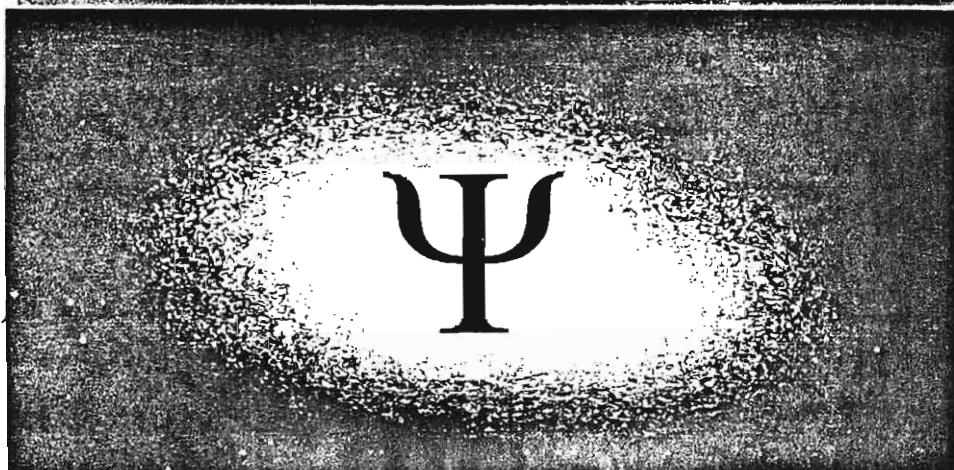




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# EDITORIAL

## Robert Moore

It has been expressed to me recently that I should be more "tolerant" towards "new age" beliefs and ideas; concepts which I have criticised in my editorials and elsewhere in BUFORA BULLETIN!

To them I have two words - "**Remember Jonestown!**". To that they will doubtless say; "**That had nothing to do with UFOs! We're scientific! we're evidentially based; not a cult! No-one will ever die for UFOs!**" [Thomas F. Mantell notwithstanding...]. To that I have another 3 words; "**Remember Heaven's Gate!**" To this, I am sure these same people will surely retort "**That had nothing to do with UFO's (either) ! That was contacteeism; another subject altogether...**".

I personally feel this view is wrong. Applewhite dressed his beliefs with the trailer-park populist ufology beloved of American supermarket tabloids. Which is ufology to many people in the USA! Furthermore, the belief that Hale-Bobb was associated with a giant spacecraft was spread (and endorsed) by many fringe Ufological figures. Indeed, the "immanent" arrival of a so-called "Deathstar" packed with "reptoids" has been whispered off for years in the USA abductee scene.

As we crash pell-mell into the Millenium my greatest fear is that a powerful "new-age" faction may decide to "hasten" a second coming (either of "God", or the "space brothers") with an act of nuclear terrorism. With the collapse of the Soviet Union, and modern Russia virtually under the heel of organised crime, it could prove all too easy for a rich cult to get hold of a nuclear device (even a fully-functional atomic bomb)! We have already had a (albeit "minor") hint of what such cults are capable of in Japan. Who knows what is next!

It is a pity humanity cannot find a true "spirituality", uncorrupted by false hopes, fanaticism, lies and the power-hungry lusts of the morally bankrupt. Such a goal would be a worthy task for mankind in the next century!

And here's a suggestion for a new years resolution. Can some of those interested in UFOs stop looking to them to fulfil various spiritual needs? An anomalous aerial phenomena is **merely** a mystery, requiring the highest standards of logic, reason and science to properly understand. It can be nothing more.

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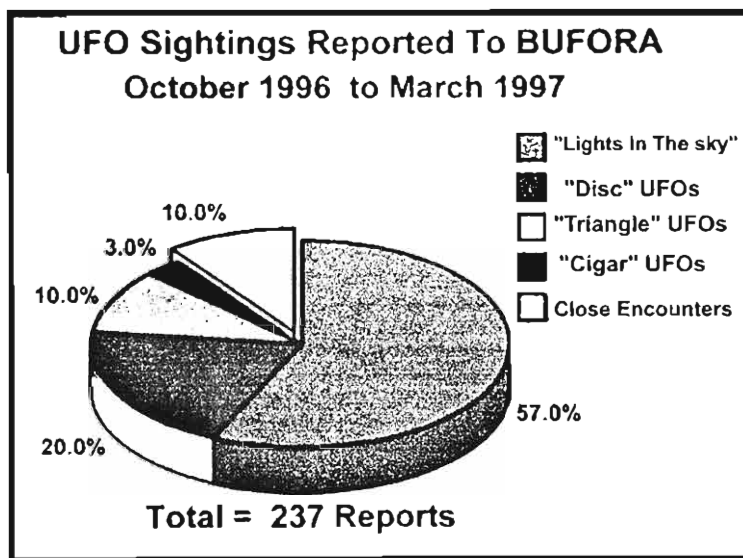
## **BUFORA UFO SIGHTING STATISTICS 1996-1997:**

**A SCHEMATIC DEPICTION OF REPORTED "UFO" EVENTS.**

**Robert Moore.**

**Shown below is a pie-chart schematic of "UFO" sightings reported to BUFORA over a six month period, from October 1996 to March 1997.**

This is a fairly simple depiction, showing distribution by shape (and UFO experience) type. As can be seen below, reports of disc shaped "UFOs" (running at 20%) are still fairly common, and – in this sample at least - outnumber reports of "flying triangles" by 10%. It will be interesting to see whether this remains the case in the future.



In this data-set, reports of "Lights in the sky" (LITS) - observations of distant light-like forms - remain the most common type of "UFO" experience. However, around 90% of these events are demonstrably IFOs (**I**dentified **F**lying **O**bjects); observations of mundane objects and phenomena such as planets, stars, aircraft, meteors, laser-light displays, advertising airships, etc.

By comparison, of a sample of 1003 reports collated by the **Northern UFO Network** covering the years 1975-1979, **13%** (or about 130 sightings) were "Close Encounter" type events, which is close to the figure of **10%** Close Encounter events appearing in this present sample of BUFORA "UFO" data.

# A Week With A Remote Viewer

## Richard Conway.

It has frequently become apparent to UFO investigators that there is a great deal of the paranormal involved in ufology. The 'ology' tries to put some scientific perspective and methodology in the subject. However, in some instances there are things involved that defy reason or explanation are involved on the periphery of the subject.

During the course of April 1998 I spent a week in Stowmarket to meet the legendary David Morehouse, author of "Psychic Warrior".

Having a small interest in remote viewing I was quite looking forward to this course but thought that what we would be learning would benefit other people but not me.

There was a mixed bag of people at the course, several interested hypnotherapists, a shaman (Leo Rutherford) and a president of the Society for Psychical Research (Arthur Ellison) to name a few.

The course started off in a really bizarre manner. We were told that we able to ask whatever questions we wanted. Some of the questions and answers exposed areas of his private life that got to be quite upsetting at the time. For an entire day we were allowed to ask questions and get an idea of the history of the RV programme, his role in it, as

well as the role of the other viewers. I was surprised to find out by the end of the week how little the RV programme had to do with UFOs.

David had said that he had viewed some UFO targets with other viewers (off the record) but had not been directly asked to view a UFO target by anybody in the intelligence community.



Dave Morehouse with seminar organiser Roy Farrell

He had told us, though that, that the "government" wouldn't have asked them to view anything they already knew the answer to.

To this, many (including myself) would agree with. It

signifies that whatever is behind the UFO enigma, the government knows about it already.

One of the targets that I found most fascinating that the viewers had to view was the Tunguska incident, also known as the 'Great Siberian Explosion'.

This incident happened in 1908 and resulted in an explosion in the Tunguska forest, whose remnants can still be seen today. Experts have advocated that this was caused by a comet, meteorite or other space debris. However, 17 remote viewers witnessed very similar things when doing a

routine training exercise in the military program. They saw a rip open up in the sky and a structured craft of some sort come through the rip. David Morehouse described having a feeling that the pilot of the craft was nothing more than a learner driver of sorts.

This and other accomplishments were made possible through remote viewing because, to the advanced, time is no longer a barrier.

The first response of a sceptic and indeed myself is that, if this was so, then why don't they get the lottery numbers and walk away from the remote viewing program with large amounts of cash in their pockets? We were told that, although the past can be seen quite easily, there were things that viewers didn't have access to; such as the future. Scientists at SRI claimed that the future could not be seen through the eyes of a viewer because of the number of variables that change between the moment of viewing and the particular point being viewed in the future.

Morehouse had a very compelling argument for the authenticity of remote viewing; he could do what he said, simple as that! We saw old military files that were sneaked out by many of the viewers showing the result of their exploits. One target, which impressed me a great deal was that of the 'gun museum.

The gun museum target was done by Dave Morehouse early on in his career as a viewer. We were able to verify what had been written in his book. The information that he had gleaned from viewing the target was phenomenal, in that he was able to pick out all the details of the museum even though he had never been there.

