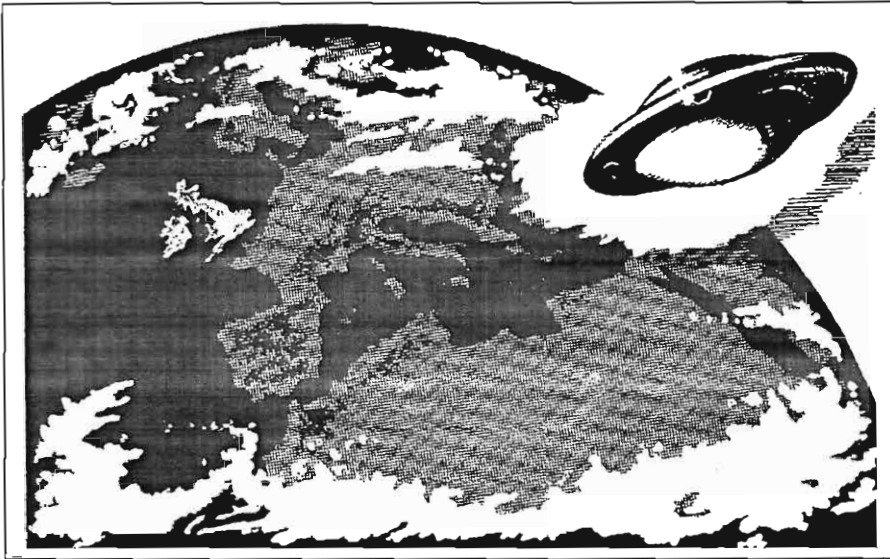


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Editorial



What is it they say about all the good plans of mice and men?

Having got the material together and produced the masters for NBJ10 we then hit production problems which ended up causing several weeks extra delay. Which then took up time I should have been using to finish off this issue

Since then we have changed our production method again and it is now being produced by our new central office. Hopefully once we get the system running here we will get back on track

Since the last issue of the Journal there have been a number of changes in the organisation. These changes are shown inside the front cover, but I will highlight a few of them here

Firstly Michael Hudson has stood down as secretary and from running the office. These are two very demanding jobs which can take up a great deal of time. Thank you Michael on behalf of BUFORA for undertaking these jobs for several years. Michael also served as a member of Council for a number of years, including part of the time I was chairman and was also a member of the research team when I was head of that department. So I would like to add my personal thanks for Michael's support over the years.

As a result of this we have a new Company Secretary in the form of Jon Downes, and a new address : 15 Holne Court, Exwick, Exeter, Devon, EX4 2NA

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Many people will know of Jon for his work in many aspects of the paranormal especially his work in cryptozoology. As well as the office. Jon is taking on the role of Public Relations Officer and will also be taking on the printing of the Journal.

A couple of other changes are that Richard Conway has joined the Council as IT Officer and that Tony Eccles has become the Director of Research. John Spencer ^{has} stepped down from his former role as Director of Research but will continue to act as assistant to Tony

In recent months there seems to have been an upturn in UFO reports worldwide. Let's hope that I can turn that into an upturn in the number of Journals!

On a closing note, please look out for the notice of the AGM elsewhere in this issue

Steve Gamble

OBITUARY

Manfred Cassirer

As mentioned in the last issue of the New BUFORA Journal, unfortunately we have to record the passing of Manfred Cassirer at the beginning of December.

I guess that I must have first met Manfred in around 1978. At that time BUFORA was forming close links with the Society for Psychical Research (SPR) and several of their senior members came along to the meetings then held in Kensington Central Library. At that time I believe Manfred was head of their physical phenomena team. He was also a member of the SPR library committee.

In time Manfred became a member of BUFORA and was an active member of the Research Committee for many years. Also he became a member of the Council and gave many years of service here too.

Originally Manfred came to the UK from Germany in the late 1930s to study at Oxford University. I am sure that he told me that for at least part of World War 2 he was interred. He resumed his studies which I believe were in Egyptology. In later years he sold antiquarian books.

Manfred was always willing to help other researchers and freely gave his time and investigation material to others. Over the years Manfred carried out a vast number of investigations into many different branches of the paranormal. He documented these in numerous magazine articles and in a number of books. One particular item of note was his "Parapsychology and the UFO" which was originally published as a series of articles in BUFORA's Journal of Transient Aerial Phenomena and later Manfred republished it as a stand alone booklet.

Unfortunately for the last few years of his life Manfred suffered a number of health

problems which prevented him from taking a more active part in a number of the organisations to which he belonged. I am not sure exactly how old Manfred was when he passed away. Certainly a couple of years before he had his 80th birthday, so either he was coming up to or had just passed his 83rd birthday.

One researcher I know mentioned Manfred's death to his children. They asked if he was the old man who liked their cats. Perhaps that is a nice way to remember Manfred - everybody's favourite uncle who was kind to cats.

Steve Gamble

Apologies to all members for the delay in production of the Journal.

We are working hard to remedy this situation, and in the meantime the Council has taken the decision to extend all current membership subscriptions for a further 6 months to allow us to catch up with the backlog.

Your notification for renewal will be sent to you from the membership secretary 6 months later than it would normally be due.

TELEPATHIC ALIENS IN
BROMLEY

Judy Jaafar
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SPI England

This case first came to the attention of SPI through Joe McGonagle from ufologyinuk list. A rather "sensationalist" article about it had been penned by a local Bromley journalist, and Joe asked his listmembers if anyone would be able to go to Kent and interview the witnesses directly. Malcolm Robinson and I agreed. The information we were given was that a couple in Bromley were having telepathic contact with "greys" and that the woman was being "energised" by these entities in a way that she could only describe as being like a full-body orgasm.

Malcolm recorded the interview on audio tape, and I took notes. Some questions from ufologyinuk listmembers were put forward to them. The following report is compiled from my notes. A full transcription is available from Malcolm on request.

Bromley, Kent, 24th August 2003

Stephany is a 42 yr. old woman of Afro - Caribbean heritage, with the most attractive demeanour and fascinating ribbon-tied braids I've ever seen. Her partner of two years, Michael, is 56 yrs. old and of caucasian British stock. Stephany is clearly and undoubtedly the dominant of the two personalities, whilst deferring to Michael the channeler of spirits, and laterly aliens, but deferring in a way that assures his compliance.

Michael is a Catholic, and Stephany has no particular religious allegiance nowadays, but was brought up as a Baptist. Michael works for a building firm and Stephany, after undertaking training to be a midwife, teacher and police officer was recently employed as a police clerk, a job she did for ten years. She has been unable to settle into any profession or vocation as she feels that her life path lies

elsewhere. She states that she has OBEs. Both parties appeared, to both Malcolm and myself, to be completely sincere and utterly convinced of what they were saying.

For conciseness and ease of reading, I will present the information in bullet points thus, in no particular order:

- Neither Stephany nor Michael admit to having any knowledge of current alien lore, and insist they have never read a book or magazine on the subject, nor seen any films. They don't need to, as they have real contact.
- Greys were in the room for the duration of the interview, led by Linda their most common contact. They remained invisible to us.
- Linda can be a grey or take human form, and in both she can be visible or invisible. Stephany has a pastel rendition of Linda in human form on her mantlepiece.
- Michael is a psychic and channeler, who is more "open" to greys since meeting Stephany 2 years ago. Normally he just sees dead people all the time.
- Stephany first saw greys in 1986 whilst lying in her beach hut in Negril, Jamaica. She was very ill and feverish, and later was diagnosed in hospital with a pneumothorax. The greys, who were 7ft tall, came to help her. She had no further contact until 2 years ago, after she had met Michael.
- Greys are supremely intelligent and give information to humans in all disciplines - science, medicine, arts etc. They are here to help, and in fact are the "godparents" to many planetary civilisations.
- Contrary to popular belief and experience, greys NEVER abduct people, nor do experiments on them. They have no need to as

they know humanity inside out. Human spirits can, however, meet them on the astral plane and this might be mistaken for abduction.

- The greys sustain themselves by ingesting a homeopathically refined liquid made from pure water and certain herbs. They drink this through their mouths and it is deposited in a reservoir which we would call a stomach. They have no other end to the digestive tract, no bowels, therefore excretion is impossible. They extract the "energy" from this liquid and use it up totally.
- They use "energy" also to procreate. There is no sexual union as such (so presumably no sexual organs).
- Any 3-4ft tall greys seen by other people must be juveniles, as they are around 7ft tall when mature.
- Greys can choose to be reincarnated as humans, whereupon they take very cerebral jobs because they are so clever
- They live for 200-300 years, and just stop energising in order to die. This is to make way for the younger generation.
- The greys come from the planet Sirius D, and Sirius A is their sun. There was no mention of Sirius B or C. One third of the planet surface is covered by fresh water but no salty seas. The flora is green and lush, and the climate mild. No mention of fauna, or other humanoid species. There is no pollution and the inhabitants live in simple but sophisticated buildings, generally sort of "round".
- On the home planet, the greys use "energised" vehicles which Stephany calls "flying caravans". She showed us a sketch she'd drawn of one of these, and it did

look for all the world like a flying box with windows and door.

- There are schools and recreational facilities. They're not much into sport but do enjoy swimming and boating. Mostly they prefer mental games like chess in order to relax. The family is everything, and the greys as a race are very gregarious and sociable, as evidenced by their partiality to communal jacuzzis.
- They have a senate of fifty individuals, just as a guide, since no-one ever does anything wrong, and the senate retires every so often to allow the younger individuals some experience.
- There is no illness or poverty or hardship.
- Michael perceives that there are other alien races out there, but the greys have never told him this. To "tune in" he just relaxes.
- The greys will not give any information about future developments because we need to find our own answers, but they can nudge us in the right direction from time to time
- The greys do not have a concept of God. They are completely self-sufficient and at one with the universe, so have no need of such ideas.
- Telepathy, which is their preferred mode of contact will become common amongst humans after our next developmental leap
- Darwin's theory of evolution is wrong. By this stage, I didn't bother asking how.
- For distances of more than 300 million miles, the greys use an interstellar rocket. Stephany had a sketch of one, and it was blunt nosed, truncated and had three tail fins. It reminded me of Thunderbirds. It takes three months to get here from the home planet.

They can, of course, just teleport if they wish, but as they're very "communal" they like to travel together in a physical way.

- On shorter trips they use a conventional flying saucer, and Stephany showed us her sketch of this also. When in our atmosphere, the greys travel in a miniature version of the above saucer.
- They never allow their craft to be seen, as they have very efficient cloaking technology. UFO sightings cannot be attributed to the greys, definitely.
- There have never been any crashed saucers from their civilisation - they're far too smart for that
- They have no bases here on earth
- The long, hot summer was caused by the energy from their massed craft in our atmosphere.
- To Dan Bright's question about residual alien artefacts: the pyramids of Giza and meso-America are their legacy.
- To Joe's question about what the Mars probes might find: no information on that, but will ask. They do know, however, that Mars once supported an intelligent civilisation.
- To several questions about the mysterious "energy" the greys seem to use for everything, including their propulsion systems on their anachronistic rockets, don't know.
- There are male and female genders amongst the greys, but it's hard to tell the difference.
- Anyone can in theory be able to see the greys, but only if you are imbued with truth, sincerity, love and lack of fear and ignorance.
- Stephany believes that Linda and her kin are her true parents and

siblings, and that her (Stephany's) essence is not human at all.

