

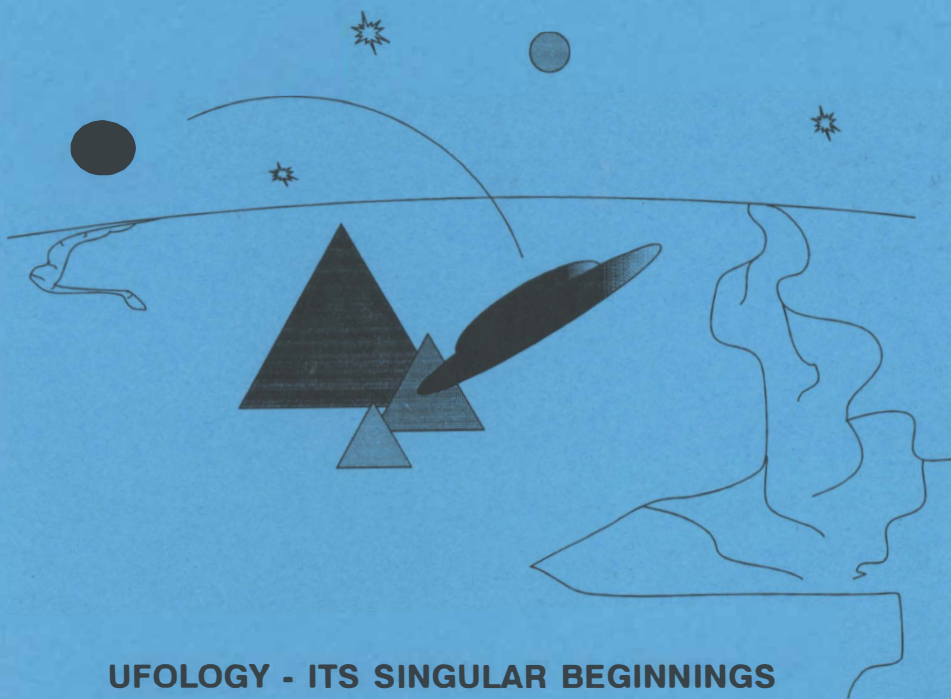
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EDITORIAL

Another year - but the same old question - will this be the big one? I look back at old issues of Awareness and realise to my amazement, I have been doing the job as your editor for 14 years! During that period there has been a lot of water under the bridge and thousands of UFO reports. Personalities have come and gone, but we are still seeking the eternal answer - what are UFOs and is there life out there? As you know I make not one penny piece out of all this scribbling; seldom attend conferences; and never give out my telephone number. After 14 years in the job perhaps the only benefit I can boast about is being rather wiser than when I started.

The signs I have detected, therefore, are that we may be building up for a very big event, this year 1994. Already we have investigated a sighting of 50+ UFOs seen over Cheltenham by 7 witnesses on January 25th. A summary of this is in the round-up of UFO sightings following. At the same time there is considerable activity to the north of England and Scotland. Triangular shaped formations are being reported from Lincolnshire, possibly the same as the Belgian events of 3 years ago. There is a newspaper report of 200 sightings around Bonnybridge, Falkirk, Scotland since last November. This follows last year's big events on March 31st over the West Country, Ireland and France, and the buzzing of Bristol at the end of June. The activity is being reported by multi-witnesses over wide ranging areas - something not experienced in Britain for many years.

CONTACT (UK) held a UFO conference at Oxford Town Hall on October 16th 1993. We regret that advance notice of this could not be given as it coincided with publication of the last Awareness. With the resources at our disposal it sometimes happens that way. Anyway it was a high quality event and you can read Brian James' account of the proceedings on page 23.

One of the conference speakers was John Holman (Ripon) founder of the Alien Acknowledgement Campaign. John convened a separate meeting of the organisation in Oxford at the end of January. CONTACT was represented together with a number of other groups. As the Campaign has only just kicked off, I will not use this space to comment on what it should or should not be doing to unite UFO groups in a common purpose. Anyone wishing to get involved should write to John Holman, 20, Newton Gardens, Ripon, Yorks, HG4 1QF.

The expectation of an alien presence, whether real or imagined, seems to increase in intensity over the years. Was such a level of desire present in the last century? I can trace no involvement before H.G. Wells and Jules Verne began their fictional writings, and then just post World War 2 came an explosion of reported encounters, books and films. Religious experiences of another era were re-interpreted as UFO events. Bernard Delair discusses the early days in a detailed article following.

Another book debunking crop circles has just been published called CROPCIRCLE APOCALYPSE by the freelance television producer John Macnish. It was he who produced the marvellous video CROPCIRCLE COMMUNIQUE - an objective a presentation as you can imagine. In the new book Macnish effectively demolishes every thing said in favour of the phenomenon at the time of the video, even describing the mini-UFO photographed by German students as the passage of 'thistle down' blowing across a field and illuminated by the setting sun. Much of the debunking concerns events of 1992 and the first sight of a

gigantic formation in Northamptonshire dismissed outright as a hoax because "somebody said so". I don't usually discuss books in the editorial, but as Macnish has attacked the authenticity of some of our own investigations, it will be necessary to cross-examine many of the claims. Either this is massive disinformation or the egg on our faces will take a month to wipe off! Pity the debunkers publish at the time when the phenomenon can't bite back! At least Macnish and his cronies, including 'Doug and Dave' state they are now bowing out of the crop circle scene, so we can eliminate them in explaining away the 1994 formations!

The Editor.

OBITUARIES

STUART SMITH: We regret to inform you of the death of Stuart "Stu" Smith during a visit to a UFO conference in Vienna. Stu traded as Enigma Books and attended many conferences including our own last October. He also placed a great deal of effort in organising the major Sheffield occasions in 1992/3. The number of UFO followers putting a dynamic input into the subject is quite minimal, and when we lose one it is even more sad.

KEN ROGERS: One of the longest active UFO buffs around, Ken was a founder committee member of Contact Int' in the late 1960s and went on to create BUFOS, the British UFO Society. Always a believer in the ultimate mother ship/alien encounters, he frequently popped up on TV programmes when the subject turned to UFOs. His final fling was an attempt to start a UFO centre in Warminster last Summer with the assistance of the Marquess of Bath. Again a dynamic person which we cannot afford to lose.

UFOLGY - IT'S SINGULAR BEGINNING

by
J. Bernard Delair.

Having last year been invited to be Contact International's new President and, through the pages of Awareness, to present a presidential address, it is with much pleasure that I submit the following thoughts concerning the birth of Ufology as a subject in its own right and put forward arguments as to why that birth was 'very odd'. My remarks will hopefully convince and be of some value. If not I trust that they will at least entertain.

Down the years every subject professing to be governed and disseminated by sound scientific principles has undergone a traceable embryonic stage which has preceded some later development period, levels of sophisticated endeavour perceptibly rising throughout the process.

Astronomy, for instance, began with simple and rather crude studies of the Sun and Moon, the visible planets and stars, and of occasional celestial visitors like comets and meteors. Stars were organised into constellations having clear relationships with seasonal changes, lunations, and calendrical times (as measured on Earth). The subsequent development of telescopes, spectroscopy, cameras, and other

useful paraphernalia enormously enlarged our perspective of the cosmos in general, stellar evolution, disclosed the existence of innumerable galaxies basically like our own Milky Way, and revealed that more planets comprised the Solar System than had hitherto been thought. Later still, following the invention of radio-telescopes, electron scanners, and other pieces of advanced equipment, all sorts of previously undreamt-of aspects of the universe were brought to light, and new concepts; such as that championing Black Holes, were demisted to accommodate the relevant discoveries.

Geology is another example. Archaeological excavations prove that even palaeolithic man collected and was interested in fossils. Again, his appreciation of them compared with modern interpretations will have been simple and crude. But by the time the first known civilisations arose, some time about 6,000 B.C., it is clear that builders knew the comparative strengths, durability, and qualities of many minerals. Yet, although obviously aware of the variety displayed by rocks, minerals, and fossils, early thinkers often relied more on the reputedly 'divine' or 'sacred' accounts of the origin and ancient history of the World than on any proper scientific understanding of it. Many thousands of years passed in which this merely embryonic geology got nowhere. Not until the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries did scholars finally perceive the true nature and awesome scale of Earth history - a discovery which introduced men everywhere to the sobering fact that Man was a recent denizen of planet Earth which, among other things, had witnessed Ice Ages, the rise and fall of dinosaurs and their kin, and, before them, the growth and decay of the vast Coal Forests. Refined techniques now monitor and measure (often micro-accurately) all kinds of geological cycles and phenomena, even those now detectable on the Moon, and on some of the nearer planets and their satellites. And to a large degree geology has also cast a great flood of light upon the evolution and global distribution of living planets and animals, and the attendant subjects of environment and ecology.

Ufology, however, has formed in a singularly different manner.

Closer examination of the main substance of Ufology rather surprisingly leads to some generally un-considered conclusions. These are discussed below.

For those of us who are on the wrong side of 50, it is hard to appreciate that almost half a century has elapsed since Kenneth Arnold, on June 24th., 1947, watched 9 mysterious circular objects flying near Mt. Rainier in Washington State, or that the first so-called 'foo-fighters' of World War II were seen even longer ago.

Even from the outset it was speedily recognised that, if the reported objects were not in fact secret or experimental man-made aerial craft, then the extraordinary speeds and manoeuvrability attributed to them indicated that they were not of Earthly origin. As we all know, the media, seizing on the saucer-like shape of Arnold's objects referred to them as 'flying saucers', or 'saucers' for short. Thus, the World's press, ever eager to investigate and chronicle the unusual, almost immediately developed the 'alien' possibility, so that, within a very few days of Arnold's sighting, speculations were rife that 'flying saucers were space-ships from another world.

