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EDITORIAL

There are some things in Ufology that perhaps are best left unsaid. Like the criticisms from individuals whose behaviour towards others is inexcusable; the cruelty of words used biting; refusing to listen to some of our top people because one does not agree with what they say, and the unnecessary digging into the secrets in the private lives of some of us which, quite frankly, has absolutely **nothing** to do with anyone else, or with ufology either for that matter. I can think of more, but these suffice to make my point!

But there are times when we should speak out and defend those who have worked in this field for many years! Not only because they are fellow-travellers, but because they are decent, straight-forward people who have been dealt a blow decidedly below the belt!

Such a person is Dr. John E Mack of Cambridge Hospital, part of Harvard University in the United States of America. John is a psychiatrist and became involved in UFO work because his patients reported bizarre experiences to him about being abducted, examined, often interfered with in embarrassing and harassing ways, and feeling traumatised by the whole situation.

Now if something like that happened to me, and if I were not aware that hundreds of people **honestly** feel they have been abducted by 'aliens', I would certainly turn to a psychiatrist to help sort out my trauma. That would be my first step, and consulting a UFO specialist would come later!

I am not here to judge what the 'abduction' syndrome is all about, and to be honest, I certainly don't know what the root causes are. But neither does Dr. John Mack. He merely feels that in this day and age, an in-depth study of this type of case history should be undertaken, whatever the end result might be. Which is exactly what he did! True, he did become curious about this unusual phenomenon, where people totally unconnected with one another, **over and over again**, report similar experiences.

And not only in the United States, for I have read reports of 'abduction cases' in Australia, Britain, and Africa. The procedures are repetitive: the alleged 'dream-figure' was similar and the horrific experience of interference with one's body against one's will, cropped up time and time again. The abductees, says Dr. John, are not mentally disturbed. Often they are highly placed, intelligent people, anxious to get to the bottom of their nightmare experiences.

So, John wrote a book; not really speculating what it was all about, but stating the facts. I have seen and heard a number of other psychiatrists report on John's work in this field. If they agree with him, they might say so but are careful that you don't mention names. If they disagree with him, they say so vociferously and loudly, so that everyone can hear. No-one is going to accuse them of being involved with this 'crazies only' thing.

They are not even prepared to allow John to carry on his research; it is too bizarre, too denigrating to real science, to their image, and too awful to even contemplate! But if we think about it, what is science all about really? Surely it is about curiosity? Curiosity about what makes us tick; curiosity about the changing face of Earth and its uncertain future. Well, that is how I and many millions of other people see it!

So how do we ever learn about the true nature of UFOs, if those most qualified are not allowed to participate? It was all right when the late Prof. Allen Hynck came out and stated his interest (he was retired, so he only could harm himself!) and it's OK for Stanton Friedman to say what he thinks (that some UFOs are from other planets), because he is self-employed on a consultant basis. And Dr. Bruce Maccabee can also say what he wants as no-one interferes with him, and several others of his calibre. Walt Andrus, Director of MUFON, can also have his say, because who could touch him? And as for me, well, who gives a hoot about what I think in the depths of darkest Africa?

But Dr. John E Mack is one of them, and of course, that's just not on. Scientists are above the common herd; some feel they are actually above everyone!

To me, I always thought science was about curiosity. What made Newton query why the apple fell down from the tree? And why should Archimedes shout 'Eureka' in his bath, when he realised he was displacing his weight in water? Because they were thoughtful and curious people, and became world-famous over a period of centuries.

And how are we ever going to find answers to our questions (about UFOs in this case) if we silence the prominent people from trying to find out? I'm not necessarily blaming Harvard University; they are only doing what probably most prestigious Universities would have done. Instead of being intelligently curious, they are afraid. 'If we're not careful,' they are possibly saying, 'we will be stamped with this weirdo stamp, and we certainly cannot put up with that!'

Curiosity is a healthy thought-process; curiosity about what makes us what we are, both physically and spiritually. Curiosity about terrible ailments like AIDS and EBOLA in Africa; about why some people are violent and others not, why some destroy and others heal. And certainly why some have 'abduction' experiences and others not, although we already know that we all have dreams. It doesn't matter what the end solution turns out to be: the important factor is to be curious enough to want to find out!

Revelation from Israel

In June 1993, the Israeli government TV Channel aired a UFO show which was sceptical of the phenomenon, despite 20 eye-witnesses of various events. However in the middle of the show, the producer stated that a 'shard' picked up at a UFO landing site in Kadima had been analysed by the State of Israel Institute for Geology by Dr Henry Fuhner, director of the Biochemical Dept. His report read in part: "... After putting it (the shard) through two separate tests we have found the material to be composed of elemental silicon, a substance not found on this planet. Silicon that is found on this planet is artificially created out of polymers. The shards were not manufactured by any process known."

LIGHTS AND TRACKS

Nyambuya Farm, Rhodesia (Zimbabwe) 1954/55

Case No 107

[The following events were part of a letter to a friend, written by 'Bunty', a well-known Bromley farmer who died recently.]

At Nyambuya Farm, during the curing season of 1954 or 1955, I had a Great Dane and five small dogs of various breeds, including 'Gorgeous Gussie', a highly-bred Pekinese named after the tennis star; Lulu, a pedigreed Maltese Poodle; Mitzi, a lovely Dachshund, and two small Heinz varieties, all brought to me to look after, as the owners didn't want them. Bruce, the Great Dane, I bought from the Municipal Pound for four shillings and sixpence (45c) to save him from being put to sleep the next day. These dogs were my gang and I used to take them out to the farm for two or three days a week. They all slept in the lounge with me.

I remember waking up suddenly at 02:45 hrs with Bruce's face near mine. He was whimpering and shaking. I dashed out of bed thinking he wanted 'out' in a hurry and as I dashed to the front door, I was almost blinded by powerful rays of light coming from something very much higher than the tallest trees and outcrops.

I remember thinking, 'it's searchlights upside down', but much brighter and it looked silver with deep flame coming down to the ground in a fan shape over a wide area. (Figure 1)

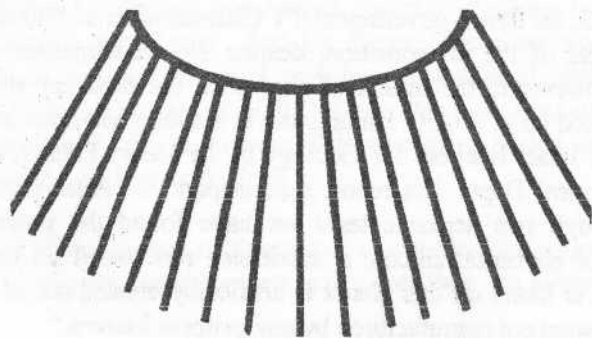


Figure 1

I was unable to move. There wasn't a sound of any sort but suddenly all these tunnels of light were going up and up, and seemed to be retracting. It was then I screamed and shouted for Joe in his room, and Kingsley, the manager, in his.

They both rushed to the door and I told them what I'd seen. They kept saying, 'Where? Where? You've been dreaming!'

As I was telling them, the lights went up and up and then were gone but it looked red like a blacksmith's forge. Then the object suddenly appeared, travelling horizontally at a terrific and noiseless speed from the left to the right of the farm. The two men saw it and so did I, as a huge fireball. In seconds it had completely disappeared.

As we came in, Joe said, 'Where are your dogs, then?'

Poor old Bruce stood up, shaking like a leaf and when I called him he staggered as if he was doped. The little ones were terrified, hiding under the bedclothes and none of them would come out.

We searched around as soon as it was light to see if the field of mealies nearby had been scorched, or for any clues of some sort, but found nothing.

The manager told Peter Jocelyn (who had a farm nearby and was a pilot and still flew). He came over and said I must promise to call him if I saw anything like it again. He did believe me about the lights I saw, but Joe and Kingsley did not, although they both told him what they had seen. He said all pilots were warned to keep a look out and get as far away from any sightings as they could. They were aware that there definitely were UFOs but did not know what they were being used for or from where they came. I always regret I didn't tell my story to Cynthia Hind. I remember her giving a talk on UFOs and I have a feeling it was at a Women's Institute meeting but can't say for certain. I wanted to tell her but I felt too shy as most people thought you were a nutter or just making it up.

