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EDITORIAL

I want to reiterate that it has always been the policy of UFO AFRINEWS to report on African UFOs and comment on what is going on in Africa. We did introduce a heading, OUT OF AFRICA, because so many of our readers were unaware of important, international UFO cases, not having access to this material in books and magazines.

This particular issue, N° 17, especially in the Editorial, does discuss UFOs on an international basis, but only because your Editor attended the **50th Anniversary of Modern UFOs MUFON Symposium in Grand Rapids, Michigan, USA.**

I returned in mid-October 1997 from a 3½ month visit to a lot of places in the United States, Canada, Great Britain and Israel. It was a wonderful trip and although it wasn't all UFO-orientated, I certainly learned a lot about what is going on in the UFO world

At the MUFON Conference already mentioned, I felt the concentration on the alleged Roswell 1947 crash a little too overwhelming. After all, it wasn't as though the crowd attending were unfamiliar with the whole Roswell issue. I always enjoy Stanton Friedman's lectures and looked forward to his rational and interesting assessment of the UFO scene, but was a bit disappointed when it focussed on Roswell. I think it's time the USA moved away from that, although the various alternatives offered by the US government on what actually happened in Roswell, are becoming a bit of a joke (See **Roswell Crash** in this issue). Of course, there is no doubt of Stanton's important contribution to the uncovering of what really happened at Roswell. If it hadn't been for his probing and intensive research, we might never have known that something really momentous had taken place there. Also, whatever he researches, he reports on honestly: what is for and against that particular report; not a complete denigration nor an inflexible stand. He interviewed nearly all the witnesses and reports what they said. He might be critical but in effect, he gives them a fair trial, unlike some of the Roswell stories I have read.

One of the more interesting cases was presented by Warren Aston of Brisbane, Australia. It is not a new case (1940). It involves a man called Udo Wartena, 37 at the time. Udo had a mining claim a short distance from Canyon Ferry Lake, in Montana, USA. He had found a glacial deposit at the base of a nearby mountain which showed gold-bearing ore. He was busy diverting water from an old ditch to his claim, when he heard a humming sound. He ignored it at first and then climbed to higher ground to see what it was. A large disc-shaped object hovered a short distance away, about 30 metres across by 10 metres high. As he watched, a circular stairway came down, a man descended and walked toward him. Udo walked to meet him, but stopped about three metres away. The man came and shook Udo's hand. He was nice-looking and wore grey coveralls, with moccasins on his feet and a sort of beret on his head.

He told Udo he wanted some water and would Udo mind if they took some? Udo said, 'Sure', and a hose came down from the craft into the ditch. Udo went into the craft with the man. It had indirect lighting and the sliding door closed so that no edges could be seen. Udo noticed that the people on board all had snowy white hair. Although he thought they were young and strong looking, they told him they were 600 years and 900 years old 'in your time'. They also knew 500 languages. They thought our water was 'good' and apparently extracted hydrogen from it for fuel.

Warren's report carries a full description of how the craft operates. This is contained in the MUFON 1997 Symposium Proceedings (Price: US\$30 from MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Rd, Seguin, Texas, 78155-4099, USA).

The man also made an interesting observation — something which I find difficult to accept. He said that 'they' mingle with us, gather information and give help when needed.

When Udo asked if they knew of Jesus Christ and about religion, the man said, 'we would like to speak of these things but are unable. We cannot interfere in any way.' When Udo finally left, the man said to him: 'Tell no-one, as no-one would believe you; but in years to come, you can tell of your experience.'

Udo died, aged 89 years, in 1991.

To me, this was one of the most fascinating cases at the Symposium. It had not been publicized before and one can only hope that Warren will write a book about this case, as I will certainly be one of the first purchasers.

Professor David Jacobs' name is almost a household word in the States and his book SECRET LIFE was a best-seller when it was published in 1992. He is a history Professor at Temple University in Philadelphia and in his talk he said how he became interested in UFOs when he was only 23 years old. I think over the years he was a critical believer; not totally convinced, yet not a disbeliever either. But he seemed to be revived by the abduction syndrome and uses hypnosis extensively on witnesses, believing that this is revealing a whole new ball game. What do these entities want from us, David asks, and his answers are not always palatable. He believes it is a totally selfish need; and as Budd Hopkins asked, 'What are they doing to us?' David echoes his words. They are coming to us because they need us, not for our benefit nor for benign purposes alone.

David wants our methodology to be more controlled and organised. He feels a lot of New Age material invading UFO research to be detrimental in the eyes of the academics and while I concur to a large degree, I also feel we cannot ignore the strange, bizarre and almost paranormal content of some of the cases. David also regrets the lack of dedication from the more youthful scientists and I agree wholeheartedly. If he feels it is bad in the USA, then he would tear his hair out (of which he has his fair share!) in Africa!

I have known Antonio Huneus for a number of years and his talks have always been interesting and filled with new facts and figures. This time was no exception. Antonio has been working with UFOs in China, Japan and Korea and although reports have been uncovered dating back to earliest times, it is only now through Antonio's delving that they are being brought to the attention of other countries.

Mostly, flying discs acting in the usual way are seen, but there is no evidence of abductions in the way of USA abductees and I think with UFOs, it is a question of recognition of the syndrome by the people. If they do not know what they are seeing, how can they describe what is happening?

Dan Wright, Abduction Project Manager for MUFON, has been studying 254 abduction cases in the USA. He has come up with more, if not most, of the UFO syndrome that is discussed in this issue of our magazine under the heading, 'UFO Effects.' He talks about the short, greyish-skinned entities who approach the abductee, invade the abductee's home, use paralysis on the victim and then take the victim to their craft. Here, the abductee encounters the 'doctor' type, taller than the others, wearing a coverall or lab coat, often with an insignia. The victim is attended by a 'female' recognised by 'her' features, not her body shape.

In 103 of Dan's cases the victim recognised someone from a previous encounter: either the 'Grey' type or the 'Nordic' beings. But there are also reptilian-like entities with scaly skin. The operations that then take place are removal of ova (eggs) from the female, often by the insertion of an instrument which seems to perform this operation. With the men, it is the taking of sperm, often embarrassing and stressful to the person concerned. The women also reported, on occasion, the removal of a small foetus - in one or two instances referred to as 'like a sea-horse' which, in fact, is how the early foetus appears. Dan's analysis involves many factors of the UFO syndrome, like foetuses in see-through cylinders, and the foetus in liquid and hooked up to a machine. Sometimes it is difficult for the female witness to look, as she feels it is her baby. There is a nursery area shown to some abductees where small humanoid children are gathered.

What is the purpose of all this? Is it all a mental hologram for some unknown purpose; a disturbance of our minds inexplicable at this point in time; or a reality which we are gradually being led to accept?

I have barely touched on all the papers which were presented at the Conference, but nearly all had important and significant UFO factors to convey, and they were clear and unquestionably, deeply researched. I would like to discuss more of the speakers' work and might do this in the next issue (N° 18, in July 1998).

All the talks were of the utmost importance and should not be ignored.

Why science is turning its back on this enormously important subject, I don't understand, for what does it cost to listen and take note? And to learn!

CLOSE ENCOUNTER IN MUTARE

Case N° 133

Stuart is not sure of the day, but he will try and find if he can set it a bit closer to when it actually happened. He knows the event occurred between 1987 and 1988.¹ Stuart is a primary school teacher and is now about 35/36 years old, born in 1961, so he was 25 or 26 years old at the time of the event.

Stuart says: 'I was coming from the General Hospital in Mutare, walking down Pasture Avenue, Hospital Hill, towards Florida. It was around 19:00-19:30 hours. On the way I had to take a short cut through an open area where horses are kept. Before I got to the path that leads to their field, I saw this 'thing'. It was about 100 metres up in the air, a bluish-grey, with a rugby ball shape with spikes on the sides. When I looked at it, I could not speak or move. The whole area seemed to be silent; it was quite frightening. There was a little girl playing on the verandah of a house², on this road. I called out to her, saying 'Look, a UFO.' I was shouting but she did not respond. For the past few years after this event, I kept on telling myself, I must get to the house where she was and find out if this girl had a hearing problem, but I seemed always to forget or something else came my way. I am even surprised that I am writing this letter. Anyway, I began to run with much effort and it seemed to be in *slow motion*.³ The object just hovered

¹ We have now received a letter from Stuart, who has thought about the date and says it was 1988, either at the end of September or mid-October. He based this on the fact that his brother was in Grade 6B at the time.

