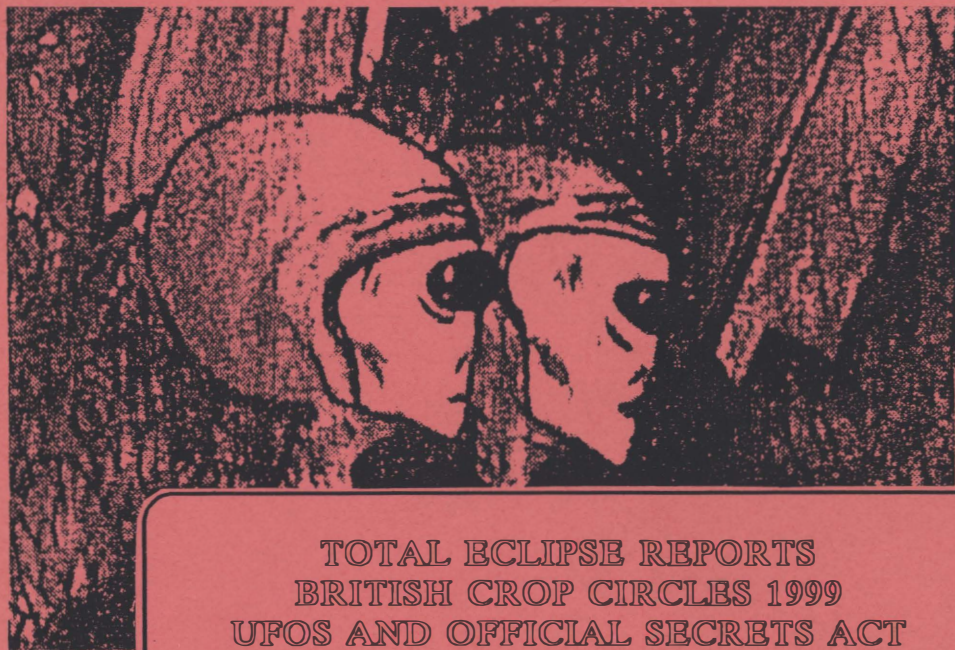


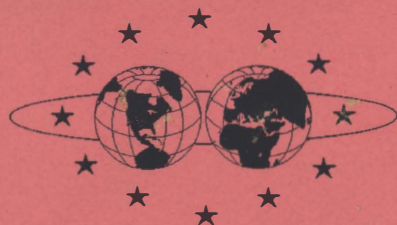
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EDITORIAL

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TOTALLY ECLIPSED!

The only British total eclipse of the Sun since 1927 duly took place around 11.11am on August 11th 1999. (How one marvels at the accuracy of these astronomical calculations.) What was actually observed is reported by our correspondents inside this edition. Unique changes to shadows, light levels and animal behaviour close to totality need to be looked at carefully, as these may be rare occasions when UFOs become visible.

At the editorial stage, I want to comment on the false prospectus built up by the media over many months prior to the event. Two editions previous I mentioned that the media had declared "Cornwall will be packed to the last hotel room". Did anybody check the thousands of hotels and guest houses to confirm this was a fact? Who produced this glib statement in the first place? With a week to go desperate hoteliers were reporting their bookings for the period around the total eclipse had dropped way below their normal August levels with the public not coming because (a) they understood there was no space available, (b) huge price increases would apply, and (c) dire warnings about so many people being in Cornwall that traffic would grind to a halt and food might run short.

In the event parties that travelled by road from Oxford on Tuesday, August 10th, reached the Cornwall boundary in 3½ hours with no hold ups at all. The only problem was the return journey with eclipse buffs all heading back east at the same time. A much vaunted pop festival expecting to attract 25,000 fans ended up with only 7,000, sending the promotor into bankruptcy. Many others charging inflated prices at camp sites burnt their fingers.

What does this say about our culture? We now live in an age of sound bites, "spin doctoring", and false imagery. It will soon be impossible to tell a real person from a hologram! A totally false impression about the pulling power of the eclipse was created. The combined total of astronomers, mind/body/spirit followers and ufologists in Britain would certainly be less than a million persons - so where was the press figure of 3 millions expected to come from? In a few weeks time it will happen again at the Millennium event. Who is to pay ridiculous entry rates even to go to their local pub? Will banks of computers fail at midnight 2000 and create mayhem? Rumours are rife that thousands will die when aircraft fall out of the sky and the government have contingency plans to store bodies at ice rinks and warehouses. A sudden collapse into anarchy is being widely touted. Just how many of these dire predictions will become reality? Some breakdown of computers was forecast for "9/9/99". In the event, nothing at all was reported to give some indication for "1/1/2000".

A new era of fantasy reporting is now with us. Just how many journalists are "investigative" and go to the "coal face" for the substance of what they they write. Chances are that many stories emanate from the Internet - available to all and sundry to punch in the most crackpot material without a check from a university board or the like. The downside of this new tool is yet to be fully analysed, but certainly "chinese whispers" should soon become redundant!

Where possible CIUFOR remains committed to "coal face" work - the only way to establish the truth in a subject loaded with fantasy, rumour and "red herrings". (Just look at the size of the UFO files now on the Internet!)

A bizarre occurrence happened to myself on Saturday, September 11th. My wife and I were guests of my cousin down in Dorset for the weekend. On the Saturday, the hosts suggested a visit to Glastonbury - not a place I had thought about going to. At mid-day we arrived at the mysterious Glastonbury Tor and climbed to the top. Within 10 minutes of being there I was amazed to find my eldest son had also arrived with a friend. He had travelled down from London and had given no indication at any time he might be going to Glastonbury that weekend. How could close relatives arrive at exactly the same spot at the same time over a hundred miles away from their normal haunts? The odds of it happening work out to be statistically enormous, but are there factors in the collective sub-conscious that determine such events? After all we know the salmon travels thousands of miles across oceans to find the same spawning grounds in Scotland, and birds find their previous nesting sites after flying thousands of miles on their migrations. Are humans doing the same thing on rare occasions? Was it the same compunction that drove hundreds of unconnected people to arrive at the "Devils Tower" in the film "Close Encounters of the Third Kind", just as the giant Mothership landed?

THE EDITOR

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NEWS IN BRIEF

"BLACK TRIANGLE" DEVELOPMENTS: Our latest report is from Huntingdonshire in broad daylight. The witness, a civil servant working for the Ministry of Defence (no less) was flying his model aircraft when he spotted a black triangle emerge from cloud and disappear again in a period of just 2 seconds. Even in this short space of time, the witness was very disturbed by the experience and had difficulty in landing his model. Since his knowledge of aircraft and defence developments are impeccable, both from his occupation and hobby, we regard this report as highly significant. (Details in next Awareness).

Another black object was recorded at Kingsbury, North London on June 30th - described as ellipsoidal (see our report). The witness (m) has been so traumatised that his wife has had to write on his behalf. We have offered to travel to his home at Hitchin to discuss the case.

Although the "black triangle" reports emerge from most of the country now, the latest 1999 input being fed through to CIUFOR are concentrated in counties due north of London. (Beds, Cambridge, Herts, Huntingdon).

LATEST "CONTACTEE NEWS": We have news of 3 "contactees", 2 of which we had dealings with in the past.

AW who forecast a significant event at Stonehenge in 1996 and was vindicated when the giant "Julia Set" crop formation arrived there in July, has recently rung again claiming that the forces that controlled him into taking a bizarre train journey late at night, may be beginning to activate again. On his last call he thought a connection with WATER might be the next significant manifestation. (Original events involving AW were reported in Awareness Vol 21 No3, p27).

Our Australian contact "Viv" has arrived over in England for a longish stay. He reports that the indeterminable forces that caused strange skin rashes on his body overnight have not

returned in the last year. (Original report in Awareness Vol 22 No1 pp10-16).

A new claimant, JS from Buckinghamshire, has spoken to a number of our investigators. The gist of his story is difficult to follow, but he appears to have been present at sites of animal mutilations and anywhere where "events" take place. A homing instinct is possibly the best way to explain how JS manages to get to the right location. By triangulating all the data he arrives at a base or a "window" on Salisbury Plain, Wiltshire at a point where he states large numbers of ley lines intersect. (This would point to Stonehenge, but the co-ordinates given are several miles to the north). He claims to have got close to the point on the ground, but found army warning signs of unexploded ordnance in the final few yards. CIUFOR were asked to investigate the possibility of flying over the site which is most inconveniently denoted "DANGER ZONE" on all possible approaches according to the O.S map! Consultations with pilots indicate that civilian flying is not allowed over army firing ranges for obvious reasons. It is still not clear what JS expects to find at the target spot, but insists he will know where he is from channelled information. He also believes the military are watching him.

If any reader has knowledge of unusual activities at the heart of Salisbury Plain, please keep us informed.

DEPLETED URANIUM SCARE: To add further to the confusion on "Gulf War Syndrome", it now transpires that shells fired during the Gulf War by allied armies were tipped with "depleted uranium" - a radioactive source still active millions of years after release. Troops mopping up in the battle area after action ceased have become very seriously ill, and already mutated babies are being born in southern Iraq close to the war zone. Tests on the sick personnel have shown positive evidence of irradiation. It is further suggested that depleted uranium shells were used in the recent Kosovo conflict with unknown consequences.

Sadly it appears that the more state-of-the-art and deadly the weapons have become the side effects - untested without a full scale military action - are wreaking an awful revenge, and cover-ups will be the order of the day!

BLUSHING MOON? A small area of the Moon was observed from lunar probe Clementine to becoming darker and reddening with mystery flashes and dust clouds. Small gas eruptions might be the cause. (But perhaps the Man in the Moon is embarrassed by events on Mother Earth!). Reported October 21st.

