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It has been a lively time since our last edition. We have had a General Election in which the outcome was a reflection of the total failure of Opinion Polls to come up with the correct result - more later. There has been extended UFO activity from London westwards along the Thames Valley. Unfortunately we are aware that a publicity airship has been drifting about in this area, with unique internal illumination and this has sparked off a number of spurious reports. None-the-less this cannot account for a very good case reported by two ladies at Twyford, Berks on February 6th 1992 and supported by numerous photographs, which unfortunately did not come out as expected. (See article on page 15). Finally the release of more long term prisoners in Britain for terrorist and serious civil offences has again put in question the state of the judiciary and policing methods in this country.

If this sounds like anti-establishment wingeing, then so be it! The establishment in Britain has never overtly supported any belief in UFOs even though we have evidence that there is a research centre in Wiltshire operated by the MOD. The Whitehall officers always answer UFO enquiries with the laid back assurance that they do not need to take action "unless there is threat to British air-space". The whole picture would change no doubt if a "hostile act" was seen to be committed by a UFO.

We were delighted to host a meeting at Oxford on April 28th given by the celebrated American Ufologist, George Fawcett. Unfortunately the event had to be arranged at short notice, and could not be advertised in the last magazine. The secretary circulated members within travelling distance and we are pleased to report a full house was present.

Back to the General Election result - a disaster for Opinion Polls. The total popular vote showed the Conservatives ahead of Labour by about 8%, although the average final poll figures gave Labour a 1% lead. On the night of the count, even the exit polls, supposedly of true intentions, suggested that there would be no overall majority for either of the two main parties. This position was held until past 2.00a.m, when the actual FACTS overtook the polls and computers, and the final result was correctly predicted. If the 4 true results declared before mid-night, from different parts of the country had been averaged without recourse to any Opinion Polls, then this would have given the eventual outcome of a Conservative victory overall.

This is not meant to be a party-political broadcast, but it shows that a great part of life is now ordained by junk emerging from computers. The human instinct for "gut-feeling" is being swept away with the proliferation of mindless machinery. Contact International will endeavour to promote these precious instinctive characteristics which are essential in our search to the answer of the UFO Enigma.

Those hardy annuals the crop circles are with us again. Some of us have examined a circle in oil-seed rape near Winchester which may have formed as early as April 27th. At the time of writing nothing has been reported seen in wheat or barley. I am aware there is strong feelings that the subject is not UFO involved, which seems surprising to me as good UFO reports dating back to 1985-6 are to hand. However there are members of the Contact Int. who are passionate believers in the paranormal explanation of the phenomenon, and two professional engineers have given up their positions to study the subject full-time. Who is right we shall see!

THE EDITOR.

GEORGE D. FAWCETT AT OXFORD

On Tuesday April 28th 1992, Contact International (U.K) were privileged to welcome the celebrated ufologist, George D. Fawcett from Lincolnton, North Carolina, USA, to an open meeting at Oxford Town Hall. George's experience in UFO study goes back to 1944 - an incredible 48 years, when the "Foo Fighters" were the predominate mystery of the time. His lecture "The Case for UFOs" was enthusiastically received by the capacity audience who were noticeably under 25, indicating a continual interest in the UFO phenomenon.

George and his wife Shirley were on their first visit to Europe, and took in visits to France, Holland and another lecture to ufologists at Manchester.



UFO REPETITIONS

A Challenge to Scientific Investigations
by George D. Fawcett*

Aspects of sightings of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) that have been repeated time and time again over the last 47 years - and have proven themselves BOTH PERSISTENT and CONSISTENT on a global basis - are a challenge to science, Any future solution to the growing worldwide UFO enigma will have to deal directly with these UFO repetitions:

1. Sightings of unknown flying objects that demonstrate superior speeds and intricate maneuvers beyond those of present satellites, aircraft and missiles.
2. Radar trackings of UFOs.
3. Photographs and movies of UFOs.
4. Pursuits of UFOs by planes in the skies, by ships at sea and by cars on open highways.
5. Falls of "fragments" and "angel hair" from UFOs overhead.
6. Increases in background radiation, ground markings, changes in soil samples and deposits of both metallic and non-metallic residues after UFOs have been reported in the skies or on the ground (ESPECIALLY magnesium, aluminium, silicon, boron and calcium).
7. Near-collisions, pacings and head-on passes by UFOs reported by civilian, military and commercial pilots.
8. Physiological and psychological effects such as electric shock, radiation burns, dimming of vision, blackouts, temporary paralysis, headaches, blood disorders, nightmares and dreams, reported by observers in close UFO encounters, both in the air and on the

ground.

9. Electromagnetic interference reports caused by UFOs on compasses, plane and car motors, headlights, houselights, searchlights, radar beams, radios, TV, power-stations and other instruments and communication devices.
10. Skyquakes, explosions and sonic booms in the skies during UFO appearances.
11. Propulsion sounds and smells attributed to UFOs.
12. Landings and near-landings (hoverings) of UFOs and their occupants.
13. Hostile acts due to UFOs (both towards and from these objects).
14. Reports of so-called "contactees" of space visitors and UFOs.
15. Straight lines of flight related to UFOs, along with their other kinematic, geometric and luminescent characteristics.
16. Reputable sightings by scientists, astronauts, engineers, astronomers, and other trained observers of UFOs.
17. Appearances of "little men" (apparently humanoids) and other entities in relation to worldwide UFO landings, who were reported to have taken rocks, vegetation, soil, water, and animals, flowers, etc. Several hundred cases of human kidnappings, abductions, physical examinations etc.
18. Periodic cycles of increased UFO sightings - every 26 months, 5 years and 10 years in large numbers.
19. Unique shapes of UFOs, especially nocturnal lights, daylight discs, domed saucers, cigar-shaped or rocket-shaped objects, crescents, half-globes and saturn-shaped.
20. Revolving wheel-like machines in oceans, seas and vast masses of water reported by ship and plane crews and passengers, and other witnesses nearby.
21. Depressions, craters, denuded vegetation, holes, ground markings, burned areas and landing-gear marks on the ground due to UFO landings worldwide.
22. Power-failures due to UFO appearances, both locally and on a widespread basis.
23. Severe animal reactions reported during UFO encounters.
24. Levitations in close proximity with UFOs of persons, cars, helicopters, trucks, garage roofs, fishing bobbers, UFO occupants, horses, etc.
25. The historical evidence of UFOs found in archaeology, cave-wall drawings, Holy Scriptures, legends, mythology, ancient manuscripts, frescoes and folklore throughout the world.

To investigate any phenomena in or outside of a laboratory requires that they must be repeatable, and such UFO encounters are recurrent in nature regardless of where they occur. Thus the challenge to future scientific investigations remains.

These repetitions do not encompass a complete list of recurring aspects of activities of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) and their occupants (UFO-nauts), but represent a start in the right direction. Future science must meet the challenge posed by these UFO repetitions among over 140 world nations in order to solve the growing, global UFO problem - otherwise, it will become part of that problem itself. THE PEOPLES OF THE WORLD DESERVE BETTER THAN THAT!

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Tennessee" (1975), along with over 100 UFO research articles over the past five decades. In addition, George taught accredited college UFO courses at Gaston College (1979-1982). Mr Fawcett has served as a movie consultant and contributor to various UFO encyclopedias. He has given his illustrated UFO lecture to almost 600 groups and organisations since 1944. Currently, George is working to organize and build a UFO museum to serve both as a major tourist attraction and as a research centre. George Fawcett can be reached by writing to him at: 602 Battleground Road, Lincolnton, NC 28092.

PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Editor: We have recently received a number of personal case histories -verbally, written, and/or anonymously, which seems to be a growing trend in the past year. Whether this is a portent of things to come cannot, at present, be established. One thing is certain - our first witness, M, from Missouri USA, is convinced that major events are destined to occur in Britain very soon, and she is residing in Oxford as long as her finances permit. She will be consulting with Contact Int. on the esoteric side of what transpires this Summer.

WHITE HORSE HILL ENCOUNTER

My spending the night alone on the Uffington White Horse hill in May 1987 came about through a strange compulsion of unknown origin. (O.S. Sheet 174,300,863) I was a "mature" American student in Oxford at the time. On the 7 February 1987 while working on a tutorial paper, a sound, a signal perceived in my right ear seemed to trigger the writing of a complete page of information without my conscious control or volition. It began by stating "Correlation at White Horse area to be noted as follows" etc., and contained the words "go there".

As I was only dimly aware of White Horses on hills at that time, my research, after an understandable period of incredulous amazement, led me to the knowledge that there were many. Certain details in the message, however, seemed to indicate the one at Uffington.

There was a definite reticence to confide in anyone, but curiosity and wonder were undercurrents of all thought from that time. Finally, on a beautiful, hot day after mid May I gave in. I felt I must find out what, if anything this message meant.

Thinking a little sheepishly "what if nothing happens", but basically unconcerned and open to any possibility I walked the seven miles from Wantage to see the area for the first time. There was no hint of fear or anxiety. After scouting the area all late afternoon, I staked out a small tree above the White Horse figure under which I decided to stay the night. All other visitors departed shortly after dark, and to my knowledge I was alone on the hill all night. Except for the source of the lights.

Huddled on the ground under the tree due to the extreme and unexpected cold, which set in after 10 PM or so, I could not sleep. Around midnight I noticed what appeared to be a strong white light effect flashing on the trunk of the tree directly over where I was lying. It lasted only a few seconds, but the flashing repeated two more times similarly within the next couple of hours. There was no turbulence, as if from any type of helicopter, no voice, rustling of wind or footsteps. The only sound I experienced during the entire night were a half a dozen or so distinct "clicks". At first I interpreted them as possibly originating from some insect. Later I discovered that, as it

was more a distinct metallic, like a toy "cricket" sound. Nothing else seemed to happen.

As this small tree has overhanging branches reaching ground level much like an umbrella, and the ground is hollowed out beneath where sheep take shelter, I was in fact below ground level in relation to the open field between the tree and the White Horse incline. Due to the elevation of the top of the hill and the intervening branches, light of that intensity from any distance (nearby villages etc.) and the line of the reflected light about arm's length over my reclining body, the source must have been quite close to the tree.

What amazes, infuriates and confuses me is that I was not (or do not remember being) curious enough to turn around, or get up to investigate the source of the pulsations. I remember feeling a calm interest, but too cold to move. If I had been "sent" there to check this theory, why did I not respond to the one event that might have supplied the answer? Did my mind blank out this fear - knowing my precarious predicament and what panic might ensue if I did see something frightening? Did I have an encounter (feeling as I did that I had seen this whole area from above) which has been blanked out? Was someone else on the hill looking for the same thing I had been instructed to find? Was there some type of military operation being carried out that night in total silence except for those mysterious "clicks"? Perhaps I'll never know the source - or the meaning of either the message or the lights. I can only be certain of their overwhelming effect, and the resulting fascination which led me to spend two more nights alone there-once in late summer 1987, and again in 1989. I would love to know if there are others who have had similar experiences.

AMERICAN BASE MYSTERY

Editor: "Jock" is an ex-naval officer who qualified for action in the SBS commando unit. The account below describes a particular incident at a high security US air base.

In 1984/85 I was sent to the States with a group of seven officers, three Navy, two Army and two RAF. The RAF officers were both experienced pilots, one of whom an ex-Red Arrow. The Army officers were Para and SAS 22nd regt. respectively and the Naval officers were myself, a Naval intelligence officer from Ashford (Kent) and a communications analyst from Northwood (the fleet's command centre).

We were joined three days later by another two RAF officers from the RAF regiment in Germany. Their own particular task being to defend NATO airfields against Spetsnaz attack. The nine of us spent most of the time together but the pilots eventually left to fly somewhere near Nevada and the RAF regiment people left to join the US Marines at some exercise near Florida. We were there for just under three weeks and during this time were transported from base to base under the supervision of the National Military Intelligence Cadre, a group I've found few people have ever heard of.

Right, now we come to it.... I ended up in an area which the people we were with constantly referred to as "Dreamland", something I connected with Elvis and so thought there was a joke here I didn't appreciate: it never occurred to ask about the name. There was myself, the SAS officer, the Para captain and the Naval communications analyst at this place. We spent 24 hours a day underground in air-conditioned offices

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and lecture suites, something we did not at all mind because of the sweltering desert heat none of us were used to. It was impressed upon us that as we had all been part of deep-cover operations in the past (Northern Ireland, Oman, Cambodia, Iraq etc) that NATO regarded us as safe-bets and so without exception had PV's (positively vetted) us to Top Secret and with a right-to-know clearance tExecutive Atomic Top Secret.

EATS has, to my knowledge, only ever been applied to commanders and missile and navigation officers of Polaris submarines and to the Northwood communications staff who track them. Every now and then we would practice submarines deploying us in canoes against a remote Scottish island etc and so had been operationally involved with these people. This is the only reason that I know of, that I was ever given clearance to EATS. Mr Timothy Good refers in his book "Alien Liaison" to there being compartmented levels of secrecy beyond Top Secret. This is perfectly true, but perhaps his suggestions paint too simple a picture. I am already cleared for RESTRICTED, CONFIDENTIAL, SECRET, TOP SECRET, UK EYES ONLY, NATO STAFF EYES ONLY, etc, etc but that does not mean I have access to every file marked for example, CONFIDENTIAL. Even if this file dealt merely with the tea and coffee consumption of MOD Whitehall, the files are only available on a "need to know" basis. In other words, if my remit had nothing to do with MOD Whitehall's tea drinking habits, then I would be denied access.

This complicates the compartmentation of information to an almost infinite degree where civil servants actually control access and spread of information as their department heads see fit. Something which has become a major concern to myself over the past few, now as a civilian.

In the states, even under the Freedom of Information Acts, the government has ample opportunity to withhold or delay information as you well know. I know of people who only a couple of years ago requested information on their son's involvement in Cambodia with the CIA, after he was shot by the Khmer Rouge. The government asked for a \$250,000 search fee; being pensioners this was as good as saying "no chance".

I never heard the place we were kept referred to as "area 54" etc, as Mr Good as described, and only ever heard it called "Dreamland" or the "Sandcastle" (actually the communications centre which was attached by a half-mile long tunnel was the "sandcastle" as its topside was part of a large sand-dune complex. I was interested to read about the defences Mr Good mentioned in and around Dreamland. He is right to mention motion detectors and lasers, but has no way of knowing about the Claymore anti-personnel mines triggered by satellite guided laser, or about the 16 Huey Blackhawks, each with 8 Green Berets and a war dog (usually Rottweiler or Alsatian). There are also periscope observation cameras with thermal imaging and infra-red lenses similar to those used on Barr & Stroud submarine periscopes costing £2 million each. I know of at least 20 sites where these are positioned. (I was taken to them).

