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On the map

After years of wandering in the ufological wilderness, it is beginning to look as if Britain is in a position to return to take a commanding lead in UFO research. From the early 1950s, the United States, both governmental and voluntary organisations, have taken a keen interest in the phenomenon. Since that time, their lead has been eroded somewhat by the French, who have, in recent years, adopted a most enlightened attitude to the whole subject.

But things are changing. *FSR*, the international UFO journal based in the UK, now have a close liaison with Allen Hynek's newly established Centre for UFO Studies—and it looks as if BUFORA may soon be co-operating fully. We have the National Research Investigations Conference with a list of speakers any national organisation would be proud of. And we have our own Research Department, ably managed by well qualified staff, which seems set to break new frontiers.

Yes, it can rightly be said that BUFORA is now on the map.

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Research Department News

FROM TONY PACE, RESEARCH DIRECTOR
AND CHARLES LOCKWOOD, RESEARCH PROJECTS OFFICER

BUFORA Research Projects Programme

PHASE 2 of our Research Projects Programme has now been formulated in more detail. We intend to begin preliminary discussions along the guide lines described below at the National Conference in May.

PROJECT AUDI—The study of UFO detection devices, including feasibility studies in developing an automatic detection instrumentation network.

I have already had offers of help from a few members. More are needed, especially anyone with training in electronics, recording instruments, spectroscopy or photography. The study of magneto meters, for low frequency changes in magnetic fields, including Hall Effect probes, ferromagnetic and saturation devices, proton magnetometers and/or devices for measuring more rapid frequency changes (of say more than 30Hz) in magnetic fields and induction coils. Sensitivities required will depend where the instruments are to be used. Ideally, two sensitivities will be needed, one for use at remote locations, and one for use by ordinary members in locations where other electrical signals may affect the input. The latter should be as cheap as possible, in order to achieve wide coverage of this country. Electrostatic voltage level measurement, infrasonic and ultrasonic measurement, alpha, beta and gamma radiation measurement and other parameters are to be considered.

PROJECT DATAVAL — Psychological and physiological studies to ascertain op-

timum procedures for obtaining high validity data from witnesses.

It is to be hoped that members with qualifications in hypnosis will participate in this project, since some of the best data obtained in America has been tested by using hypnosis. The project will incorporate physiological reaction tests, skin resistance measurements, and polygraph tests. Statistical analyses of witness reliability, reporting reliability and other variables will be included. The results of this project are to be used to modify sighting report forms, and for investigation procedures.

PROJECT TRACE—Environmental effects testing, and the use of forensic and other techniques to detect and analyse trace residues, and residual physical changes, after a close encounter sighting.

This project will seek alternatives to the Hooven magnetic signature test (given in the Condon Report), tests applied to other parts of vehicles than the body. Other tests will include long term or short term changes which may occur in the molecular lattices, in vehicles and other objects affected.

PROJECT PHOTON—Development of photographic and other procedures, such as stereo and cine, also use of diffraction gratings and filters, auto exposure cameras.

Members working on this project will be likely to contact groups of amateur astronomers, who specialise in meteorite and bolide studies, in order to compare photo-

graphic techniques, including spectroscopic methods.

GENERAL

The four fields of research listed above are given as a guide, and the use of a single word code name is intended to simplify reference. It is quite possible that one or all of these projects will need to be subdivided, for instance, within Project Dataval, hypnosis will have to be dealt with by researchers probably not concerned with statistical reliability testing. The extent to which a project is subdivided will depend on the expertise of the team members.

There will need to be a Project Leader in each field, who will first have to contact any other groups in other UFO Societies, here and abroad, who have done research in the same field. The Research Projects Officer will act as Project Leader in at least one project at a time, but it would be preferable for each set of problems to be studied by someone with the highest possible academic qualifications, and with some experience of the variety of forms which the UFO phenomenon can take. Without the latter, we may obtain well-informed answers to the wrong questions, and without the former the answers may never be obtained.

UFO Sightings Catalogue, 1974—part 2

No	Date	Time (GMT)	Location	Investigation	Evaluation
74032	20/7	Sunset	Mottistone Down, I of W	R Nash	Insufficient Data
74033	21/7	22.30	(under investigation)	J Jeffrey	—
74034	21/6	21.50	Beddau, Glamorgan	Prelim. Form	Satellites
74035	19/6	22.00	Cannock, Staffs.	D James	Possible Satellite
74036	16/7	22.00	(under investigation)	G Knewstubb	—
74037	27/8	18.30	Backworth, N ^o berland	K Phillips	Aircraft
74038	21/7	Evening	Mile End, London	J Shaw	Ball Lightning
74039	28/5	20.15	Moorfields, Hereford	I McKinlay	Aircraft
74040	7/8	21.30	Dunstable, Beds.	Prelim. Form	Insufficient Data
74041	July	23.08	Gateshead	Prelim. Form	Satellite
74042	26/7	19.30	Kidsgrove, Stoke	D James	Weather Balloon
74043	9/1	10.50	Halifax, Yorks.	T Whitaker	Possible Aircraft
74044	—	—	(under investigation)	I Vinten	—
74045	—	—	(under investigation)	I Vinten	—
74046	20/7	22.00	Lewisham	John Shaw	Insufficient Data
74047	12/7	21.10	Lewisham	John Shaw	Insufficient Data
74048	Aug	03.15	Audlem, Staffs	D James	Satellite
74049	28/6	22.00	Cleckheaton, Yorks	T Whitaker	Satellite
74050	16/8	22.30	York	T Whitaker	Bolide
74051	18/8	21.00	Birkenhead, Lancs	G Clegg	Insufficient Data
74052	18/8	20.50	Woolton, Liverpool	G Clegg	Insufficient Data
74053	16/8	20.25	Saltburn, Yorks	T Whitaker	UFO
74054	18/8	01.45	Betley, Staffs	D James	UFO
74055	18/8	Morning	Stranraer	Stuart Campbell	Probable Satellite
74056	16/8	20.30	Milton, Stoke	D Blundred	Skylab, Rocket & Debris
74057	16/8	20.30	Milton, Stoke	G Carlidge	Skylab, Rocket & Debris
74058	16/8	20.35	Bucknall, Stoke	Prelim. Form	Skylab, Rocket & Debris
74059	9/7	Daytime	London Airport	M T Johnston	Insufficient Data
74060	11/8	22.40	Newcastle-on-Tyne	Prelim. Form	Possible Bolide
74061	17/8	20.15	Birkenhead, Lancs	Prelim. Form	Possible Satellite

This catalogue is intended as a list of UFO sightings which have been recorded by the Association. Similar lists are to be published in subsequent *Journals*.

