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## Wind of change

*PRESIDENT GIVES HOPE FOR  
FUTURE AT AGM*

As the very existence of Bufora is dependent on UFO manifestations continuing both in this country and throughout the world, it is comforting to know that during 1975 there has been no let up in the world-wide visitations of these objects. Europe has been particularly favoured . . . this country not quite so much, although I gather that we are up to the annual average of about 150.

These sightings and the reports coming in from all over the world, keep our Research Department under Tony Pace, heavily occupied in correlating, analysing and filing details. This is so Bufora may soon be in a position to answer enquiries from whatever source concerning details of any of the more important sightings which have taken place in the UK during the past few years. There is also the daily work of Newchapel Observatory to contend with. The help of Charles Lockwood as Research Projects Officer has proved most valuable.

The Bufora Conference held in conjunction with the Staffordshire Branch in May proved extremely successful and our congratulations are extended to all those

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## WIND OF CHANGE

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who organised this important meeting, particularly to our Chairman. It was quite a 'scoop' to persuade Professor John Taylor to lecture—his championing of 'fringe sciences' may well be useful to our cause.

At the end of last year the editorship of the *Bufora Journal* was kindly taken over by Richard Beet who has brought a new professional touch to our publication. He hopes to modify and improve it next year with the end of the present volume.

The future of *Bufora* will be greatly affected by its incorporation as a Company, and later it is expected that Registered Charity status will be granted with all its financial advantages.

### IMPROVED STATUS

These developments have been achieved under the expert guidance of our Chairman who has put in very many hours of his valuable time to bring them to successful conclusions. *Bufora* will then be in a better position to put its researches and publications on a sound financial footing and the Association should achieve an improved status with the public and with the media—and with those personalities they control. Perhaps we may even look forward to serious discussions and programmes on radio and television concerning UFOs instead of the present ludicrous attitude which usually reduces interviews to a silly 'micky-taking' exercise conducted by glib pseudo-personalities who know little and care nothing about the UFO problem.

It is essential for our regional representatives (in fact, all members) to lose no opportunity to 'plug' our cause in general and *Bufora* in particular, using local press, radio and television. Another issue of *Bufora* handbooks might be considered.

In recent months I seem to detect a 'wind of change' in the general approach to the UFO problem. To some degree this has followed the trend set by John Keel, Jacques Vallee and others who suggest that we may be the victims of alien intelligences who seek to cover their tracks by interfering with our mental processes, bewildering us with hallucinatory visions and confusing messages, conveyed in unlikely ways. This fogs our efforts to analyse these manifestations scientifically, discrediting witnesses who report obvious absurdities and generally throws UFO research out of gear. Although I feel this may be an exaggeration—I have had experiences and observed strange changes in people claiming close proximity to UFOs which I have referred to as 'effect X'—it does suggest to me that our mental processes may be vulnerable to outside influences beyond our control.

Also, it seems that sensitivity to these effects varies enormously. Consequently, that it may be necessary to recruit 'non-psychic' individuals to form the hard core of our research teams. This does not mean that 'sensitives' should be drummed out of *Bufora* . . . these people are invaluable as 'detectors' and 'pointers.' But personally I still cling to the 'old fashioned' scientific attitude in approaching the UFO problem.

### RECRUIT SCIENTISTS

Many say science has failed, but this I feel is because by and large we are very poor scientists. I am confident that one day in the remote future the mysteries of the 'occult,' the workings of the mind and the true nature of the UFO will yield to properly organised scientific regimes carried forward beyond our present wildest dreams. For this reason it is imperative that we recruit to our ranks scientists and philosophers of the highest capacity who can help us to resolve the material provided by our members. Outstanding men such as J Allen Hynek who have studied the UFO evidence and are willing to testify that 'there is a signal under the

noise' are already helping to obtain a general acceptance that the UFO phenomenon is fact and I feel that soon other top brains will be 'jumping on the band wagon'. (I would like to think that Professor John Taylor is now well aboard.)

### PREMIER POSITION

One of the expressed aims of Bufora has been 'to co-operate with people and organisations engaged in similar research in all parts of the world.' With our improved status and the recognition of our premier position in the UK, we shall be better placed to form permanent links with our colleagues in Europe and the rest of the world. We have made useful contacts in many countries, and are closely associated with Contact UK through our Vice-President, Brinsley le Poer Trench, now the Rt Hon Earl of Clancarty, and I look forward to active participation by Bufora in the conferences held abroad. We have had the pleasure of lectures by Dr Joachim Kuettner, Chairman of the AIAA sub-committee from Colorado, USA and Rudy de Groote from Belgium, representing GESAG (Groupement Etude Sciences d'Avant Garde—Belgique).

We are also associated with CFRU (Cercle Francais de Recherches Ufologique). I look forward to the time when there is free interchange of information lecturers between countries of the European Community, particularly as acceptance in high scientific and governmental circles (that UFOs are fact) seems to have been achieved in some of these countries.

I know and *you* know that UFOs are there (whatever they may be), and the sooner we bring every enquiring mind we can recruit to bear on the UFO problem, the sooner we are likely to solve this perennial mystery . . . the most challenging enigma of the age.

In conclusion I would like to thank all officers of Bufora who have laboured mightily during the past year to make Bufora a live and well-organised Assoc-

iation of UFO researchers. Particularly our secretarial staff who have the unenviable task of committing to paper an increasing volume of material from a welter of verbiage to produce the neat and impeccable documents you all read.

We can look forward to a Bufora improved in many ways and ready to play a premier part in the solution of the mysteries surrounding the unidentified flying object.

May I wish every member a New Year redolent with first-class UFO sightings.

GEOFFREY DOEL, MRCS, LRCP, DMRE  
Bufora President

1 December 1975.

*Editor's note—Our President has been advised by his doctors to rest, and consequently was unable to attend the AGM personally. His address was read by Tim O'Brien. On behalf of all members, may I extend our best wishes for a full recovery.*

### **Pouvez-vous écrire lire ou parler le français couramment?**

Pourriez vous traduire du français en anglais ou se l'anglais en français? Nous avons besoin de votre aide.

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# Contact . . . at last!