At the time it was not so very surprising that this notion 'caught on', since, in a sense, civilised communities had been almost 'conditioned' to accept the eventual inevitability of such a scenario

long before.

They remembered Jules Verne's celebrated story "The First Men in the Moon", in which a group of intrepid terrestrial explorers, travelling in a cylindrical rocket-shaped machine, encountered an antagonistic lunar race, the Selenites; and they also recalled H.G. Well's gripping yarn "The War of the Worlds" in which thoroughly evil invaders from Mars - their dying home planet - arrived on Earth, again in gigantic cylinders, to successfully battle against puny human weaponry only to succumb to bacterial infection. Moreover, more alert individuals, and especially military and intelligence units, would quickly recollect the spate of observations in the Summer of 1946 of 'ghost rockets' across Scandinavia, and that no discoverable Earthly source had been found for them.

Ever since the defeat of Nazi Germany in 1945 - the last stand of which involved the use of highly destructive rockets and guided missiles - and the subsequent distribution among the victorious allies of captured German rocket scientists and rocket programmes, there has existed a keen awareness that space research and exploration, initially via satellites but afterwards by high powered rockets, was only a matter of time. But in 1947 no nation had progressed its researches that far, and the Scandinavian 'ghost rockets' continued to be a mystery to both East and West. But mystery or not, in intelligence circles there must be a priori have been a general, if tacit, realisation that some other-world race already had Earth under surveillance and, on occasions, penetrated its atmosphere. Further evidence of such an awareness will be noted shortly.

Arnold had radioed-in his Mt. Rainier observations to nearby Yakima airport before flying on to Pendleton airport in Oregon. His report was evidently speedily relayed across the radio waves, and a sizeable crowd of interested flyers had assembled at Pendleton to greet him upon his arrival there. They listened to his story in detail, and separate computations of the reported speed of the MT. Rainier objects were made by several individuals independently. These repeatedly resulted in calculated speeds exceeding 1,350 m.p.h. - a velocity far greater than that of Earthly craft then in service. The only man-made objects capable then of that order of speed were remotely controlled rockets, which were as yet still in the experimental stages.

Arnold's description of the general saucer-shapes of the objects he had watched, and their skipping motion through the atmosphere, did not tally very closely with known rocket shapes and motions when in flight. The press and media, recognising that factor, highlighted it in their christening of the objects as 'flying saucers' technologically more advanced than any known terrestrial flying craft at that time. It was at that point that Ufology, as we now know it, was born. Everyone began talking, Worldwide, of 'saucers'.

In actuality, Ufology really emerged three days before Arnold's experience, and concerned a series of events which expanded the horizons of Ufology considerably beyond those first glimpsed by Arnold. The incident in question occurred on June 21st., and involved Harold A. Dahl and Frederick L. Crisman, both harbour patrolmen at Tacoma, Washington State.

The fullest report of this affair was Arnold's own account of it based on the interviews he conducted late in July that year with Dahl and Crisman in Tacoma itself. Published in "The Coming of the Saucers", which Arnold coauthored with Ray Palmer, it should be mandatory

reading for all those interested in UFOs. Briefly summarised, Dahl - with his son, some colleagues, and his son's dog - were patrolling the East bay of Maury Island, some 3 miles from Tacoma, when, about 2 p.m. that day, 6 very large doughnut-shaped aerial objects were seen at an estimated height of 2,000 ft above the bay. Five of the objects were slowly circling a sixth, which was stationary and in apparent difficulty as it was quickly losing altitude. It eventually descended to an estimated height of 500 ft before stopping.

All the objects had a hole in the centre, had large equally spaced portholes (each 5 or 6 ft in diameter) round the main body of its structure, were apparently metallic, utterly soundless, had no g/fins, wings, or propellers, and glittered like opalescent sea-shells. Sensing that the centre object was about to crash into the sea, Dahl steered his boat to the nearest beach on Maury Island, jumped ashore and got out the harbour patrol camera, through which 3 or 4 photographs were snapped of the objects. Subsequent development of the negatives of Dahl's photographs, although showing the mystery aerial craft, were oddly covered with spots similar to those on negatives exposed close to X-ray apparatus. Irrespective of their quality, which was not high, Dahl's were among the very first pictures of UFOs taken during the modern era of ufology, and were probably the earliest of a now large total characterised by inexplicable defects and blemishes.

Following a dull thud, the centre object suddenly began spewing out thousands of white light weight metal fragments and then numerous chunks of almost molten heavier dark material resembling lava which, when the struck the water made it steam. Some of this ejecta fell close to Dahl's party, damaged the patrol boat's wheelhouse, injured one of his son's arms, and killed the dog. As far as is known this was the first instance of the since oft-recorded indifference (intentional or otherwise) of UFOs or their presumed occupants to indigenous terrestrial life-forms. The dog was buried at sea.

After ceasing to eject debris, the objects slowly and silently drifted westwards before rising and eventually disappearing when at a very great altitude. When they had cooled sufficiently, Dahl collected samples of the lava-like material and loaded them aboard his boat. Attempts made at the time to radio their experience back to Dahl's base in Tacoma failed as excessive static prevented all contact with the harbour radio-station there. Here, again, we instantly recognise another now commonly reported element in the overall UFO puzzle - chronic static negating radio communication.

Dahl's immediate superior was Frederick Crisman, a former fighter pilot who had flown against the Japanese in Burma, and to whom Dahl had to explain why the boat's wheelhouse was damaged and why the dog had not returned from that afternoon's patrol. Upon hearing all that had happened, though plainly sceptical of Dahl's claims, Crisman determined to visit Maury Island early the next day to see for himself where the unconnected debris - conjectured by Dahl to perhaps total over 20 tons - still lay. According to Dahl, Crisman on returning from the island was quieter than usual, stopped criticising Dahl for "seeing things", and busied himself arranging for the repair of the boat's wheelhouse. He had, it later transpired, collected a whole box full of the light-weight metal ejecta and, while doing so, had watched a lone object like those described by Dahl, emerge from a large fat cloud making a wide circle of the bay. Once again a characteristic of many later UFO reports arises here - that of clouds used by UFOs as 'natural cover'.

Other significant elements in what has since become known to ufologists as the Maury Island case were the almost psychic or telepathic experiences separately sustained by both Dahl and Arnold. These are worth considering in more detail here.

Of these the first occurred just one day after Dahl had watched the 6 flying doughnuts over Tacoma Bay, virtually at the same time that Crisman was independently visiting Maury Island and watching a similar object emerge from a white cloud; for very early that morning Dahl had received an unsolicited visit from a total stranger, a man of medium height, apparently around 40 years old, and dressed in a black suit. Taking breakfast with his visitor, Dahl was astounded to hear the man describe in great detail all that Dahl's party had experienced the previous day, precisely as if he, too had been there. But as Dahl had always vehemently insisted, he had never seen the man before. The stranger concluded that if Dahl cared for his family and future he would evermore remain silent about the events of the preceding 24 hours. The man never identified himself or was ever relocated by Dahl, Crisman, Arnold or any other investigator of this extraordinary case. Neither the less he represented still another repetitive strand in the UFO enigma - that of the sinister 'men in black'.

The second incident in this general category involved Arnold one day before he interviewed Dahl at Tacoma, and thus followed that associated with Dahl by a little under 6 weeks. To put this into correct chronological perspective, however, we have to back-track to the days immediately following Arnold's original sighting of June 24th, and to trace Arnold's main movements between that date and July 29th relative to certain events which shaped them.

On July 4th, 1947, Capt E.J. Smith, co-pilot Ralph Stevens, and air stewardess Martie Morrow, while staffing United Airlines flight 105 from Boise (Idaho) to Seattle (Washington State), saw 5 flat disk-like objects in loose formation pacing their DC-3 aircraft at no great distance. Within minutes these objects suddenly hurtled away only to be replaced moments later by 4 similar objects, each bigger than the DC-3 they apparently had under observation. This remarkable sighting lasted about 10 minutes.

Almost by accident Arnold met Smith and Stevens the next day, (July 5th) in Seattle. Having gone fishing near that city to escape the glare of publicity showered on him by the media following his Mt. Rainier sighting a fortnight earlier, Arnold had seen a newspaper picture printed the night before of a disc-like UFO snapped earlier that day (July 4th - the same day as the Smith-Stevens-Morrow sighting) by Coast Guard yeoman Frank Ryman over the Pacific northwest. Recognising the close similarity between the object recorded by Ryman and those he had witnessed near Mt. Rainier, Arnold had driven to the Seattle Office of the International News Service to view enlarged prints of the picture. He arrived to find Smith and Stevens, then not long landed in Seattle, and had only just reported their own sighting, examining the same picture.

All three men were delighted to discover who the other was, and immediately compared their respective experiences. Inevitably the local press jumped at the chance to interview them and publish further accounts of their sightings, as well as of others then arriving in rapid succession from all sorts of other places.

Among these was a photograph of two soundless objects snapped by Al

Hixenbaugh in the evening sky over Louisville, Kentucky, on July 7th, another of two discs seen the same day by Albert Weaver at Pontiac, Michigan, as well as two photographs of a 'heel'-shaped object taken by William A. Rhodes at Phoenix, Arizona on July 10th, 1947, the very day that 4 rapidly moving disc-like (or globular) objects flying in arc formation were photographed near Morristown, New Jersey by John H. Janssen. This flurry of published reports and pictures - which research over a quarter of a century later showed was really part of a 'UFO wave', one of a number now established cyclic UFO phenomena - also included a photo taken by Lloyd Sanders of a luminous triangular object emitting a high pitch whining sound over Battle Creek, Michigan, on June 17th - a full 5 days before the Maury Island affair and 8 before Arnold's Mt. Rainier sighting and the term 'flying saucer' had even been coined.