² Stuart is able to identify the house where the girl was playing and has given us the address and the name of the people living there. They are still the same people who were there in 1988, and we are busy following this up now.

³ When we wrote to Stuart, we asked if he had felt paralyzed at this juncture. In his reply, he says: "I could

almost above me. I ran to the field where the horses were and I stopped again. The horses did not move at all; ⁴ they just stood there with their heads up. This object was making a very high-pitched noise, a sort of winding sound.⁵

There were green, blue and a sort of orangey-red lights around it which were flashing.⁶

I seemed to be stuck to the ground for a long time. Then there was silence again. I seemed to be out of myself and it was very frightening.

not move for a while and when I did, it was in slow motion, yet the strides I took were abnormally long and swift and smooth. Strangely enough, I have had several dreams about myself floating across this area. You know, floating sometimes on my stomach; sometimes crouched and as though I am sailing across the field. When I wake up I feel as if I really **did** float. The feeling is so strong at times, and quite frightening. There always seems to be total silence, yet a distant hum!"

⁴ "The horses did not move and it seemed this was for a long time; in fact, it seemed as though this was forever. After the object had gone, the horses ran in all directions. I could also feel myself running and sweating. It was a very strange feeling."

⁵ Stuart says the high-pitched humming sound was like an electric generator or motor, but almost silent (difficult for him to explain). He felt as though the sound emanated from within himself, instead of from outside.

⁶ "The colours were quite strange. They seemed like faked colours, shining and captivating, especially the blue, orangey-red and green."

The silence was broken again and the winding high-pitched sound started. That is when I was able to move and I ran across the field. This is a polo-cross field. The horses also began to run around wildly.⁷

I ran and ran; the object flew higher up and shot across the sky. I stopped and watched it. It went straight to the west, towards the Feruka Oil Refinery.⁸

I arrived home sweating and banged at the door. I called my wife and children and my young brother who was about 12 years old at the time. They thought I was going mad. I pointed in the direction of where the object had gone but just the lights could be seen flashing in the distance.⁹

I told my wife what had happened and she believed me and so did my work mates. The next afternoon I phoned the local newspaper, the **Manica Post**, and they thought it was a hoax. I told many friends who thought I was joking.

At that time I played basketball and did weight lifting. I was quite fit and did not consume alcohol. Strangely enough, I never went to the site again for about six years. What stopped me, I cannot say. After seeing this object, I drew it and showed it to many friends, but they still thought I was joking. It all worried me very much.

⁷ Stuart comments that the horses are usually put in their stables at about 17:00 hours, but on this night they were still there at 19:30 hours.

⁸ The craft moved between a 45° and 90° angle as it went higher and higher and then just disappeared.

⁹ "I seemed to be in the polo-cross field for hours, yet when I arrived home, it was about 19:45 or 20:15. It was as though I had only been gone 45 to 50 minutes. But for the time I spent watching this object, it seemed a long time."

I shared the event with my family and friends, but nothing serious was discussed. Strange things began to happen. I could foretell different happenings, even death and accidents. I kept this only between myself and my wife, as she knew what I was going through.

'I began to drink and still do so. I also became highly sexually active, and it is a problem for me. But the strangest thing is that in 1988, I developed a fungus in my ear, which I still have to this day. I have been to the ear specialist and have tried all medicines and even some home remedies, but with little success. When something bad is going to happen, my ears itch. I can feel it and sometimes hear my ears squeak. This fungus seems alive. I tell you, I have gone through all sorts of medication right until now. I gave up going to the doctor. On the 16th July, 1997, I tried a local product (Betadine ointment) but I noticed a hard white fluid come out of my ears like silicon, or glue.¹⁰

'Strangely enough this itch made me leave many places when fights started, only to find a friend was stabbed or beaten up. This has happened so many times. This year (1997) my ears itched badly again during February and March and I told my wife that there was going to be a death. For sure, a cousin of mine was killed in Harare. His head was crushed in an accident and another two people died of natural causes. I could see or feel all of them, even when my father passed away in 1993, I knew it; I felt it!

'In 1995, I seemed to have a heart problem, so my doctor sent me for an ECG and X-rays. My heart was, and is, O.K. but the doctor was shocked to find I had a rib removed on my left side. At first he said to me, 'Have

¹⁰ "The running matter from my ear has a strange smell and it comes and goes. It usually oozes out of my left ear." [We are trying to arrange for Stuart to see an ear, nose and throat specialist here in Harare to see if this 'ear disturbance' is due to natural causes, or if indeed, there is an unusual object (like the rumoured implants that are regularly reported in the USA) in his ear. We will continue to report on this case as it progresses. -Ed.]

you had an accident recently?' I told him I had not. That is when I asked 'Why?' He then told me I had a rib which had been cleanly cut off at the spine. I have had X-rays before but there was no such problem. Unfortunately, I cannot find the old X-rays, they seem to have disappeared from the cupboard where I kept them, although I don't know when that could have happened.

'The doctor said, perhaps I was born like that, but I denied it as it would have shown up before. He also said that if I had been born like that, the other ribs would have grown slightly crooked to cover the area of the missing rib.¹¹ But he affirmed that all the other ribs were normal.

'I want to find out if something really happened to me on that day, or are they just coincidences? It has worried me very much for a long time. Now it is the 17th of July, 1997 and while my class is working at an English test, I finally decided to write this letter and tell you my story. My ears still itch and I am still without one rib on my left hand side.

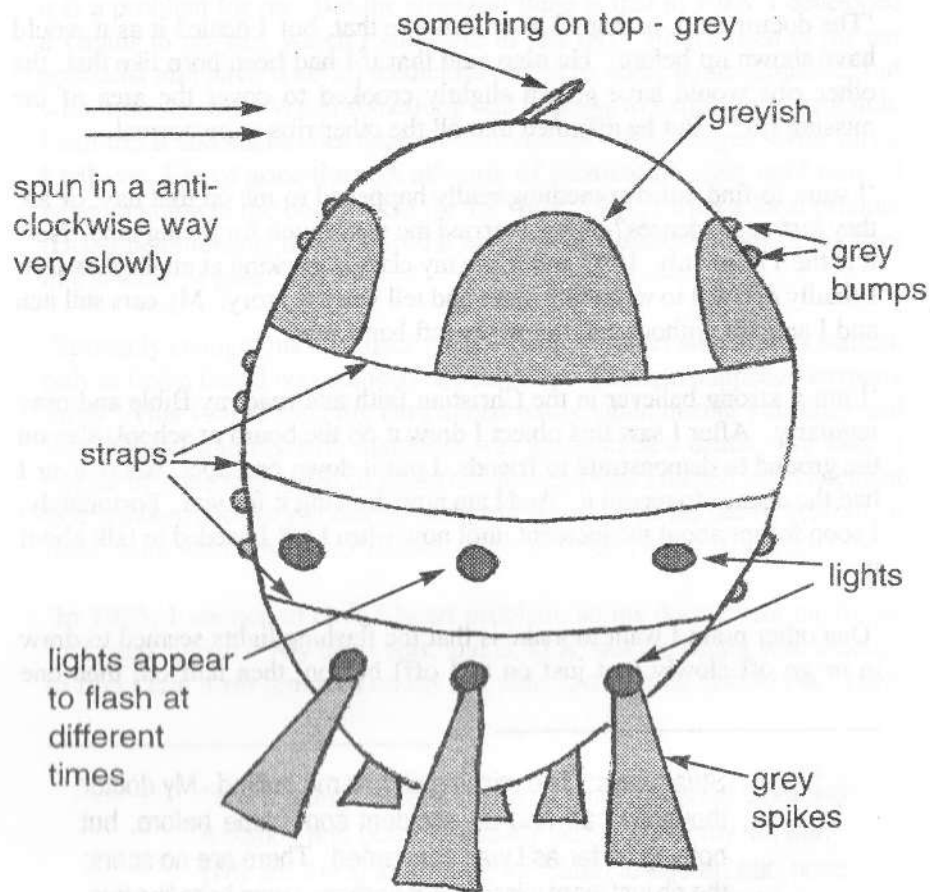
'I am a strong believer in the Christian faith and read my Bible and pray regularly. After I saw this object I drew it on the board at school, also on the ground to demonstrate to friends; I put it down on paper, where-ever I had the chance to record it. And I am now drawing it for you. Fortunately, I soon forgot about the incident until now when I felt I needed to talk about it.