There are also microwave emitters/transceivers surrounding the area in invisible beams which, when broken, trigger alarms on the massive state board in the "sandcastle" which pinpoints the intrusion. Two Bell Jetranger helos are kept in County Sheriff livery and are usually sent out first to deal with the casual tourist or hiker, albeit some way from the normal highway. The helo

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respectfully and courteously escorts or transport visitors to the main highway, where undoubtedly they had "taken the wrong turning".

A geo-synch satellite provides television pictures of the entire area and can zoom in to read car number plates at the flick of a switch. It is also used, as I said, to send microwave and laser beams to detonate Claymore mines and seismic charges. As far as anyone I spoke to knew, there had only been one incident when two bikers showed too much determination in continuing towards Dreamland and the order was passed for seismic charges to be set off. The sheriff helo was then dispatched to escort the bikers to the highway. The official explanation was that the area was restricted due to artillery being tested. Everyone expressed their relief that the motorcyclists were not caught up in artillery fire and nothing more was said about the incident.

I have seen *most* of the complex in terms of underground offices, communications cells etc. but there were several areas we were never invited into. I can't honestly say we were ever stopped but on the other hand no-one ever invited us so we didn't want to cause the hosts any embarrassment. If I had any idea where we were, then I would certainly have made an effort to see more. This is my greatest regret.

The day before we left for Edwards AF Base and our flight to New York we were taken to see the Base Commander, whose name we were never told, but he was a two star general. He asked us the usual questions about enjoying our stay etc. and what we thought we had learned. After this and a short buffet reception we were taken to a holding area pending the arrival of a bus with blacked out windows and security bars.

Whilst sitting in one of the rooms, word arrived that we would have to wait some time as the bus could not be admitted to the compound at that moment. Because of lack of air conditioning where we were, the general suggested we were to be taken back to one of the lecture suites where it would be more comfortable.

Two hours or more passed while we sat waiting on the bus and several security people popped their heads in the door "just to see we were comfortable". Although it was readily apparent the base had become a hive of activity.

News arrived via an Air Force Colonel that we would have to move quickly as we may end up missing a connecting flight as air traffic in the area was forbidden after a certain time in that month.

We were taken through a large open area (underground) where there were soft drink dispensers and doors to toilet facilities. We were then led in a lift which took us to the back of a rather dingy hanger. It struck me right then that anyone approaching from the surface would have no idea of the sophisticated, clean and well-lit metropolis below this hanger, even the lift doors were old, greasy and covered in flaky paint.

We were led out along the hanger and the desert sun blinded everyone for that split second when we walked through the door. It was like opening the door of an oven and we passed comment to each other. Within a split second of this conversation the Para captain jumped to the ground swearing, something flew passed at low level because the shadow was unmistakeable in the desert sun. He got up, rather annoyed that his greens were dusty and began brushing himself down. He swore

about f---ing fly-boys and their new toys etc. , etc. but when we joined the Naval communications analyst already a few yards ahead of us we realised what had actually flown past. He was as white as a sheet despite the fact that we had all enjoyed three weeks of desert sunning and he was visibly shaken. I may add that although I describe him as an analyst, he was no pen-pusher; he had taken part in the Falklands Campaign and was, like myself, a fully qualified commando and parachutist. Our US Air Force guide was more than a little flustered and we were taken BACK to the hangar where he telephoned someone from an old wall phone and the lift doors opened shortly after. We were taken back below and waited a further hour or so before another two Colonels arrived to talk to us. Although the tone was deliberately intimidating I must give them credit for realising who they were talking to; explained that there was no point in separating us up to interview individually as we had all undergone extensive counter interrogation training and would probably stay dumb. They explained quite pleasantly that what we had seen was the test flight of a new vehicle recently acquired by the US Air Force.

It was abundantly obvious to everyone in that lecture theatre that the story was a load of crap and the intelligence officers seemed aware of this too and did not really try hard to persuade us. No-one and I repeat NO-ONE had any idea of what had been going on in Dreamland and this sighting/encounter was far more of a shock than it would be to me now having read so much on the subject.

When I returned to the UK I learned through a colleague who had been an aid to John Fieldhouse, that several top Royal Navy flag officers (of which I know Tim Good has struck up a friendship with at least one) were concerned over reports of unusual craft both reported in the air and underwater. NATO reports MUST by definition pass through all NATO hands and for some time GCHQ and Northwood had been concerned about apparently meaningless messages from US spyplanes and submarines... especially the subs who were under orders to remain radio silent to avoid detection. Unfortunately however, the political machinations played a major role in keeping a lid on things as the UK wished to remain America's number one fan. I eventually ended up serving in Northern Ireland again and only once came across the SAS officer I had been with in Nevada. He mentioned it in passing as we were both lying in a ditch in South Armagh spooking a farmhouse. I asked him about what we had seen and his only reply was to the effect that he had spent three years in the SAS, flying around the World; he had been married and divorced twice and had seen it, done it and bought the T-shirt... a way of saying nothing surprises him after three years in the SAS. I later learned he was even on TV as soldier "one" in the Iranian Embassy siege some years earlier. At the time he was still a Para and only on "loan" to the SAS.

I've never contacted any of the other officers present, our career paths have never met and now I'm a self-employed shopkeeper in my home town. One rule sticks thick through all the rest with these people... you do NOT speak about what happened, especially to ex-players. I, as an ex-player, am considered more dangerous to talk to than the most energetic tabloid journalist.

I'll write again with more information. As I say, I've spent nine years thinking about whether I should ever tell anyone about this carry-on. I've signed parts of the Official Secrets Act most people don't even know exist and it goes against everything I've ever been taught to break the silence.

I have to write to someone, and I have chosen you. I currently live in the north east of England, but having travelled a lot worldwide, my views are unbiased and very open.

I am separated with 2 children, one boy and one girl who live with their mother in Scotland. I used to live in Lewes, East Sussex, but for the past 5 years and due to financial and personal reasons, I now live in Sunderland. I have a girlfriend who lives in Lewes (on Ley-line and GMT line). Her name is Lorelei. I am 7 years older than her and we both have come to the stage in our relationship that we know we will soon be one - not married or living together but mentally somewhat spiritually one.

We send very similar things to each other in the post, (I.E same type of greeting and same words etc). We each know when we are about to ring each other and have written letters one day only to be told what is in the letter before they have been received. I remember one evening having an amazing experience with Lorelei. We sat and had a conversation, but we answered each others questions without having asked them verbally!

I do hope I'm making sense to you - it all sounds very strange - but believe me its the truth.

The actual name Lorelei was created by a German author CLEMENS BRENTANO (1800-02). She was supposedly a mermaid who sat on the banks of the river Rhine and lured the sailors to their deaths. Anyway, she and I both believe this legend to be a kind of truth if you like. Ships do crash there, and now as I take her away from the rocks to her peace, its a kind of scenario, enacted or re-enacted in the belief of reincarnation - a GENETIC FUSION. We both know that something is happening to us inside and its frightening. I don't know exactly what, but astrology has a part to play as well. She decorated her ceiling with those fluorescent stars last month, and when you turn the light out in the evening, they glow in the dark. All good fun but anyway the strange fact is that in the centre of her ceiling she placed 7 stars in the exact constellation of the Plough, and not only that, but the Plough could be seen from her window that very same night. We also witnessed it from another bedroom in Sunderland the very next time we met. Strange coincidence - but true!

We are now both sure that we are entering another era - another level - and we think we have relevance on the meaning of life with the phenomena of mental communication and something else but we can't exactly put it into words right now. We know we will one day and we think it will be soon.