Another weird thing I saw at Nyambuya: somewhere around the Falls [on the Nyambuya River] there was a large flat area of smooth granite. I was mooching around on my motor-bike and I saw the pattern of a tyre-mark, about 12-18 inches long, imprinted in that rock! It was black and the grooves were very visible; I tried to remove it with sand and a stone, and tried digging at it with a screwdriver, but the imprint must have been six eighths of an inch deep. I got a geologist who was with Anglo American Mining Company to go with me to see it and he was 'clueless' as he said no vehicle could get there. I couldn't get my motor-bike to where it was! I never told anyone else about it and wouldn't dare tell Joe; I had been on my own fossicking right down there. The geologist was one of my boarders and a pupil of the famous 'Old McGregor', Rhodesia's best-known character in that field. My ex-boarder rose very high and became, I seem to recollect, Minister of Mines before Rhodesia became Zimbabwe, in Ian Smith's time.

I feel sure the 'tyre imprint' story was long before I saw the UFO. Looking back at the two unexplained experiences, plus studying the official farm plan which I still have, I often connect the two and imagine the object can land on a centre wheel, if and when necessary. How can the UFO mystery remain unsolved? By the law of averages it can't be a myth; I do know I did not imagine what I saw. Joe has gone and couldn't help. He did at least see some of the story. He was also very mystified at the dogs' behaviour, and as you can see in the photo [enclosed] Bruce used to just stand and look at that rock and I never saw him climb on that area again.

Georgina and Bill Carey bought that farm; I don't know if they are still there.

ARIEL SCHOOL REPORT (CONT.) Case N° 96 (UFO AFRINEWS N° 11)

The Ariel School case developed much further when an interview with the children was made by Dr John Mack. He spent two days speaking to them and was able to elicit a great deal more information. I am sure he will report this himself at a later date.

I have also found out that some of the children actually saw a 'cigar-like' object on the Thursday, September 15th, 1994, the day before the general sighting. One young boy said that as he was driving from school with his mother - in broad daylight - on the 15th September, they saw an object ahead of them.

This sighting was verified by three little girls who were sitting in the playground on the Thursday and observed the mysterious object, 'like a cigarette in the sky' very briefly, when it then disappeared. Had it been after the Friday event, I would have been wary of the report, as they could easily have been influenced by the big event. This report is being investigated and will be reported on in a later issue.

Fiona, aged 9, said that on the Friday she could see this strange object, very bright, over in the bush and something dark on the object. But she could not identify it as a 'little man'; she says: 'It could have been a branch or something like that.'

I was impressed by the honesty of the children. When they weren't sure, they were hesitant; when they were sure, they spoke out quickly and confidently.

It was a cross-section of Zimbabweans: black African children from several tribes, coloured children (a cross-breeding of black and white), Asian children (with parents born in Zimbabwe but whose grandparents had come from India) and white children, mostly Zimbabwean-born, but whose parents were either from South Africa or Britain.

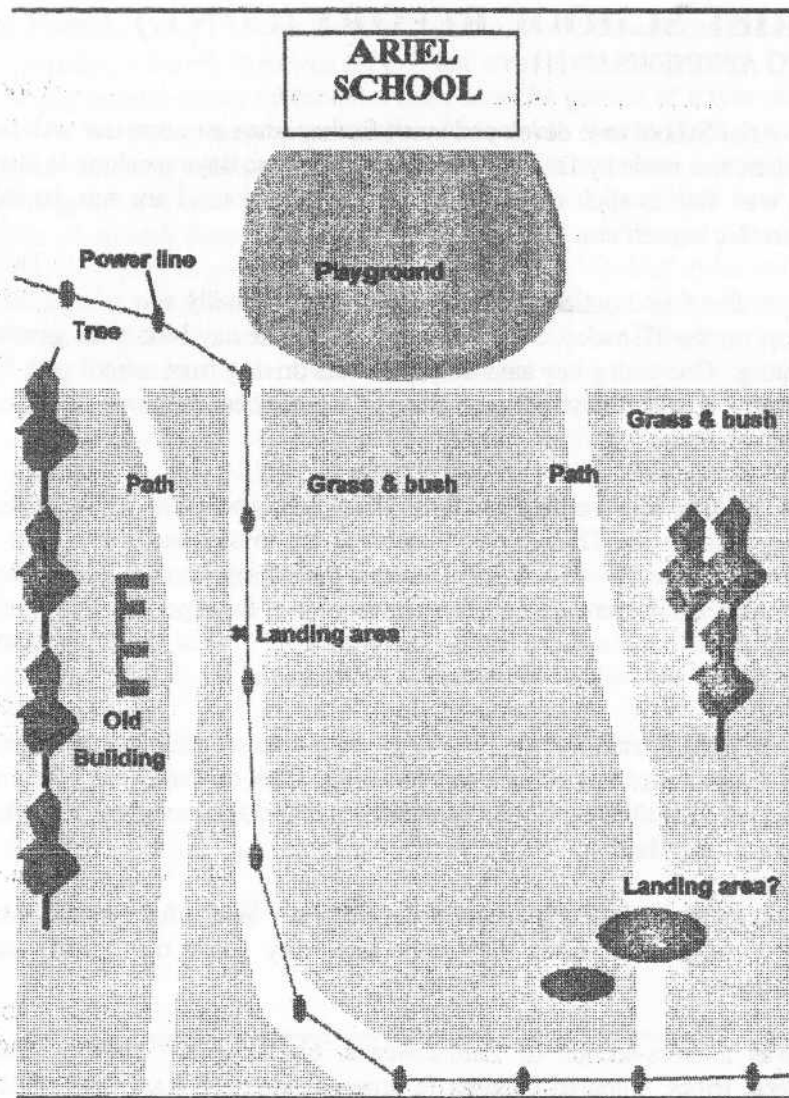


Figure 2: Map of Sightings

Ariel School is a privately-owned Primary School with classes from the smallest 5-6 year olds, to Grade 7 class with children of 11 and 12 years.

The school is expensive and the standard of children is of a reasonably high intellectual level. Most of the parents live in the area but several come from Harare and do the long drive — approx. 20 Km — every day.

Obviously there are cultural differences. When Guy G. asked two little boys why they were crying, they both said the little man in black was 'coming to eat' them. They were obviously black children, as Western parents no longer (certainly for several decades) threaten their children with demons who come and eat you. But this is still part of the African culture where 'the *Tokolosh* could very well gobble children up if they were naughty.'

On the other hand, the white children were mostly - although not all - aware of UFOs. So where they drew pictures, it was often identified as 'a UFO' and the little men in black were labelled 'aliens'.

In drawings from other ethnic groups the labelling was different: the little men were called 'unidentified persons' and the craft - or whatever - was called 'the machine', or 'the object'.

Farai M., aged about 11, agreed with Guy's description of the object being striped with green, black and silver.

One of the boys told me that he thought at first that the little man in black might have been Mrs Stevens' gardener, but then he saw the figure had long, straight black hair¹, 'not really like African hair', so he realised he had made a mistake!

Shortly after the event (certainly within 7 days), Gunter Hofer drove out to Ariel School and, using a map of the area - see drawing - took samples of the soil from several different areas. These were subsequently analysed by the Chemistry & Soil Research Institute, Department of Research and Specialist Services, free of charge, and the readings simplified for us by Dr

¹ See UFO AFRINEWS N° 11 for similarities of the 'long black hair' description.

Keith Viewing, now retired from the University of Zimbabwe. Unfortunately, although there were some anomalies, none were of particular significance and Dr Viewing suggested that a better and perhaps more relevant reading would be obtained from the Institute of Mining Research at the University. So, this is our next step.

An important issue to consider is that the children pointed out two landing areas, the first where the craft touched down - at the third electricity pole from their viewpoint - and the second landing point, where the little men emerged.