'One other point I want to make is that the flashing lights seemed to draw in or go off slowly (not just on and off) but on, then half on, then one

¹¹ Stuart says: "The missing rib has me baffled. My doctor thought I had had an accident some time before, but nothing as far as I was concerned. There are no scars; the rib just went missing. Or perhaps I **was** born like this. I really don't know, yet I would like to find out. I do have the X-ray showing a missing rib and I could arrange for you to talk to my doctor about this. He seems quite baffled, but I did not tell him about my UFO experience."

quarter on, and then on again. The colours of the lights I remember were not the normal blue, orange, red, green. They seemed far-away colours, difficult to explain.

'I have this fear of the whole incident over me all the time. I just don't know what it is all about and what I should do.'



UFO EFFECTS

You would only be buying UFO AFRINEWS if you are interested in UFOs: **where** do they come from, **what** are they, and **who** are they?

We cannot, of course, supply answers to these questions, because if we could, the UFO Syndrome would be solved. But we can tell you **something** about them because through investigations over a period of 20 years, we have learnt what effects are experienced by the hundreds of witnesses we have interviewed.

There is an excellent scientific paper produced by James McCampbell, **Effects of UFOs Upon People**, which can be obtained directly from him at 12 Bryce Court, Belmont, CA 94002, USA. He is also the author of the book UFOLOGY but we think the latter is now out of print.

While perhaps duplicating some of his 'effects', this compilation has been done by investigators in Zimbabwe and taken only from those effects which have occurred in cases handled by us.

1. Sounds

Very often **no sound** is heard at all. In fact, witnesses have remarked on the absolute silence that seems to surround UFOs during the period of their sighting.

There is also reference to a **hum** at intermittent intervals, or at steady intervals, or a **buzzing** like bees (see Danie van Graan's sighting in the book UFOs-AFRICAN ENCOUNTERS, pp 1-20).

A recent witness (the Stuart case in this issue) spoke of 'a soft engine sound' like a transformer, as did Bruce (Case N°29, in issues 4 and 7 of UFO AFRINEWS). There was also a sound in the Transformer Case reported in UFO AFRINEWS N°12. Rarely, though, is the sound other than gentle, and mostly barely perceptible.

McC Campbell also mentions 'a rush of wind' and strangely enough, this is something that has cropped up in several cases I have investigated. In the Ariel School case (UFO AFRINEWS Nos. 11 and 12), a few of the children told me of this wind that occurred soon after the craft landed; a strong, sharp blast of wind.

The '**clicking sound**' is also prevalent in many cases. With Lloyd (Case N° 122, in issue 15) it was clear, consistent and continued at an even level for several minutes. With Danie van Graan in Loxton, it occurred only once, when the occupants of the craft hit him with a ray or beam of light. In Case N° 50 reported in AFRINEWS Nos. 8 and 10, Phyllis and Diane heard it inside the car **before** their abduction began.

Albert Budden (AFRINEWS N° 10, p. 31) pointed out that the Page Effect in the book '**The Handbook of Magnetic Phenomena**' by Burke, suggests that this sound moves us into an altered state of consciousness. While I accept that the 'click' sound does occur, for the obvious reason that it often happens **after** the witness is involved with the UFO sighting, one has to think about it carefully; not merely accepting it at face value.

2. Smells

Various **smells** are also associated with the presence of UFOs. In the recent Varginha case in Brasil, the actual creatures seen produced a smell of 'dead or rotting flesh'. This is not something I have come across before. But I am aware of an **ozone** smell in several African cases, one on a Marondera (Zimbabwe) farm where the foreman demonstrated this by rubbing two stones together.

In another case near Rusape, also in Zimbabwe, the woman witness could smell something strongly reminiscent of 'Durban harbour' in South Africa.

When I contacted the Port Captain about this, he suggested the typical sea harbour mixture of oil, tar and sea water, which certainly would not pertain to the inland Rusape area.

3. The Aliens

Whilst I am reluctant to speculate on the subject of the 'aliens' themselves, they are divided into two main categories by most UFO-followers. First, there are 'the Greys': small, one-metre high people with large slanting eyes, two nostrils with no real nose protruberance, and a small slit for a mouth. They wear one-piece suits in a wide variety of colours and communicate mostly by telepathy (See the Ariel School sighting, UFO AFRINEWS N° 11, Case N° 96). I am not sure how the 'Greys' name arose, except that their skin is neither black nor white; it is more of an in-between colour, i.e. a pale face, wrinkled skin, etc. An excellent analysis of the possible reason for this was given in our first issue of UFO AFRINEWS by Maria Sullivan, in 'The Aliens - A Speculation as to their Origins'.

The large head is also out of proportion in relation to the body, often compared to a football shape and not unlike the head of a 5-month old foetus in relation to its body. These entities seem to lack human emotions such as compassion, sadness, or a show of pleasure and happiness. They react with surprise to cries of pain but are reassuring in their tone and often use pressure on the forehead or other parts of the body to immediately ease the pain. This was told by abductees Phyllis and Diane (UFO AFRINEWS N° 10).

They often appear frightening and ugly, but on other occasions are seen as attractive and sometimes quite beautiful.

The other most common entities encountered are 'The Nordics'. These are very similar to **homo sapiens** and I suspect that they are actually humans recruited at some stage to the aliens' cause. They are usually tall, around 1,8 metres and above, have blonde or white hair, are attractive in looks and are often, one suspects, the leaders or superiors of the 'Greys'.

In the Elizabeth Klarer case in the Drakensberg, South Africa, she encountered the Nordics, although she did speak of humanoids who were also dark in colouring. These she identified as Russians. But we do not want readers to be especially influenced by this speculation as apart from the Santilli autopsy film in which a small creature was allegedly autopsied, we know of **no other physical evidence** that they exist!

4. Paralysis

It is a common factor that when approached by the 'aliens', the witness often feels paralysed and is unable to move. There is a weightiness about this feeling, as though those involved are being held down and although aware of what is happening, they can do nothing about it. This is amply illustrated by Case N°133 in this issue, involving Stuart.

In the Macheke case of 1975, the witness, John Clark, came out of his house to fetch some fish and chips from a store across the road. On his way out, he saw a bright light in the trees which towered above his house. The next thing he was aware of was being hit by a beam of light which threw him to the ground and held him there, totally paralyzed. When he was able to move, he crawled back to his house and found that the roaring fire he had lit in the grate was now merely cold cinders, showing that he had been outside (or inside the craft?) for several hours.

In the La Rochelle case, written up in AFRINEWS N°2 and in various other publications, Clifford Muchena was struck to the ground when the three beings in silver suits turned to face him, and could only move when he realised that they and the fireball they had been watching had disappeared.

5. Radiation Effects

Danie van Graan from Loxton in the Karoo, South Africa, whose experience has been widely documented in the book UFOs-AFRICAN ENCOUNTERS, obviously came too close to the craft he saw in his sheep kraal on the 31st July, 1975. When the four entities inside the craft spotted him as he came within five metres of them, they hit him with a beam of light which made him feel extremely ill.

'I felt as though I was drowning', he said. He tried to move out of the beam and when he eventually did, he felt nauseous and his nose bled. On January 4th 1981 he died, riddled with cancer.

This is the only case in Africa in which I have been involved where such a deleterious effect has occurred, but there are several on a world-wide scale.

My advice is: never approach an unknown craft, however curious you may be. Stay where you are and let **them** come to you!

[Further information will be passed on to readers in our next issue, N° 18, due out in July, 1998.]

One of the Earliest Recorded UFO Cases Case N° 134 Johannesburg, South Africa, 1946.

Quite recently we were sent a copy of an early Johannesburg case published in the FLYING SAUCER REVIEW of May 24th, 1979, and re-printed here with acknowledgement to its Editor, Gordon Creighton. The report was made by John Judge, who had actually interviewed one witness, Vida Goldsworthy, the elder of two sisters.

Just before World War II, the younger sister (first name not given) moved to South Africa and married a South African by the name of Naudwin [I have a feeling this is a distortion of an Afrikaans name which we are trying to check out]. Mrs Naudwin then invited her sister to join her for a 3-month visit and Vida actually came out in May of 1939. She stayed longer than anticipated and was caught in South Africa by the outbreak of war. She obtained a job with the government and as Mr Naudwin had by then joined the South African Forces, the two sisters moved into a flat in Delters Street, Johannesburg [The report in FSR says that Mr Naudwin was 'drafted' into the S.African Army, but as far as I know, there was no conscription at that time: they were all volunteers. Ed]

Delters Street then was an area of high-rise buildings, mostly blocks of flats. Here the sisters lived for seven years, until Mr Naudwin came out of the Army.

