

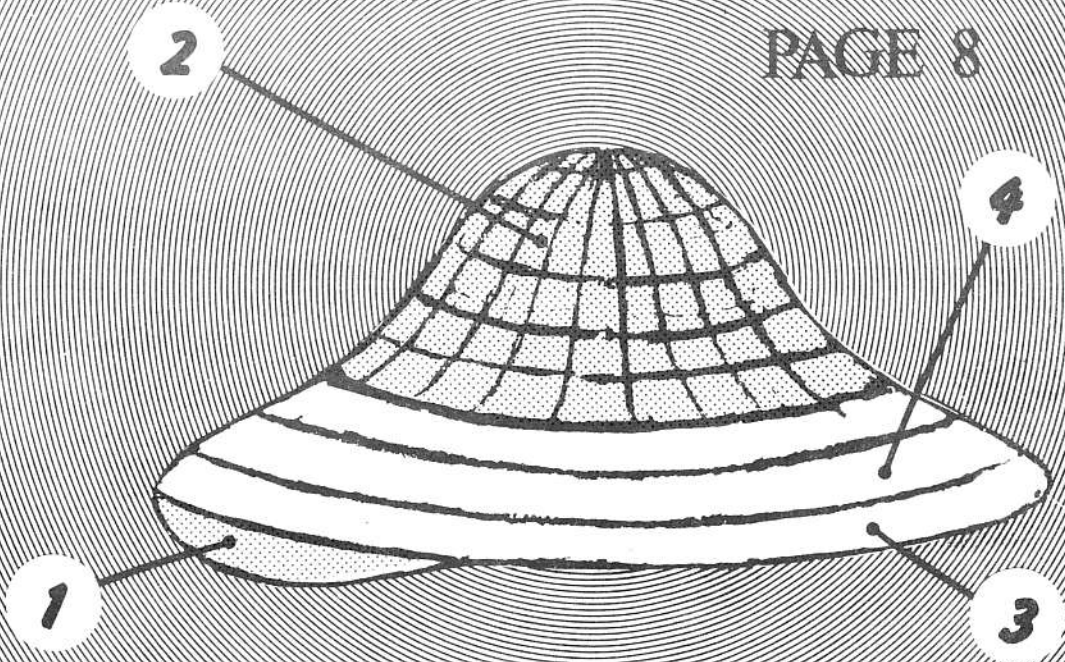
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EDITORIAL

This, the first issue of our newsletter since I was elected National Investigations Co-ordinator, will come I hope, as incentive to everyone concerned with the investigation of UFO experiences. The collection, collation and investigation of reported UFO sightings must surely be the most important of the many tasks that an organisation such as BUFORA has to undertake; for whatever other research may be possible and however carefully it is conducted, it will be of no consequence if the data we are using is not of the highest possible standard and in considerable quantity.

One of the main reasons why many cases are never investigated is because no one has been asked to investigate them. It is a vicious circle, no investigation and the details of the experience are never obtained, so are never published and therefore fail to arouse the interest of people who might otherwise have become first-class investigators and researchers. It is my intention that a much higher percentage of the reports will be investigated and published; but only if we succeed in this, will we expand the network of investigators and increase the quantity of raw material for research.

Within the pages of this newsletter, you will find the details of the re-organisation of the Investigations Section, accounts of sightings that have been investigated, and starting in the next issue, investigation techniques. Of course, space is always limited and something always has to be omitted. For this issue, we are very fortunate in that several BUFORA members have kindly donated the cost of four extra pages, in order that we should publish a few more of those interesting cases that we investigate but never get into print. Alas, we shall certainly have to keep within our budget for future issues, which means twelve pages including the cover.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has given their assistance since I took office on October 7th last year, and to welcome those of you who are only just becoming part of the Association. There will be some of you reading this newsletter who are not yet members of BUFORA and know little about us. No doubt you will soon witness the effect of the new lease of life that is overtaking the Association. It is not only the N.I.C. department that is undergoing changes but generally BUFORA is adopting a more scientific and efficient approach. With your help it can succeed.

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PROFILE.

In each issue of the INVESTIGATOR we hope to give you not only the news of the UFOs but also of the people who study them. A different person will be featured in each issue. In this issue: BOB SKINNER.

