and there was no sound, "it went clear straight in front of me" Michael said. The time of Michaels sighting was "about "2:30, 3:00 O'Clock." (a.m.)

C - Dunshaughlin, Co. Meath (Approx 18 Miles from Dublin City) - Witness called "Seamus" saw "two lights moving across the sky and jet stream from both of them", he thought he had seen two planes, but he was "baffled" because "they were silent and quite low down." He mentioned talking to his wife about what he had seen the next morning, his wife rang him from work and told Seamus that the UFO's were seen in Limerick as well, travelling in a South East direction, but Seamus said this couldn't be right because when he saw the lights they were travelling in a South West direction. The time of this sighting was 1:15 a.m.

If we take this last report from Dunshaughlin and compare it to a report from a BUFORA member in Northern Ireland we can see more consistent reporting. The report from Northern Ireland describes the object(s) as silent with a faint vapour trail, more importantly, the direction and time of these two reports are the same. The majority of reports are in the region of 1:10 a.m. and 1:20 a.m. and apart from flight path reports, are very consistent.

An Air Corps Dauphin helicopter crew were flying from Casement aerodrome at Baldonnel (Co. Dublin) to Finner Camp in Co. Donegal, shortly after 1:00 a.m. they recorded a sighting about 14 miles North of Mullingar (284 degrees N.W. of Dublin City). The "two moving stars" were an estimated 5,000 feet above the helicopter which was flying at 1500 feet, a Defence Forces spokesman said. Interestingly, a report from Leo Enright of the BBC (Dublin correspondent for BBC Radio 4) mentions an Air Corps Jet fighter being despatched to monitor the objects, though the operation was not successful because the objects were travelling at an estimated speed of 3,000 mph. (I will try and seek confirmation of this report.)

It must be mentioned at this stage that our many enquiries to the Dept. of Defence, Shannon ATC and some witnesses were unsuccessful. The reasons for witnesses not completing R & I forms are many, but mainly lack of interest or just inhibitive of telling us their account. With proper information about BUFORA (Ireland) Branch, and it is my aim to promote our organisation here, I'm sure that people in Ireland will become more aware of us and in time, when an incident does occur, R & I forms will be completed. At this stage, we are not very well known, that is why Astronomy Ireland are asked to comment every time a light is seen in Irish air space...

These are the credible accounts to hand, what did these

witnesses see? Earlier I mentioned the Russian rocket debris, and this does seem to fit the bulk of observations made during the night of March 30/31st. A study of the objects was made by Dr. T.S. Kelso, Asst. Professor of Space Operations, U.S. Air Force Institute of Tecnology, his studies covering this period (identified as Catalog Number 22586, International designator 1993-018B) identify the object as a carrier rocket body of Cosmos 2238 - a Russian ocean reconnaissance satellite which was launched by a "TSIKLON - M" carrier rocket from the Baykonur Cosmodrome at 16:00 hrs (Moscow time) on 30th March, 1993. The rocket body was predicted to pass over Ireland on a North West to South East trajectory between 1:06 a.m. and 1:12 a.m. local time at an altitude of somewhat less than 107 km.

This seems the most likely explanation, and unless on that night, no Russian rocket was launched, we could still be left undecided. The only oddity to be found in the very consistant reports, are direction, this is similar to reports from the United Kingdom, see figure 2. Now lets turn to those reports from the United Kingdom, because strange lights were being seen on the evening before, between 8.00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m., these objects were seen traversing the North Devon sky and hovering N.W. of the same area. In addition, at 2:00 a.m. on the 31st, an object of considerable size, flew over the River Parrot at Bridgewater (Somerset - 216 degrees S.W. of Bristol),

disturbing not only a fisherman, but also the cattle in adjacent fields. There is the mystery of 3 helicopters seen at this time by other witnesses, and almost certainly of a military type, but as with the two fighter air craft reported over East Devon at 1:30 a.m. by a retired airline pilot, their presence was denied by the Ministry of Defence. - Why? Other reports came from St. Ives and Penzance at 1:30 a.m., numerous sightings as well over Cornwall, Devon, Shropshire, South Yorkshire and Hampshire starting at 10:10 p.m. on the 30th and ending at 2:40 a.m. on the 31st (the last time being close to a report from Rathfarnham, Co. Dublin).

The conclusions of these "other" sightings, that is, reports not consistant to the Russian rocket debris evidence, are "at least one, if not more, UFO's were active over these areas on the night in question." (quote from DUFORO report). Until further evidence on these "other" reports is known, this must be the case, that these must be classed as UFO's.

There were initial reports of an American spy jet called "Aurora", possibly making a test flight over Ireland from a U.S.

Air Force base somewhere in the U.K. If this was the case, and it has been discounted, this would have been an illegal act in itself. By flying over Ireland without permission could cause a diplomatic conflict, especially if this became public knowledge, that U.S. experimental aircraft were freely flying over our country, no matter how high it was! Flying at over 5,000 mph, the "Aurora" can circle the globe in about 5 hours. (Figure 3)

This interim report will shortly be up-dated and released seperately, we are hoping to have more information from several sources by the end of this year. I hope that the information here clears some of the mystery up for you, if you have any questions or, possibly some answers, drop me a line at the editorial address.

Credits: Evening Press 31st March '93 - Evening Herald 31st March '93 - Irish Times March 31st '93 - Daily Mail (Aurora Sketch (C) David Ace) Dec. 15th 1992 - Steve Gerrard - DUFORO - ANSO - 98FM Radio (News) and 104FM (Head of News Dept.) and the witnesses, without whom there would be no report!

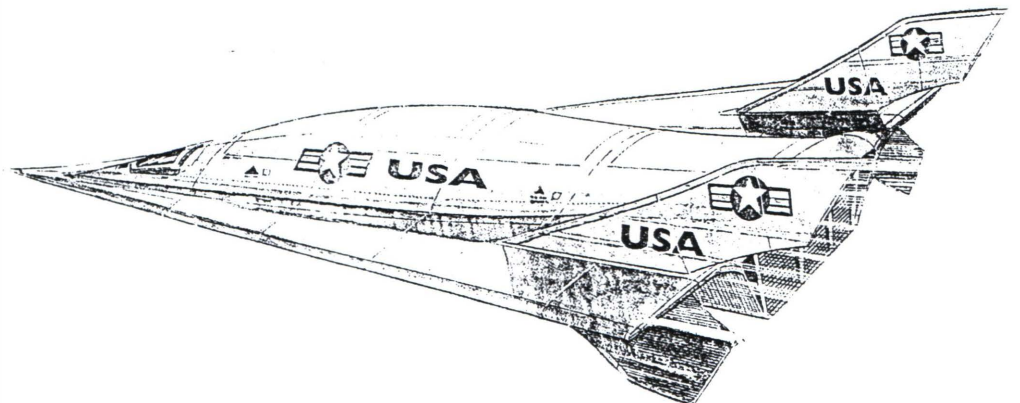


Figure 3. Artists impression of the Aurora Spy Jet.