The UFO contact must have happened in 1946 as it was shortly before Mr Naudwin's demobilization, and it was during the summer months, i.e. January — April of 1946. It was a warm, still night at about 12:15 a.m. and many stars were visible. Vida and her sister had been to the local cinema and on their return decided to take their dog for a walk.

Behind their building there was a stretch of waste ground where a house had been demolished. They let the dog off its leash and it ran to this ground while they stood on the pavement, chatting about the film.

Suddenly, there was a loud thud as though something had hit the ground. They thought maybe someone had thrown a stone at their dog, and looked around. Mrs Naudwin saw an object hovering over the Langham Hotel (named 'Langum' in the FSR report. In actual fact this was known as the Luthjes Langham Hotel — see Map.) The object was about 50ft up and 5ft above the hotel. Both women were mystified as they had never seen anything like it before, but they assumed it was some military device and were not alarmed.

The object was about 200 yards (180m) from the women, hovering partly over the hotel and partly over the roadway. It was basically rounded, like a saucer, with a round ball in the centre, with the ball part split in two by the saucer. The two women could see this all very clearly. It was totally silent, just hovering. The size was about 25—30ft in diameter and about 15ft high. The rim was a brownish colour while the centre was white and the ball a bright golden colour. As the women thought it a military device, they soon lost interest, but were surprised to find their dog sitting at their feet, very calmly. At this point they heard a 'clicking' sound and immediately after, the central ball began to drop through the saucer shape leaving a gap, and when it was level with the hotel roof, it stopped. There was no visible hole through which the sphere could have passed. The underside of the saucer could be clearly seen as the object itself seemed to be tilted slightly away from the witnesses.

The ball remained in this detached position for a few seconds and then there was another loud 'click'. The ball then moved through the saucer again and finally detached itself above the saucer. It was now about 8 or 9 feet above the object and the women could see that the sphere was supported by two dark pillars. These pillars gave off no light although there was an impression of metal; but Vida clearly recalled seeing the sky between them.

At this stage, the witnesses were aware that the object was rotating in an anti-clockwise direction. It retained this shape until it disappeared from view, floating off behind the hotel in a period of about two minutes.

The women now realised they were watching something extraordinary, although they still thought it was a military vehicle. When the ball raised itself above the main body, the women saw two figures. These had apparently entered the gap below the sphere during its passage upwards. The figures were human in appearance and seemed quite ordinary. They looked exactly alike, appeared to be about 7ft tall and were fair complexioned, like Scandinavians. Their hair was short, fair and wavy and Vida spoke of them as being 'very good-looking.'

The figures wore all-white uniforms gathered at the waist by a brownish belt, possibly with a buckle. Vida could see two pockets at chest level, one on either side, with pleats down the side. She also felt there might have been a line of buttons down the middle of the tunic top. Both tunics had stiff stand-up collars. The legs were obscured as were the arms which seemed to be held behind their backs. The witnesses felt the beings were standing on a raised surface, leaning against a rail of some kind. They had the distinct impression of being watched, although the beings never moved.

The two women discussed the event between them but never told anyone else, not even Naudwin when he returned home, firmly believing it to be a secret military craft.

In 1950 Vida returned to Britain and lived in Kent where she was interviewed by John Judge in 1979, at the age of 78.

Judge was unable to trace Vida's sister, Mrs Naudwin, and I doubt that he ever made contact with her. Apparently she had moved and Vida did not have her address. I find this strange, as the sisters had been close.

The story only emerged when Vida Goldsworthy — who never married — read a series on UFOs in the *Daily Express* and told her story. Judge said she had no knowledge of UFOs and no wish for her story to be published on a wide scale.

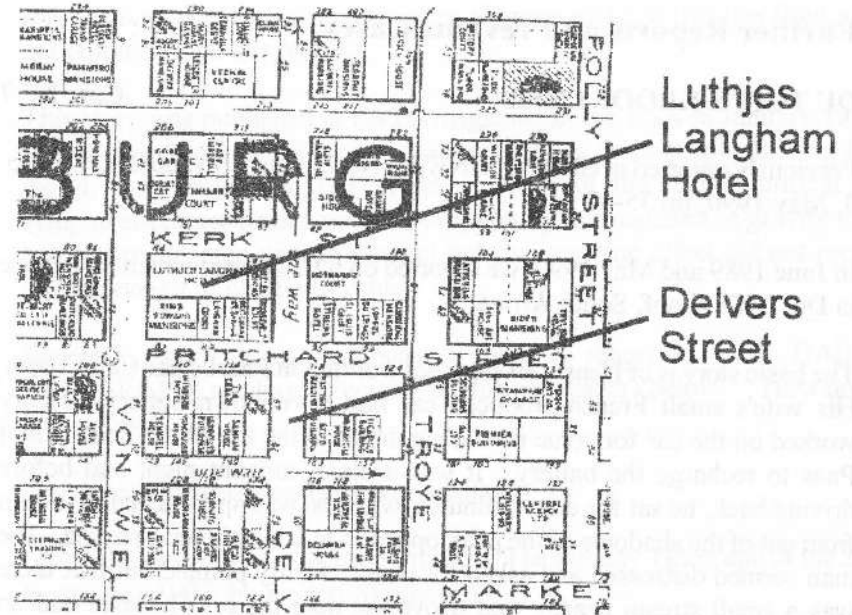
Judge remarks in the report that the women's attention was drawn to the UFO by the loud thud and the 'clicking' noise. He says, quoting Ted Bloccher (an American whom I know well and who used to be very active in Ufology but withdrew some years ago), that these events seem to be

'stage managed' and the sounds would therefore draw the women's attention to the hovering craft. Budd Hopkins, also a good friend, would concur with this view, particularly with regard to his Linda Cortile case, so brilliantly documented in his book WITNESSED.

It would be pointless to try and find Mrs Naudwin, if that is her correct name, as she would now be 90 years old, but she certainly could have had children and might very well have told them her story. Because we are investigators and have several excellent helpers in various parts of South Africa, we will try and find her progeny, if any, and perhaps get a different slant on this story. I cannot believe that Vida Goldsworthy at 96 is still alive but in any case, we already know her story.

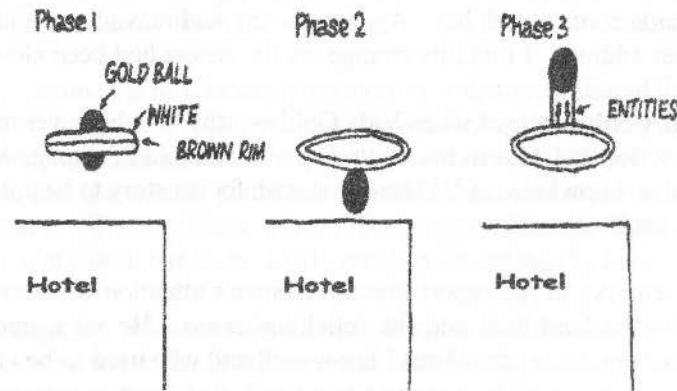
The important factor here is that we have been able to correct some of the original evidence. Luthjes Langham Hotel was on the corner of Kerk and Von Wielligh Streets, and Delvers Street — not Dalver Street — runs at right angles to Kerk Street and not as shown in the original map. If the flat was where Vida marked it, then it was in Pritchard Street, but I think it was probably Janelea Mansions, on Delvers Street.

Mrs E J Bevan of the Greater Johannesburg Library Services, kindly provided us with a map of Johannesburg published in 1948, before the post-war building boom began, so we are quite sure that this is accurate for 1946 as well.



Late 1940's Map of Area

We will report further on this fascinating case as information becomes available.



MARS

*I used to watch the planet Mars,
reddish and glowing among the stars.
I dreamed of its people, ploughing away,
Digging canals by night and by day.
I always admired this far-away race;
On the Plains of Cydonia they built a huge face.
The mysteries of Mars absorbed all my nights:
Did they have Senators and Citizen's Rights?
Alas, I've discovered 'twas all but a dream,
For the landscape is arid and not a soul to be seen!*

Further Reports on Previous Cases

DU TOIT'S KLOOF CASE

Case N° 7

Previously reported in UFO AFRINEWS No.2, June 1989, pp.24-31 & No. 3, May 1990, pp.35-42

In June 1989 and May 1990, we reported on a UFO event which took place in Du Toit's Kloof, South Africa.