Bob was first seriously faced with the mystery of the UFO Phenomenon when, in about 1966 a friend showed him a copy of Desmond Leslie's and George Adamski's "Flying Saucers have Landed". He soon became very interested and intrigued with the subject, and when he read in the local paper of the formation of a local UFO association -- The Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena (SIGAP) -- he joined it. It was through this group that Bob began to learn more about the subject, and where he met Richard Colborne who had joined at about the same time. Until about 1970 his interest in the subject was only general, and much of Bob's time and money was spent on searching out and buying books and magazines on UFOs. These were to be invaluable, not only giving him a good knowledge of UFOlogy, but also helping when in 1970 Bob realised that if he was to make any useful contribution to the field, specialisation of some sort was a necessity. After some thought he decided that he would turn his attentions to the year 1952, and study the UFO phenomenon and its manifestations during that year, in detail. This year was one in which there were a large number of sightings, yet surprisingly enough no study of the year had been made. The first stage of his work consisted of searching the hundreds of books, magazines and cuttings he had accumulated, and compiling a simple log, in chronological order, giving the date, location and book or magazine reference for every sighting in 1952. Many hours were spent thumbing through books and old newspapers in the British Museum Library, and the log now contains references to over 700 sightings, from many countries, and spreading over the whole year. This first stage is nearing completion now, and the second stage has been started. This involves the writing up of each case. Time is valuable these days, and Bob finds that it is not often he can spend time on this study, and therefore he has no idea when any results can be published! In February 1972 Bob joined BUFORA, and became an investigator. Up to this time he had spent time in researching past cases, but soon became just as interested in investigating recent ones. He accompanied Richard Colborne on an investigating trip to Banbury in early 1972, and in November 1972 spent a week in Winsford, Cheshire investigating sightings there*. Although he has spent much time sky-watching, including several watches at Warminster, he has never seen anything that he considers to be a UFO. Despite this, he is convinced of the reality and world wide nature of the phenomenon. What does Bob think UFOs are? Let him explain in his own words: " I used to be convinced that all UFOs were Flying Saucers, and came from other planets. My views have changed. I now think that it is necessary to have a completely open mind on the possible nature of the UFOs, and because of the multiple factors and features involved, it is probable that there may be more than one explanation. In my 1952 studies I have found references in the papers of the time to 'inexplicable light form'-type UFOs which show that at that time they were not connected with the flying saucers seen during the daytime. It was only later that the two were connected, perhaps erroneously. Keeping an open mind helps me to be more objective in my researches and investigations". In late 1972 Bob offered his services to Richard Colborne as an assistant to the N.I.C. Department. He is also a member of CONTACT-UK and a field investigator for APPO.

* See one of Bob's Investigations at Winsford on page 11.

A POLICY STATEMENT FROM THE NATIONAL INVESTIGATIONS CO-ORDINATOR.

Investigation of Sightings.

It is the National Investigations Co-ordinator's intention that all reported sightings should be investigated, at least superficially. Of course, the more detailed the investigation the better. The greatest number of all reports received by BUFORA come from newspaper cuttings which are sent by the press cutting agency to which we subscribe. The journalists, who may do a very good job reporting the news for the public, are generally not open minded, or scientifically minded enough to interview UFO witnesses. Where possible, completely insubstantial reports, such as those of 'lights in the sky' where no date, time or location is given, will be discarded, as they are of no value. However it is very often not possible to judge the merits of a sighting until some kind of investigation has been carried out by an experienced person. By adopting this policy of investigating all sightings, it is hoped that all our investigators will gain experience by investigating sightings for BUFORA. During a 'flap' period, however, it may be expedient to change our tactics, and give the majority of investigation time to those cases which appear substantial in nature. Minor reports from such a flap can then be investigated during a lull. This newsletter will give details only of investigated cases, and newspaper cuttings will be reproduced only where it is considered that they have some significance to a particular case, and not as representing our total knowledge of a sighting.

Publication of Information.

As this newsletter is being sent only to bone fide investigators and not ordinary members (some of whom indubitably belonging to the 'cultist fringe'), we consider that we can publish full details of the cases without the fear that the data will be misused, or that witnesses will be harrassed or intimidated by this undesirable element. Readers are advised to contact this department if they are interested in knowing further details of particular cases, and to refer any other individuals or organisations seeking such information to the National Investigations Co-ordinator.

Investigation Co-ordination Nationwide.