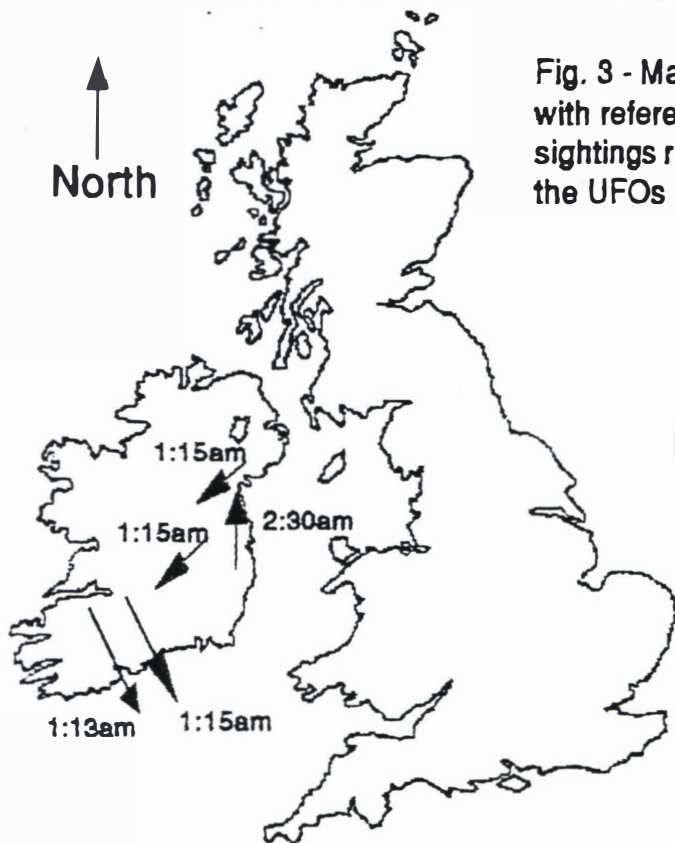
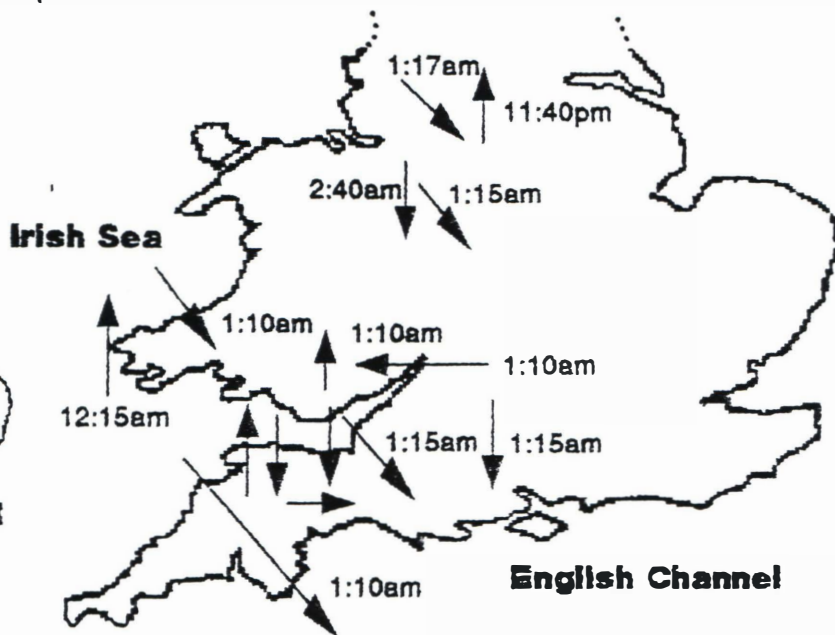


Fig. 3 - Map of Ireland shows sighting times and direction of UFO with reference to the report. Map below is based on MOD map of sightings received by the MOD, also showing (most) times and - the UFOs reported direction.



A visitor from Norway...

Compiled by:
Anne Griffin

On Wednesday July 7th, 1993, Pat and myself headed for the Harcourt Hotel, Harcourt Street in central Dublin. We were to meet Mrs. Shelia McCabe, a BUFORA (UK) member, from Bergen in Norway. Shelia was in Ireland to do a course in the University of Galway, on the West coast of Ireland. She came to Dublin on the 7th in order for her to catch the boat to England so that she could attend the BUFORA Conference in Sheffield on the weekend of the 9th-11th July. She had written to us previously, telling us of her plans and hoping that she could meet with us before she left for England.

Having introduced ourselves to her we whisked her off to dinner, by taxi, courtesy of BUFORA (Ireland) Branch, to a restaurant in Dame Street, where during our meal, Shelia told us all about herself and her interest in UFO's.

Shelia described to us a UFO sighting which she had many years ago in Trondheim in Norway. She and a friend were out for a walk one night when Shelia, for some reason, felt compelled to look up at the sky. On doing so, she saw a very bright white light which appeared stationary in the sky, it was shaped like a triangle and it had green coloured lights all around it which flashed continually. She observed it for a few seconds and then it disappeared out of

view into the clouds, she did not see it again. The following day, the local newspaper reported that a UFO had been seen over the Trondheim by several witnesses, but they said it might have been connected to crop circles, some of which had been seen in the area prior to the sighting. However, the media soon grew tired of it and it became just 'another forgotten UFO story'.

She then went on to explain to us that her interest in the UFO phenomenon stemmed from her interest in the crop circles and she is a member of a prominent crop circle group based in England. Shelia believes that the sighting of UFO's and the appearances of crop circles in fields all over Europe, are connected.

We also discussed with her at length the many possible reasons why it is taking ET's so long to contact us. We all agreed that they are not interested in making their presence known to us because of the way we are, constantly destroying our planet, especially the way we are treating our rain forests and Ozone layer. (They will probably make their presence known to us when they feel we are ready to except them, or, powerful authorities on this planet do not want them to show themselves until the mass population have been better educated for such a revelation. - Ed)

We then turned our attention to the fascinating subject of alien abductions and asked Shelia if she was aware of any such abductions in Norway over the last few years, she wasn't aware of any. We asked if she had ever heard of Whitley Strieber, she had not, so we decided to send her copies of Transformation and Communion at a later date. The only books she had read on the UFO phenomenon were the ones by Timothy Good, including 'Above Top Secret', apparently UFO books are very hard to find in Norway (sounds familiar...).