During the course, many questions were asked of his life and his career in the army and army intelligence. That said, we learnt some phenomenal things about some of the technologies that the Americans are purported to have. It has been alleged that they now have the technology to track an individual by satellite from his/her

electromagnetic body signature. This means that every person is (reportedly) able to be followed by special spy satellite cameras. Talk about an invasion of privacy!

One other thing that he mentioned was something that many conspiracy theorists have advocated a long time. This was gleaned from files and conversations with military personnel. Microwave weapons exist that could potentially induce a suggestion into the brain of an individual. It is further thought that this technology can be used in exactly the same way to alter the mindset of many people. These two things alone are enough to put a chill in most. However, it continues. Even viewers are not safe, apparently. There exist technologies that can track a remote viewer's consciousness while he/she is visiting a certain place.

It would seem that viewing alone cannot accomplish all of the things that the intelligence community needs to win the ultimate public service award, so one better than this – the science of remote influencing – reportedly exists, which puts thoughts into people's brains, etc. This has apparently been used in the past for remote death.

To understand the viewers and what they do it is best to trace the history of their lives, as the only viewer I have put questions to I will retrace Morehouse's military history very briefly. It all started for him when he was training Jordanian troops in the art of warfare. He was hit by some random gunfire in the desert. During this time he remembers nothing of deserts or unconsciousness but only that for a minute everything disappeared and he stood opposite several people.

As he walked towards them, very angrily, one of them told him that his life had been misguided and that soon he would follow a different path, the way would become apparent to him soon. The interesting thing about this was that a tremendous amount of visionary experiences had occurred to many other people in that particular valley, including

the prophet Mohammed.

Morehouse awoke to find that he had been given a new lease of life, literally. When the soldiers he was commanding examined his helmet they said that (by all rights) he should have been killed; the bullet wasn't a ricochet, it was lodged into his helmet. Weird! More weird than that was when he had his first Out of Body Experience in the desert. Following this were a string of similar experiences and also many nightmares, which he now believes had meaning. This chain of strangeness in his life resulted into his inclusion in the remote viewing program at Fort Meade. There he met many other viewers who had other strange tales too numerous to mention.

One of these in itself was interesting. We were taught on the course that the 'theta' brain state could be achieved through visualisation. This was the brain state that enabled the remote viewer to gather information from distant places to be used in conjunction with normal intelligence gathering data. A remote viewer called 'Kathleen' was in a place called "sanctuary", which can be considered as the place that a viewer starts off. An example of a sanctuary was that of Dave Morehouse's, this was a transparent room-like structure in space. Kathleen had her sanctuary invaded by another viewer. This meant that another viewer was able to enter and interact and spy on a remote viewer.

Up to this point in time the majority of this should read like science fiction. However, as one who has done the course and has had a number of successes with target sites, I can assure you that it isn't. The majority of people on the course had a great deal of success with their remote viewing experiences. Some of the people that I studied with have gone onto doing other courses and have been extremely successful in viewing their targets.

I should state at this point that there are two types of remote viewing that were developed at the SRI, the first is Coordinate Remote Viewing (CRV), which we learnt on

the course. This involved the use of random co-ordinates which when applied in conjunction with methods used for RV, allow the viewer to define salient characteristics of the target. The other form of RV is Extended Remote Viewing (ERV). This is done without the use of co-ordinates.

### The TWA incident

One of the things that Dave Morehouse was involved in after leaving the military was a project by the newsgroup CBS. This project he did in conjunction with other viewers and the target was a plane that had exploded by Long Island as it had just taken off. The crash investigator's report showed that it had been a spark in the fuel tank, which had then meant that Boeing had to refit all the planes in their fleets with new fuel tanks to avoid any danger in the future.

The viewers, however, gave a different account and their investigation proved to be fruitful. They had gone back to that point in time and seen the plane explode in the air, however, they saw the entire side of the plane cave in, they saw heads explode as well as bodies. The coroners that investigated the victim's bodies had seen them without their eyes, skin deformities, etc.

The viewers found out - through many viewing sessions - that what had actually happened was that a microwave weapon was fired in a test and this weapon had ripped through the plane (which had been delayed at the airport and was off-schedule).

There was a boat out into the sea, which had been firing a missile over the land to be destroyed by a microwave beam weapon from the Brookhaven National Labs. The whereabouts of the boat which the navy denied was confirmed via French satellite photos. The whole investigation in fact was in the palm of their hand, until the producer had a visit from some people who stole and trashed all their research. Some of the viewers were then threatened. At the end of the day, all their hard evidence "disappeared".

Having spent the last few years investigating the Rendlesham Incident, I recently discovered some new files on Project Cobra Mist (an experimental over-the-horizon radar system located at Orford Ness). At the time I was in the PRO with BUFORA investigator Judith Jaafar, who was perusing the files looking for some relevant information that could be useful to extend our knowledge of MI activity around the time of the Rendlesham incident.

After talking publicly about this TWA case at a lecture, she pointed out the similarities between excuses in this case and excuses given by the American government who were in control of Project Cobra Mist when something like this happened.

In the instance of Cobra Mist (a project run by the Americans), when oil tankers and ships exploded in the North Sea due to high energy microwave pulses (used in over-the-horizon radar), the excuse was always that there was a spark that had ignited the fuel tanks. This was about 20 years before the TWA incident ever took place. This can also be read at the PRO if anybody is interested; more government lies in print. So, as James Bond once said, "governments may change but the lies stay the same".

### Conclusion:

I would urge anybody who has an interest in this subject or wants to explore greater possibilities to do this course.

I am a testament to the fact that it works, as are many others on the course. It may be that remote viewing is in fact the next stage of human evolution, to find out what we are really capable of as a species, and that we are greater than the sum of our parts.

Remote Viewing seminars will be held by David Morehouse every two to three months in either Stowmarket near Ipswich or in London. They normally take place over a weekend. Please contact the course organisers, Roy and Susan Farrell, on **01449-614765** for further information.

# CHALLENGING RV

## A response to 'A week with a Remote Viewer', Kevin McClure

We all have our own threshold of belief, the point where we think to ourselves, 'Yes, I have sufficient proof that this phenomena/event/ability is real, and I can now recommend its truth to others'. Richard Conway thinks that;

*"It may be that remote viewing is in fact the next stage of human evolution, to find out what we are really capable of as a species, and that we are greater than the sum of our parts".*

Modern RV carries with it its own, massive, cautionary tale: the Hale-Bopp/Heaven's Gate tragedy. To quote an early, pre-slaughter report from the US *UFO Magazine*, Jan-Feb 1997, amateur astronomer Chuck Shramek had found that;

*"Beside the comet was a 'mystery' object that appeared to have a Saturn-like ring around it, and described as being perhaps as much as 4 times the size of Earth. Shramek sent the photograph to radio talk show host Art Bell .*

*Shortly thereafter, Bell's radio programme featured both Dr Courtney Brown, author of Cosmic Voyage, and horror-fiction writer Whitley Streiber, author of the Communion books. Brown has claimed to know a nationally renowned astronomer (unnamed) who has been following this 'object', and yes - it is full of aliens. Brown claims that the viewers have also been remote viewing the White House, and President William J Clinton has reluctantly agreed that there will be an official announcement of the alien presence!"*

I hope I wouldn't need to remind any BUFORA member how many members of the



Heaven's Gate group died as a result of this idiotic claim, or to point out just how stupid it makes any unverified report of RV appear. The claims for RV Conway **does** accept seem no less irrational. Just how offensive to those bereaved in the TWA incident is the claim that **"...a microwave weapon was fired in a test and this weapon had ripped through the plane"**, and sick is the report that the viewers **"saw the entire side of the plane cave in, they saw heads explode as well as bodies"**?

As for the "17 remote viewers" who supposedly hovered over the Tunguska Forest in 1908 and **"saw a rip open up in the sky"** and Morehouse's **"feeling that the pilot of the craft was nothing more than a learner driver of some sorts"**, why would any intelligent person accept these extreme and exotic reports as true, without explicit proof that these "viewers" could accurately report far simpler (and more easily verifiable) events?

Surely such tests could – compared to all this travel in time and space – be easily performed. For instance, why not use RV to find out the makes, colours and registration numbers of cars parked in a nearby car-park? Or to discover the colours of front doors and front garden layouts of houses in a particular road? Or maybe RV the titles, authors and cover colours of books on a particular shelf in a local library?

I'm not aware that any remote viewer, despite the extensive claims made for RV, has **ever** publicly succeeded in, or even attempted, such straightforward but potentially convincing tests. Could Conway, with his newly-learned skills, be the first to succeed? I'm sure that, through the Association for Skeptical Enquiry, I could find a number of universities willing to test him, and publicise the results.

In avoiding the 'lottery numbers' issue, Conway states specifically that "the past can be seen quite easily". If RV really **can** be learned, and operated **so** specifically that 17 remote viewers can travel back 80 years to precisely the same place, and the same moment in time, why it is only used for such trivial and useless purposes?