Vice-Chairman's Column

New perils from outer space

One member blamed me for the contents of the *News of the World* article 'New Perils From Outer Space,' 16 and 23 March 1975. He apparently thought that I was responsible for publishing the views of certain astronomers to the effect that it might be dangerous to try to communicate with aliens. The 'superior visitors' might treat men as animals in a zoo. Despite this article, this concern is in fact widely held among astronomers and exobiologists. Equally, men like Dr Carl Sagan are very keen to make contact with other civilisations. Coming back to the article, I supplied Mike Cable, described as a showbusiness writer, with a lot of information about BUFORA and ufology generally. It is a pity he only chose to include a relatively minor comment I made about the Ministry of Defence. I turned my nose up at the mention of the *News of the World*, so Mr Cable led me to believe the article might appear in another popular Sunday paper. The reliability of the article, can be judged by the fact that BUFORA's name is abbreviated, I am not the secretary, and Dr Hynek's name is mis-spelt.

Degrees in ufology

Paul Blake writing from Brownwood, Texas, kindly suggested that BUFORA sell degrees in ufology. He emphasised that these should be hard to obtain, requiring a deep knowledge of the subject. Both Houses of Parliament at Westminster have expressed concern on several occasions, about individuals and fringe bodies, who issue bogus or unrecognised degrees in the UK. So any attempt by

BUFORA to do this at the present time would not only meet with legal difficulties, but would certainly bring us into disrepute. When we become a more solidly based organisation, it might be possible—with the blessing of the Department of Education and Science—to reconsider this idea. However, one thing we have done, is to submit proposals to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme, for a UFO studies syllabus.

Lev(it)y

Back in January BUFORA received a letter from D E & J Levy (Surveyors, Valuers and Property Consultants) offering 26 500 square feet on the first floor of Centre Point. This is the controversial monolithic office block, raised by Harry Hyams, at the junction of London's Oxford Street and Charing Cross Road. Their letter says "It is our opinion that these premises are ideally situated for use as an Educational Establishment . . ." and that one can ring Mr Bell for further details. When I mentioned this to a London meeting, a lady in the audience, Mrs Dixon, said that if she won the pools, she would donate her winnings to BUFORA so that we could take it. Now when another five of you donate your £75,000 pools wins to BUFORA, we shall be able to move into Centre Point . . . In the meantime, if anyone has any suggestions as to where we might house our library in London, we would dearly like to hear from you.

Beware of Strangers!

An amusing incident occurred during an Apollo Lunar Mission. After conducting a geological survey around the Lunar Module, one of the astronauts returned to the vehicle and knocked sharply on the hatch, alerting the occupying astronaut. "Who's there?" came the cautious reply.

LIONEL BEER

IRA fought it out with a UFO

One of the most remarkable incidents of a 'Flying Saucer' being reported over Ireland, occurred during the Civil War. In fact, it ranks among the most amazing encounters between humans and unidentified flying objects ever to have allegedly happened in any part of the world.

In the 30 April 1964 issue of the Watford and West-Herts Post, a letter from a Lawrence Bradley appeared, describing an extraordinary incident that he had witnessed in 1922. The letter read:

"... the place was County Donegal in the Irish Republic. A civil war was raging at the time and the army, to which I belonged, was fighting scattered rearguard actions—mostly in the mountains.

"One evening, tired and dispirited, I lay down at the entrance to an old cave. In the fading twilight I noticed that practically all the bushes and grass that grew around this entrance was scorched and burnt.

"The only occupants of the cave were sick and wounded men, who were unable to walk. The six able-bodied soldiers, who were looking after them, told me a strange story, which at the time seemed far-fetched and unconvincing."

The soldiers told Bradley that they had been awakened by a strange whirring noise outside the cave early that morning. Stumbling to their feet and readying their weapons, the soldiers squinted into the pre-dawn darkness and decided that they were hearing the approach of an enemy armoured car. They immediately opened fire.

"... the object retaliated by firing jets of flame at the cave. The defenders had to withdraw in the face of the fierce heat.

All the undergrowth was now ablaze and the smoke was billowing into the cave, so that it was a case of facing the flame-throwers or suffocating to death. The urgent need for fresh air made them choose the former course.

"When they ran out, they saw the flame throwing object ascending into the sky. It was clearly visible in the first light of dawn—circular in shape and bright in appearance, as if made of aluminium. I dare say some of the men who saw this strange phenomenon are still alive today and can vouch for this story."

The soldiers related their extraordinary experience with such conviction that Mr Bradley's doubts were quickly dispelled. There was also, of course, the evidence of the badly scorched mouth of the cave.

Credit: Dublin Evening Herald and Ken Phillips.

Personal Column

Charles Frank 4 inch reflecting telescope with equatorial mounting, spotter scope and sturdy adjustable tripod. £45 or near offer. Ring Carol Godsell on Guildford 33257.

Warminster sky watch caravan available, Easter to October. Details from Mrs M Carey, 61 Corton, nr Warminster, Wilts. (SAE essential).

Large semi-detached older style house, 5 minutes station and new town centre. £14,000 or offer. Write to: A West, 16 Southway, Burgess Hill, Sussex RH15 9ST or phone Burgess Hill 6738 (STD code 044 46).

Association News

COMPILED BY BETTY WOOD

A busy winter

We have been extraordinarily busy during the winter months, with a large number of enquiries pouring in, the registration of the Association as a limited company, and the Spring Conference. We are even now preparing a tentative list of speakers for next year's lectures—and if any of you can suggest new speakers and any aspect of ufology which has not yet been covered—we would be pleased to hear from you.

Again, by the time you read this, it is hoped that our Branch and Group Liaison Officers will be getting into their stride by establishing and maintaining friendly contact with groups whose aims are similar to our own, but who perhaps wish to work in their own way. Here also we would be pleased to hear of any such groups.

Help!

Another thing which members could do that would be very helpful would be to send us any UFO items from their local newspapers, as the newscuttings agency which we use apparently does not cover all newspapers in the country, and probably not all editions of the national dailies.

O boyo!

Sometimes it seems that little or nothing is happening in the way of UFO activity in this country and I often feel I could be running any society—from beekeeping to tropical fish—and not notice when changing over from to the other. Occasionally, however, those legendary (to me!) UFOs do sometimes obtrude—as in February

last, when Welsh TV rang to ask if we could put them in touch with a Welsh-speaking UFO witness, preferably living in Pembrokeshire. Much to my surprise, we were able to comply, although it may be straining our resources if Radio Scotland or Radio Ireland come up with similar requests. Apparently quite a lot was happening in Pembrokeshire around that time and Welsh TV assured me that they were going to give the whole subject an impartial coverage. On the whole it seems that regional TV is much better at this sort of thing than their London counterparts.