BRITISH UFOLOGY'S GREATEST 'DETANTE'

Following extensive discussions, Contact and Bufora have taken a stride towards greater co-operation on research programmes and in investigations.

It was at the Hanley conference in May that I approached Bernard Delair and Les Dudley of Contact. I found them most amenable to the idea of Bufora and their own, well-established, national organisation working together to surmount a seemingly insurmountable problem. Bernard, particularly, was very enthusiastic and felt that progress of this sort vital for the future. Within weeks, I had written to Contact on behalf of the Association suggesting some of the most radical proposals Bufora has ever become involved with. At length, a meeting was held at Kidlington, Oxfordshire on 15 November 1975—possibly a momentous day in British ufology. Tony Pace, Ken Phillips and Charles Lockwood arrived at the home of John Sears, Contact's Investigations Co-ordinator, right on time, and were warmly welcomed.

## IN TOUCH

At first, the discussion was cautious, but soon everyone opened up and the outcome was most successful. Investigations were the order of the day, and it was decided that Ken and his opposite number at Contact should keep in touch regularly on recent cases, so that they can help each other on investigations. This way, both organisations hope that the entire country will be covered.

The next step is to devise a fail-safe system in each of the investigations departments. Following that, I hope to organise a return visit for Contact's research team at our HQ in Newchapel, when we can discuss further ideas for research co-operation.

Whatever the final outcome of all this, it would appear that with patience and understanding, such great rivals as Bufora and Contact can be brought together, amicably, without loss of identity. This is a great step for Bufora, and the momentum of it must be maintained. New ideas must be pressed into action. This is where members can help. I would like to hear from anyone who has ideas which could benefit both organisations.

I cannot promise that they will be put into action immediately or even at all, as we are working on a timescale of months rather than weeks. But your ideas will be considered and discussed at length.

I think we are reaching a watershed in ufology in Britain. We must not, at any cost, turn back now. Let us make 'co-operation' the corner-stone of all we do.

ALAN C FOSSEY

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## Paradise lost

An American newspaper columnist has reported that the alleged disappearance of 20 people, said to have been lured away by a promise of a trip to paradise on an unidentified flying object, was a hoax set up by a pair of college students.

Feature columnist, Doug Baker of the *Oregon Journal* in Portland, said the wild and wonderful story of the 20 missing citizens going off to another planet is nothing more than a wild and wonderful hoax.

*Editor's note: Lionel Beer tells me that there may be more to this story than meets the eye. If any one can help, please write to me.*





*Nufon 'Open Door' set. Participants from left to right are Michael Dean (Wirral UFO Society); Peter Warrington (Manchester UFO Research Association); Trevor Whitaker (Bufora Yorkshire Branch); Jenny Randles (Nufon) and Roger Stamway (Bufora).*

## **Nufon on 'Open Door'** by JENNY RANDLES

**Many of Bufora's members will have no doubt seen the 9½ minute feature presented by members of the Northern UFO Network on nationwide television on 11 October. It is with the intention of explaining what the aim of this was that I write this article.**

Since the transmission, Nufon has received a great deal of reaction, some praiseworthy and some critical. Far from dismissing the criticisms, we indeed welcome them, since we see it as important that the use of the time be analysed carefully so that ufology can learn from any mistakes. I should, therefore, very much like to hear from anyone who feels they have a valid point to make.

Firstly, some ideas of the difficulties under which Nufon was working must be given. Apart from the lack of time, which meant that from the start we had to discount any thoughts of trying to 'prove' the reality of UFO phenomena, we were limited in several other ways. There was a limited amount of money, a limit on the number of people who could appear on the programme and also a total ban on the use of

any 'external' filmed shots.

Since the rehearsal time was extremely limited and most of those appearing were totally alien to television let alone the 'race against the clock' situation we faced, it is hardly surprising that nervousness showed through.

### *THREE MOTIVES*

From the outset we decided to concentrate on perhaps three prime motives. The first was to use the time for publicity in other words to get across the impression that we needed people to report UFO observations to us. In the words of the programme producer, "National TV publicity comes at £5000 a minute." So we cannot really complain.

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## OPEN DOOR

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Our second motivation sprang from the very function of Nufon itself. Since Nufon is not a cohesive group in itself, but a network of groups, we wanted to try to show the manner in which group co-operation could be successful. It was very important to us, therefore, to bring Bufora into the picture and indicate that there is a co-ordinated system of investigation from the local group, through Nufon to the national organisation. This not only, we hope, showed the ordinary person that the subject of UFO investigation did not involve bands of isolated 'enthusiasts' but rather a structured, co-operating system; but also perhaps instilled into watching ufologists elsewhere the importance of such co-operation.

Our final intention, was perhaps the most ambitious. This was to try to give a feeling of scientific respectability to the subject. For this reason we deliberately avoided mentioning any hint of what UFOs might be. We tried to show, perhaps a slightly idealistic view, that ufology is concerned with investigating and collecting the data primarily and that it was the task of the scientific community, rather than laymen, to make speculations from this. It may be justifiably argued, therefore, that the programme was somewhat 'dry' in its presentation and may have even been too complicated. While realising in retrospect that parts of it did try to do too much, we feel that if it did cause some people to be lost by its technicality then it fulfilled this third objective to some degree.

The first phone call was received before the caption giving the number faded from the screens. Reports have been received from all over the country and Nufon is now busy ensuring that local groups are given the details to follow

through. Bufora will of course receive details of all investigations through the Nufon system, and those sightings out of our area are being handled by the Bufora investigation team.

Letters are varied. Some are sighting reports (including an interesting photographic case which has lain dormant because the witness did not know where to report it to), some are expressions of delight that there are serious and scientific UFO researchers in the country, some are offers of practical assistance (rapidly passed on to local groups and Bufora for prospective membership) and others are straightforward pleas for more information such as the 'send me all your books, magazines and photos of UFOs' type. These latter, though they may be disappointed that Nufon can only supply details of the subject, how to join a group and a detailed book list, at least show the enthusiasm and interest lying dormant in the country.

In summary there seems to be several important lessons for British ufology here. In particular it should be noted that people are still interested in a scientific approach towards the subject, rather than a sensationalised one. This ought to encourage Bufora to continue striving for greater scientific respect.