I have always maintained that one or two visits to any important UFO case are not enough; it is an on-going exercise and although 10 months have passed since the sighting, the event is still firmly etched in the minds of the children. I am hoping to make this - because of accessibility - an on-going exercise. I realise only too well that even months or years after the event, factors of extreme significance can come to light. And surely any evidence to solve this fascinating mystery is worth its weight in gold?

During the interviews with the children, several significant, direct statements were made. These are quoted here.

One young girl said that when she first looked, she saw three figures: one in red, one in white and one in black. The one in black was sitting on the 'spaceship'. This was the first time the word 'spaceship' had been used. She admitted that she had presumed that what she saw was a UFO.

Guy G: said that the objects were disc-shaped and were glinting among the trees before landing. He pointed out the landing place as at the third pole from the school grounds and the objects had come in along the electricity wires towards this area.

Of the little man, Guy said: 'He was quite lightish in colour, not black. His clothes were black. But there was no noise. And they disappeared into the valley down there' (Below the landing site).

Oriana: 'I saw this black stick, a very thin, long thing on top of the silver thing.'

Colin Mackie, Headmaster: 'I feel sure the children saw something. I don't believe or disbelieve, but they definitely saw SOMETHING. I agree that it could be something natural with which we are not familiar, but it was certainly seen by the children.'

Nathaniel said he saw 'a ship' land on the ground. It had an elongated hull with a platform around the side, and a small man in black was running around. He was about one-metre-plus tall.

Luke N.: 'I saw the little man. He had long black hair and was all in black. He looked like a shadow of something.'

Trevor: 'I was walking towards the school as the bell had rung, and I saw flashes of light from the corner of my eye.'

Daniel M.: 'I saw this silver thing among the trees, with one thing sitting on the side and another on top. Then they were running back and forth. It looked like a real person but it was quite plump.² At first I thought it was someone from the compound (labourers' quarters) playing around, but his hair was not like the usual African hair - very curly and close to the head - it was almost like a hippy's hair, long and black.'

Emily B.: 'I saw the little men with longish black hair and big black eyes. They turned round and stared at me and went back into a kind of ship. There was only one ship and some little ones scattered around it. I could see their big eyes and long hair. I definitely saw them!'

Charity S.: 'I saw this silver thing and a person in black alongside it. It looked like a saucer.' When asked by Tim Leach of the BBC if she had heard of UFOs, Charity replied: 'I've not heard of UFOs before.'

² Only mention of the little figure being 'plump'.

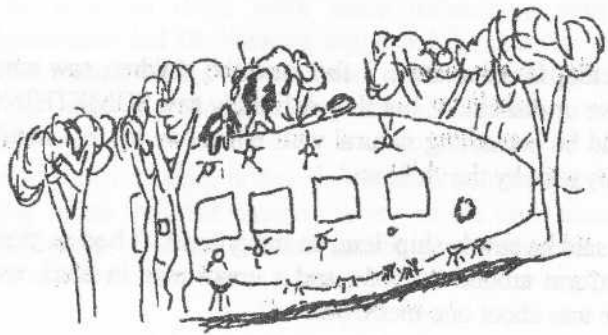


Figure 3: Drawing from Ariel School — Note the two figures above the object, also lights and several 'square' portholes. It appears to be hovering.

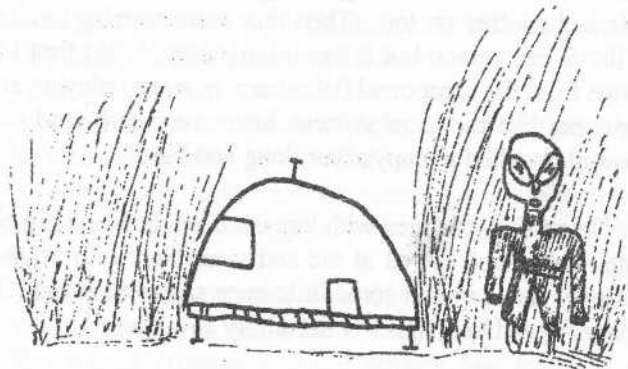


Figure 4: Drawing from Ariel School — No hair shown but eyes distinctive. Two tines or legs; only one window, but doorway seen.

Emma C.: 'I saw the objects disappear. They went up about a metre and then they disappeared. The little men were wearing clothes which were very, very shiny black. Like a diving suit and tight-fitting. I saw a glimpse of his face; his eyes were big. I thought they were aliens from another planet.'

Lisa P.: 'I saw this silver thing lying on its side. A man dressed in black came out. He had big eyes. I thought it was an alien and then I thought it was the gardener.'



Figure 5: Drawing from Ariel School — No facial features, but two figures seen.

Earlier that day, Mrs Stevens, whose farm is close to the school, said that she had got up to go to the bathroom, in the early hours, when she saw a huge orange glow from her window, over her chicken house. It was like a big round ball. She had never seen anything like it before and rushed to call her husband; but when he came, it had gone!

How does one assess a sighting like this? Were the children highly imaginative or were they dreaming? Is the whole UFO experience a mental aberration with which we are not familiar? Were the children - as has been suggested by one friend - in a state of hysteria, as has happened recently in some girls' schools in Zimbabwe? But in checking out the latter, the hysterical girls were at the age of puberty (14/15/16 year olds) and were only girls. Here, as many - if not more - boys were involved and the ages of the witnesses ranged from 7 to 12 years.

None of this proves anything, one way or another, but one cannot help feeling that a statement is being made. What it is, well, as John Mack says, that's the question!

UNUSUAL OCCURRENCE AT SEA

Chief Engineer R.J.Harrop, of the ss 'Sanko Stresa', wrote the following report while at sea on 5th March, 1979:

(All times GMT.)

At 1930 hrs, Monday 5th March 1979 at position 27°06' North and 16°50' West and shortly after sunset (at 1908 hrs), it was brought to the notice of the Officers in the smokeroom by the watch keeping Officer, Mr R.E.Boydon, that a peculiar sunset was in progress. I went to the port side window next to the entrance to my office and with the 2nd Officer, Mr D. Glendinning, the 3rd Engineer, Mr E. Dusati, Mrs Glendinning and Mrs Boydon, saw in the West an unusual sight. A white trail, not unlike an aircraft vapour trail shaped like a zigzag lay stationary against the dark night sky ending towards the horizon. Above the trail was a double halo of various unchanging colours from mauve, green and yellow to red tinge. The halo was not of constant brilliance and was faded in parts. Stars were quite clear at this time.

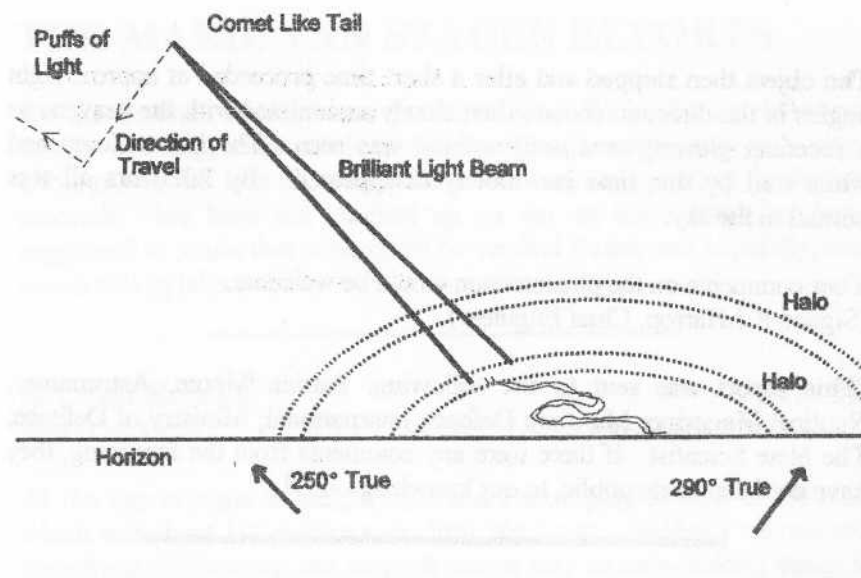


Figure 6

Later, at 2010 hrs it was brought to the Officers' attention by the relief watch keeping Officer, Mr R.W.Kreislers, that further events were occurring in the sky within the area in question. I saw from the port side window through the glare of the port bridge wing spotlight a brilliant white light directed downwards from a single point of light in the sky at approximately 45° altitude. The beam was directed in the area of the various colours near the horizon. The beam was not diffused and had a small angle of spread.