Why isn't it used to prevent and solve crime? If tests such as I've suggested could be passed repeatedly by remote viewers, it would only be a short time before courts all over the world accepted RV!

If these claims for RV are true, then viewers could return to a crime scene, and see precisely how a crime was committed, the sequence of events, what was said, and who was responsible. Where a child goes missing, (say taken away in a car), the remote viewer could go back those few hours or days, look at the car, note its registration number and description, describe the person or persons who took the child away, and presumably, being able to move at will in space or time, follow the car and lead the Police to where the child has been taken.

RV could also be used to investigate air crashes and other disasters. It could be used to monitor human rights abuses world-wide, with prisons and other establishments being visited via RV. Brutal regimes would fear the revelations made by remote viewers! War crimes trials could be transformed: the remote viewer providing precise evidence of how torture and killing had taken place, and who was responsible. What court would refuse to accept the evidence of RV?

None of this happens. Instead, celebrity viewers go around charging substantial sums of money telling wild and untestable tales that spring not from hard fact, but from pre-millennial conspiracy theory and fears of a New World Order. Remote viewing isn't new: although those running the courses hardly mention it, it has a clear pre-history of more than 60 years in astral projection and out-of-body experience: only the gloss, the stories of aliens and the hatred of governments, has been added.

And no, this **isn't** the next stage of human evolution: it's been going on for years. If the various "celebrity" remote viewers (and their ilk) are the most refined product of evolution through natural selection at the end of this century, perhaps they could nip off and check whether Charles Darwin is spinning in his grave!

# ONE PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS

Barbara Becker

For those not familiar with the **Gulf Breeze, Florida (USA)** UFO story or one of it's most controversial characters, Edward Walters, I will present a brief history. A complete account can be found in ***The Gulf Breeze Sightings: The Most Astounding Multiple Sightings of UFOs in U.S. History.*** Ed Walters and Frances Walters. *Morrow Publishing, 1990.*

According to Walters, on November 11, 1987, he was at his home in Gulf Breeze, when he looked out of a window and saw a greyish blue craft hovering just beyond a pine tree in his front yard. He grabbed his Polaroid Colorpak camera and proceeded to take five photographs of the mysterious object. He showed the photos to his wife, Frances, together they decided to turn them over to friend and editor of the ***Gulf Breeze Sentinel Newspaper***, Duane Cook.

Six days later, on November 17, Ed Walters and a companion entered the offices of the **Sentinel** and left five photos of the object for Duane Cook. The first and fifth of this series, along with a letter from the photographer, "Mr. X.", were reproduced in the **Sentinel** on November 19.

Ed Walters claimed he continued to photograph the object(s) until May 1, 1988. (It is impossible to know exactly how many photographs Walters actually took, since the Polaroid numbering system allows for multiple photographs with the same sequence and serial numbers). Thirty eight of Walters' photos are used in the book, along with two photographs from undisclosed sources. This paper will focus on the two other photographs and issues involving them.

The first photographs seemingly corroborating Walters' photos were submitted

to the **Sentinel** on December 3, 1987, accompanied by a letter by an anonymous person, later to be called "Jane". A second batch of nine photographs was submitted to the **Sentinel** on December 23, 1987 by a person using the pseudonym of "Believer Bill". One of the nine photos, along with a letter from Bill, was printed in the **Sentinel** on December 24. These are photos 39 and 40 in the book.

What do they have to do with Ed Walters other than lend credibility to his story? Well, actually they **challenge** his story.

During the first week of January 1988 a friend of the Walters' family, Tommy Smith, admitted to his father that he had been involved in Walters' UFO "prank". Smith said that Walters had originally asked him to claim to be the photographer of hoaxed UFO photos and to deliver them to the **Sentinel** but he refused. Among Smith's other assertions was a claim that the "Believer Bill" and "Jane" photos printed in the **Sentinel** were actually taken by Walters in cooperation with another friend.

The Walters' first book, ***The Gulf Breeze Sightings*** was published in 1990 and included the following copyright notice and acknowledgement: "Copyright: 1990 by Ed Walters and Frances Walters. Clippings on the page following page 256 reprinted with permission of **Pensacola NewsJournal**." As I read that I wondered why "Believer Bill" and "Jane" had not been acknowledged for their contribution as the **Pensacola News Journal** had been?

How could Walters use the "Believer Bill" and "Jane" photos without the permission of the photographers? I wrote to the publisher, William Morrow, and asked them

who owned the copyright to the "Believer Bill" and "Jane" photos. They replied, Ed Walters.

In order to understand the significance of Morrow's response, it is necessary to learn a little bit about **Title 17 of the United States Code - Copyright Act of 1976**. The most important thing to remember is that copyright belongs to the original author, in this case the photographer (1), until the copyright expires or is transferred to another party through a legal document called a "transfer agreement" (2). It does not matter if the author is anonymous, or uses a pseudonym, nor does the work need to be registered at the Copyright Office, for the copyright to be in effect, however, registration is a safeguard against infringement.

Thus, whoever Bill and Jane are they automatically own the copyright to the photos and letters submitted to the **Sentinel**. Gulf Breeze **Sentinel** editor, Duane Cook used the photos in the newspaper with the permission of Bill and Jane. When they submitted their photos and letters to the newspaper they gave Cook a nonexclusive license to publish the materials.

This means that the copyright owner allows the work to be used in a specific way, with permission, without relinquishing any of their own exclusive rights, or copyright. This allowed Cook to use the materials in the **Sentinel** or any derivative work in the same series (3). When Cook published the Bill and Jane materials, he actually secured their copyright as part of a collective work, the newspaper (4). Even though Cook had possession of the material objects, the photos and letters, he did not own them, nor did he have the authority to turn them over to a third party for publication (5).

There are only two ways that Walters could legally own the copyright to the "Believer Bill" and "Jane" photos. The copyright could have been transferred in which case he would have a transfer agreement (6) from Bill and Jane or he could be the photographer. I decide to look in to this. I obtained a copy of his registration from

the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. USA. Walters copyright registration for the photographs used in **The Gulf Breeze Sightings** is VAU-164-606, this is public record. It is a two page document, but we will only be concerned with questions 1, 2 and 4; the remainder being irrelevant to this discussion. The following is taken from the registration;

**1) Title of this work:**

Gulf Breeze Sightings.

**Nature of this work:**

Photographs.

**2) Name of author:**

Edward Daniel Walters.

**Nature of authorship:**

Photos taken by Edward Daniel Walters.

**4) Copyright claimant(s):**

Edward Walters / POB 715 / Gulf Breeze, FL.

**Transfer:** N/A.

The copyright form gives the following instructions for item four: "If the claimant(s) named here in space 4 are different from the author(s) named in space 2, give a brief statement of how the claimant(s) obtained ownership of the copyright". In answering these questions, Walters states that he is the author of the work - the photographs used in **The Gulf Breeze Sightings**. He also claims the copyright ownership and admits there is not a transfer agreement. This can not be misinterpreted. He claims to be the photographer of all photographs used in **The Gulf Breeze Sightings** which would include the "Believer Bill" and "Jane" photos.

I decided to write to Walters and ask him. I began a brief correspondence with him in February of 1997. I wrote four letters, received three replies. The only one of real concern is the one dated March 8, 1997. In it I once again asked Walters if he were the rightful owner of the "Believer Bill" and "Jane" photos he used in **The Gulf Breeze Sightings**. He replied:

*Ownership was given me by Cook. The reg. copyrights are recorded w / Lib. of Cong. You are still on NOTICE. Signed, Ed Walters. P.S. next day. My copyright*

*attor. assures me I have ownership. (Also copyrighted with Morrow Publishing. I will not address this further.) SEE YOU IN COURT.*

Walters claims that ownership of the "Believer Bill" and "Jane" photos were given to him by Duane Cook, but that is impossible since Cook neither owned the photographs nor the copyright to the photographs. Walters' affirms his ownership and his attorney backs him up... even his publisher says he owns the copyright.

So I think it is safe to say, Ed Walters does own the copyright to the "Believer Bill" and "Jane" photos. Unfortunately for Walters this admission lends credibility to Tommy Smith's claims that Walters took the Bill and Jane photos, for without a transfer agreement, the only conclusion left is that Ed Walters owns the photos because he took the photos.

From the copyright evidence it is apparent that Ed Walters created "Believer Bill" and "Jane". He took the photographs, used two different types of cameras, a "Hot Shot" for Bill and a 35 mm for Jane. This demonstrates his ability to use cameras other than the Colorpak and to produce multiple exposures. In addition to the photographs and letters, he fabricated a telephone call from the non-existent Jane, including a transcript of the make believe conversation as a chapter in his book. It is obvious that Ed Walters is quite capable of orchestrating an elaborate and sustained deception.

The only question remaining is why?