From Bermuda to Witch Mountain

A few of us attended a talk at Kensington Library on the Bermuda Triangle mystery, given by Charles Berlitz—(arranged by the Franklin School of Contemporary Studies). It was most interesting—provided one kept a sense of proportion—but of course, inconclusive. There are many and varied theories as to what happens to all the vanished airmen and sailors over the years—one very popular idea is that 'Venusians' have whisked them away to caves under the sea, from whence they will presently emerge to remake this wicked old world. Apart from the fact that some of them would be greybeards and in the last stages of senility, it is not likely that they will succeed when over the centuries scores of philosophers, saints, prophets and priests appear to have made very little headway on the wordly character. Meanwhile, we continue to judge the 'aliens' by ourselves, as over Easter the TV programme *UFO* had spacemen planting bombs in remote farmhouses in order to blow Britain apart. For myself, I went off for an hour of happy escapism to see *Escape to Witch Mountain*, a film I can recommend to all like myself, who still harbour a tiny hope for the future.

UFORUM

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

In defence of ETH

Dear Sir

It seems that many people are turning down the extra-terrestrial hypothesis—see *BUFORA Journal* volume 4, number 6, 'The Death of ETH' by Richard Colborne.

Why? Is it because not enough evidence has been put forward to prove that UFOs are extra-terrestrial vehicles? Refusing the ETH could mean a big breakdown in ufology.

I think that the ETH should be the main theory. The fact that UFOs could come from outer space excites people and gets them interested in our subject. I became interested because I believe they *are* extra-terrestrial vehicles. And I haven't got disheartened because of what people say, and neither should anyone else!

Yours sincerely

STEPHEN COZENS (aged 14)
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More on Nessie

Dear Sir

Lorraine McDonald believes that the Loch Ness Monster is a 'thought entity' resembling a serpent, and that a field of energy surrounds the loch. In very few cases is the monster described as a serpent; usually it resembles an upturned boat. And let us not suppose that bodies

of water generate electricity until someone produces evidence.

Mr Holiday certainly did report a strange happening in Mrs Carey's house, but then he has reported many strange things which no-one else has witnessed. She should note that the exorcist (Dr Omand) was asleep at the time, and that Mrs Cary's husband, who was in the room with them, 'neither saw nor heard a thing'. Having met Wing-Commander Cary, I can tell you that he is neither blind nor deaf! I can also assure Mrs MacDonald that the report of a landed UFO at Loch Ness has been found to be a false report.

She should also note that there are adequate stocks of fish in Loch Ness to sustain a colony of monsters. Available evidence suggests that there does exist in the Loch, a breeding herd of creatures descended from the pre-historic plesiosaur. No eye-witness would agree with her idea that it is an apparition.

Yours sincerely

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Spinning UFOs—a problem

Dear Sir

Although I am sure that Mr Rouse—see letters, *BUFORA Journal*, volume 4,

continued overleaf

number 5—has the beginnings of a very good theory. But one thing struck me.

Mr Rouse states that the gyroscope lost 0.05g from a total of 166.37g. Expressed in terms of fractions, this represents a loss of about 1/3328. Assuming the loss in weight to be constant, this would mean that a UFO would have to spin 3328 times as fast as Mr Rouse's gyroscope to become completely weightless.

I would have thought that such a high rotation would cause parts of the UFO to be detached from the main body of the craft.

Yours sincerely

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Is there an 'orgone cover-up'?

Dear Sir

It was, I think, the late Professor Haldane, the internationally renowned physicist, who once remarked that "cosmic law is stranger than we suppose, stranger, perhaps, than we even *can* suppose . . ." and

it is for this that I refer to Mr Knights' letter—*BUFORA Journal*, autumn 1974. I too have long been intrigued by the work of Professor Reich, *vis-a-vis* his collaboration with the late Professor Einstein. Undoubtedly both Einstein and Reich studied relativity with regard to cosmic forces generally, and while Reich's work may have been incomplete, certainly his experiments must have been conclusive to some degree.

Have these experiments been repeated, or is the US Government unwilling to release his findings?

Yours sincerely

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Events Diary

This new feature is designed to tell members what's on of interest and where. Items for inclusion are invited from members, branch secretaries, and secretaries of member societies. Contributors are asked to provide a reference point for enquiries—preferably a telephone number. Details should be sent to: Michael Prewett, Assistant Editor, *BUFORA Journal*, 20 Loman Road, Mytchett, Camberley, Surrey.

BUFORA 3 May, 7.00 pm. *The Wilder Shores of Ufology*—Betty Wood. *UFO Tracking and Rangefinding*—Peter Thurgood. Kensington Library. Telephone 01-723 0305

BUFORA 10 to 11 May, starts 10.30 am. *Research and Investigations Conference*. Prof John Taylor, Dr Joachim Kuettner, Leonard Cramp, Tim O'Brien CBE, and others. Grand Branch Hotel, Hanley. Telephone 0785-822 345

SIGAP 13 May, 8.30 pm. Informal Meeting. Ham and Blackbird, Farnborough, Hants. Telephone 0252-46376

BUFORA 14 June, 7.00 pm. *UFO Research in Britain*—Tony Pace FRAS. Kensington Library. Telephone 01-723 0305

SIGAP 10 June, 8.30 pm. Informal Meeting. Wooden Bridge, Guildford. Tel. 0252-46376

Hopes pinned on new Liaison Officers

Report by RICHARD BEET

In a brave attempt to establish, maintain and improve relations between BUFORA and local UFO groups throughout the country, the National Executive Committee has now approved the appointment of two Group Liaison Officers.

The job of the Liaison Officers will be to visit and maintain contact with local UFO organisations up and down the country, and will undoubtedly be among the most challenging of all our official posts.

Alan Fossey

Meeting this challenge for the south of the UK will be Alan Fossey, of 21 Laitwood Road, London SW12 9QN. Alan, once a 'pirate' DJ for Radio North Sea International, and who now works for the PO, looks on the new job as being essential in such an organisation as ours. Alan will soon be getting down to the task of arranging visits and is prepared to act as a 'troubleshooter' should the occasion arise.

Jeff Porter

Taking the reins for the north of the UK will be Jeff Porter of 2 Kingsley Avenue, Whitefield, Manchester. Jeff, who is in his thirties, works as an engineer for Granada Television. Jeff will no doubt be dealing with, among others, the groups that form the Northern UFO Network. I imagine they will be keeping him busy!

I hope that both Alan and Jeff will be able to keep us all informed of their progress through the pages of the *Journal*.

SIGAP and JC-B to the rescue

Our lecture programme seems to be dogged by bad luck this year. A few days before the April lecture, lecture organiser and BUFORA President Dr Doel received a phone call to say that speaker Graham Knewstub had contracted 'flu, and would be unable to attend.

Following a series of frantic phone calls, and at very short notice, SIGAP member and consultant Tim Childerhouse was able to fill the bill. Tim, who works in the Space Department of the Royal Aircraft Establishment, Farnborough (under the auspices of the MoD), spoke on satellite identification. A shudder of fear went down nearly everyone's spine when Tim said there were FOBS (Fragmentable Orbital Bomb Systems) satellites of Russian origin, passing directly over London. And these, he said, were almost certainly armed!