These reports, and the speed with which they appeared thick and fast on the news-stands, heightened public demand for proof of the reality of 'flying saucers' (as every commentator on the subject was now calling them) and an explanation of where they were coming from. This became so insistent that, following the publication of the Morristown and Phoenix, Arizona photos, censorship was officially exercised, and the press prevented from reprinting either picture. Already a backlash was rising to combat the possibility that some other-world intelligence, perhaps akin to Verne's 'selenites' or Well's 'martians' had already arrived in Earth's skies. The scenarios painted in "The First Men in the Moon" and in "The War of the Worlds" had not been forgotten nor the widespread public panic that followed a now famous (or infamous) later radio adaptation of the latter.

On returning to his home base at Boise, Arnold, who was keeping abreast of these developments as chronicled by the press, began sifting through the mail which had accumulated there during his fishing trip and visit to Seattle. Among this was a letter from a certain Raymond A. Palmer of 'The Venture Press', in Evanston, Illinois, requesting an account, for publication, of Arnold's by now celebrated Mt. Rainier sighting. Arnold replied by sending a copy of the report of that event he had sent shortly before to the Commanding Officer of Wright-Patterson Field, at Dayton, Ohio. A second letter from Palmer advised Arnold that 'Venture Press' had then just learnt that two harbour patrolmen at Tacoma had not only recently seen other 'flying saucers' but claimed to actually have fragments of one of them: would Mr. Arnold be prepared to investigate that claim, procure and (if they existed) ship the said fragments to Evanston on behalf of 'The Venture Press', all expenses paid?

About the same time, and in response to his earlier communication to Wright Patterson Field, Arnold was visited by Lt. Frank M. Brown and Capt. William Davidson of A-2 Military Intelligence of the Fourth Air Force. They discussed Arnold's sighting of June 24th. at length and were delighted to do likewise with Capt. Smith of flight 105 whom Arnold was meeting that evening during Smith's stop-over in Boise on one of his regular flights to and from Seattle. Following the discussions amongst all these men at Boise Municipal Airport, Brown and Davidson concluded their meeting by suggesting to Arnold that it would be best all round if he henceforth refrained from mentioning his experiences to other outsiders. At this juncture, he had yet to meet Dahl and had no inkling that the harbour patrolman had, only a few weeks previously, been given similar 'advice'.

It was, in fact, only after the above meeting had occurred that Arnold decided to investigate the Tacoma patrolman's claim for 'The Venture

Press'. He left for Tacoma on July 29th., and, while flying over Union on Oregon, saw 20-25 unknown brass-coloured objects streak at phenomenal speed across the heavens towards the East.

After landing at Barry's Airport in Tacoma, Arnold searched for a hotel or guest-house in which to spend the night. Drawing blanks at numerous potential venues, Arnold eventually telephoned the 'Winthrop', Tacoma's largest and most expensive hotel that he had initially hoped to avoid having to stay at. The room clerk there replied to Arnold's enquiry by stating that, "Yes, Mr Arnold, we have a room and bath already for you". Arnold, who had never been to the hotel before, had not pre-booked, and was afterwards never able to establish how a room had come to be reserved for him in advance at a hotel picked at random and didn't previously know he would end up staying at. It is a mystery which has never been resolved and constitutes the second of the so-called psychic occurrences which arose at this point in the days when modern ufology was born.

The remaining chapters in the Maury Island case rapidly descended to inconclusive melodrama. Firstly, after interviewing Dahl and Crisman, who gave him samples of the lava-like ejecta, and getting Capt. Smith and then Lt. Brown and Capt. Davidson to the 'Winthrop' hotel to help him with his enquiries, Arnold began to receiving telephone calls from Ted Morello, a pressman at the Tacoma Times Building, to the effect that he was receiving verbatim accounts of the private discussions that Arnold and his confederates were having in Arnold's hotel room, from an unidentified informant. Then, after Crisman gave Brown and Davidson a box of collected light-weight metal fragments, the Intelligence officers appeared to suddenly lose interest in the entire case and insisted, despite the then late hour, in returning in a waiting B-25 bomber (parked at a nearby airfield) to their base at Hamilton Field. The fact that the bomber was continuously under armed guard every minute that it stood on the runway (exceptional practise in peacetime) and that, on returning with its passengers to Hamilton Field, it inexplicably caught fire and crashed, both Brown and Davidson being killed in the process, was but a prelude to other peculiar happenings which occurred thereafter in quick succession.

Crisman, for example, could somehow never get his boat's engine to operate and take, as previously promised, Arnold and Smith out to Maury Island. When visited in its berth, the boat was unexpectedly small, although did show slight signs of wheelhouse damage repair, and contained a rusty engine which had apparently not functioned for weeks. Arnold and Smith got the impression that the vessel was not the same one Dahl had been in when watching his 'flying doughnuts'. Shortly afterwards, during another gathering at the 'Winthrop', Crisman tried to explain himself on the grounds that he wanted to try and reactivate the boat's engine, and had left the meeting. He was never seen again, although a little while later Dahl said that he heard a rumour that Crisman had been transported in an Army bomber to Alaska!

Then a Major Sander of S-2 Army Intelligence at McChord Field entered the drama. After interviewing Smith and Arnold separately (note that he did not interview Dahl), he took the lava-like samples given to them by Dahl, and drove Smith and Arnold to a nearby smelting plant he knew of to show them piles of lava-like smelter-slag which, he claimed, was identical to Dahl's specimens, with a conclusion with which neither Arnold or Smith agreed. Yet, although Sander implied that Dahl's material was worthless slag which, he did not throw it onto the slag piles and, after returning Arnold and Smith to the

'Winthrop', drove away with it securely locked in his car's boot. Neither Sander nor the lava-like ejecta were ever seen by Arnold or Smith again.

Finally, upon vacating the hotel, considering it only common courtesy to personally bid Dahl goodbye before returning to their respective homes, Arnold and Smith drove out to Dahl's house which Arnold had visited only 4 days before. They were astonished to find it deserted, empty of furniture, cobwebbed, and apparently not lived in for months. There was no sign of Dahl, who they never saw again. Arnold did attempt to contact him during the next few weeks, but was completely obstructed. Even though he had originally contacted Dahl telephonically, dialling the number against Dahl's name in the appropriate telephone directory, his early August attempts to raise Dahl disclosed further incredible developments. Initial failure to get a 'through line', Arnold resorted to requesting assistance of the local telephone operator, only to be told that no telephone subscriber named Harold Dahl existed in the directories! Nor, it transpired, had the directories been lately updated. They were the same as those used a month earlier when Arnold first made telephone contact with Dahl and Crisman. Harold Dahl was never traced.

For the above reasons many ufologists have regarded the Maury Island case as highly suspect, and concluded that Arnold and Smith were the victims of an elaborate and cruel hoax, but one which went dreadfully awry when Brown and Davidson were killed. Undoubtedly a security cover-up was operated, although that does not necessarily nullify the basic genuineness of the original sighting. As we shall now see this contained many elements which, though emerging for the first time, would be repeated time and again in later UFO sighting reports. Neither Arnold, Smith or any of the other contemporary participants in the case could have known that. On that basis, I submit that the actual sightings of Dahl and Crisman were real events, but thereafter a plethora of obscuring and doubt-seeding manoeuvres by intelligence and security operated to render the entire affair extremely dubious. It is the separation of these two quite distinct phases of this particular case, which in one way or another has become especially influential in the annals of Ufology, that holds the key to how many aspects of modern Ufology first came into being.

A brief examination of these elements is provided below.

MAURY ISLAND CASE

LATER UFO REPORTS GENERALLY

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| 1. Doughnut shaped objects. | 1. Doughnut-shaped objects observed times worldwide. |
| 2. Objects' characteristics. | 2. Objects' characteristics. |
| a) no visible means of propulsion. | a) as opposite. |
| b) silent. | b) as opposite. |
| c) metallic. | c) as opposite. |
| d) opalescent. | d) commonly opalescent or luminous. |
| e) portholed. | e) UFOs often windowed or portholed. |
| 3. Foil-like and slag(lava)-like ejecta. | 3. Reported on several occasions during UFO manifestations: even on July 12th. 1947, - approx 3 weeks <u>after</u> the Maury Island sightings, and nearly 3 <u>before</u> |

Arnold visited Tacoma - cinder or lava ash fell from the sky at Mountain Home, Idaho, just after a group of 'saucers' had passed over that place.

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| 4. Radio Static. | 4. Common during UFO manifestations |
| 5. Blemished photographs. | 5. Common during photographed UFO manifestations. |
| 6. Use of clouds as cover. | 6. Several well documented later cases known. |

None of these characteristics was widely known in June and July 1947, and were mostly absent from Arnold's first classic sighting of the 9 objects near Mt. Rainier. Although the Arnold sighting contained relatively few indications of their existence in the grand panorama of Ufology, the Maury Island case did, but was instantly besmirched by parties intent on discrediting it. One assumes that they were the same parties (agencies) who censored the aforementioned Morristown and Phoenix UFO photographs, and who presumably included in their ranks the 'man in black' who so surprised Dahl by relating all that Dahl's party had experienced on Maury Island. There can be little doubt that the 'man in black' element, the 'telepathic' (bugging?) aspects, the abrupt disappearance of persons and artefacts (Dahl's original photographs suddenly went missing and were never found), the alteration (pseudo-sanitisation?) of scenario backgrounds (Dahl's house, the Tacoma telephone directory, and probably the replacement of Dahl's original patrol boat), are all details which smack of a concerted effort to cover-up, confuse, and discredit people and activities unfortunate enough at the time to be associated with the Maury Island incident. That behaviour, and its operatives, has gone down in Ufology as a recurrent theme, and wrongly, perhaps, as one reflecting the activities of UFO occupants rather than that of terrestrial security and intelligence agencies. Viewed from that angle, the Maury Island case no longer looks so dubious and may well turn out to be one of the most important cases.