Other topics of discussion included other phenomena such as ghosts and other UFO related phenomena. At 9:15pm, dinner had ended and it was time to go (such are the time restrictions on the working class!), Shelia surprised us with the announcement that she would like to become a member of BUFORA (Ireland) Branch, earlier we had presented her with two back issues of our Journal and an information pack. Naturally Pat and I were very happy to have someone like Shelia as our first European member of BUFORA (Ireland).

In closing, Pat and I found Shelia to be a most interesting person and well versed on the topic of UFO's and crop circles. We very much enjoyed her company and her stories, we would like to thank Shelia for taking time out to meet us at such short notice, we hope she enjoyed herself too.



Talking Point

By Anne Griffin

Fire and the critic!

We hope you enjoyed our synopsis (courtesy of UIP and Philip Mantle) of 'Fire in the Sky' in our last issue. It reached Irish cinemas before the U.K. release date and is still doing the rounds in the larger multi-screen cinemas, so if you haven't seen it yet we strongly advise that you do so.

However, some critics have an annoying habit of describing these type of films as 'entertaining'. The word 'entertaining' can be applied to a lot of movies, but to apply it to a movie like 'Fire in the Sky' is implying that such movies (based on fact) are light hearted, funny and generally good-all-round 'entertainment'. In fact, it makes the subject of UFOlogy, serious minded UFOlogists and the millions of witnesses look rather ridiculous when films of this nature are given the kind of 'sceptic once-over' by these film critics.

Regardless of whether or not the story is true (in this case, we believe it is), describing it as 'entertaining' is certainly not encouraging to people who are interested in the phenomenon to go and see this film. In the first place, the UFO phenomenon is not meant to be entertaining, it was never meant to be and should not be treated as such. To quote the former Soviet President, Mikhail Gorbachev - 'The phenomenon of UFO's does exist, and it must be treated seriously' (1990).

It is no wonder that the phenomenon is having such a hard time trying to become accepted when this frivolous attitude is adopted by certain people in society. Was Travous Walton's

abduction 'funny' and 'entertaining'? - no it wasn't, for him the whole experience was very real and traumatic. For people to make absurd statements or describe a film of this kind in the critical way they do, contributes much to the fact that they are not taken seriously, what of the thousands of other abductees, are they all as 'entertaining' as Travous Walton?

I'm not asking you to like this film, if you have seen it, maybe you didn't like it, that's your privilege. But if you went to see this film on the grounds of being 'highly entertained', then forget it, because there is no way you can experience all the pain and trauma that Travous Walton suffered, unless of course it has happened to you.

UFOs and Bookshops.

In the first issue of the Journal Karl mentioned how difficult it was to find UFO titles in Irish book shops. In most city centre bookshops they are mainly to be found in the "New Age" section.

However, this is not the fault of the bookshop as it is possible that they are not sure just exactly what section to file them under. Also when one goes hunting for popular UFO titles they are as scarce as UFO sightings themselves!

In one particular Dublin bookshop recently we counted six UFO publications which were not even new titles, and they appeared to have been there for quite some time. This seems such a pity because if the subject was taken seriously here, there is a vast wealth of new titles coming into print all the time.

However, filing UFO titles in the "New Age" section is like filing a Charles Dickens Novel in the Theology section, as it is not really a "New Age" subject, especially as UFOs have been traced back to pre-biblical times and existed long before the "New Age" Movement was ever heard of.

It could perhaps be said that the study of UFOs and proper investigation of the Phenomena did not really get under way until 1947 when Kenneth Arnold had his famous sighting over Mt. Rainier in Washington State. I would like to point out here, that I am not in any way criticising the "New Age" Movement or those who belong to it - All I'm saying is that bookshops should have a particular section for the UFO enthusiast under the suggested heading of "UFO Phenomenon".

If this was implemented by the large bookshops especially those in Dublin, they would be doing a great service to UFOlogy and it would assist us greatly in helping to bring much needed credibility to the subject of UFOs.

In the future, we at BUFORA (Ireland) BRANCH are hoping to rectify this situation by approaching a particular bookshop in the City Centre to ask them if they would consider a special section for UFO titles only. We would also request of them to stock all the popular UFO authors especially new editions and we would also supply them with up to date lists of new publications as they come to hand.

We hope, that we will see the day when we can go into a bookshop and find a section stocked with lovely books under the general title of "UFO Phenomenon". Could this become a reality? What do you think? Write to our Editor, Karl, and let us know your views on this. We would like to hear from you.

Vatican Secrecy?

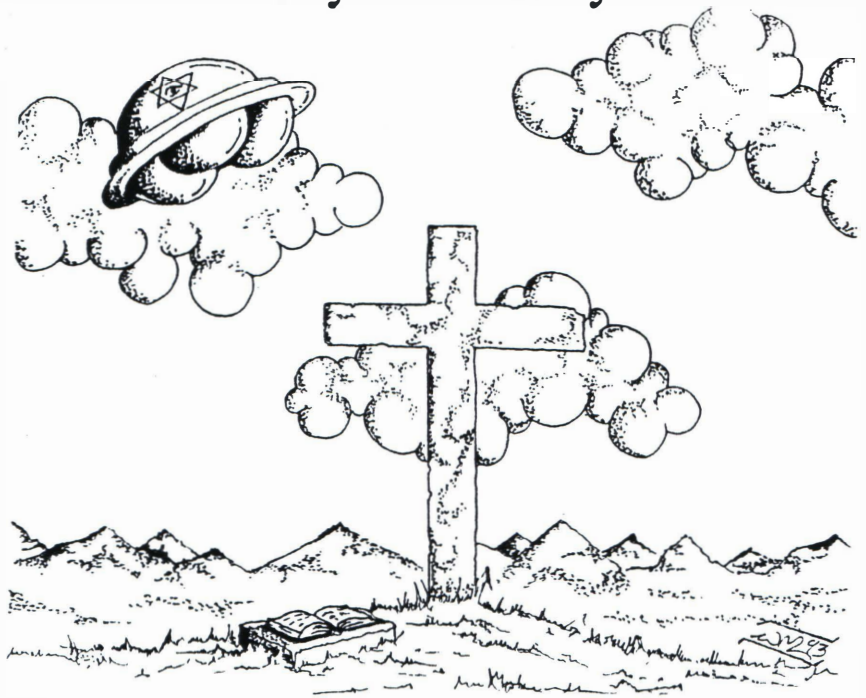
by Pat Delaney

"No Conflict Over Alien" says Vatican...