Since taking office I have been devoting all my available time to the problem of organising the National Investigations Co-ordination Department. With no written procedure the modus operandi is left, it seems to the discretion of the newly appointed officer, so I studied what files and documents were passed on to me and soon came to the conclusion that there is more work involved than it is possible for one person to cope with on a part-time basis. This conclusion has indeed been borne out since, as I receive a large volume of letters and phone calls -- about various topics -- as well as a steady stream of sighting reports. The N.I.C. must in future have at least two assistants. Bob Skinner, who volunteered his services as an official assistant, has already made a considerable contribution to the department.

De-centralisation of Investigations.

It is now recognised that it will take a well organised team to co-ordinate investigations on a national scale. High priority is being given to completing the selection of Regional Co-ordinators, that was started by my predecessor, Tim O'Brien. The country is currently divided into 19 regions, and further divisions may be made later. The Regional Co-ordinator, a responsible and keen person, will oversee a small section of the country, which means that he will have a relatively small number of investigators and investigations to supervise. He should be experienced enough to give advice and any assistance to his investigators that may be necessary. He will allocate sightings to investigators where applicable, and collate their completed reports — especially where there are multiple or independent witnesses. When he is satisfied that the case has been fully investigated, he will give it a serial number, (prefixed by his region code) and send the original to the N.I.C., ideally keeping a copy for his own regional file.

Getting to know his investigators will be a most important aspect of a Regional Co-ordinators work. This will be reasonably easy for him, while it would be impossible for the National Investigations co-ordinator, although the N.I.C. already knows many of you. A map of England, Scotland and Wales, showing the current regional boundaries and the addresses of the co-ordinators can be found on the back cover.

Co-ordination Procedure.

When a report from a witness, reaches the N.I.C., an investigator is selected from the files by virtue of his proximity to the location of the sighting, his experience and availability. A letter or photocopied circular is sent to the investigator, along with the known details of the case. (Copy of press-cutting or letter from the witness etc.) An advice is sent to the appropriate Regional co-ordinator, informing him that the case is under investigation, after which it is his responsibility to ensure that the case is investigated properly, the investigators report numbered and returned to the N.I.C. In regions where there is no co-ordinator, the investigator will return his report directly to the N.I.C.

During flaps or when other work, such as answering letters, gets too heavy, newspaper cuttings — which constitute the largest source of sighting reports — may be sent in batches to the regional co-ordinators so that they can allocate them to their investigators. Where there is no Regional Investigations Co-ordinator, an assistant to the N.I.C. will allocate the sightings to the investigators. Richard Nash has offered his help with this.

Thank-you Investigators!

Although the four months since I took office have not seen as many UFO reports as they might have, we have in fact been doing

more work than before! The reason, of course is that my policy of investigating virtually all reports, means there is more of you actually getting a chance to do some investigating than has previously been the case. Along with obtaining a much better overall picture of the phenomena, investigating the less interesting sightings — which occur in some quantity — will prepare us for those really interesting ones that do come to light now and again. A good percentage of the sightings placed under investigation are being completed and many of those are being investigated in a satisfactory manner. Thank you, everybody. If we can improve things further yet, we stand every chance of convincing the scientific community that Unidentified Flying Objects are worthy of study.

Richard P. Colborne

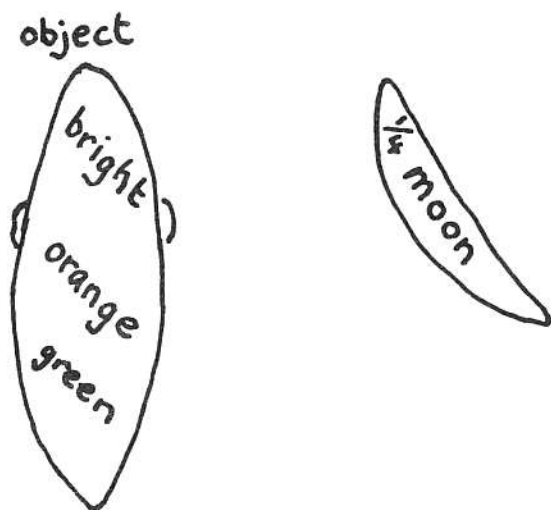
Richard P. Colborne. N.I.C.

Sighting in Boston Lincolnshire.

Region AF

When Boston Newsagent, Thomas Trinder, went to unlock his shop at 0340 on Tuesday 03-10-72, he could not believe his eyes, for a few degrees from the crescent of the moon was a large cigar shaped object, (standing upright) floating in the sky. It was 'sort of glowing' orange and green. There were flames coming

from the object too. (Possibly represented by the small nodes at each side. See drawing.) Mr. Trinder's son Alan, was with him at the time and he too saw the object. Alan went out to look at 0530 and the object was still there but it had moved further away from the moon. (The motion of the moon complicates this relationship.) At 0630 Alan looked again but the object had gone.