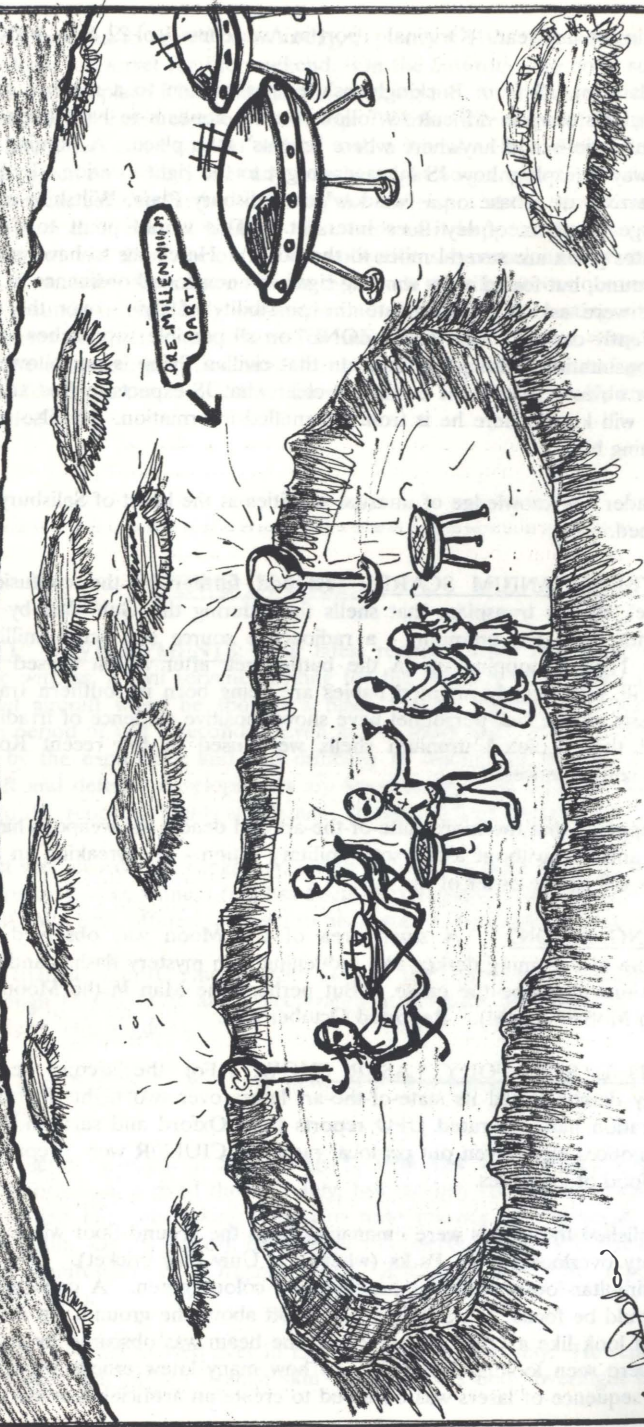
OXFORD LABORATORY LASER SHOW: For the second year running Oxford University demonstrated its state-of-the-art lasers over two nights in late June. The 1998 demonstration had generated UFO reports from Oxford and surrounding area. This year warning notices were given out on local radio, so CIUFOR were prepared to deal with any sudden flood of enquiries.

We established the beams were emanating from the ground floor window of the Clarendon Laboratory overlooking the Parks (where Ox Univ play cricket). Five or six beams were playing simultaneously with the predominate colour green. A concentrated area of laser energy could be focused at a height of c1000ft above the ground. In some parts of the city this could look like a UFO as the rest of the beam was obscured by street lighting. Many people were seen looking skywards - so how many knew exactly what they were viewing? Another sequence of lasers was observed to create an artificial constellation of "stars" in the

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CRATER ON THE MOON SEEN TO CHANGE COLOUR!!

Y2K MILLENNIUM PARTY



WELL CHEERS! NOT LONG NOW TILL THE MILLENNIUM BUG STRIKES THE YEAR 2000 IN AND WHILE CHAOS REIGNS - WE'LL BE THERE TO PARTY AND WHO KNOWS WHAT?!!

sky. At the source one interested passer-by said he spotted the beam 8 miles north of Oxford, but had some difficulty spotting where the origin was.

Unfortunately for UFO buffs, it shows how daunting the task now is picking out real events from man-made creations.

DONATIONS REQUEST: Following a steady downward interest by the public and press in the subject of Ufology over the past 2 years, which has lead to the demise of most of the glossy magazines and several groups as well, it cannot be stated that CIUFOR is any exception to this general trend. Therefore CIUFOR welcomes any donations generous patrons are prepared to send over and above normal subscriptions. This is the first request for 5 years and hopefully will enable us to enlarge our activities, which are now confined to core reporting and investigation. (See our AGM report at back of this edition).

UFO AWARENESS DAY CANCELLED: The exhibition and advice day proposed for October 9th was not held due to the lack of a suitable venue. The Oxford Town Hall fee is now over £100 for a small room, and the new Oxford transport policy bars cars from driving into the city after 7.30am each day, so unloading our static exhibition would have been awkward. Other venues off the main centre offered a reasonable hire charge, but lack of passers by might have been the problem. It was intended to have free admission, so we could spare only the minimal amount for advertising. Apologies to members who enquired about the occasion.

(Any proposals from members or investigators for holding future conferences and/or displays outside the Oxford area would be welcome).

AIRCRAASH NO 3 IN DOOMED AREA: The latest disaster of Egypt Air flight 990 on October 31st is the third mysterious complete wipe out scenario in 4 years over the North Atlantic just off the US/Canada coastline. All 3 airliners were setting off from New Yorks, JFK airport and all suddenly plummeted into the sea without warning. We have commented several times about the TWA 800 disaster on July 17th 1996 where the possibility of a stray missile from a naval exercise could have been the culprit. (Subject to a massive cover-up). The Swissair flight 111 went down off Nova Scotia on Sept 2nd 1998 - again no survivors.

In this latest tragedy we await further news as to a possible cause, bearing in mind that these air lanes are amongst the busiest and most rigorously monitored in the world. However there is an eerie possibility that something outside the range of mechanical failure is occurring. How can 3 aircraft all disintegrate in such a short space of time that not a single word from any of the pilots was received? Is a new "Bermuda Triangle" emerging which snatches away 200+lives every time it manifests?

ALIENS?? ON THE LOOSE: Observed on travels this year:
CASE 1: Well dressed young females - of humanoid form - approach ragged skywatchers/crop watchers begging for funds to get a bus/train/taxi as boyfriend has abandoned them. Thinking about this, the humanoids wear skin tight trousers where the slightest bulge of a wallet or purse might spoil their beautiful contours. What about handbags - apparently too "naff" to be seen with, unless of course they are aliens in disguise!

CASE 2: Surreal figures parade around large cities in England and elsewhere. Most are completely painted over in ghoulish colours and remain motionless until funds are placed in a suitable receptacle beneath them. A quiver of a smile or the merest movement of an arm

is then seen. "Aliens" below spotted in Palma, Majorca.



CASE 3: Pointed out on holiday, your editor is one of a very small number who wear their watch on the right arm. Even more unusual he has the face beneath the arm on the soft part. Perhaps this is a way of detecting aliens from good old homo sapiens!!

GRAHAM KNEWSTUB: Graham Newstub - a pioneering British Ufologist - passed away at his Bristol home on 16/5/99, aged 90. Graham's early interest in space travel was confirmed by his membership of the British Interplanetary Society (fd 1933) prior to 1940. While membership of the BIS is now respectable, Graham as a pre-war member, when the BIS was based in Liverpool, would have been regarded as an eccentric or worse. The BIS was reformed in London in 1945 and Graham was elected as fellow on 3rd April 1954.

He was amongst the founding members in 1952 of the British Branch (initiated by Denis P. Plunkett) of Albert Bender's International Flying Saucer Bureau of Bridgeport, Connecticut, which developed into the British Flying Saucer Bureau in 1953, in Bristol, Graham becoming Chairman. The BFSB is possibly the oldest live UFO group in the world and in the 1950s had over a 1000 members.

Graham was President of the London UFO Research Organisation in 1960, and became the founding-President of the British UFO Association in 1962. In the late 1960s he became a consultant to Spacelink magazine and spoke at its major symposium at Kensington library on "defining Ufology". At the 30th Anniversary Conference of BUFORA held in London on 19/9/92, Graham was given a framed Citation warmly noting his long-service to UFO research.

My personal memory of him is that of a good friend, a scientist and a gentleman who wore a traditional three piece suit when he went out. He leaves three daughters and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. (Lionel Beer).

THE SCOLE EXPERIMENT: Remarkable contacts are being claimed by a group communication at a location in Norfolk, which is to be published in a book called "The Scole Experiment". The Scole group claimed they communicated with the spirit world via a specially-set-up tape recorder. Images such as a face, and other "worlds" began to appear on film locked in a sealed box. Voices claiming to be from the far corners of the universe were also tracked - all this in presence of members of the Society for Psychical Research. (A detailed account of the activity was found in the Daily Mail of October 23/25, 99).

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SIGHTING INCIDENTS

Date: 24th July 1999
Place: The Point, Falmouth
Time: 11.30pm and also 1.35am

Credit: Data Research

A sighting form kindly sent in to CIUFOR from Mr. Evans told us that on Friday 24th July Mr. Evans and two friends drove out to the point in Falmouth to eat their burger supper and watch for shooting stars.

At 11.30pm a very bright light came in from the Southwest travelling very fast and very low. As it neared us it started to zigzag above us, it then continued on in a straight line then disappeared.

One of my friends requested to be taken home which I did and myself and the other friend then returned to the point at 1.35am. A light started to descend down from the sky it then flared very bright then shot straight upwards.

After seeing this on the 24th July it was decided-after being laughed at-that we would take a video camera and film anything that came into sight, and at 12.45 on the 29th July managed to film a light flaring up and managed to record this on tape.

Date: 11th March 1997
Place: Kwiathowski, USA
Time: 10.30 pm

Credit: Vera Perry USA

Mrs Vera Perry kindly sent in this report which states that about 10.30pm on 11th March 1999 Jaime and a friend were driving Southwest on Ohio 101 toward Clyde when they both saw an object moving very swiftly in the night sky. Her friend who was driving quickly sped up trying to catch up to the object.

Suddenly the object which looked like a black pyramid with three non-blinking white lights one on each corner one in the middle of the craft slowed down and hovered. Her friend was able to stop the vehicle underneath the craft. Her friend however upon turning the ignition off promptly got out of the vehicle and stood by the car door looking up. Jaime rolled her window down so she could put her head out and look at the craft.

Jaime said both she and her friend heard a low hum coming from the craft. Her friend at this point opened the drivers side door of his vehicle and started turning the light switch on and off as if in a signalling mode. There was an intensity of hum and suddenly the craft shot straight up looking like a shooting star as it quickly disappeared from sight.

The two were questioned afterwards if either had suffered any ill effects from the close exposure to the craft and they said they had not, and the vehicle they were travelling in was not troubled by the craft either.

They did report it to the Clyde Police Department and upon hearing the nature of her call were told they don't take those reports and suggested she call the Sheriff Department. The Sheriff Dept., then referred her to the Highway Patrol. The Highway Patrol were very much interested and took down everything she had to say and they were informed that they would notify the National UFO Reporting Centre in Seattle, Washington.

Jaime did receive a phone call later purporting to come from a Mr. Peter Davenport, executive director of the Centre.

Date: 14th March 1999

Credit: Ms Vera Perry - USA

Place: Fremont, Ohio

Time:

Vera telephoned Sandusky County Sheriff Department and asked to speak with Deputy Kyle Amor in connection with a UFO sighting at Fremont Ohio on Sunday March 14th 1999.

Deputy Amor had responded to a call from a Mr Mark Welton near the 700 block of County Road 126 around 11.36pm.

When Deputy Amor got to the place of the sighting he said all he could see was a bunch of coloured lights that were hovering really high up. He stayed there for ten minutes, but nothing happened significantly and he left and went back to the station.

Asking Deputy Amor for Mr Welton's number Vera was told this could not be given out. She then asked if they would call him on her behalf and request him to contact her. He agreed to this but she never received a telephone call from Mr. Welton or confirmation of the sighting.

Date: 10th May 1999

Credit: Data Research

Place Highworth, Nr. Swindon, Wilts.