#### Notes:

### **Title 17 - United States Code - Copyright Act of 1976.**

#### **1) Chapter 2 - Copyright Ownership and Transfer. Section 201 (a).**

Initial Ownership. Copyright in a work

protected under this title vests initially in the author or authors of the work.

#### **2) Chapter 1 - 101. Definitions. Transfer agreement.**

A transfer of copyright ownership is an assignment, mortgage, exclusive license, or any other conveyance, alienation, or hypothecation of a copyright or any of the exclusive rights comprised in a copyright, whether or not it is limited in time or place of effect, but not including a nonexclusive license.

#### **3) Chapter 2 - Section 201(c). Contributions to Collective Works.**

Copyright in each separate contribution to a collective work is distinct from copyright in the collective work as a whole, and vests initially in the author of the contribution. In the absence of an express transfer of the copyright or any rights under it, the owner of copyright in the collective work is presumed to have acquired only the privilege of reproducing and distributing the contribution as part of that particular collective work, any revision of that collective work, and any later collective work in the same series.

#### **4) Chapter 4 - Section 404 (a). Notice of Copyright: Contribution to Collective Works.**

A separate contribution to a collective work may bear its own notice of copyright, as provided by sections 401 through 403. However, a single notice applicable to the collective work as a whole is sufficient to satisfy the requirements of section 401 through 403 with respect to the separate contributions it includes... regardless of the ownership of copyright in the contributions and whether or not they have been previously published. (Sections 401-403 say that any work protected under this act should display copyright notice where it can be easily seen or perceived).

5) Chapter 2 - Section 202.  
Ownership of Copyright as Distinct from  
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# INVESTIGATIONS DIARY

## GLORIA DIXON.

### POSTAL TRAINING COURSE UPDATE

There are currently 9 trainees enrolled on the postal training course, with 15 having successfully completed the course. This course has to date generated **£280.00** for the BUFORA NIC from the course-fees.

### INVESTIGATORS

There are currently **35** BUFORA Investigators, **fifteen** of whom are provisional investigators

### HYPNOSIS MORATORIUM

There has been some controversy regarding the NIC's continuing moratorium on the use of hypnosis. Much of this relates to a recent amendment to **The Code Of Practice for UFO Investigators**, the text of the relevant paragraph being as follows;

**6.12 Note regarding the usage of regression hypnosis and related techniques.**

*The BUFORA NIC has an ongoing moratorium on the use of regressive hypnosis (or any associated techniques) during a case investigation. This moratorium has been in place since 1988 and continues with the unanimous support of the NIC. Should the witness or a third party insist they wish to undergo regressive hypnosis, the investigator should ensure that they point out the major problems with this method, particularly its unreliability and possible distortion in an understanding of their experience as it represents a "truth" as understood by the witness rather than an "objective truth" about the event.*

*It should also be pointed out that hypnosis may accentuate any problems, psychological or otherwise, which have emerged from their experience. However, should it be decided by the witness and other concerned parties that such action may be beneficial to the witness as a therapeutic tool, then the investigator may recommend a qualified practitioner or contact one of BUFORA's Psychological Consultants for their professional support. It should also be pointed out to the witness that they must follow this route independently of BUFORA's investigation.*

*BUFORA investigators who may belong to other groups will be expected to adhere to this moratorium within investigative procedures in their other groups **AT ALL TIMES**. Should they decide to use hypnosis during an investigation within another group, this will be in direct opposition to the BUFORA NIC moratorium on hypnosis or related techniques and therefore would make their position within the BUFORA NIC no longer tenable.*

Due to this degree of feeling, I intended for this matter to have been debated in depth at the Cambridge NIC meeting scheduled for October 1998. However (due to the limited number of investigators able to attend), I postponed it, and I am hoping to hold this at a central venue sometime in February or March 1999.

This will be held in conjunction with a **Press Day** for investigators to be headed up by **David Clarke**, a senior reporter on the

Sheffield Star and BUFORA's Press Officer. He will be giving us information from his experience as a journalist as to how to deal with and interact with the Press in order to maximise the benefits to BUFORA and UFO research.

## SIGHTINGS

BUFORA has received approximately 220 sightings up to the 30th September 1998, a majority of these being reported only as unusual lights in the sky. The majority of cases are IFOs; misperceptions of military and civilian aircraft, bright stars, planets and meteors, etc.

The moon was responsible for at least one of these sightings; the details of which is covered in the following "Case Closed!" feature.

Laser light displays have generated many reports to us over the year. It will be interesting to see (when the case statistics are eventually collated) how prominent a course of spurious UFO events laser light displays have become in recent years.

A couple of reports which came in from Low Moor and Burnley in Lancashire emanated from a new nightclub in the area and were described by two friends fishing as a UFO at closed range which swooped down from the trees towards them. I encouraged the witness to try and locate a source for a laser light display and to his credit he faxed me after discovering a new nightclub in the area which had been responsible for the display on that particular night.

We still continue to receive reports of possible new prototype aircraft being observed particularly in the Northwest and in and around Derbyshire.

High strangeness reports are still being received and these encompass many areas of paranormal activity being perceived as alien and UFO events. There have been several cases recently where witnesses experiencing paranormal phenomena over a period of time now believe that their experiences are UFO and/or alien

encounters.

The ever-powerful and persuasive imagery of UFO related television programmes, magazines and books appears to be integrated into the human consciousness and are possibly affecting how some people are interpreting extraordinary events that do not appear to belong within their normal physical world, at least as they understand it.

Many of these curious experiences occur during the night where people enter altered states of consciousness prior to sleeping and before awakening. These are known as **hypnagogic** states (between sleeping and awakening, and **hypnopompic** states (between waking and sleeping).

## VIDEO FOOTAGE

We have received video film from Newton Aycliffe, Co. Durham and Coventry recently. The Newton Aycliffe footage was of an aircraft, and was taken on the flight path intersection of Teeside Airport and southbound aircraft from Newcastle Airport.

The photographer was very excited about what she described as a UEO. This has been returned to her with the explanation for the video film.

The film from Coventry is possibly an airship, but this needs to be checked out in order to establish whether there were any airships in the area. Computer enhancement will also give a better indication of an explanation for footage captured.

## STATISTICS

In January 1999, I will be collating statistics for 1998, with comprehensive analysis of the current situation of UFO sighting reports. A preliminary collation of sighting-statistics has already been completed by Robert Moore, covering 1996 and part of 1997, which will be published in a near-future issue of the **BUFORA BULLETIN**.

My more complete analysis will be issued in due course thereafter.

# CASE CLOSED; "UFO" by Moonlight!

## Introduction.

In this new feature, the **BUFORA NIC** will present particularly notable IFO events. IFOs comprise 90%+ of our subject matter, but many people within Ufology are often (sadly) ignorant to the degree that natural stimuli can be misidentified. "Case Closed" will hopefully dispel some of this ignorance

**Location:** A11, near Bury St Edmunds.  
**Date:** 18th April 1998.  
**Time:** 03.15 hrs.  
**Inv:** Rob Bull.

At approximately 3.15a.m. "R.R" and her daughter were returning from London, travelling on the A11. As they headed for the Bury St. Edmunds turn-off they became aware of a large orange/yellow circular light. This was observed from the passenger side of the car and appeared just above the trees. According to the witnesses, it "flashed" and moved three times at split second intervals. It then disappeared. When R.R turned and looked over her shoulder she observed this same light on the horizon. Her daughter also viewed this in her rear view mirror.

## Conclusions

Having studied the report, talked with the witness, studied a map of the area and checked with the 'Skyglobe' astronomical software, Robert Bull is reasonably confident of what is being reported here.

At the time and location of the sighting (03.15 hrs, 18th April 1998, four miles Southwest of Newmarket, Suffolk) the moon had risen; being 10 degrees above the horizon and at an Azimuth of 140 degrees (due Southeast). Thus it would have been visible (in a clear sky) to the right of the witnesses' car. The viewing direction of the witnesses, their description of what they observed and their description of it's

(apparent) motion are all consistent with the moon being observed. The three bright flashes could be attributed to the moon moving rapidly in and out of visibility behind the trees the witnesses say they saw.

As far as the location of the observation can be determined, the road the witnesses were travelling on turns left immediately after the witnesses first made their observation; thus it would appear as though the object being observed had moved (to be visible out of the rear window of the car). The orange/yellow colour of the object is also consistent with the moon being observed low in the sky.

Rob Bull had wondered about 'laser light show' for this case, but the witness was adamant that this was not what she had seen. He checked with the assistant manager of 'DeNiros' night-club in Newmarket; their laser light projector would have been shut down at 02:00 hrs.

## Comment by Gloria Dixon & Robert Moore

it is certainly difficult to believe that a witness could mistake the moon for a UFO, but there are indeed many cases where this has happened!

The moon is not infrequently reported as a UFO! The moon's shape can be changed by thin cloud; taking on odd shapes for many minutes. In some instances such an effect may make the moon resemble a "dome" or "saucer" slowly receding from an observer (as cloud slowly drifts over it's disc).