The sky at the time of the sighting was clear and warm. There were no stars visible. Mr. Trinder, who lives in Horn-castle Road, Boston, was inter-view by Reg Greaves of Skegness.

The object, exactly as it was drawn by Mr. Trinder. (Not labeled clearly enough.)

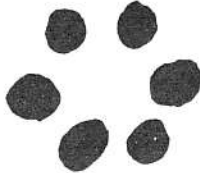
Both the R.A.F. and the M.O.D. were contacted by the Lincolnshire Standard. The R.A.F. spokesman said: "We certainly have nothing that could move that slowly".

Sighting at Wallington, N.E. Surrey.

Region TQ. O/S map ref: TQ290640 (Locality only, not accurate.)

At about 1845 hours GMT on 20-10-72, Mr. John Hedger of 7 Oxford Road, Wallington, noticed six bright lights in the sky. They made up a formation that was roughly hexagonal and were individually recognisable as discs, as opposed to points of light. They remained in his view for about three minutes, during which time they did not appear to move. The objects were white and did not emit light of any other colour, nor did their light vary in intensity. Cloud that had been moving towards the objects finally obscured them from view and Mr. Hedger did not see them again.

Cloud coverage at the time was about 6/8
The weather was cold and dry, with a strong breeze. No sound was heard from the objects.



◀ The objects seen by John Hedger; the overall brightness of which was about the same as the full moon. Their position was 300° true. Elevation 30°.

A full S.R.F. was completed by John, whom we hope will be joining us as an investigator.

Sighting on Salisbury Plain. Region UZ. O/S ref. SU170420

Mr. Clive West, proprietor of the Ceres Hotel, Bude, Cornwall, was driving home with his family, along the A303 across Salisbury Plain, when they saw what they first thought to be a bright star in the sky. They soon realised that this was not a star for it was accompanied by two red lights, which were circling it, with a motion similar to a model aeroplane attached to a line. Initially the UFO was about 500 yards from the road and at an altitude of about 400 ft. but as they watched, the 'star' came nearer and sank to the ground where it passed from view. As it descended it lit up the whole area with its brilliance. The two red lights remained on opposite sides of the 'star' whilst they were circling it but when it touched down they departed skyward.

Mr. West, who has previously worked as a reporter and photographer for news media and has an interest in UFOs, appealed for other witnesses in the Salisbury Journal. As a result another family who saw the UFO, have come forward.

Mr. West and his wife were interviewed by Terry Cox, Regional Co-ordinator for Devon and Cornwall. We hope to interview the other witnesses who live in Salisbury. Anyone fancy a trip to Salisbury?

Starting in next issue: Investigation Techniques

Sighting at Basildon, Essex.

Region LM

At 1815 hours GMT on 15-12-72, the witness, Mr. Norris was standing outside his garage, at his home, looking up into the sky, thinking how clear it was. Turning slightly, he saw "three large, orange coloured objects", suspended high in the sky. Mr. Norris watched for about 10-12 seconds as the objects moved away from his point of observation at "a very high speed" toward the east. Initially the UFOs were almost overhead but no sound was heard. They were shaped something between an "arrowhead" and a "boomerang", with sharply defined leading edges and blurred trailing ones. The witness thought the objects were 50 times brighter than the average star, as they sped in 'V' formation towards the horizon.



◀ Slightly 'tidied up' drawing of the objects seen by Mr. Norris.



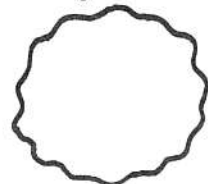
The objects were first seen at 85° above the horizon and faded out at about 25°. At the time of the sighting, the moon was shining brightly and stars were visible. Mr. Norris watched the objects with his unaided eyesight which is good.

Mr. Norris lives at: 1 Curling tye, Basildon, Essex. He was interviewed by Edward J. Woods of Basildon, who comments that the witness appeared to be a responsible and well balanced person who was genuinely interested in what he had seen and curious to know what the objects were.

Sighting at East Finchley.