In Issue two of our Journal we reprinted an article on the above title, in the 'News Desk' section. While we are pleased that the Vatican has "come clean" on the ET issue, i.e. life on other planets, Alien entities etc, it seems amazing that they have taken so long to admit it, but is this revelation the tip of the iceberg or is there a lot still hidden by the Church that will never get out?

Unfortunately, we feel that there is still a lot to be revealed as far as the Vatican is concerned regarding the existence of life on other Planets. Why has the Church, after all these years, suddenly published these findings and why, even today, have they no official position on it? Have they published their findings because NASA has begun to search for extraterrestrial life or are they afraid that mankind will question the veracity of the Holy Bible which was written by the 'Great Law Givers' in the early stages of Mankind's existence, but the real meaning of the words written were very much misunderstood by the people of the period.

In the Original article, Father Coyne says that the Vatican Astronomers studied several newborn stars and discovered some were surrounded by what appears to be the 'Cosmic Makings of Planetary systems.' Father Coyne goes on to say



that this result represents some evidence that there are systems of planets and possible life in the universe. If this is so then where does life exist from? They just don't reappear or vanish in front of someone. After all we do know that there has always been life on other planets and that Aliens have visited us on Earth. Over the years many 'Abductees' have told stories to Accredited Investigators of been taken aboard Space crafts and given tours to other planets and galaxies. What proof does the Church have to deny the existence of Extraterrestrial Life forms outside Planet Earth.

This leads us on to ask the question: What about us - the human race - where did we come from? And why are we here? Is our creation the result of a divine and supernatural entity who willed all things to exist

including us just by sheer thought. Those of us with a Christian belief system were taught that we were created by God - and we can't and will not argue with that. But not everyone reading this article has a Christian belief system and we must respect their beliefs even if differ from ours.

Is it possible that we human beings, are the result of a 'Genetic Experiment' by a divine or 'All Knowing Being' (or beings) who decided to create us in their/his or her image (Are the people being abducted being 'checked' on, to check how the 'experiment' with human life is going - is the earth just one big biological lab? - Ed) somewhere along the process of Creation the plan went wrong due to the interference of an evil force known perhaps as 'A Luciferian Race'. The question of the above paragraph is open to

comment from our readers and comments would be welcome. Father Coyne stated in the previous article that extraterrestrials should be brought within the fold of the Baptised? Perhaps their kind do not require Baptism. Maybe they are a Race of God-like Beings who did not need the Messiah to visit them.

Perhaps they are coming to visit us to put things right on our 'Sick Planet'. We simply just don't know - all we can do is speculate at this point and ask 'Do the Vatican know more about ET's than they claim to?'. If they do, again we have no evidence, what reason have they to keep it from us? Could we have been, in ages past, a race of 'Supernatural Beings' with God-like qualities, if it had not been for the interference of a 'Luciferian Force' more universally known as 'The devil and his angels.'

Perhaps Lucifer is also an ET, but in another plane of Existence (Hell) but we must not forget that his power is vast and can extend to many Universes or Galaxies. In conclusion, we quote a statement from the Bible: "In my Father's House there are many Mansions." How can we be the only life form in this vast expanse and infinite Space?. If we receive any further information from the Vatican we will print it in a future issue of our Journal, those of you who have other views can write and air those views in the mailbag section, send your comments to the editorial address (Inside Cover).

ET Miracle in Brazil

Compiled by Anne Griffin and Pat Delaney

The following is true. It goes to show that while some 'Aliens' are out to destroy us others do care about us and try to help us in whatever way they can. Our story comes from Petropolis in Brazil South America.

There have been several cases of people's illnesses being cured by Close Encounters with UFOs and Alien Occupants but these have usually taken place in a very ambiguous way where mere close proximity to the object or beings somehow cures ills. This, of course, has led to some speculation that the healing is by willpower, inspired by the sightings but not as a direct result of it.

However, on the 25th October 1957, in Petropolis, Brazil there is an incredible story of, what could be called, the most extraordinary "Flying Doctor" Service. The young girl in this story was the dying daughter of a wealthy family, suffering from severe cancer of the stomach. On the night in question the girl was in some considerable pain when she saw a beam of light outside her house. During this event there were seven members of her family present in her bedroom. The room was filled with radiant light coming from outside the window.

Outside the house a spacecraft of a saucer shape with its hatch

opened, was planning its rescue mission. Two beings were seen to descend from the hatch. Their height was described as four feet tall, with long golden hair and bright green slanting eyes. The entities entered the house and approached the bedside of the girl and laid out, what looked liked, "Medical Instruments".

One of them allegedly obtained details of her illness by telepathy from her father. They shone a brilliant blue white light onto the girl's stomach, her insides were made visible and the cancerous tumours could be seen. The 'Surgeons' operated and removed the Cancer. One of them handed the girl's father a globular shaped box containing thirty small white pills, which were to be taken every day for one month. Two months later after a further examination by her Doctor, her Doctor declared her completely cured of the stomach Cancer.

This case had Brazilian Investigators totally baffled. They had no answers for what had happened and neither do we! All we can say that if they do come to visit us let us hope that it will be for our own good as well as theirs!

Do you want to write for the Journal? Send us your articles...

USO's - Life under the waves?

— Compiled by Anne Griffin —

Today, the word UFO conjures up all sorts of images, from 'Flash Gordon' to 'Star Trek', but we all know that these UFO's are highly sophisticated interstellar craft from (we hope!) other civilisations many light-years from our own planet. Saucers are the most common image to think of when the word Unidentified Flying Object is mentioned, and of course, those 'little green' aliens! - But what would the word USO conjure up in your mind? In this article we will list a handful of the many USO sightings from around the world and just like the UFO phenomenon, we will see that the military are just as 'interested' in USO's as they are in UFO's...

U.S.O. - Unidentified Submarine Object

In November 1990, more than seventy people witnessed a USO change into a UFO while they were waiting for a ferry across the Araguari River in Brazil. They saw a solid object about 15 feet in diameter rise out of the water and climb to a height of 650 feet, there it hovered for a few minutes before moving slowly out to sea.

The First Mate of the Tugboat 'Catoba-Seahorse' may have seen a UFO/USO link-up on the night of 26th July, 1980. The boat was on a routine journey

some sixty miles off the Brazilian coast, near Natal. The First Mate was on duty and he became suddenly aware of a grey object, 30 feet across, floating on the surface of the water, he also observed a bright light over the sea which was approaching them rapidly. The strange floating object was in the path of the tugboat and so the First Mate changed course to avoid a possible collision. At the same time the floating object turned on various coloured lights - yellow, red green and blue. The aerial object, the bright light, had now reached the floating object and hovered about 200 feet above it. The tugboat came to a stop as the crew decided to watch with a mixture of fear and fascination.