It's normal colour may be changed to a reddish hue (or be even darkened by) unseen dust in the atmosphere.

The Moon can also be distorted by atmospheric refraction effects when close to the horizon (i.e. when it is about to rise or set; or – in some cases – has already done so!)



# INVESTIGATIONS DIARY SPECIAL

## THE LEEDS INCIDENT

JOHN P. HEPTONSALL

### Introduction

On Monday 2nd February 1998, in the early evening, a large number of observers from the West Yorkshire area saw two very bright lights moving slowly over W. Yorks. from the Pennines in the West and on towards the York area in the East. The sightings were highlighted after *Look North*, a BBC TV Leeds programme, covered the incident and showed footage from a video recording provided by "K.M", a security man.

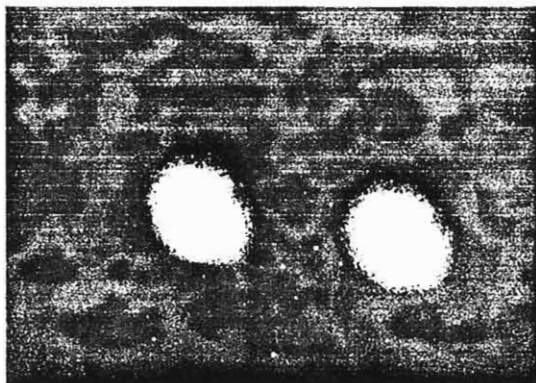
Around 17.35 hrs "K.M" and a colleague had been seated in their security cabin just off Coal Road when they noticed two very bright lights over Leeds to their west.

At first "K.M" thought they were an approaching aircraft, being familiar with overflights on their way to Leeds/Bradford International Airport. After 3 or 4 minutes he decided to pan the infra-red security camera at the lights from its mountings about 75 yards south of the cabin. The next ten minutes were recorded on tape with date/time aspects and the two lights were tracked as they made their way from the West and gradually came over "K.M"'s location and continued towards the East.

Before the camera lost sight of them they were seen to diverge from what had been a very steady formation to continue separately, one on a more North Easterly course and the

other more East or ESE. The impression given by the lights to the security men was that they remained stationary for several minutes over Leeds and then began to move closer to their position whilst keeping steady formation, with the southernmost light higher than its partner and, at intervals, the two lights seemed to move apart, then together again, confirming what several witnesses had

seen. The brightness of the lights was fairly constant, even in retreat.



As they neared the security position they were seen to develop into two 'pairs' of lights. Perhaps this was due to the men's relatively close proximity to the

lights, or the perspective introduced as the lights passed to the side of their location. Each single light could be seen to be two lights next to each other with a small gap between each pair.

The altitude of the lights have been speculated on by witnesses (although with great difficulty as the sky was clear but dark) to be from a few hundred to a few thousand feet. Andy Rackham, Airfield Services Manager of Leeds/Bradford International Airport, responsible for Air Traffic Control was heard on BBCs *'Look North'* program to state that they had picked nothing up on radar during the particular time which could identify the objects, also that 'if the objects

were extra-terrestrial in origin they may not be able to pick them up on radar' or words to that effect.

Most witnesses saw the objects as **'two very bright white lights moving very slowly in close formation without sound'** and had dismissed the likelihood of them being mounted on conventional aircraft such as planes or helicopters. Many of these witnesses live under flight paths and are used to identifying aircraft. Two witnesses, one near Halifax and one in Becketts Park, Leeds, state that they heard small engine/turboprop sounds and believe they had witnessed two light aircraft flying overhead West to East.

The grandfather of one witness, who was present with the witness, says the objects made **'two stroke engine'** sounds. At least six persons say they saw an unidentified helicopter near the location of the lights, one witness in Morley, one near Gelderd Road, one in Greetland, a couple on the Pennines and a lady in Cleckheaton where the lights passed over her house. She says she saw the Police helicopter over Liversedge making its way to Wakefield. The couple saw two very bright lights, travelling in the opposite direction over the Pennines from all other witness accounts, and they also associated a helicopter with the two lights which they saw around 18.00hrs. A report in a Calderdale newspaper, the **Halifax Evening Courier**, headlined **"Calderdale residents see the light"** tells of numerous witnesses to similar lights in the sky ( LITS).

The report mentions one particular witness, Mr. "L.N" of Elland, who was visiting his mother in Greetland on Monday 2nd February when he saw strange objects in the sky. **"It was weird"** he said. **"At first I thought they were stars and then I saw the police helicopter out and I thought there were three flying in line together, but two were very bright white and there was no sound and they were travelling in line with the M62..."** This sums up what most people reported to the media, and have repeated to BUFORA orally and by questionnaire. K.M's video, which recorded movements from the

West of Leeds to East, shows two very bright lights throughout the period 17.35hrs to 17.50hrs (consistent with the timings of many of the sightings). There are some anomalies thrown up from a few witness' sightings that vary either by time or location from the overall norm despite having the same basic observation of **"two very bright and slow moving lights keeping formation as though of a banking plane"**.

Some witnesses have stated timings which are from about 30 minutes to 60 minutes outside the expected time range for the two lights seen by most; one witness saw similar LITS as she and her husband drove westwards over the Pennines towards Rochdale, the LITS of similar description followed them, she felt, and she also saw a helicopter cross the path of these LITS over the moors.

This couple were then subjected to a strange encounter as they drove down from the moors whilst watching the lights; they drove round a bend, coming face to face with an 'F' reg. Rover car parked in the middle of the road. They hit it slightly and carried on after checking and finding *it was locked but had been left in the middle of the main road*. She felt that the strange lights had followed them over the moor.

Clearly the answer to the identification of the LITS may not be readily obtained. A great deal of investigation may be called for.

### **Witness Accounts**

As near as possible these accounts describe the track of the LITS as they were observed moving from West to East between about 16.45 hrs and 17.50 hrs when they moved towards the York area:

1. At 16.45-17.00hrs ( but possibly as late as 17.30 hrs) S.H. of Stainland saw two bright lights, as though aircraft landing lights, in formation coming from over Scammonden which then passed directly over his house and on via West Vale towards Leeds - sound of turboprop accompanying the LITS - and the lights were 'twinned' as though mounted

on two aircraft and positioned at the wing-roots so very close together. The two pairs of lights looked like two very bright single lights at a distance. He is convinced that they were carried on propeller-driven, 'sounding commercial rather than military', light aircraft and were headed towards LBA.

2. At 17.10-17.15 hrs T.C. of Bradford, saw two very bright lights beyond Queensbury (towards Scammonden) as she drove from Thornton to Queensbury.

3. At 17.30-17.45 Mrs W of Hipperholm saw 'two stationary headlights' in the sky in the direction of the 'Evening Star'- towards Scammonden.

4. At just before 18.00 hrs B.M. of Hunsworth saw two LITS dead ahead of them as they travelled from Birkenshaw to home; the two LITS with top-left-bottom-right bank 'hung there' in same aspect without banking and travelled very slowly over her house and on following the M62 towards Birkenshaw, no sound; she saw what she believed to be the Police helicopter over Liversedge at the same time on its way to Wakefield.

5. At 17.40-17.45 hrs P.D. of Allerton, Bradford, was stood near Dudley Hill and saw two very bright lights moving very slowly, no noise, high up, coming from M606 direction to cross over Holmwood Estate and on towards Pudsey/Leeds. The lights maintained equal distance and height throughout the 5 to 6 minutes she watched. She is convinced that they were neither helicopters nor light aircraft; her son flies C130's and she is used to seeing various military and civilian aircraft, these lights were totally unfamiliar.

6. At 17.30-17.45 hrs PB. at his home in Pudsey saw two lights, one behind the other at fixed distance, high up, move towards the Leeds City Centre; after a short time one moved away from the other, they were stationary for a while, no sound, very bright, aircraft height.

7. At 17.30 to 17.35 hrs JF saw two very bright lights steady in the sky over towards

Bradford from his location on Back Lane, Farnley, where he stopped his car to look.

8. At 17.30 hrs Mr D, looking from Churwell, saw two LITS coming from west over towards Leeds as he looked to the north and Tong area; once passed he could still see the white lights from behind and they had not dimmed in brightness.

9. At 17.40 hrs Mrs D. of Armley saw two very bright lights, one to left and one to right, hardly moving and hence very slow, no noise, one behind the other, not too high in sky, no flicker, as they moved on over Leeds they moved further apart.

10. At 16.55-17.05 hrs Mr D of Morley saw two very bright lights approach from west and travel over his house towards Leeds; he photographed the lights and thought he could make out a black cigar or coffin shape between the lights, his wife also saw them but could make out no shape, they were very high in the sky.