From Brendan. (Full name and address supplied to Contact International U.K).

Editor: The above account is somewhat suggestive of New Age thinking, which may have some relevance to Ufology. The passing from the Piscean to the Aquarian age is, we understand, a lengthy process lasting 200 or more years. The presence of UFOs and crop circles in the space of the last 45 years may be part of the process. On the other hand, there is no historical evidence giving absolute proof that man's existence on Earth can be conveniently pigeon-holed into these astrological chunks of time. We will keep an open mind ----

I felt it was important to speak about some of the events that have taken place during my life so according to my recollections here are a few of them:-

My earliest memory of a UFO was back when I was 9 or 10 years of age. My mother and I were at a drive-in picture show in Savannah, Highway 80 drive in, as a matter of fact, long since torn down. The movie was a black and white, about two dinosaurs and a cave man that had been frozen in ice at sea and thawed out on a beach on this island, dragged up on shore by some men. Anyway I happened to look up through the windscreen of the car, up into the night sky, when I saw a bright brown dot. It began to get larger, appearing to drop down making slight circles and low spiralling motion. At the point where it stopped increasing in size, it became brighter for a moment, almost orange in colour. I reckon it was about 50 feet in diameter. Before it vanished it changed shape from round to oval. Then it became dimmer again to a faint brown colour.

One night I was settling on my couch when I got the urge to walk outside. I went out of the house and stood on the driveway and looked up. I saw just above tree level, what I thought at first was a gigantic large round red eye, with a dark pupil in the centre of it. I looked it over with amazement and then it took off at a very great burst of speed going over the field at the front of the house. This is when I lived between Pineoca and Marlow. Anyway when it went over the field I got a clearer idea of what it was. It was a UFO, saucer type about 50 feet in diameter. It stopped for a split second over the field then proceeded on, flying straight out, towards the South.

I believe it was in 1975 while I was at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina that I saw another UFO in broad daylight. This time I was just cruising along. Later I learned that many people around had seen the same object. It was about 250 feet up above the ground and 750 feet from where I was standing. It was a saucer type approx 20 feet in diameter.

In Jan. 1990 there was a further sighting appearing out of nowhere (or so it seemed) in front of a small star, at the horizon due East. I saw three flying saucers one right after the other, about a minute apart. It could have been one ship making an appearance three times. They were approximately 50 feet in diameter looking a little bit phantomish because the hulls were dimly lit a faint brown in colour, though clearly visible to the eye in the dark night sky. They were about 50 feet up in the air and 1200 feet from where I stood, travelling at a slow speed accelerating away from the star on a flight line that was crossways of me. Then they would vanish out of sight. I also saw a little later, around midnight, a large red ship, whose hull was dimly lit too. It was shaped like a walnut flying in a fog bank, very slowly towards the city of Savannah. I saw this after what may have been a commercial or military airplane (it sounded like it was propelled by a prop) that flew low overhead. It was too dark to see the fuselage (by the way I took aircraft identification in service).

I am always alone when I have sighting's and would like to try to try and see more with others present to witness everything as well.....

Many countries have UFO waves, and many countries have landings, however not many countries have waves of landings. This is what happened in Spain in 1969 and 1968. The 1968 cases are dealt with here (41 cases) and the geographical distribution, type of craft, behaviour, presence of humanoids and possible vehicle interference are all taken into account. Small and tall humanoids were both seen; in one case the witness was forced to the ground by the descending craft.

The method of analysis is thus: The country is divided into octants about the centre of all the cases and the eight points of the compass used for the "direction" code. Then codes are included to denote humanoids (yes/no), type of craft, vehicle interference, number of objects and finally six binary choices for "behaviour". Thirteen digits per case in all, only relative date being needed. Then each case is compared with the next to find the relative entropy of the transitions from one case to the next. This, in the way we use the formulae, is relative information; that is the given case one what extra information does case two add, and then given case two, what information does case 3 add, and so forth. When this is done the average amount of relative information gained is 0.10323 whereas the average amount of information gained between cases that are all UFO cases but randomly generated to give the number strings, is 0.1404. This means that the cases are more similar than is likely to occur, when all the parameters of the cases are chosen at random. We must stress here that the simulated cases assessed by the computer are possible. The fact that the relative information for random transition between possible cases is greater than the relative information observed indicates that the cases are far more similar than chance reports would generate.

This could be due to the fact of witnesses giving copycat reports, but since the reports are all over Spain and the normal occurrence is for consecutive reports to come from different geographical areas, and also the reports are far more frequent than newspaper reports, the copycat hypothesis can be ruled out. Secondly we may by choosing many random cases generate a distribution for cases and then check how the given amounts of relative information fit the distribution. The relative information figures show a slight increase as the temporal sequence progresses (correlation 0.3125 with the integers 1 to 40)

Leaving the statistics aside for the moment, the persistence of this wave is incredible with 12 in August, nine in September, seven in October, and in all parts of the country. The Soria Abduction witness was given hypnotic regression and met some remarkable humanoids who were cultured, civilised and very tall (see FSR special report; Antonia Ribera FSR30/3/85). Another remarkable feature of the reports is the number of humanoids associated with landings. A fifth have occupants: in one case 2 octopi-like creatures. The wave was still going strong at the end of the year, and there are 20 more landings or near landings in 1969.

Can we show that these cases are more the same than would be expected by chance. Already we know that the range of values from 0.025 to 0.295 and the average 0.10323.

The simulation with class width of 0.02 centred on 0.01, 0.03, 0.05,..... gives these frequencies: 3, 21, 54, 100, 162, 110, 79, 65, 49, 37, 29, 23, 29, 23, 20, 12, 13, 7, 6, 3, 2, 1. This is similar to a Poisson distribution except for the slow rise.

Classes: We can say that 0.01-0.03 have 0.0038 probability, 0.03-0.05 have 0.026 probability, 0.05-0.07 have 0.0678 probability, 0.07-0.09 have 0.1256 probability. Thus ten cases have probabilities of less than 0.098. Whilst at the other end of the distribution two cases 22/11/68 and 21/9/68 Gerona have only 0.055 probabilities or less of generating this much information, in comparison with the neighbours.

Having closely examined the data, we may wonder what these figures actually mean. What kind of message can be received from the data. The message is this; these cases in the main were not hoax or copy-cat reports since the average increase of information of each report in comparison with the last is below the average expected relative information for randomly generated reports. Should the claim be made that these are copy-cat reports, then note that many reports are very closely contiguous in time and separate in space, precluding the effect of communications. Ten of the digits in the report description relate to features dependant on the report of the witness rather than his locale. In the absence of the copying effect, then we have a problem in explaining away the similarity of the reports (why so many egg-shapes, yellow colours, tall humanoids, and hoverings followed by rapid departures).

Complete details about the statistical method can be obtained from the editor on request. Advantages include the ability to analyse patterns without semantic assumptions being included.