This breakthrough ought to be viewed as an initial step. There are ever increasing opportunities for publicity (particularly local radio and the prospective local TV stations). A concerted effort to present ufology in a scientific, cohesive and organised manner—removed from the dangerous pitfalls of spaceships and pseudo-scientific speculation — must produce results. The minds of the scientists can be sown with the seed of doubt and the public at large can be given confidence to report their observations, not to the police or the Ministry of Defence (where it will most likely end up in the waste bin), not to their neighbours (who will laugh), but to *you* (who they will feel will treat them seriously and scientifically).



# Entity encounter in Farnborough?

*PHYSIOLOGICAL EFFECTS A RESULT OF CONTACT WITH 'ALFREKA'*

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*Date of Event:* May 1974.

*Place:* Farnborough, Hampshire.

*Investigator:* O Fowler (Bufora/Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena).

*Investigation:* December 1975.

*Code:* 75-135.

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Mr Wally Churn, a self-employed carpenter, is in his early fifties and lives in a council house on an estate at Cove, Farnborough, Hampshire. He is married and lives with his family, none of whom were interviewed in connection with this report. The story came to light as a result of an enquiry into a LITS sighting, which occurred in December 1975 in Farnborough.

Mr Churn states that in May 1974, he was on his way to work (he was an employee at the time) at approximately 0750. He usually cycles to the paper shop, adjacent to a shopping precinct called 'Queensmead,' where he stops regularly for a newspaper and cigarettes. The shop is situated close to a pedestrian controlled crossing.

*Mr Churn takes up the story . . . .*

"I was about to cross over the road when this fellow spoke to me, I didn't take any notice of him, I knew there was somebody there, but I ignored him. It was two minutes past eight and I was late for work. He, (the stranger), spoke again 'I am Fr . . . .' (Mr C said the name escaped him, but it sounded like Freka, Alfreka, or something like that). 'I am from the saucer people, do you understand?' Held out his hand . . . I took his hand, but at that time of the morning, I don't want to know anybody, I just

wanted to get my paper and cigarettes, and I was late for work . . . I took two or three paces, stopped and turned around, but there was nobody in sight. I looked around the corner, but he had gone. I walked into the paper shop and said something like 'that's a strange one, that joker.' I mean, I'm in that shop every morning, and I've never met anyone like that before. Thinking back, I remember that his speech was not clear English, he had an accent, something like German."

*O Fowler* It was a long time ago, but do you remember anything about his features?

*Mr Churn* Yes, I would not normally remember a face, but this face was not long, but round, almost without a chin. He did not appear to shave, his face was smooth. I also remember his hands, he had small hands like a woman and they were cold. I had been pushing my bike and my hands were warm. It was only

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*Wally Churn. Picture courtesy 'Farnborough News.'*



## FARNBOROUGH ENTITY

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as I walked away that I realised that his features were unusual, because his eyes had no pupils, no black, just a greeny colour. He was tall, about six feet and he dressed normally, in grey I think it was, and he wore a trilby. He had short hair, not long hair and was in his early thirties. He wasn't dressed unusual, it wasn't that, it was afterwards when I got to work on my job, I began to get 'pins and needles' in my right hand and forearm.

*O Fowler* He had shaken hands with you and you had this after-effect?

*Mr Churn* Yes, I had this 'pins and needles.' At least it wasn't that but something similar. I also had a red spot come up on my thumb. I had it for about a fortnight.

*O Fowler* Did you have any kind of rash?

*Mr Churn* No nothing came out, I just had this little spot on my thumb.

*O Fowler* Have you any idea why this person came up to you?

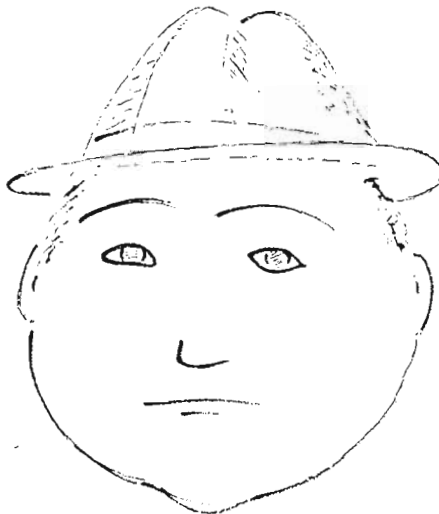
*Mr Churn* No idea, no, I can't think of a thing. The point is, if it was a Jehovah's Witness or something like that, then he would have stood there. Why did he come to me? I tried to brush him aside when he said 'I am from the saucer people.' It didn't mean a thing. When things like this happen I want to know why.

*O Fowler* Do you think you are a psychic person?

*Mr Churn* I once saw the ghost of a woman when I was about 17 and my father was sitting talking to me.

*O Fowler* Were you in an old house?

*Mr Churn* No, fairly modern, about 1930 something.



*Wally Churn's impression of the man he met*

*O Fowler* Has there been any sign of this person (UFO entity) since the paper shop incident?

*Mr Churn* No, as a matter of fact I have been looking out for him, as I would like to sit down and have a chat to him. At least then I would know what it was all about, but I don't like this, not knowing.

*O Fowler* At the time of the incident, there was nowhere this person could have gone?

*Mr Churn* No, there is an alley, but he was nowhere to be seen.

### UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

Was the incident imagined? Does the 'pins and needles' feature indicate a possible medical condition?

If the incident was not imagined, what significance should be placed on the 'entity' having no pupils in his eyes. Does this feature correlate with any other 'entity' type contact cases?

What purpose could be behind the attempted introduction, as the witness appears to have no useful connections?

# What they say!

A SUMMARY OF NEWS AND COMMENTS FROM GROUPS AROUND THE WORLD, PREPARED BY CAROL GODSELL.

**The United States** seems very prominent in the recent delivery of exchange magazines to my door. One rather interesting newsletter rather than magazine is called *Ufological Thoughts and Ideas*. It is produced free of charge and is published by Robert S Easley from Ohio. Though not large, it offers interesting thoughts on the subject. Mr Easley has even heard a 75 minute lecture by Mr Spock of Star Trek! Also from Ohio comes another newsletter listing of all things, impossibilities and possibilities. It also publicises something called 'Mysticon'—a convention of UFOs, science fiction, the occult, and monsters. This took place on 30 and 31 May and sounds fascinating.