Two further aspects of this 'birth period' of modern Ufology remain to be considered.

Firstly, why did intelligence units perform such a 'hatchet-job' on the Maury Island UFO percipients, but not on Arnold and Smith (both of whom had independently observed UFOs by July 4th) who became so intimately associated with the case? The answer is probably complex although seemingly mostly lies in the fact that Dahl and Crisman possessed physical (as against anecdotal) evidence in the form of metal foil and lava-like ejecta for the reality of UFOs. The Scandinavian 'ghost rockets' of 1946 (more were to reappear over Europe in 1948), and the many credible reports of uncatchable 'foo-fighters' made in World War II (submitted by all air-forces - allied as well as enemy), must have quickly galvanised early post-war military and intelligence-gathering units into wondering whether her the enigmatic Russians (by then known to have captured Nazi rocket scientists and guided missile programmes in 1945) had stolen a technological march on the West, or if H. G. Wells had been the foremost prophet of all time. Either way authorities could take no chances; nor indeed would honest taxpayers wish them to do so. Indeed, a year later the US Air Force was deputed to officially investigate 'flying saucers'. Project Sign was its code-name.

Such interest in the Maury Island incident in 1947 is thus perfectly explicable. To ascribe the so-called 'men in black' activities, as some authors have, to other World intelligences may actually be hopelessly 'off beam'.

Secondly, 1947 witnessed a general awakening of the realisation the ufo-like objects had been observed in Earth's skies for centuries, and perhaps thousands of years. Palmer, who invited Arnold to investigate the Tacoma affair for 'The Venture Press', was a devotee of Charles Fort (1874-1932), who had spent the greater part of his life collecting reports and accounts of unexplained phenomenon. Some of these he had assembled into four extraordinary books - 'The Book of the Damned', 'Lo', 'New Lands', and 'Wild Talents'. None of them, nor the omnibus edition of his works ('The Books of Charles Fort') issued in 1941, were well known to the public. After his demise, a 'Fortean Society' was launched to perpetuate his work.

One of Ray Palmer's associates, Harold T. Wilkins, was a member of the Society, and another, Arthur Constance, was a sometime subscriber to the Society's publication 'Doubt', and to Palmer's publications which frequently contained 'Fortean' material. In due course both Wilkins and Constance wrote Ufologically influential books, the former 'Flying Saucers on the Moon' (1954) and 'Flying Saucers Uncensored' (1956), and the latter 'The Inexplicable Sky' (1956). All three books, and another which just preceded them - 'Flying Saucers Have Landed' (1953) by Desmond Leslie, in which 'saucers' were alleged to be craft used by survivors of lost Atlantis which used now long lost force-fields and powers to propel them - provided copious lists of UFO-like celestial activity going back, it seemed, to several thousand years B.C. This dimension of the UFO problem, directly arose from Palmer's involvement in the Maury Island case, as his co-authorship with Arnold of their 1952 book 'The Coming of the Saucers' clearly indicates. Wilkins, incidentally, is listed in that tome as having contributed historical data recorded in chapters 8 and 9.

Between them, these writers contrived, consciously or not, to channel the speculations of many ufologists, both then and now, into avenues of thought which, for the public as a whole, have cloaked Ufologists with an aura of stubbornness, frankness, and eccentricity to this day. This, of course, is an absurd and often unwarranted label. All shades of opinion exists in Ufological circles, ranging from definite cranks to ultra prosaic 'nuts and bolts' investigators. Nonetheless, one of the great up shots of this 'historical' research was the later development of it into the 'Ancient Astronauts' wing of Ufology, the merits or demerits of which are outside the scope of this article. The tentacular influence of these original 'classic' incidents of June 1947 are thus discovered to have spread in all directions.

In conclusion, then, we find that the remarkable events surrounded the very first 'classic' UFO cases of Ufology's modern era presented interested individuals with virtually a complete Ufological package at one fell swoop. There was no elongated embryonic build up as in other 'ologies' like those mentioned at the beginning of this essay. As a subject 'Ufology' simply arrived in one lump. This lump actually included more than was discernable at the time of its arrival, for it included at least three little publicised UFO landings. These occurred at St. Maries, Idaho (July 3rd.), near Pocatello, Idaho (July 6th.), and at Spokane, Washington State (July 9th.): see A. Jamaludin. 1988 'Major UFO Waves: 1896-1982. Postmortem and Findings' (Pahung, Malaysia), 137pp; and T. Bloecher. 1967. 'Report on the UFO Wave of 1947' (New York). No encounters with UFO occupants, which became an

established feature of most later UFO waves, and are an important aspect of Ufology generally appear to have occurred. But landings are, a priori, normally the first stages of encounters, so it is undoubtedly significant that occupants featured in the next traceable UFO wave of 1950. Several were observed near a landed UFO at Steep Rock Cove, Ontario, on July 2nd., 1950: see H.T. Wilkins: 1954. Op.cit., pp.248-250.

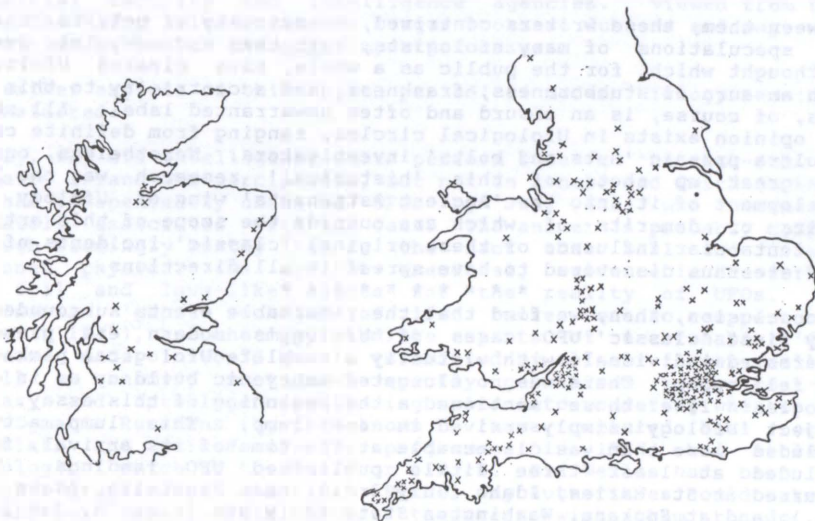
The earlier 'ghost rockets' and 'foo-fighters' reports never seriously grabbed public imagination. Conversely, the 'flying saucers' of 1947 certainly did, and in fact exercised a lasting effect. Arnold's sighting and the Maury Island incident formed the bedrock of that effect. It seems, however, that we have been misinterpreting some of it for too long, and must examine it anew.

ROUND UP OF UFO SIGHTINGS

by F. Copeland, G.E. Ambler, E. Fletcher

British UFO Sightings - 1993

The year 1993 was one of considerable activity in the UFO field, with major events in the South West region. Ministry of Defence information just arrived states that 255 sightings were reported from all sources. The distribution of these is shown in the map below. Unfortunately the MOD have confirmed that many of these reports, particularly from the London area are of the notorious Virgin Lightship which has internal illumination. These were particularly prevalent in late March, June/July and late November. A further large portion of marked spots refer to the March 31st event or events principally over the West of England. This case we consider genuine and a full report was contained in the last Awareness. Additional information now to hand follows. The MOD also refer to a fireball event on December 6th at approx 4.30pm.



CONTACT UK CASE STUDIES

25/3/93 Chadwell Heath, Ilford UK

Mr. P.M.G. was driving home after shopping at 11.45 am. It was a sunny day with high white clouds and good visibility, when a bright area in a cloud caught his eye. He stopped the car further along the road and got out and saw the light move from the cloud and angled itself in such a way that it could be clearly seen as a disc shaped object with a raised central point to the top. The object appeared to hover for some minutes and used the moving cloud to hide behind as cover. The instruments all dropped to zero on the car and then went back to normal again. The last time he spotted the disc it turned a very bright colour blue and faded into the background.

8/1/93 Headington Oxford UK

Mr M.M. was called by a colleague at work that a strange large light could be seen 10° above the horizon to the north moving eastwards. It was observed in the open urban area and as it moved slowly it changed colour between red, green and white. It then dimmed and disappeared. It was noted to be well below cloud base.

12/7/93 Nr. Tadley, Basingstoke, Hants

Mrs AJ was approaching a car park when her friend pointed out a strange yellow/white light, similar to a car headlight in a light mist she claimed. It had a shape but not clearly defined, owing to the haze around it. It appeared domed shaped but depressed on the top with one flashing light on top and one flashing light underneath. It moved very slowly sideways from left to right in a swinging movement. As they entered the car park her friend kept watch on the object all the time and she continued to watch it whilst they were in the car until she lost sight of it through the trees. There was a smoke trail extending towards the ground which struck them as unusual.

3/7/93 M25 Nr. Gatwick, London.

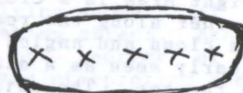
At 23.00 hrs 1 male and 1 female witness were travelling clockwise around the M25 Motorway having left Gatwick Airport. They noted the sky around them was very clear and saw a very bright light ahead of them slightly to the left of the road. It was so big they first thought it was the top of a tall building lit up but after studying it they noticed it had flashing bright white lights around it. It appeared to be stationary up in the sky and then they lost sight of it. A short while later 5-10 minutes or so, it came clearly into view this time unmistakably an object of some sort. Ironically, the couple were listening to the local radio on their journey home which was a phone-in and a listener rang in to ask if anyone had seen a brightly lit light in the sky over Hampstead gardens, a short while later a man rang in to say that he had also seen it. The point was not taken up on the radio as the compere did not attach any importance to it.