The oval shaped light slowly descended onto the floating USO until they joined together. The USO's lights went out and the two objects rose from the water together, after hovering for some minutes the combined objects flew rapidly out to sea. Some questions that come to mind are, did the tugboat crew witness pick-up of USO by a UFO? or was this the rescue by a UFO of another UFO in distress? Either way, this sighting must rate as unique and even the Brazilian Naval authorities were impressed enough by the sighting that a high-level investigation was undertaken, but any conclusions, if any, were kept to themselves.

USO's sighted in North America: On the evening of 27th March, 1979, Wesley Gruman was driving to Oak Bluff, Massachusetts, when he noticed a green glow over the top of some sand dunes. When his view of the water became unobstructed he saw a 30 foot long luminous cylinder, floating 200 feet offshore. He stopped his car and watched as the strange object rose silently from the surface of the water. Gruman decided to leave his car, get a torch, and investigate further, but to his surprise he found that he could only move his head. This paralysis lasted until the object had flown out of sight, he also reported other odd effects. The first was a low frequency hum from his car's AM radio during the sighting (Radio interference and paralysis being a common report during many UFO encounters - Ed), the second concerned his wristwatch. The hand-wound model had been three days 'behind' with the date before the encounter, but the next day it showed the correct date.

Another mystery object was seen off the American coast by John Gallagher in April 1961. He was working on a house close to the beach at Newport, Rhode Island (Approx. 38 Miles by air from Oak Bluff, point to point - Ed), when he noticed a red sphere bobbing on the water. Intrigued by the object he moved

to the second floor of the building to get a better view. Gallagher observed that it was about 200 yards offshore and drifting seawards, suddenly it left the surface of the water and rose to height of about 60 feet, it then accelerated up to a speed of approx. 100 MPH, moving out to sea in a straight line. Gallagher was convinced he had not seen a balloon, it's movements were that of a controlled object rather than something that was being blown about by the wind.

United Kingdom: The driver and passengers of a London bus had a grand-stand view when a silver coloured UFO dived into the river Lea. The cigar-shaped object had first cut through some telephone cables and smashed into a concrete bank. Bob Fall was driving his bus on the 13th April, 1964, when the object dived across the road in front of him and into the river. The Police dragged the six foot deep river but found nothing, suggesting that the witnesses had seen a flight of ducks, but that doesn't explain the broken

telephone lines and damaged concrete.

The following report suggests that some UFO's may need to cool their structures after flights through the atmosphere. In the Summer of 1967, a pack of Cub Scouts and their leader were camped on the shore of the Grand Lake, approx. 20 miles from St. John, New Brunswick, Canada. The boys were asleep and the leader and his assistant had gone down to the lake to get some water, an object, shaped like two saucers placed face to face, came through the darkening sky with red, orange, green and blue lights flashing around it's edge. The strange craft entered the lake accompanied by a 'sizzling' noise. The lake was fed by mountain snow and contained cold, clear water, but the following morning the water was muddy and felt warm.

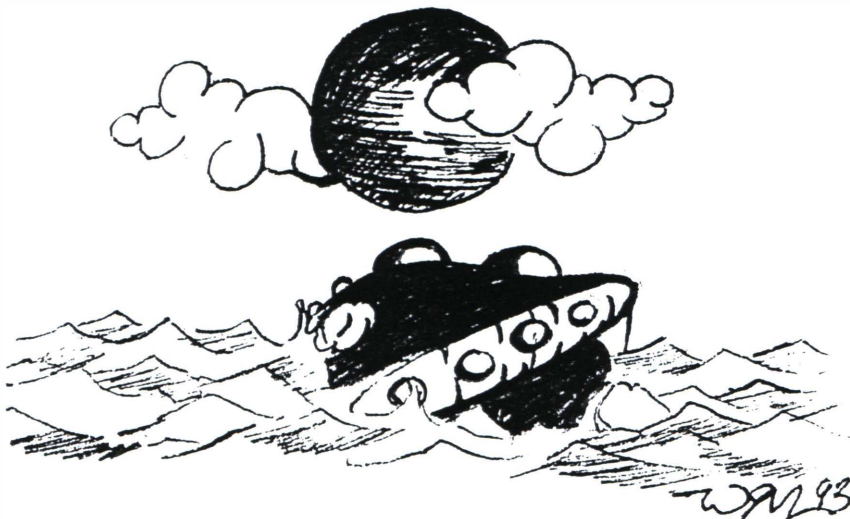
UFO's and USO's seem to find reservoirs particularly interesting since they have been many sightings over and in them. Some

researchers have suggested that they are monitoring the pollution we subject ourselves, it has even been said that 'they' might be doping our water supplies, but for what reasons?

Many of the world's Navies have had encounters with strange underwater craft, which at times greatly exceed the performance of conventional vessels. A huge underwater craft was detected by the United States Aircraft Carrier 'WASP' and twelve other vessels whilst on manoeuvres in the North Atlantic in 1963. The USO travelled at 150 Knots (or 175 MPH). The strange craft stayed with the fleet for four days, sometimes diving to a depth of 27,000 feet, the record depth for a known submarine is 6,300 feet Approx.

It may have been a USO that the Norwegian Navy tracked for three weeks during November 1972. The mysterious craft was reportedly detected underwater and lost again in the Sogne Fjord. Apart from the Norwegian Navy, several NATO ships and aircraft helped in a search for the strange craft. Despite the use of depth charges the unknown craft could not be made to surface.

On the 23rd November, a large dark object was spotted moving below the surface in the Luster Fjord, a branch of the main Fjord. At about the same time in another branch, the Aurlands Fjord, a warship had tracked a submarine with sonar. That night, six red rockets were seen fired into the sky from below the surface of the water, red and green flashing lights were seen on an

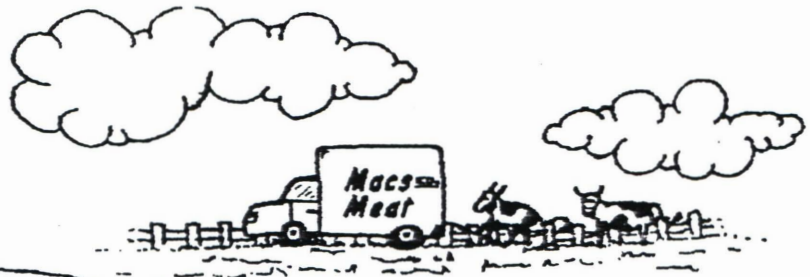


inaccessible peak overlooking the Aurlands Fjord.