Dr John Cleary-Baker also spoke in the second half of the programme. He warned the audience of accepting what they want to hear about UFOs and suggested that many are just manifestations of the mind. Spirituous refreshments provided by chairman Geoffrey Doel helped John to elucidate his ideas until the end of the meeting!

Skywatch date fixed

This year's National Skywatch Day is to be Saturday 28 June. Although at the time of going to press, this was only a provisional date, it will almost certainly be confirmed by NIC Ken Phillips at the May Conference. Further details may be obtained from Ken by letter or by telephoning 01-969 8847.

Lecture Summaries

This new feature is aimed at our many members who are unable, for various reasons, to attend our lectures at Kensington. Through these summaries, we hope to convey the value that we place on these opportunities to meet and to listen to experts.

Some singular cases

by *Lionel Beer, 4 January, 1975*

Lionel based his lecture on two distinct types of UFO case, concentrating mainly on radar-Visual cases from the 1950's.

Firstly, however, he gave a full account of a sighting typical of those BUFORA have to deal with. This occurred on 28 April 1967, when hundreds of people all over the Torbay area saw the flight of a huge cone-shaped object at great height. He presented drawings of the UFO as made by local coastguards and dealt with the follow-up attitude of the authorities. An aircraft was seen to circle the object as it stood almost motionless for over an hour but the RAF were quoted as saying that no-one would be likely to admit they had sent it up. In a similar vein, the Ministry of Defence at first denied knowledge of the story and then added, "we did receive a report but it was not logged!" Their suggested interpretation of a car headlight reflection was not met favourably by the coastguard witnesses who commented forcibly, "it was bloody mid-day!"

In fairness to the MOD it was later brought out that they are often maltreated and cannot be expected to immediately solve every UFO sighting. There apparently was not an official explanation, but Lionel pointed out the distinct possibility that it was a high altitude weather balloon—especially after the object was seen several hours later

over Cork and Shannon airfields.

His contention regarding radar-visual cases was that they are not treated in enough depth by BUFORA, and other similar organisations. He gave brief summaries of some well known cases and dealt at length with the famous Lakenheath sightings which led the equally infamous Condon Committee to report that it was one of the most puzzling cases on record.

He concluded his talk with a provocative thought. Are the objects recorded on radar screens really performing such incredible feats of speed and manoeuvrability or, as our own aircraft are capable of doing, modifying the radar returns to make them appear to?

Great Balls of Fire!

by *Norman Oliver, 1 February, 1975*

Norman was a last minute replacement for Brinsley Le Poer Trench, and no doubt had a problem selecting his topic. Although some members were obviously disappointed that the scheduled speaker could not appear, Norman did a fine job in making up for this.

He centred his lecture around contactee cases because in his view, "investigators waste a lot of time with ordinary sightings investigating stars and meteors." He believes that contact cases present a richer ground for finding a solution to the UFO riddle.

He gave detailed reports of two USA cases (since sadly the UK does not seem to attract so many such spectacular observations). These were both little known and presented much of interest to the listening audience.

The first goes back to the early sixties and concerns strange balls of light seen wandering over the isolated Brown Mountain, apparently since ancient times. A Ralph Layell decided to go and investigate and in a series of visits was shown the home of these 'light beings' inside the solid rock. He was later taken to Venus and met with a colony of humans (whose leader was called *Heath!*). They had apparently moved there when Pewan, the original home of earthmen, was destroyed by a super weapon leaving—you guessed it—the asteroid belt. These beings were on earth to ensure we did not do it all again and were prepared to destroy us first. In exchange for promising Layell free passage to Venus, if this turned out to be the case, he gave a plausible ex-

planation for the mountain lights, which gave the beings freedom and time. In 1965 Mr Layell was allowed to release details and opened up an 'Outer Space Rock Shop.'

The second case was more recent, and indeed may still be taking place and involved telepathic communications with small men from Planto. This is a twin earth on the other side of the Sun which is not detectable owing to a cunning defence shield which even makes our gravitation equations 'come out wrong' and renders it invisible (of course).

Norman's theme was not basically to give either credit or discredit to these stories. He presented points for and against both. It is quite obvious that some of the alleged facts were impossible, but his question was, who does the hoaxing: the contactee—or those contacting him?

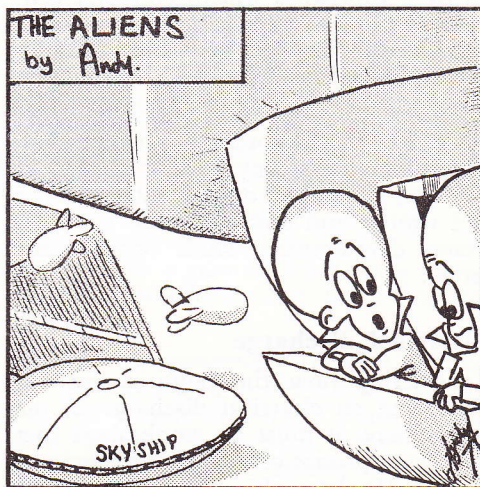
Our thanks to Jenny Randles of NUFON for summarising these lectures for us.

All British IFO takes to the air

A British-built 'flying saucer' took to the air at Cardington, Bedfordshire on 17 April 1975 watched by the world's press—and your editor.

The 'Skyship'—30ft across and powered by eight 0.22hp engines—is filled with helium, and is a prototype for a 200ft vehicle with a payload of six tons. According to designer John West of Epsom, Surrey, "Skyship will fill a gap in the transport spectrum." The ultimate will be a 700ft saucer, capable of carrying a payload of 400 tons at over 100 mph.

Yet another terrestrial explanation to confound us all. Or is it a deliberate plot by *them*, aimed at preventing us from seeing the wood for the trees!!



"Do you think they're anywhere near finding out about our instant mashed potato yet?"

UFOs or NIFOs★—Mr Burrows defends

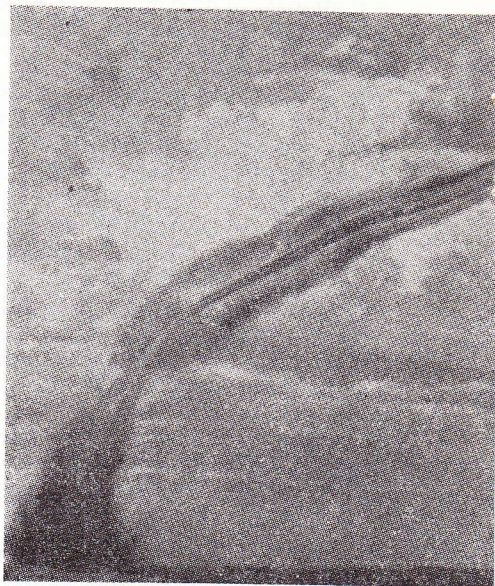
The note of certainty, sounding in the letter from Mr Moulster in the winter issue of the *Journal*, does not persuade me to believe that UFOs of meteorological origin simply cannot exist.