The basic story is of Henry, an engineer working in Paarl, near Cape Town. His wife's small French-produced car had a rundown battery. Henry worked on the car for some time, then drove to the top of du Toit's Kloof Pass to recharge the battery. It was a clear, moonlit night and before driving back, he sat for a few minutes, when he was approached by a man from out of the shadows of the peak opposite to where he was parked. The man seemed distressed and asked for water. Henry pointed out that there was a small stream nearby and drove the man there. The man had no container but Henry had an oil can which they rinsed out with sand and water, before filling it. He then took the man back to where he had first seen him. The man pointed towards the darkness under the peak and Henry drove there. Once his eyes became accustomed to the darkness, he saw a strange discoid object, about 10-15 metres in diameter and about four metres tall. Henry saw a lighted opening and a ladder under the craft. The man invited him in and although afraid, Henry went inside. The room was circular and at the far end there was one man lying on the seat which ran all round the craft, with three others standing over him. All of them were about 1,5 metres tall but could stand upright. In the middle of the room Henry saw two rows of four levers each, protruding from the interior of the floor. He could see two rectangular slits through which the levers protruded.

When Henry's passenger came back to him, having delivered the water, he asked Henry if there was anything he wanted to know. Henry asked how the craft functioned and where the engines were. The man said they did not use engines. Pointing to the levers, he said that by means of those, gravity was annulled. He added that they used a very heavy fluid which circulated inside a tube, creating a magnetic effect. When Henry heard him speak of

this, he thought of mercury. However, the man told him that this fluid was not obtainable on our planet.

This story was published in FATE magazine in the USA in January 1993 and as a result of this, I received several letters from people all over the world, commenting on this effect. Most of the letters, critical or sympathetic, were from scientists. Apparently this negation of gravity was being experimented with in Finland but the negating effect did not prove strong enough to be of any value.

Recently, when I was overseas, I read a report in THE DAILY TELEGRAPH, and have precised this for our readers below. How now, brown cow?

Gyroscope Propulsion Becomes a Reality

(The following report is from an article in The Sunday Telegraph of the 21st September 1997, by Robert Matthews)

A team of scientists in Japan claim to have found a way of generating 'anti-gravity' using a spinning gyroscope. The effect is a feeble one, but the team working on it state that it cannot be explained away as an experimental error. This type of claim has been known for about 10 years, but is filled with controversy. According to accepted physics, no object can generate anti-gravity. Anything that could reduce gravity would give everyone exceptional strength, so that they could lift extremely heavy loads. It would reduce the need for huge amounts of fuel which is used to overcome gravity.

Space exploration would become routine, as there would be a reduction in the need for rocket engines. In 1996 a Russian scientist, Eugene Podletnov, was about to publish a paper on an anti-gravity machine in a prestigious British journal, but withdrew it only days before publication because of patent applications. Nothing has been heard of it since, although NASA is supposed to be working on this experiment.

Hideo Hayasaka and colleagues at Tohoku University in Japan, together with Matsushita, a Japanese Multinational, is working on anti-gravity generated by a small gyroscope.

The principle is simple: when the gyroscope spins at 18 000 revolutions per minute, it is put inside an airtight container and falls between two laser beams. These record how long the gyroscope takes to drop 6ft between the beams. Reduction in the strength of gravity is shown in an increase in the time the gyroscope takes to fall the 6ft. The team found that the gyroscope took 1/25 000 of a second longer to fall when it was spinning — an anti-gravity effect of one part in 7 000. The anti-gravity only appeared when the gyroscope was spinning anti-clockwise.

Some scientists are still sceptical, and one professor at the Imperial College, London, an expert on gyroscopes, finds the idea that the anti-gravity effect only appears when the gyroscope is spinning in one direction, suspicious. He feels it goes against one's feelings of how the laws of Nature work.

However, at Christmas 1951, Henry was told that aliens (who would not identify where they originated from) used this method to propel their craft.

Surely, he could hardly have invented what they told him? Sadly, Henry passed away in Spain towards the end of 1996 so I cannot write and discuss these new developments with him. But perhaps he knows about it now anyway?

"SMELLY UFO"

Report in UFO AFRINEWS N° 16, p.38

Further investigation on the above report, shows that there are some alternatives:

1. Two large blocks of ice which crashed in Brasil in Sao Paulo State, are believed to be part of a meteor. One piece weighed approx. 55 Kgs and fell through the roof of a factory in Campinas. The second fell nearby some days later and caused a small crater. There was no passing aircraft so it could not have come from that.
2. In April 1995, a piece of meteoric ice fell in China.

A LITTLE BIT OF ASTRONOMY

The Stretching of our Solar System

1996 TL66 is a frozen piece of ice and rock hurtling around beyond the planet Pluto. It is an estimated 490 Kms across, much bigger than a comet or asteroid, although smaller than Pluto. But the true significance of 1996 TL66 is that its orbit is up to 19,5 billion Kms from the sun, more than three times further away than Pluto. Which shows that our solar system is larger than we thought.

Professor Martin Duncan of Queen's University in Kingston, assisted by Harold Levison of the Southwest Research Institute in Colorado, says that TL66 probably has other pieces of rock and ice as its neighbours — bits of which had helped to create Uranus and Neptune. Near Pluto there is a ring of objects called the Kuiper Belt which previously had been considered the outer edge of our solar system. But now we have to think differently and who knows where it will all end.

— Taken from Nature, Science, and the Delve Report.

The Voyage of Cassini

The Cassini craft, which was launched on the 13th of October 1997, is due to make a 4-year journey to study the rings and moons of Saturn. It will also carry a separate probe to study Saturn's largest moon, Titan. Cassini will pick up speed by making use of the gravitational pull of Venus, Earth and Jupiter. Cassini is expected to arrive at Saturn in the year 2004. Weighing 12 346 lbs and looking somewhat like a dish, Cassini has a long round body made up of many components and standing more than two storeys high. Saturn has at least 18 major and minor moons of varying sizes, terrain and colours.

Cassini will orbit Saturn, obtain close-up views of the moons, some embedded within the rings surrounding the planet, and send a probe to Titan, the largest moon. Hopefully, this may hold answers to some of the

mysteries of life's origins. Cassini's round trip will cover more than two billion miles (3,2 billion Kms).

Scientists are anxious to get a close-up look at Titan, the second-largest moon in our solar system, after Jupiter's Ganymede. Titan is also nearly the size of Mars, and larger than Pluto or Mercury. It has a thick atmosphere, mainly nitrogen. Its organic chemistry is presumably associated with emergence of life on Earth. Surface temperatures are almost 300°F below zero; a little too cold for your Editors!

Nevertheless, this is one of the most exciting ventures in recent space exploration.

Unknown Star

In October 1997, astronomers found a previously unknown star, which burned with the brightness of 10 million suns!

This star, named the **Pistol Star**, was identified by using NASA's Hubble telescope (Incidentally, we have heard that many astronomical discoveries pin-pointed by Hubble, have not **all** been revealed to the public. For Ufologists such as we are, we wonder why!). The Pistol Star, despite its huge mass, cannot be seen from Earth with the naked eye, because of interstellar dust between Earth and the centre of the Milky Way. But using Hubble's Near-Infrared Camera and Multi-Object Spectrometer, it could be detected. Pistol has a radius of between 93 million and 139,5 million miles!

Don Figer, principal investigator of this study, says that if Pistol was placed at the centre of our solar system, it would engulf our sun, as well as the orbits of Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars.

The star is named after the pistol-shaped nebula, or gas cloud, that surrounds it. This nebula is estimated to be four light years in diameter — the distance from our sun to the nearest star in our solar system!

— New York News, Oct. 8th, 1997 & Oct. 11th, 1997.

LIGHTS IN THE SKY

A This case took place at Rimuka Township Cinema in Kadoma, Zimbabwe. It was reported by Langton Chizinga and occurred in February 1997 at about 12:22 am.

"I was coming from the cinema, having seen the film 'FX2', and walking home, when I saw something strange in the sky. It was flat at the base and had a rounded semicircle at the top, with bright red lights at both ends of the base. A white light beam flashed from the centre of the red lights; twice as bright as a searchlight. The object was stationary for maybe 40 seconds, and was about 8 metres above the ground. I was able to estimate the height because the spot is close to some small and one taller tree. This tall tree is approximately 8 metres high and the craft was hovering there.

I could not hear any noise, but I seem to remember a hissing sound, although it was not a helicopter as I know helicopters well. What might have been a window was tinted so that I could not focus inside properly.