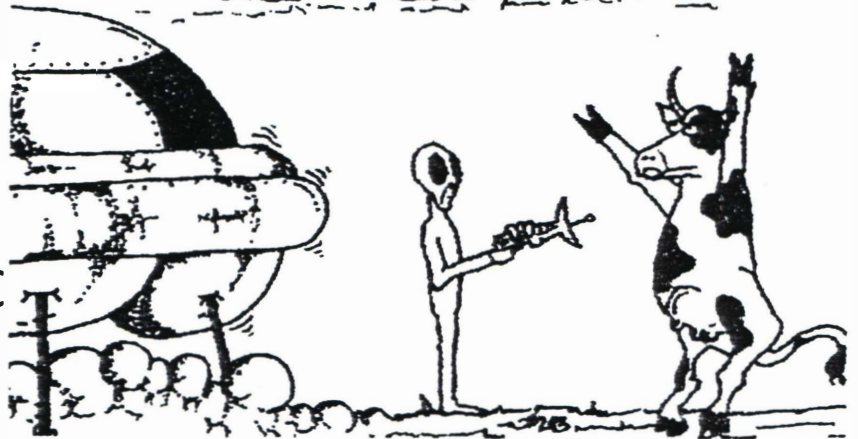
The 24th November saw a concerted attack by the combined forces with depth charges, the result of this action was the opening up of a powerful, but unknown, jamming source. This completely disrupted communications and rendered all radar and sonar inoperative. On the 27th November, the Norwegian authorities stated that the craft had left the Fjord, still unseen and unidentified. Similar incidents have happened in other Norwegian Fjords, in Swedish coastal waters and around the coast of Greenland, they were usually in areas of no apparent Military importance, none of these mysterious vessels have ever been trapped or positively identified.

Another USO hunt took place in Southern American coastal waters, this time in the Nuevo Gulf, Argentina, in February 1960. For two weeks the Argentinian Navy chased two mystery submarines and were amazed by their speed and manoeuvrability. (Some of these incidents could probably be accounted to the use of experimental craft by unknown military powers, I'm sure that the new technologies, for example, the U.S. 'Stealth' technology, has been tested by 'teasing' other countries military authorities; After all, there's nothing like the real thing when it comes to the acid test, no matter how many 'war-games' they play... - Ed)

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Thanks buddy, but I think I'd be safer with my own kind...

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Fire in the Sky

Reviewed by Anne Griffin & Pat Delaney



On a warm Tuesday in June (the 29th to be exact) Pat and myself made our way in the stifling heat, to the Carlton Cinema in Dublin's O'Connell Street, to see the Tracey Torme production of 'Fire in the Sky'.

When we arrived in screen number 4, we expected to find the cinema practically empty with the exception of ourselves, but to our surprise, on doing a quick head-count, there were fifteen people there. Not bad when you consider the time (2:15pm) of the screening and the fact that most people would be enjoying the summer sunshine. The audience consisted of one elderly person and some teenagers, the rest were adults, and throughout the film the audience were so quiet you could here a pin drop (or an alien surgical instrument... - Ed).

Now, onto the film itself. Well, for want of a better word, we really 'enjoyed' it, but not in the same sense as one usually 'enjoys' movies, but, we were viewing it from a UFOogists point of view.

There is no need to tell you the story of 'Fire in the Sky' here as we have already printed a preview in our last issue. This is one of the few movies (of this type) where the director or the producer did not set out to sensationalise the actual story. Torme produced it just as it happened that night to Travis Walton in the town of Snowflake, Arizona. There was nothing added to the story.

It's main message was that UFO abductions can happen to anyone.

in this case Travis Walton was a woodcutter, who had a dream of forming his own bike company (M&T) with his friend Mike Thomas. (Travis was portrayed very well by Actor D.B. Sweeney). Of course the reaction of the townspeople and the County Investigator (Portrayed by Actor James Garner) showed the extent people will go to discredit stories such as this one, that Travis's friends told to the County Investigator. His skepticism is typical of just what abductees and UFO witnesses have to face when recalling their experiences, as well as the scorn and ridicule from people they know and work with.

For example, five days after Travis had 'come back', he was sitting in his car waiting for his girlfriend to emerge from the local store with shopping. All around him were people who use to say 'hello', now they just passed him by, ignoring him completely, they most probably were afraid of him and perhaps thought he was a bit of a 'fruit-cake'... An interesting scene was when a kid came up to Walton's car window with a newspaper which headlined, 'Local Man Abducted By Aliens' - the kid asks Travis to autograph the newspaper, he does, but why did he autograph this paper, especially when the abduction had had such a traumatic effect on him?

The abduction scenario was one of the most terrifying scenes we've ever sat through at a movie. It's one thing to read about an abduction, and there are many books to read on this subject, but to see the aliens (quite

ugly looking they were too!) actually performing genetic surgery on this man, with some terrible contraption hooked up to his left eye and horrible slimey stuff pushed into his mouth is enough to put anyone off been abducted by such creatures (Do you really want to be abducted Anne? - Ed)

As far as we are concerned this is the best scene in the film, you can't help feeling sorry for Travis and yet you feel so helpless. Travis deserves our sympathy (as do all abductees - Ed), as well as his friends. We do know one thing, what ever about UFO's, nobody should have to go through such trauma and terror, abduction is an invasion of a person's body, not just his privacy - but who can stop 'them' from doing these 'experiments'?

In closing, Tracey Torme is to be congratulated on producing such a fine film on the abduction issue and for highlighting the seriousness of it. Remember, abductions are not science fiction, they are science fact and it should be taken much more seriously by our scientists and Governments, though maybe they already know the why human beings are being abducted?

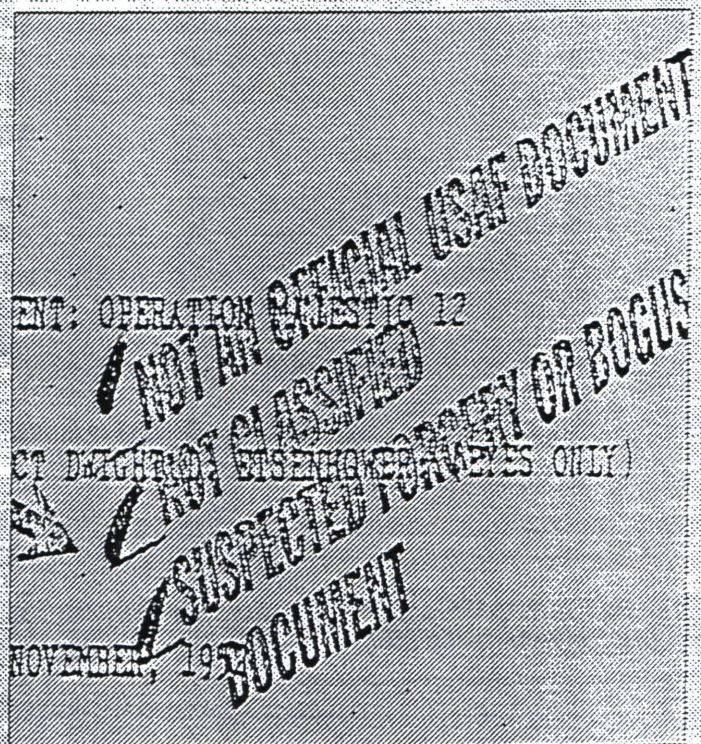
An Excellent film, well worth seeing. Other films worth viewing (on video) are 'Communion' and 'Intruders', both to be reviewed in issue 4 (I promise! - Ed)