Region TQ

About 20 members of a tennis club in the East Finchley, N2 district of London, witnessed a pinky-beige, "wobbily circle", according to Miss Punt of Annington Rd., East Finchley. Miss Punt says that with her friends from the club, she watched the object for 5-7 minutes as it moved slowly from N.E. to N.W. in a clear blue sky. She was unable to estimate the height or size but said that it was at about 60° elevation. The shape of the object was not a clean circle or other figure. Its colour was quite delicate and pretty. The date of the observation was 14-10-72 at sometime between 16-1700 hours. It was flying a steady course before disappearing behind trees, despite that it was a breezy day. Miss Punt is a retired civil servant and apparently an educated person. She was reluctant to divulge the names of the other witnesses. The above information was obtained by letter to Dr. John Cleary-Baker and N.I.C., and in an interview with Erol A. Faruk.



THE OLDHAM ENCOUNTER

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At 1155 hours on Sunday October 8, 1972, an object that defies immediate, logical explanation is alleged to have visited a Ferranti factory in Oldham, Lancashire. At the time of compiling this newsletter, the reporter of the incident is the only established witness; although other witnesses are alleged and another sighting did occur in the same locality, at about the same time. The witness to this close approach appears to be sufficiently reliable to take his word that the event did actually occur, but the file on this case is certainly not closed and a more critical examination of all the facts are intended.

The witness: Works Policeman at Ferranti's Cairo Mill in Oldham, Mr. John Byrne, who lives in Further Hey, Lees, Oldham, is 43 years old, married, with at least one child (daughter) and is an ex Legionaire. He claims to have been sceptical about UFOs, but it does seem that he had at least a little knowledge of flying saucers, as after the sighting he retorted to one of his colleagues; "It was you they wanted, not me. You believe in UFOs, I didn't".

The encounter: Mr. John Byrne was completing his security round at the mill, which was lit by low-power security lighting at regular intervals; as was the car park. The night was clear, calm, warm and pleasant, with stars visible. Mr. Byrne had just clocked at the security clocking point, in the bicycle shed at the edge of the car park. As he emerged from the shed he heard a humming sound similar to a swarm of bees but he could not determine from which direction the sound came until he happened to look upward, over his right shoulder. He was then amazed to see a large disc shaped object, slightly oval from his angle of viewing, and descending vertically towards the car park. He was directly underneath the edge of the object and described the underside (which is about all that could be seen at that moment) as being "black at the back and lit up at the front", with a blue/white fluorescent type of light. This light was shining thru a bulge which covered approximately one third of the base of the object and appeared to be some kind of window, reminiscent of the bomb aimers bubble, on a bomber but — according to the witness — much larger. There were no struts or bars to this window, which appeared to be made of one piece of transparent material. The light from the window was very bright but did not throw out rays or beams and Mr. Byrne likened it to a very bright light shining thru a frosted glass window. When asked if he could see movement thru the window he said "No".

The witness became very frightened as he thought the object was descending on top of him and it was then that he noticed that he was unable to move — which turned his fright to terror. He says that whilst the object was hovering above him, he had no feeling in his right arm (his left hand was holding his clock meter) and in fact it was like having no right arm at all. He

noticed that the hairs on the back of his head felt as though they were standing on end and he thought he felt a slight tingling on his exposed skin.

The object descended until the base was almost level with the tip of the mill tower, (90ft); where it hovered perfectly still, blotting out Mr. Byrne's view of the sky, for what he estimated as being five minutes, during which time he had the impression that he was being watched, closely. The object made no attempt to descend any lower than 90 ft.

From its hovering position, the object suddenly flipped over onto onto its rear edge, with its underside facing the mill wall. Mr. Byrne then got a good look at the whole of the object which had a barred dome which was about one third as high as the length of the underside of the craft. As it poised in this latter position, the witness had the impression of a rim, moving around the center of the base. He also said the dome was brightly lit with the same blue/white light as the 'bomb aimers window', situated beneath the object.

The upper surface of the object had a "very definite blue metallic sheen", which may have been the reflection of the blue/white light from the dome, on the object's smooth surface.

The object stayed in this latter position for less than half a minute, then without warning, shot straight up, nose first into the sky at a "fantastic rate of knots". It was at this moment that Mr. Byrne found he could move again and he immediately ran back to the check point at the main gate. The witness said that there was no variation in the pitch of the hum from the object during any of its movements. Not even when it zoomed into the sky!

It seems that when the object departed it accelerated away so fast that its diameter reduced from an estimated 100-150ft., down to the size of a fifty pence piece in the same time as it took Mr. Byrne to run the thirty feet back to the check point, which was situated in such a position that it did not command a view of the car park, where his colleague, Vic was on duty. But he had not seen the object.