By the time I had gained the bridge, the brilliance of the beam had diminished and faded shortly afterwards. The source of the beam, a bright star-like object, then moved slowly in the direction shown and with the help of binoculars it could be mistaken for a comet since it had a tail not unlike a comet in shape and relative size. The light slowly faded and moved in the direction of its tail in a straight line and three or four times a ball-like puff of light appeared in its wake.

The object then stopped and after a short time proceeded at approx. right angles in the direction shown, then slowly assimilated with the heavens as a receding glowing area until nothing was seen. The halo colours and white trail by this time had slowly disappeared. By 2020 hrs all was normal in the sky.

Your comments on the phenomenon would be welcome.

(Signed R.J.Harrop, Chief Engineer)

[This report was sent to the following: Patrick Moore, Astronomer; Nautical Magazine; Maritime Defence International; Ministry of Defence; The New Scientist. If there were any comments from the foregoing, they have not been made public, to our knowledge.-ED]

The Sceptic

Do I believe in little grey men ?
Well, show me the proof and I'll tell you then !
Where are the footprints and where the marks
Where their craft have landed in our parks ?
And where are they living, so far from earth;
And where the mother who gave them birth ?
How can they travel at such great speed
And remain alive and still not bleed ?
If they are human, why don't they talk
And how is it possible for them to walk
Through doors and windows, sometimes a wall ?
Why don't they answer when I call
And tell me the name of their cosmic home ;
How could I call them on the 'phone ?
I want to be sure that they don't resist
When I touch them to see if they really exist ?
I'm not a person you can easily deceive
Because *I see*, doesn't mean *I believe !!*

THE MARIE VAN STADEN REPORTS

We are indebted to Marie van Staden of South Africa for the following cases. Although some of them date back to the early years of modern Ufology, we feel it is important that records are kept publicly for further research. We have not checked up on any of these cases but have suggested to Marie that some could be verified further and hopefully, this action will be taken. - ED.

A Child Recalls.

Case N° 97.

Report by Elmo C. Dated 1945/6/7, Ladybrand, South Africa.

At the age of eight or nine, a mate and I were playing next to the road which was about 100 metres away from the house. Suddenly we realized something was coming our way. It was a very strange-looking thing; it came down slowly and soundlessly and did not even frighten us as there was no rumble. It hovered overhead, the height is hard to estimate as we were only kids, but I'd say maybe 30 metres.

It had, if I remember correctly, a dull silver body which looked like the front part of a helicopter; but it didn't have a tail, or rotor blades. We stopped and watched for quite a while. It just hung there, doing nothing, but we could see someone inside.

Like boys are, we tried to throw stones at them, but they were just a little too high for us to reach.

UFO on Safari.

Case N° 98

Report from JSE. East Africa (Kenya), April 1956.

'I was on Safari with a couple of other people, when one night in camp we saw a very strange object come flying over, very low, with huge red and orange lights. The front was a dull silver colour. We were so surprised

because there was no sound at all, we just sat there staring at this as it disappeared into the far north.

We did contact the town people but apparently nobody else saw it or else they didn't want to be involved.'

Visited by Air Force Officers.

Case N° 99 (a)

Report by Julie R. Pretoria, South Africa, 1957.

'I was standing on the balcony of the Hellenic Hotel where we were staying, when I saw something flash across the sky at a very high speed, from south to north, then just disappear in the distance into a cloud bank. I phoned the newspaper the next day to report what I had seen.

I then had a visit from two Air Force officers. After questioning me, they told me that what I had seen was a weather balloon. I then told them that I had worked for the Bureau when I left school and knew everything there was to know about these balloons. They then realized I was not the fool they took me for, but warned me not to talk about these things. I told them there was no law that could stop me from telling what I saw.

The next day, in the PRETORIA NEWS, there was an article about a similar object sighting in Toulouse, France, and in Germany.'

Pulsating Blue Lights

Case N° 99 (b)

Report From Julie R. Margate, South Africa, April 1965.

'In April of 1965 I saw something very strange in Margate. I was visiting friends whose house was situated on the slope of a knoll, with another knoll on the far side.

About 20:00 hours that night we heard a tremendous noise; it sounded like a huge thunderstorm or a jet plane, everything actually shook. On going outside to investigate, we saw no clouds nor any aeroplane, although it was

not the route for planes. The sound lasted about 10 minutes and did not fade away like a plane would when flying by. Although it was very dark in that area, we would have at least seen something like navigation lights, etc. And it was definitely not the sea, as the sound came from the opposite direction. My friends did not live right by the sea, but a little inland. The sound just suddenly died down.

About 21:00 hours I decided I wanted to go back home. While outside, we saw something very strange half-way up the second knoll. There were four pairs of blue lights which pulsed (if you could call it that) and within those lights, when at their brightest, there was a silver substance which glittered in and around them.

Well, I decided not to go back, because anything could happen; and at about 23:00 hours the lights started going out one by one.

The next day we investigated but could see nothing out of place.'

Soundless Craft

Case N° 100

Report by Jos R. Barkly East, South Africa, 1968.

[Mr R's story was told to me by Elmo. He wrote on behalf of Mr R. as they were friends and knew of each other's experiences. Mr R. also phoned me the day my letter appeared in DIE VOLKSBLAD. — Marie van Staden.]

Mr R. saw something in 1968 on the farm of his father, in the Barkly East district of the Cape Province. He said he saw this strange thing which looked like a sphere and emitted a light, coming towards him. He was totally bewildered, he did not know what it was, and this craft came slowly, softly gliding towards him, and he was absolutely shocked to see how big it was. It hovered in the sky, although it was very low, for about 15 minutes; and then slowly but surely it started coming closer and closer. He just stood there, paralysed. It stopped a few metres in front of him and hovered there for a couple of seconds, then slowly glided over him and

shot off into the sky. He could not believe that anything that size could move without a sound. If there was any sound, he definitely did not hear anything. Apparently the 'light beam' that came from this craft actually burned him and he has had skin problems ever since.

[Marie van Staden adds: 'Apparently the object was seen on the East London, Barkly East, Ficksburg, Harrismith track. There was an article in the VOLKSBLAD at the time.']

A Strange Craft

Case N° 101

Report by IAF. Zimbabwe (Rhodesia) 1976.

'In the year 1976 I was a tobacco farmer. The people who worked for me each had a different piece of "land" to work every day, and as soon as they were finished they could go home. They got paid daily but not for the amount of time they spent at work. I tell you, they did work because the earlier they could get away the better for them; they never even stopped to chat.

But on this specific morning things were all wrong: they just didn't want to work, they stopped every five minutes to chat and argue. I then called them in to find out what was wrong.

The previous night, while they were busy preparing their food outside their huts at the compound, they saw a very strange craft, which they described to me. It looked like it was long in shape, with a blue light shining on the inside, and it had little windows on the side that faced them, and what they thought was a red light coming from the back. Some said it looked like a cigarette; some said it looked like a long steel pipe.

I must mention that the area we were in was Rhodesia and helicopters were flying past every day looking for [what was then known as] terrorists; and some single engine light planes also flew over the area at regular intervals. So these people knew what a helicopter or an aeroplane looked like.

But what they saw disturbed them badly. They never went to sleep and talked about it all day and the day after. I said to myself, they must have seen something strange, because they don't read books; they didn't have proper schooling and there was no Television! They couldn't have made up such a story, and for what reason would they? And how could they describe something so strange in such detail, which they knew nothing about?

I contacted the HARTLEY NEWS which did publish the story, but I never had any feedback on it!

A Perfect Sphere.

Case N° 102

Report by John W. Northern Transvaal, South Africa, July 1976.

'It was in July 1976, just after sunset, that I saw a UFO in the sky. I was alone on my farm in the far Northern Transvaal and there was no other person around who could have seen it. I was standing in my doorway admiring the sunset, then looked away, momentarily. I looked back towards the western horizon where the sun had just set, and there it was: dead still and soundless.