Time: Daytime

Mrs Wilcox and her son were driving towards Swindon on the A420. They had passed the turning towards Highworth when her son drew her attention to a light in the sky. She replied that it was probably a reflection of a plane's fuselage.

Her son watched it for a few minutes and said it was a round silver object. Mrs Wilcox pulled into a lay-by and watched the object which did appear to be a round silver shape, it was travelling in line with an old contrail at approx. 20,000ft it then disappeared as though it had been switched off.

"We stood about for about 10 minutes trying to find a plane of any description but there was nothing to be seen in the sky at all. Approx. 20 minutes after the sighting the Sherpa which is a plane used at Weston on the green was flying in the same area".

They described the object as extremely bright.

Date: May 1999

Credit: Data Research

Place: Didcot, Oxon

Time: 10.00pm

Mr. B.H. was in a forecourt of a Dist. Centre when he saw a very bright light white in colour, moving at speed. There was no sound and he observed the light for approximate 2 minutes with another colleague, until it abruptly disappeared.

He said it was Orb shaped and as the general weather conditions were clear and bright himself and his friend could see it quite clearly.

Date: 27th May 1999

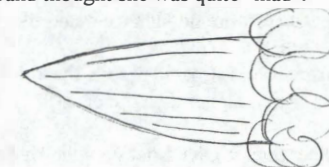
Credit: Data Research

Place: Polton, Bedfordshire

Time: 6.00pm

Mrs AB was lying in a hammock enjoying a few minutes of relaxation when she saw an object hovering above her. She had the distinct feeling it was assessing her in some way and she tried to speak to it. She then thought she ought to get her son to witness this. It sped away to the right then returned but didn't stay long enough for my son to come out from the house.

She described the object as an inverted triangle with an iridescent glow and her sighting lasted for approx. 6 minutes. She said her husband thought she was quite "mad".



Date: April 1997

Credit: Data Research

Place: Northway, Oxford.

Time: 10.30pm

After leaving Oxford City Football Club from a game that went into extra time we (four witnesses) started to walk across the field and noticed a red object in the sky next to Beckley tower. We stood watching for about 30 minutes trying mainly to figure out what it could be because it was so big. Bigger than anything I had seen or any of us had seen. It did not move or make any kind of noise. It was a cold night and we were already cold from watching the match so we just left it and came home.

A week or so later we heard on the radio that a woman travelling on the bypass in her car had also seen a similar object alongside that object which was coloured green.

Date: 27th March 1999

Credit: Data Research

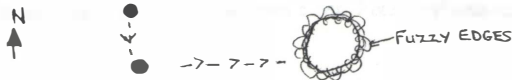
Place: Headington, Oxford

Time: 8.30pm

A Mr. BF saw an object which just looked like another star in the sky. He noticed it was moving from North to South fairly slowly. He thought it was a shooting star until it stopped. It stayed in this position for a few minutes then moved off in an easterly direction at about the same slow speed. It disappeared from sight behind one of the very few clouds in the sky.

It re-appeared a few minutes later moving in a westerly direction before coming to a stop again. It held that position for five minutes or so before heading in a S.S.E. direction at about the same speed again. The object then stopped just below 2 stars and held that position again.

Mr. BF watched for a further 5-6 minutes then gave up viewing as his neck ached and he re-entered his house.



Date: 30th June 1999
Place: Kingsbury, London
Time: 8.30pm-8.45pm.

Credit: Data Research

Mr. M.R. clearly a non believer in UFOs and was quite adamant about this and states this clearly on his sighting form as he always believed there is a logical explanation for everything.

The particular night in question he was travelling home as usual to Hertfordshire along the Slough Lane in Kingsbury, London. He was travelling in his vehicle and in an urban area, when he sighted an ellipsoid craft which was matt black in colour, there were no lights and no reflective shine.

The object followed a course, South to North parallel with the Edgware Road and when a passenger aircraft crossed its path the object appeared higher than the plane.

He stopped his car to watch the object until it glided out of sight. It actually only disappeared because it became too small to see.

Mr. M.R. is a perfectly rational man, he is an aviation fanatic and if anybody had told him a story like this he'd have claimed they were dreaming. He claims he knows about most aircraft and had 4 years in the RAF. He just knew it was nothing he could recognise whatsoever and it was not high enough for a satellite.

He was totally shaken up by the experience.

Date: 10th July 1999
Place: Woodcote, Oxon
Time: 6.30pm

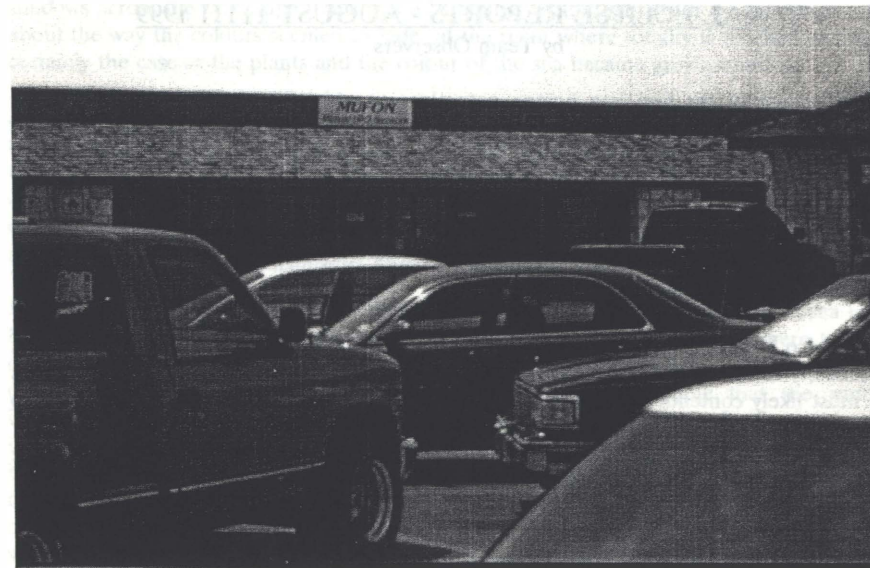
Credit: Data Research

Mr. JR was generally watching the sky and in particular aeroplanes that were in the vicinity including passenger planes into Heathrow Airport, London. Looking towards the SSE he watched a ball like object slowly moving across the night sky.

He described it "like a balloon" but seemingly way up into the distance of the sky, he was with his son and daughter in law, and they all witnessed the ball shaped object floating high above the planes almost into the distance. Had it not been for the daylight they would not have spotted it, but once they caught sight of it they saw it clearly floating across the sky.

It was extremely bright and moved in a straight projectory.

Mr. JR is familiar with conventional planes and has seen satellites, but he has never seen anything like this before.



MUFON VISIT

Our group member Mark was visiting a relative in Texas in April 1999 and called in to the office of Mufon for an introductory interview with Walt Andrus.

Mark's visit was purely "off the cuff" and an appointment was made for an informal chat with Walt on the second week of Mark's holiday.

After greetings, Mark was shown around MUFON which obviously showed a few of the Gulf Breeze UFO Photographs of which Walt Andrus had heavily investigated on several occasions.

Mark was very impressed with the part of a rocket which had accidentally landed in some-one's "back yard" which was on view in the Office.

Walt very kindly exchanged the Mufon Magazine with our Awareness magazine and after several minutes of cordiality they shook hands and parted company.

Although the meeting was brief it was a step forward to introducing us to the other side of the world and getting an insight on how a full time office dealing in UFO's operates.

We hope to see a repeat visit in the future with a mutual exchange of information. Well done Mark!

The total eclipse of the Sun is a unique natural event which occurs about 18 months on average somewhere in the world. Unfortunately the area of totality is a band only c20 miles wide so that few places ever have more than one total eclipse in a human lifetime. We knew many years in advance that the only British event in the second half of the 20th century was to be over Devon and Cornwall on August 11th 1999. The timing of 11.11 on the 11th day might also be considered a strange coincidence. After this event there will be a gap to 2090 before another British involvement, which presumably means nobody reading the accounts below will be around to see it!

At the Mexico total eclipse of 1991 many "UFO"s were seen and recorded on amateur video. Unfortunately there is still some doubt whether what was seen was astronomical, with Venus as the most likely contender. None-the-less this heralded a massive UFO flap over Mexico which is still active today according to filmed documentation. Did any UFOs materialise at our British eclipse - it seems nothing unusual was recorded, but weather conditions in the area of totality were pretty dismal. Here follows the location reports from 3 positions:

WITH HOWARD AMBLER AND FRIENDS AT SEATON, CORNWALL:

We arrived in Cornwall, the day before the eclipse on Tuesday August 10th. Considering the horror stories we had heard about the 8 hour traffic jams and delays due to the volume of people, it was remarkably clear and we arrived in very good time at the house of Contact Int's, Derek Mansell, where we were staying. The weather on arrival was very good and lead us to believe that the prospects of viewing the eclipse on the Wednesday might be reasonable against the dire weather forecasts proffered. By the Tuesday evening a lot more people had flocked into the county and the centre of Looe (which was the nearest town to us) was packed.

The next day we planned to view the eclipse from the cliff tops just outside Seaton where we were staying. We clambered up to the best all round viewpoint at about 9.30 ready for the start of the partial phase. Considering this was in the middle of nowhere there were a lot of other observers along the cliffs, and at least half a dozen in the spot we had chosen which looked over Looe Bay.

Equipped with Eclipse viewers, sunglasses and camera we settled down. Unfortunately the weather had drawn in, and the sky was blanket grey cloud as far as the eye could see with the very occasional break. During the partial phase, the Moon could be seen covering the Sun through these breaks and an excellent view was afforded if sunglasses with UV filtering were worn. All together we saw about 10 minutes of the partial phase at various times in the 80 minutes before totality. Every time the cloud broke slightly there was the inevitable "Pass the Sunglasses" and "Quick you can just see a glimpse of the eclipse".

During the last 30 minutes before totality the atmosphere markedly changed. The most noticeable change was in the temperature which dropped an estimated 10 degrees during the final phase before totality. At this point I realised that the T-shirt I was wearing was not quite the right eclipse viewing clothing. The other main feature was in the way the light levels changed - completely different from a normal sunset where the light fades and casts

shadows across the landscape - this was a "draining" of the light from the landscape. I read about the way the colours seemed to fade at the point where totality is reached and this was certainly the case as the plants and the colour of the sea became grey around us.

Just before totality started, the light started to diminish exponentially and went down as if on a dimmer switch that was being turned faster and faster. As darkness descended the first thing you became aware of was the HUGE number of people who were watching. This could be deduced by the thousands of camera flashes going off along the cliffs and especially on the quayside in Looe itself. Absolutely amazing numbers of flashes were going off into nowhere!!!! And then we were in DARKNESS!!!!