The object seems to have been of considerable proportions, if the statement from the witness is to be taken literally. There does appear to be some discrepancy in both the size of the object and its distance from the witness. Gordon Clegg, the principle investigator in this case, does draw to our attention variations in the witness estimation of the altitude of the object but efforts are being made to clear up discrepancies.

According to Mr. Byrne, when he arrived back at the check point the factory cat was cowering in a corner. The cat allegedly

remained in this condition, refusing food and drink for two days.

Follows, some extracts from a taped interview with the witness.

Q. I am going to ask John to give you his impression of what he saw.

A. Well, I'd just finished clocking the clocking point in the bicycle shed... it was a beautiful clear night, the stars were shining... The thing that attracted my attention then was a humming sound. Nothing else, just a hum. Quite loud but — how can I say this — nothing like a generator or anything of this nature. Just a hum. (Mr. Byrne had previously compared the hum with the sound of a generator but presumably he decided that the former comparison was not accurate.)

Q. Would you say it was like a swarm of bees?

A. Yes. Yes, something like that. Only a lot heavier of course. I looked over my right shoulder when I came out of the bike shed and there was this 'thing' hovering. Just hovering; doing nothing else. I didn't hear it come. The only thing that attracted my attention was the hum... I estimated it myself, to be about 100 ft in diameter, (Mr. Byrne suddenly switches to a description of the object,) ...because it almost seemed to completely fill the sky. The edge nearest to me was almost over the top of the bicycle shed. I couldn't see the sky for this thing that was hovering there. It also had what appeared to be a window. Rather a large window, in the front of it.

Q. Could you see into the window?

A. No, I couldn't see into it at all. I didn't get any impression of anybody being inside the thing. (The UFO) was brightly lit with this fluorescent type of lighting 'cos it wasn't casting any shadows and no beams of light coming from it at all. ...I stood watching it for five minutes until it turned itself up on its edge, then you could see a definite saucer shape...with an extremely large dome on top...I got the impression of this thing as though there were bars on it...definite windows or stories if you like...

Q. John, when you saw this thing, and when it left you in particular, were you conscious of any movement of air...wind or anything of this nature.

A. No. Q. Did you feel any sensation of any force at all?

A. No.

Unfortunately, lack of space prevents us from including any more of the transcript. The above questions (and relevant answers) were not consecutive in the interview. The investigators report, consisting of; narrative, transcript, questionnaire, drawings, maps etc., runs into 22 pages. So it is impossible to do justice to the case, in this newsletter.

On the front cover is an artists impression of the object encountered by Mr. Byrne. The numbered parts are: 1. The "bomb aimers window". 2. The dome, with its ribbed or 'barred' construction. 3. The base part of the object. 4. The "rim", which appeared to revolve.

This case investigated by: Gordon Clegg and Ron Drabble.

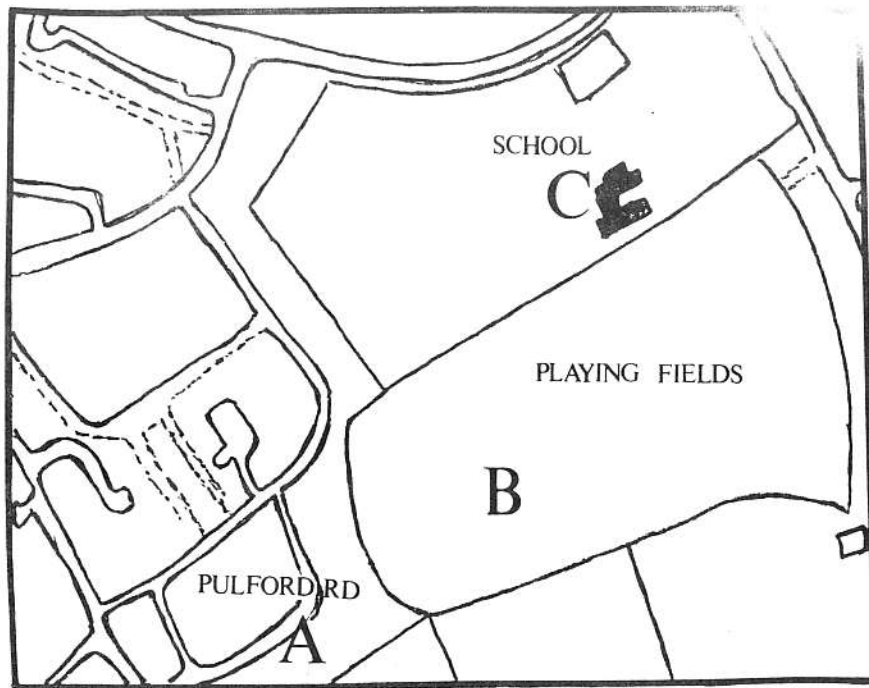
Sighting at WINSFORD, Cheshire.