M25 Nr. Gatwick, London

Comparing Aircraft landing lights as this size.



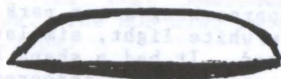
The light that attracted attention was this size!

St. Marys Road, Kettering, Nortants

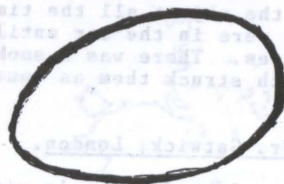
Two female witnesses drawings of the craft they saw

Chadwell Heath, Ilford

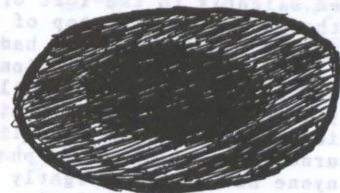
1. Horizontal View



2. Angled View when object tilted from Horizontal view



3. Object when changed colour and vanished.

24/8/93 St Marys Rd, Kettering, Northants

2 Female witnesses were out walking their dogs at 21.45 hrs when they saw what appeared to be a 'plane of sorts'. It hovered, came very low and had red and green lights pulsating all round it. The green light was very very bright then it swung round in a circle coming towards them hovering in between the houses. There was no noise and they were amazed at the sight so brilliantly lit up in front of them about 100 yards distance. The

object came so low they thought it was going to land. They also noted that above this object high in the sky another object white in colour and surrounded by what looked like mist was also hovering. They stood and watched the saucer shaped object for another 6 minutes or so when suddenly it tipped on its side and whoosh it was gone. The higher larger object also disappeared along with its mist! The two ladies were fascinated by what they had seen and they heard later that a further eight people had seen the same UFO that night.

(Witness drawing)

12/9/93 A22 to Buxted, Sussex from London

2 Ladies were travelling home by car at 04.10hrs from London when hovering above the village of Nutley they saw an object with a front flashing white light and a green light to the left of the white light and a red on the other side to the right. They exclaimed "what is that" and promptly stopped the car. The object very slowly passed overhead and they could just make out a heavy undercarriage although because it was so dark was unable to distinguish the exact shape. It had no wings and was oblong in shape and was making a strange heavy noise as it glided pass. Within three minutes the ladies had proceeded on with their journey and as they approached a high point in the road were unable to see the object again.

8/11/93 Islington, London

At 6.00pm Miss M.F. was looking through her kitchen window above the rooftops saw a large glowing white distinctly shaped flying object. The main body was spherical in shape and from it extended a disc like projection. The disc around the middle of the sphere was not entirely flat, giving it a slightly saucer like quality. The sphere was glowing white and a top section of it was glowing whiter than the rest of the object. At the top of the sphere was a white light and the bottom had a red light. On the extreme edge of the disc was a small light flashing which also appeared to be around the left and right of it. Initially the object appeared stationary, then it glided smoothly to the right and at a slight decline. It moved approx. 10 houses down then sharply changed direction and glided again at a decline to the left - becoming hidden from her view behind a chimney.

Stop PressThe "CHELTENHAM FLYERS"

An important multiple sighting of 50+ UFOs was seen between 9.10 and 9.40pm flying over Cheltenham, Glous, on the night of January 25th 1994. There were 7 witnesses in all of which 5 have been interviewed. These witnesses had been attending a meeting on Buddhism in the centre of Cheltenham at Parmour House, Lypiatt St finishing at 9.10. They were in a wide age range of mixed sexes and did not know each other at all that well, save one married couple. Thus the strength of the sighting was powerful enough to unite all these folk in a common purpose. Contact International represented by Michael Soper and Geoff Ambler interviewed 5 witnesses (3M, 2F) on February 4th.

The combined descriptions of the event indicate 30-70 star like objects moving in formations or individually for a period of 20 minutes from E to W over the centre of Cheltenham. They were considered to be at high altitude and totally silent. One grouping was of 5+ objects moving as straight line formation and another set in a 'V' formation. See illustration. Conditions were clear with a little fleecy cloud and moonlight.



It was certain that the objects were not aircraft or shooting stars, and one witness stated she felt privileged to have experienced something of great significance. All agreed they had not seen anything similar before. The witnesses were inspired by what they had seen and had no fear.

As at the time of reporting, no other separate witnesses to the multiple sightings have been located, which may be due to the time of year and the size and brightness of the objects. Obviously the investigation are ongoing.

Alton Barnes Early Riser:

Paul Anderson reports that a farmer outside at 5.00am is regularly being trailed by a bright light in the Alton Barnes, Wilts, area (Jan/Feb 1994). This suggests Venus, but the planet is not visible at that time in January or February. The area of course has been the scene of many crop circle and UFO events since 1990, as reported in previous editions of Awareness.

Update- March 31st 1993, Major Sighting

We can confirm that the UFO (s) were seen over much of Ireland and France at almost the identical time they were spotted in SW England and Wales. Written statements from the Ministry of Defence submit, that although a rocket re-entry could explain some of the sightings, it would not completely explain everything that was seen. The MOD are not stating what the other alternatives might be.

Ireland: Synopsis of events

(a) March 31st 1.13 am approx. Two gardai in patrol near Ashkeaton, Co

Limerick saw a large object with 2 bright lights back/front. Flow SE. Flying very low.

(b) Limerick City- Silent craft like Jumbo Jet gliding over roof tops very low.

(c) Sligo County- Seen by Astronomer NW to SE at 1.10 am; two bright orange stars leaving fiery train behind them. Other smaller, fainter objects with trails also.

(d) Duleek, Co Meath: Female witness saw two lights; jet wash, no sound or flashing lights; very low.

(e) Rathfarnham, Co Dublin: Male witness saw 2 lights heading North in clear sky; no sound. Time around 2.30-3.00

(f) Dunshaughlin, Co Meath: Male witness saw 2 lights with jet stream. Silent and quite low down. Direction SW, 1.15 am.

(g) Helicopter crew at Baldonnell, Co. Dublin see 2 moving stars about 5,000 ft above them at 1,500 ft. Shortly after 1.00 am.

France: Synopsis of events: (Time plus one hour on GB and Ireland)

(a) Vienne (NW Area): 2 lights with tails seen for a few seconds at 22:00

(b) Seine-St-Denis (Paris Area): 2 lights with tails seen for 1 minute. NW-SE.

(c) Vendee (W Coast): 2 lights with tails from NW-SE. Seen for 20 seconds at 02:10.

(d) Indre (Central): 2 lights with tails seen for 50 seconds at 02:15

(e) Lyon (SE Area): 3 lights in triangle formation heading NW-SE at 02:10.

(f) Gard (S Area): Light trails seen at 22:00 for 30 seconds, later glowing cigar seen for 3 seconds at 02:20.

(g) Drome (SE Area): Comet like object seen for 3 minutes at 02:10.

(h) Bouches-du-Rhone (S Area): Single light with trail seen for 3 minutes. Time not reported.

(i) Near St Etienne, Loire : Two gendarmes in patrol car view STATIONARY triangle of lights at 02:10 which then moved off NW-SE trajectory. Observation over 2 minutes. They estimated phenomenon was only 200 metres from them when not moving. Motion was completely silent.

Many other French police services reported sightings.

It is difficult to draw an all embracing conclusion to what was seen, but if a number of witnesses saw objects stationary and then moving off, that would eliminate the re-entry notion. A "grand parade" of UFOs probably numbering 100s would explain everything. Clearly the show was synchronised.

Perhaps the most significant point is that 3 disparate races namely the English, French and Irish and a few Welsh mutually decided that here was something of great importance and came forward to report it!

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UFO REPORTS FROM SWEDEN
Translated by Eileen Fletcher

Date 16/8/92

Time: 03:30 Place Sorunda 14km North of Nynasham.

On the 16th August two men were travelling on Fitunavagan, it was

about 03:30 when they saw a 'blinking' object in the sky. One of the men jokingly blinked the vehicle headlights. They parked up on a back ridge and picked up their guns from the boot. They saw the object which was now behind them. Now it was lower and the light was bright, there was a sound similar to a mouse(?). They were soon convinced it was not an aircraft or helicopter and certainly not a balloon. It was like a "hot dog with bread". They felt it was purposefully frightening them so they'd go into the woods in front of a field. Then the object passed above them 6 or 7 times in around 45 minutes.

One of the men looked at the object through a telescope and thought it looked round. The other man could not see any definite shape with the naked eye but said it had a blinking lights in the corner(s).

Contact was made with F17 Berga and Arlanda. There was no known flying in that area at that time. F17 Berga knew that the area is busy with private aircraft, sport planes, amphibian craft and balloons. Arlanda said that they find a number of small aircraft within the region and there are planes which take off from the water and lie in the inlets and lakes.. The final comment from F17 and Arlanda was "Strange time for flying". The case is under further investigation.

Birgit Salgstrom.

On August the 21st, 92, at approx 21.30 hrs at Ritorp, Sodertalje, 4 boys were out cycling, the weather was gloomy. They saw something similar to a star in the distance but it moved quickly towards them. It came nearer and nearer. At first they thought it was an aircraft but it did not 'blink' the same. The object gently sank lower above them.

After a moment it flew away at quite a fast speed. They all said the object was noiseless and felt it difficult to describe how it looked but they are sure it had 5 to 6 searchlights together with a red blinking light.

Neither F18 Tullinge, F17 Helicopter Group, Berga or Bromma Tower knew of any air-traffic in that area. But much used by private flights, according to F17.

Jorgen Granlie.

More Hear Strange Noise In Brandstorp By Clas Svahn

In a previous number we told how 4 people in Brandstorp, South of Hjo, on the 26th of June 92 were witnesses to a 'sectioned' (?) object swaying over the water in direct North.