Looking around, you could see the flashes going off down the coast and out to sea in small boats. AMAZINGLY you could see the edge of the shadow out to sea where the eclipse cut off. This area was bright still, and just looked bizarre when we were emerged in complete darkness. Quickly taking photographs it was noticeable that the wind had increased slightly in the last 5 minutes, which I had also read about previously and that made it feel even colder. Someone then started letting off fireworks and playing music in the bay behind us, which spoilt the enormous tranquility and quiet of the whole experience. Then as quickly as it started, about 2 minutes later the cosmic dimmer switch was turned back the other way, and the light, colour and warmth flooded back across the landscape in great waves. We were left standing in silence and I was heard to mutter "Amazing, that was incredible". We hadn't seen the actual covering of the Sun or any of the other effects due to the cloud cover, or been far enough out to see the Umbra shadow go past at Mach 2. The whole experience just left you thinking that you were very small and insignificant in the wake of such a large astronomical event.

WITH MICHAEL SOPER AND FAMILY AT BODMIN MOOR CORNWALL:

A plain above Bodmin Moor was rapidly filled with cars roaming in all directions searching for a gap in the clouds - a weird art consisting of watching the road, the sky, the position of the Sun, and the speed and direction of the clouds all at once! Yet some seemed to manage this feat and waited for the moment of totality.

Always there are opposite reactions - one man we met later had driven from mid-Wales, whilst his wife did not even stir from the house in Wales to peek! Some camped and remained static under the heavy cloud on the moor whilst others raced round like collective lemmings!

As the hour neared for the gathering of lunar power, the separate camps chose their best location and stopped to watch the two circles in the sky starting to intersect. We found a layby and viewed the spectacle somewhere near the Truckle Valley.

The altocumulus prevented continuous observation, though amazingly the thin patches at the edges of the billows did permit a very clear view through the magnetic surface of a 3.5inch floppy disk throughout the event. The Moon like a cookie cutter bit a quarter, then a half, then three quarters of the Sun.

Amazingly the level of illumination of the scene did not seem to fluctuate until the sun was a very thin crescent - indeed like a brilliant shining very old moon. Now this effect was naturally due to dark adaption; however the monochrome scene did not reveal the dimming of colour values. In our layby there was a sudden chill wind about.

As the weird moment approached, the birds stopped singing and bullocks in a nearby field all lay down, and as the lunar triumph approached, the feeling of some angry god visiting was very intense with primordial hackles rising on spine and neck. The "diamond ring" effect was briefly observed before the "C" shape prior to totality became the curve of a "D" and the light started to increase. After about 5 minutes a cock crowed announcing the dawn and the cows got up again seemingly unmoved by the event.

Now moving away from our vantage we saw the Red Arrows air display team and free fall parachutists on the coasts ---- and then the astonishing exodus from Cornwall jammed the roads for miles!

WITH GEOFF AMBLER AT "P.O BOX 23" OXFORD.

I was interested to see just how dark the atmosphere would become in this area where the eclipse would be about 95% total. Having risen early to drive my wife down to Gatwick Airport, I noticed "mackerel" clouds in a fairly blue sky by 8.00 am. It wasn't too certain whether the clouds were going to intensify with 2 hours to go. At 10.00 it was looking like a miss but at 10.30 - a minor miracle - most of the cloud dispersed leaving a full hour of viewing over the period of totality.

Moving inside to see the TV coverage and outside for "live" viewing, I was able to get the best of both worlds. By 11.00 the disc of the sun was almost blacked out as I could see by using a pinhole camera back projection. My neighbour joined me with viewing goggles and I took some photographs with the dark eye shades over the camera lens. These actually came out showing just a slither of sunlight exposed as a thin crescent at the bottom left hand side and a few minutes later this had moved over the top right hand side indicating the maximum coverage had been reached. At 11.15 the light level dropped down to give a strange eerie half-light outside, but inside the house it was quite dark. No other unusual effects were observed and the temperature drop was perceived as only very slight.

Inspite of the barest crescent of sun-light being exposed at the moment of maximum shadow caused by the Moon, it was still impossible to look at the Sun illustrating the truly awesome power of our star. In fact many people would not have been aware a momentous natural event had taken place. My assertive neighbour left at 11.30 to complain why so few of the street occupants had come out to view - then that's Britain in 1999!

Further observations were made from Uffington White Horse Hill, by Ellis Taylor visiting from Australia. He reported a large crowd had gathered there, and it was remarkably calm at about the time of totality. Two photographs taken at the site showed strange dark lines running up the picture in a "wigwam" style; and on the other there appeared a white cross in the cloud and an obscure black object elsewhere.

A number of other reports to hand have indicated UFOs were seen, but these were certainly not major enough to feature in the blanket press coverage in Thursday 12th August newspapers. The unique changes in light and shade at around the time of the Total Eclipse might enable obscure markings on the ground or semi-invisible objects in the air to become discernible for a few short moments. Overall it looks as if most of those who visited Cornwall managed to see something, but those seeking to gain financially by providing over priced entertainment and accommodation burnt their fingers, with at least one major bankruptcy.

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MELTED MOUNTAINTOP STONES AND ANCIENT RECORDS

by Michael Soper.

SYNOPSIS: The author refers to areas of melted or vitrified stones on mountaintops in Scotland. These are coincidental with a dearth of early age settlements on high ground in these areas. He notes the proximity of North Sea Oil deposits at the same latitudes.

The cause he links with worldwide reports of falling naphtha and bitumen creating great fires c2400BC. There is speculative evidence that the planet Venus was not in its present stable position and might have made a close approach to Earth in 2400BC giving rise to the firestorms. Subtle evidence left by the ancient Egyptians and other civilisations is examined, with an expansion to Martian features and further afield.

INTRODUCTION: In Scotland there are extensive areas of melted mountaintop stones, which have long been an archaeological mystery, and various, not very convincing, explanations have centred around wood fires of various sorts. Unconvincing - because in Scotland there are frequent examples of these rocks requiring the burning of inconceivable amounts of wood not available in Britain. There is no explanation for this specific variation, and this paper proposes a reason for the mystery.

DETAILS OF ARGUMENT: For the purposes of calculation parallels of the National Grid, 10km system are scanned. This is not exactly parallel to the latitude lines but is much easier to refer to for the British Isles generally. Counting the number of Neolithic (3,500BC to 2,400BC), Bronze (2,400BC to 500BC) and Iron Age (500BC to 43AD) sites in each 10km wide strip, and the percentage that are on high ground (computed relative to the elevation of each strip on average), we find a very clear reduction of the percentage on high ground (which in the Highlands relates to a very big decrease in the average distance of the sites to water) - and less the conclusion be drawn that this is just due to preference for warmer temperatures lower down, there is a very clear distinction between pre 2400BC and post 2400BC in the distribution of sites in any case.

Circa 2400BC there are very many accounts of fires about the world and of falling naphtha and bitumen which presumably resulted in the bitumen lakes in the West Indies and Venezuela. For example, Psalms 105 mentions flaming fire, and Daniel (7,10) talks of "river of fire" and fiery stream. Midrash states: "Egyptians refused to let the Israelites go and he poured out naphtha on them causing blains". The voguls of Siberia relate that for seven winters and summers the fire has raged ... and burnt up the Earth. Numbers (11,1) states "the fire of the lord burnt among them and consumed them that were in the uttermost part of the camp" ... "And there came out the fire of the lord which consumed the two hundred and fifty men who offered incense". Popul Vuh (Mayan) ... "ruin and destruction ... the sea was piled up and ... was a great inundation people were drowned in a sticky substance from the sky ... the face of the Earth grew dark ... and there was the great din of fire above their heads"

Manuscript Quiche ... "there descended from the sky a rain of bitumen and sticky substance". (Mexican). Annals of Cuauhtitlan call this Quiauh-tonatiah ... "the sun of fire rain". Exodus (9,24) "meteorites and fire mixed with meteorites, very grievous ...". Petroleum became the holy flame, and all the oil producing nations of the world have descriptions of fire or naphtha from the sky at this time it transpires.

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THOUGHTS: Check in the chart where oil is available north of Dundee and these are the latitudes where the rocks on mountaintops are melted, and there is a strange dearth of Neolithic and Bronze age sites except a few very close to water.

MORE MATERIAL: Note the effect is very complete - prior to 2400BC there are 32 Neolithic sites of which 0 are on high ground and only 2 Bronze. Post 2400BC there are 31 Bronze and 93 Iron Age sites of which 22 are on high ground, and in the event that the sky was aflame with burning naphtha which has been reported worldwide at this time, it explains the melting of the rocks and the vanishing of the sites not near copious water supply about 2400BC.

FURTHER DIRECTIONS: Given that there is similar data available for the Mediterranean and the New World, the same analysis can be done there.

Velikovsky claimed in 1950 that Venus is a very recent newcomer to position 2 from the Sun in the Solar System, and claimed that the falls of naphtha were from the near miss caused by Venus cruising into position 2 which is occupied with almost zero eccentricity unlike Mars, Mercury and Uranus, and he collected in his book "Worlds in Collision", a prodigious number of early supportive records. Note also that Venus is not featured in astronomical records before 2400BC, whereas the less bright Jupiter, Mars and even Mercury were the only planets in the Babylonian system. Why was there no Venus, the third brightest object in the sky?

Note the Uranium system has been tilted 98° and Mars has been turned right over presumably losing atmosphere and water, and developing the dramatic huge Vallis Marineris. We also find Martian rocks on Earth.

On Earth itself, there is set out at Giza, Egypt, a Sphinx and the 3 great pyramids. Cheops and Micerinus pyramids are isosceles, but the third one, the intrusional and nonpatterned Cephren spoils the nice symmetry and is slightly smaller than the giant Cheops, but much larger than the tiny Micerinus clearly an intruder slightly smaller than the Earth at the place near Cairo called El Kahir (Mars) - which may be significant. Mars has a huge isosceles triangle of mountains near Tharsis, and a fourth which spoils the symmetry near the mid-point of the base.

Note also the Asteroid Belt points to the breakup of a cold body rather than the lack of coalescence of a hot body, and could the Red Spot on Jupiter mark where an asteroid sized body crashed on the surface relatively recently?

Here the villain of the piece, namely Venus, is still outgassing, whilst the carbon dioxide and sulphuric acid and petrochemical atmosphere is evidently the result of the sudden heating up within a short time scale of a relatively cold terrestrial type planet. (Carbonates and sulphates).

Astronomers agree that they were wrong in proclaiming that solar systems are stable. Running the dynamics of planetary systems on supercomputers has demonstrated that planets can be stable for a short time and then reorder themselves. In fact this could happen, but rarely, in our solar system. The model indicates that planets can even be cast completely out of the solar system - all with classical Lagrangian dynamics.

Venus comes in from the cold and establishes a perfect circular orbit about 2400BC. How

likely is this? The layout of the Martian mountains working with the isosceles triangles and also the relative sizes and volumes of the Giza pyramids can be shown to produce close approximations to the masses and orbital positions of Earth/Venus/Mars. For instance the cubes of the bases of the Giza complex are 756^3 , 706^3 , 356^3 and closely proportional to masses of Earth/Venus/Mars being 1 : 0.82 : 0.107.