The old faithful, *APRO Bulletin* tells of UFO activity over Arizona and offers courses in ufology at the State University of New York. 'Little Frozen Creatures' comments on the rumour that bodies were taken from a craft which crashed in Aztec, Mexico.

*Skylook* the magazine of MUFON Inc gives a good account of recent sighting reports and for my money is one of the best produced magazines of its kind.

I received from **Japan** a very polished publication—*UFO News*—full of glossy

colour pictures which feature "first photos of UFOs over the moon 'caught' by Apollo 11".

*Spaceview*—the magazine of **New Zealand** Scientific Space Research all sounds very impressive and though stencilled is well produced and presented. It deals with recent visits from UFOs and Dr Allen Hynek. The Northshore (Milford) case is a fascinating multiple witness case and from the variety of drawings made by the five witnesses there were at least three different UFOs! Though most of the reports are old, it would appear that pilots are seeing UFOs all the time.

**United Kingdom**—On the home front, the most recently received issue of *NUFON News* is an improvement but I do feel it would be easier to read if the typescript was better spaced.

With our relationship with Contact UK improving it is very pleasant to read *Awareness* which is issued quarterly which gives details of events and recent international sightings.

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## BFSB lecture programme

The British Flying Saucer Bureau are holding lecture meetings at the Friends Meeting House, 300 Gloucester Road, Horfield, Bristol 7, at 7.30 pm.

Wednesday 18 February 1976      *UFOs From Under The Earth*, by Graham Knewstub. (A survey of the geological and other difficulties).

Wednesday 17 March 1976      *The Humanoids*, by Terry Hooper.

Bufo members are particularly invited to attend and will be very welcome.

Lionel Beer—December 1975

BEFORE a sighting report can be investigated, an *event* first has to take place. It is this event, and the interpretation of it by the observer, that I will discuss.

A sighting is usually the result of a distant physical event which transmits energy to an observer in the form of light, heat, sound, and so on. This energy is received by an observer's sense organs and is then transmitted to the brain where the jumble is sifted and categorised to form an interpretation of what actually happened. This interpretation will tell an observer that an event governed by certain characteristics, such as size, shape, colour, sound, altitude, distance and speed, has occurred. The brain's interpretation is then subjected to the process of cognition, whereby an observer decides what it was he saw. The reporting of a UFO is thus governed by an observer's cognition of an event, that is, if he cannot identify an object in the sky, then in *his* case that object is a UFO by definition.

When considering what it was that was seen, it is important to take into account how dark- or light-adapted an observer's eyes were at the time of the observation. For instance, to the light-adapted eye, a moderately bright source of light will appear less intense than would the same source viewed by a dark-adapted eye. Conversely, objects which are invisible to the light-adapted eye are easily recognised by the dark-adapted eye. Take a man entering a darkly-lit cinema. At first he sees only the screen, then as his eyes adapt to the level of illumination he can make out the people seated around him.

Similarly colours, ignoring colour-blindness, vary according to the background against which they are seen. Interpretation of colour often depends on the light-adaptation of the eyes. A dark-adapted eye is insensitive to colour, although grass is still seen as green and a banana as yellow. However, a small piece of grey paper seen against a green background will have a red tint, while on

# Perception, cognition

by PETER BOTTOMLEY

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**The following is an attempt to enlighten rather I have quoted extensively from other sources, University of Colorado following their scientific objects. (Commonly referred to as the Conde**

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a blue background it will have a yellow tint; and the same paper looks appreciably brighter against a dark background than a light one.

As to the parameters of an event, for instance, size, speed, altitude and distance, we must first have a frame of reference before accurate estimates can be made. Without any frame of reference all such estimates are dependent upon the size and quality of the retinal image. For example, a small nearby object will cast the same image on the retina as would a large distant object. (See *figure 1*).

Similarly, a small, slow-moving, nearby object will apparently be moving at the same speed as a large, rapid-moving, distant object. (See *figure 2*).

In *figure 2* object A is larger, more distant, and travelling faster than is object B. However, when viewed in the above alignment they will both cross an observer's angle of view in the same time, and he will thus observe the event as two similar sized objects travelling at the same speed. In fact, if the alignment is such that B eclipses A then he will see only one object.

As we can see, without a frame of reference, estimates can only be gained by interference. As in *fig 1*, if an observer assumes the object to be 20 ft across, he will then infer its distance in terms of that size. But if he assumes that the object is much smaller than this, then he will infer it is much closer to him.



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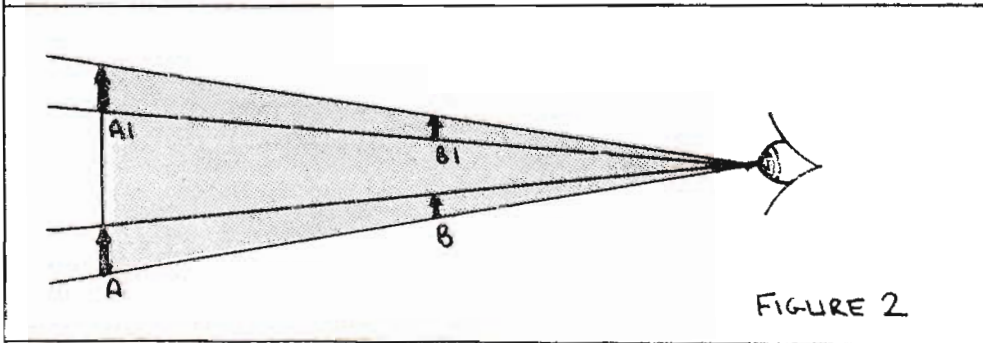
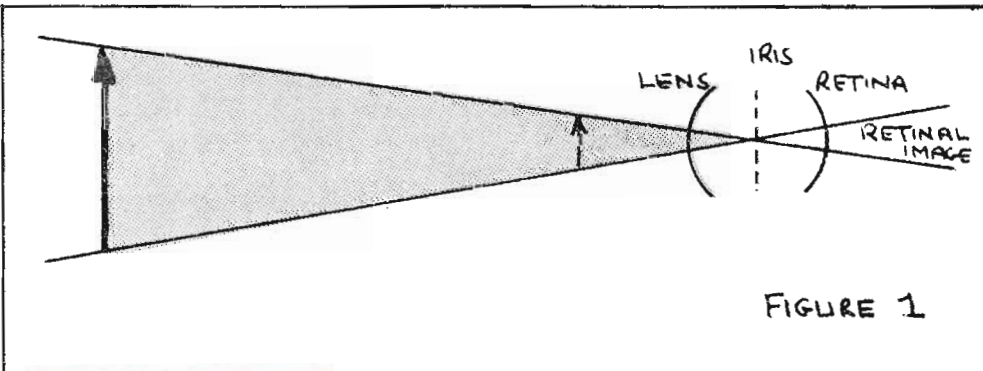
There is also ambiguity in altitude, particularly if the object is moving. An object which is travelling away from an observer will apparently decrease in size. Consequently, it may appear to be gaining altitude rather than moving away. If it is travelling toward an observer, particularly if it is on a path which will take it directly over him, then it too may appear to be gaining altitude. Likewise, if the object is approaching or receding it will

