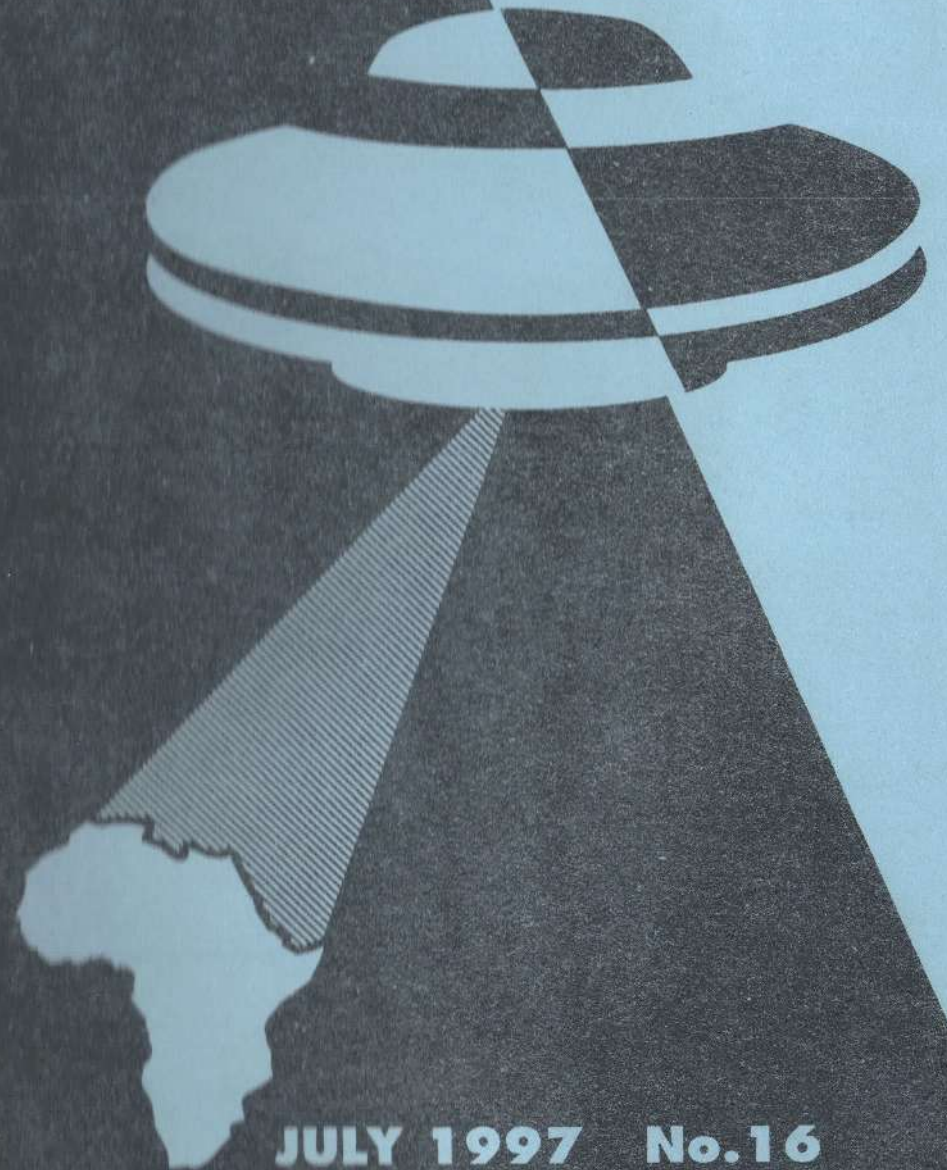


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EDITORIAL

It was intriguing, in the Ariel School investigation (UFO AFRINEWS N°s. 11 and 12), when several of the children mentioned that the two small men in shiny black suits, appeared to move in **slow motion**. At the time, I could not recall any other evidence of this slow motion effect, but subsequently I have been able to place several references. In fact, in my first book, UFOs-**AFRICAN ENCOUNTERS**, I recalled that Danie van Graan of Loxton (a case which I have nominated as the best case of my UFO involvement - certainly for physical evidence!) had mentioned the same effect.