Is this perfect record of events on Mars by mountains and on Earth by pyramids a clear message from the Ancient Astronauts that we have an unstable interloper in our midst? Note that Mars, Mercury and Uranus all have eccentric orbits whilst the newcomer, Venus, is perfect in every way. It is very difficult to detect any noncircularity in the orbit of Venus, whereas Mars appears to drift crazily.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS: The very interesting information from early records that the Earth was bombarded by bitumen and naphtha around 2400BC is the only reasonable solid evidence here. The suggestion that Venus passed close by only c4400 years ago, a very micro-sized time passage in terms of astronomical or geological periods, might suggest much instability still remaining in our part of the Solar System, which is plainly not the case. (Just how close was the passage?) The point that Venus is still very fiery and hot compared to the other inner planets of Mercury, Earth and Mars might indicate that it does have different history although not significantly connected to 2400BC.

There is some implication by the author that Earth oil deposits may have resulted from the bitumen/naphtha falls. Indeed North Sea oil has a lighter colour and consistency than Middle East crude, but in all cases oil is found deep down in the ground below the top layers of silt, sand or rock and is understood to have been created by the massive compression of prehistoric vegetation. Reports of falls from all oil producing regions may be fact, but only a fraction of the planet was inhabited by civilised races in 2400BC able to produce a coherent record. It is not clear just how many continents or if even the whole planet was inundated in 2400BC.

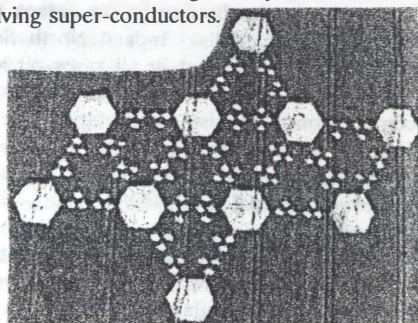
Speculation on Martian mountains and alignments of the pyramids of Giza now seem to be presented as the answer to many unsolved mysteries. Most recent literature seems to be pointing out the similarity of the alignment of the 3 pyramids to the stars in the belt of constellation Orion rather than any representation of the inner planets. The "artificial" Martian features are gradually being reduced in viability as the probes get closer and closer photographs.

We would welcome any further information on bitumen/naphtha falls c2400BC. A spectacular volcanic eruption somewhere in an "unknown" part of the world might offer a more prosaic explanation or could alien activity be possible? The effects of the massive Krakatoa eruption in 1883 were recorded all round the world with tidal waves, spectacular sunsets etc. Indeed, a similarly placed event in the East Indies in 2400BC would have been unknown to the civilisations of the Middle East and Latin America, save for the traumatic effects recorded for posterity or discovered by scientific work in the modern world.

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by Geoff Ambler

Once again a bewildering array of mostly perfectly formed crop formations ranging in size from 50 to 1000 ft across graced British fields during 1999. From a start as early as April 5th events were recorded right through to September 2nd giving a season of nearly 5 months. The most widely used website, the Crop Circle Connector, logged on 143 formations so overall there could have been over 200. Most of the reported events comprised multiple features with only a few single circles amongst them. The record was again broken for the number of single circles used to make up one particular design rising to 238 from 204 on a formation at Windmill Hill, Avebury on July 16th. This was a strange array of small circles along the edge of a square and was certainly not the most elegant of the designs on offer. The length record of $\frac{3}{4}$ mile was not surpassed this year. At the peak of the season around mid-July when most formations come down in ripening wheat, the most typical designs were 300ft wide circles enclosing complex motifs like heraldic coats-of-arms of exquisite symmetry and design flair at places such as Barbury Castle, Chiseldon, Cherhill White Horse and the Devil's Den (All in Wiltshire). At Barbury Castle (near Swindon), a magnificent view was had looking down from the far west ramparts at a simple design of 3 interlocking crescents at the centre of a huge plain circle with just a thin raised ring inside as the only other feature. Other designs were coiled serpents and unusual geometry like a recall of the "NATO logo" at Silbury Hill. Perhaps the most weird was a latticed array of hexagons numbering about 125 in two sizes resembling "Buckyballs", a term used in nanotechnology which is a new science involving super-conductors.



Distribution of events showed no surprises again with around half of the main designs in north Wiltshire close to Avebury. This of course points to hoaxing, but to maintain an interest over 5 months and not get caught takes some doing. One major creation was unveiled as a hoax and had apparently been commissioned by the Daily Mail (see over). Elsewhere there were the usual complex designs in Hampshire covering a much wider area of the county than in the past. Strong activity was recorded between Bristol and Bath in the Somerset/Avon hills, and many more than in recent years in Oxfordshire and Sussex. Kent and Yorkshire also reported some good formations, but only a few others appeared in counties outside those mentioned. Bearing in mind there are vast crop growing areas in Devon, Hereford/Worcester, East Anglia and swathes of central England, it is debateable whether we are missing formations because of lack of observers, or whether certain features on the terrain are necessary for circles to appear.

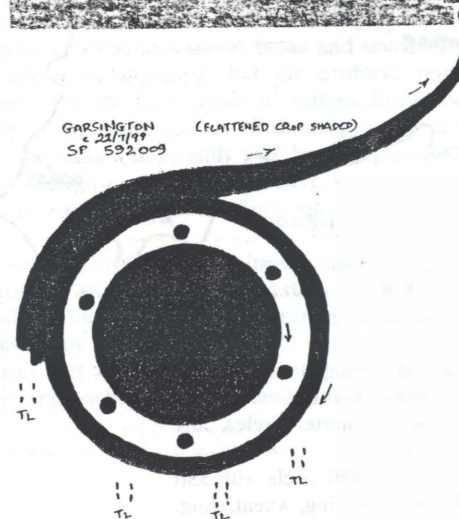
OXFORDSHIRE INVESTIGATION: The Oxfordshire fields were watched in detail by the writer, other CIUFOR staff, and members of the local crop circle group. A total of 11 events were reported, more than double the previous two years. The distribution into

locations was as follows:

- 4 close to Garsington, 3 miles east of Oxford. (Hilly area, but circles on low ground).
- 2 in the general Burford area near the villages of Asthall and Chilson. (Hilly area, but circles found on low ground).
- 2 at Oxford Airport, Kidlington - either end of the runways (Low ground)
- 2 near Playhatch, Caversham at the far south of the county off the A4155 road. (Slightly hilly terrain).
- 1 at Far ingdon just off the A420 Oxford-Swindon road. (Flat terrain).

Thus we had 5 locations in general, (Oxford Airport, Faringdon new), but any common link with sacred sites, ley-lines or water is not established. Tests carried out by the writer on the crops at 9 of the sites indicated energy above normal levels was present. There were no claims of "ownership" to any formation and other than the work of group members in locating sites were a few tip-offs from Garsington residents who wished to remain private.

A diagram of the county showing location points is set out below with details of the 11 found crop formations. This may give a "purer" indication of trends than the highly infiltrated Wiltshire scene.

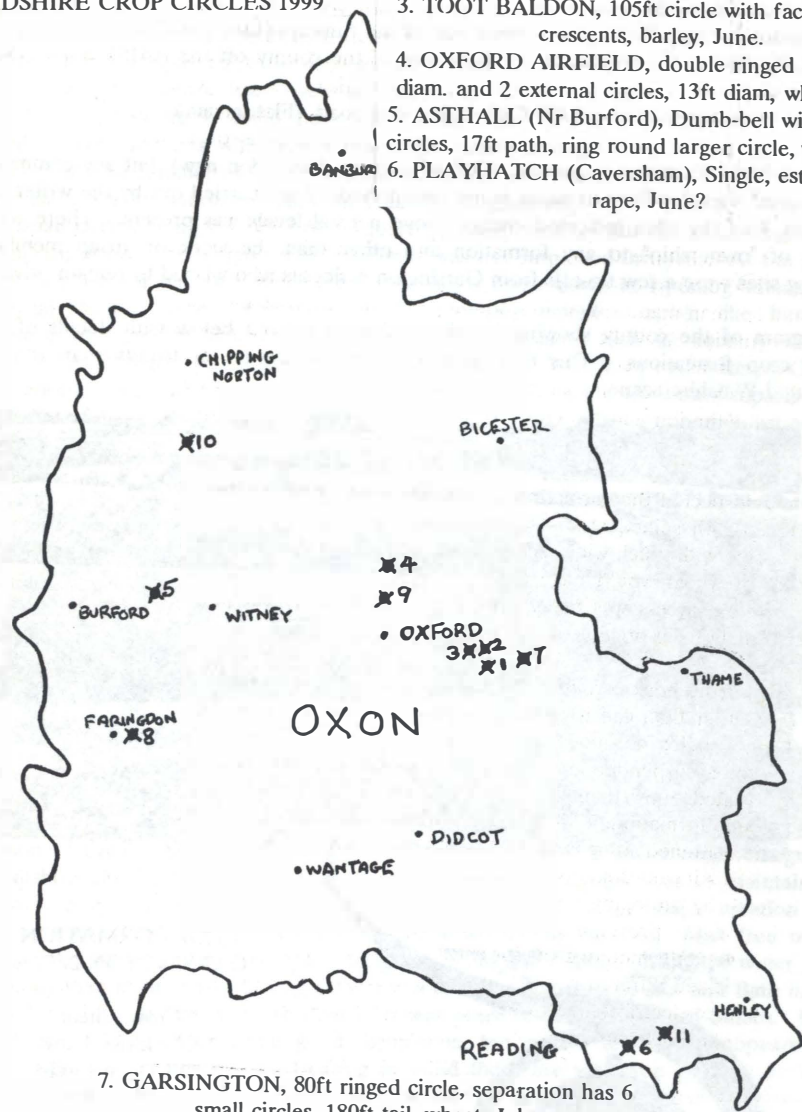


CROP FORMATION
GARSINGTON 22/7/99

- * Crop Wheat
- * Clockwise Flow
- * 80ft Diam Circle
- * 7ft Wide Ring
- * 180 Ft Long Looping "Tail"
- * 6 Grapeshot Circles of 5ft Diam in 14ft Separation.

(Photo: Geoff Ambler)

OXFORDSHIRE CROP CIRCLES 1999



1. TOOT BALDON, 50ft single, rape, April or May
2. TOOT BALDON, 99ft ring, 12ft wide, with 57ft arm, barley, May.
3. TOOT BALDON, 105ft circle with facing raised crescents, barley, June.
4. OXFORD AIRFIELD, double ringed circle, 40ft diam. and 2 external circles, 13ft diam, wheat, June.
5. ASTHALL (Nr Burford), Dumb-bell with 35ft/30ft circles, 17ft path, ring round larger circle, wheat, July
6. PLAYHATCH (Caversham), Single, est 50ft diam, rape, June?

7. GARSINGTON, 80ft ringed circle, separation has 6 small circles, 180ft tail, wheat, July
8. FARINGDON, long c240ft pictogram in 3 sections barley, June?
9. OXFORD AIRFIELD, small ringed circle seen from the air, linseed?, July.
10. CHILSON (Nr Charlbury) 2 quarter circles, 56ft diam, wheat, July
11. PLAYHATCH (Caversham) 84ft circle with 33ft crescent alongside inside 10ft wide ring, wheat, Aug.