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THE 40 CASES OF 1968

- 0/0/1968 Elpadul Grenada one witness, double-dome blinding E-W hi-speed low VL.
- 5/1/68 Barcelona 2 men disc shape landed then flew to mountain.
- 18/1/68 Sevilla 2 men and boy oval yellow bright circled lost in trees.
- 22/3/68 Huesca dome shaped object seen by 300 left 6-sided landing traces.
- 0/4/68 Gerona driver+passengers of bus saw bright round object land, hum, got out with bright orb in hand, circled craft and went back in, craft flew off. Watch stopped.
- 23/6/68 Vizcaya man and wife saw object land 300m away. Circ. obj. flew off to mountains flashing green red and yellow lights. Very luminous object.
- 0/8/68 Sevilla family twice visited by red-orange light that hovered over cabin.
- 2/8/68 Ciudad Real 150m away rectangular object with windows took of SW 30 seconds.
- 2/8/68 Tarragona 2 witnesses bright red object swinging then disappeared.
- 15/8/68 Villaverde-Brenes man and boy saw oval landed object, slightly luminous.
- 16/8/68 Tarragona, hemisphere 2 octopi emerged, grass burned, watches stopped.
- 28/8/68 Soria Double-disc with vertical beam of light sweeping

- countryside, beam up Obj., left.
- 29/8/68 Barcelona 6 witnesses saw metallic yellow sphere, bright, took off flew West.
- 29/8/68 Vizcaya Several saw square plus dome over Mt. Kobelas. Vanished.
- 30/8/68 Colloto Intensely bright dome pushed witnesses to the ground.
- 31/8/68 Santiponce 4 girls saw round object with green/white lights. Tall man got out.
- 31/8/68 Umbrete 3 witnesses 1.5mD light 2m above ground narrower on top.
- 0/9/68 Badajoz 1w circular yellow light flew overhead 5mins changing to blue.
- 0/9/68 Granada family of four saw object 180m away near ground level: falling leaf effect.
- 1/9/68 Palma family of four saw yellow ball with ring came down illuminating trees.
- 1/9/68 Norena Man saw solid egg-shaped yellow light hovering over road.
- 7/9/68 Arriondas one man saw rectangular phosphorescent tube with fridge noise blue/white.
- 11/9/68 Barcelona 1w Yellow light shaped like dome+four beings.
- 21/9/68 Gerona one witness saw two strange beings with yellow faces 10m away.
- 21/9/68 La Lagosta 1w saw egg-shaped object landed+small being.
- 24/9/68 La Coruna Lady saw bright light, 2 tall beings varying col. faces, burned patches.
- 0/10/68 Acula 5 people saw 3 objects 4m in diameter: bright green white blue red.
- 11/10/68 Set Cases 2 or more saw landed object+two small humanoids
- 14/10/68 Zafra 5w red-blue hemisphere lights at sides. Vanished and reappeared.
- 15/10/68 Cadiz on girl saw large red tomato light+sound.
- 17/10/68 Sevilla several saw blue red orange colour changing object descend to trees.
- 19/10/68 Barcelona several women saw white ball of light (30m away) Land & leave burn.
- 24/10/68 Calig Man+two sons saw white ball of light from 2m climb vertically.
- 2/11/68 Zaragoza large yellow disc to West (500m away) landed Acc'd away 5w Veh. Int.
- 10/11/68 Castellon 3w powerful blue light seemed to hover over pine trees.
- 14/11/68 Zafra 1w saw 2m tall humanoid with phosphorescent green clothes. Face: insulator.
- 22/11/68 Palencia 1w saw 6 white .3mD discs and 1 red 1mD disc 5m away.
- 30/11/68 Palencia 1w saw landed object 10m away.
- 10/12/68 Palencia 1 man saw star with 3 points hovering ground level: bright Y & G lights.
- 31/12/68 Yuste 1w very luminous disc circling ground level flew off G'rgnta'dl'Olla

UFOS, REALITY AND THE FOURTH DIMENSION

by G.E.Ambler

My research into UFOs began in 1978 when joining Contact International (U.K). In 14 years I have personally logged only 3 sightings, none of which could be regarded as a saucer shaped "nuts and bolts" object. The last entry was c1985 although many "possibles" have been noted since then, but these could be quickly eliminated from years of

observation, and studying other reports with similarities. During the time period, I have encountered huge increases in hot air balloon activity; foil kites which produce incredible effects if they catch the sun-light; many sophisticated new types of blimp or air-ship, some which glow in the dark; and recently, laser beam shows usually associated with big Pop Festivals. Reflections of these beams can be seen 30-40 miles away from the source, if there are fleecy clouds in the night sky at the time.

Aircraft movements are now so numerous and detectable that the days of being fooled are long since over, one hopes, and the same goes for rogue planets such as Venus\Jupiter\Mars whose annual movements and positions in the sky are described in this magazine.

The above gives little encouragement to continue a belief in UFOs, but from interviewing many witnesses over the years, a picture emerges which does verify an EXISTENCE of UFOs, but one which is outside our dimensional reality. It is illogical for us to make assumptions that "spaceships" are going to land and humanoid forms which may be tall, blond and beautiful, or short, dwarf-like and ugly are going to emerge and communicate in one or other world languages. If any of this had really happened, one supposes that the truth would have emerged by 1992 after 40-50 years of case histories. If all the landings and emergence of aliens had taken place, surely one of their number would have tripped over a barbed wire fence or fallen down a hole so that it could not return to its craft.

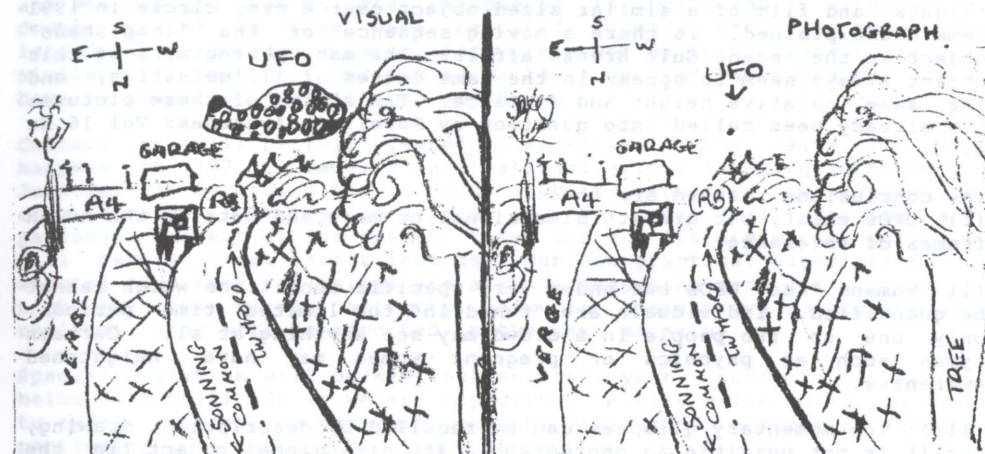
Such misconceptions were brought about by masses of cheap films produced in the 1950s and perpetuated by anecdotal statements that captured aliens were spirited away to secret military bases and verified as true, by the government "cover-ups" that followed. Pioneers of deception such as George Adamski may have experienced a UFO event originally, but realising or desiring the potential for more, he created a whole epic with Italian lampshades, and blond "Venusians". His unprovable idea that there were UFO bases on the far side of the moon, was negated when the Apollo missions completely surveyed the hidden areas in the late 60s. The other Adamski creations remain to this day as well used book illustrations serving as "graven images" to the faithful.

What Adamski really experienced, and maybe many others, was perhaps a fleeting glimpse of the UFO reality. Communication was made telepathically - an image of a saucer was seen, but this was never a three dimensional solid object in our terms. The memory remained, and the desire to recreate the scene with "studio sets" became overwhelming. Perhaps we see the same at Gulf Breeze, Florida, at the present time. Once a place is known as a UFO centre, a band-wagon effect results and thousands of visitors arrive, claim their UFO sighting and build up a legend. Likewise, the Warminster events of 1965-70, and the Dyfed Enigma (S.Wales) 1977-8 are similar band-wagons which may have generated from a limited number of true events.