appear to change size, or, conversely, if it *is* changing size, then it may appear to approach or recede.

Shape is affected by the orientation of an object to an observer. A disc-shaped object can appear as a disc, sphere, cigar-shape or various forms of ellipse merely by changing it's orientation with respect to the observer.

There are also physiological effects which can affect the quality of a sighting. 'Autokinesis' may occur which has the affect of making a stationary object appear to move, and is caused by staring at, for example, a single bright object against a dim background. The opposite effect is called 'Autostasis' whereby a moving object is made by the eye to appear stationary. Psychological effects also be considered as contributing to the eventual quality of a sighting. In *fig 3* the lower line appears to be longer than the upper

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## PERCEPTION

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line, while in reality they are the same length.

Fig 3.



In much the same way, the moon appears much larger when on the horizon than when it is high in the sky, and a stick in water appears to be bent.

One must also consider the effects of weather and other impediments which affect the quality of retinal image. Rain, fog, mist, dust, glass, plastics, and heat haze can all affect the quality of transmitted light. Temperature changes can be so severe as to produce mirages and ghost images on radar.

### INTERPRETATION

All of these factors are additive and combine to produce a neural stimulus in the observer. This neural stimulus is then subject to the interpretation which the observer puts on the event. The result of his interpretation will affect his cognition of the event, and will be decisive in making a report.

The process of making a report is then affected by such things as loss of memory, and type of questioning employed. For example, such questions as, 'How long was the object visible?' will produce less distorted answers than, 'Was the object visible for more or less than ten seconds?'

It is also important that the investigator be neither too credulous nor hypercritical. Questions like, 'Do you think the object came from outside the Solar System?' or, 'Of course, you realise that what you saw was in all probability a weather balloon!', are out of context, and an investigator must never ask the observer questions which he is in no position to answer.

Research and analysis are neither the witness's nor the investigator's task at the time of interview. If the witness thought that the object was a weather balloon then he would not have reported a UFO. And theories on the object's origin are entirely irrelevant to the report. It is best for the investigator to remain open-minded when questioning a witness, despite what his own theories and beliefs are. The object of investigation is to establish what it was that the witness observed while at the same time bearing in mind, factors which can affect the observation. What the witness thought he saw, and what the investigator thought the witness saw, are of no consequence in the report form; although it may possibly be of some help to include these impressions in a separate report made after the interview.

This feature has been an attempt to list some of the more obvious points which affect the final outcome of a sighting report. All must be borne in mind when attempting to make an evaluation of what the witness saw. They can affect the decision as to whether the sighted object becomes an IFO, or remains a UFO.

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## Evening classes in ufology

The British Flying Saucer Bureau chalked up another success by organising a course on *Unidentified Flying Objects* last November and December (1975).

The six session course was held at the North Bristol Institute of Adult Education, after Capt E L Plunkett, the BFSB President, had made a personal appeal to the Principal. About 40 people registered for the course and attendance was good. Course speakers included Capt Plunkett, Mr Knewstub (Hon Secretary), Mr Copley (Chairman), Mr May and Mrs Ballam (Librarian). (Mr May and Mr Knewstub are both chartered engineers).

# Uforum

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Readers are invited to comment on any article appearing in *BUFORA Journal* or on any other relevant topic. Letters should be kept as brief as possible. The editor reserves the right to publish and to extract from letters where necessary. Letters of some length may be considered by the editor to be suitable as features.

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## Skystruck

Dear Sir

I feel I must reply to your editorial 'Skystruck' in *Bufora Journal* Nov/Dec 1975. I feel that skywatches are of value because although the odds against a genuine UFO being seen are high, the time must come when a good sighting will occur on a skywatch, and I for one will be disappointed if Bufora was not there at the time.

However, I do think that the date of the skywatch should be changed. Jenny Randles' feature on northern UFO activity shows that July was the second-lowest month for sightings.

Yours sincerely

STEPHEN McCARTEN  
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## Warminster

Dear Sir

That erstwhile hotbed of UFO activity at Warminster seems to have vanished entirely from the 'front page.' Does *anyone* know authoritatively whether sightings are still being reported from that area?

I have always been under a perhaps over-cynical impression that the locality has been the sole province of 'saucer spotters,' cultists, and, more recently, hoaxers, rather than serious researchers. Maybe

the published Bufora membership (of one!) for Warminster tends to confirm this view, or is it that the townsfolk are by now totally apathetic towards a phenomenon, which most, probably, never took seriously anyway.

Yours sincerely

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## A question of why . . .

Dear Sir

Having read Mr Scarry's 'A Question of Why,' in the Nov/Dec issue of the *Journal*, I was impressed and perplexed. I found myself in complete agreement with Mr Scarry until his fourth paragraph.

Even then, by his reasoning, I agreed with UFOs having only two reasons for their visits—come and see/do or come and get. There, however, our views diverged. His sentence, 'One thing is certain, they do not take liberties!' is ridiculous. If 'they' do not take liberties, how then do we explain Villas Boas, Herbert Schirmer, Charlie Hickson, or Barney and Betty Hill?