Then it started to move, but with a speed I am sure it would be difficult to measure by human standards. It headed south directly towards the stars.

At first I was afraid but later I grew calmer. My happiness comes because it was harmless. Now, due to this sighting, I understand that UFOs do exist somewhere in the sky."

B Pauline and her daughter reported this incident when they were living in Durban, South Africa sometime during 1980. The second event happened when they were living in Vryheid, Natal.

They were woken one night in 1980 by a strange orange glow in their rooms. The daughter, who was 16 years old at the time, was terrified and refused to let her mother go out into the yard to see what was causing the light. So they stood at the back door of their house and looked out.

The whole backyard was bathed in an eerie glow. Pauline says, "I could not move out of the door as my daughter was hanging on to me. The geese and our white mastiff dog were glowing orange in this strange light and staring at the sky. It was as bright as daylight outside, but very quiet. As suddenly as it had become bright, it turned dark again."

From that day on until the day he died, five years later, the dog suffered from fits — this would happen several times a month. He also became terrified of lightning and they had to let him sleep in the kitchen.

"All this happened in Durban. The next morning the newspapers carried a story about UFOs being sighted in Spain and in South Africa's Drakensberg Mountains."

About three years later, the family moved to a farm in Vryheid, Natal. One night at about midnight, Pauline could hear the animals outside were very restless. She was lying awake in the dark and could see the sky from where she was lying. She saw what looked like a very large star, but as she watched, it grew brighter and brighter. She woke her husband to show him but he wasn't interested in anything like that and promptly went back to sleep.

Not satisfied with her husband's reaction, Pauline got up and woke her son and a friend who was staying with him. They came and sat at the bottom of her bed and watched. The object was even larger by this time and began to sway from side to side, "like a feather floating to the ground", Pauline reports.

Suddenly, they saw it pick up speed and shoot off to the North towards a mountain range, giving off a trail of light like a rocket.

C Report sent by N Middeldorf of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe

A beautician working at Haddon & Sly stores in Bulawayo described (with some excitement and fear) how she was, during 1977, walking with a friend some time after 18:00 hours, when they saw what they thought was a plane coming towards them. As it got nearer, they realised it certainly wasn't a plane, as it was larger and made no sound. It looked as though "it was made of glass". It had a glow to it and they were about to move back through fear, when the object turned to one side. At this stage they noticed a light which was going on and off - perhaps pulsating? - and then it shot off at high speed and vanished.

Comment: This could have been an aircraft coming in to land at Bulawayo Airport. Often when on-facing aircraft are seen, the noise is behind the plane and not heard by the observer. Also, flashing wing lights are visible all through the flight and identification will depend on light colours. The puzzling factor in this report is the 'made of glass' appearance of the craft. [This is a not uncommon factor when reporting UFOs — the transparency of the craft. See UFO AFRINEWS N°s 6 and 8.]

D This event occurred on September 11th, 1997 in Glenara Avenue, Harare, Zimbabwe

Barry Smith saw a flashing white light moving very fast (estimated as 4000 kph). It was sighted from Glenara Avenue, going towards Harare Airport, and although planes are often seen on this route, this object was moving too fast.

Barry stopped his car and watched the object move towards Westgate shopping complex. Later, he saw it again, but on this occasion it was using double flashes. The lights resembled a spotlight: very bright but not big.

Comment: It could have been a satellite. There are at present some 3000 known satellites orbiting the Earth. Distances and speed are often deceptive at great heights.

E This report comes from Des Carter (pseudonym) who witnessed the event near Banket, Zimbabwe at 19:30 hours on August 30th, 1997.

He says: "At 19:30, I was sitting on the terrace outside my home in Gold Dust Township, Mazvikadei Dam, near Banket. I was about to have dinner outside with my wife and mother-in-law. The night was clear. From the terrace, there is a good view of the dam to the north and west."

Des was seated looking west when suddenly he saw, at a 45° angle, a large bright candle-flame showing a yellow light. It was circular in shape and there was distinct movement within the circle of light. Des drew his wife's and mother-in-law's attention to this; they were both able to see it.

Initially, the light was stationary for a minute or two; then it moved slowly downwards in an easterly direction, for about three seconds, then changed to a westerly direction, still moving slowly (also for about three seconds). It then accelerated without any noise, at a great speed, to the west, and disappeared in a further three or four seconds.

Des has promised to check with other Mazvikadei residents to see if they saw anything.

The main witness is 58 years old, an ex-policeman and used to factual reporting. He is backed by his wife and her mother on this report.

Subsequently, Des telephoned the Editors to say that on the same night, August 30th, some Zimbabweans fishing at Cabora Bassa Dam in Moçambique, had seen the same type of light in the sky over the dam.

F Adam and Dorothy sent in this story, which was witnessed at Chete Gorge, Lake Kariba, Zimbabwe on August 29th, 1997 at about 23:45 hours. There were 8 other witnesses.

The witnesses reported seeing strange lights over Chete Gorge on the Zambezi River. There were quite a number of people, both South Africans and Zimbabweans, on a chartered houseboat anchored in the Gorge. Adam

thought the lights looked like 'an arrowhead formation.' [Maria Sullivan felt that this description could refer to a triangular shape.]

Dorothy saw 7 lights, with two large ones in the front; to her, they looked like rockets. Two other people saw between 5 and 7 lights. The fact that the number of lights varied from one witness to another is not uncommon as it is difficult to ascertain numbers at a distance and at night.

The objects flew north into Zambia. The whole sighting took about 15 seconds. Adam said that he was waiting for comments and a drawing from his family in South Africa and would let us have these when received.

Comment: A few years ago, the United States revealed that they had a swept-back-wing craft (the Stealth Bomber) and immediately, the sceptics used this as an excuse to identify every triangular-shaped UFO sighting as 'The Stealth'. It is true that it has accounted for numerous sightings, but certainly not all of them. The Stealth is not 500 ft (152,40m) wide [reported on February 18th, 1992 by a government Archives researcher in Ballarat, Australia, at 20:40 hours. Source: Paul Norman]. Nor can it hover for minutes at a time (Belgian UFO in the 1990s).

The other 'secret' craft developed by the USA is the Aurora, which flies, reportedly, at 8000 Km per hour and reaches its furthest point from take off, in three hours — thus it could circumnavigate the world in six hours — a bit up on Round the World in 80 Days?!

G Malcolm Brown (pseudonym) informed us of this occurrence which happened on August 29th, 1997 at Mana Pools, on the Zambezi River at about 23:30 hours. There were two other witnesses.

Malcolm lives in Harare, Zimbabwe. On this occasion he was camping with two friends in the Mana Pools area. August 29th was a Friday. That night, around 23:30 or 23:45 hours, when Malcolm was brushing his teeth out in the open, ready to go to bed, he had a feeling that something was behind him.

When he turned round to look, he saw something in the sky. He could not discern an outline, but had the idea that it was something extremely large. He noticed two lights; they were an orangey-yellow colour, like a candle flame. The lights shone down towards the west of where he stood, with an extremely bright light.

Malcolm called his friends, Ralph and Nikki, to come and have a look, basically because he wanted confirmation of what he was seeing.

The object hovered in the sky at about a 45° angle from where Malcolm watched. He estimated that it was about 50 metres away from him and 200-300 metres high. After hovering, it began to move in a north-easterly direction for probably 10 metres (at the same 45° angle); then paused for 2-3 seconds and 'adjusted itself' and then gradually went off in a north-easterly direction over the Zambian border, before disappearing.

The two bright lights left a pathway in the sky that was quite distinct, almost as if one had a torch and shone it in the sky. The night was clear but extremely dark (it was a waning moon, with the new moon occurring on September 3rd). The path of the light was plainly visible for some minutes. Nikki confirmed that these light trails stretched right across the sky and remained there for about five minutes. To her, it looked like a vapour trail (do these show at night?) but obviously a lot lower; the same yellowish colour as the lights themselves.

"Malcolm saw only two bright lights", Nikki said, "whereas I saw another three, much smaller. They looked like stars, but the same orangey colour as the larger two. They moved in unison and whatever it was, must have been absolutely huge! The smaller lights were just below the big lights."

Malcolm said he noticed that when the lights shone down, it was as clear as daylight on the ground. "This brightness is what initially amazed me", Malcolm said. "I told myself, I'm not just seeing things; I also noticed that there was no sound involved, even when the object took off and moved. It didn't seem to take off in a hurry; it moved gently but it was definitely picking up speed because it disappeared so quickly. As it moved, the two large lights turned to red as it got further away, and it wasn't very long before it was completely out of sight, so it was moving fast!"