- All especially talented people (several historical luminaries were mentioned) are influenced by the greys, or are actually greys themselves in human disguise.
- The greys are not here to hurt us, "and when you hear of abductions and cruelty to animals, *animals being slaughtered and left lying in fields*", it cannot be the greys who are responsible. This quote from one who professed to have no knowledge of alien lore!
- When asked (by me, because I just had to say it) if this whole thing could not be a rich, life-enhancing psychological (not physiological as Malcolm has transcribed it) dynamic going on between the two of them, the resounding answer was an emphatic no, accompanied by gentle laughter, as if I and the question were slightly mad.

To be honest, I think I must be I am making no comment or evaluation on the above. I think it speaks for itself.

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All The Colours of Darkness

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Forward

This article developed from a conversation in which possible explanations for the true point of origin of UFO's was discussed. It is becoming increasingly likely that rather than extraterrestrial craft, those UFOs seen here on Earth that are not the result of some covert military programme, share more in common with elements of the paranormal than physical science. It is also possible that there are several, clearly defined, discrete phenomena involved here. There are two distinct camps within the UFO community one views the phenomenon as a clear demonstration of extraterrestrial technology, in effects a 'nuts and bolts' paradigm and the other sees them as a purely psychosocial manifestation. This opinion holds that visions of arial phenomena have been seen for millennia in the form of shields, orbs, ships and even angels. In other words, it is a fact that society tends to interpret events, even bizarre ones, in terms that it understands, in effect a variation on the concept of the collective unconscious. One of the founding fathers of modern psychiatry, Carl Gustav Jung, attributed the entire phenomenon to what he called 'archetypes' or images common throughout psyche of humanity irrespective of location.

While it is not impossible that the inhabitants of other star systems have visited and indeed continue to visit us, due to certain characteristics displayed by some of the craft and their occupants, we should perhaps look elsewhere for an answer. There is a considerable body of evidence regarding sightings and encounters with UFO's and in some cases their occupants, but there are relatively few articles dealing with what they may be and where they originate and it is this facet of the UFO mythos that we will examine.

All the Colours of Darkness

One aspect of UFOlogy often ignored due to the sheer weirdness of phenomenon itself, are the colours produced by the alleged craft. The colours, where they are mentioned at all, are normally attributed purely as a side effect of the power units utilised by the craft, however this may only be part of the picture. Unfortunately, the name UFO's although accurate, is also an anodyne and I must assume that 'true believers' take the ETH (*Extra Terrestrial Hypothesis*) as an absolute reality instead of the hypothetical issue, which in reality it is still is. I base this last comment on the total lack of independently corroborated evidence for the existence of extraterrestrial spacecraft, their power units and indeed their occupants (Bob Lazar *et al*'s claims notwithstanding). However, I am fully aware of a range of other advanced, super secret, terrestrial propulsion methods hinted at and funded within 'black budgets'. For example, the 'Project Ajax' hypersonic vehicle concept sponsored by the NASA Langley Research Centre, and the MHD (*magneto-hydrodynamics*) project, also sponsored by the NASA Langley Research Centre.

Curiously, Project Ajax was originally conceived in the former USSR, but as with many Russian projects, due to changing priorities it simply ran out of money. Following the end of the cold war many formerly classified Russian undertakings surfaced and this was one of them. An American businessman heard about it and hired some of the Russian technicians formerly employed on the project and continued the research and development in the United States. The U.S. government learned about the work, appropriated it, promptly declared it classified and continued the research using its own covert agencies. The basis for Project Ajax lies in creating a magnetic envelope around an aircraft, in effect a form of 'electromagnetic Teflon', which drastically reduces friction and drag, allowing far greater speeds to be attained using fairly conventional engines. In essence, a 'plasma torch' is sited in the nose

of the aircraft creating a powerful ionising EM field that effectively charges the electrons in the atmosphere immediately ahead of the aircraft. This process functions rather like the 'bulbous bow' fitted to large ships reducing the water drag back over the hull, this system is commonly used in supertankers. In addition to the plasma torch, a set of powerful electrical coils are installed around the middle of the fuselage accelerating the airflow as it passes the EM field set up by the coils.

Also under development are a variety of electromagnetic propulsion technologies under the sponsorship of the apparently ubiquitous NASA at *Marshall Space Flight Centre*. In addition to these projects there are ongoing magnetic levitation, or 'Maglev,' experiments conducted under the sponsorship of yes, once again, NASA. These projects are farmed out to a variety of specialist defence contractors e.g. *Los Alamos National Laboratories (LANL)*, the *Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)*, *Raytheon*, *The Sandia Corporation*, *Teledyne-Ryan*, *Lockheed Martin* and *Boeing-Rocketdyne* etc. There are also a whole range of participating university research departments sited across the United States, i.e. *The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)*, *Princeton*, *Arizona*, *New Mexico*, *Texas* and *Washington Universities* etc. all functioning and paid for under the vast, hidden, financial largesse of the military 'Black Budget'.

While there are doubtless some astonishing technologies apart from those already mentioned currently under development, what believers in the ETH claim does not as far as is known actually exist except on a wish list somewhere. There is no clearer example of this than the so-called '*Strategic Defence Initiative*' (SDI) better known as '*Star Wars*' conceived under the Regan administration. The concept for this example of a cutting edge, hi-tec, America-wide, protective missile and high power laser shield was born in the dying days of the cold war and came from a think-tank comprising a group of science fiction authors, (yes, really). They, (Disney's '*imagineers*' writ large), dreamed up the idea

and the scientists had to make it work. While we are told that the expense was almost prohibitive (over seven billion dollars at one estimate) the project forged ahead. According to official reports, due to the effective elimination of the perceived Russian threat and the ever-burgeoning cost it was eventually shelved. However, as with many other ultra-secret projects, in reality it was pruned slightly, discretely removed from sight and restarted under within another organisation, which may be '*The Space and Missile Defence Command*' situated at Huntsville, Alabama. It is perhaps significant that project spending is almost at the same level once again.

The only item of current (conventional?) technology that even remotely comes close to truly exotic science is '*gravity modification*'. I must assume this technology is not so classified that it is not discussed outside research establishments because I have heard the term used by one of the scientists employed on a Lockheed-Martin project. It has been suggested that a variation on this technology is currently employed on the B2 bomber by applying an extremely high voltage across its wings. The official explanation for this is that it prevents the aircraft creating a sonic boom as it traverses the sound barrier; however there is another, less well known reason. Evidently this powerful EM field also slightly reduces the effects of gravity on the airframe thereby creating lift and rendering the aircraft more fuel-efficient. This technology appears to be a variant of a concept called '*electro-gravitation*' devised by a pioneering genius, Thomas Townsend Brown in the 1920's, after decades it is still one of the most highly classified projects in the American arsenal. Among the main attributes of Townsend Brown's technology was that it had no moving parts and relied on the exploitation of the curious phenomenon of apparent weight loss or gain (depending on polarity) in capacitors at high voltages. Other features observed during tests of this technique were a bluish/red coronal discharge and its almost noiseless

operation (a faint hiss) during the time that the device was activated.

Regarding the possibility of truly unearthly technologies used to power the craft; this is one of those borderline, semi-understood concepts gnawing away that away at the edges of possibility. It is almost certain that if, and it is a big if, the type of power units required to drive craft through the vastness of interstellar space are ever to be brought to fruition, they must include a type of technology previously only used in science fiction. However, this inevitably leads directly into avenues of sheer speculation. Perhaps it might be enlightening at this point to quote the thoughts of veteran UFO researcher John A. Keel regarding how intergalactic vehicles might travel. This also touches upon a concept proposed by sci-fi author Frank Herbert in the excellent and seminal novel 'Dune,' when he describes the method by which 'Guild Navigators' function, i.e. 'Travelling without moving', in effect 'folding space'. In other words, Herbert suggests that the vehicle itself, or more accurately the navigator, does not move in any real sense.

In theory what happens is that a 'fold' or 'warp' in space is generated, actually bringing the destination to the craft and then 'jumping' across the gap allowing the craft to pass between the two ends of the fold. Once completed, the warp collapses and space to unfolds behind it to its original configuration. This is not as far-fetched as it first seems having already been posited as a possibility by quantum physicists and utilizing additional work already done on 'superstring theory' and 'supergravity'. Without delving too deeply, these extrapolations produced 'M Theory' and argue the existence of separate continuums called 'D-Brane universes' (Brane is short for membrane). They exist alongside ours, infinitely high, infinitely wide and infinitely thin; they operate at a different frequency and from our perspective are in effect both invisible and two-dimensional.

John Keel on the other hand suggests that UFO's and their occupants are actually here

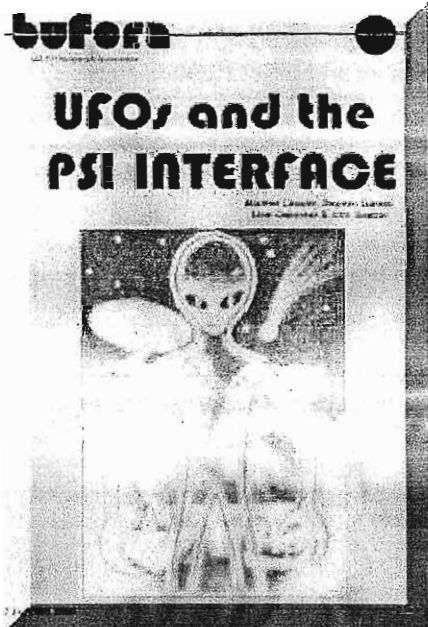
on Earth already, but in a separate reality, perhaps even in one of the 'D-Brane' universes previously mentioned. He also suggests that they normally inhabit one end of the electromagnetic spectrum outside our range or ability to detect it. This concept is mentioned in his book, 'Operation Trojan Horse' where he coined the term 'Ultraterrestrials'. He cites the many reports where UFO's appear to flicker in and out of existence as if briefly slipping in and out of our spacetime, he writes, "In the majority of all landing reports, the objects were said to have turned orange (red and yellow) or red before descending. When they settle to the ground they solidify, and the light dims or goes out altogether. On take off, they begin to glow red again. Sometimes they reportedly turn a brilliant red and vanish." [Keel, UFO's, Operation Trojan Horse, p62].

If Keel is correct and these craft do slip in and out of our reality, then the colours displayed are the effect of the 'vehicles', if that is what they are, becoming visible to us. Since ultraviolet light is just outside one end of our range of vision, as they become visible they initially display purple light which gradually runs through violet, cyan then blue/green. The 'vehicles' that actually stop here in our reality begin to radiate light in all frequencies resulting in a white glare, white being the resultant of all the visible radiant luminal frequencies. At the other end of the spectrum we find infrared and as in the reports, we find the craft display a red, sometimes vivid red glow then vanish. Does this indicate that the craft actually become discernible in all the colours visible to us between ultra-violet to infrared as they decelerate or accelerate through our continuum to others on either side of ours? It is surely here that there is a viable interface between the genuinely paranormal and UFOlogy, for it is here that aspects more usually attributed to apparitions and ghosts occur.