Later, one of the observers filled in a questionnaire and an unknown witness heard about it all. The incident in Brandstorp must point to one of the most interesting of 92. In UFO Aktuell 3/92 Sija and Hans Augustsson describe how a completely back triangular shaped "Aircraft" swung out over the water before disappearing at high speed.

Another eye-witness, Aulis Lahtinen, who was out with the couple at the time, gave a description of the incident, incidental to theirs. Here is his account:

"Suddenly, my brother-in-law shouted that we should look up. first I

heard a whooshing or whining noise and then when I looked up I saw a black triangular object which flew at an unusually high speed over us. It came from the West above the tree-tops and when it was over the middle of the lake it swung outwards to the North and disappeared over the horizon.

It was so quick, about 4 seconds. I found it very difficult to believe that an aircraft could go so quickly. The sound I heard was really peculiar, I have never heard such a sound before and I only heard it for a second. Afterwards it flew silently before disappearing."

The incident happened some minutes after 11.00. but later in the day between 16 and 17 (hrs?), a person in Hjo heard the same strange noise in the sky.

The women who UFO Sweden have been in contact with wishes to remain anonymous. Here she describes her experience:

"I was in my work place when I heard a strange sound over the building. My immediate reaction was that a flying saucer was flying over the roof. It was just as I imagined it would be - a strange cosmic sound."

The women didn't rush to see when it was flying above her work place. So it is impossible to say if these two reports with 5 hours between them are about the same object. More witnesses are needed.

Under the circumstances it would seem the Brandstorp incident involved a UFO. Investigations continue.

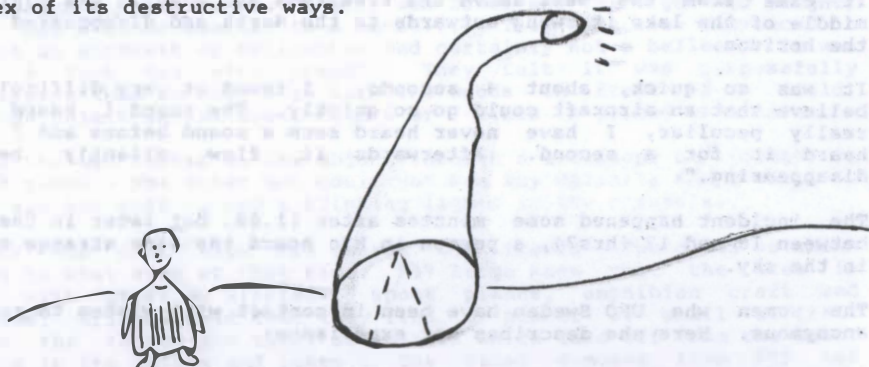
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CANADIAN LANDING

Preliminary Landing Report:

On Oct 12/93 at approximately 12.15 am a husband and wife in their 30's witnesses a full landing of a structural non-conventional craft beside Cranberry Lake near Powell River. The object was shaped like "an upside down ram's horn, about 10 feet high and 4 feet wide at its base." It gave off it's own greenish fluorescent glow which was uniform in intensity except for the bottom which was a darker jade green. It sat there for several minutes as the witnesses watched it from a distance of fifty feet. A triangular opening emerged as if from no-where, at the base of the craft and one small being slid on floated on. This entity was approximately 3 and a half to four feet high, fully human looking with a pale green frock over its body. There was no hair on its head. The being stood on the ground in front of the craft for 10-15 minutes during which time a telepathic communication took place between the woman and the entity. The husband did not receive thoughts nor hear anything but was not able to move. The female did have motor nerve functions but was told to remain still for her own safety. Some of the information given to her was that the being was from a base located on the West Coast (exact location was given with co-ordinates, which we are withholding at the request of the wife until a later date). This being was born or 'created' in the base as a result of human-alien bonding, but the people who created the base are from the interior of a planet in our own solar system. They are concerned about our forests, trees and animal life and are contacting in this (Powell river) area to implant thoughts and ideas of conservation. The being also said that the

reason there has been an increase in sightings in British Columbia was to both increase public awareness and warn the military-industrial complex of its destructive ways.



We have investigated the landing site and found both affected soil as well as anomalous pieces of metal which we have sent to a space metals laboratory for analysis. A 20 page transcript of the telepathic transmission is being studied as well. It contains names of supposed high ranking military personnel.

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ANOMALOUS ELECTRICAL PHENOMENA: DELAYED OVERCURRENT TRIPPING **(THE UFO CONNECTION)**

By M.C. Soper

Nearly another East Coast Blackout: recent events in Puerto Rico reveal yet another situation much like the circumstances that led to the USA East Coast blackout. The power blackout paralysed the Eastern seaboard on 9/11/65. At this time a pilot saw a glowing object hovering over the giant station at Niagara falls, and another spherical machine over the Clay substation in Syracuse New York was seen by another witness. In addition to this the Colusa Sun Herald of 9/13/76 reported that on Thursday 9/9/76 Bill Pecha Jr. saw a huge glowing object hovering over his house while an "outage" was reported by Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

The difference in Puerto Rico is not the scale of the outage, which was minor; the remarkable fact is the number of witnesses to the Puerto Rican event. Thousands of witnesses over a wide area on March 17th in 1991 witnessed a huge disc hovering over the Trujillo Alto transformer station for thirty seconds drawing immense amounts of power into the base and converting this into a huge searchlight beam which scanned the heavens overhead. From a distance the crowds could see on this storm free night that the sky had become a deep turquoise blue at midnight, which suddenly changed to orange in the immense light as a shimmering curtain of electric power was drawn upwards in a sparkling display which hurt the eyes on prolonged observation.

The transformer was ruined; and the mystery is how long the UFO was able to cheat the safety systems, which usually cut in fractions of a second after excessive power demands occur.

Jose Miranda from El Conquistador related:
"What I saw after I looked through the back window after the bright

light engulfed everything, was something of which I could see only a fourth of its size and shape... motionless there in the sky... something round, some strange type of craft with a shiny nickel-type metallic round edge. At the underside, that is the side I could see the most of, following that edge was a thin line of phosphorescent green light, and next to that one, more to the centre that very powerful white light, bright white light, like a welding light... I saw that as well as electrical rays... discharges going up ... colours... something like that... all this area was daylight, and the light changed from green to blue to orange. I saw it... for about thirty seconds... and when the power failed completely that thing shot away to the North at great speed. I ran to the front window... already gone..."

The witness continues: "My wife, who had seen part of what happened, was screaming in her bed, because we had never seen a craft as big as that one so close close and hanging there over the houses. That thing easily would have covered most of this area... what I saw was an alien craft, something not normal, not from this planet."

From the account in Timothy Good's book UFO report 1992 (Jorge Martin): Rafael Emitez, a psychologist stated:

"When I looked out of the rear window, because everything was... in broad daylight and the electrical power was gone, I saw this thing with three very bright light sources underneath (the) centre. I also saw something like a wall of electrical rays going upwards, like thousands of minute electrical capillaries thin electrical discharges going up... and you could hear a "chh, chh, chh" sound rather like when you hear static electricity... the wall of electricity it was wider at its base and (whilst going upwards to) that thing in the air... thinner. Surrounding the object was something like a cloud."

"That thing I saw was not anything I know from Earthly Technology... the lights were so intense, like spotlights shining downwards... really intense and blinding... what I saw was an alien craft that visited us, absorbed the station's electrical energy, then charged whatever they wanted to recharge in their ship. Maybe they had an energy problem, then left."

At last there is some tangible evidence we can use to tie together similar cases: there are photographs of ruined transformers and accounts by many people that are consistent and fit together consistently. If these sightings had been received in the fifties, and sixties, then the public would have sparked into awareness and there would have been enquiries and 'questions in the house'. What happens now in Britain is data like this is not even officially reported. That is because now we have a publicity machine that is well oiled and perfectly honed to the task; which is the smoothing out of any non-habitual worries or fears in the population. For after all a disturbed population will start to think and change their voting and reading habits.

Hence complacency helps the government (of whatever party) and thus will support the status quo; this is a rather sad reflection and is perhaps the basis of politics which seems to rely on the complacency of conservatism to bring about social injustice to such an extent that the voters start to think and thus vote differently.

Moans apart we have a subset of strong cases which the author is trying to extend to this country. However the National Grid Company is proving reticent and do not wish to let us see their reports on

'anomalous delayed over-current tripping', though they do in fact have a forensic department responsible for checking out the more unusual cases.

NOW FOR MORE EVIDENCE!

Genaro Bigas who lived near the substation and went to the balcony to see what was happening said:

"(The object) was rather dark on the underside... was flashing bright orange lights all around... that was the source of the light which was illuminating everything here... there was something solid up there, because you could see the clouds and the sky.. from the rim inwards you could see a solid surface, dark surface... then after that, some very bright lights appeared on its underside in the centre: what I saw is consistent with what is called traditionally a flying saucer... as big as most of the urban residential area... up there motionless how could that be, just standing in the air? ... very heavy... just incredible... "

Jose and Sonia Adorno were also witnesses in Trujillo Alto; Sonia stated: "... about 12.20 am and suddenly everything became very bright... when we looked out, we saw something very big and round in the air, surrounded by some kind of cloud... there was a bright yellowish-bluish light going up from the cloud ground to something like a huge platform which was up... over El Conquistador... (this was) rather round and a little flattened at the top with yellow-orange light all around..."

A call was placed to Phenomena Research, this UFO reporting centre in Seattle Washington, and the man in charge asked (whether) this thing I saw had three lights or windows, (yes)... big... real... terrifying... shafts of light seemingly come at you hovering over barns and houses, darting away, then shooting back down close to the ground... I wasn't a believer in UFOs before, ...I certainly am now ..."