Further to this we have the statement, 'Agreed they may accidentally give the occasional fright . . .' This is a gross understatement. Surely the total destruction of a native African village does

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## UFORUM

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not fit into this category? Nor does the Australian girl who was dragged aboard a UFO, raped, and subsequently became pregnant; nor the South American army base which was attacked by UFOs armed with 'heat rays'.

Mr Scarry also suggests that our visitors are so 'ultra-advanced' that contact between our two races is impossible. However, this does not explain the increasing number of contactees who, after undergoing time-regression hypnosis, have related entire conversations between UFO occupants and themselves.

Ufology is more and more seen to be wider-ranging than people give it credit for. Theories such as 'intra-dimensional travellers,' 'the collective conscience of Mankind,' 'ETI,' *et al*, are all demanding their share of attention. I, personally, lean towards 'ETI' and the nuts-and-bolts approach although, in order to do justice to the subject, we must be as open-minded as possible without falling into gullibility. However, to subscribe to one theory to the exclusion of all others is narrow-mindedness of a very high degree.

Yours sincerely

PETER BOTTOMLEY  
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*Editor's note: If Mr Bottomley, or anyone else has any further information on the Australian case, I should be pleased to receive it.*

### More information wanted

Dear Sir

The advance of ufology demands precise data to permit statistical analysis of various facets of the problem. May I ask your correspondents to include in reports:

- 1 date, day of week, time and duration of event;
- 2 location;
- 3 number of witnesses;
- 4 name, address, sex, age and occupation of witnesses;
- 5 mode of perception (eg visual, radar)
- 6 apparent shape and size of UFO;
- 7 estimated direction, elevation and height;
- 8 speed and manoeuvres;
- 9 colour;
- 10 noise;
- 11 residue or odour;
- 12 physical effects;
- 13 electro-magnetic or radiation effects;
- 14 weather, visibility and temperature;
- 15 references.

Yours sincerely

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### UFOs and the evolutionary theory

Dear Sir

I am a geologist interested in the possible implications of the UFO phenomenon for Earth history and for evolutionary theory. Could you give me names and addresses of geologists, biologists, and others who are interested in the same problem?

Yours sincerely

DR J B KLOOSTERMAN  
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Brazil

*Well, can anyone help?—Ed.*

**We are sorry that a number of items including 'Report from Belgium' have had to be carried over to the next issue. This is due to pressure of space in the Journal.**



# Sighting Summaries

## A selection from the Investigation Department files

### *PUMPKIN OVER POWER STATION*

*Uncoded 24 February 1975 18.55*  
*Sizewell, Suffolk*

Mr M is a 62 year old postal messenger, and well respected in his neighbourhood. He was walking on the beach near the Sizewell Nuclear Power Station with his dalmation dog. Suddenly an object like a bright shooting star came from over the sea and hovered about twenty yards away. It was pumpkin like, predominantly green and yellow, about twelve feet in diameter and only six feet off the ground. It seemed to be rotating extremely fast, but made no sound. The witnesses commented that it seemed to be glowing like a TV screen and giving off a not unpleasant feeling of warmth. It hovered for about half a minute and then streaked away to the north east, disappearing rapidly. After it had gone, a pungent, 'acid drop' smell permeated the atmosphere. During the period of proximity to the witness, the dog cowered behind him trembling. It then took off suddenly and ran to the power station (1½ miles away) to await his master. This behaviour, attests Mr M, was most unusual. No other witnesses are known, but it has been discovered that local television screens recorded interference at the exact time of this sighting.

### *JAGGED STAR*

*75-070 13 June 1975 21.00*  
*Gravesend, Kent*

A central heating engineer, out with a friend, reported watching a brilliant jagged star-like object hovering by the side of an electricity pylon. It was in view for only six seconds before 'winking' out suddenly.

### *FIREMEN TRACK UFOs*

*75-074 9 June 1975 00.15*  
*Isleworth, London*

The entire staff of Heston Fire Station, totalling sixteen, were all witness to a strange parade of white star-like objects over a period of 1½ hours. They varied in direction and luminosity, but all appeared very high. Some seemed to pulsate, some to waver. Their speed ranged from slow to very fast (the latter crossing the horizon in eight to ten seconds). A special phone link was set up during the sighting, with the local police station, but they reported seeing nothing. Heathrow Airport were notified and insisted that nothing had been picked up on radar, and that no aircraft had been coming in or out at the

time. The firemen are, of course, trained observers and are very well used to aircraft flying over head, both day and night. The report was finally transmitted to the Ministry of Defence, who responded that they could 'not undertake to pursue research, other than for defence implications, to point where positive correlation with a known object is established.'

### *THREE GREEN DISCS*

*75-063 12 August 1975 22.10*  
*Wisbech, Cambridge*

There were three witnesses to this case, involving two separate sightings five minutes apart. The first was of three greenish discs, hazy in outline and rotating. They moved north, a little slower than aircraft. One disc appeared to fly underneath the other two and then erratically back to its original position. This observation was followed by a cluster of about 16 round balls, in tight formation. They moved rapidly along a similar flightpath.

### *BELFAST SILVER OVAL*

*Uncoded 24 July 1975 02.15*  
*Belfast*

Being unable to sleep, the witness went to look out of her window. It was a cloudy night and she sighted a large oval shape, apparently stationary. It was a silver colour. Fifteen minutes later she returned to find it still visible, however, by 02.45 it had disappeared.

*Note—The Moon, in a position to possibly account for the sighting, had been full less than 24 hours previously—Jenny Randles.*

### *DISCS OVER GREAT YARMOUTH*

*Uncoded 31 October 1969 14.40*  
*Great Yarmouth*

While working in a local rubbish tip, two men observed three silver saucers high in the sky. The objects were spinning rapidly and travelling north. At first they descended quite low (about 3000 feet) and then travelled upwards very fast to disappear through clouds. At first sight there were only two objects, but on the upwards part of their path there was definitely three. Several minutes later, aircraft passed over and it was easy to contrast their slower speed and the dark colouration as opposed to the light grey of the discs. At 14.55 one of the two men saw a further grey disc, flashing with a red light, heading in the same direction.

# History of Bufora

by LIONEL BEER

When did it all begin? 1964, 1962, 1953, 1952, or was it back in 1947? On 24 November 1975, the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association became Bufora Limited, a company limited by guarantee. This then is an opportune moment to relate the events that led to Bufora's formation.