That was the greatest shock I have ever had in my life! And I am a man who has travelled around the world; lived in the USA, Canada, Australia and England. To me there is nothing strange in the world, which can't be accounted for, except that sight. And how it behaved. The shock held me frozen!

How could it appear there from nowhere so abruptly, without a movement or sound? And remain stationary in the sky? It was a perfect sphere, a globe the size of a football, shining but emitting no light. It is hard to estimate the real size or what distance it was from me, as there are no parameters in the clear blue sky. It remained thus, dead still and soundless, for about seven minutes, like a great eye, staring at me, and I know there was life in it. The 'craft' was certainly under intelligent control. Was it about to attack? Or was it taking pictures of me?

In about seven minutes I noticed that it had begun to move. Very gradually at first, and still in utter silence. What it then did, and how it performed, I am reluctant to disclose, as I have started writing a book in which it features.'

Truck in Disguise.

Case N° 103

Report by Hannie B. Orange Free State, South Africa, 1981.

'The incident happened in 1981, on our way home between Wepener and Springfontein. We saw what we thought was a huge cargo truck with little coloured lights on top, travelling somewhere in the veld.

We were still wondering how on earth such a huge truck could drive where there is no road at all, when all of a sudden the three little lights came flying towards us and as they came closer, they became bigger and bigger. Well... we got such a fright! We were four people in the car and we watched as the lights moved over our car in the opposite direction. The strange thing about it was that there was no sound, and also the size of the lights. There were definitely three of them, in different colours.

I reported it to the newspaper the next day and I was told it was a ghost, and that it had been seen before by other people in that same area!

[I know this lady personally and she is not a liar, she is highly respected in this town. — Marie van Staden.]

A Long Oblong Shape

Case N° 104

Report by Craig V. Rustenburg, South Africa, January 1984.

'I had an experience while I was on night shift at a factory situated 50 kms north of Rustenburg and immediately west of the Pilansberg Game Reserve in an area known as Mogwase. The incident took place just after midnight sometime during January 1984 - unfortunately I cannot recall the exact date.

I was one of two security officers doing a mobile patrol. We were together in the same vehicle and witnessed the same phenomenon.

We were driving in a southerly direction and because of the size of the area we had to patrol, security lights were positioned at strategic points around the factory, including the area we were in. We observed what we both first thought was an aircraft from the Pilansberg Air Field, but on seeing how big this 'craft' was, we stopped our vehicle and waited to see what it was or what it was going to do. It remained stationary about 150 metres in front of us and, as we estimated, not very far off the ground (although it did not illuminate the ground below it). It was long and oblong in shape and as we could see none of the usual navigation lights on a normal aircraft, and the fact that something so large could hover above the ground for as long as it did (about three minutes, in fact), it definitely was not an aircraft. The craft then suddenly appeared to turn southwards and within seconds disappeared into the night sky. During all this time, we heard no sound at all.

We then drove to where the security dog handler was on duty and asked him if he had seen this 'acroplane'. He appeared to be dazed and told us that was no ordinary aeroplane! Obviously, that incident was the topic of our conversation for the rest of our shift. I phoned Radio 702 the next day. I told them I thought the length must have been about 200 metres, about the same size as our administration building.'

Gone Missing?

Case N° 105

Report by Elio. Witbank, South Africa, March 1994.

'In March 1994 I saw a UFO! I went fishing with a friend, Otto, when we saw at a certain distance between Witbank and Middelburg, in a clear sky, an enormous silver craft going vertically up at a great speed and leaving a white trail behind. Poor Otto got such a fright!

Later, when we tried to explain to others what we had seen, we got some strange remarks from those people. But Otto wouldn't stop talking about

it, and a couple of weeks after the incident he disappeared and I just never saw him again.'

[Marie van Staden says: "I have not checked if someone by that name was ever reported missing."]

Whose Face Wore the Smile?

Case N° 106.

Report by Dave H. Johannesburg, South Africa.

'I was staying at a hotel in Joubert Park, on the fourth floor. The time was about 02:00 hours of a Sunday morning, when I was woken up by a light so bright that it shone through the thick curtain. I got up to investigate and on opening the curtain, I saw what was a tiny, man-like creature sitting on the ledge of the balcony. Above it was a saucer-type vehicle which emitted a bright light with a low humming sound.

I put my hand forward and it had a smile-like expression on its face. I got about three feet away from it and it hopped back into the vehicle. In about three seconds it was gone!

The only two persons that knew about this were my wife and Elizabeth Klarer.'

HELP!

A request has been made to your editor for any UFO reports in Africa during 1947. This is a world-wide research project which, it is felt, might produce far-reaching results.

So those of you who might have some time on your hands (even if only for a brief period), please visit your local newspaper's archives and check this out, sending us a photo-copy of UFO items for 1947. We will re-imburse any photo-copying costs.

A LITTLE BIT OF ASTRONOMY

1) The last solar eclipse of this Century is due to take place on October 24th, 1995. This will occur at about noon and will last for two minutes and 16 seconds.

It will be visible from Tawi-Tawi Province, 1000 km south of Manila, in the Philippines. It will also be visible from other parts of that country but the best view will be obtained from Mount Bud Bongao in Tawi-Tawi.

Ziana-AFP. The Herald, Zimbabwe. 3/7/1995.

2) **MARS:** For many years, at certain times of the year, channels were seen on Mars and astronomers wondered about the possibility of life on that planet. But more recently **Mariner** and **Viking** orbiters have sent back excellent photographs of Mars and its craters, valleys, volcanoes and many other geological features, some similar to those of Earth, and some not, but they can be clearly seen. There is also an immense bulge, called the **Tharsis Bulge**, that seems to affect about one third of the planet.

Although no running water has been detected, there must have been water in the past, evident in the permafrost layers over thousands of kilometres in the north polar region. Current speculation places water on Mars beneath the surface but such possibilities will have to be evaluated when - and if - a landing is ever made!

In photographs taken in the east-central portion of **Elysium Quadrangle**, there are pyramid forms on Mars; the bases several kilometres across. These shapes do exist on Earth, but why the sides of those on Mars are so regular and why they are confined to only this area, is still an unsolved puzzle.

Many people feel this is proof that life has existed previously on Mars, and scientists believe that at one time Mars was a very active planet indeed!

JUSTIN'S STORY.

Case N° 109

Justin G. (22) and his nephew Paul (15) were driving back to Harare from a fishing trip to Shamva, on the evening of January 6th, 1995. When they got to Mandara, an outlying suburb of the city, they saw an enormously powerful light, some ten times stronger than that of a Boeing Jumbo landing light, coming from an object in the sky that appeared to be not much above the trees. The object was apparently cylindrical and had three red lights at the rear.

At first the object hovered motionless, while the two watched it from the car. It then moved slowly on for about one kilometre, and then shot up in the blink of an eye and vanished in the sky.

It seems the two observers had already seen something strange the week before, also when they had been fishing. It appeared to be a very bright light below the clouds, but though intrigued, the boys had not done anything about it. This time, however, the beam-like light was so bright and the object so much clearer that both boys were frightened and told Justin's mother and their grandmother about it.

Justin has always been interested in aircraft and knows quite a lot about them. He realized when he saw the object at close range, that it was much bigger than a Jumbo jet, and the light, he said, was like a beam at the front of the object and was absolutely blinding. What startled both youngsters even more was that no sound was coming from the flying object, though they could see it move slowly, and even swivel around. The shape was elongated, with the three red lights positioned in a triangle at the rear. Both boys stated they could make out two vertical dorsal fins at the tail end. The light underneath was flashing.

Overcome by this large and strange object, they watched it hover above Avocado Farm, home of a local tennis ace. Then they drove parallel to it, along the street, while it kept going slowly back and forth for quite a long time; certainly more than a minute.

Suddenly, but smoothly, the object swivelled round, went towards Harare Drive, and in one smooth motion it shot up in the blink of an eye and vanished in the sky.

Both boys felt icy cold while this was going on, despite it being very hot. Neither wanted to sleep alone that night, feeling afraid.

Justin's mother herself saw a silvery cylinder over Marondera when she was at school there in the early seventies. She believes her son's story implicitly.