Whilst on a visit to the Winsford area of Cheshire in early November 1972 Bob Skinner interviewed local residents about a spate of sightings in the area that had started in August. It was in the course of one of these interviews that he heard of a more recent and detailed sighting that had occurred 4 days previously. Bob started investigating immediately, and the following account of the sighting has been condensed from over 1½ hours of taped interviews with the witnesses.

Friday 3rd November 1972 was a fairly cold day. After coming out of Winsford Verdin Comprehensive School at 4pm, the 4 Munday children Damon (10 yrs.), Dale (12 yrs.), Wain (13 yrs.), and Anthony (16 yrs.) went to the school playing fields and watched a game of football that was in progress. At about 5pm., after the match, they began to walk to their home at Pulford Road, using the fields as a short cut. At this time the dusk was approaching, but the sky was still quite light. Suddenly one of the children noticed a large bright cigar-shaped light, which was in the sky above the school. Its shape was clearly distinguishable, despite a glow which surrounded it. Other children and some adults who were also in the field also saw the light, which began to move towards the right, and then in a mysterious fashion to disappear, bit by bit. "It was if it went behind something in the sky. You know, something invisible," Dale told Bob in one interview. In a separate interview, Wain described it as being like "a plane going behind a cloud". As soon as the light had completely vanished, Wain hurried on home ahead of the others, and in Pulford Road he met Mrs. Mary Roberts, a neighbour, and he told her of what they had seen. By the time he had finished, the other three children had caught him up, and were also in Pulford Road. Suddenly one of them glanced towards the school and shouted "There it is again!", and looking in the direction he was pointing (East North East), they all saw the cigar shaped light again. Mrs. Roberts told Wain to go and fetch his mother, Mrs Munday, and soon afterwards Mrs. Barbara Munday joined them in Pulford Road. The two ladies were able to give Bob a more detailed description than the children. It was a very bright, cigar-shaped light, with tapering ends. It gave off a yellowish-white light, said to be of a brilliance comparable to that of the full moon. Along its length were 5 or 6 darker portions or specks, described by Mrs. Munday as "portholes". These were also seen by Mrs. Roberts, but were not mentioned by the children. The angular size of the light was estimated by Mrs. Munday as being the same as that of a new penny held at arm's length, and it was at an elevation of about 20° in the sky. As they watched, the light began to increase in size, until it was about twice its original length. It then began to decrease in size until it appeared to be a ball of light in the sky. As its size diminished, so did the brilliance of the light, until it suddenly vanished, leaving no sign of any object remaining in the darkening sky. The light had been in view for about 3 minutes. A puzzling, but not unique, sighting; what was the reaction of the witnesses to this strange manifestation? Mrs Munday sums it up: "I was really wierd watching it when it did go out. I was really thrilled with what I saw".



Mrs. Munday's drawing of the "cigar".



Map of the Pulford Rd. Area.

- A: Pulford Road, from where the witnesses saw the "cigar" re-appear.
- B: The School Playing fields, where the children were when the "cigar" was first seen.
- C: Winsford Verdin Comprehensive school.

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UFOs Down Under.

BUFORA's National Investigations Co-ordination Department has just received information about sightings that have been occurring on the Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia for several months, the latest being on the 14 January 1973. Apparently, on that date there was a major blackout, and several people observed an egg-shaped or cigar-shaped UFO, the observations being made independently from different locations. Investigations are being conducted by the Queensland Flying Saucer Research Bureau. We will keep an eye open for the results of the investigation, as the sightings appear to be of a very interesting nature. Is there any BUFORA investigator who can go and investigate for us? No expenses available for this case, unfortunately.