If a vortex in the atmosphere is once initiated, by whatever cause, it can grow spontaneously with the formation of an internal cylindrical hollow. This process can be demonstrated by theoretical analysis—see, for example, *Introduction to Theoretical Physics* by Leigh Page. An interesting possible consequence of the development of vorticity by moving vehicles has recently been published in the 24 January issue of *Nature*, p254. A further instance of vortex motion has been reported which indicates that trailing vortices engendered by large airliners have damaged houses and lifted roof tiles. It may also be noted that a local concentrated form of vortex activity is represented by a whirlwind which, although confined to a relatively small area, can inflict considerable damage. Another form of vortex activity is shown by a waterspout.

The point to be appreciated is that vorticity is a fairly common phenomenon, which can occur anywhere both before and after sunset and during both summer and winter, and that a tornado is an extreme development which occurs only rarely.

Electrical discharge

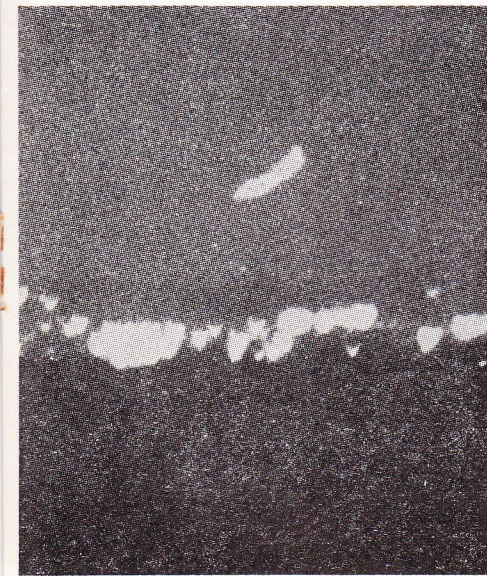
Considering now the requirements for producing an electrical discharge in the atmosphere, it must be emphasized that the “very precise conditions” enunciated by Mr Moulster also apply only rarely. A build-up of an electrical charge in the atmosphere can occur even though the sky is almost free from cloud cover. I myself



Top: A classic tornado. Photograph taken by Miss Lucille Handberg, at Jasper, Minnesota. Credit: 'The Elements Rage,' by Frank Laine. Published by Country Life Limited.

Right: Could this object, photographed by David Simpson on the 1968 Skywatch at Guildford, have been a natural electrical phenomenon? Extensive investigations by the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena have revealed nothing.

his position



have been startled by a single, loud, sharp 'crack' while in the garden in the sunshine, and found later that a house had been struck by lightning some distance away. Where there is high relative humidity just below saturation value, an electrical charge can build in the atmosphere even though cloud and mist may be absent initially. Compare the Cloud Chamber experiments of C T R Wilson who showed that, if dust-free air is ionised, a cloud can then be formed by water vapour condensing on the ions.

It is evident that ionisation of air can occur anywhere at any time, and in many instances may be excited by X-rays and gamma rays from outer space, or by radioactive radiation and emanation from the earth.

Glow discharge

Where a gas (air) is in an electric field in which ions are present, and if the electric potential (EMF) is sufficiently high, in combination with a mean free path of the ions which enables them to acquire enough velocity to promote ionisation by collision, then a self-sustaining electric current can be produced and maintained.

This process operates similarly for both a glow discharge as produced in a laboratory, and for a glow discharge as observed in the atmosphere. But there are two exceptions:

Firstly, the potentials (EMFs) of the charges developed in the atmosphere can be, and usually are, many times greater than the EMFs produced in the laboratory. Consequently, atmospheric ionisation can occur at relatively higher absolute pressures (poorer vacua) than

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those appropriate for laboratory experiments.

And secondly, when a glow discharge takes place in the atmosphere, the absence of the constraining influence of the walls of the glass tube used in the laboratory allows some degree of expansion of the ionised gas, which will then assume a shape determined by the relative strengths of the moving electric charge (current) and of the surrounding magnetic field. Thus an atmospheric glow discharge may be cigar-shaped, cup-shaped, or saucer-shaped. It is reasonable to suppose that the negative ions (electrons) will tend to travel along helical paths under the combined influence of the electrical and magnetic fields, and that expansion is facilitated because of the mutual repulsion of the electrons.

As I have advocated previously, systematic tests should be instituted to determine, as completely as possible, the measurable mechanical and electrical characteristics of UFOs. Here it may be noted that programmes for the investigation of conditions in the upper atmosphere by means of balloon-borne instruments are at present under active consideration by several scientific groups.

* *NIFO*—*natural identified flying object*.

Sorry Norman!

In my eagerness to get the last *Journal* off the ground, I inadvertantly missed out Norman Oliver's name. May I assure readers that Norman *is* a member of the National Executive Committee and that he has no intention of resigning from the Committee.

Review

UFOs Here and Now

This book by K Gösta Rehn,* would be ideal for someone who has recently become interested in the subject and wants to learn as much as possible in a short time.

Like many other books of its type, it deals with all aspects of the UFO phenomena and leans heavily towards the ETH. It starts with summaries of 24 reports from the Condon Report and goes on to deal with various other well-known cases worthy of mention.

It then proceeds to analyse the ideas of people like McDonald, Sagan and Clarke, and deals with each of them in small subsections. The author then turns to the various theories put forward as to what exactly a UFO is and the effects they have on people, for instance, EM radiation being a favourite. Here also, psychological and physiological effects are discussed.

Mr Rehn goes on to 'Work on the UFO Problem' and in this section BUFORA are mentioned as one of the many groups dealing with research and investigation.

Naturally, the next topic is how UFOs are propelled and here the same old hypotheses are put forward. All very well if you have never read anything of the sort before, but a little boring if you have seen or heard it all from speakers and other books.

Nevertheless, I would recommend the book to someone new to ufology and keen to glean more information.

*Abelard-Schuman, 1974.

CAROL GODSELL.

Using publicity effectively

by JENNY RANGLES

In the light of the cancellation of the Investigators Conference scheduled from 9 to 10 March, I thought it might be pertinent to make one or two comments on investigative standards and procedures. These are topics often discussed among NUFON groups and one idea we are hoping to implement very soon is a Publicity Week. The idea, being co-ordinated by Ken Green from the Wirral UFO Society, is to agree roughly on a format for a letter explaining the complex and scientific nature of the phenomenon, the serious approach of local UFO groups and co-operation through NUFON and BUFORA. National and local media would then be deluged in a selected period by such press releases from groups and, hopefully, some valuable publicity will emerge from this attack. Groups, of course, will be warned about the media, who may try to wring out sensational stories. If they are in any doubt about the intentions of the reporter or interviewer they are to ask simply for the initial letter to be published.

Change attitudes

The basic idea behind this is to try, in some small way, to change public attitudes towards ufology *and* to make them aware of the existence of investigation groups.