OUT OF AFRICA

Cynthia Hind

It has always been the policy of UFO AFRINEWS to report only on UFO cases in Africa, although comparisons - where pertinent - are often made with cases outside the Continent.

However, the Roswell Case of 1947 is an exception, as it is the only case where physical evidence of the existence of 'not from Earth craft' was produced, although later denied.

In early July 1947, during a severe thunderstorm, the crash of an object(s) occurred on open farmland near Roswell, New Mexico, USA. 'Mac' Brazel, the owner of the land, was amazed to find unidentifiable silver-coloured material scattered all over his field, to a length of approx. 1,5 km. The gouge was quite deep.

The news given out from Roswell, immediately after Brazel had reported it, was that an 'extraterrestrial craft' had crashed; but this was almost immediately scotched by the Air Force, which said it had been identified as a Radian Weather Balloon. One of the Air Force officers who had gone to the field was Major Jesse Marcel, who actually picked up some pieces and took them home to show his wife and son.

Last year (1994), after pressure from ufologists, the US government put out a statement to say that in actual fact, it was a MOGUL Balloon, a secret device at the time, which they were attempting to send over Russia, to detect if any nuclear weapons were being tested. (One cannot help questioning why it took the USA nearly 50 years to reveal this!)

In the meantime, ufologists like William (Bill) Moore, Stanton Friedman, PhD., Kevin Randle and Donald Schmitt were seriously investigating Roswell. There were many stories: from Dr Jesse Marcel, son of the now deceased Major Marcel, who quoted the strange properties of the material collected and claimed that he had seen hieroglyph-like writing on balsawood crossbars. The undertaker at Roswell (still alive) had been asked on the phone from Roswell Army Air Field how he preserved bodies, and did he have any small coffins? There were many mysteries, incongruities and possible hoax factors. But so far, nothing has been resolved.

The Roswell Army Air Field, where the 509th Bomber Group were stationed (the only Bomber Group who were trained to fly with nuclear bombs), was later known as Walker Air Force Base.

The debris picked up by 'Mac' Brazel was flown from Roswell AAF to Fort Worth AAF (near Dallas) commanded by Brigadier General Roger Ramey, who was Commander in Chief of the 8th Air Force.

Now, we have received an extremely interesting letter from Philip Mantle, who heads the Yorkshire area BUFORA Group in the UK. This is reported in a 5-page briefing which we have précised for your benefit. We feel it is either one of the bigger hoaxes in ufology, or it is **THE STORY OF THE YEAR!**

Philip Mantle was contacted by Ray Santilli, Managing Director of the Merlin Group in London, about two years ago. Santilli's story was as follows: Sometime previously, he had flown to the USA to purchase some film on Elvis Presley (live on stage) from a veteran photographer. He was delighted with his purchase and later he was again contacted by the cameraman to say he had something more interesting for Santilli to see.

This was an alleged film of some pathologists dissecting an 'alien' body from the UFO crash at Roswell. Philip does not mention this in his report, but we had heard - from other sources - that the photographer had often done filming for the Government and this was a copy he had taken from a film he had made in 1947 at Roswell.

Mantle seems to have had some difficulty in initially obtaining the film from Santilli. His appointments were regularly cancelled and only a very brief snippet of the film was shown to him. To say the least, this appears suspicious.

When a portion of the film was finally viewed, it was dark and of poor quality, but showed two men in white coats who appeared to be taking tissue samples from a body whose large eyes are evident. The filming took place either in a tent or a garden shed.

Later, his interest aroused, Mantle was able to view a further segment of the film. This was quite clear, and the 'alien' lay on a slab in a small white-painted room. The body is humanoid, with an enlarged abdomen, two arms and two legs, but a 6-digit hand. There is no hair visible, but a slightly enlarged head and 'two dark eyes'. This is an autopsy and the 'dark eyes' are removed. The 'alien's' body was also cut open and various organs removed. A crystal or mineral, marble-sized, was removed from the chest cavity, and the head cut open. Two people conducted the autopsy.

Mantle was contacted by a journalist when news of the film was first published. He gave a brief interview which was picked up by the media and in some instances, blown up out of all proportion. Subsequently, he was phoned by TV, Radio and Newspapers from around the world.

On May 5, 1995, Mantle, together with about 200 others, attended a viewing of more of the film. There were top ufologists and a variety of TV companies from all over the world

Mantle has now seen approx. 40 minutes of film, but opinions are mixed as to its authenticity. Many rumours about the film have been spread and

in most instances, denied. But Santilli is speaking and showing the film at the BUFORA Conference to be held at the University of Hallam (Sheffield), from 18th to 20th August, 1995.

There is no proof that this is a reality but neither is there any proof that it is a hoax. If the latter, ufologists will accept it stoically as they usually do. But if it is a reality, the US government, and indeed many of the world's governments, will have some answering to do!

Cynthia Hind will be attending the BUFORA Conference, where she is presenting a paper on recent UFO cases in southern Africa. She will report back in UFO AFRINEWS N° 13 of February, 1996.

Books on Roswell:

The Roswell Incident	by Berlitz and Moore (fictionalised).
The Roswell Report	by George Eberhart.
UFO Crash at Roswell	by Randle & Schmitt (1991)
The Truth About the UFO Crash At Roswell	by Randle and Schmitt (1994)
Roswell Revisited, a paper	by Stanton Friedman (1995)

TRANSFORMER IN THE SKY

Case N° 108

Report by Stewart Bloch, Cape Town, S. Africa.
As told to Pam Puxley

In February of 1969, I was looking up towards Constantia Nek from the Waldorf School playing field (in Constantia) when a school friend, John Dillon, and I saw a glinting object, at about 300m above the mountain. It was a clear and sunny day, and the object was moving fairly slowly towards Cape Town, disappearing over the Twelve Apostles at an angle. The visual distance was too great for me to make any discernible observation. We dismissed it as weather-measuring equipment.

Two months later (April/May 1969), also on a clear day, there was a huge bush fire which had burnt for two days. It had started at Bakoven, Camps Bay, and spread over Devil's Peak and was busy burning down towards Newlands Forest and Kirstenbosch Gardens. I was concerned about the devastation taking place and decided to climb up Newlands Ravine above Rhodes Memorial. Francis Molteno, Paul Bartels and I were classmates and had joined the Regional Bush Fire Fighting Service as voluntary fire fighters, serving in our spare time. Thus my interest in this particular fire. I climbed up to just beyond the contour path onto a rocky scree in the middle of the ravine. This, I decided, would give me protection against the slowly advancing flames, as no vegetation grew there.

I had been standing there for about 5 minutes, when a slow rhythmic glinting caught the peripheral vision of my left eye. I turned to look at what I thought was a fire fighter on the Kirstenbosch side using a mirror to signal somebody else. What I saw was an object very close to the rock face of Window Pane Gorge, above Kirstenbosch, moving towards me. It was revolving at about one revolution every two seconds and took approx. seven minutes to reach my position. The shape of the object was that of a Transformer, and it was airborne, making no loud noise.

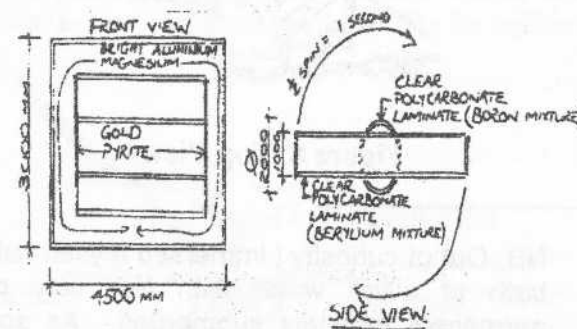


Figure 7: Front & Side Views

The outer frame, the colour of magnesium foil, revolved around a pyrite barrel which was static. The laminated polycarbonate covering the total outer surfaces was about 5mm thick throughout. The symmetry was perfect and every surface even (electro-static spraying would achieve this). I could not detect any join marks, screws, rivets, ports or openings except on either end of the centre barrel where there were slip joints

The transformer moved at a constant height, irrespective of the changes in gradient and undulations of the slopes. It seemed to be repelling itself against the natural radiation given off by our planet, rather than flying by radar (contour-hugging military drones). The transformer appeared to be remote controlled in spite of me not detecting any other craft visually in the atmosphere.