These are some of the best physical evidence cases, yet to understand this some facts need to become clear; the first is that shorting out a power cable will not shut off the grid anywhere else; within fractions of a second the over current trip will operate and the power supply will be cut off, the delay is probably too long to save the life of a wet person who forms the short for example, however these anomalies are very quickly detected, the same applies to any continuous current to ground, except that the trip is quicker and more sensitive (natural causes include metal ladders against overhead wires and wet tree growth in the rain), thus continually taking large currents from an overhead cable is not an easy task at all, a sudden surge causing the trip to operate.

Thus when thousands of witnesses claim that for thirty seconds an overhead craft took power from a substation, leaving the substation ruined, there is a genuine problem about how this can occur (even in Puerto Rico) since US safety laws would apply. Why doesn't the trip operate? Unknown: there is not any clear explanation of the incidents. This reticence may be overcome, and should this happen then there will be a new source of data on the subject of UFO recharging from overhead supplies.

Currently we have interfaced with the National Grid Company Public Relations Department on this, however the problem is that they do not wish their data to have any imputational link with UFO investigation: we are saying scientific data is scientific data and therefore should

be available regardless. The discussion is ongoing essentially.

Bill Pecha related about his 1976 case:"... When the power went off I started outside and saw this huge glowing thing hovering above our house. ...looked ...like ...150 feet across and from 10 - 18 feet in height, shooting out beams of bluish light. ...looked like an huge inverted cup and saucer with the outer rim spinning clockwise and the inner disc spinning counter-clockwise. When I got outside I felt funny: seemed like all hair ...was being pulled up ...there were three of these things, the big one and the two smaller ones on the high power line... there was no noise... a huge blue halo of light with big UFO manoeuvring about at amazing speed... Pecha said he was so frightened that he drove into town ...fast... in his pick-up with the lights out ...the bluish light from this thing about 50 feet off the ground seemed to follow him, then disappeared ...There was a bluish light all over the place and coming down these shafts of light turned to ...all white... this thing darted about, clear out to the foothills and back. One each side (were) two things about eight feet long which hung down and curled underneath... they looked like wire bristles. The power poles were glowing and the two smaller UFOs each had glowing lights... all of this happened, I guess in a matter of 15 to 20 minutes.

How can these effects occur in standard physics? There are however non-standard versions of physics in which these kinds of events can very easily be explained. There is some not first rate statistical evidence that ties together the USAF UFO reports from various projects with the number of Federal Power Commission power failure reports or different years. In nearly every year the curves are in step, furthermore we have also the link between UFO waves and the decrease in the number of sunspots; thus there seems here to be a very clear message of the sighting of a UFO being associated with the absence of electrical supplies in the vicinity; though this may merely be a result of the strategic drawing off of electrical power for the 'journey'. Note also that for one reason or another that neolithic sites tend to exist where there are few power cables. These are of course favourite sites for sky-watches, thus in this respect the instincts of the watchers may be correct that noticeable events are more likely to happen near these sites, because they are clear of overhead wires perhaps.

The weakness of the graph below is that there may be a third factor that influences both power supply and the tendency of people to both see and report UFO cases; the existence of domestic ionisers indicates that people have moods which are affected by the extent of natural ionisation ambiently. This third factor is illustrated by the fact that babies have worse teeth in large families; this is because harassed mothers tend to leave their children with bottles to suck filled with orange juice; not because the mother's desperation causes bad teeth directly.

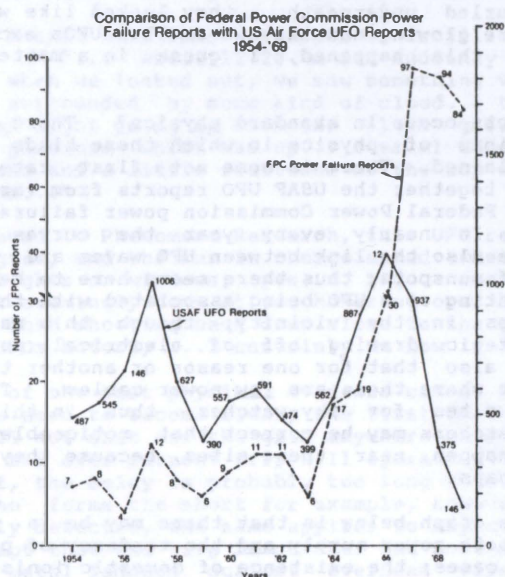
Because of privatization, the current data on the National Grid Company outages is according to our informant difficult to obtain since no private company wants a measure of the current efficiency of their operations released.

This data taken together with the 441 vehicle interference cases collected and published by Mark Rodeghier of the Hynek Centre for UFO studies is incontrovertible evidence for the link between the presence of UFOs and the absence of electrical flow in macroscopic conductors; there are even cases where three tractors have been working in a

field, two petrol and one diesel, both petrol engines have cut out and the diesel has continued to work during the visible over-flight of a bright object in the area.

Earlier results have often depended on too many cases with few witnesses; this cannot be said of the Puerto Rico case. One electricity official said off the record that there was no easy explanation of how power could be drawn for thirty seconds without being cut off. The National Grid overhead lines have a maximum current limit of .6A, and when any current flows to the ground the power goes off in a fraction of a second; all the safety circuits are backed-up twice. (Note that even with these precautions the .02A necessary to kill a human being is usually delivered on any occasion when an earthed human touches a wire.)

We have therefore finally shown that some UFOs do actually in fact interrupt electricity supplies.



THE CONTACT INTERNATIONAL UFO CONFERENCE - 16/10/93

Comments by Brian P. James

PALDEN JENKINS - THE ONLY PLANET OF CHOICE:

One aspect of Palden Jenkin's presentation, if I understood it correctly, suggested that Earth "exists" at a specific phase of matter; that we are also existing at this phase, and therefore we couldn't exist on other planets even if we were to travel to them. Now this concept clearly is at odds with current scientific theories, particularly in the fields of astronomy and physics. I now wonder if our scientists are just plain wrong in the way they interpret the data before them concerning the Universe, or indeed possibly Universes? which is admittedly gained only by very remote observation from this planetary system, or are they being deliberately deceived and/or guided in some way by superior beings?

I did speak to Palden about the concept of Earth being an on-going experiment, and asked if there were other such experimental planets in the Universe, which apparently there may be but at a different phase of matter.

DEREK SHEFFIELD - BELGIAN CASES:

Derek Sheffield is to be congratulated on his efforts to bring Ufology into the political arena after the Belgian events of 1990 (which in a way is concurrent with the aims of John Holman - which I will return to later). I have read of the Belgian events, and learnt more from Derek. Although I agree that the whole situation was of concern to the Belgian Military at the time, conversely it was hardly considered a real threat to national security. Surely any real perceived threat would have warranted more than flights of an Air Patrol nature? If it had been aircraft coming in from Eastern Europe, there would have been rather more defensive aircraft scrambled including Belgium based USAF aircraft. Derek made much of the aversion of our own M.O.D to admit they were notified through NATO channels of the radar contacts, but I wonder if other European Air Commands have been any more forthcoming? Although the Belgian Air Force have declared the objects as unidentified, something seems amiss in the reaction, or possibly the interpretation by Ufologists. The same might be said of the well known Puerto Rico events - which I will again return to.

EDWARD ASHPOLE ON CETI:

The speaker on SETI and CETI, Edward Ashpole, perhaps didn't have sufficient time to get his points across, and he did have to deal with questions from the floor, myself included. I am still not convinced that there is no proof of alien involvement in human evolution. It all rather depends on what one defines as proof, and I'm not sure anyone has really asked the right questions. Someone did make the point that anthropoids share 98% similar genes anyway, and I'm not sure that current understanding of genetics can fully explain the differences resulting from the other, significant 2%.

On the day I did question whether the genetic changes would have necessarily been on the physical body as much as the capabilities of the brain, especially as the speaker indicated that a large brain has a disadvantage in the energy it needs to "run" it, so why does man have a brain that is I believe at least 20% redundant, as surely it is illogical to naturally evolve such over-capacity, with the trade off of energy requirement?

BRIAN BURDEN ON MIBS:

Brian Burden gave an excellent presentation on events in the history of Ufology, an the involvement of "Men In Black" in other areas of research as well as UFOs, but perhaps didn't give cause for so much immediate discussion. I was also interested in his revelations about the term "flying saucer", which did not come direct from Kenneth Arnold, but was a media phrase.

JOHN HOLMAN ON CAMPAIGN FOR ALIEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

I hope CONTACT will be supporting CAA, although I feel that there are many obstacles to overcome to bring the campaign to a conclusion, and I am saying that without being negative.

I hope you will also forgive me declining to always define a UFO as such - I feel that there is a case for more specific designations when investigation still classifies an "unidentified". The terminology of UFO and the all too common media term "flying saucer" I think is unhelpful in getting the message across to the general public. The

very term "flying saucer" has a bad image as a throw back to the 1950s almost covering up images of sci-fi 'B' movies and at the same time, images of "little green men".

I agree with John Holman, we need to move on, and away from old standpoints, in order to gain a wider audience. I feel UFO groups should make a point of correcting media, and consequently public, misconceptions about the subject. How many times have you read a UFO report in local papers, or heard an item on local radio that immediately describes "flying saucer"? We must strive to correct this.

The point made at the conference that there is an undeniable wealth of data to prove that genuine UFOs exist. What is then the point of asking the public to accept that something is unidentified? I am both a student of Ufology, and a member of the public; I want to know what it is, not what it isn't, if you see what I mean. If a UFO is metallic, obviously manufactured and performing intelligent manoeuvres, then surely a better term to define it as a vehicle\ vessel is appropriate? I increasingly use the term ETV - Extra Terrestrial Vehicle\ Vessel for quite obvious manufactured objects that are clearly beyond anything we might build or operate.