THE DAILY MAIL HOAX: It was well into August before the usual media attempts to "spoil the fun" emerged. In 1998 the BBC commissioned hoaxers Lundberg and Dickinson to produce a formation of 100 circles and Mitsubishi used the same people to "design a car" in the East Field at Alton Barnes. On the night of July 28th -29th, the above pair and at least 5 others - known as "Team Satan" were employed by the Daily Mail (circulation 2 million plus) to cock-a-snook at the experts and produce a major event right at the heart of the crop circle territory near Avebury. This comprised of a huge c400 ft flattened circle containing 30 small (about 10 ft diam) raised circles in a triangular array, and a pattern of paths crossing over these circles lining up to form hexagons or cubes if looked at in 3 dimensions.

The story turned up in the Mail of August 7th (Sat) so 10 days had elapsed since the day of discovery in which time the reporter, Sam Taylor, tried to catch out as many "experts" as possible. There were quoted claims of miracle healings and many who said the formation could not be man-made. The first viewing on the Internet indeed looked impressive, but with 15 formations a week being registered in late July there was not enough time to pick out individuals as suspect. In fact when the best, almost overhead, photograph of the formation was seen the defects became apparent with many of the 30 standing circles varying in area and definition and the lattice of hexagons missing out several arms and others poorly defined.

The writer inspected the formation on August 15th by which time the whole flattened area was covered with spilled grains - a fair indication of a hoax. The crop was very tall and extremely ripe with much wider spacing between plants than many other fields visited. In fact this batch of wheat would have flattened very easily by stomping. The field was an old favourite where access was easily available from Avebury car park and the scene of many suspect formations in previous years.

The layout of the hoax certainly impressed innocent visitors - but applying 3 tests of energy detection (rather than call it dowsing) - there was no movement of a bent rod on the edge of the huge circle; no movement of a suspended pendulum inside the circle; and no movement of a suspended pendulum over grains removed from the site. On every 1999 formation visited other than this one all tests had reacted positively. The principle is that over a genuine formation, a large energy field remains around the site after the event and all crop in the flattened area is permanently imbued with "energy" that effects its molecular structure. This includes stems, husks and seeds. It is not possible for humans to reproduce these effects by stomping, but the problem remains - objectivity - with dowers often disagreeing on the provenance of various formations. Detecting underground water etc is done by very subtle methods of dowsing, but a large static energy field above ground may need to be tackled differently and the rods/pendulums could be tested against reactions near to high voltage electrical lines where we know there is an electromagnetic discharge (or rather the authorities would rather you didn't know!)

After trekking 100s of miles again over the season, one senses the "circlemakers" are somehow all around us. They show us mastery of many areas of knowledge by subliminal methods - like products that never name themselves (e.g Guinness) but who you subconsciously know. There is just enough evidence to see we are dealing with something profound and operating at different levels of consciousness. The "Take Me To Your Leader" approach is both naive and redundant!

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UFOs, THE OFFICIAL SECRETS ACT, AND THE JOINT INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE - A BREAKTHROUGH

By Nick Redfern

Has the British Government ever employed the use of the Official Secrets Act to silence those implicated in the UFO subject? To those armchair researchers who proclaim that such an idea is absurd, I say: "Think again".

In my first book, *A Covert Agenda*, I presented clear evidence via officially-released documents now available at the Public Record Office at Kew, that in both 1953 and 1956 orders were circulated throughout the RAF warning personnel not to talk about the UFO issue outside of official channels; however the records which had been declassified at the time I wrote the book did not directly reference the OSA or its potential use from a ufological perspective. Nevertheless, I was able to present the testimony of a number of individuals (some with media ties) who asserted that the OSA had been used to keeping the truth surrounding UFOs under wraps.

Via a file I secured only days ago from the PRO, however, I am now able to prove conclusively that UFOs and the Official Secrets Act go hand in hand. Exactly why the Government has chosen to release this file is a mystery in itself, given that it sharply contradicts past assertions.

The file in question (titled "UFO Policy") covers the period 1958 to 1963 and revolves round UFO investigations undertaken by various Air Ministry departments during that time frame. Contained within the file is a 6-page document dating from November 1960 and circulated at "Secret" level throughout the Royal Air Force. Like earlier papers, it details the procedures to be followed in the event that military radar operators, RAF pilots, civil pilots or members of the public should report a UFO.

Interestingly, however, the paper in question contains two eye-opening revelations. First it states that in situations where UFOs were tracked on radar, any military aircraft in the vicinity were to be diverted from their normal flight to "investigate the phenomena". Second, and far more significant, is the Air Ministry's overwhelming desire to prevent the media and the public learning about such intrusions, trackings and interceptions. I quote from the paper in question:

"The Press are never to be given information about unusual radar sightings. Unauthorised disclosures of this type will be viewed as offences under the Official Secrets Act."

Although brief in nature, this document (which remained in use until the formation of the MoD on 1 April 1964 - how appropriate) makes it abundantly clear that the UFO issue was indeed covered by the OSA.

On another - but equally important - matter, the file in question also makes a very brief reference to a pre-1959 study of the UFO mystery carried out by none other than the British Government's Joint Intelligence Committee (JIC)! Certainly it has long been recognised that at various times since the late 1940s investigations into UFO encounters have been undertaken by the Royal Air Force, the Air Ministry and the Ministry of Defence. However, the revelation that the JIC also carried out an investigation more than 40 years ago is of great significance. Why so?

First the membership of the JIC includes not just elite personnel from the MoD, the Treasury and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, but also the heads of M15, M16 and the Government Communications Headquarters at Cheltenham - GCHQ!

Second, the fact that (to my knowledge) no rumours have ever circulated to the effect that the JIC undertook its own UFO investigation programme in the late 1940s or 1950s, is an indication of the level of secrecy that surrounded the project.

The files at the Public Record Office concerning the JIC make no reference to a 1940s/50s UFO investigation; however, I am now actively looking to resolve this issue via several methods and hope ultimately to reveal further findings at a later date. At this stage, the extent to which any of this may have a bearing on the allegations of direct UFO studies undertaken by GCHQ, M15 and M16 both decades ago and in the present day, can only be guessed at.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT: CIUFOR visited the Public Records Office in March this year (See report in *Awareness* 23.2 pp 15-18). Nick Redfern has spent a great deal longer there than us and come up with what appears to be some startling revelations. However investigating UFOs is one thing, but a quantum leap is having captured craft and aliens on ice in the freezer! Have any of these well meaning civil servants established anything we don't already know? The reason why so many groups have appeared to get involved in the subject is probably due to the usual bureaucratic bunglings, changes of government and "empire building" that occur in all big organisations. Nick makes it sound very dramatic - well it would be if it were more than just reams of filed reports!

ALIEN ACTIVITY IN THE TENDRING PENINSULA, ESSEX

by Michael Joyce*

Tendring Peninsula situated on the east of Essex covers an area of about 130 square miles with a population of about 130,000. The coastline, which is part of and encapsulates this parcel of land, stretches from the port of Harwich to Point Clear (near Brightlingsea).

Although UFO activity of the familiar disks, triangles and "Earth-light" types have not been reported in great abundance as in previous years, Essex UFO Research Group, also known as the Essex UFO and Paranormal Research Group, is the recipient of a most unusual/unfamiliar and spectacular object.

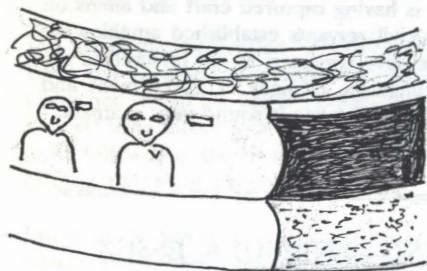
A few months ago, a resident in this region brought to my attention, as organiser of the group, to this extraordinary sighting. During 1994 and 1996 several hours of UFO footage were captured on camcorder. The sightings were made and recorded chiefly during the hours of darkness.

The spectacular footage shows a cone shaped object, which appears to consist of weathered and pitted stones of grey hue, associated with hundreds of white lights. These are sometimes circular, oval or irregular, and can move and distort. Sometimes the smaller ones

which appear circular and to be scattered all over the object, fly on and off at random, like the end of glass fibre optics.

The larger white lights on the footage reveal such fantastic detail, when coloured lights, mainly blues, greens or reds appear either below or around them. They flash, sparkle, and distort, resembling the spectral colours exhibited in the Northern Lights (aurora borealis). I believe that the aurora borealis is produced by the ionisation of the air by interaction between electromagnetic radiation from the sun and Earth's magnetic field. The ionised atoms then couple up again releasing the energy that initially caused the ionisation, as a beautiful display of colour. I suspect that these mysterious lights are causing ionisation of the surrounding air, affecting mainly the oxygen, nitrogen, neon, krypton, helium, argon, and xenon components of air. Oxygen gas will produce red emissions, when it is ionised. It can be deduced that the UFO has strong electromagnetic fields, which interfere with and ionise (some of) the gases in the air around it.

The owner of the footage has shown me a most interesting frame, which seems to show occupants of this magnificent object. I think that their green appearance, in the photo taken from the video whilst shown on a TV, might be due to reflections from the craft's interior, or indeed the type of surface on which the image has been formed. The definition of beings with large heads and narrow shoulders are obvious to the observer. Curved windows are also noticeable in the image.

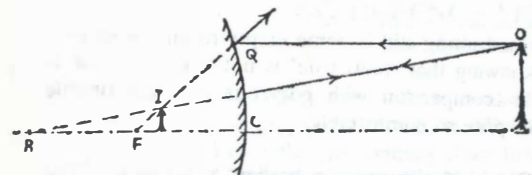
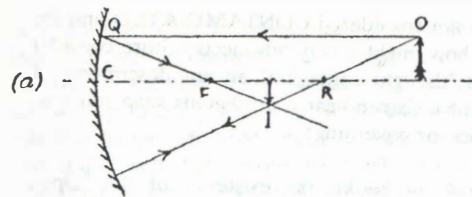


On the right hand side there appears to be a flap, with a curved edge, which throws a shadow below it, a reflection of something solid. The white narrow slit or bar could indicate light from within the craft causing the shadow, which is reflected in the material on the outside. Two, perhaps three beings seem to be observing the "opening" of the flap.

At first glance the image is somewhat bewildering and it has taken much discussion with the owner of this important record to understand it, using Earth science principles, so that an accurate opinion is forthcoming, based on what we see. At the present time the owner does not wish the photos to be published, but will allow my sketch.

The question to be asked is "how is their image projected on the outside of the object?" It can be deduced that this particular section is curved since the edge of the flap and its reflected image reflection gives this impression. Assuming that the inside of the flap and the exterior of the craft have a reflective property, then we are observing the principles of reflection in and the formation of images on convex and concave surfaces. The physics is given overleaf.

These principles will now be applied to the sketch. If the beings are near the flap, then an upright image on the concave surface much bigger than them will form on the inside of the flap (diagram b). A further image can then form on the exterior of the concave surface. An observer in an appropriate alignment, in this case the camcorder, will pick up the image, upright and smaller in accordance to the second diagram.