Investigations personally carried out over many years have never revealed one iota of evidence that was outside witness testimony (anecdotal). The quality of many witnesses has, however, reassured me that a paranormal experience took place, and this was unique to them and one or two colleagues\relations accompanying them at the time. Many times it has been stated that 'a huge object filled my line of vision, but only myself (or immediate colleague) appeared to notice it'. Other people in a crowded street or bus did not see a thing in spite of the overwhelming presence of the UFO. This implies that UFOs "tune in" to their witnesses or vice-versa. They alone receive

an image, whereas others only yards away see nothing. In nature this can be compared to the rainbow, which can only be seen in certain conditions of cloud, rain and sunlight, related to the position of the observer.

What has been seen as this mind image can be described and sketched and many similar descriptions emerge from thousands of supposed genuine reports. Can it be photographed? The only picture taken by the writer of what appeared to be a definite UFO through binoculars (1983), was developed as a microscopic point of light just about discernible through a magnifying glass. The shot had been taken in bright early morning sunlight so climatic conditions could not be blamed. A detailed investigation of the Feb 6th 1992 sighting near Sonning Common, Berks revealed that the impeccable lady witnesses had taken 20 photographs of a huge craft at two locations about a mile apart. They had to park their car in very awkward positions to get these pictures. On development, the photographs showed only a spot of white light and possibly an explicable red light where there should have been a UFO. A diagram of the first location is shown below with the UFO inset from the drawings made by the witnesses. Again, these ladies were amazed that no other car driver had stopped to view this incredible spectacle - they were the only humans in contact!



It was noted that the lady witnesses were psychics and had just attended a meeting of like minds nearby. Certain types of people may have "heightened awareness" and see more than average numbers of UFOs. In the case above however, no previous UFOs had been seen by either witness. People claiming to see 1000s of craft may end up being described as "dotty", and may show irrational behaviour patterns. However this is not to say that such witnesses are not seeing UFOs. Maybe they are able to "tune in" easier because of their eccentricities.

The unpalatable conclusion is that in genuine cases photographs don't come out. In taking a normal shot, the camera is being asked to reduce 3 dimensions to 2 in accordance with optical laws. The UFO is in a dimension or more above this level, and cannot be resolved into a 2 dimensional situation, so the photograph becomes scrambled. What then of the classic shots which parade in so many books? Their status has been whittled down over the years by the development of computer enhancement techniques. At the present time very few of the early 1950s shots remain viable and massive portfolios such as produced by

Meier in Switzerland are discredited. It is also apparent that fewer "saucer" photographs are being forwarded in recent years. Most display material dates back to the 1970s or before - lecturers have to illustrate with something!

The acid test would be to shoot a MOVING film of a STRUCTURED UFO or one which can be said to have a definite geometrical shape. This was not achieved by the purveyors of the early still photographs, and movies of the 1950s period showed how difficult it would be to fake a convincing UFO sequence, as the spaceships and saucers in those films were so obviously models. At last, the Steven Spielberg masterpiece "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", c.1978, used millions of dollars to create a realistic scenario, but realism was created by avoiding sharp focusing of the UFOs which all seemed to glow with an ethereal halo. The lighting was so powerful that no sharp edges could be detected, although the classic domed disc shape could be made out. Earlier moving film does exist, but mostly of night lights variety, or long distant day-time shots of torpedo like objects. Classic film such as the sequence of 1973 taken by Peter Day on the Oxon-Bucks borders is probably a fireball created by emergency fuel dumping of a crashing F.111 bomber from the nearby USAF base, Upper Heyford. Shots of a small ball-like object buzzing Concorde on one of its test flights and film of a similar sized object over a crop circle in 1991 remain unexplained. Is there a moving sequence of the "lamp-shade" object in the recent Gulf Breeze affair? The many photographs of this object always seem to appear in the same degree of illumination, and the same relative height and distance. The status of these pictures has already been called into question by Powell in Awareness Vol 16 No 4.

The conclusions reached are thus:

(i) UFOs exist, but are 4th dimensional or more and outside the human frames of reference.

(ii) Humans "see" UFOs but under very specific conditions which cannot be quantified. Individuals are "tuned in" for limited time periods. Only one or two people in a crowd may see anything at all. Certain types such as psychics or pregnant women may have heightened awareness.

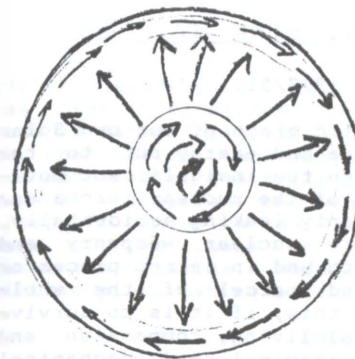
(iii) The momentary glimpses can be recalled by description\ drawing, but it is not possible to photograph a 4th dimensional object (in the writers opinion), so all "saucer" pictures are assumed to be fakes.

(iv) Moving sequences of unstructured objects may be genuine or misidentifications. (Is there a moving sequence of a structured UFO taken in day-light?)

CROP CIRCLE UPDATE

Data Research

The 1992 UK events have already started at the time of writing. A single circle was found in rape-seed at Sutton Scotney, Hants on April 27th. Mundane perhaps by the standards of 1991 - but even this was not straightforward. It had a complex floor structure; the rape plants being distributed in three distinct patterns (see diagram overleaf). Contact Int. investigators are satisfied that this circle is genuine, although there is some reticence to guarantee anything until several more formations have been found in widespread areas of the country.



First Crop Circle 1992.
At 1 mile south Sutton Scotney,
Hants. O.S Map 185, 462 376.
Visible east of A34 dual carriage.

Crop is rapeseed.
Date first seen 27\4\92.
Approx 20 metres = 68 ft diameter

Floor pattern is complex triple
system within flattened crop.
"A spoked bicycle wheel".
Dowsing properties noted.

A general appraisal of the growing crops in the key areas for circle events is that their condition is excellent with no storm damage to mid-May, but heavy rain in the latter part of the month has obviously caused some lodging of the crops. Growth is assessed as two weeks ahead of 1991.

During the Winter months, several circles were reported from Australia and New Zealand showing the phenomenon is worldwide. Single and double ringed examples were reported from Canterbury in the south island of New Zealand - particularly relevant as the climate there is similar to the UK, and the so-called "Doug and Dave" hoaxers would have to travel 12,000 miles to do these!

Contact Int. will be fully geared to establishing the facts of what happens in 1992. A massive international effort is being launched in June-July at several sites in Hants-Wilts to establish the cause of crop circles. It is uncertain if the press will promote any particular aspect at the present time, but any disinformation put out will receive short shrift from us! Our own practical experiments are showing that some odd things are already happening around the areas of high previous circle activity, and if these prove conclusive and rational, they will be reported in the next magazine.

Special bulletins will be sent out as last year, subject to events being as significant as we are expecting. Please write in if you wish to receive copies, as they will only be circulated to members showing particular interest.

Finally, we have received these predictions from Paul Anderson as to site locations for crop circles in 1992:

- (A) Barbury Castle (north Wilts) - same field, no date.
- (B) Avebury area (north Wilts), very near to the stone circle area - alongside avenue and/or in field to the west where to standing stones are - grid ref O.S 173 090 694 approx date - night of June 16th.
- (C) Bishops Cannings (north Wilts) - Near to garage, O.S 173 033 644 approx - no date.
- (D) Cheesefoot Head area (Winchester) - in field close to car park - Night of July 13th.
- (E) Alton Barnes again (north Wilts) - no date - Possible UFO sighting forming circles.