During the open discussion at the conference I observed at the time that it isn't necessarily governments, both national and global, that may be against any admittance of an Alien presence, and 'our' inferiority, but global industry - arguably the paymasters of governments would have a lot to learn by any such admittance, as I said, especially in the energy industry. If oil and fossil fuels were to be rendered obsolete overnight by some wonder energy source that may power observed ETVs, whole economies would instantly collapse. Our world is governed really by money - its creation and movement, and the economy is what drives this system for both global industry and government, and it also relies on on a basically 'disposable' consumer market for manufactured products that drive that economy, much to the detriment of the global government.

Although this current intense global industrial economy has been in existence for less than a century, any government, and its industrial backers will need a lot of persuading to unilaterally threaten itself by an admission of inferiority, because what we are asking for is a total change of our modern way of life.

There is also the aspect of the military arms of the western powers; governments may fund the military, but in a way they exist and thrive on paranoia of maintaining superiority over other military arms. How would U.S military commanders admit to their impotence against observed ETVs? - such as the Belgium AF has done - though the situation is different as Belgium is hardly a significant military power. To admit the existence of ETVs, and man's inferiority to them, would invalidate their position of superiority, with all its ramifications, and of course this has been precisely the basis for their stance on UFOs since the 1940s.

Perhaps the final question on pressing governments to admit to the existence of ETVs, is to question who really governs in 'democracies' - the elected parliament?, or their industrial paymasters?, or the unelected Civil Service such as we have in this country?

It was good to see the video of the Mexico sightings during the Solar

eclipse of 1991, and the whole scenario of that day is fascinating. However after one viewing of the video, something is nagging me - but it may just be me clutching the wrong straw. Much was made of the multiple witness reports, and of the video footage showing a metallic disc reflecting sunlight. Now, during the sightings, the sun went through totality, where was the sunlight coming from to shine on the UFO, which by triangulation appeared to be at a reasonably low altitude? Just returning to the Puerto Rico events, I had read of these in Tim Good's books, and recently saw footage during a programme on UFOs on BSkyB? Tim Good has put forward the view that USN aircraft were repeatedly being abducted, which I find slightly contradictory to his other theories on liaison between aliens and the US military. Perhaps it is interpretation of the events, but in a similarity to the Belgian events, there is an anomaly in that only pairs of aircraft on CAPs were seen to engage the UFOs, not any sort of attack formation. Also, in peacetime, would USN commanders knowingly despatch pilots to an unknown fate on several occasions? We have thankfully progressed since the days of the 'over the top' mentality of WW1 trench warfare, and what of the not inconsiderable cost of the aircraft?

Given the reports of the events, I feel it is possible that the F-14s were actually involved in training flights, carrying out landings on other vessels, the same as they would on carriers of other NATO navies

Editor: On behalf of CONTACT many thanks to all the the speakers who made the occasion an interesting and thought provoking afternoon. Also Michael Soper should be mentioned for co-ordinating the event, and Brian James for taking the trouble to write up the above review.

CROP CIRCLE UPDATE by G. E. Ambler

Most of off season activity has been in deciding whether the Bythorn pentagram is genuine. The Northampton area purported hoaxer known as "Bill Bailey" claims to have made the formation on two nights, adding the diagonals as an inspired postscript on the second night.



Under cross examination he has produced two sets of photographs, the first showing the formation after the first night's work, and the second when complete the following day. The pictures were taken from across the main road at the bottom of the fields, at least 400 yards away. Our own impression from that distance was that you could have no idea what was contained inside the circle and only directly overhead aerial shots would be of any value. The farmer was sure the formation was made in one night and there were game keepers patrolling the area, so that the daring Mr "Bailey" might stand a fair chance of being caught in the act over two nights! No other assisting persons were mentioned so is it possible he made the most complex ever crop circle pictogram on his own!

Analysis of the Bythorn construction by our mathematician, Michael Soper, shows it is comprised of many classic ratios, the golden mean etc. In simple terms the geometry is designed to feed the sub-conscious mind with perfect harmony, as was found in many great

architectural feats of the past.

A trickle of foreign information is coming in about the 1993 season. The number of formations in Sweden rose to 12, many of these being of the complex type with straight paths. The phenomenon has therefore made rapid progress in a country not reporting more than one or two before. In Holland 3-4 good formations reported close to sacred sites, and in France they arrived in areas around the Paris region - June 9th, Maincy near Melun, a dumb-bell with antennas; July 4th, Savigny Le Temple - 7 circles in straight line; and July 12th Itteville. Essonne - 2 circles with antennas and nearby at Fortenay Le Vicomte, 5 more circles.

LIGHTS IN CROP CIRCLES JULY AND AUGUST 1991
by Plymouth UFO Group (PUFORG)

Editor: The following is part of a report issued by PUFORG (1992) together with photographs. The latter are being kept at Contact Int. Headquarters. We do not think the lights could successfully be reproduced in our magazine format, although the anomaly is definitely present.

We welcome the opportunity to present evidence that crop circles are the product and aftermath of unknown energies, rather than be overwhelmed with the paranoia that pervades the subject at the present time. Here is an independent investigation by a long standing group (founded 1965) of circles a long way from the tainted Wilts/Hants area and this evidence was being gathered barely a month before the 'Doug and Dave' scam appeared in Today newspaper.

In 1991 a number of crop circle formations occurred in a small, localised area in Cornwall. PUFORG investigated all of the 9 sites which appeared over a six week period from the middle of July to the end of August.

During this time, and in the course of PUFORG's investigations of the sites, several remarkable photographs were obtained. Four were taken by PUFORG members, and one by George Bishop of Callington.

We would have ordinarily written individual site reports for our files and interested parties, but because of the importance of the photographs, we felt they must be presented to wider public. We believe the photographs to be important (and of great interest), not only because they show a strange phenomenon occurring within another very strange phenomenon, namely crop circles.

There are 5 photographs taken by 3 different cameras, at 2 different sites on 3 different dates over a period of 4 weeks.

We visited the 9 sites many times over the six week period, and though we took a couple of hundred photographs at the sites, the 'lights' appeared only on these five shots. When the photos were taken neither the photographers or anyone else at the site noticed anything unusual, even the 'lights' appear very close to people on three of the shots. No other photographs taken by others present when the 'light' photographs were taken, showed anything unusual.

The sequence of photos was as follows:-

On the evening of the 11th of July, Ron Richards, group treasurer and Bob Boyd, chairman, went to the first formation reported in the locality. Also at the site was Marilyn Preston-Evans, her husband and George Bishop.

The formation was a dumb-bell shape of two circles and connecting corridor, in a crop of winter barley. The circles were 56ft. and 30ft., and the corridor 8ft. long by 3ft. wide. The formation was oriented NW/SE.

A few days later, George phoned to say that he had something odd on one of his photographs from the visit to the dumb-bell. He brought this to a group meeting and the shot showed a very faint blue circle against a background of corn.

Steve Johnston, our photographic analyst, examined the print and negative and said he couldn't determine what had caused the image, as it was none of the obvious explanations such as chemical or negative fault, lens flare, water spots etc. and "would go as far to say that there was an 80% possibility that it was unusual", but because the image was so faint it would be impossible for him to say more. PUFORG also felt the image, even if it was unusual, was too faint to be of interest.

Several other formations occurred in the next couple of weeks, after the dumb-bell. On the 27th of July a mile or so from it, a single circle appeared. On the 3rd of August, Ron Pritchard and Jan his wife, visited this circle. A week later on the 10th of August, several group members visited the same circle.

When Karen, one of those present on the visit to the circle on the 10th, had her film of that night developed, she was 'shocked' to find a ball of light on the first and last shots of the five she had taken.

We then re-examined George's earlier shot, and found a strong similarity between the object on that and those on Karen's photos.

Ron Pritchard later had his film developed, and found that he too had 'lights' on two of his photos. These were quite different to the other 'lights'. For some time we thought these had also been taken on the 10th of August, (when Ron and Jan were also present) but later realised that they were taken on their first visit to the site on the 3rd.

We must put on record our assurance that the photographs were taken as stated, and that they had not been contrived or hoaxed in any way.

We do not know what the 'lights' are. The photographs came out totally unexpectedly, amid very busy investigations into the flurry of crop circles that were appearing then. They came as a complete (and amazing) surprise to us all..... (Details of photographs follow).

.... Space does not allow us to address the many questions arising from the photographs. We don't have answers anyway, and can only report the details of, and the circumstances in which the photographs were taken.

The information supplied here is all that we have. We have no idea what the 'lights' are and can only repeat our assurance that the photographs are genuine, and were obtained as stated in this report.

Because of the photographs, we believe that we have learned a couple of important facts concerning crop circles, that should be recorded. Namely - we believe the size and complexity of a formation, to be of little importance. A simple single circle contains the complete crop circle mystery. Whatever the 'answers' to the mystery are, they are as likely to be found in a single circle as in a large pictogram.

Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, the formation of the circle is not the 'end' of the story. The photographs taken by George, Ron and Jan, were at sites one week old. Karen took hers when the site was two weeks old, so it would seem that the circles are 'active' at least two weeks after formation - possibly until they are cut.

Further, could it be that the formation of the circle is just the beginning, and not the end of the story? Could it be the circles are created for a 'use' after they have been formed?

What the photographs show would have been interesting wherever they had been taken. The fact that they were all taken inside crop circles, has to be significant, and adds another dimension to these strange, rare photos. And importantly, the photos may add yet another dimension to the already complex, and extraordinary crop circle mystery.

It must also be of note that in ten years of crop circles, we have not heard of this type of 'light' being seen, but in 1991 we got these photographs and two videos of similar lights (which rules out a local phenomenon), were taken at formations in Wiltshire.

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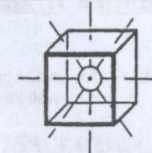
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