Danie went to check up on his sheep *kraal* (enclosure) on the cold, misty morning of July 31st, 1975. As he topped a three-metre earthen wall which protected the village of Loxton from a possible overflow of their reservoir - on a hill behind the village - he saw what he thought was a caravan on his land.

At first he assumed it was government prospectors looking for uranium, as they were in the area, but as he came closer he saw four men inside, apparently examining an instrument. He said, 'They were a bit on the small side; in fact, they were rather thin and pale.' But his most interesting comment was that although they were moving about, **their movements were in slow motion**.

To emphasize even further that this is not an isolated incident, I quote from a letter from Gloria Dixon, who is the investigating officer for BUFORA, the largest British UFO group. This particular case is an on-going investigation by Paul Ascough and I am grateful to him and to Gloria for allowing me to use this as an example.

The incident occurred on the 15th July, 1995 in West Yorkshire, U.K. There were four witnesses: a husband and wife and their niece and boy-friend, having a barbecue in the back garden. The husband noticed some flashing lights about 100ft up. He also saw a beam of light shoot out. The object dropped nearer and then moved down a valley. He later recalled a 'funny moon' in the sky. The object was going down by the trees and **everything seemed to be in slow motion**. The husband also had fragmented memories of his niece running towards the barbecue in **slow motion**.

This is only a very brief quote from the whole case which has been thoroughly investigated. But I wanted to point out the significance of the slow motion: what could this possibly mean? Obviously, something to do with Time, with differing times for 'them' and for 'us'.

As our seasoned readers will know, I have always felt that UFOs come from another Dimension, or another Time, and not necessarily from other physical planets. But as you also all realise, this is merely conjecture, for despite the differing hypotheses put forward by so many ufologists, not one of us really knows the answer!

In UFO MAGAZINE, Vol. 12, N° 1(1997) pp.33/34¹ there is a very interesting article by Robert T. Leach reporting his interview with Bill Tanner, a retired engineer who has worked on alternative energy systems for a number of years. Tanner points out how several scientists over the centuries have said it would be impossible to achieve certain levels, i.e. heavier than air flight was impossible; the speed of sound could never be exceeded; space could not be reached due to Earth's gravity, and so forth. But in the end, technology advanced and the experts were proved wrong.

Now, however, we are dealing with reaching or exceeding the speed of Light. But, says Tanner, 'as we reach towards this speed, the energy needed to produce this speed also makes us or the ship produce more mass. From 25%-75% this mass is measurable; but after 75% nearly all the energy used to propel the ship causes an exponential increase in mass. The more massive the ship becomes, the more energy is needed to propel it.'

Thus, at 99% of the speed of light, it becomes so enormous and would take masses of energy to move it, so it just becomes stuck where it is.

Also, as the ship becomes more massive, the crew would have to accelerate slowly, as quick acceleration could crush the crew and even perhaps tear the ship apart. The same would apply to deceleration of the craft. Time itself would slow down, even though the crew would not notice this.

1 Clipping from Albert Benajam, U.S.A.

But, says Tanner, when they returned to Earth, they would find family and friends long dead and gone! If all this is true, how then do Aliens travel around?

Well, says Tanner, there might be a way around this law, which involves gravity. Gravity keeps our feet on the ground and the planets in place around the sun.

'Gravity', says Tanner, 'is produced by every bit of matter in the Universe.'

But should the craft be able to neutralise itself from the gravity of the Universe, the ship would have no mass. And anything multiplied by zero is still zero. Thus, however fast the craft travelled, inertia, acceleration and deceleration would have no effect on craft or crew. Which means that distance, and perhaps even Time, would be no barrier to exploring the whole of our Universe, however far away it might be!

This is a very loose summing up of what Bill Tanner has to say; but perhaps for those of you who are not scientists (as I am not!) it might give you a simple idea of what we are up against!

THE GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL

He's really quite charming when you phone any time.
He answers your questions with 'to ask is no crime.'
But he doesn't placate your constant torment
And to most of the questions he replies 'No Comment.'
So, mulling it over, you realise your call
Has really produced no answer at all!