CROP CIRCLE COMPETITION 1991

We are pleased to announce that the £10 prize was awarded to Mrs M. Fry of Llangernw, Clwyd. Entries ranged from serious and esoteric to

flippant. The winning entry detailed below:

(a) Barbury Castle geometric complex, formed 17/7/91.

This looks very much to me like a symbolic graph of our own Solar System. The Sun in the centre, radiating life and energy out to the major planets such as Saturn, & Jupiter. Then the insignificant dot - Earth, radiating out wobbly insecure circles of the nuclear forces our warring politicians of this planet are not only leaking accidentally, but deliberately by continuing to manufacture nuclear weaponry and bombs, testing them in the bowels of the Earth and in secret places on it. The triangle indicates we are part and parcel of the whole universe and can effect the whole of it with this, if it is to survive we have to develop New Age concepts of natural living, compassion and brotherly love and forget all about chemical and mechanical advancement, we are destroying ourselves with it.

(b) The Mandelbrot Set, formed 12/8/91 near Cambridge.

Very clearly a continuation of the same idea. The human heart shape indicates we have got to rule this World by charity towards third World countries, to our fellow creatures - animals and our vegetation. In fact we have to go back to the original concept of Christianity, and forget the trappings man has invested in every man-made religion. Ireland, the Middle-East, China etc. all fight in the name of their religions, they have forgotten the God's universal law (I personally do not believe In God as a person, but a universal force). The 14 dots are an intrigue. Could they indicate inhabited with intelligence planets/satellites in our Solar System, all of whom have to survive with this universal law... and this further dot below is planet Earth out on a limb, the sole war-like blot on the Solar System, Universe landscape?

(c) The "Labyrinth", formed mid-August near Hungerford, Wilts.

If it isn't a hoax, its telling us our so-called leaders of this Earth and indeed most of the population have to tunnel through a Hampton Court like maze, before we finally see the light, but will it be too late.

(d) Recently I saw a fantastic video made in 1976 introduced by Captain Kirk of Star Trek (William Shatner), talking to NASA experts about the artifacts dotted all over the Earth, especially in the South Americas. Were we colonised? & did civilisations destroy themselves many times over the millions of years.

(d) The "message". Strange lettering at Milk Hill, Wilts, end July.

Earth has been in existence? Was this one of the warning messages left by superior extra-terrestrial intelligences in North Chile, cut into the red soil in a low mountainous, remote area of North Chile. The strange lettering at Milk Hill, Wilts is identical. Is this a copied hoax, or did the same beings indent the same warning and message in North Chile aeons ago?

ARCHIVE MATERIAL FROM ORIGINAL "AWARENESS"

Editor: Readers will be interested to know that Awareness magazine has been in existence for almost 25 years, the earliest known copy to hand is dated Spring 1968. Apart from irregular periods between 1968-72 when format and editorial staff changed frequently, the magazine has appeared at quarterly intervals right through to date surviving several recessions and waning interest in the UFO enigma from time to time. To run up to the Silver Jubilee date in 1993, we will reproduce some of the cases and thinking that filled the pages of the first Awareness magazine. Here is a very good case narrated by a retired airline pilot dating back to 1953: -

UNDOUBTEDLY NOT A LIGHT.

by Captain H.F Kirkwood - Retired Airline Pilot

Although this sighting occurred some years ago, it is still vivid in my memory. At the time I was employed as an airline pilot, and on evening in December 1953 I was operating the evening Belfast-London service, via the recognised airway, with reporting points at Portaferry, N.Ireland, Isle of Man and Liverpool. The weather forecast gave complete cloud cover, 8\8ths at about 11,000 feet with good visibility below and a strong SW wind. We flight planned and received clearance to operate the service at 7,500 feet.

Take off and climb to Portaferry were normal, the met. forecast proving accurate, so that on reaching Portaferry and altering course for I.O.M now level at 7500, we were well below cloud. It was a very dark evening, no stars being visible through the unbroken overcast, but the visibility below was very good indeed so that the soft glow of the town of Douglas, I.O.M could be seen from the Irish coast.

It was at this point over Portaferry, that I first noticed a light in the sky ahead, which was at first thought to be the occulting navigation light of another aircraft. However on enquiry via R\T we were assured by Airway Control that there was no other traffic on the airway at that time, at any height. It was then realised that the light was not occulting but irregularly changing its brilliance and colour.

By this time both the First Officer and Radio Officer had joined me in watching this light, which seemed to be somewhere on the airway, dead ahead, and about the same height as ourselves. To ensure that it could not be any form of reflection in the windscreen, I had all the cockpit lights extinguished, so that the cockpit was in total darkness, but the light ahead remained, irregularly changing from a deep purplish red to yellow. On reaching the I.O.M reporting point, we again asked control if the airway ahead was clear and were reassured that we were the only traffic at that time.

During the 20 minutes or more that we had this mystery object under observation, it did not change its position, remaining virtually dead ahead of us. I discussed this within the flight crew and we were unanimous that the object could not be a balloon of any sort, since the strong wind would have blown it at least 10 miles NE in this time, nor was it a reflection on the cloud cover, which was well above us. At no time was I able to distinguish a shape of any sort behind the light, which steadily increased in average brilliance as we approached., still changing colour irregularly, and by now being five or six times as bright as any star I have ever seen, and the brighter and bigger than any aircrafts navigation lights.



Airway control reported something unusual and unidentifiable on their search radar screen at about the observed position of this light. It was thought that it could have been some sort of interference.

We appeared to be on a collision course with this object, so passenger safety being of paramount importance, I was about to alter course when the light suddenly rose straight up, perhaps a hundred feet above us, and then accelerated away to the SW at incredible speed, so that it was gone in a second or two, and as this sudden movement took place, the glow changed to a deep vivid green. A few seconds later, as I judged we were flying through the airspace occupied by the light, both engines lost power momentarily as though the hot air supply to the carburetors had suddenly been switched on, resuming their regular rhythm almost immediately. Nothing further was seen, but on reporting this incident to Civil Aviation Ministry, I was assured that the object must have been a WEATHER BALLOON.

Although I had heard of many sightings of UFOs by my airline colleagues, I had been very sceptical, up until the time of this personal experience.

A MECHANISM BY WHICH HI-FIS AND TVS CAN BE SPOKEN THROUGH EVEN WHEN
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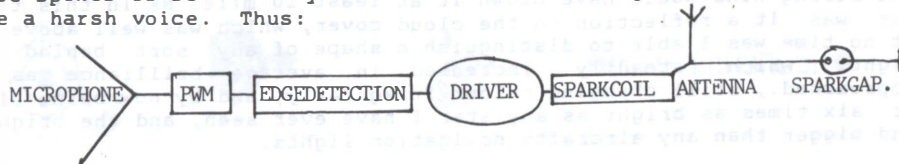
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Recently I read in "Alien Liaison" by Timothy Good about a case where the hi-fi was spoken through by a metallic voice which perturbed a witness. (This was in a chapter on Animal Mutilations). The question arises 'how could such an effect be achieved physically?' This is entirely possible even for a closed system like a hi-fidelity system.