Now this all has relevance not only to groups but also to those BUFORA investigators who prefer to act independently. (Incidentally, no-one need act alone since the BUFORA Secretary, or myself, will be glad to put members in touch with their local UFO group).

It is true that BUFORA uses a cuttings agency and so can be reasonably expected

to discover most newspaper reports—but not every UFO story gets printed.

The group to which I belong, MUFORA, is most fortunate in having built up strong local contacts with the media and often stories are passed direct to us which otherwise would end up in the waste paper basket. Surely this is something investigators must consider. Get to know your press. You may be surprised how many stories will come your way.

Maintain contacts

It is also important that the investigator who intends doing a thorough job, maintain other contacts. They are less likely to pass UFO sightings onto him—but an investigator's job does not, *or should not*, end with filling in a sighting form.

Local police forces will sometimes help. If you are lucky they will be most co-operative—but at least they should be aware of your function and involvement. Reports reaching local airports usually go straight to the MOD but you will find that they will in most cases be prepared to help with aircraft movements around the time of a report—though don't expect them to tell you if anything funny was recorded on radar!

The next essential is to have access to weather information. Most major population centres have a weather bureaux which will be able to give detailed weather readings for the sighting time (and accurate wind speeds and directions can often be important). They will also be able to tell if any temperature inversions were present and comment on the prospects of

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a meteorological explanation for your report. Unfortunately they do not keep records for more than a couple of weeks and if a sighting is older than that it is more difficult to obtain information (and in that case you would have to pay for it).

Another useful tip is to cut out and keep a file of the satellite transit times (as published in the *Daily Mail*). They are not absolutely complete of course, but you would be surprised at the number of LITS reports they can solve.

Naturally every UFO case must be judged on merit but simple things such as those above can *easily* be done by any BUFORA investigation worthy of the name. If *you* don't do it someone else has to.

Betty and Barney Hill— a postscript

The first part of the feature *Some further exciting news on the Betty and Barney Hill case* appeared in the *Journal* for winter 1974/75. The second part is to be published in a future issue.

However, for those who are keen to learn more about this possible break-through in UFO research before then, can obtain the publication *Proceedings of the 5th APRO UFO Symposium, 5 June, 1974*, from the Aerial Phenomena Research Association. Their address is: 3910 East Kleindale Road, Tucson, Arizona 85712, USA. The cost, \$3.50. The *Proceedings* include a more detailed account of Ms Fish's researches, with illustrations. As an alternative, a photocopy of the article can be sent by request to the New-chapel Observatory. Please enclose a stamped addressed envelope with your request.

Editor on radio 'phone-in'

BUFORA *Journal* editor Richard Beet was featured for three consecutive weeks on the Radio London programme 'Get-away,' which was transmitted live between 11.00 am and 12.00 noon on Wednesdays during school and college holidays.

The first week was devoted to the background of UFO phenomena, mentioning a few of the 'classic' cases. The second week, Richard introduced the work of BUFORA and managed a 'commercial' for the forthcoming BUFORA lecture. This led to the phone-in, which was hosted by Malcolm Laycock, and in which Richard acted as the studio 'expert,' answering listeners' questions. The producer of the programme later said that the switchboard had been jammed.

'What to do, if you see a UFO' was the theme of the final transmission, which was broadcast on 9 April. Let's hope we get more members and sighting reports as a result.

AGM date to change

To aid the change-over of BUFORA to company status, it has been decided to re-schedule the date of the Annual General Meeting. October has now been dropped in favour of December, and the next AGM will be held on the sixth of that month.

The Association offers its condolences to its Vice-President, the Hon Brinsley Le Poer Trench, on his recent bereavement.

What they say!

A summary of news and comment from groups around the world prepared by CAROL GODSELL.

Australia—*UFOIC Newsletter*—Australia has now joined the Centre for UFO Studies, founded by Dr J Allen Hynek, described by UFOIC as a significant step. In the US the Centre has many facilities at its disposal—they claim every sheriff and police chief refers UFO sightings to it. And it is linked to other countries all over the world, including Great Britain and Canada. UFOIC also claim that there have been a number of reports flowing in particularly from the Blue Mountain area and they have been holding 'field nights'. (sky watches?).

Belgium—*INFORESpace*—journal of Societe Delge d'etude des Phenomenes Spatiaux with headquarters in Brussels. It is produced bimonthly—a very polished journal, full of interesting articles of all aspects of ufology. This is published in French for those who can read it and the main article in the latest edition (19 February 1975) is called 'History of Unidentified Flying Objects' by Lucien Clerebant which naturally enough is being serialised.

Denmark—Another well produced journal is *UFO Aspect* which is produced in Copenhagen by Fredericksberg UFO Studiekreds for those who can read Danish—it would no doubt prove interesting, particularly as there is a photograph of imprints!

United Kingdom—*SCAN Newsletter 3* deals once more with the controversial topic of—quote—"Genuine flying saucer sighting at Kinson, Bournemouth . . . photograph to back it up." I am sure that most readers will be familiar with

this as it was featured in *BUFORA Journal*, volume 4, number 6.

It appears that Scan International also investigate ghosts and there is a report of a woman who thought she was dreaming, but was she, because someone else also reported seeing a Man In a Long Black Cloak and a 'Cromwell' type Helmet. Whatever next?

A new northern organisation is the Northern UFO Network 'NUFON' which produces *Northern News*, formerly UNO News, which is a union of most of the well known northern UFO groups, such as BUFORA (Yorks), MUFORA, NAPRA, British Youth, and Wirral UFO Society. They are full of ideas for improvements, for instance, by the formation of a 'super-group' with each individual group retaining its own identity. We wish them every success and look forward to hearing more from them at the Conference in May.

Aims of BUFORA

To encourage and promote unbiased scientific investigation and research into UFO phenomena.

To collect and disseminate evidence and data relating to UFOs.

To co-ordinate UFO research on a nation-wide scale and co-operate with people and organisations engaged upon similar research in all parts of the world.

Chairman's Report 1974

Extracts from the Address given at the Annual General Meeting on 5 October 1974.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is again my great pleasure, as Chairman of your Association to not only review the past year's activity, but also outline the likely future trends of relevance to BUFORA and your Committee's policy in the light of those trends. I will attempt to provide you all with a clear and succinct appraisal of what I consider to be the Association's main successes and disappointments during the last 12 months.

Finance

I am sure we are all well aware that these are extremely difficult times in which to operate a voluntary national organisation of any kind which relies on fixed annual income to meet ever spiralling costs and expenses caused by inflation. Let us not delude ourselves, the astronomical rise in costs, particularly of printing and postage, which comprise the bulk of BUFORA's expenditure, is forcing us to cut back on our already limited activities and thereby threatening our very existence. This is particularly true of our investigation and research work which is now operating on an extremely modest budget with hopelessly inadequate resources to tackle the UFO enigma in any meaningful way.