Are 'wormholes' a reality? Some physicists believe they exist in intense gravity fields. If they do exist, they would be a short cut through Space and Time.

SOLDIER IN DISTRESS

Case N°130

On the 11th November, 1965, Prime Minister Ian Douglas Smith of Rhodesia, declared UDI (Unilateral Declaration of Independence). In the eyes of the British government this was an illegal action. Rhodesia, to the British, was an independent Crown Colony but still beholden to the Crown. As a result of this declaration, the majority of the people, who were of the Mashona and N'debele tribes, formed a guerilla army, harassing the Rhodesian forces and white farmers who lived in isolated areas. One of the largest groups of soldiers in the Rhodesian Army was the Rhodesian Light Infantry (RLI), consisting of a small basis of professional soldiers, conscripted troops from the Rhodesian (mainly white) population, and many mercenaries from all over the world. It was a tragic and unnecessary war and thousands of lives of young men were lost on both sides. It broke out in intensity in 1972 when the guerillas began their first serious attacks on farms. It was also a mainly bush war and there was a great deal of respect on both sides for the bravery and ingenuity of some of the soldiers.

In 1979, a meeting was held in London between the two factions, monitored by the British government. Independence was granted to Rhodesia on condition of majority rule. Robert Mugabe became the new Zimbabwe's first Prime Minister on 18 April, 1980.

David Brown was one of an RLI 'stick' when he had a strange and unforgettable experience. At first, he did not remember it clearly and in fact, even to-day, it remains vague in many areas. But fortunately, he is an analytical and meticulous person, and recorded his memories, his thoughts, and his nightmarish experiences, in his diary. Through a letter to a magazine, he was put in touch with me and since then we have kept up a lively and to me, most interesting correspondence.

It all happened a long time ago: between January and March, 1978. David cannot be more specific than that as he says, 'Time counted for nothing in the bush. Day after day, month after month, it was the same.'

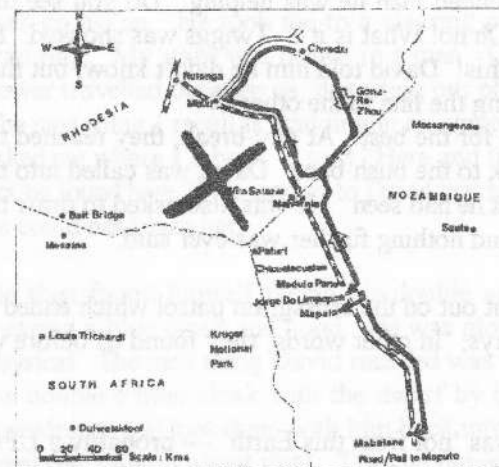


Figure 1 The area marked with X is where the abduction took place.

reaction force known as Fireforce. Normally, they did not do patrols so this sortie was unusual.

The only thing David could connect it with was an event that took place after they had been ambushed at night and took a few casualties. One of the walking wounded, Twiggs, was half-carried, half-dragged by David through the night to safe ground.

While struggling along, David had seen a large shape off to his left, silhouetted against the night horizon. The object was pitch-black; there were no lights visible. It looked as though it was on the ground but in the dark of the night it would have been difficult to tell. It seemed to be wedge-shaped, about 50 ft (14 metres) long by about 12 ft (4 metres) high. David's night vision was very good, and he felt it was about 50 metres away from where he was. But he says that size at night on the horizon in starlight, is difficult to estimate, especially under the conditions they were in. Whatever it was, it should not have been there!

David spoke to Twiggs, the wounded man he was helping. 'Do you see that object off to the left?' he asked. 'Oh no! What is it?' Twiggs was shocked. He was already wounded, and now this! David told him he didn't know, but they were both afraid so passed it along the line to the others.

They just kept going and hoped for the best. At day-break, they reached the pick-up point and were taken back to the bush base. David was called into the Major's tent and debriefed on what he had seen. He was also asked to draw the object. He was then dismissed and nothing further was ever said.