11. At 17.30-17.45 hrs P.Y. of Morley saw two very bright lights ahead over Morley as she drove up Churwell Hill and again from New Bank Street as though high above the top end of New Bank Street where they slowly moved in the direction of Elland Road and the LBA flight-path. A helicopter crossed their path below from the north-west as she watched the lights travel north-eastwards over her position near Daisy Hill towards Leeds. The two lights moved off 'twinkling' as stars as they moved further away.

12. At 17.40hrs B.L. of Belle Isle was stood at the Gelderd Road traffic lights when he saw to his front right two very bright lights closing over him and on towards Armley. At the same time he saw a helicopter ahead over the M621 and felt the three objects were together albeit the helicopter was not in formation with the two lights. He opened his sun-roof and could hear a helicopter sound and see the two very bright lights. He thought the three objects were probably all military helicopters in flight.

13. At about 17.30 hrs K.F. of Wortley videoed two very bright lights passing over his house, from the west to the east towards Leeds City centre; the two lights, via camera zoom, were shown to be 'strobing' almost synchronous, the strobe colouring the bright white lights a yellow colour, especially to the lower and rear part; both lights take the shape of a tilted rectangle under zoom whose leading side was higher than following side.

14. At 17.30-17.45 hrs Mr N was driving along Kirkstall Road when he saw two very bright lights cross over from West to East. He went via Becketts Park onto Otley Road and the lights passed over him there.

15. At 17.30-17.45 hrs M.N. was in Becketts Park where he lives when he saw the two lights overhead crossing the LBA flight path towards the 'north'; he heard propellers, decided they were not far apart and that they were *twin pairs of lights* without colour mounted on two tight aircraft, travelling in formation, same height, offset, same speed and quite low. It was a clear night with stars in the sky.

16. At 17.30-18.00 hrs PR was driving down Park Row to City Square when he saw two very bright lights track over the Majestic from the right side of the Queens Hotel to the south east. In two minutes they came over the Square very low from few 100 to few 1000 feet; he looked for undercarriage evidence and saw one small flashing light just to rear of the light in the more southern position. There was little distance between the lights and no deviation in that distance. The diagram he draws on the questionnaire shows the LITS turning to a more northerly direction after they appear over Leeds City Square.

17. At 17.30-17.35 hrs P.L. walked from St James's University Hospital towards Leeds City Centre via Quarry House. He saw two very bright lights near flight path coming from the SSW with 30 degree left bank. They maintained this bank for a long time and then seemed to level out and to move further apart. There did not appear to be any

forward movement. As he reached Quarry House the lights were static and *overhead*, he saw that both lights were strobing and like halogen lights, at first synchronous, then alternating as they began to move slowly apart and slowly off to the north in the direction of but about 2-300 yards off the flight path to LBA. He realised that on this journey he would usually have seen at least 2 or 3 normal aircraft inbound to LBA and he had seen none.

There was no noise with the lights although traffic may have reduced the possibility of any noise reaching him. The apparent static position of the pair of LITS lasted for about 30 seconds or one minute - PL agrees that this could have been due to his perspective of the lights and that they may have been slowly turning, thus appearing to hover, northwards. Altitude was difficult to define, he would accept they could have been at from a few thousand to even 6 or 7,000 feet.

18. At 17.45 hrs J.B. says he saw two cones with very bright lights move from Armley direction over towards North Leeds from his location at Carr Manor View. He saw them at a distance hovering, they moved apart and then back closer; after a few seconds they began to move one following the other ( at seconds intervals) and flew over his location; they appeared to move in bursts starting/ stopping/hovering as if following each one's moves. No sound, very bright. His grandfather, who was present at the sighting, says they had a 'two stroke engine sound'.

19. At 17.50 hrs, then 18.10-18.15 hrs SD of Middleton was walking home from the shop when she saw two bright LITS too far apart for plane; they came towards her and started flashing, then remained stationary 'for ages' over a nearby school field, no noise, near Throstle Lane; they moved at top speed to one place then top speed back again over the centre of the school field; they flashed in concert; she did not see them leave as she arrived home and moved from one room to another. She felt they were visible to her over about a 20 minute period.

20. At about 17.00hrs E.C. saw two static very bright LITS from her home in Meanwood, to the west. Like 'two stars', she watched them for about 20 minutes. They then moved some distance apart. One then went upwards, and the other went downwards. After this, the upper one went downwards and the downwards one climbed somewhat. Both then moved apart, then moved together, almost touching. They then moved like they were "danc(ing)...to music", coming ever closer, to pass over her location. The LBA flight path is overhead. They came overhead and she conversed with her son-in-law (J.S), over the phone, having alerted her to them coming towards her Moortown home. She felt they were only 200 foot high and were perfectly level with each other, very close and had "like a shadow (negative effect) around the light - a 'dark' shadow instead of light shadow".

21. At the same time, JS saw what her sister-in-law (EC) saw and was speaking about to her by telephone; she also watched for 5-10 minutes. They were like bright car headlights moving really slowly.

22. At 17.40 hrs M.T., who was making his way to E.C.'s house to work, saw two very bright lights approaching him as he came from Moortown to Meanwood. There were two pairs of twin lights. Very slow, at first he thought it was a balloon. The LITS came from the City Centre towards Harrogate he believed; same level, no sound, no shape.

23. 17.30-17.45 hrs M.C, whilst driving out of Foxhill Ave (near the Adel cross-roads), saw towards West Park two bright slow lights. They stopped for over 10 minutes, then went overhead. Size of light from Police helicopter without beam, very high, 'same body and tail' she imagined, not joined but separate, W-E, as though one behind other.

24. Maybe 18.30 hrs (but not sure of the actual day), Miss C. saw from her back bedroom window – which faces the approach to LBA - LITS, which were stationary for a long time (about 30 to 60 mins).

25. At 18.10-18.15 hrs J.G. of Abbeydale, took a photo which **turned out blank** despite remainder of film being OK. Two bright lights seen over Kirkstall Road direction, quiet, constant, no noise, 3-400 ft high, no shape, round, white, moving towards Headingley.

26. At 17.30-18.00 hrs J.T in Horsforth, whose garden faces south, saw an 'aeroplane near flight path but off course'; light at each wing end, no sound. After a while J.T decided he was not seeing an aeroplane. The lights then veered off course and 'split-up', going across Cookridge as two separate lights next to each other.

27. At about 18.00 hrs (while driving along A61 towards the Ring Road) KJ saw two very bright LITS ahead. When he reached "Sainsburys" they were over high rise to left of Ring Road.

28. At 17.30-17.45 hrs Mrs N, travelling home via Huby to Bramhope saw two very bright LITS over Leeds 'very low in [the] Wharfe valley'.

29. At 17.35 hrs Mrs P of Wetherby was driving home from Harrogate through Spofforth when she saw a bright 'star' with what looked like a plane nearing it. It was bright, static, whilst another moved towards it. She lost sight of it in Spofforth but picked it up once, through; it was closer and she felt they had "joined together".

30. At 17.45-18.15 hrs A.M and husband M.A were in Scholes when two very bright LITS came over Whinmoor, passing over their position. They then spilt up, one moving slower towards York and the other veering to a more southerly course and taking up a faster speed. At first the LITS had looked stationary and close together - MA thought a 'plane was coming - they were high, no noise.

31. At 06.40 hrs Mrs C. saw an unusual, very bright single light over Thackley from her home in Baildon. This seemed to be a solid object, with a 'coloured' edge, having a perfect round form. It was stationary 10 minutes, and disappeared when she turned

It had been below cloud level and appeared to be in front of some trees.

32. At 17.45-18.15hrs P.R was with her partner driving over Nont Sarahs to Rochdale when two very bright lights were seen together to their right. They appeared to be always static but as though keeping pace with them; a helicopter went between/past the lights. The pair saw them from Brighthouse before climbing over the Pennines and the lights seemed to stay with them to the Rochdale end of the moors. The M62 was closed due to some traffic hold-up hence they used the Nont Sarahs route taking 20-25 minutes in all.

As they descended in the car off the moor they rounded a corner and, whilst still looking at the LITS, ran into an 'F' reg. Rover car stationary on the road *in the middle of the road parked and locked*. Being dark they checked the car and left towards Shaw/ Milnrow rapidly due to the unusual circumstances.

33. At about 17.10hrs Mr and Mrs. D. R saw the two lights whilst driving along Listing Lane just off the A638 about a mile outside Heckmondwike going towards Cleckheaton; the lights were moving very slowly and looked like globes. They were heading W-E.

34. At about 17.45 to 17.50 hrs Mr. G.A of Batley saw two bright flashing (not in sync.) white lights side by side and parallel to each other from his garden. He observed these through 16x50 binoculars and then moved to his loft, where he keeps in touch with LBA air traffic movements through a scanner (this being his hobby).

He estimates the altitude of the two objects as being less than 1,000 feet when overhead, and he lost sight of them about 10 miles away (he believes). They moved on a steady northerly heading, parallel and approx. 150 ft. apart until 7 miles out, where starboard object veered right onto a ENE heading, losing about half its original altitude. During the turn the port object remained on present heading for about 10 seconds then veered NNW

maintaining altitude. Cloudbase was about 1100 ft, wind 15 deg. and 4 knts, gusting 9 knts, temp. 7 degrees local.