Further, it is with sincere regret that your Committee also feels compelled to carefully ration the number of circulars to members during the forthcoming year in order to avoid running into substantial losses and as this could cause a loss of some less dedicated members and a consequential loss of income, one can readily see that we are presently walking on a financial tight-rope. Although these fears may seem somewhat exaggerated, it must be remembered that out of every subscription there is now very little in reserve

to meet further increases in costs.

It is at this point that I should like to pay tribute to the considerable skill and constant care and attention which Arnold West has unhesitatingly given to the Association in his capacity as Treasurer. We are indeed most grateful to him for seeing us through these precarious months so satisfactorily.

As for the future, it is quite obvious that costs will continue to rise, and therefore, the Association will have no alternative but to accept an increase in rates of subscription and also to concentrate a good deal of energy in both keeping existing members and also attracting many more new ones. It has been very pleasing to note that the membership has been steadily increasing in size throughout the year, demonstrating that it does not always require a UFO wave to boost the membership figures, although it does of course help! However, when UFO reports do hit the headlines again, every member of BUFORA must be ready and prepared to do as much recruiting as possible in order to take advantage of this excellent and valuable free publicity for our Association and its work.

Research and Investigation

UFO investigation and research is the 'name of the game' and it still requires vigorous support both financially and practically through the voluntary participation of members themselves. During the year, Anthony Pace and Charles Lockwood, the Research Director and Research Projects Officer respectively, have worked extremely hard and very successfully to develop a working group of like-minded members who correspond

with each other regularly on various research projects. One current project relates to the preparation of an investigator's handbook which when published, should contribute enormously to the efficient and consistent methods of investigation by the many BUFORA members who willingly investigate cases on behalf of the Association. They often do not receive the proper recognition and support that is due to them, owing to the lack of any form of staff resources that would be required to carry out these necessary tasks properly. Looking to the future, this is again an area which your Committee considers to be of very great importance and plans are being discussed not only to up-date the standard of investigation, but also to establish some form of administrative headquarters in London with volunteer staff. Mr Lockwood would of course be delighted to hear from anyone who may be able to help or assist with any of these projects.

The Journal

This brings me on to the next topic, namely the *Journal*, and here I wish to sincerely thank its past editor, Mr Norman Oliver, who continued the fine tradition set by its previous editor, John Cleary-Baker, of providing a lively and stimulating magazine laced with the occasional controversial item to provoke some of the more quiescent members into lively debate and discussion. The state of health of an Association's membership can be quickly gained from the correspondence columns of its magazine and a glance at the literary contributions of its readers.

At the moment, there is a certain amount of discussion about the degree to which the

Journal should be seen to be a scientific publication. This is a difficult matter to resolve satisfactorily, for it is clear that many members of BUFORA, and these are probably in the majority, prefer to read a magazine written in a literary, yet popular style with a broad appeal to all interests, whereas, of course, the purists in our Association quite reasonably wish to see the *Journal* as a very largely scientific and serious minded publication, especially if BUFORA is to have any hope of attracting the interest and help of members of the scientific community. Thinking aloud, and I stress these are my personal thoughts, I cannot help feeling that in trying to please both camps, we may be falling between two stools. Would it not be more sensible for the Association to produce two printed publications: one, a magazine which would have a more popular appeal and therefore, suitable for sale outside the membership as well; and the other, a specialist scientific journal which, I suggest, would be available for those members requesting it and willing to pay an extra fee to cover the cost of printing and postage. Well, there we are, I am flying a kite and I should be very interested to learn of your response and comments.

Before leaving the topic of publications, I would like to express the disappointment shared by the Committee over the non-appearance of the promised 'Annual Proceedings'. We encountered a number of problems, not least of which were the prohibitive financial costs owing to the dramatic rise in printing costs and our considerable difficulty in finding enough volunteers to transcribe the tapes of lectures. I regret to say that this task has never been satisfactorily completed and I

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now take this opportunity of appealing to anybody willing to help us out for this coming lecture season, to let us know as soon as possible, your kind assistance will be very much appreciated.

Immediate Future

As I see it, BUFORA has an exciting and challenging future in the medium and long-term. In the short term, we are faced with the immediate problems which I have already mentioned.

There is no doubt that UFO activity in Great Britain has been apparently quite rare during the last 18 months or more. I use the word 'apparently' advisedly. As I mentioned in my message to members last month, this period of quietness could be merely the calm before the storm. If so, we should now be making careful preparations to take advantage of any free publicity which may come our way, if we are to be seen by the media as a serious scientific body of people, albeit amateurs, who have the organisation and training, yes, I do mean training, to carry out the necessary work of investigation that is involved. Otherwise, we run the inevitable risk of being classed yet again as a well meaning, but rather way-out group of sky-watchers and then it will again take many years to recover the lost reputation.

Conclusion

Finally, ladies and gentlemen, I want to express my sincerest thanks and appreciation to every member of the Committee who, individually and collectively, have worked so very hard yet again this last year to keep the wheels of BUFORA running so capably.

I should like to thank our Vice-Presidents

for their support and also our President, Dr Geoffrey Doel, for his valuable advice and assistance throughout the year and especially for preparing and arranging yet another series of interesting lectures, as well as for standing in so gallantly as speaker at a recent lecture at such short notice. Although Dr Doel is unfortunately unable to be with us tonight, I am certainly not going to let the evening pass without recording our appreciation for the benefit of his wise counsels throughout the year, and I am certain that BUFORA is extremely fortunate to have him as our President.

May I again thank the Committee collectively for their dedicated work on behalf of the Association including Betty Wood of course, who does such a marvellous job in keeping the administration working so remarkably smoothly and for taking such excellent minutes, and last, but certainly not least—thank you all for your continued support and for listening patiently to me tonight.

ROGER H. STANWAY,
Chairman.

We apologise for the delay in the publication of this year's Chairman's Report. This has been due to restricted space in the *Journal*.

Publicity— new money allocation

We need more scientists! That was a conclusion reached at the NEC meeting on 5 April, at Kensington Library. And to help us achieve that goal, a 'substantial' amount is to be used to recruit new members by additional advertising, most of which will appear in the *New Scientist*. Let us hope that the combination of this *plus* the May Conference has the desired effect.

Sighting Summaries

A selection from the Investigation Department Files

UFO stationary for two hours over Dagenham

75-007. 20 January, 1975. 22.50.
Dagenham.

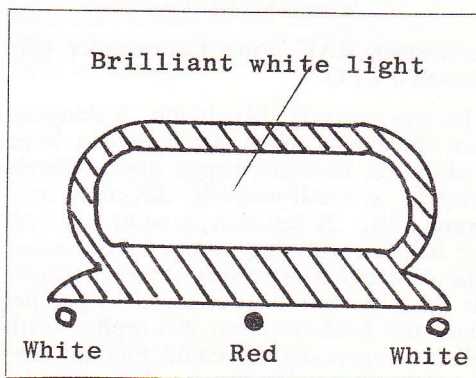
A man and wife witnessed a most spectacular sighting of an object which hovered over their house. It appeared very suddenly and immediately caught the attention of Mrs Cliff. She thought little of it, however, until it came closer and began to change colour. It was a large oval shape—bright on its fuzzy edges, but even brighter in the centre. There were lights underneath which rapidly changed colour, white to blue to green to red. The whole object appeared to be rotating. It remained in this position for *two hours*, occasionally giving off sparks and twice shooting out a jet of light from its lower left corner. Eventually it slowly moved upwards and to the right—growing smaller as it did.