Nikki pointed out that the object seemed to remain at a constant altitude. When asked if they had felt anything, physical or otherwise, Malcolm said he felt overwhelmed by the size of whatever it was. Nikki said she cried; it was emotionally disturbing for her. Both witnesses said there was no unusual smell and the silence was absolute, even the animal sounds stopped, although they had noticed them before. The whole time period for the sighting was over 30-45 seconds, Malcolm confirmed.

The following day Malcolm went to where the lights had been shining on the ground, lighting up about an acre, to see if the object had been trying to observe something. But he found nothing there: no burn marks on the grass nor anything like that. He added that the beam of light from the craft shone straight down; it wasn't as though they were searching for anything, it was just a direct beam and a floodlit area on the ground. In other words, a concentrated beam pointing to the ground, not like a cone of light.

Malcolm felt that the diameter of each light was about a half-metre across, and the two were some five metres apart, fixed in position. The lights were exceptionally bright, Malcolm said. "I could see as though it was daylight. But quite unlike aeroplane lights - they were extremely large at source."

As a result of his sighting, Malcolm was contacted by another man to say that his cousin Chris had been out hunting on that Friday night (August 29th, 1997) in the Doma farming area, which is in the Mhangura area. Chris had also seen the lights but at 23:00 hours, half an hour earlier than Malcolm and his two companions reported seeing them.

Comment: Whilst it is not our intention to make something big of unidentified lights in the sky, we do try and feature these reports - where there is real substance to them - so that perhaps some may be identified at a later stage, even if the event only has a simple explanation.

(Researchers: Alan, Doug, Gunter Hofer, Maria Sullivan)

ROSWELL CRASH

New Mexico, USA, 1947

A UFO is alleged to have crashed in Roswell in June/July 1947, which appears to have ushered in the modern UFO syndrome. As we feel sure everyone involved with UFOs is familiar with this incident, we won't go into the background of the story. Should any reader not be aware of what is supposed to have happened there, please write to **Roswell, UFO AFRINEWS**, Box MP49, Mt Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe enclosing a s.a.e. and we will send you, for no charge, a brief précis of what is reported to have happened.

Shortly after a broadcast acknowledging that a UFO had crashed, the story was denied by the Army Air Force, saying that it was a Raudive Balloon which had been mistaken for an extraterrestrial craft.

Subsequently, when the Roswell story became **hot** news with Ufologists, the military admitted that the 'Raudive Balloon' explanation had not been the truth, but that it was a **Mogul Balloon**, a top-secret device for detecting Russian nuclear explosions during the Cold War period.

One other identification that many overlooked - also made officially - was that the Roswell crash could have been a Japanese 'smallish' bomb sent over from Japan, probably in early 1945, to create some sort of fear and havoc among the American people. These bombs drifted with the wind and could possibly have taken 24 months to reach the American mainland. The reason for this identification is that the I-beams in the crash material, shown to a 12-year-old (at the time) Dr Marcel by his father, Jesse Marcel (a Major in the Army Air Force) had strange writing on them, which the authorities tried to say was some form of Japanese script.

More recently, this year (1997) the US government again revised their description, stating that they [the alleged bodies found at the crash] were 'high altitude test dummies of 6'3" men, dropped by parachute near Roswell, to test a new development in parachuting men to Earth.' This statement was denigrated even by Philip Klass, an acknowledged UFO sceptic, who said the dummies only originated in 1953, whereas the Roswell

crash occurred in 1947. Also, all reports of recovered bodies at Roswell pointed to small humanoids of about 4ft in height; nothing like 6'3" dummies.

By the time of this confession, even the Americans had become sceptical of official explanations and this last explanation was met at the recent MUFON Conference with raucous laughter!

To come to terms with their evasive 'explanations': isn't it time the United States government admit that they too don't really know what's going on?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From 'Ray' of Cape Town, South Africa

"Twenty years ago I had the strange experience of taking a simple slide of a peaceful scene at midday in a valley near Wellington in the Cape. To my surprise the slide turned out to have three bright orange-red dots on it which I've only recently come to realize are UFOs, from documentaries I have watched lately."

(Photograph enclosed)

[At the recent MUFON Symposium I handed the photograph to Bruce Maccabee, PhD, and asked his opinion. We await his reply. — Ed]

From Hamad Siddiqui, Manama, Bahrain

Hope this finds you in the best of health. I am greatly anxious to get your books. I never really thought about the fact that UFOs may be our descendants from the future. There haven't ever been any sightings in my part of the world and I don't think there will ever be. I would like to mention to you an incident: I have moved into the outskirts of Bahrain, the area is known as Budaiya. I got there in the winter months of last year. While I was moving, a couple of my new friends from the area told me that they had seen two to three flashing lights over a ground.

They even told me that they had taken photographs.

Now here's where I think foul play is involved. First, the ground they saw the lights over was well lit with street lights. Second, they still haven't shown me any of the photos they have taken. Here is where I am confused: have UFOs ever been sighted over well lit areas? Believe me, now that I am in contact with you, I'm definitely going to ask them for those pictures and send you a copy.

From one of the people who believed they saw the so-called UFOs, I had a newspaper article covering the UFOs. The person he got it from had removed the name of the paper that published the article. But I have a copy of my own and along with this letter I'm sending you a copy of the article. Why don't you let MUFON know about this, if they don't already know, and if it's not going to be too much trouble, mention me to them and let me know what they say about this article.

Oh well, once again I can't wait to get your books. Live life long and remember, **THE TRUTH IS OUT THERE** and may the force be with you.

From Trust Muteera, Mutare, Zimbabwe

How are you, my name is Trust Muteera and I am currently doing my A-level at Mutare Boys High School, majoring in Physics, Chemistry and Maths.

I took an interest in UFOs when I saw one myself when I was in Grade 5. It was a shining silent dish which moved from South to North at high speed. It was during the days when there was the programme '**Off the Beaten Track**', that used to cover all about UFOs. I became very interested and till now I'm trying to find out more about cosmic life.

I was wondering what it takes to become a Ufologist like you and where I can get any training. I'm very interested in cosmic life and at night, when looking at the stars I often wonder when will be the day when people will know about the other life systems in space.

I heard the field is potentially dangerous since people will be dealing with unknown life forms with different capabilities. Has there been an incident when an invisible life form has been found which could maybe be detected by infra-red scanners or X-rays? I strongly believe there might be life forms very different from ours which have achieved astonishing technology. When dealing with Earth's Physics, they say nothing travels as fast as light although tachyons have been detected. I then heard that particles can travel faster than light only if they don't travel at the velocity of light and below, so they say tachyons are encompassed in a barrier from which they cannot escape.

To me light is snail-slow owing to the distances between star systems and maybe somewhere in the cosmos some civilizations have found means to break the light barrier. It was once said nothing travels faster than sound but today planes can travel faster. How true are Adamski and Von Daniken claims about Aliens? What is going to happen in the year 2000? Some claim Aliens are going to make themselves public.

[This letter has been shortened due to lack of space.— Ed.]

From Andrew Crowley, Frankston, Australia

Re UFO sightings over your country in 1994 near Lake Kariba, Sept. 14th.

What was seen on that occasion was what has been reported as a Stealth UFO dubbed the '**Silent Vulcan**.' It has been seen over Belgium and UK in 1996. I saw it on the 18th February 1992. It has been dropping in on us since 1989. My personal sighting: I enclose copy of our UFO Report booklet published every three months. I joined it only two months ago because I had to tell someone of my sighting in that I had kept it bottled up to myself since 1992. I did not realise that there were many more sightings world-wide until I joined VUFORS Victoria, when I got access to many more reports.

Since 1996 the spate of sightings has ended. I believe they left us but might be back in 8 or 9 years time.

Recently in 1995 in N.S. Wales, Australia, there were many cattle killed by an unknown intrusion method by the milk cattle's udders being cut off and side cheeks, ears removed from the cow's body but it was done without spilling blood. The body parts taken included the animals' tongues, which suggests to me that 'Silent Vulcan' is responsible and may even use those parts in **cloning technology** of those aliens re: species of cattle on another planet. (our cattle!)

What I would like to learn from you is have there been any 'unusual' animal deaths reported either domestic cattle or wild life in the Nature Reserves of your country when it was obvious to the reporter/veterinarian or game park wardens that the carcasses looked suspicious from either natural causes or poachers as such?