Conclusion

In my opinion, I believe that reports of genuine UFO's travelling in a conventional

sense must be incorrect. I believe that in order to fly, UFO's must obey conventional Newtonian action/reaction laws of earthly physics, and I do not believe this is the case. Over many years of research I have concluded that while there are almost certainly other sentient beings in our universe it is more likely that we have been contacted by those entities who exist in parallel us, more 'extradimensional' than 'extraterrestrial', in essence what Keel dubbed 'Ultraterrestrials'. I also believe that it is these beings that inhabit the bizarre half world between ours and those surrounding us. It is to their technology that we must eventually turn in order to conquer the incredible voids between the stars and it is within these voids that the truths and teachings of mystics lie.



UFOs and the PSI Interface

By Manfred Cassirer,
Stephen Gamble,
Elsie Oakensen and
John Spencer

In this publication, (shown left) four contributors – all of whom have different backgrounds and viewpoints into the subject – have assembled current ideas on the possible interaction/crossover between UFO reports and PSI experiences.

Manfred Cassirer presents a research paper – UFOs and the PSI Interface - in which examines the main theories revolving around the subjects.

- Stephen Gamble (who has carried out many roles for BUFORA) compares UFO and Psychic Entities.
- Elsie Oakensen (a fellow experiencer) describes Life After a UFO Close Encounter – and this includes life-changing events.
- John Spencer (Renowned author, and BUFORA's Director of Research) examines and discusses UFOs and the Paranormal Interface.

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KENTUCKY UFO SIGHTING MAY HAVE INCLUDED AN ABDUCTION

Mysterious screams heard at the site of a UFO landing in eastern Kentucky have researchers wondering if an abduction was involved. According to Ohio ufologist Kenny Young, an eyewitness, Dr. Virgil Davis "was driving toward his home" in Morehead, Kentucky (population 5,914) on Friday, November 21 (2003) between 9 and 10 p.m., with his two sons, aged 15 and 18 respectively. He recalls the specific date, knowing that one son was in college and would not have been home any day but Friday.

"While driving, they all spotted a soundless aerial object over a nearby open field," Young reported. The UFO "was described as an oval-shaped, white-colored light source as big as a pea held at arm's length, which moved 'like a hummingbird would move'"

"The object, seen in the dark and clear night skies, was relatively high when first seen and was 'coming down, moving in increments as if an elevator (that) would stop and stay there awhile, then drop and stay there awhile,' Dr. Davis said."

"After the first three or four minutes of visual observation, the object began moving around to different parts of the sky. They got out of the car to see if they could identify the object to their satisfaction that the object was not a plane, a helicopter or the Aurora borealis."

"My first inclination was to rationalize what the object could have been,' Dr. Davis said, 'rather than jumping to conclusions. After we ruled out the various possible explanations, we assumed that this was a UFO. I know for a fact that there was no explanation for this object, and I'm just glad I had my two sons with me to see it."

"After observing the object for a few minutes, Dr. Davis and his sons got back in the car and drove on to their home under a certain sense of apprehension." The doctor reportedly said, "I did not know what it was we were looking at and had some concern that it might or could have spotted us "

"After driving a short distance to their house, they went to a second-floor bedroom and looked out the window toward the northeast," continuing to observe the sky.

"It descended lower towards the ground and seemed to be settling in a nearby field when its color had shifted from a white to an orange. As the object got lower and lower to the ground, it became bigger, and its color changed to a reddish light "

Dr. Davis "said the object's size increased from a pea at arm's length to a dime (USA 10-cent coin--J.T.) at arm's length."

"There was like a vacuum of silence while we watched this,' Dr. Davis said, 'It was like everything was real quiet, at a standstill, and then, when it became a red color, everything went crazy'"

"Dr. Davis said the animals in the area erupted in a frenzy. His neighbor's dog was barking crazily, and his German Shepherd dog tried to break its chain."

"At this point, after the object got red, it just shot off like a dart, some kind of acceleration, and it took off to the west. We just stood there, dumbfounded."

"He said the sighting lasted for an estimated 10 to 15 minutes."

"Right after that, my two sons went back outside and heard the screaming. It was a female voice. They got in the car and within minutes had called from their cell phone to say they had been hearing screaming sounds in the field when the thing came down,' he said."

"Approximately 20 minutes after the sighting, the police were at my door. There were about 20 officers and a rescue squad over in the field where I spotted the UFO.

They were combing the area and asked me what I knew about someone screaming. Apparently, others had heard the screaming sounds "" According to Dr. Davis's son, the female voice kept saying, "Help me. oh my God, help me!" ""Apparently, several people had heard the screaming.

I don't know how long it lasted,' Dr. Davis said."

Kenny Young pointed out that Morehead, Ky. "is 45 miles (72 kilometers) south of Flemingsburg, where a crop formation appeared in a rye field" in May 2003

Morehead is on Interstate Highway I-64, approximately

60 miles (100 kilometers) east of Lexington.

Young added that ufologist Don Blessing investigated a case in southern Ohio earlier this year in which an amnesiac woman was found in a farmer's field in the middle of the night. The woman had no idea how she had gotten into the field. Young wondered if the Morehead incident might be a similar case of an abductee being "returned."

However, the incident report by Rowan County police states only that an officer responded to the call and determined that the witnesses had seen the Aurora borealis. (Many thanks to Kenny Young for this news story.)

SPHERICAL RED UFO SEEN
IN SWITZERLAND

"A 'flying rugby ball' was seen by three people Friday night, November 28, 2003 at Froideville" in western Switzerland.

Eyewitnesses described the object as "a spherical red UFO."

"Among the Cantonal police, despite the presence of specialist investigators, no one knows any more about the UFO seen that night in Froideville."

"The two policemen dispatched to the scene did not notice anything other than a power failure that affected the entire village at the time of the sighting. They saw residents moving about in confusion on the darkened streets."

"Several inhabitants told police that they heard a suspicious humming. Three of them asserted that they had seen 'a flying rugby ball.' The witnesses telephoned the police at midday on Saturday, November 29, 2003, to report their sighting."

"Something occurred in Froideville,' one witness asserted."

"The UFO reportedly moved vertically in front of the witnesses' windows." "Ufologist Pierre Blanchoud of Vaudois said, 'The size of this object is rare. The observed machines are usually balls like small suns. As for the humming, this is completely normal in the UFO world. As well as the fact that domestic appliances went out or lit up spontaneously. This means the appliance lost a lot of energy.'"

"One witness, Philippe Michou, said he had seen a similar UFO twenty years ago on two occasions, once in January and again in August of 1983. He described these UFOs as 'egg-shaped' and 'red-orange coloured.'" (See the Swiss newspaper Vingt-quatre Heures for November 30, 2003.

Merci beaucoup a Robert Fischer pour cette article de journal.)

What DID happen at Scoriton? Part 1.

Norman Oliver

Back in 1965, the hamlet of Scoriton (also Scorrorton) in Devon was the scene of one of the strangest claims ever. As readers will see from this first instalment it was clearly also one with very considerable evidence in its favour, even though the claims of the contactee –or to use a more current term – 'experiencer' appeared bizarre in the extreme.

In this first instalment I am taking things to the point where the book –The Scoriton Mystery by Eileen Buckle, a co-investigator with myself of later claims by the witness concerned . Ernest Arthur Bryant – was published

The 'Mystery' itself became very convoluted, particularly so as claimed events were, so to speak, reported in reverse order. Here is how it all started

Back in August 1965, Lionel Beer and Dr. Geoffrey Doel (then BUFORA's Chairman) investigated a report from Bryant that had been published in the newspaper The Plymouth Independent. This article had been spotted by Lionel Beer's mother who lived in the Paignton area and forwarded to him, resulting in the investigation Bryant had originally reported his experience to the Exeter Astronomical Society in response to a publicised request by them asking if anyone had seen UFOs in the Exeter skies as they had had other UFO reports. His letter to them read as follows:-
(Spelling etc. uncorrected)

".....After reading.....of an unidentified object over the Exeter area, I am now convinced I have not been seeing "things", the information I now enclose I have not disclosed to anyone for obvious reasons.



"On the night of the 20th May (a discrepancy in dates here. Bryant wasn't 'good on dates!') at approximately 11pm I was on the point of going to bed when I suddenly heard a humming sound – if I may add here briefly, that the village of Scoriton is situated on the edge of Dartmoor, and the only sound that one is accustomed to is that of animals. However, the sound I have described grew in intensity until I was forced to go outside and investigate – on leaving the house I was astonished to see almost directly overhead a pale blue light, the approximate direction of travel West to East, height about 300-400 ft. and moving slowly. I observed this movement for 2-3 minutes, when suddenly it became stationary, this was immediately followed by Vibrations and the light disappeared. In it's place I heard a distinct knocking sound which was of a metallic nature, these ceased and nothing more was seen or heard. On the evening of Sunday, June 6th at about 7.30 p.m. more from curiosity I suppose, I decided to look over the

approximate area of where I had estimated the object had stopped, I left the lane and entered a field from which I discovered several pieces of equipment of which I feel you would be most interested. I myself have not been able to identify any of these objects. Should this be of any interest to you, I shall be at Broadlands.....

Yours sincerely

Mr. E.A. Bryant"

The 'pieces of equipment' referred to consisted of a turbine fitting with curved blades, a number of metal parts which would seem to have formed part of a larger mechanism, a broken bulb and fitting and a glass phial containing a piece of paper or papyrus inscribed with the words 'Adelphos Adelpho' meaning in classical Greek 'Brother to Brother'. Bryant also said a compass with star-like calibrations had been found. Some pieces had been taken away by Gerald Aspin, then treasurer of the Exeter Astronomical Society, who subsequently found that the remainder of the objects were held by the newspaper The Plymouth Independent. Other facts about the sighting were that trees and bushes on an assumed landing site were scorched and withered, as was grass which was scorched over an oval area, there being three ring-like marks, also seemingly scorched arranged in a triangular formation, each mark being about six feet away from the others, and a tree over the road from the field had several branches hanging limply down on one somewhat blackened side. The field itself was situated just above a cottage at Hawson Farm where Bryant was living at the time. So much for the moment, for the sighting, investigated as aforesaid, by Dr. Doel and Lionel Beer in August 1965.

In November 1965, as BUFORA's Membership Secretary, I arranged for a questionnaire to be circulated to the membership. The second question on this read: 'Have you ever had a sighting or contact of which we do not have the details?'. Purely by chance, as I was inundated with them at the time, at this point just filing them

away for later study, I noticed that Bryant's form had a 'yes' to this, turned the sheet over and was astounded to read on the reverse that Bryant claimed an encounter with 'Beings from Space' on April 4th. of that year and that he had spoken with them and entered the 'Saucer' they had arrived in. He wrote that he'd originally meant to tell the whole story when the sighting investigation took place, but decided not to at the last moment as he felt he would not be believed. I immediately wrote asking if he would give me the full details of the contact.

Bryant wrote back on December 6th. These were the letter's main points:-

On April 24th. 1965, he stated that he went for a walk towards Scoriton Down at about 5.30pm. When he arrived there he began to turn round and, as he did so a large 'saucer' materialised out of thin air above the field to his right. This moved like a pendulum and became stationary a few feet above the field in front of him: there was no sound. He estimated its diameter as 60 feet and its height as 12 feet. An opening appeared in the centre of the craft and three figures were seen all dressed in what Bryant first described as 'diving gear'.