Domed object hovers over fields

75-009. 9 January, 1975. 18.45.
Leek, Staffs.

Two sisters—both qualified and experienced people—were driving towards Leek. The elder sister, who was driving, first saw the object on the left of the car and swerved to a stop in a lay-by. She pointed it out to her sister and they both watched a large dome-shaped craft with flat underside as it hovered over the fields. The top was lit by a bright internal light which did not illuminate the surrounding landscape. Underneath were two white lights and a pink/red one in between these. They wound the car

window down and although the object moved close to them and passed over just in front no sound was heard. It hovered again to their right, then seemed to descend behind a small hill behind them. Immediately they drove off to Leek Police station and reported the incident.



75-010. 9 January, 1975. 18.45.
Cheddleton, Staffs.

What very much appears to be an independent verification of the above report comes from a plumber and his wife, driving towards Cheddleton—only two miles away from the other witnesses. The wife spotted an object of indiscernible shape moving through the trees by the roadside. She asked her husband about the number and positioning of aircraft lights, and the three visible (two white and one red), did not correspond. Her husband was sceptical but when he caught sight of it, he agreed it was not like an aircraft. It was moving very slowly and low down, almost on the ground. It travelled alongside the car about half a

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mile away for 10 seconds, then turned away at an angle and seemed to drop to the ground. From this final position of observation, a large, well lit oblong window—or series of windows—was seen.

Loch Ness 'football'

73-085. 12 December, 1973. 00.10.
Drumnadrochit, Loch Ness.

A former RAF Wing Commander witnessed a UFO.

He was outside his home locking-up for the night, when he sighted a large red/orange football shaped object travelling in a south-westerly direction over some hills. It was sharply outlined, with no halo surrounding it, and he estimated the diameter as between 10 and 15 feet. It made no sound as it travelled parallel with the Loch at about 200 mph. With all his experience he could find no reasonable explanation for the object, but he is non-committal on what its nature might be.

UFO 'crashes' in Norfolk

74-105. 19 August, 1974. 22.15.
Horning, Norfolk.

Four people out fishing were just packing away their equipment ready to leave, when a bright round object passed overhead, taking about 30 seconds. This was seen about 21.00 and after it had gone, a yellow cone-shape appeared. After a while it stopped and seemed to hover, at which point they were able to see a red underside and a blue green top. Small bright objects kept heading for the main object as it remained visible for 25 minutes. They moved erratically in a stop-start fashion. One of the witnesses re-

ported that an object 'came down out of the main one' and this was apparently verified the next day, when a carpenter in nearby Wroxham said he was frightened by a glowing ball which he saw crash into a field. Our main witnesses record that while this object was away from the main cone, the stationary UFO rocked about too and fro. The small ball eventually returned and a minute later the UFO moved away.

One witness, Roger Blyth, had a Zenith SLR camera fitted with a 300 mm telephoto lens. He took two exposures of the object, using a tripod. The first was a 10 second shot of the smaller object, leaving the cone and the second was given an exposure time of fifteen seconds and was taken after the two objects had reunited. Both slides and prints from them have images on which seem worthy of further examination.

After these observations, four streaks of light were seen in 20 minutes, but misty weather set in and the vigil was abandoned.

Humanoids in Bedfordshire ?

Uncoded. February, 1974. 22.30.
Dunstable, Beds.

At about 22.30 one day in February, the witness and his friend, Mr X, were sitting at home, when suddenly, Mr X stood up and went out.

When asked the following evening why he had left so suddenly, Mr X said he had been told to go. He had found himself near a power station and after a few minutes, he saw two men. He turned round quickly, but they had both disappeared. That same evening, at about 00.30, the same thing happened, only when he got there this time, there were about five or seven humanoid shapes. They walked in a very strange way, some even crawling around on all fours. At this time, Mr

X had his dog with him, which soon became very nervous, and started to jump up at him. Later, one of the beings seemed to look straight at him. It bent its head, and as an object on it began to glow. Its eyes began to glow also, a brilliant red. The being then touched its belt and a brilliant beam of light shone from it. Just then, a whistle-like sound could be heard, and Mr X ran away.

Mr X persuaded his friend to go with him the following evening. When they arrived, almost immediately Mr X could see the beings, but it took his friend some time to see even a vague shape. They went the following evening, and the same things happened yet again. So they decided to ask an investigation group to the site.

After they had talked to the members of the group, they decided to go to the site at about 00.30 hours. When they got there, only Mr X could see the beings again, although nothing was visible to members of the group. Mr X later reported seeing the beings near an electric sub-station.

Editor's note—The authenticity of this report is to be established.

Low-flying LITS

73-082. 17 June, 1973. 02.30.
Warminster.

Various witnesses, including Richard Colborne, who was BUFORA's National Investigations Co-ordinator at the time, observed four objects while engaged on an informal skywatch. They took the form of white, star-like objects travelling SSW to NNE, at an estimated speed of one degree of arc per second. Their magnitude was considered to be -1 or -2, but the possibility that they were satellites is seemingly eliminated because they flew *below* cloud layers (which were at a height

of about 5,000 feet). When approaching sunrise on the eastern horizon, the objects dimmed and faded. The first such object passed in front of clouds illuminated by the moon, yet no silhouette was visible, indicating that the light was not on an aircraft. The four objects were seen at 02.30, 02.35, 02.43 and 02.50. They were all similar, except the third which was seen only *above* cloud level.

Warminster explosions

73-083. 30 May, 1973. 22.00 to 02.30.
Warminster.

A health inspector and his cousin decided to visit Warminster for the night. At 22.00 a light aircraft appeared in the sky and moved very slowly in a general westerly direction. Five bright explosions occurred in the sky behind the aircraft. The plane flew on for a few seconds and then vanished. In the spot where it disappeared, three more objects appeared. They were very large with red lights, but gave out the sound of only a light aircraft. They followed the path of the previous plane but were uniformly spaced. They disappeared when the first aircraft re-appeared on the opposite side of the car. This continued on its original path and when approached the spot where it previously vanished, there were more explosions, and it disappeared again, only to be replaced by the three other objects with the lights now in a more diagonal formation. Exactly the same procedure followed and on the third occasion, there seemed to be windows connecting the lights on two of the three larger objects.

Thanks go to Jenny Randles for summarising most of these reports.

People

We extend a welcome to the following, who have recently been admitted to membership of BUFORA :

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