Whilst watching the LITS he listened to LBA air traffic control (via his scanner). He "detected" a Jersey European Aircraft then no further traffic for at least 5 minutes, when a 737 called in and came overhead higher than the LITS, faster and with a clear outline.

35. Several newspaper articles mention sightings near Manchester and West Yorks.

a. Residents in Bradford saw LITS, (**Bradford Telegraph & Argus** 25 Feb. 1998).

b. The **Halifax Evening Courier** (24 Feb. 1998 edition) tells of 'Calderdale residents who see the light'. The majority of witnesses described seeing two yellow lights between 5.30 and 6.00 pm on the 2nd February 1998.

c. The **Halifax Evening Courier** (21st February edition) tells how 'UFO spotters inundate TV station'; it mentions Mark Birdsall of UFO magazine saying 'the sightings were the strongest evidence of UFOs in the area for 15 years'; it also tells of witnesses who saw the lights arrive from the SW and were like orange rectangles with rounded edges, most heard no sound but one man heard a dull whine.

d. The **Ashton and Audenshaw Reporter** (19th Feb 1998 edition). At first witness thought it was the Dog Star Sirius as the light came to Ashton from Piccadilly, Manchester; as it came nearer the light split into two, one of the balls jumped over the other, they moved slowly without sound and she did not believe them to be aircraft lights.

e. The **Ashton and Audenshaw Reporter** (12th Feb 1998 edition) tells of "Mysterious lights seen in the night"; an Audenshaw couple saw two globes of brilliant white light gliding through the skies travelling towards Audenshaw from Manchester, the left-hand light moved on top of the other; they both had three little bright lights on the rear that were flashing perfectly in time; they were several

hundred feet in the air; the lights were too close together to be helicopters or aircraft, they said, as they would have crashed; when overhead they heard a slight humming noise like an electric shaver. They watched the lights ahead towards Ashton Moss and onto Bradford.

### Analysis

The main theme is of two very bright, formation keeping, soundless (or turboprop) lights with strobe effect. It was also associated with at least one helicopter during part of the LITS journey across West Yorkshire. The witness reports, timings and description suggest that some may have reported alternative objects, may have been mistaken about timing, or there may have been more than one pair of objects.

Stephen Mera is looking into a similar spate of sightings consistent with these, where bright lights were heard to have a small engine or humming sound. These originated via Stretford and were heading towards the Pennines and Bradford. The video camera at Coal Road with "K.M's" account suggests two very bright LITS over Leeds between about 17.35 and 17.50 hrs moving West-East which finally made their way towards East Yorks; showing clearly to be two 'twin pairs of lights' from a side perspective. These split up as they travelled over Scholes to the East of "K.M's" position.

The West Yorkshire Police helicopter establishment (The Air Support Unit) reported that neither the West Yorks nor South Yorks Police helicopters were flying between 12.15 hrs and 19.45 hrs that day. They had no information about possible military flights but are aware that military flights take place over Leeds, as their aircraft fly to the North Sea decompression chamber. On these occasions they may fly below 1,000 feet and do not need to inform the police of their presence.

One possibility is that the objects are military. This is probable from the lack of public information, despite LBA radar and TV publication of the events, and the close formation the objects kept for many miles in

the dark. They were also, at times, associated with a helicopter. Additionally, it passed over the Leeds flight-path without comment from LBA. *It is possible they may be helicopters or some other designation with hover capability; such as a UAV or an RPV.*

*It is also possible they are of a design which reduces or denies radar detection (witness Leeds ATC lack of radar trace). What of J.G's mysterious lack of photo record, despite other films successfully developing as she tested her camera under similar circumstances with successful processing later. Mr D's photo was also blank. Further analysis of the video recordings made by "K.M" and "L.N" through computer enhancement so far has been of little value in terms of identifying a solid body attached to the LITS. This in itself may be significant; witness the "White River Sightings" from Bloomington, Indiana, USA (detailed in "part two" of this article), along with the account of a USA pilot's sighting of two UFOs on the 30/1/98 over Dallas.*

There are extraordinary features of the testimony which do not suggest a 'fixed wing'. For example, the descriptions of "stationary", "hovering for several minutes" and the Quarry House "static LITS strobing before moving off slowly northwards". There is also (perhaps) the Middleton report, recounting "top speed movement of two LITS between points with 10 minute hover over a school field". However, this latter report bears timings and a lack of directional/descriptive data that may exclude it from the "main" Leeds Incident.

**John Heptonstall will be continuing his examination of the Leeds incident in the next issue of BUFORA BULLETIN.**



# A LETTER TO UFOLOGY...

## Elsie Oakensen.

On November 22nd this year I shall be celebrating 20 years as a UFO Close Encounter Witness and as I decided originally to forego the confidentiality which was offered I can now look back over that time and assess the wisdom, or otherwise, of that decision. During this time the account of my experience has been used in many ways but the one result which I had expected, viz., that BUFORA researchers would come up with a reason for this phenomenon, has not materialised.

Researchers did their best, even those who formulated their own ideas about the subject, then selected points from my account to prove that particular theory. Two sentences in the "Letter" section of *BUFORA BULLETIN* No. 5 prompted me to write.

**They read: "of course these objects cannot have been flying over the motorway, and the witnesses' claim to that effect can be discounted. They may have imagined this aspect."**

I would suggest that Stuart Campbell falls into this category as he seems to have applied this method to my sighting also. May I explain my reason for thinking this?

In my case I had 7 separate incidents along a 2 mile journey, or if you include tightening sensations around my head before and after that journey, that makes 9 happenings of strangeness over a 6 hour period, and he homes in on only one of them.

I find this method of investigation very intimidating. There is an unacceptable pressure on the witness who is not consulted at all and generally finds out from a third party that these observations have been published. Given the opportunity I would have raised the following points privately with Stuart but he obviously felt it was not necessary.

I would like to ask Stuart this:- If what I experienced on 22nd November 1978 was indeed a mirage of Fomalhaut could you please put me in touch with others world-wide who have also approached such a 'mirage' and like me have seen it from side view, then driven under it and seen it from below, and continuing on, have stopped, got out of the car, turned round and seen it in reverse (when the star which supposedly caused the mirage in the first place was actually behind me)?

You have also claimed on the radio that the tightening sensations I experienced around my head were the cause of this hallucination. If you had spoken to me personally about this I could have asked you whether such an hallucination has a rapid response or delayed action.

You see, I had two on that day. The first was 4 hours before I saw my dumbbell-shaped object and the second was 2 hours afterwards. Neither could be said to come into the first category, but could the first one have had a 4 hour delayed action fuse, and if so, perhaps you can explain why the second, which was identical to the first, never had the same effect?

I would also like to offer an invitation to the following who have obviously found some aspect of my health too embarrassing to discuss with me. Perhaps they would accompany me to my doctor's surgery so that they can check my medical records.

- Albert Budden could then see that at no time on that day did I suffer from a visual seizure which caused an hallucination.
- Jenny Randles could check that on 22nd November 1978 I was certainly NOT 'past normal child-bearing age,' so could not have been rejected by aliens because of this.



- Carl Nagaitis and Philip Mantle could check whether or not the A5 at Weedon is actually a dual-carriageway. On second thoughts. Perhaps whilst travelling separately to interview me **they** might each have had a visual seizure and hallucinated, causing double vision in one of Albert's Electro-magnetically hypersensitive hot-spot areas. (sorry Albert only joking!)

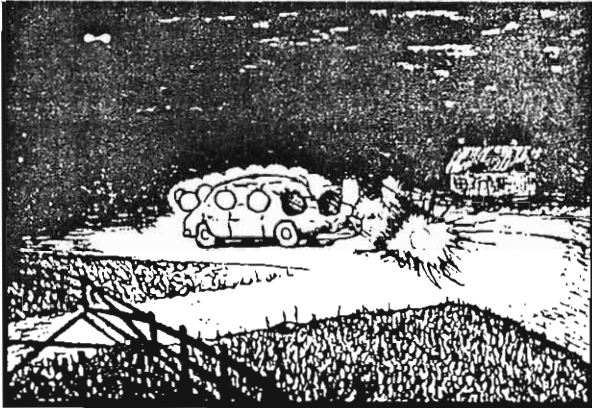
and have published the results in 1995, in my book *"One Step Beyond... A personal Abduction Experience"*.

**- Elsie Oakensen -**

**Editors Comment:**

One question does come to mind in a situation such as this; what **did** Elsie Oakensen **actually** see on that November evening in 1978? No, **not** an investigator's reconstruction of what occurred, but an account based on her **actual recollections!**

- Andy Roberts would be able to tell me if, since interviewing me (with Philip Mantle and Clive Potter) about 7 years ago, he believed that what he heard then was all in my imagination, as he claimed on Central Weekend TV recently was the case with UFO witnesses.