One of the figures beckoned to him: he went forward, and when he reached the craft the three removed each other's helmets. Two had very long foreheads: very blue eyes: blond hair: squat noses and bluish mouths. They had no facial hair. Bryant stated that they wore one-piece silvery-grey suits and that the soles of their shoes were about one-and-a-half inches thick and made of spongy material. They wore belts with petal-like symbols.

These two had four fingers on each hand widely spaced: their helmets were not padded and had a type of perspex window: there were also two coils on the outside at ear level with black tubing. Bryant said he thought the helmets weighed 6 to 7 pounds and claimed to have picked one up when he later entered the craft.

The third 'spaceman', Bryant wrote, seemed to be a youth of about 14 years of age, with short, dark ~~hair~~, brown hair and 'normal' features. His suit seemed somewhat too large. This youth was the one who had beckoned and he spoke. Bryant said that the voice had a mid-European accent with a touch of American'. He warned Bryant of dangers of 'forces from Epsilon' who removed people from Earth for procreation. ('Epsilon', is, of course, the fifth letter in the Greek alphabet and used to designate the fifth most prominent star in any constellation, so of itself, this gave no real indication of origin). These people had also discovered the 'dimentional field' and could be recognised by their ability to leap long distances; they were apparently here already in the guise of poltergeists and, because of insufficient knowledge of the 'orbital plane' remained invisible. This 'spaceman' told Bryant, 'My name is Yamski' and, when asked where they were from, replied 'Venus'. At one point in the conversation, Bryant stated that Yamski had said, 'If only Des or Les were here he would understand' and also, 'One month from today we will bring you proof of Mantell – watch for the blue light in the evening' He also gave Bryant a message for 'Des or Les' – 'It is only now that we appreciate the work he has done on the Sanscrit.'

At an early stage in the proceedings, Bryant stated, he had been assisted into the 'Saucer', this consisting of three or four exactly similar compartments – he was not quite sure of the number. Each compartment had a door through into the next, and a couch more or less in the centre fitted with straps at the top, centre and bottom. Each compartment also had a door similar to that which had outslid into the top when the craft had landed. Next to each door had been a large convex screen similar to a television screen but larger, on which there were lights with rainbow colours. These compartments were lit by a triangular, subdued light in the padded or quilting ceiling or walls: no bulbs or wiring were to be seen. (At a later interview, Bryant stated that some walls were metallic

and gave a slightly different description of the lighting.) Bryant asked about the motive power and was told this was 'Ideo-motor movement'. After going round the craft he jumped to the ground, called goodbye and the door closed. The craft rose forty or fifty feet, then vanished, the sheep in the next field apparently moving their heads as though to follow its flight path.

The sequence, then, of the two claimed events was as follows -

April 24th, 1965, the contact – reported by Bryant in the November and subsequently investigated by myself and Eileen Buckle, then a BUFORA Committee member and later writing *The Scoriton Mystery*



Arthur Bryant with Eileen Buckle

(?) June 7th 1965, the sighting of the blue light and finding of the 'pieces' etc., investigated earlier in the August of that year by Dr. Doel and Lionel Beer – no mention

being made to them of the 'earlier contact' at that time .

Two important facts later divulged by Bryant were, firstly, that on his tour of the craft there had been one thing that reminded him of this world, that being a purple robe or dressing gown with a large red rose embroidered on it laid across the foot of one of the couches. Secondly, that Yamski gave him the name of a family who had been taken from this planet for procreation purposes. This family had lived in a house in Ilchester Road Yeovil their name was Richards and they were husband and wife with a son. Bryant further gave it as his own impression that the house had been empty since their disappearance eight years before: that the son was aged four to five and that the house was shortly likely to be pulled down, together with some other minor details.

The possible associations involved in Bryant's claims were therefore as follows.-

That the third saucer occupant was a reincarnated or transmigrated Adamski, who had died in the U.S.A. some twelve hours prior to Bryant's contact. (George Adamski had, in the 1950s/60s claimed numerous meetings with 'Venusians' and other extra-terrestrials and had written a number of books on his encounters, the first being the book Flying Saucers Have Landed which Desmond Leslie and he co-authored)

That the 'Des or Les' referred to was Desmond Leslie

That the 'Proof of Mantell' must be connected with the mechanical pieces of the later sighting - in other words, they might be parts of the Mustang plane flown by Capt. Mantell which crashed on Jan 7th. 1948 after chasing a UFO over Kentucky only six months after Flying Saucers had been brought into prominence by Kenneth Arnold.

That the 'robe' seen by Bryant was similar to the one Adamski had claimed was given to him by the 'Saturn Council'

It should be understood that Bryant himself did not claim that Yamski equated with Adamski. He did not claim that 'Des or Les' was Desmond Leslie: he did not claim the pieces had been associated with Mantell's plane. At the time that Eileen Buckle and I visited him in December 1965 when he was working as a handyman at 'Broadlands', a nursing home in Newton Abbot, he claimed to have read no UFO books at all. After questioning him (on all subsequent visits the interviews were recorded) for several hours we told him of the possible implications and he seemed astonished. The reference to the 'robe' was not made by him until a later meeting in January 1966, but at that first meeting he did also confirm his account of the earlier sighting and the finding of the 'pieces', some of which he had said he had found embedded in the field near Hawson Farm Cottage where he had been living at the time.

He claimed, as already mentioned that Yamski told him of the Yeovil house and he also told us, as he had told Messrs Doel and Beer previously, that, after the war, he had worked for the Forestry Commission, followed by employment as a prison officer, firstly for six months at Exeter first offenders prison, then for five or six years at Dartmoor, after which he had become a gardener-handyman for Devon County Council at Broadlands, Newton Abbot. He was also subsequently employed at The Tradesmans Arms in Scoriton, the landlord there, Major Boycott giving him a glowing reference. A year or so earlier, Bryant told us, he had also, for one year, served as a member of Totnes District Council.

The first meeting Eileen Buckle and myself had with Bryant was on December 11th. 1965 at a café in Newton Abbot, a meeting at which most of the story already given was amplified or confirmed. I have often regretted I was unable to record that first meeting.

e We had learnt that the metal 'pieces' found were in the possession of Gerald Aspin of the Exter Astronomical Society whose home [^]was in Exeter, and accordingly four of us, Lionel Beer, Edgar Hatvany, Eileen Buckle and myself decided to go down there on January 11th. 1966 and, if possible, bring them back for independent examination. Meanwhile, Desmond Leslie, to whom I had written earlier, had been in touch and had elected to go down also as we hoped Bryant could get there as well. Unfortunately, due to bad weather conditions Bryant was unable to be present. We were, however, able to bring back the metal pieces which, at that time, were thought to be part of a plane's horizontal trimming gear and a drive for a variable pitch propeller. There was also a small black piece of metal and a small lamp holder with a broken bulb. Other objects, including the glass phial were with the Plymouth Independent from whose offices they were subsequently recovered by Gerald Aspin, who passed them on to us when we made a third visit to Devon on February 12th. 1965. One point concerning the pieces brought back the first time was that on examining them both Eileen Buckle and I thought that there had been more of them when we'd first seen them at Gerald Aspin's house, but, at the time we dismissed the point.

To return to that January visit for a moment Desmond Leslie had thought the story rang true up to a point, but was not at all happy with the latter part which referred to the 'Epsilonese' and poltergeist activity and, as he pointed out at the time, anyone who had previously

read 'Flying Saucers Have Landed' and 'Inside The Space Ships' could have made the story up. There were, however, two exceptions to this:-

Firstly, there was the little known fact that Adamski had said he would return as a young boy. This had not been published anywhere, though it had been printed he had intended to return and visit us.

Secondly, to have known about the robe, Bryant would either have had to have read Orbit Vol 4 No.3 which gave an extract from a Cosmic Bulletin report on 'My trip to Saturn' by George Adamski, or that particular Cosmic Bulletin in which Adamski had stated that at a conference on Saturn, a robe was given to him which was a delicate shade of blue (not purple) with a rose embroidered on the right sleeve. Bryant had, from time to time, visited a healer/investigator by the name of H.Goundry Clark who had a caravan at Waterleat not far from Newton Abbot and who did possess some copies of the magazine Orbit, but as far as could be established he did not have the particular issue in question and did not consider any information relevant to 'Yamski' could have been obtained from him.

On, then, to the 12th. February, on which day Eileen Buckle and I collected the remaining 'piece' - a turbine-like fitting - together with the glass phial and silver sand it had contained, from Gerald Aspin - he having obtained them from the Independent as aforesaid. Unfortunately the paper bearing the legend 'Adelphos Adelpho' had been mislaid - possibly thrown away with some rubbish and, although a photograph of it had appeared in the Independent together with others of Bryant and the metal pieces, whilst all the other negatives were on file, the 'Adelphos Adelpho' one was missing.

The 'pieces' were passed to Leonard Cramp on the Isle of Wight, author of Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer, for a thorough examination by the Isle of Wight UFO Investigation Society. A summary of their conclusion ran as follows

'The examination reveals that these items are, in fact, parts of aircraft equipment which was NOT installed in the American Mustang Aircraft and it is our opinion that any claim to the contrary is false. The examination had shown that at least one and possibly three of the items were from a bomb-sight computer made by Smiths Ltd Or Sperrys Ltd. Subsequent enquiries with these companies could neither confirm nor deny this as that particular type of bomb sight was obsolete and none was available for comparison.

The glass phial was analysed and found to have been made from a mixture of sodium and calcium silicates – ordinary 'soda glass. The 'silver sand' was found to be – silver sand! It had been suggested however, that this phial might have a 'gardening' connection – but more about that in Part Two

Three other lines of investigation require mention – The House at Yeovil: The Psychometry Readings and the information given by Milton L. Newton, B.Sc. D.Sc. M.Sc. regarding the origin of the 'pieces'.

Firstly The House at Yeovil.

This was thoroughly checked out by a local BUFORA member. He found that it was, in fact, No.11, Ilchester Road, and the facts regarding the disappearances were more or less in accord with what Bryant had claimed, this member also recalling that there had been a TV item on 'Westward Diary' about it. I then wrote to Westward TV and found the

item had gone out on June 23rd. 1965 between 6 and 6.30pm. Bryant had given the name as Flt. Sergeant Richards: however, Westward TV stated that the name was Tom Jones, and imagination boggled somewhat at attempting to locate a specific Tom Jones - and the Westward Diary item had elicited no response! They had filmed both exterior and interior of the house – more of a cottage really – and had found a complete 'Mary Celeste' atmosphere, mildewed cups and remains of a meal downstairs: yellowed papers and a rotting uniform upstairs, as though the place had been vacated at very short notice. Later, I was myself interviewed outside the place and this also went out on 'Westward Diary'. Later too, I asked Bryant if he had seen the programme, but he stated that at that time he had had no TV and managed to produce installation papers for one showing a later date in November 1965 – months after the programme went out. The reason for no TV being in evidence prior to this date was said to be that the house had been only supplied by gas until that date.

At the time I was interviewed, a new traffic scheme was being mooted for this part of Ilchester Road, and, indeed, a very necessary one as I found, since at times my interview had almost been drowned out by traffic noise. About a year later the house was demolished, its place being taken by part of a new roundabout.