It may pay your organization too, to keep track of this phenomenon as it seems so obviously linked to UFO activity since 1990. I'd also like to know if my sketch of the UFO seen at Lake Kariba can be shown to the person 'eye witness' who reported it to your organization in 1994. I'd also like to know if any people went missing in those areas in 1994? Also if your organization can keep in touch with myself from time to time on a regular basis, so we can know speedily of UFO activity when in future it returns by, I think, 8 or 9 years? (Time taken to leave here in 1994 and return?)

For the moment, best regards from Australia.

[A fully comprehensive reply has been sent to Andrew Crowley; but for our readers, we would like to comment as follows:

Not for one moment do we accept that the craft seen over Kariba on the night of 14th September 1994 was an American Stealth Bomber. We had dozens of witnesses who claimed the craft was flying slowly enough for them to walk along with it; it appeared to be on fire and came in very low over Harare. All the descriptions either fitted that of the ejected Russian nose cone, or the unidentified craft which appeared to resemble a Boeing 737 (none were in the area at the time!).

We have had no animal mutilations in Zimbabwe as far as we know (checked with veterinarians) and the only mutilation we know of was the

ham-stringing of prize bulls during the War of Liberation (from approx. 1972-1980). None of the Wild Life Wardens have reported any wild animal mutilation deaths other than those of poaching.

We had no 'missing person' reports in the Kariba area in September 1994 (maybe a couple of husbands who disappeared from the rural areas to the fancy lights of the main urban sectors! — Ed.]

BOOK REVIEW

UFO DANGER ZONE

by Bob Pratt, Published Horus House Press, 1997

(Obtainable from Arcturus Book Services, 1443 S E Port St Lucie Blvd, Port St Lucie, FL 34952, USA. Price US\$15.95)

I have known Bob Pratt for a number of years and am aware of his intense interest in UFOs in Brasil. He visits that country as often as he can - generally once a year - so that his research is first-hand and not gained from someone else's notes or bush-bashing. A lot of his travelling in recent years has been with Cynthia Luce, a personal friend of mine; an American lady who lives in Brasil and speaks Portuguese fluently.

This year, Bob asked me if I wouldn't join the two of them on their investigations and much as I would have loved doing so, I was far too involved with travelling round the USA, Great Britain, Canada and Israel.

I know that Horus House Press have already said publicly that Bob Pratt's book is the fastest seller they have ever produced. Having now read the book and realised how many risks Bob took to obtain all the information he has, I can only concur with what the publishers say and add my own, "I'm not surprised!"

Some of the stories are almost unbelievable, but knowing Bob for the thoroughness and the honesty of his investigations, I can vouch for the truth of his cases. If anyone is having anyone on, then it is the witnesses themselves; which is hardly likely as the majority are fairly unsophisticated peasants who have nothing to gain by misrepresenting the facts.

The book is written in the easily readable style that is the hallmark of the good journalist and experienced editor (which Bob certainly is). The one factor I admire above all others in his serious investigation is that Bob follows up the original report and checks this out as much as he can, even over a period of years.

To reveal all the stories would be tantamount to précising the book, which is not my intention. But some of them are truly hair-raising and omitting mention of them seems almost a sacrilege. I realise only too well that some UFO reports are so bizarre that people actually react to them either with hysteria or total disbelief. But what does one do? Lie because it is too way out for the average uninitiated to accept? Or tell the truth and risk the dismissal of the story as a total fantasy? Some of Bob Pratt's cases might fall into this category, but there is no doubt that he is reporting them as they were told to him, and for which he obtained objective corroboration.

Here is a typical example:

Moises was a simple farmer until one night, returning home from a visit to his brother's house, he saw a flash of light out of the corner of his eye. Within seconds, 'something' was above him and the light was so bright that he had to shade his eyes. He was paralyzed immediately and it became very hot. Then he felt he was being sucked up into a craft above him which seemed as large as a house. Moises thinks he was suspended there for about five minutes and then let down gently.

He began crawling towards his home and when he reached a tree, he rested for a bit. He then decided to go on, but as he came out from the other side of the tree, he could see the craft had returned and was hovering above him. Again he was paralyzed and again 'they' pulled him upwards. Moises thought they held him for about 15 minutes this time; then they dropped him roughly to the ground.

In great pain and terror that they might return a third time, Moises crawled home as fast as he could. Later, when he was able to speak to his wife, he looked out of the front window and saw the light above the church swinging like a pendulum. His left eye had swollen and he had difficulty in seeing out of it; it took weeks before he recovered completely.

Bob has had many adventures. In the late 70s and in 1981, he hired a small plane and pilot, and flew into many inaccessible parts of Brasil. Occasionally there was not even a landing strip and they used roadways and even a small path. I'm sure there were times when Bob thought his last moment had come. And when one thinks of how most investigators operate, those of you who do it in style can only admire Bob and his associates. Some of the most convincing parts of the book are when Bob writes of Major (later Lt.Col.) Uyrange Hollanda and the soldiers under his command. If the Brazilian government felt that UFOs and their associated side effects were so much rubbish, how come they could spare a Major plus several troops to track down and protect their people from these objects? That, to me, is a truly convincing piece of evidence of governmental interest, despite official pronouncements to the contrary.

What I specifically like about the cases listed in the book is the clear-cut way the author has of establishing time, place and date of events. So often in books of this nature, clarity about whom one is dealing with, seems to be of minor importance; or there is a lack of detail about the actual site, or perhaps no second visit is made or even planned. With Bob Pratt, all these details are carefully written up. I consider him an investigator in the true sense of the word and I think his book is well worth reading.

Above all, if you really want to know what is going on in Brasil, you could not choose a better informant than Bob Pratt.

ANALYSIS OF UFO QUIZ

While we would have liked a few more replies than those received, we realise that it is not always easy to drop everything and answer our questions. Nevertheless, we appreciate the effort made by those readers who did reply and on the basis of that, we give you here the overall result - for the moment.

Question 1 Do UFOs go back to Biblical Times?

A majority said Yes, with some dissention.

Question 2 Are they only a modern syndrome?

Mostly Yes, but some No's (see above).

Question 3 Are they good/bad?

On the whole good, but some are questionable, and some are bad. Difficult to come up with a truly definitive reply here.

Question 4 Are we being prepared for acceptance of Ets?

No, generally, but maybe some minor hints are being passed on.

Question 5 What are UFOs?

The most difficult question to answer! Some opinions were excellent but too long and complicated for this brief Quiz. Maybe we can go into this in more detail in future issues.

Question 6 Do they live among us?

Overall Yes, with some dissention.

Question 7 Do UFOs have any connection with the Bible?

Overall Yes, but some thought None at all.

Question 8 Should governments reveal what they know?

Definite Yes. If governments know what they are. People are prepared mentally, by and large.

Question 9 Should a special body be appointed to deal with UFOs?

Definite Yes.

Question 10 How to go about revealing UFOs/ETs to the public?

Tell the truth. Slowly but surely, with practical demonstrations as close to the real thing as possible, with emphasis on the benefits to mankind. Start by explaining and clarifying the earlier distortions or misinterpretations of the Bible. Publicise more recent incidents from different countries, with visual aids and credible witnesses.

Thank you all for your help, and we hope we can use some of your speculations in future issues. - Editor.

NEW BOOKS RECOMMENDED

The Day After Roswell, by Col. Phillip J. Corso, pub Pocket Books, 1997. Price US\$24.

A startling revelation of back-engineering by the US government; probably the Soviets and the Germans as well, into the technology of crashed craft from outer space.

UFO 1947 - 1997 Edited by Hilary Evans & Dennis Stacy, pub Fortean Times, Price £16,99.

A collection of UFO sightings and stories that tells it all; circumnavigates the world and incorporates both sceptics and firm believers.

Encounter by Kelly Cahill, pub Harper Collins, Price Unknown

An Australian lady tells it all. Her personal abduction experience reported in a somewhat fictional style, but it's all for real.

UFOs Over Africa by Cynthia Hind

Published by: Horus House Press, Box 55185, Madison WI 53705-8985 USA, 1997, Price US\$15.95

THE SHAPE-CHANGER

*He looks rather strange;
not attractive at all!
He's thin and angular and
reasonably tall.
He doesn't say much,
but I think you will find,
He's aware all the time
of what's on your mind.
So be wary, my friend,
your life he might mar;
A 'mutant' they call him,
from a planet afar.
He changes his shape
whenever he can,
He's not one of us —
he's an extr'ordinary man!*