MAJESTIC TWELVE DOCUMENTS - US GOVERNMENT FINALLY ACKNOWLEDGES HOAX

Colonel Richard L. Weaver, USAF, Deputy for Security and Investigative Programs, in response to an enquiry from US researcher, Lee Graham, claims the Majestic Twelve documents are not genuine. Working in conjunction with U.K. investigator, Armen Victorian, Graham has acquired one of the most sensational statements yet issued out of Washington. On the 1st March 1993, Weaver explained:

"Additionally in response to your constant queries regarding the so-called 'Majestic Twelve', 'Snowbird', and 'Aquarius' documents, I have provided you copies of the documents appropriately marked with what they really are; to wit: NOT AN OFFICIAL USAF DOCUMENT; NOT CLASSIFIED, SUSPECTED FORGERY OR BOGUS DOCUMENTS. If you insist on circulating these 'documents', at least do so with the appropriate markings."

Credit: Armen Victorian



An Interview with: *Jenny Randles*

• Author, Broadcaster and professional UFOlogist.

Q1: Jenny, how and when, did you become interested in UFOlogy?

(1) I recall a UFO sighting when I was 11 and on holiday in Blackpool. I saw nothing, but people in the hotel spoke of it at breakfast. I got intrigued. Later I saved up money from my newspaper round to subscribe to FSR magazine (in mid 1968) and was hooked. Then serious articles by Keel, Vallee, Hynek and Co. were a real thrill, only surpassed by meeting these same people - my original heroes - (in Keel's case some 24 years later!) As far as I know I had no UFO sightings to trigger my interest; although some odd things about that Summers day in Blackpool do still bug me...

Q2: Did you ever witness see a UFO or have a paranormal experience? If so, how did you feel?

(2) In 1969 or so I saw a red spark from a chimney pot that looked like a UFO. I knew it wasn't but wrote to Charles Bowen, then editor of FSR, to tell him about it. I was excited to get an answer. Since then I have seen about 12 things, in at least two cases they were reported as a UFO (one is described in UFO Reality). However, there are always conventional explanations. The only odd things I have witnessed were three lights in a triangular formation seen by my boyfriend and I in September 1980 over the Avebury stone circle in Wiltshire as we rode past on our motorbike, (discussed in the introduction to "The Green Stone") and a blue light which we also both saw in Chester in August 1978 for which I have been hypnotically regressed... but that's another (very long,

interesting, but easily misunderstood) story!

Q3: What was the very first article you ever wrote and for which publication did you write for?

(3) In the 1960's my parents both ran a junior football team and I helped them by editing the leagues magazine for several years. I even later wrote the odd football story for the Manchester Evening News soccer paper (not a lot of people know that, as someone said). Later I produced a magazine for a rheumatoid arthritis charity - so by the time I started editing the Northern UFO News (In 1974) I was well versed in writing. My first professionally published article (that is, I got paid for it) was \$50 from a short lived U.S. news-stand magazine - "Official UFO" - published in 1976. The same month it appeared (November) I sold my first book - "UFO's: A British Viewpoint" - to Robert Hale (published in 1979, and taking three years as I was working at the time).

Q4: When did you join BUFORA?

(4) I joined BUFORA (again with newspaper round money) in 1969 and was a passive member until 1972. Then whilst teacher training at a little village near Crewe, I used the subject as a class project and was amazed at the number of children who had sightings but were afraid to talk. Soon after, I joined MUFORA (Manchester UFO Research Association) - then already 10 years old, but of which I have been a member ever since. In 1973 I became a BUFORA

investigator and with others created the Northern UFO Network, as we felt that BUFORA was very London oriented and we wanted to fight for more regional input. In 1975 I was invited onto council as "Northern Liaison Officer", vindicating my stance. I took my present role as director of investigations in 1981.

Q5: Jenny, we hear a lot today about alien abduction stories. Do you think this particular aspect of the phenomenon is taken seriously in Europe and America and what is the attitude of those countries to the victims, is enough being done to help them?

(5) There are very different approaches to the abduction phenomenon in Europe and the USA. In Europe we focus more on the witness as a medium through which the experience is filtered. In the USA the literal reality of the story is presumed and it's minutiae are studied. My experience tells me that this is a mistake, but I also feel that - as nobody has a monopoly on truth or knows what is really going on - both approaches are important and should complement one another. Few people are willing to take both seriously, which is a pity. In many respects we are ahead of the U.S. in terms of objectivity and sophistication. In other ways they are far ahead in terms of how they can help the witness. This is largely because that are a nation of psychiatrists (everyone there knows an analyst!). Here it is very hard to find that kind of support for a witness. In my time with BUFORA I have recognised the importance of the needs of the witness. I wrote

on this aspect in one of my chapters in the 1988 BUFORA book "Phenomenon". I helped to create the code of practice now governing how investigators must respect the rights of witnesses and, eventually, to have acceptance of this as a mandatory part of any membership of BUFORA, not simply it's investigators. I also totally support the work of Ken Phillips, Judith Jaafar and Janice Georgiou running the "Witness Support Group" - which exists, almost like alcoholics anonymous - to give self support to victims of close encounters. So, within our distinct limitations, we are trying, but there is a way to go yet.

Q6: After the Randelsham Forest affair, did you experience any strange visitations from MIB's or other of their type?

(6) I am pleased to say I have never had a MIB visit. If they turned up I would ask them to pose in front of my video camera or get thrown out! So I doubt they'll show up on my doorstep. However, as the story in "From out the Blue" recounts, I was threatened in a roundabout way by a Ministry of Defence scientist who told me that my work on this case was treading on very dangerous territory, that he was dropping it and so should I as it might prove hazardous otherwise. That's about as close as I've got, but he was no MIB. He gave me his name, I checked him out, he was a real nuclear scientist who worked for the government on secret projects.