Secondly. The Psychometry Readings

Shortly after Eileen Buckle and I had returned with the 'pieces', Eileen decided to try a different tack altogether. She knew of a 'Psychic' in the Balham area of London where she was living who, amongst other things, practised psychometry, (whereby a 'sensitive' can often give relevant details from personal objects, such as wristwatches, bracelets

etc. by handling them), so the pieces were taken along to her to see what she made of them.

Much of the 'information' given appeared not particularly relevant to anything. However, at one point the psychic gave the thought that there could be a 'Flying Saucer' connection, but could not say more than that. Naturally, Eileen was intrigued by this and an appointment was then made via the local psychic with a more practised psychometrist in Central London. Normally, there was a waiting list of several months for appointments, but, due to a cancellation, Eileen managed to take them to this second lady only a few weeks later.. the result was extremely interesting the relevant extract from the psychometric examination reading as follows:-

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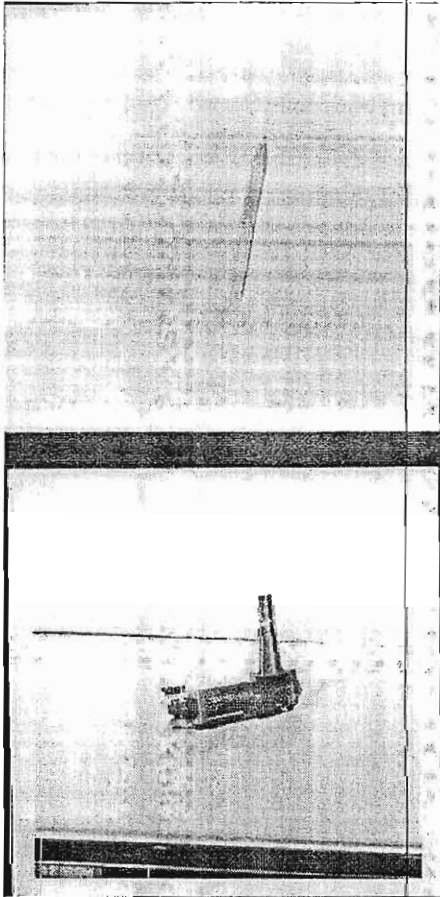
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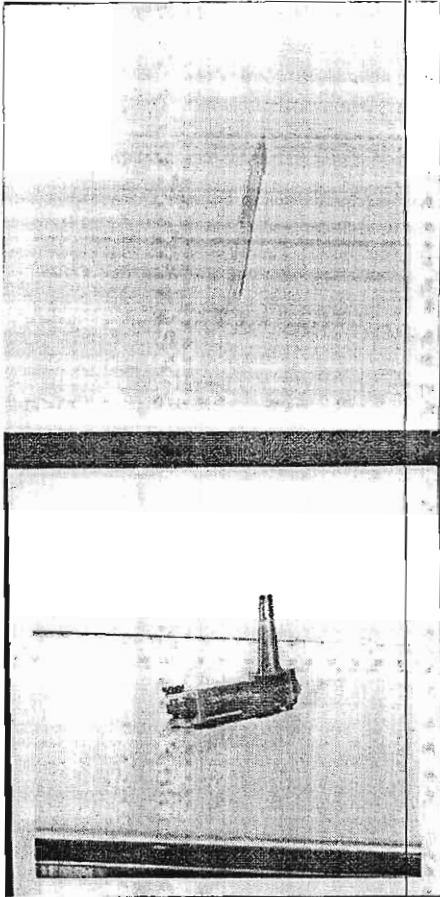
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Milton L. Newton, B.Sc., M.Sc., D.Sc..

A week later, Scotty again asked us to visit, saying in his letter that:-
In the most rigid examination, the parts you brought to my home for analysis, we have found at least FIVE PLACES WHERE THE UNIT PRODUCED SIGNS OF DISINTEGRATION. You can now see the places with your naked eye
Secondly they have been marked

Last but not least. We found RED DUST AND ALSO CREAM COLOURED DUST. THE FIRST IS THE DUST WHICH COMES FROM THE RED BED FORMATION, WHICH LIES JUST ABOVE THE CAMBRIAN PERIODS...WE DO NOT HAVE ANY DUST OF THIS KIND IN ENGLAND. IT CAN BE FOUND IN THE U.S.A. NOW. THE SECOND TYPE OF DUST...DERIVES FROM THE DAUSON ARCHOES FORMATION, AND AGAIN THIS IS ONLY FOUND IN THE MIDDLE WEST OF THE U.S.A...THE DAUSON ARCHOES FORMATION LIES JUST ABOVE THE PERRIE SHALE FORMATION. The chemical analysis of the pieces you brought to my home is IDENTICAL WITH THE PARTS I HAVE HERE AS YOU KNOW I PROCURED THESE PARTS MYSELF IN KENTUCKY.

Most Sincerely SCOTTY (signed)
Milton L. Newton, B.Sc. M.Sc. D.Sc

(Underlinings and capitals are as in the original letter)

I subsequently visited Scotty both on my own and with other researchers and, indeed, on one occasion obtained a 90-minute recording of him answering questions I put to him, but more of that in the next instalment.

It is obvious from both the psychometrist's reading and from the examination reports provided by Scotty that a very strong amount of evidence was beginning to build up in favour of Bryant's story being genuine: indeed, how could we ourselves – Eileen Buckle and myself – argue with the fact that one of our pieces had been a 'perfect fit' with one of Scotty's? I can assure you it DID fit perfectly since I fitted the two together myself when Scotty showed that his pieces matched our pieces.

Early in 1966, Eileen Buckle had been approached by Neville Armstrong, of publishers Neville Spearman Ltd., who had already published a number of books on the subject of Flying Saucers. Both Neville Armstrong and Eileen were acquaintances of researcher Tony Wedd and accordingly Bryant's experiences had been thoroughly discussed by all three of them and thought by Neville Armstrong to be worthy of a wider audience. So – later in that year The Scoriton Mystery was published

What further developments occurred? Could Bryant's story possibly be disproved? As with the claim so far, later investigations were both involved and extensive. Accordingly they will be the subject of Part Two of 'What DID Happen at Scoriton?' in the next issue of NBJ. Don't miss it!

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BUFORA LTD.

The Thirtieth Annual General Meeting of BUFORA Ltd. will be held at 2pm in the 1st Floor Function Room at the Sols Arms Public House, 65-68 Hampstead Road, London NW1 2PN on SATURDAY 10th July 2004 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

Judith Jaafar, Chairman, 1st December 2003

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, Bufora Ltd., 70, High Street, WINGHAM, Kent. CT3 1BJ 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

**BUFORA 40th ANNIVERSARY
CONFERENCE
Roy Rowlands**

BUFORA recently celebrated ^{its} 40th Anniversary with a one day Conference on 25th October '03. The Conference was held at the University of Westminster, Harrow Campus, which is next to Northwick Park Hospital, in Harrow, and it was well attended.

Things got off to a rather cold start, with no heating in the lecture theatre, and a lack of refreshment facilities, in spite of promises previously made by the University Management to Judy Jaafar, the Organiser of the Conference.

Thanks to Judy's determined efforts, however, these problems were soon sorted out, and I think most people probably enjoyed the Conference as much as I did.

The speakers included Derrel Sims from the USA ("The Alien Hunter"), John Spencer, Andy Roberts, Lionel Beer, Malcolm Robinson and Mathew Hurley. Jenny Randles had been booked to give a talk, but had to cancel her visit at the last minute due to her Mother's illness.

Fortunately, Malcolm Robinson, founder of SPI (Strange Phenomena Investigations) was able to step into Jenny's place at very short notice and provided us with an interesting talk, which included a particularly strange case in Scotland. Malcolm showed a number of slides and videos to the audience. He has a very articulate and humorous way of delivering his lectures, which holds the interest of believers and sceptics alike. Malcolm has travelled extensively throughout the UK on many research projects dealing with UFO's, Poltergeists, Ghosts, etc., and he has appeared on several television programmes, including "Strange but True" with Michael Aspel; "Sightings" in the USA, and has also been interviewed by Eammon

Holmes and Lorraine Kelly on their GMTV programme.

Lionel Beer, a Vice President and founder member of BUFORA opened the Conference with a warm welcome to all delegates and gave us a brief history of BUFORA and what things were like in the early days. Lionel showed several slides, and had some amusing tales to tell. Lionel also talked about BUFORA's strong links with the British Flying Saucer Bureau and its involvement with Al Bender and the MIB Mystery. In addition to this, Lionel took a retrospective look at the Stendec incident, which involved the 1947 crash of the "Stardust, which has never been explained satisfactorily. In 1992, Lionel founded the TEMS (Travel and Earth Mysteries Society) which holds regular meetings in South London. Lionel is a Life Member of BUFORA and ASSAP.

John Spencer, Director of Research (BUFORA) and Member of ASSAP and SPR, told us about what he calls his "Top Ten Paranormal Cases". John's presentation covered such things as ghosts, poltergeists, abductions and UFO's. Much of John's research into these subjects have been well documented in the many books which he and his Wife Ann have written. John told us about a particular case that took place in Sweden some years ago. He was so interested in this case that he travelled to Sweden and was involved with a very detailed investigation of the case with Swedish Investigators. John has also travelled to other parts of the World from time to time, to try to find a solution to some of these bizarre cases. John mentioned an interesting comment made by the late J. Allen Hynek some years ago. Allen Hynek said, "that there is a tendency in 20th century science to forget that there will be a 21st century science, and indeed a 30th century science, from which vantage points our knowledge of the universe may appear quite different!"

Derrel Sims from the USA gave a dynamic and interesting talk about several different types of alleged alien implants, many of which

he was able to demonstrate visually. He also talked about unusual body marks, which have been discovered on some people in different parts of the World, who claim to have had an abduction experience. His research into this subject was apparently triggered by an experience, which he himself had some years ago. Derrel also brought with him a collection of (alleged) alien implants and other artifacts, which he has gathered over several years. He is very determined to discover the truth behind these (alleged) implants, no matter how long it takes him.

Andy Roberts had been expected to give a talk about the Birth of Ufology in the United Kingdom, covering cases as far back as the 1940's, but instead, he gave a talk to demonstrate how many researchers and investigators of the UFO subject, and even some so-called credible witnesses and trained observers, such as policemen, can be just as easily fooled by a natural phenomenon which usually turns out to have a simple and rational explanation, if and when investigated correctly and thoroughly! He talked about the Creco Fell case, and used this as a typical example of how easily one could jump to the wrong conclusion. Andy has already given a very detailed presentation of the Creco Fell case to a BUFORA audience some years ago at a London venue. He has been involved in Ufology since 1983. He edited UFO Brigantia Magazine between 1985 and 1992 and has co-authored several books with Dr. David Clarke. He is also the UFO columnist for Fortean Times Magazine.

The final speaker of the day was Matthew Hurley ("The Alien Chronicles"). Matthew gave an interesting talk and visual demonstration of possible evidence for extraterrestrials in art and text from ancient times. He presented a strong case for the visitation of extraterrestrials throughout known history. With pictures of prehistoric rock carvings and the texts of high civilisations of Sumeria and Egypt, and the religious art of the Renaissance, Matthew was able to demonstrate compelling evidence

that extraterrestrials may well have been visiting this Planet since the days of our ancestors and possibly even before that.