When it was about five metres from me at a height of three metres above the ground, I began to hear a very high-pitched ultrasonic 'wheet, wheet', like a magnetic radio whining sound that spiralled around the mirrored (silver in colour) bright aluminium frame, rising in frequency and volume every time it did a half flip (Lenz's Law).³

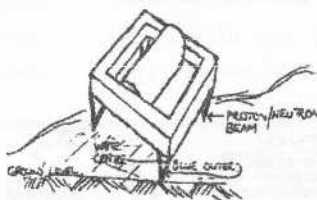


Figure 8: Top View

³ NB. Out of curiosity I immersed myself naked in a bath of warm water with two very powerful permanent magnets submerged. As soon as I forced the like poles [+ x +] of my hand-held magnets together, I could hear a high pitched whine in my head, rising in volume and frequency the harder I forced them together.

I noted that the centre barrel was scintillating and crackling with charged energy being given off by the outer surface of the laminate. I also felt a vibrational resonance, like the low-level hum of an electrical transformer, emanating from the four corners of the outer magnesium mirrored frame. The air around me thickened and I found it more difficult to breathe. I felt the air wanted to liquify and turn to water. Everything became eerily silent. The sound of the city and suburban traffic disappeared entirely as well as the roar and crackling of the burning vegetation and the sounds of panic-stricken birds. No sound penetrated at all. I felt the hair on my body pressing hard against me (the opposite of static electricity which attracts hair). The transformer moved over my head at one metre above me. I felt almost no air displacement taking place. I felt no burning heat. I thought it was going to land on top of me and became anxious. I was going to pick up a stout stick and hit the transformer to determine whether it was hollow and the sound of the formed materials it was composed of. A voice in my head reprimanded me against trying to damage the craft and added that the energy force governing the transformer (C^{14} particles?) would conduct down the wood and hurt or kill me. It then moved in wider circles around me and definitely out of my reach, looking for a good landing spot. I watched it for about five minutes doing this. The bush fire meanwhile was advancing slowly towards my position. Every time the transformer passed low over a burning area, the fire was suffocated (lack of oxygen?) and no combustion took place. A good way to kill fires without using water, I thought. As soon as the transformer had passed, the fire regenerated.

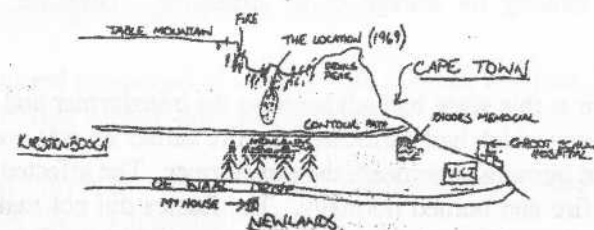


Figure 9: Mountain Fire on Table Mountain

After a third circular pass overhead, the transformer hovered about 10m away from me above a level section of the mountain slope, up from my position on the rocky scree. It amazed me that the transformer intended landing there because of the approaching wall of flames. Probably to stop me getting at the transformer for a physical inspection and immobilize it for further scientific analysis. The landing procedure entailed the mirrored magnesium frame stopping revolving around the pyrite barrel and taking up a position horizontal to the ground at a height of 3m. The transformer was motionless and suspended with no noise. It then started to sink downwards slowly at 2m above the ground. I watched the appearance of triangular points of iridescent blue light in the corners of the frame, increasing in intensity the lower it descended until at two metres above the ground the centre of the triangular points turned white hot.

The energy emanating from the four corners was not hot, or flames. I could not see any mirage or distortion effect. The energy lines were clear and defined, quite different from the flames of the approaching fire. At about one metre above the ground, the vegetation immediately beneath the four energy points turned bright red, but remained whole and did not disintegrate.

When it was about half a metre above ground, the transformer stopped descending and remained suspended. No feet or pods were deployed for the transformer to rest on. The points of energy diminished in intensity until the four energy points had cooled but looked normal, perfect in form and volume. I had walked up to within two metres of the landing position and looked to see whether the vegetation was giving off moisture or vapour, by looking for mirage or air distortion. However, I detected nothing.

The bush fire at this stage had advanced to the transformer and kept me at bay. The force which had suffocated the fire earlier on was waning. The flames started burning underneath the transformer. The affected vegetation also caught fire and burned normally. The flames did not make physical contact with the surface of the transformer, nor did heat affect it from the fire. I could see a gap of about 40mm between its surface and the flames.

This was constant and no surface blackening appeared. It was weird, looking at this transformer suspended in flames and not burning. This object defied my sense of logic.

The bush fire and smoke forced me to withdraw, so I decided to go back down home without seeing the transformer taking off again. I was also feeling rather nervous and scared of this phenomenon I had just witnessed, especially the intelligent manner in which it behaved - 'Look but don't touch' manoeuvring - and the fact that the fire would burn any evidence of its being there.

I kept quiet about this incident and the experiences that followed it for quite a long time, except for telling two school mates (Francis Molteno and Paul Bartels) about it.

COMMENT

Because Pam Puxley is a reliable and trusted reporter, we have accepted the above story as it stands. But we would like to comment on one or two factors which we find puzzling.

How could Stewart name the materials with such conviction stating that the barrel of the object was 'pyrite' and that there was 'laminated polycarbonate' covering the outer surfaces to a thickness of '5 mm'?

On the other hand, it appears so detailed and precise a report, that we feel it would be wrong to dismiss it out of hand.

Pyrite: Natural compound of sulphur with a metal, viz. iron, found in the Earth and having a shiny, gold-like appearance.

Laminated Polycarbonate: From thermo-plastics, used for making unbreakable glass. Laminated = layered.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The first two letters sent to the Saturday morning TV programme 'You and Your Stars', were kindly passed on to us by the presenter, Jill Darke

From Adrian, aged 7:

'On Monday I saw a strange red sort of line in the sky. I had just been swimming when I saw it. I didn't hear a sound. I was just standing with my sister on the Varandah. My name is Adrian. I am 7 years old. My sister thought it was a rocket. Please talk about it on TV. It could have been a rocket but I don't think so. Sorry that's all I can write.'

From Mrs Flanagan, of Bulawayo, aged 86:

'... In 1954 we were living in Enkeldoorn [now Chivhu]. Our house was built high up on a kopje, with a lawn in front, looking towards the Manusi Mountains. From there we could see for miles along the Harare road. On this day, we were waiting for a neighbour and there were 13 of us, including two Malawian domestics, standing together.

Suddenly Edison, one of them, shouted: 'Look, what's that? A lot of aeroplanes?' We all looked and there they were, coming straight towards us from the Manusi Mountains. But about half-way, they reversed back, not turning, but just like a car would reverse. They made no sound. They came a second time, still nearer, then back in the same way. When they came for the third time, even nearer, we were terribly excited. But then they went back and did not return again.

If you go to the Archives and see the Rhodesia Herald of about 8th July 1954, you'll see it mentioned. My late husband was Town Ranger of Chivhu and folks teased him about 'not putting enough water with it', but he managed to put our town on the Front Page of the newspaper.'

From Joseph W Pilkerton, Connecticut, USA:

'Thought I would drop you a line to tell you what a pleasure it is to read your publication. I do look forward to each edition as it comes out as I do find parallels with some of your stories as opposed to those I come across here in the USA. Keep up the good work, and perhaps soon all will come to light. I have little to no doubt as to what we will find. I just hope that the rest of the world will take the news as well as most UFO investigators will. Take care and good luck!'

From Norbert Kazingizi, of Waterfalls, Harare (Zimbabwe):

'... in August 1993 I saw something strange. It was shortly after 19:00 hours and my sister, brother and mother were in the diningroom when my sister said, 'What is that?' I went to the window and could see a bright red ball through the lace curtains.