Diagrams (a) and (b) show the science of concave surfaces:
In the following diagrams, the subject, O, and its image, I, are depicted by arrows. When the subject is behind R, which corresponds to the imaginary centre of a curved surface, the reflective surface on the left produces an inverted image, smaller than the subject

When the subject is closer to the reflective surface, the image is much larger and upright.

In the diagram alongside using a convex reflective surface, the subject, O, produces a reflected upright image, which is smaller than the subject is produced.

The image also contains windows, which at first glance appear to be the occupants' eyes. However these are images of windows behind the beings, reflected according to the laws of reflection, as I have explained above.

The image, then, seems to be a composite of beings with unusually large heads and very narrow shoulders, and windows on an alien craft.

Perhaps we are viewing the first true pictures of extraterrestrial beings.

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IS EARTH CONTAMINATED? - ENQUIRY

by Michael Soper

In response to the question - why do alien visitors or inhabitants not immediately make themselves known publically to the local population? - the usual answer is given that experimental procedures may be upset or visiting the natives too blatantly is not good anthropology! Yet naturally there are many other options, which not having alien psychology we might find rather difficult to imagine, and if pressed publicly, then this is the best "BC" - that is "BBCally correct" answer in fact.

However prompted by some of the very dramatic Russian cases, (did you know there is a Russian "Roswell" and "Russian Autopsy" film) there is one case where the visiting humanoid gave a very direct answer--

Because of "thought bacteria"--

Which means that on a conceptual level humans are considered CONTAMINATED and for a few milliseconds this seems rather funny, yet, how might a very advanced culture consider the seething mass of the human race? Is not "thought contagion" an apt description of cultures that are capable of electing to parliament a sixteen year old religious soap star who has often expressed complete uninterest in politics, or governing?

Consider that despite the widespread availability of books, the existence of the "Open University", and continual factual TV average education in Britain is not even at a high enough level for the debate about institutional or natural education to have any role, and Britain is one of the most educated countries in the world. Additionally on the hypothesis of one (or zero) true religions, what does the existence of 500 triumphantly distinct world religions suggest - mental hygiene - or some other option. At least half the population of the world (6 billion) has a religion which means, at a conservative estimate, 1½ billion have a false belief (assuming the most numerous sect is correct) and these are destined for perdition. This figure rises to 4½ billion if the non-believers are added. I should definitely say we do have thought bacteria - how can any rest easy with the thought that 1½ billion others are doomed religiously?

Considering what mental hygiene is - this is not sitting still in some empty room having only BC thoughts. Mental hygiene consists of knowing that "feels true" is not true and truth is actually uncomfortable and impoverished in comparison with gorgeous and comfortable popular misconceptions which fill the mental space so comfortably.

Colin Wilson, the genius who wrote "The Outsider" also wrote a brilliant novel called "The Mind Parasites", and the book "Religion and the Rebel" which Fleet Street spat on immediately. Note the latter book contains the stunning phrase: "Ouspensky knew, as clearly as Gurdjieff knew, that the only purpose of knowledge is (always) to (actually) BE MORE". Yet the greater achievement is the novel since this shows very clearly that Colin Wilson, mystics, and the famed astrophysicist, Professor Sir Fred Hoyle are correct - we actually do live with dimensional beings which can appear as anything, some of which have mind dimming powers, and which do not share our values in the slightest. You can check what Fred Hoyle said at a press conference in Summer 1971 in the appendix to Colin Wilson's "Mysteries" and in "Fate" magazine September 1971 for the record.

Naturally there are two aspects here - the first is our bad mind habits, which does not mean failure to think logically - since not even the world obeys classical logic, obeying quantum logic instead. These bad habits include not recognising our own slight feeling tones in comparison with the effects of external forces like pheromones in a crowd for example; not seeing that ceremonials can induce powerful emotions in individuals who are not intrinsically committed to the ideology of the ceremonial. For example a bad play can cause intense emotion yet not be worth remembering. Note it is important the psychology that says that these emotional surges represent released repressions of the ideology, is obsolete and false, pre the discoveries about our sociochemical nature. Second aspect is the "hidden persuaders" viewpoint - essential reading for democrats, that shows that all are constantly worked over by subliminal influences which constantly utilise WHAT WE CANNOT BRING OURSELVES TO SEE to sell products. In the event the background to the product is UNSEEABLE and we distract ourselves by reacting to the product.

Now what has all this "invisibility stuff" to actually do with the UFO phenomena? A very great deal - because any race that has been studying humanity as scientists will have checked first what we can and cannot sense, and then like any good experimenter will have made

sure that their observations are not observable. When "the subjects" do get close to noticing, then they will be distracted by a vision in the sky which only they can see - and the effect this has on the rest of the human herd is that the "UFO witness" cannot actually be quite squared up to being an "interesting" "exception that proves the rule" in their view, whatever rule that happens to boldly be, and then the experimental observations can continue with the odd null result from those who have seen UFOs, though perhaps those form another experimental set. Note that the reason for a previous article in Awareness concerning purple blobs only visible on film (Vol 23.1 pp 20-21), because the theory is, that at night the observers adopt the same colour as visual purple, the "nightsight" pigment in the eye, and the only nocturnal frequency that we cannot see. Why not black - perhaps they need to see us and can see in the ultra violet like insects.

Higher observational points are likely to appear spherical, and at night are faint purple spheres, which from time to time have been photographed.

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NO DEFENCE SIGNIFICANCE!

by Malcolm Robinson

"Of No Defence Significance". These are the famous words used extensively by not only the U.S. Military and Government officials, but also our own bunch of clerical pen pushers deep within the confines of the British Ministry of Defence in Whitehall London. Again, "Of No Defence Significance". I've personally lost track of the many times that I've written off to the British MoD in request of information on a particular Scottish UFO sighting, only to be met by these words in letter form. Let's think about these words for a moment, "Of No Defence Significance", and let's speculate here. Do they, (the MoD), know more than they are letting on? It would appear so.

The sterling work carried out by American UFO researcher, Stanton Freidman shown in his impressive book, "*Top Secret Majic*", clearly showed that there is indeed an American Government UFO cover up. The Freedom of information files that were eventually released to the public, also showed how extensive this 'cover up' really was. And as more and more documents come out from the Freedom of Information act in the U.S. the more we see how big a part the U.S. Government, the CIA, FBI, and NSA play in looking into the UFO phenomena, and yet they would claim that their interest in such matters closed in 1969 with the close of Project Blue Book. Not so.

But these words, "Of No Defence Significance" somehow troubled me, they somehow eat away at me, make me feel that something is not quite right. To me it's almost like the MoD saying "*Hey, we know what UFOs are, we know all about the 'aliens', we know their agenda, what they are here for, and hey, it's no big deal. They do not want to rule the world. They do not want to openly contact us, and moreover, they do not wish us any real harm.*" "No Defence Significance". In other words, we (The U.S. and British Governments, know full well what's going on, and it ain't gonna harm you the public, this ain't no big deal !!)

Is this scenario true? Is this what's really going on? Do the U.S and British Governments "really" know the score and are not too concerned, simply because there really is "no threat", "no worry", and equally, "No Defence Significance"? Well, I'll tell you what, the more I think about it, the more evidence I see, the more of my colleagues I talk to, and the more quality books I read, all make me believe that we,

Joe Public, are pawns in a covert MoD chess game, in which they (the MoD) have us firmly in 'check'. Some would say that this is all pure speculation on my part, and I guess this could be so, but without speculation, we UFOlogists would not be able to attain thoughtful logic and reasoning to prize open the lid of secrets within Whitehall.

In this world, nothing really surprises me any more, and I am prepared (on a personal basis) to look at everything no matter how silly or unrational it may seem. We must never shrink from casting out thoughts out in directions where others fear to tread. For within the thoughts of many, lie discoveries of immense proportions. The 'closed mind' syndrome won't get us anywhere.

But how can we prove that Whitehall really know what's going on in regards to UFOs and their agenda. Will pressure from UFO societies, petitions and pressurising our local M.Ps really get us any nearer to finding out the truth? Probably not. But without pressure and the continuing and unletting up of our collective voice that we 'demand' the release of documents pertaining to UFO sightings in this country, we will never be able to show how serious we as UFOlogists treat this issue.

So the next time you hear those famous words, "Of NO Defence Significance", just remember that there are sufficient cases right now, which clearly show that the British MoD **DO KNOW** what's going on. They are not being truthful with you. This is deceit of the highest order, and I can only hope that all UFOlogists unite, get behind one another, inform your local M.P. about this situation, and generally keep the pressure on the MoD into 'coming clean', it may be a while, but without the pressure, we won't get anywhere. It's up to "YOU" to act now. We need your support.

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REVIEW

SOUTHAMPTON UFO GROUP CONFERENCE 24/10/99

Four of CIUFOR's members braved the heavy rain and took the drive to Southampton to Steve Gerrard's Conference'99. It was well worth the trip.

We were impressed with the Conference facilities at the Solent Suite as a whole although Steve did warn us in advance to bring a pack lunch but there were outside eating/ale houses within easy reach of the centre if needed.

The Introductory Speech given by Steve was to the point and we were then launched into an entertaining and informative Russel Callaghan.

Russel showed the Kenneth Arnold interview after Arnold had landed his plane and told of seeing saucers skipping across the sky. The "actual dialogue" of the interview showed the genuine interest of reporters into what it was he'd claimed to have witnessed. The Concorde UFO which by now most people would have seen on either UFO footage or TV media footage showed Alan Tanner's "Explanation" as to it being a genuine unexplained object - I for one never doubted this to be so. The interesting film footage from

good old Chris Rolfe - a very active Ufologist of UFOMEK this was great and even to the Gulf Breeze sighting of which measurements were analysed using computers and pixels. Altogether an inspiring and interesting programme put together by an excellent speaker.

Malcolm Robinson was to me a man I could have listened to all day. Malcolm joined various groups in his early years and then started Strange Phenomena Investigations. (SPI). Malcolm is of the opinion if you are interested in a subject, then go out there and do the field work which is precisely what he did. He is interested in Ghost, Paranormal, UFOs etc., anything out of the ordinary, and he enjoys interviewing people which comes over very clearly in his talk. I was impressed by the "actual" ripped trousers which Malcolm recovered from the Robert Taylor sighting (the Forestry man in Livingston who was attacked by two ball shaped objects with five spikes protruding from the outside of them) after seeing a landed UFO in a clearing. There is nothing better than hard evidence to view! Another interesting sighting which kept the audience enthralled was the "Colin and Gary event" of a disc shaped object near Edinburgh. Malcolm explained the interesting fact was that the two were driving in a car and they went through a "veil of shimmering snow effect curtain" which sent them into total darkness. The scenario being that they found through dreams etc., that they had been on board a craft with greys examining them whilst they were naked and that other male and female persons were on board as well. They were absolutely terrified of their experience. Finally the Jane and Mary Morrison sighting whilst driving home in September 1996 who saw a dark triangular craft emitting 3 tubular lights down into some trees, the object veered up and flew away in seconds. Jane and Mary revisited the scene later that same evening with Mary's children in the car and they saw beings in "bubbles" and saw masses of lights trickling down. Malcolm interviewed Mary and her 10 year old son remarked "why don't you ask the beings these questions yourself" - and Malcolm asked if he could see them and he replied he could they were by the window. Interesting - was he looking into another dimension - his mother was afraid but could see that if she looked through the veil she would see them as well. All brilliant interviewing and riveting stuff.