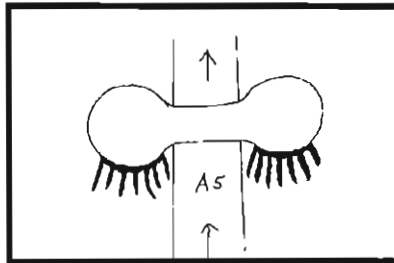
Wonder no more, for the next issue of **BUFORA BULLETIN** will feature an illustrated detailed personal account of her 1978 Daventry sighting!

All these things and many more have been publicised about me and my UFO since 1978. If only authors and researchers would contact witnesses personally and allow them to check their accounts before publication it would save a lot of embarrassment all round.

The lack of respect for those whose sightings supply the only material which enables this research to be done, and books on the subject to be written, is quite unnecessary, and 20 years on to read as in this magazine that a researcher considers it to be alright to discount some of the witnesses' claims is quite despicable.

John Spencer was right when he said that more would be found out about the UFO phenomenon if the witnesses investigated their own sightings. I know because I did it

I would also be interested to hear any response to Elsie's comments from the various UFO researchers she mentions in her "letter to Ufology"!



# Book Reviews

## UFOs & Ufology

The First 50 Years.

Paul Devereux & Peter Brookesmith.

Blanford 1998

ISBN 0-7137-2657-1.

As expected, the 50th anniversary of the modern UFO enigma (in 1997) spawned a considerable number of books (few of which had any lasting merit). This late-comer to the "50th anniversary" scene is however **not** the "standard" cash-in/ufological rehash. It is much more than that. It is unique; a book which attempts to equate our current understanding of UFOs with current scientific knowledge!

The chapter on early sightings uses some fairly novel material, covering "sightings" of "dragons" in mediaeval times, 18th-19th century reports of strange meteor-like objects and balls of light, "Mystery Airships" and "Foo Fighters". In line with the 50th anniversary theme it features a detailed treatment of the Kenneth Arnold sighting.

I did (personally) find the coverage of CEIII's a little patchy. I also feel that **UFOs & Ufology** should have featured more "major" sightings (if only to give the readership a better "feel" for the subject). Nonetheless it's treatment of the 1950's contactees and their claims is quite good. It is also strong and objective in many other areas of the subject; ranging from UFOs & the media, cinematic treatment of UFOs, flaps, waves orthontology, leys, windows and other special/temporal "patterns" of UFO behaviour.

The authors also have some informed and novel things to say about the various "ancient astronaut" claims (such as the so-called "spacesuited" figures depicted by the Tassili rock pictures and other similar prehistoric images). However it's treatment of Crop circles is more forgiving than the facts of

this subject (as presented in this book!) suggests. **UFOs and Ufology** documents the psycho-social hypothesis vrs ETH battle for the subject's inner conceptions, using several examples to show how various happenings within the subject have swayed ufological opinion one way, then the other....

It also features a detailed examination of the "dark side" of UFOs; particularly the various "cover-up" and conspiracy ideas and how they developed. It also critically discusses the Roswell incident. They find much to support the view that the various "observations" of bodies are spurious and that the event itself was generated by the remains of a Project Mogul balloon. It also effectively debunks the Roswell autopsy movie.

As you would expect (with Paul Devereux being it's co-author) the book's treatment of earthlights is excellent and very topical. As is it's (critical) treatment of abductions and altered states of consciousness.

It's conclusions are that the majority of UFO events are the result of earthlight manifestations, which may well prove to be far more complex in nature than mere charged pockets of ionised gas! It also favours a psychological explanation for high-strangeness reports.

**UFOs & Ufology** is a well-written and topical work. It may prove a hard read for those committed to the ETH, as it holds little comfort for them. This book attempts to firmly ground Ufology in geophysics, psychology and sociology. It is a pleasant surprise to find a work of this nature presenting such a deep, intellectual exploration of the UFO problem. Recommended (although I do feel this book is quite expensive for a work of this format).

**Robert Moore.**

# BORDERLANDS

Dr. Mike Dash

Random House 1998. Illustrated.

ISBN 0-434-00335-2

*Borderlands* is a work which examines a wide variety of paranormal and "Fortean" phenomena. It concisely discusses (among other subjects) anomalous precipitation (from fish-falls to "blood" rains), encounters with demigods (ranging from Castor & Pollox to the Blessed Virgin Mary), cryptozoological creatures, ghosts & poltergeists, psi abilities, UFO's, SHC and earth mysteries.

The wide scope of *Borderlands* makes it a good first reference work of the "paranormal". Its chapter on UFOs details much familiar material, but manages to cover most aspects of the subject. As a whole, the work is both reasonably informed and fairly up-to-date. However, on the downside, *Borderlands* does not contain an index (but does include a considerable list of references).

Mike Dash admits the majority of these events can be rationally explained, but also accepts that - even after critical examination - a small residue of puzzling incidents remain. He also concedes that the physical evidence for most anomalies tends towards the scarce and ambiguous. As a consequence, he discusses the possible reasons for this, ranging from such occurrences having a ultraterrestrial source to other (more prosaic) possibilities.

For UFO enthusiasts, two chapters are of particular interest. The first, entitled "Hoax", (surprisingly!) discusses instances of fabricated paranormal phenomena. The second, "Answers From Inner Space", examines the various physiological explanations often cited to account for apparitions, possessions and Close Encounter experiences. This covers a variety of subjective effects, ranging from hallucinations, fantasy-prone personalities, temporal lobe epilepsy, hypnosis, false

memory syndrome and hypnogogic-hypnopompic states.

Dash finds all the "popular" explanations for the various paranormal, fortean and cryptozoological phenomena examined in this work inadequate. Although sceptical of the "traditional" explanations, he also finds solutions based solely on psycho-social or physiological factors equally wanting. It is the author's opinion that a combination of unusual mental states and cultural expectation lie at the root of many of these happenings.

*Borderlands* comes to two important conclusions. Firstly, the book demonstrates that cultural expectations often has a profound effect on both the interpretation and form of anomalous happenings. It also states that there no such thing as a consistently inexplicable - or explicable - anomalous phenomenon. Theories which advocate one specific effect as the explanation for **Every** UFO (or apparitional, or bigfoot) event always encounters instances which it can account for only with great difficulty. The author believes that only a multi-paradim approach is likely to prove viable in the long term.

Although *Borderland's* critical attitude may not be to everyone's liking, the majority of critical paranormal/UFO researchers will examine the precepts and ethos of this work with interest. Given the masses of junk on both UFOs and the Paranormal which clutter up most bookstores, it is good (for a change) to encounter a popular work covering this subject in such intellectual depth. Dr. Dash is to be congratulated on producing this considerable tome, which documents the diverse happenings existing on the borderlands of consensus reality.

**Robert Moore.**



# BUFORA EVENTS CALENDAR:

All the following BUFORA events will be held at the University Of Westminster; 35 Marylebone Road, Central London. NW1 5LS, unless otherwise stated.

- **January, 1999.** No Lecture!
- **6th February, 1999** BUFORA Lecture\*
- **6th March, 1999** BUFORA Lecture\*

(\*Content to be announced).

Admission price for BUFORA's lectures is £1.50 (members) or £3.50 (non-members). A full programme of BUFORA events for 1999-2000 will be submitted to our members in due course.

## AGM NOTICE

### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BUFORA LTD; Sat. 10th April, 1999.

The **TWENTY-FOURTH Annual General Meeting** of BUFORA Ltd. will be held at the **UNIVERSITY OF WESTMINSTER, 35 MARYLEBONE ROAD, LONDON, NW1** in the **LECTURE THEATRE** at **2.00pm** on **SATURDAY 10th APRIL 1999** to receive the Chairman's Report, the Report of the Council of Management, the Accounts of the Treasurer, and to appoint the Auditor according to the Articles of the Association.

Signed on behalf of the Council of Management

**S.J.Gamble,**

**Chairman. 28th November 1998.**

#### NOTE:

Please note that a Member entitled to attend and vote at this meeting is entitled to appoint a proxy who need not be a member of the Company to attend and vote in his or her stead. Instruments of proxy must be lodged at the Company's registered address, **16 Southway, Burgess Hill, Sussex, RH15 9ST**, not less than forty-eight hours before the time appointed for the meeting.

Members wishing to nominate persons for election to the Council of Management shall give to the Secretary such nominations in writing at the registered address, signed by the person proposed, **stating their willingness to be elected, not less than four, nor more than twenty-eight clear days before the time appointed for the meeting in accordance with Section 52 of the Articles of Association.** Nominations must show clearly the name of both the proposer and seconder. Whilst visitors are welcome to attend the following lecture, **only members of the Association in good standing and accredited proxies may attend and vote at the AGM!** Only members in good standing may nominate or be nominated as members of the Council of Management or propose resolutions. Please bring membership cards as this will speed checking against the current membership list.