Q7/8: What are your feelings on the world-wide cover-up of UFO's, and do you think the British Government will be more open about it's knowledge of the phenomenon with it's new 'Open Government' policy recently announced? (8) Do you think the

British authorities 'have' any alien hardware? If they do, is it based in the U.K.? Is there co-operation between the American authorities and/or other nations in relation to UFO's?

(7 & 8) The U.K. government is already more co-operative. Between 1978 and 1982 I had a series of exchanges with them (which I wrote about in FSR at the time as "The Ministry of Defence Approach") in which I attempted to rationalise them into becoming more free with their data. My premise was that if they kept clamming up their reinforced view (which they said was an illusion) that they were covering up, the only way to prove they were not doing so was to start releasing data. In December 1980 I was invited to address MP's, Lords and Ladies in Westminster on UFO's in this country. I met two former prime ministers in the process and had interesting discussions. The "education programme" concept was the first mooted to me then. On the whole I learned from all of the above that (like us) the government of the UK (and I think by inference everywhere else) know the following:

Most UFO's are mistaken identity

There are some that remain unresolved

Nobody knows exactly what they are, be they natural or alien Either way, they use interesting energies that could be harnessed for offensive or defensive purposes.

As a consequence, the powers that be had to maintain a monitor and study the energies to see what they could do. It would be stupid to go public and say "look folks, we thought you would like to know that these things are flying around, outstripping our aircraft, we don't

know what they are and can't do a darned thing about them, we don't think they are aliens and there is no evidence they are hostile, but we can't prove there not, okay?" That is the perfect recipe to lose the next election...

Ergo, the cover up, such as it is, is one of ignorance rather than of knowlegde. I have said this constantly since 1980 and it's beginning to sink in with people. Ralph Noyes, former MoD section head, confirmed I was correct. In 1982 the MoD (at first secretly, then later they let me make it public) agreed to release their UFO files. However, when I asked to see the Brentwaters/Randelsham Forest material (then still unknown to the public) they sent me cases from anywhere but to shut me up. When the case later became big news the MoD were embarresses and renaged on their promise.

However, since 1982 the man at the helm of Air Staff 2 A (for I think the first time ever) is himself interested in UFO's. As such he has taken the subject far more seriously, is releasing data on a co-operative basis much more willingly, will talk on the phone to BUFORA investigators to discuss cases (unthinkable even 2 years ago!) and is channeling witnesses through to us as well. This is a sensible, positive move. It may not outlast his rotation to another job when it happens. But if it does it reflects a general more open policy, then I think the MoD are doing the right thing.

In short, I do not accept tales of captured spaceships, dead bodies of aliens and fantastic secrets hidden for half a century. The Americans couldn't even hide a little burglary in the Watergate building, how the heck could they hide something as big as crashed UFO's and captured aliens? Mind

you, after saying all that to a local journalist, one UFOlogist sued me for a lot of money - so I don't expect it to be a popular opinion, sadly, I honestly reckon it's the truth.

Q9: Do you think the 'aliens' have already made contact with Earth? If they have, why are NASA spending so much looking for them?

(9) I am undecided as to whether alien contact has been established. The vast majority of UFO sightings definitely have nothing to say on the matter one way or the other. They are misperceptions (90% of cases) and UAP (i.e. several different natural, but explained energy phenomena) in the other 5 - 10% remains to be seen. It is possible that 1% or so refer to contact with another intelligence, but that is unproven. Equally, I have a feeling that if any real hardware is involved it does not come from space but from our own future (this will be addressed in my book on time travel which Cassell are publishing). I am pretty certain there are aliens "out there", it is also possible that they visited us millenia ago (the face on Mars is fascinating). It is also at least 50/50 in my view that alien contact by way of some kind of mind to mind communication is occurring today in some extraordinary cases. But I am far from being persuaded that ET spacecraft are visiting earth. NASA are looking because they don't buy any of that nonsense (in most cases what they read about is nonsense so I don't blame them!) and they do not want earth to be alone. I think the idea of contacting aliens via radio telescope is about as useless as trying to talk to your cousin in Australia (Oz) via two tin cans and a piece of string (using the Oz factor would be a much better

bet!). It's archaic technology, worthless for interstellar contact and no self respecting advanced intelligence would use it. They would be harnessing consciousness which by-passes the speed of light (exactly as the UFO evidence infers). You can find a deeper discussion of this in "Looking for the Aliens" by Peter Hough and myself (Cassell, 1992) (although, I have a few copies available at half price, i.e. £4.00 (UK Currency only) via my home address if any reader is interested and cannot find it in the shops). NASA are using this duff technology as it is the best they have and they need to try for their own piece of mind. Of course, if the U.S. government really had made alien contact and had ET's in store, I cannot believe they would have been stupid enough not to simply veto the huge budget for project Columbus.

Q10: Staying with NASA, what are your feelings on this 'public' organisation? - Is SETI a P.R. exercise? Deep down inside NASA, do you think it is as open as it says it is? If SETI discovers life, NASA say they will hold a press conference at the U.N., or will they?

(10) Again, in "Looking for the Aliens", we report the on the protocol that we got hold of, discussing how NASA will release data if alien contact was made. We'd be about the last to know - after an amazing series of checks, double, triple and quadruple checks and a presidential discussion. If they made contact in 1992, they might get around to telling us by about the year 2002. Part of the problem is the false echoes they've picked up before which, only after lengthy and embarrassing investigation did they realise were not alien messages but something more mundane. This

time they'd want to be VERY sure before they said anything.

Q11: Tim Good reported a theory by Paul Bennewitz in his book "Alien Liaison" about US Government involvement with cattle mutilations as 'part of a clandestine plan with the aliens', although Bennewitz was being fed a lot of disinformation, what are your thoughts on his theory?

(11) I have no idea what lies behind cattle mutilations. They are pretty mysterious. Possible links with UFO's are interesting but not strong enough to be conclusive, in my view, I think the idea of the U.S. government being in league with aliens is about as credible as Donald Duck becoming the next U.S. president... Of course, Ronald Reagan made it...

Q12: Do you think the US 'Stealth' technology could be any way linked to recovered alien hardware?

(12) At Tonopah Air Force base, Nevada, they build secret aircraft technology far ahead of our seeing it. Stealth was flown there and later from around the world years before aviation experts knew. Today the cutting edge of aircraft technology (a reliable source tells me some aircraft are powered by nuclear engines) are flying, but we won't hear of them until the year 2000 or later. It's very handy for these sources to know that if such jets are seen they will be assumed to be UFO's. It gives them flexibility to fly very freely. Indeed, I suspect that may even go out of their way to make them look more UFO-like to aid that advantage. This may not be unconnected with what happened in Rendlesham Forest... Why bring aliens into this equation?

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