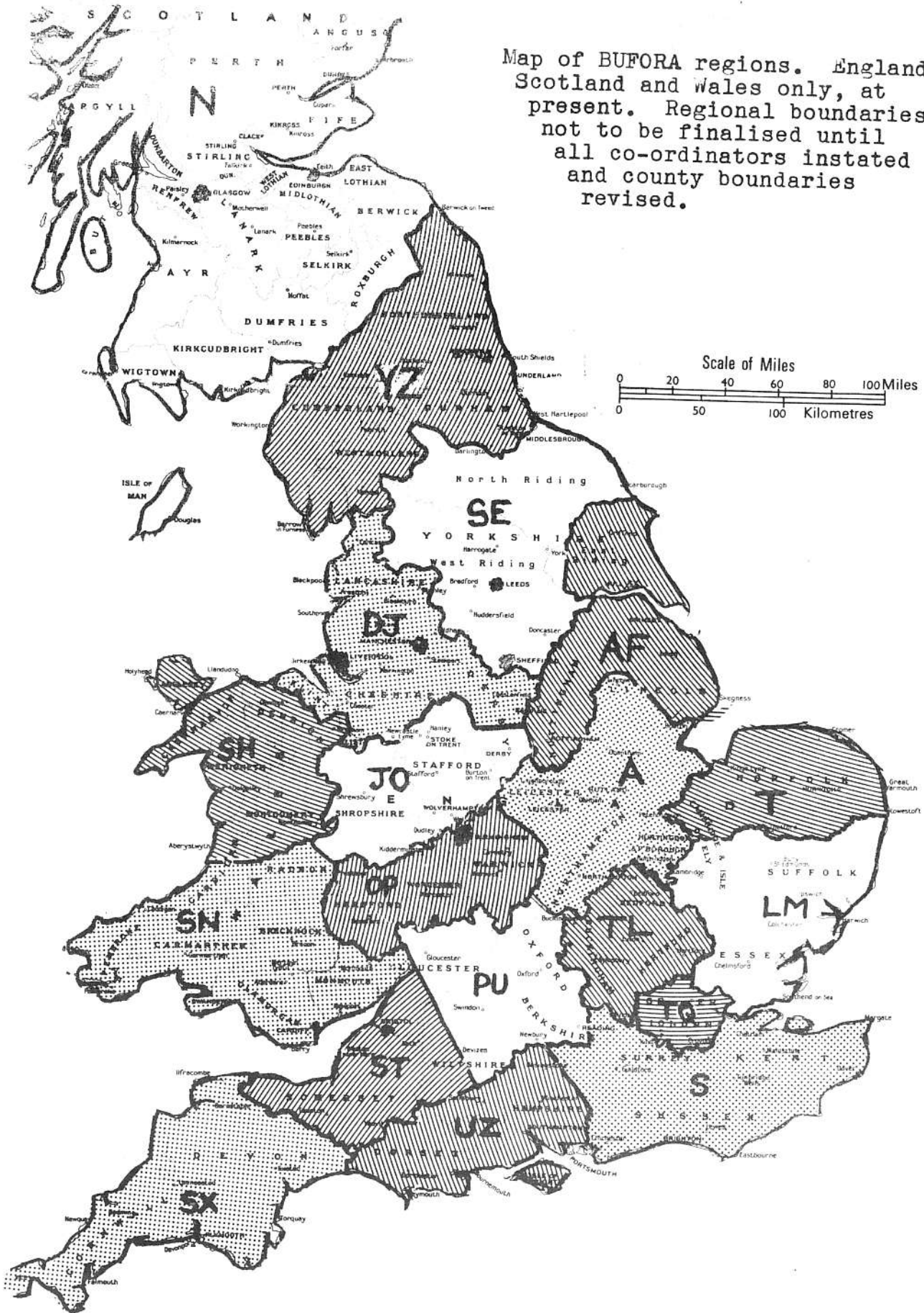
INTERESTING QUOTES.

"Project the theory of Unidentified Flying Objects to a hypothetical, similar situation in the depths of the ocean. What do the denizens of the deep think and feel about the divers, cameras, submarines etc., that invade their dark domain? I can just hear the intelligentsia of that realm saying to one another, "But there can't be intelligent life up there! Too much oxygen. not enough water, and the light would kill them. They're probably refractions of light from our own system." Heather Buckley.

"The flying saucer question must be approached with an open and receptive mind. Gullability, however, must not be confused with receptivity. Gullability is evidenced in the acceptance of wild and improbable stories without some degree of proof, and is equally apparent in the submission to ridiculous explanations for sightings merely because the explanations sound official, or come from an official source." T.H. Wright.

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