We all went outside. The object was far away, a few metres above the treetops, towards the East. It hovered in one position, then began to move horizontally towards us; it then changed direction and moved slowly northwards. We saw it for over a minute and it appeared to have smoke above it, but this did not disappear the way smoke does. I'm not sure of its size, but it seemed like six metres in diameter and I'm sure it was not a meteorite because it was hovering, changing direction and moving horizontally, seemingly under its own power. It was silent, there was no noise. I don't know what it was but it was definitely not a meteorite, helicopter, fire cracker or other firework. There was no mention in the paper next morning, though I'm sure many people must have seen it over Parktown, Ardbennie, Prospect and Hatfield.'

An additional observation of the object over Lake Kariba (14th Sept, '94) was received from Rex Taylor, of the Cutty Sark Marina, Kariba, Zimbabwe, which we publish below:

I saw a video recording of the same object [reported in UFO AFRINEWS N° 11 of February 1995], taken from a yacht at Ruzihururu (17° 15' South,

27° 44' East), on the same night. The time was not accurately noted but thought to be about 2030, our Bravo time. The angle and path of the object could not be measured, but from an observer's comment, these were not different from what I noted. What is interesting is that they saw only a red fireball, whereas I saw a row of green "lights". This would suggest that the burning parts we all saw at Kariba either burnt out or fell between Kariba and Ruzihururu. The fact that we saw a row of green lights indicates magnesium, which once burning is not likely to stop until it is all oxidised. Burning magnesium would also account for the faint "smoke" trail we noticed, and of course, is what one would expect from space rocket debris.

Sightings from Botswana and Johannesburg indicate a track much further south than Karoi⁴ and I would be surprised if any parts survived re-entry into our atmosphere.

INFORMATION! INFORMATION! INFORMATION!

For those of you who would like to join a UFO group and have none accessible in your area, there are several alternatives:

MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, Texas 78155-4099, USA.

COST: US\$30 per year for 12 issues of the MUFON UFO JOURNAL, Edited by Dennis Stacey.

The **UFO JOURNAL** discusses recent cases from all over the world, although it does concentrate mainly on American cases. It has controversial articles, letters from readers, and scientific reports. It certainly keeps those who are seriously interested in UFOs up to date, and Walter Webb contributes a page on astronomy in each issue giving information on the following month's skies and what to look for. Walt

⁴ In N° 11, it was reported that debris had fallen in the Karoi area of Zimbabwe, and the Chokwe River, Moçambique.

Andrus is the Director and travels widely, giving talks and up-dating information.

Highly recommended.

CUFOS (Center for UFO Studies) 2457 West Peterson Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60659, USA.

COST: For a contribution of US\$25 (or more) you will receive 6 copies of their IUR (International UFO Reporter) magazine per year

This magazine does highly analytical reports on cases, both old and new and you will always have an honest assessment from both sides involved in the case. There are readers letters and Editorial Comment of a high standard from Editor Jerome Clarke.

The Centre for UFO Studies was founded by the late Allen Hynek, Professor of Astronomy at Northwestern University in Chicago, who in his day was the doyen of ufology.

It is an excellent magazine and highly regarded in UFO circles.

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COST: £18 for 4 issues of the magazine per year, plus an additional £6 for Air-mail to Africa.

This is the best known British UFO magazine, edited by Gordon Creighton, M.A., FRGS, FRAS. It is filled with case histories, old and new and more internationally orientated than either of the USA magazines.

Gordon Creighton, who has a command of several languages, runs the magazine practically single-handed and is to be much admired for his sterling efforts. He leans more to 'liberalism' in Ufology and is extremely open-minded, and whilst one may not always agree with some of the case histories as being totally genuine, it does not mean to say that Creighton accepts them totally, either.

NORTHERN UFO NEWS, 11, Pike Court, Fleetwood, Lancs. FY7 8QF, Great Britain.

COST: (Write for details.)

This 'small' magazine is edited by Jenny Randles, one of the most famous of British UFO researchers. She has come in for a lot of flack during her UFO career, most of it undeserved. She is a highly respected ufologist and does not readily fall into the 'gullible syndrome' that affects so many ufologists. If she has a fault then I think it is that she too often explains her reasons and motives and her position. It is not always necessary.

Her cases are good and well examined. Most people have full confidence in her investigation abilities. If she says a case is worthwhile, then one can be sure it is!

In the magazine there are Editorial Comments, explanations; many new cases and old cases discussed, letters etc. A good little magazine and well worth reading.

RECOMMENDED BOOKS ON ABDUCTIONS

Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens - by Dr. John E. Mack.

Now in paperback. Available from Arcturus Books Inc. @ US\$6.95
1443 S.E. Port St. Lucie Blvd., Port St. Lucie, Florida 34952, U.S.A.

This book contains case histories of 13 abductees, each of whom was interviewed and hypnotised in the presence of Dr. John Mack. Mack is convinced that none of the abductees was hoaxing in any way or suffering from any form of mental illness. Dr. Mack has investigated more than 200 cases which certainly presents material for other books to follow. And despite recent censure from Harvard University (he is attached to Cambridge Hospital, which is the teaching hospital for Harvard) one feels that John Mack is too deeply involved in the UFO abductee phenomenon to give it all up completely. This book, whether you are aware of abductions or not, or even if you don't believe in them, is a worthwhile

read as to what is going on and how individuals react to this bombardment of their minds and their bodies. Whatever the real explanation of abductions is, you cannot go wrong by reading these interesting case histories.

Without Consent - by Philip Mantle.

Price obtainable on request directly from Mantle at 1, Woodhall Drive, Batley, W. Yorkshire, ENGLAND WF17 7SW.

The British, in my opinion, have never been great supporters of the abduction theory and so this book has come as a bit of a surprise ! Nevertheless, it shows that abductions are not the exclusive domain of the U.S.A. This book has been reviewed in UFO AFRINEWS N° 10. It reads easily and the case histories are interesting, although one feels follow-ups to some of the reports are certainly in order. It is all very well to whet the appetite of the ufologist, but to leave him high and dry is not the ideal answer. I hope that Mantle bears this in mind. However, it has been well investigated and one feels that Mantle had a personal involvement with a lot of the cases, which certainly makes for more reliable reporting.

UFOs and Abductions in Brasil - by Irene Granchi

Pub. By Horis House, 1995. Price US\$14.95 in paper-back.

Obtainable from Acturus Books Inc. (Address as above).

This is the first comprehensive book on UFO sightings, written in English, by a Brazilian. For many years Irene Granchi headed CISNE, the Brazilian investigation team and her stories are mostly from first-hand experience and extensive and reliable reports on some of the most fascinating UFO cases ever recorded.

She is a diligent interviewer and can be relied on to pick up on factors that occur regularly on a world-wide basis, so that one makes comparisons without fear of 'being had.' Despite the denigration that UFO investigations often bring the investigator, Irene has persisted in reporting (over a period of 20 years) the cases in which she was personally involved, and where she spent a great deal of time and her own money, to get to the remote locations and see the witnesses herself.

Abduction Blues

Sometimes I'm scared to go to bed
In case a voice speaks in my head
And urges me to go through doors
Into a craft of several floors.

I've bought a bag wherein I'll hide,
With a metal zip and lock inside.
And then I'll climb into a drawer
(Not too high, but near the floor !)

And should they come into my dream
I'll stand up straight and yell and scream.
I think they'll scare and run away
But Heaven help me if they stay !

They fill me with some awesome dread;
That's why I'm scared to go to bed !

CONCLUSION.

It seems that just now the whole UFO phenomenon is in an exciting time of momentum. One cannot really move backwards: either visitations from other Dimensions, Time or Planets are a reality, and some of those lights or objects in the sky or *heebie-jeebies* (as a very good but sceptical friend of mine calls them!) are here to stay and be counted, or we will have the prosaic, down-to-Earth solution from 'Those Who Know.'

Dr John Mack is making his stand (one way or another); Ray Santilli is presenting the alleged, rather gory dissection of an alien, from the Roswell incident of 1947; and I read in **UFO ENCOUNTER JOURNAL** from Queensland, Australia, that during a talk, Stan Deyo told his audience that President Bill Clinton will present the full Roswell Case findings in October 1995 (We've heard this type of news before!).
But, whatever, we certainly are not in a state of flux.