The Conference overran by about an hour, and finished around 7pm, instead of 6pm as was scheduled. After a short break, there was a workshop with Derrel Sims, for a small extra fee, for all those who wished to attend.

In my opinion, the one-day BUFORA Conference was quite a success, in spite of some initial problems, and our thanks must go to Judy and all those who worked hard behind the scenes to make it a very interesting day for everyone.



BUFORA Chairman and
Conference Organiser
Judy Jaafar

AN INTERVIEW WITH DON ECKER 30TH JULY 1998

JOHN SPENCER

(This article originally appeared in BUFORA Bulletin 12, but I thought it would be worth giving another opportunity to read the views of a leading US researcher)

Don Ecker is the Director of Research for the California-based 'UFO Magazine'. He was the presenter of 'UFOs Tonite', a radio show that was broadcast on the Cable Radio Network, CRN, for 5 years until July of 1996. Don is currently working to bring back the show in a new format, with the working title 'Strange Days Radio'. The new show would encompass a broader spectrum of modern mysteries than just UFOs.

Don has travelled around the United States and abroad in pursuit of his interest, has spoken at conferences across the USA, in Britain and in Vienna. I have the pleasure of not just calling Don, and his wife Vickie, valued colleagues, but true friends.

J. Don, of all the sorts of explanations offered for UFOs, total fabrication, alien invasion, paranormal interface, all this kind of stuff, where do you stand? And what do you believe is at the core of UFOs? Do you believe that there is for example an alien invasion here, do you believe it's a government thing, or whatever?

D: Well, the first thing we've got to do is, we've got to define what UFO means. Unfortunately today when somebody mentions the acronym UFO people have been conditioned to reiterate from magazine articles, from movies, they immediately think alien spaceship. Now, if we here at UFO

Magazine or whenever I am speaking, lecturing, whatever, says UFO, I mean it in exactly the way that the term was originally coined which was unidentified flying object. Now, we have to examine that, unidentified flying object. What does that mean? Well, in the truest sense of the term unidentified of course means that we cannot explain what it is initially that we are looking at. The flying of course is self-explanatory, it's up in the air, it's apparently moving under some type of power and control, usually intelligent control although there have been cases where that's not true. An object seems to denote that it, the UFO, was manufactured by somebody. Now the question also that I'm often asked is, do you believe in UFOs? And it's not a question of belief. If we look up in the sky and we see something that we cannot identify, then by the very nature of the acronym it's an unidentified object. However, the question should be and it's often not, it should be, however, are any UFOs, do you believe that any UFOs may in fact be of an extraterrestrial intelligence. Now, coming from a background of law enforcement and from being a criminal investigator I certainly could never go into court, raise my hand, swear to tell the truth and state unequivocally that UFOs are alien or some are alien. If I were asked, do I believe or do I speculate that some in the past in fact may have been someone else's technology, then I would have to say that there are a number of cases where I think that presents the best possible explanation.

J. Could you give me your best case that you think supports the idea that at least one UFO some time in the past or whenever was from an extraterrestrial intelligence. Your best case.

D: I would actually have to give you several that I think are best. And I limit it to three. Although there are a couple of others that I think should be in there. But I limit it to three. The three cases that I think are the best examples of what appear to be evidence of a technologically advanced visit would be the Washington DC overfly in July 1952. Now I have done a lot of examination of that case, a

lot of investigation into that case and there are a number of reasons that would seem to be capable of being presented as proof from witness testimony and technology that the American military at that time employed and also by the way that the Pentagon acted after this case was over. Now most people think that the DC case happened on two weekends. It in effect happened on three separate weekends. And during this period of time, and as a matter of fact one of the leading American sceptics, Philip Klass, who was a senior editor at Aviation Week and Space Technology, I had appear on a couple of occasions on my radio show. The very last time he appeared on my show this was one of the subjects that we covered. And when I pointed out several inconsistencies in Klass's explanation he blew up, cursing on my radio show on the air and hung up on me in mid-show

Now, in effect here is what happened. During a period of time the area Air Force bases that were in and around Washington, several of them were undergoing repairs on the runways. When these objects came in, whatever they were, and they invaded the airspace they were observed on numerous radar sets around the Metropolitan District of Columbia area. They were witnessed by commercial airline pilots in the air, they were witnessed by some of the radar operators that literally left their scopes and went outside and looked physically into the sky. They were also witnessed by military pilots who had been called for assistance to come in and check these objects out. We've got to remember 1952 was literally one of the high points of the Cold War between the United States, the West, Great Britain versus the Soviet Union and its satellite countries. There was a major war going on in the Korean peninsula, there were God knows how many wars going on in the back alleys of major cities throughout the West with Soviet agents and there was a genuine very real fear of Communist incursion, especially in this country. Things like the investigation into un-American activities was going on. People like Senator Joseph McCarthy who was creating a

tremendous chaotic time in the corridors of power. Richard Nixon was one of the Congressmen that was involved in all this.

So there were a lot of things that were happening and there were people literally looking for a red under every bed. So when this particular situation happened, and it didn't just happen once, it happened towards the end of July around the 19th, 20th, then the following weekend which I believed was the 28th. As a matter of fact let me look here, because I have a calendar in my little pocket computer here. it happened around 19th and 20th and around the 26th and 27th. Then the following week around the 2nd, 3rd of August. After the second weekend of these sightings newspapers literally from one end of the United States to the other were carrying this in headlines. It forced the Pentagon to hold the largest press briefing since the end of the Second World War. It was attended by news reporters from every conceivable media outlet. The Air Force's explanation at the time were that these radar operators, both civilian and military had misinterpreted weather temperature inversions for actual physical objects. Now, there are a couple of things to suggest that may not be all that the explanation could be. No 1. Especially the CAA was a forerunner of FAA. The CAA radar operators were skilled personnel. They were responsible literally for bringing in and having go out tens of thousands of air travellers every day. The military radar experts of course we were depending upon to keep our skies safe from enemy intrusions. And these guys had beyond any shadow of a doubt dealt with things like temperature inversions, which in fact is a real phenomena, but what suggests that this explanation is spurious is the fact that these objects were not only seen on radar scopes but it's one of the classic cases where while somebody was looking at an object on the radar screen somebody else was outside looking up in the sky seeing the objects. When the interceptors came in these objects left. Since the interceptors had to fly in from airbases in Delaware and you are talking about 1952, you are talking about jet aircraft that were

very fast for the time, they didn't have huge distances, they weren't able to stand the air for huge distances. They could only loiter about in the area for a few minutes and they had to go back because they were out of fuel. Well, the bottom line is, as soon as the jets left the objects came back. So that is the first case that I think is very significant.

Now, according to Ruppelt [nb: Project Blue Book investigator], this was genuinely one of the highlights, because regardless of what General Sammons had to say about it, and I might add General Roger Ramey was also there. Now of course Ramey is infamous for being part of the Roswell crash situation. But Ramey and Sammons were both involved in this press briefing and it seemed later to Ruppelt and to Keyhoe especially that they were going to great extremes and lengths to get this swept under the rug as soon as possible. Now, you've got to put yourself in their shoes for just a moment. Sammons of course was Air Intelligence and Ramey had been the Chief of the 8th Air Force and I forget what his job was at that particular point in time. But they were tasked with keeping the skies above the United States, especially the nation's capital, free of any possible incursion by possible hostile forces. And nobody knew whether, number 1: if UFOs were real, what was their intent? And what was it that they ultimately meant to do? We still don't know all these years later. But it had to be much more frightening in those days because the Communist threat, the Korean war, people like Joseph McCarthy, military careers were being destroyed and political careers. One word from the wrong person and they were finished. So there had to be tremendous amounts of discontent about this. So this was, I think, a pivotal point.

And this was from the research that I conducted the reason that five months later the Central Intelligence Agency convened to the Robertson Panel. And what was the Robertson Panel's final conclusion? That was that we have to demythicise this. In the public's mind we've got to make this subject ludicrous and we think we can go as far as

bringing in nationally acclaimed celebrities like Walt Disney, Arthur Godfrey. And it's funny to know that not long after this there were a number of Disney cartoons and later Warner Brothers cartoons that did a very tongue-in-cheek fun poke at the UFO situation. Mickey Mouse, Minnie Mouse, Bugs Bunny and Marvin the Martian, the bunny little Martian. All these came out after this. Now, the discipline is very subtle, manipulation is possible. So at any rate, that's the one case.

The second case that I think is extraordinarily important took place during the time period of October and November 1975. And these were incursions made by unidentified objects into a number of SAC bases that included bases that handled nuclear weaponry. Now, this was uncovered and was written up thoroughly by Barry Greenwood and Larry Fawcett in their very excellent book 'Clear Intent'. I think this if in fact one or more atomic nuclear tipped missiles were affected by the incursion of a UFO to the point where the entire missile had to be replaced and Greenwood and Fawcett's investigation shown that and much of this information was gotten through Freedom of Information Act request, then that would be another tremendous example of how UFOs could pose a national security threat. And it all boils down to what is a national security threat. If UFOs are not as the government maintained then I see no reason why all these years of ultra top secrecy would have been maintained. It's obvious, of course they do. If something can fly through your skies whether it's natural or artificial and you can do nothing to affect it, OK, that would be of major importance to any government interested in maintaining their powerbase.

D: The third example that I find of extreme importance as an example of the possibility of somebody else's technology is the STS 48 case.

Now, there are several reasons why I feel that. Not to belabour a point, I broke this story on national television on CNN. I debated with James Oberger from NASA. NASA at that time

maintained that what we were actually observing was frozen urine from a wastewater dump. It's obvious on the tape, which I have whole tape, that the wastewater dump had not yet happened. It happened a few minutes after the sequence which was number 2 and the second sequence on the tape when an object arose from the earth, travelled in a straight line across the screen and I might add too that in a zero gravity environment that this was, it was in outer space in near Earth orbit. If it would have been a free floating object the object would have tumbled, it would have tossed. It would have displayed erratic motion. This object displayed none of that. There was a blossoming light effect on the screen which came from the lower left part of the screen. You couldn't see what it was that caused it but the split second that happened this object made a drastic right angle turn. Once again not tumbling, not moving in an erratic manner but flying in a very lateral level movement. It shot out in the space a split second before something flashed up where it would have been just a moment previously. I have no way to prove this but I have always suspected that it was weapons firing at this object. Star Wars, very likely something along the line of a rail gun shooting a hyper-velocity mass of projectiles, using magnetic force that would be used to knock down incoming missiles. Now, there are number of reasons why NASA would have wanted to keep something like that quiet.