## Part one—Genesis

Whichever year you chose would be partly right. Before Kenneth Arnold's sighting of nine objects shining in the sunlight over the American Cascade Mountains on 24 June 1947, relatively few people had taken a direct interest in unknown aerial phenomena. Soon after, the press came up with the collective name, *Flying Saucers*, and people quickly seized on this new phenomenon. But researchers soon found ample historical similarities to suggest that this was an old phenomenon that had been largely overlooked or had been assumed to be divine portents. The United States Air Force became enmeshed in the late forties, and carried out their own classified investigations known as *Project Saucer*. Other projects followed and the USAF quickly coined the word UFO, as this was less suggestive of alien spaceships.

### *BFSB STARTS IN 1952*

The first books started to appear and the first clubs sprung up in the early fifties. Probably the first full-length book, and a serious one at that, was *Flying Saucers Are Real* by Major Donald Keyhoe, published in 1950. There have been many reprints. The Aerial Phenomena Research Organisation (APRO) in the USA, which is now one of the world's leading civilian groups, was founded by Jim and Coral Lorenzen in 1952. Albert K Bender's shortlived International Flying Saucer Bureau was started in Bridgeport, Connecticut, in 1952. A UK branch was started in Bristol, the same year by Denis Plunkett. When IFSB disbanded (blamed on the 'Man in Black!') in 1953, the Bristol Branch founded the British Flying Saucer Bureau (BFSB).

The BFSB is still active and run by a research scientist, Graham Knewstubb, and Denis's father Capt E L Plunkett among others. Denis was unfortunately killed during National Service. Also founded in 1952 was Richard Hughes Flying Saucer Club of Hove, Sussex. The Bristol and Hove clubs amalgamated in 1954 and their magazine, *Flying Saucer News*, edited by Richard, was a great success. It may have been overshadowed by *Flying Saucer Review*, now world famous, which started in London in 1955. The first editor of *FSR* was Derek Dempster, who was followed by Brinsley le Poer Trench, about a year later in 1956, shortly before *Flying Saucer News* was incorporated into the *FSR*.

On 11 July 1959, Roy Stemman, Nigel Stephenson, Susanne Stebbing and Paul Teugells founded the London Unidentified Flying Object Research Organisation. Roy was the first president and edited *Luforo Bulletin*. Members will be surprised to learn that this was published monthly and the subscription rate was only ten shillings a year. Although he dropped out of *Luforo* in 1961, it seems that Roy may have come back to UFOs, since he was expecting to have a book entitled *Visitors from Outer Space* published by Aldus Books about mid-1976.

Roy has had a column about Spiritualism in *Prediction* in recent years, and his books have included a biography of the medium Ena Twigg. Susanne Stebbing acted as both Secretary and Treasurer during part of *Luforo*'s first two years. Although not a member of Bufora, she continues to take a keen interest in ufology and is well-known as a mail order bookseller.

Nigel Stephenson was the main driving force behind the organisation in those early years, and turned his hand to most things from being Chairman, *Bulletin* editor, Director of Research and meetings organiser as occasions demanded. We went through some black times, and were often trying to run Luforo on half a shoestring. It was Nigel, who helped to formulate the plans for a national federation of societies, which could be eventually extended overseas. He received a surprising amount of support for these proposals from other groups.

Art student, Lawrence Moore, took over editorship of the *Bulletin* in January 1961 and improved its appearance, although it was always duplicated. Lawrence is now a film producer and recently directed and produced a two-part feature called *Into The Unknown*, which was shown on ITV on 2 and 9 December 1975. *Into The Unknown* covered various reported phenomena and included the 1971 ATV Banbury colour film. We also saw Dr Christopher Evans interviewing Dr Jacques Vallee in the USA near a research laboratory where there had been an interesting UFO sighting.

Next issue—' *Bufora is formed.*'

## Bufora Ltd

Following the registration on 24 November of Bufora as a registered company, limited by guarantee, it was decided at the 6 December Council Meeting to make the Articles of Association available to all members.

Those members wanting a personal copy of the Articles are asked to write to Arnold West, Publications Department, 16 Southway, Burgess Hill, Sussex RH15 9ST. In view of the high cost of printing, a modest charge of £1.25 has to be levied. Cheques should be made payable to Bufora Ltd.

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## Calling all RIC's and Investigators

Would all investigators who still have completed reports in their possession, please forward them to the NIC as soon as possible in order that the research files can be brought up to date.

KEN PHILLIPS

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## New liaison officer for the north

At the recent Bufora AGM, Jenny Randles was appointed as Bufora's new liaison officer for the north. Jenny has sent the *Journal* the following message: "I am happy to offer my services to the membership of Bufora within the northern region. Please do not hesitate to come to me if you have any ideas or grievances. I shall also endeavour to do my best to meet any requests for information or resource material, provided this is done in reasonable time for your requirements. Naturally, I cannot guarantee to meet every demand. But I will try to let you feel more a part of the British UFO Research Association."

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## Personal column

*UFOs: UNIDENTIFIED UNDENIABLE* (2nd Edn.) 100 page illustrated report on 1967 Midlands UFO wave by Stanway and Pace. UK: £2.25 inc post; Foreign: £2.50 inc post. From R H Stanway, Old Brook Cottage, White Cross, Haughton, Stafford.

*WANTED:* by the Secretary of GEPA, Paris: copy of the *Condon Report* in paperback or hardback. Please send offers to Lionel Beer, 15 Freshwater Court, Crawford Street, London W1H 1HS.

*KAREN WARREN:* On behalf of the Council and Officers of Bufora, I should like to thank you for your nice Christmas card—Lionel Beer.

## UFOs: Whence and why?

by BERNARD DELAIR, Secretary Contact (UK), 6 September 1975.

Bernard Delair based this thought-provoking talk on the premise that UFOs exist. He fully recognised that such a topic as the origins and purpose of UFO visitations was speculative, but felt that there were enough well-documented cases on record to reach sound conclusions.