Finally the "Master" of UFO Magazine Graham Birdsall. His genuine appeal to the audience and to all UFO Groups as a whole - to come out with all the information on UFOs as that was what he was there for as a shouting post for us all to claim recognition for what UFOs were all about. Good Sense there. Graham went into Animal Mutilation Cases of which of course was pioneered originally by the American Ms Linda Moulton-Howe. Grahams appeal went out into the Farmers Weekly which bought forward a few British animal mutilation cases. The Yonaguni discovery under the China seas off the coast of Japan was extremely interesting where this underwater monument is supposed to be of huge dimensions possibly built c10,000 years ago, and in perfect alignment with the Pyramids of Egypt. His belief of 11th December 1996 that "Origins" was the true start of the recognition of UFOLOGY and finally the Y2K syndrome to make us all sit up and take note. "Check it out" he stated, OPERATION SURETY or ABACAS get your bottled water in and stock pile before the Millennium hits as it will be needed if Water or Electricity fails. Food for thought Folks!

Lionel Beer found 1965 a fascinating year for Ufology and told us about an interesting case he had been involved with and the correlation's there were between different stories from the people interviewed that actually lent credence to the UFO sighting.

A stunning video clip at the end!

Well done SUFOG a great day was had by all including the thought for the New Year.

Frances A Copeland

The AGM took place at the Inner Bookshop Meeting Room at 8.00pm on Wednesday 30th June 1999. Those present were G.Ambler, F. Copeland, B. Foley, L. Dellow, T.Broad and M. Soper.

Mr. G. Amber opened the meeting and proposed F. Copeland to be appointed acting Chairperson for the evening. B. Foley 2nd the proposal.

Treasurers Report. A copy of this report (attachment 1) was handed out to all and the contents were discussed. G. Ambler felt that no Conference could be undertaken bearing in mind the state of the Bank which stands at £577.00 approx. The transfer of the Building Society Account being now closed to boost up the current account.

The treasurer still has one outstanding account to pay for the Hotline telephone and the magazine has gone to print for the 2nd quarter, which will be another account to pay. Therefore in the region of £130 has to come out of the account.

Secretary Report. (attachment 2) F. Copeland reported the lack of enquiries and this was discussed round the room. There seems to be no solution to the downturn in both membership and enquiries except that Contact seems to have been more fortunate than most having managed to keep afloat which is all we can ask at present.

Media Report. M. Soper our Media-Man reported that there had been 3 TV appearances which involved UFO discussions, an Oxford Union Debate - which UFO's were voted in and various newspaper reports over the past 17 months.

Investigation Report. After following up several lines of enquiries, there are still some ongoing, B. Foley reported that investigations were very thin on the ground. He has dealt with the Hot-line calls mostly on enquiries and liaisons with other group leaders etc., This is a very useful medium as it keeps Contact in touch with what is going on nationally.

Library Report. This has been a very useful source and at present the only book out on loan is to Mr. Andrew Searle of Wales who is due to report back to us on a very good case. Additions to the Library are being carried out by various members of the group including building up the Video collection.

General. There was a debate regarding the *Drawing Up of an Agreement* which should be signed by all who are in possession of papers/books/files etc., that are originally owned solely by CIUFOR. The Agreement is to protect any of the property which are the rights of CIUFOR and any person/s giving up office must hand this property over within 7-30 days of leaving the group. A recommendation was added that all who are in possession of goods should sign up now - to ensure the rights and property of CIUFOR.

G.Ambler recommended that a rubber stamp showing the *CIUFOR* initials and *Clancarty collection* be entered on the books in the Library. This was agreed by all.

T. Broad did recommend that non ufo books should be stored away but this was felt not to be needed at this stage as all the books were a bequest and were given to Contact who are its custodian.

T. Broad proposed that all Present Officers should remain in Office and this was accepted. There was no formal vote on a new Chairperson but B. Foley was agreeable to stand in and therefore this was accepted.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

Dear Editor,

It would have it that man continues to be egocentric and arrogant about his status in the universe. He has a tendency to become resentful and confused when he is confronted with a problem with which he feels may be beyond his capacity. The scientists have developed what is known as the scientific method. This approach to a problem includes, as one of its precepts, the testing of hypotheses. This testing places emphasis on demonstrations perceivable to the five obvious senses. The scientific community until recently has looked sideways at any attempt to include additional senses in the inventory. Science has been using the five senses as the intellectual base for supporting or refuting hypotheses - the scientific method has been sacrosanct. To challenge its adequacy has been heretical.

Then along came things like psychic phenomena, clairvoyance, precognition and psychic practice. In some scientific circles this must have been quite traumatic. Psychic attributes are not included in the five standard senses. Immediately some scientists set out to prove that demonstrations of psychic powers were either fraudulent or could be explained in terms of the five senses.

The true objectivity demands investigation on the assumption that these powers may in fact exist and warrant a change in the established order of things. Out of hand rejection based on ignorance appears to be more human than scientific. These scientists who decided that psychic phenomena deserved investigation have been subjected to the scoffings and ridicule of the stable of the scientific community to the extent that much investigation has to be conducted clandestinely and anonymously to preserve scientific reputation. Today investigations into psychic phenomena do not carry the paralysing stigma of the past, but the existence of psychic senses is still not universally accepted.

My point is that objectivity may be subject to various definitions depending on how closely this objectivity confirms to the norms of the times. It appears to be much easier to be objective about any given fact or theory if these fit neatly into the body of information currently accepted as valid. A fact or theory which fits may be taken as almost *prima facie* proof of itself. On the other hand, if some piece of information turns up which runs counter to current status quo, which is unscientific, or which shakes the egocentricity of the scientific community, or man himself, then that piece of information or theory meets with a particular *o.n.o-objectivity*. Therefore man does find it extremely difficult to accept, or even to objectively investigate anything which threatens to shatter his emotional equanimity or his high regard of himself.

So it is not surprising that the UFO debate has frequently become charged with emotion. It contains the centre of the universe debate; it is probably viewed by some in the scientific community as a threat to their reputation of near omniscience. It carries implications of the highest importance to man's status and his future. The idea of the existence of craft from another planet (and the corollary that they are operated by intelligent beings who are extraterrestrial) is emotionally difficult for man to contemplate. A large section of society wishes that the problem would go away, and I feel at least subconsciously this wishful thinking has pervaded what is claimed to be an objective investigation. Currently the debate is concentrated on what constitutes valid proof and evidence, so the non-believers insist on physical "SCIENTIFIC" proof and evidence. The believers maintain there is already ample

evidence which should be accepted by the non-believers. But among the believers are those who have taken up positions so far away from the norm that they earned nothing but the scorn and ridicule of the non-believers. These believers have served the non-believers well because it is the far out literature that monsters, "little green men" and so forth appear, and the non-believers can point to this literature as they make their sweeping statements about the mental condition of the believers. And so the saga goes on!

J. Rayner, Arnold, Nottingham.

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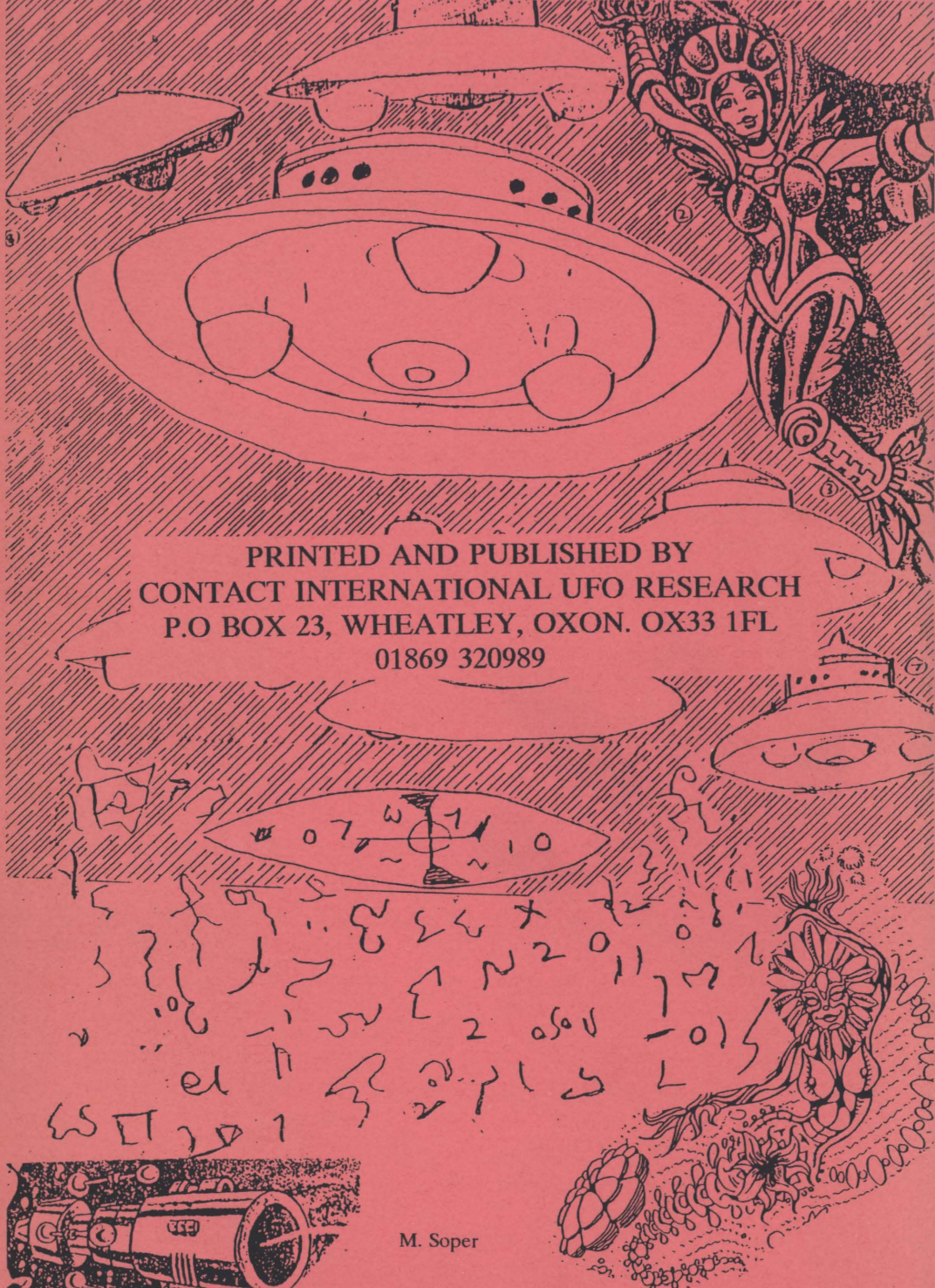
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