Number 1. over the years. NASA has continually had their budget slashed by Congress. So where did they get the money to continue with their missions and operations? They have increasingly gone to the Department of Defence. If you look at the list of NASA programmes the last ten years you are going to find out that increasingly more and more are DoD, Department of Defence projects, taking out ultra top secret satellites, God knows what all. And for me it's no great leap and logic to realise that in the early 80s after President Regan took over and he initiated the Star Wars initiative that uncouncted millions and perhaps billions of

dollars were spent on Star Wars. Uncouncted millions and perhaps billions of dollars were spent on STI, so it's not beyond the pale to suggest that what we were actually seeing on the screen was some type of weapons firing. Whether it was a test with a dummy craft or whether it was a test with something of unknown origin we don't know because of course it's been totally denied ever since. However, if in fact it was a drone that they were shooting at, I don't think it was but if it was, this would suggest that we have technology capable for space travel that is far above anything that we have suspected. Now, why do I say that? Well, to even maintain orbits an object has to be travelling a minimum of around 17,000 - 18,000 miles an hour. I don't have the exact figure but it's right in that. This object at least quadrupled its speed in an instant and shot out into deep space. This object also apparently had its own luminescence because you can follow the thing the whole way out there and circling back around. You can see it clearly on the tape. Now, when I broke this story on CNN the very next day, the day after the story ran which was June 27th or, somewhere the 27th, 28th or 29th of 1992, the following day that live feed channel that NASA originally had beamed everything down on its NASA selected channel, was encrypted. Anything that you see today is either in time delay or it's footage that they release. You will see nothing live from space like you used to. And I can only imagine it was a result of my appearance breaking the story on television.

J: OK Now a couple of things there. Firstly, let's pick up on the NASA bit. Is that not against the law effectively for NASA? Because of the funding isn't the NASA material public domain by law? Can they do that? Is anyone challenging their right to encrypt and decode that?

D: Well, as you British say that becomes somewhat of a sticky wicket. NASA by law is and always was considered the most open of any the federal agencies or bureaucracies. However, with its increasingly short budget, with its Department of Defence connections,

And the current administrator of NASA, Daniel Golden, who comes from a long, long history in TRW which is a corporation over here that was involved in constructing and building top secret defence satellite technology. Golden came from basically a black budget civilian contract or background. Now, that's something that NASA never likes to discuss and I never get tired of mentioning it. Because not enough people are aware of it. They've got to look at what happened with the former administrator of NASA.

Now, NASA has always been considered, we Americans have an expression, the fellow that wears the white hat. The good guy. NASA has always been considered, especially from the Mercury, Gemini, Apollo moon days, the moon shot days, the shuttle missions, they've always been the fellows that everybody has always had the utmost confidence in. But their last administrator was Admiral Richard Truly. Now, Admiral Truly was fired from NASA after he got into a bit of a controversy with former President George Bush and Vice-President Dan Quayle. In essence here is what happened. There had been a project that NASA had been working on concerning very small, very portable nuclear reactors for space to power satellites, spacecraft and so forth. There had been some problems with this programme and a number of people had been filing and submitting FOIA [nb: Freedom of Information Act] requests. News organisations and that type of thing to find out what was really happening.

And someone sent a memorandum to Representative Howard Wolpe who was a US Congressman who was concerned with NASA and this memorandum had been written by NASA management people and what the memorandum was concerned with was a way for NASA employees to circumvent following the strict letter of the law which Freedom of Information Act requests. They suggested things like mixing documents up, mis-numbering documents. When this story broke through Representative Wolpe, Admiral Truly who was then Director of NASA

and a very outstanding man with great integrity came forward and said on the record that he would not allow anybody within his agency to conduct this type of activity, he would fire and get rid of them, etc. And it was a very short time after that he got into a great confrontation with Quayle and he was fired. Now, many people within the United States and the research community looked at that as very questionable. Then he was fired shortly after this situation happened which suggested that if Truly knew information that was secret perhaps which shouldn't have been or was aware of long term projects that were, shall we say, questionable, that he might have gone public with them. And as a result the next administrator that was brought in under the Bush administration was Dan Golden and he surprisingly is the only person left over after six years as at this stage from the Bush administration that is still currently in Government under the second term of the Clinton administration.

J: And is there any significance to the fact that it was Quayle rather than Bush that had the row? Is it a case of if the row had gone the other way you can kind of sacrifice a vice-president, you can't risk your president? Was that a political act under way there then?

D: I could always speculate whether that was political or not. Quayle was heading up the programme. The elected official in charge of the space programme, was Dan.

J: If the STS 48 wasn't shooting at a drone put up deliberately to test its own effectiveness, are you suggesting we were shooting at somebody else's technology?

D: It's the only thing that's ever made any sense. And conceivably, maybe it wasn't us shooting. Maybe it was the Soviets, or the former Soviets. The Russians.

J: Can we not tell where on earth the origin point of that light was?

D: Oh, we know where they were when the incident happened but the only thing that

made any sense to me was, it never made sense that the shot, if that's what it was, came from a planet. It never made sense. It only made sense if it came from orbit. And if in fact they were above Australia and New Zealand, OK. But certainly not over the United States. It's not over Europe, it's not over the Soviet Union, that's in a very isolated place on the planet. And if it were something that was not planned, let's say a target of opportunity, it was very problematical that they would have suspected that anyone would have ever even seen this. Much less get it to television the way that ultimately this situation went to television. It's been played many, many times round the world. I personally took it to CNN and played there. It played on NBC. As a matter of fact I even saw this footage play on a Spanish speaking station here in Southern California from Mexico. And I know that it's been seen in Europe. I know that it's been seen in Japan and around the world. So this achieved quite a bit of notoriety.

J: I've got to put you in a slight corner here because I'm getting a little confused and I think you are hedging your bets. You listed this as one of your top three evidences that might support the idea of alien intervention.

D: That doesn't put me in a corner. I have never said emphatically that aliens are coming here, that extraterrestrials are coming here. As a matter of fact my bottom line has truly always been that this is a subject that has never been taken seriously by the mainstream scientific community. And what we've been trying to do, especially in the pages of UFO Magazine, on my former radio show and on the television that I have done over the years, we have tried to present this subject in such a manner that people recognise and realise that there is a genuine phenomenon here, regardless of whether it's alien or some technology or natural phenomenon that we don't understand. However, if I had to guess which cases that I would speculate may have an alien connection it would have been the three cases that I mentioned. But I can't say that with certainty. But what I am saying is, if I had

to speculate that in my opinion, Don Ecker's opinion, that these cases might show the best chance or possibility of being somehow connected with extraterrestrial technology, these three cases would be it. Washington 1952, the Dakota airbases 1975 and the STS 48 mission in 1991.

J: You are saying there is a possibility a terrestrial nation was actually shooting at an alien craft? A possibility?

D: Yes, that's what I'm saying.

J: So I guess that leads me on to probably the last question. What do you think they are doing? And why do they seem to be taking so much time about it if they are alien?

D: What they are doing no one can truly say. I don't know certainly, I have no idea. If you were to ask me what my speculation may be, and there is no way that I can give you the short cut and dried answer because this literally could take hours if not days of my reasoning why.

But I truly suspect that the human race, Homo Sapiens, our species, your species, my species, was at some time in the past a genetically engineered race. I think that the human species was engineered from an early proto human here on planet Earth and mixing DNA from another species very similar, but a different species that came here to planet Earth. There is a lot of reasoning why and we don't have the time now to go into it but just looking at it from the Christian Bible the first chapter of the Old Testament, Genesis, looking at it from the Hebrew Torah which of course the first five chapters of the Christian Bible are taken from, and looking at it from the records that have been left over by ancient civilisations like Summaria, I think that all these records indicate that those early humans that had the ability and the capability of writing all wrote about the oral traditions that had been handed down to them from what can only be described as superior beings that interacted with them. And according to the ancient humans these advanced superior beings came from the sky.

And almost without fail every ancient tradition has in its beginnings talking about superior beings coming down from the sky.

As a matter of fact, John, in 1970 or '71, just a couple of years after the closure of Project Blue Book because of the Condon Committee Report, it came to light in the American Press that the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs were teaching in their science and physics textbook to their officer cadets a chapter that was devoted to unidentified flying objects. I was to my best knowledge the first researcher that transcribed that entire chapter with all the references and the authors of the chapter and so forth and made it available on the Internet. And we have it on our web site too, by the way.

Now, in this Air Force physics textbook, and it was quite embarrassing for the Air Force at the time when this came to light, they talk about the oral traditions of ancient peoples going back, now think about some of these figures that the Air Force was using, 50,000 years that people have been reporting these objects in the sky with advanced beings, and they mention in the textbook specifically four different types of "E.T.s". They talk about these advanced beings engaging in warfare, and the traditions come from the Greek tradition, from the Indian traditions, ancient Irish traditions, the Celtic traditions, the Norse traditions all talk about the gods warring, Gods meaning superior beings. And in a number of these traditions there can only be references as we know technology and physics today to atomic weapons being used, being deployed and used. And even today people like Zecharia Sitchin who at times catches a lot of flak because of his interpretation of his Sumarian writings that he has worked with for many, many years, describe areas on Earth that clearly appear to have been devastated by nuclear blasts as seen from space, OK? One of these areas being in Lebanon, another area being in India. And as a matter of fact when the British were in India, when India was still part of the British Empire, and now I'm going on

memory, I would have to go back and check my records. There was an area where an ancient city had been discovered where bricks were being taken from these ancient buildings or remains of buildings to be used as ballast to construct a railroad line there. And many people were becoming very ill. Later it was determined that there ~~was~~ ^{were} excessive amounts of radiation in this area which there was no logical explanation where this came from.

Well, we can make a leap of logic and say, Well, you know, the ancient tradition talked about atomic weapons. This was an area where according to ancient traditions such and such a city stood that was destroyed in the wars of the Gods, and we've got increased radiation there." But we of the magazine, especially my wife and I are really concerned with ~~are~~ getting these inexplicable situations out to the public following them as far as we personally can take them to our own investigations and journalistic effort. And to make this situation as logical and as palatable as we can for the public to show the public that the bottom line is that our governments have never been truthful about this for whatever reason, whether it's secret military experiments, or whether it's truly extraterrestrials, but they lie to us. And the lies are what really make me angry. I don't like being lied to. I get furious when I'm lied to. And when they lie to me and say that, for example, Well, what this guy saw was Venus out there' And we know for a fact, and this has happened, that Venus was on the other side of the damned planet, then we know that doesn't make sense.

And these guys like the Air Force, the CIA, the DIA, the NSA aren't supposed to make mistakes.

A Festive Ghost Story

Ernie Sears

I received a letter a few weeks ago from Ernie containing the following :

Steve:

Thought readers might like an ALMOST "festive" ghost story for a change! Ufology takes in such under it's paranormal umbrella. Here goes.

Saturday the 27th December 2003 and I was walking through the long corridor at my sheltered housing complex, around eight in the morning, heading for the newspaper and general store a few yards from where I live. Going through the rear door, I turned to shut it, and, looking back along the passage I saw a tall, slim, lady, standing in the foyer. I didn't recognise her as a fellow tenant ... as I wondered who she might be she waved an arm at me and my reaction was to wave back. As I took in her white "blouse" top and long black skirt she vanished. Hmm, I mused ... WHO was that? I've encountered "ghosts" (including a dog) and, indeed, "dead" people on a few occasions, a side effect of ufo encounters ... but NEVER one who WAVED to me! It didn't end there. Later that same day I was expecting a lady and her grandson to call around 4.00pm. My security buzzer went about then, I pressed the requisite button and a voice spoke..I assumed it was the grandson but didn't recognise the .1 squawk" so just said 'come in' and waited. No one appeared. I waited..the buzzer went again. Exasperated, I said 'the bloody door's open! Just that peculiar "gabble" again. I decided to go down..reaching the foyer I found the manageress and her husband and their son and another man, all laughing as I appeared. I asked was it them having a joke with me as they were standing at the open door.