Mr Delair led us through some of the idiosyncracies of UFO reports, such as the vast multiplicity of origins which 'ufonauts' claim. As he pointed out, is this because we do not ask 'where do you originate,' but 'where do you come from?' Perhaps they have *come from* Mars or Venus—but had just stopped off there on their way from their original home. Similarly he dealt with the question of humanoid types, and said that it would be natural for an advanced civilisation to experiment with android or robot creatures to man their craft. This *could* be why so many odd looking beings are reported.

### CLUES

From this he led onto a discussion of landing and contactee cases, since he felt that these are the type of cases which will give clues to the origin of the phenomenon. He pointed out that we may be overlooking valuable facts by ignoring the contactee stories, no matter how silly they seem to be.

He went on to give illustrations of some of the apparent patterns behind landing cases. For example UFOs seem to have a strange interest in cemeteries. They also seem to have a fascination for collecting specimens of animals (often dissecting them and taking vital organs) and all kinds of plants, soils and crops. As he continued to recount these consistencies, his suggestion that these all formed the basis of genetic and biological

experimentation began to appear very feasible.

"Why should such experiments be going on," he asked? He postulated that super-civilisations might mine other planets once its own resources have run out, but that it may be a crime against the galaxy to lay waste to a whole planet. Such genetic experiments, could, therefore, be an indication of the restocking of these worlds.

### ARE WE BEING FARMED?

This all leads to somewhat disquietening possibilities, though Mr Delair was quick to point out that there does not seem to be any real evidence for open hostility on the part of the UFOs. "Are we being farmed," he asked? If we are, then as he says, we really ought to find out about it.

The speaker did not claim that what he had interpreted as being possible from the evidence was *fact*. He did, however, throw out a challenge for someone to come up with a more satisfying solution on the basis of what we know so far.

JENNY RANGLES



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Naturally, any major alteration in policy would not be made without informing the membership, but it would serve as a useful indication for future consideration if you would answer these questions and return to:

**Mike Prewett, 20 Loman Road, Mytchett, Camberley, Surrey.**

Please give each question careful thought, as it is very important for the Bufora Council to know which way you want the Association to develop.

- 1 Are you happy with the present content of Bufora Journal?  YES/NO \*
- 2 If not, would you prefer contents to be: a) More technical  YES/NO \*  
or b) More general  YES/NO \*
- 3 What aspect of its content would you like to see featured more fully?

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- a) A higher membership fee? or,  YES/NO \*  
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- 6 If Bufora were NOT to publish the Journal in the present format, do you think you would still remain a member?  YES/NO \*

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- 10 What is your age? ..... How long have you been a member? .....

\*Delete where appropriate. A photocopy of this questionnaire is acceptable.

The closing date for this questionnaire will be 13 March 1976. Please try to cooperate as the bigger the response, the more representative it is likely to be.

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**with Member Societies**

## 'Optimistic future'—Chairman assures members at AGM

Tonight marks an important stage in Bufora's development. This is the first AGM to be held by Bufora Limited; it has now come of age. It was nearly 12 years ago when Bufora's constitution was adopted at a meeting held on 25 January 1964, and in which our Vice-chairman played an important part.

I am sure we are all hoping that this new business-like status will encourage more efficiency and determination in us all. It is certainly a golden opportunity to rethink our ways of operating. Already, at the Council Meeting this afternoon, we have agreed to concentrate our efforts on working through three small units of the Council: these are: Research and Investigation; Publications, and Administration. As we have now introduced a budgetary system, each of these units will be largely autonomous and consequently, progress should be much more rapid than before. In deference to Bufora's new-found status, I propose to deliver the rest of my report in a rather unorthodox and more matter-of-fact manner than is my custom.

I should like to start by sincerely thanking my fellow committee members for their tremendous help and support throughout the year. I know that many of you who have had links with the administration of Bufora in the past will fully appreciate the enormous amount of time and effort which is required to run even a small society as ours without any part-time or full-time assistance. Thank you all very much indeed, without exception.

Particular thanks are owed to the retiring Treasurer, come publisher, come administrator, come general factotum—that is Arnold West. Also to our other retiring committee members, Norman Oliver, Pam Kennedy, Peter Wain and Robin Lindsay. We are delighted that all of them will continue to assist with the administration in some capacity. I know that Norman Oliver will be making his literary talents available to the Publication Department, so we can soon expect to see a 'best-seller' from Bufora.

### OUR SUCCESSES

- 1 Incorporation as a public company limited by guarantee.
- 2 First National Scientific Conference held in North Staffordshire in May—150 people attended. Congratulations to Anthony Pace and Charles Lockwood on organising it so efficiently and our appreciative thanks to members of the Staffordshire Branch for their unflinching support during the weekend.
- 3 Links with Contact (UK) developed. A joint investigation and research meeting was held in November in Oxford and a return visit to the

Newchapel Research HQ is planned for the new year.

- 4 Two group liaison officers were appointed and closer relationships have been formed with many regional societies as a result.
- 5 More people are now involved in research projects, but very few have sufficient experience to be project leaders.
- 6 Publication of Members Directory for which we owe a debt of gratitude to Jack Webber whom I am sure, you will agree has done an extremely worthwhile and tedious task very successfully.
- 7 Appearance of an even livelier *Journal* with improved format and the stamp of a professional—well done Richard Beet.
- 8 A higher rate of membership renewals than was expected in view of the subscription rate increase.

### LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

The following development and activities have been approved by the Council:

- 1 A scheme to award *UFO research grants* in this country.
- 2 The holding of a *research essay competition* with substantial cash prizes.
- 3 Comprehensive *training courses* for aspiring investigators.

In conclusion, I would like to say how optimistic I feel about Bufora's future. My reasons are:

- 1 A quickly changing climate of opinion in scientific and media circles which are tending to take para-normal subjects far more seriously than even three years ago.
  - 2 The presence of enthusiastic and experienced members on the Council who are united in their aims and objectives, particularly those promising a greater degree of scientific credibility for the Association.
  - 3 The existence of a loyal and dedicated hard-core of members who are patiently waiting for the day, which I believe is very near, when Bufora's membership will 'take-off' both in terms of quantity and quality.
- May I especially thank all those dedicated members who have taken the trouble and expense of visiting London to attend tonight's AGM. I hope that you will not have left either disappointed or disheartened.

ROGER STANWAY, MBA, FRAS  
Bufora Chairman

6 December 1975.