A 10,000 volt spark came over clearly on a neighbouring music system which was working and had long loudspeaker leads. A spark distributes energy over a very large frequency band so although on a tuned receiver the crackle may be inaudible, with an untuned receiver like a speaker lead, the energy detected is much greater. Most modern music systems are transformerless at output feeding the speakers through capacitors which can sometimes convey even low radio frequencies into the amplifier when these are picked up from the leads. What happens then is that the pulse is too short to become smoothed out by the negative feedback loop in the amplifier and this is fed from the speakers to the input where a distorted and longer version of the pulse is then amplified normally and sent back to the speakers, the correcting effect of negative feedback is ineffective because of non-linearity at the input and a loud crackle is heard.

Now speech can be coded as pulses using pulse width modulation at say a low radio frequency. The edges of these pulses themselves if turned into voltage spikes (front and back edge) will convey the impression of distorted speech if sent alone.

These spikes if received by the leads of a hifi amplifier will sound like a harsh voice. Thus:



by G.E.Amblor

The annual evaluation of planetary movements should need no introduction. It is necessary to chart planets as their positions and luminosity vary from year to year whereas star movements do not alter except over the passage of millions of years. For the benefit of investigating UFO reports, the movements of Mars, Venus and Jupiter should be carefully noted as these have been falsely reported as UFOs. Mercury and Saturn are also commented on, but anything further out in space than Saturn is too faint to be seen by the naked eye.

The brightness or magnitude of objects is a comparative measure, taking the star Vega in the constellation of Lyra as 0.0. Brighter objects have negative magnitude, and dimmer ones positive. Stars or planets that appear very bright in British skies are Sirius (-1.4), Venus (up to -4.5), Jupiter (up to -2.5), Mars (up to -2.8) and Mercury (occasionally seen up to -1.1). ON this scale the sun is estimated at -26 and the pole star at +2.0.

MERCURY: The planet is small and very close to the sun, so that it is only seen low in the sky, either in the east at dawn, or the west at dusk. The occasional glimpses in 1992 are late February and March 1-19th, brightest on March 1st at sunset; then from August 10th to the end of the month at dawn and finally from December 1st - 21st again at dawn, best on December 9th.

VENUS: Will start the year as a morning object to early March; then disappearing until August when it will develop as an evening event on the western horizon. By December it will be on show for three hours after dusk reaching magnitude -4.2.

MARS: The red planet will be absent from the skies until June, when it will be faintly visible 2 hours before sunrise. Thereafter visibility improves, until by October, Mars will be seen from before midnight to dawn. In November it reaches negative magnitude, up to -1.3 by the end of the year. Early 1993 should be spectacular.

JUPITER: The largest planet will be seen extensively from January to April, on show most of the night, and a very bright -2.5 in February and March. In May and June it is still bright, but setting before midnight. By July it is fading out and not seen until October when it reappears in the early morning on the eastern horizon. It continues to the end of the year as a morning object.

SATURN: Not seen until May in the early morning. In August and September it is on view all night brightest at +0.2. It is a short evening sight in October, November and December.

SIRIUS: The brightest star is seen Nov-March rising just below the constellation of Orion. In November it does not appear until past midnight and by March setting in early evening.

Source: Yearbook of Astronomy 1992, edited by Patrick Moore.

ILLUSIONS - WHAT TO LOOK OUT FOR IN THE SKY

Planets:

VENUS: Always very bright and white when visible and in the direction of the setting or rising sun. Never seen directly overhead, and usually low on the horizon. Beware clearing conditions after stormy

weather, when the planet may appear to "wobble" when low in the sky. This is due to viewing across layers of disturbed air. When viewed through a good telescope, Venus is usually seen as a crescent (gibbous phase).

MARS: False reports come in at the time when the planet is very prominent and displaying its reddish hue which appears more like orange when viewed in typical British conditions. As Mars is only close to Earth about every two years, it is fairly easy to establish whether a UFO description was that of Mars or not.

JUPITER: Quite often present in the sky, evening or morning. Identification is relatively easy, as some or all of its 4 large moons can be seen when viewing through binoculars. Colour is nearly always pure white.

MOON: No misidentification should be possible except in some circumstances when the Moon is obscured by thin cloud.

Stars:

No star is brighter than the three brightest planets - Venus, Mars and Jupiter, but the movement of Sirius (below the constellation of Orion) should be noted. The obvious "twinkling" of the stars should distinguish them from planets. Stars are light emitters whereas planets only reflect light from the sun.

Shooting Stars:

It is fairly likely that a shooting star or meteor will be seen on any night of the year providing there are clear skies. Remember these are solid objects burning up in the Earth's atmosphere and travelling around 25,000 miles an hour, so that they appear or disappear in a flash. It is not possible to call a colleague to turn round and see a "shooter" in the time it can be viewed. For exercises in identifying shooting stars, the best night to view is August 11-12th annually. Any object taking more than 5 seconds to cross the sky is NOT a shooting star.

Satellites:

On any night of the year, several satellites can be seen moving across the heavens. These are usually picked up high in the sky and can be seen for up to 5 minutes before being lost. Motion is always steady and similar to an airliner at cruising height. Every satellite has an illumination equivalent to an average star such as the pole star.

Balloons\Blimps\Airships:

These are on the increase due to their publicity value. Illumination is likely to vary according to the design and message conveyed so care should be taken in interpreting any UFO report where there is known activity in this category. Hot air balloons require to burn off gas to maintain height and the sound of the ignition can be heard if the balloon is below 500 ft altitude. the glow of the burners may also be seen towards dusk. Balloons should not be flying around after dark.

Laser Beam Shows:

These are reflections off clouds of powerful lights usually rigged up at prestige pop concerts. The lights gyrate to the rhythm of the music and the effect can be quite dramatic to observers even 30-40 miles away. If phantom-like mobile rays appear in the night sky when there is a high percentage of fleecy cloud, check that the rays emanate from the same area of the sky and do not progress more than a few degrees before repeating their cycle.

INVESTIGATOR NEWS-ROUNDUP

CONTACT UK has been very fortunate to have a good all round investigator team. We are always pleased to hear from them and give as much encouragement as we can on following up leads. With our particular field unfortunately, there is very little to go on at times and it is up to the individual investigator to "go it alone" and search out newspaper reports or listen out for local radio station interviews and then follow it up. If a UFO is reported, always try to telephone the source of the report i.e. local newspaper or radio. It is always helpful to act quickly before the trail goes cold.

We have an investigator procedure which sets out guide-lines for collating a UFO report and it is very comprehensive - if any of our Investigators are unsure on following-up a report - please get in touch with us and we would be glad to send it to you.

If there are any potential investigators who would like to join our team, please let us know we are always anxious for more recruits.

May we welcome Hugh Grosvenor from Carmarthen Dyfed, John Croft from Cleethorpes, Philip McCarthy from Milton Keynes - nice to meet you at our Town Hall gathering Phil, Peter Davies from Reading, Mrs Kerry Blower from Cwmbran in Gwent - thank you for your letters and sightings Kerry, and Mr. Steve Brooks from Christchurch in Dorset - thank you for your many letters Steve.

We have had correspondence from all our investigators and like to hear from them regarding news and views, we have had a few interesting reports which we are studying at the moment and will be featured in our magazine at a later date.

For possible potential investigators good investigating entails:-

Listening carefully to the witness or witnesses without prompting. Asking questions and writing accurately what the witness has seen - asking them to complete a sighting form - assuring them of complete anonymity if desired. Checking the possible site for any markings etc., Asking around to see if any other witnesses saw the phenomenon. Obtaining as much data as possible in order to categorize the incident i.e. into a possible explanation-or not-as the case may be. Keeping an open mind at all times and allow the witness(es) to put it all in their own words.

Thank you all so far for your valuable time and service and keep those reports rolling in!

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