No..they were laughing as I'd sworn at them! Hmm..again! I decided to broach my early morning experience. My scheme manageress and her husband were intrigued... since, 18 months previously, a "lady" had appeared in their lounge, dressed in a long black floor length dress, a smock that went halfway, and a "mob" cap..then vanished after smiling slightly. The husband had said, and now repeated it to the other two men, that he wasn't a "believer..but since then he was!" We discussed their particular incident at the time..they knew of my interests by then. Decided the ..apparition" was a nurse from the now mostly demolished Victorian hospital that has only the chapel intact in our village Royal Victoria Country Park .a place of much legend On a skywatch or two, the Southampton UFO Group of which I'm PRO, had experienced "encounters" near the chapel (which has a rather "unsettling" atmosphere inside it) Myself and another group member have both sensed and SEEN misty shapes of soldiers and nurses there, dressed in World War One uniforms. Our group leader Steve was apparently "spoken" to by a nurse in caring words. Much more went on After the "lady" who appeared to my manageress etc I worked out that the commemorative stone set in the outside wall of the manager's flat, put there when the complex was opened in 1964, was the "gateway" to the "other side", since it also has the statement that the stone was part of the hospital, demolished after fire in 1964! There's more to my 27th December experience! The following night I came home around 11pm from my Sunday night regular country music dance night

Making a quick snack in my kitchen I turned back into the lounge to see a big blue flash from the lower corner of my window and hearing a "BANG"! Startled, I thought a plug had "blown" but no. All was normal. I looked around. On the carpeted floor a plastic "frame" was lying some feet from where it belonged on top of a bookcase. The owl that nestled in the frame had vanished..but was soon found nestling in my shoulder bag beneath the bookcase where the owl dwelt.

Puzzled? Yeah! As I said earlier, such things are mysterious but don't scare me. Three days later I had a stranger visit me by appointment. New Years Eve in fact. In the afternoon, Bill had phoned me with questions about his claimed UFO sightings..one quite recent over our village railway

station! Also odd paranormal incidents. We spent two hours talking. I showed him videos etc. I also gave him healing.

As he left, he turned to me at the door and asked me if I'd phone him if ANYTHING, even something SMALL, happened! I thought that was unusual even unique! Ho ho ho! Ten minutes later I was in my bathroom. Sat down, I felt a soft touch on my left shoulder. I half turned. The toilet roll was unrolling itself... slowly, firmly, until it finished up around my feet, having reached it's end. I laughed. Did YOU? NV thought was, should I ring Bill? End of story? No. I recalled, bemusedly, the occasion some weeks before my "11 ghost" sighting, when traversing that same passage on the way to the papershop, at the same time. All quiet. A long, low, voice called my name Drawn out, and female! Eeerrrrnniiiiiee! I leave you with the thought, the CONVICTION, that "the barriers" are coming down!

Ernie.

PS; I was on Radio Solent Friday 9th January when I told my "ghost story..Author Andrew House confirmed the "disturbing" atmosphere at the Royal Victoria Country Park on a visit there.. during the station's five evenings on the paranormal! SUFOG's Steve Gerrard was on a UFO phonein. In a week when the TV etc had UFO Documentaries, The Universe, (five days) a repeat of that Great British UFO Hoax, Films: ET, Independence Day, 20001, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, and allied subjects on the Richard and Judy Show, Media mention of 109 hitherto "secret" papers being released ... don't hold your breath! in 2005!

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The Society covers similar subject areas to those of ASSAP. It is not a cult group, and advocates a balanced approach between the intuitive and analytical faculties. This leaves ample scope for exploring new ideas.

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For a copy of the programme or further information, please contact: Ann Hopkins: 020-8542 3110 Lionel Beer: 020-8979 3148

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UFOs over China

Steve Gamble

UFOs are serious business in China according to CNN (15th May 2002) They featured an interview with Joseph Wong who is chairman of the Hong Kong UFO Club. The club meets once a month, sometimes at a cyber café called the UFO Station. Apparently the café has a large collection of UFO books and newspaper cuttings about the phenomena.

Joseph Wong is described as being a lab manager at Hong Kong City University. Another member, Albert So is a university professor. The club is lobbying the university to start a degree programme in UFOlogy

On 25th April 2002 the Ananova news service carried a report about UFOs seen over the Beijing area. This reflected an article carried by The Shanghai Star of the same date, which in turn was based on the original report in The Beijing Times

The sighting took place on Monday 22nd April. Around 8:00pm four strange objects were spotted by Beijing residents in the southwestern skies. The four objects were described as sparkling objects surrounded by a light yellow haze. The article states that the objects moved over a wide range in two groups.

No noise was heard According to the estimate of one witness the objects were flying at a height of about 10 kilometres, although there is no indication how he was able to estimate this.

The objects were observed for about one hour before gradual cloud cover hid them. Apparently the objects were seen by many people, at least 10 of whom contacted the media.

A Possible explanation?

In my experience many objects that are observed for long periods of time tend, on investigation, to be explainable as astronomical objects. I remembered that in late April there was a conjunction of several major planets. On checking the newspaper archives I discovered that the conjunction of Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn was visible low in the western sky just after sunset. I would suggest this planetary conjunction as a possible explanation of the April 22nd objects. The haze around the lights could have been atmospheric distortion caused of light from objects close to the horizon.

The newspaper interviewed two scientists. Dr Xuekui Zhang, deputy director of the Beijing Planetarium, said that although there had been 'piles of UFO reports from home and abroad, nothing has yet been proven' and that a scientific explanation for UFOs had never been provided. Songzhu Lan, engineer at the Xinglong Observation Station, part of Beijing Astronomical Observatory, said that there had been more than 10,000 UFO reports over the past 100 years of which 95% had been shown to be astronomical, atmospheric or magnetic phenomena. He added that there was still no proof of the existence of extraterrestrial life.

Of course, as BUFORA members will know, the suggestion that UFOs are extraterrestrial spacecraft is only one of more than forty theories that have been proposed to explain UFO reports. Whilst the Extra-Terrestrial Hypothesis (ETH) is probably the most popular theory there is no evidence to support it over any of the other theories.

LETTERS

This is readers chance to have their say.

This item was in amongst the older material passed to me on taking up the Editorship. Despite the delay in publication I believe it still holds true.

Dear Sirs,

RE. Flakey UFOs

I suppose by now we should be used to the media getting things both out of context and out of proportion.

On 29th May 2002 Sir Martin Rees, the Astronomer Royal, gave a presentation to a joint session of the Royal Society of Medicine and the Royal Society for the encouragement of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce. His lecture was entitled "Our biophilic universe and its future" One section of Sir Martin's lecture concerned the search for intelligent life in the universe. From the printed-paper accompanying the lecture, UFOs are mentioned in only one sentence. Yet the media coverage of this event seems to imply that a major part of Sir Martin's talk was given over to slating UFOlogists.

The relevant sentence from Sir Martin's paper, in the section about the search for extraterrestrial intelligence, reads, "Attempts to search for such signals have had a hard time getting public funding (even at the level of the tax revenues from a single science fiction movie) because the topic is encumbered by 'flakey' associations with UFOs and so forth." This hardly constitutes a major attack on UFOlogy, as it would appear from the few parts of the media who picked it up.

I would add two observations. Firstly, my understanding, again from press reports (so

maybe caution is needed as to the accuracy!), is that many highly rated good science projects go unfunded in the UK because of insufficient research funds. The chances of obtaining useful results from any search for extraterrestrials (or for that matter UFOs) are probably very slim and may not be a good use of public funds whilst scientific projects with a better chance of a return go unsupported.

The second point is that just as 'flakey' associations with UFOs have held SETI back, so 'flakey' associations with SETI have also held the serious study of UFOs back. Instead of trying to prove that all UFOs are extraterrestrial or ball lightning or hallucinations or whatever, we should be trying to define accurately the characteristics of the phenomenon and building up a solid base of well-researched case data. There is no doubt in my mind that a phenomenon called UFOs exists and that people genuinely reports things that cannot be identified in our skies. As to the nature of these UFOs, I think it is too early to say.

Last year we had a whole range of newspaper reports saying that BFSB had closed down as there were no more UFO reports. Yet in the New BUFORA Journal we read that BFSB is continuing to survive.

If recent experience of these two stories is anything to go by, you cannot trust anything you hear on the TV and radio or read in the newspapers. Just as our politicians seem to be more interested in spin rather than facts, so it seems with the media. Why spoil a good story with a few facts?

Regards,

Edward Thompson-Howe

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IN THE COMPANY OF LARRY
WARREN**

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- From there to the Bentwaters Base Theatre where Larry will give a presentation 3.30 – 5.00pm approx. This is a chance to understand Larry's "I was there" perspective on the nights of UFO activity at the American base just after Christmas 1980. He will also update us on recent developments.
- Guided tour of the forest with Larry to places of interest, including the landing site at Capel Green where he witnessed contact between senior officers and what appeared to be aliens.
- Minibus leaves back to London 8pm.

Entrance to the presentation is free for BUFORA minibus participants, the fee having been included in the minibus price. All other BUFORA members £5, non-members £7.

The Base Theatre will provide teas and coffees, and the licensed bar on the premises will be open.

Contact number on the day: Judy Jaafar's mobile 07776 15 66 55
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Sat 11th September – Margaret Fry
(subject to confirmation), "The Berwyn Mountain Case"

Margaret is one of Britain's longest-serving field ufologists, and the original investigator of the alleged UFO crash on Berwyn Mountain, North Wales. This case has recently been publicly revised by other researchers (Clarke and Roberts), but Margaret will give you the opportunity to hear her first-hand, on-the-spot account.

Sat 13th November – Mark Rosney,
"The Pinocchio Factor"

Mark, a researcher from Merseyside, will be discussing a 1995 Runcorn UFO case in detail, charting the initial event and the subsequent "Chinese whispers" and downright fabrications that have turned an interesting, but mundane, sighting into a full blown abduction and technology retrieval story.

BUFORA is in the process of arranging a regional lecture in Liverpool, sometime in September, with Peter Robbins and Larry Warren as guest

speakers. Peter and Larry are the authors of "Left at East Gate", a detailed account of Larry's experiences as a military policeman at Bentwaters, Suffolk American airbase during several nights of alleged UFO activity at Christmas 1980. Please use the information below for updates on the date, time and venue for this lecture once they have been decided upon. Information will be posted on the website.

For more, or updated information on any of these lectures, call Judy Jaafar on 020 8998 4936, email: judy@gaia66.freemove.co.uk or email John Wickham on jwufos@aol.com

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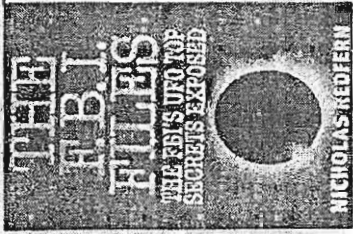
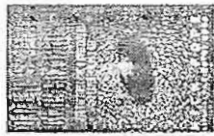
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