A few weeks later, David was sent out on the crossgrain patrol which ended in his horrific experience. David says, 'In other words, they found us before we found them.'

He feels that the object they saw was 'not from this Earth' — probably a UFO. He feels they were sent on patrol to see if they could find what they had seen before, on the pretext of looking for infiltration routes.

On that particular day, they had followed the general routine. Normally the soldiers took a break at mid-day (when it was hottest) for about an hour, but when they stood up to continue the patrol, David looked at his watch and it was 16:00 hours.

'I stood up and put on my bergen (backpack) when a flash of light hit me. It came from an object just above the trees. It was metallic and elliptical in shape. It was hovering and no noise came from it. From a distance of about 100 metres, it could be clearly seen. Then it shot away at an incredible speed without a sound. Now the strangest thing of all is that there I was in a combat situation and I never reacted to it. I did not say "Take cover" or "Hey, did you guys see that?" I said nothing and neither did anyone else; not then or ever - completely inappropriate behaviour.'

It was only long afterwards that David started having flashbacks; sudden pictures in his mind of events or something that had happened that day.

He says, 'As I finished putting my bergen on, I was approached by a dwarf in a cloak and hood. I could not see his face. He said he would take me into the forest where I would be given something.'

'He then led me away from the rest of the group who did not react at all to what was going on. He took me to a clearing in the forest where their ship was standing. My gaze was drawn to a man. Our eyes locked and some kind of power travelled between us, distorting our physical surroundings.

The next thing I recall is standing in an empty room. A woman walked in and asked me where I'd been. I said "Here and there." She then said, "You must not be found here." It seemed to David that he had met this woman before, but he could not place her.

He then found himself facing his double across the room. The double was wearing a blue cloak and hood. He was glowing and fading in and out of the physical. The next thing David recalled was walking out of the forest wearing his double's blue cloak with the dwarf by his side. He then came upon his companions and took them with him back into the forest (David says he feels a great deal of guilt about this). Then he remembers entering what seemed to be a hospital ward.

There was a long line of beds. Besides being long, the room was also crescent-shaped, with the beds filled with people, including his colleagues. One of them said something about David to the man in the next bed. David had the impression that it wasn't good as the man seemed to have great fear in his eyes.

At the foot of every bed was a container of unknown substance, with body parts of people stacked tightly inside; bloody and horrific. There was a man David knew standing in front of him with his double creeping up behind him. The double was holding a large key and he pressed this to the side of David's friend's temple and said, 'It's your double.' David's friend looked very shocked by this but David said to him, 'Don't worry, it's only your brother,' although David knew it wasn't his brother: they were **absolutely identical!**

David said he then felt something pierce his left side, like a sharp instrument, which passed right through him. He was aware at this time, of being seated at an oblong table with male and female oriental people.

[In using the word 'oriental', I can't help feeling here that David had been confronted by some form of alien with wrap-around eyes (of which he was unaware at the time). - Ed.]

These people produced a ribbon about 10 cms in width, pushed it into his wound and out the other side. Then they joined the two ends together and the ribbon soaked up all his blood - even though it remained white (David was never wounded in action). He was then ordered by a man of great authority to repair, polish and imprint an orb that he, David, was carrying.

He also recalled coming into conflict with a humanoid reptilian being from whom he suffered great pain. It grabbed him by the throat, staring into his eyes and face, into his very soul, with its eyes black and menacing. 'It was inside me and outside me at the same time; I felt a great emptiness and coldness from it, emotionally.'

[I have a report from a woman, RH, who woke one night to see a reptilian humanoid standing by her bed. He was naked and had green scales all over his body, except on his face, which was clean shaven. He was facing straight ahead, as though totally unaware of the woman, so she could only see one side of his face. His head was also clean-shaven except for a strip of dark hair going from the forehead down to the back of his head in true Mohican fashion. His eyes were normal but larger than ours and she could clearly see the red veins lined within them. He also had a short tail behind him. He threw back the bed-clothes and prepared to climb into bed as though she did not exist there. (Perhaps a reptilian humanoid from another Dimension?) - Ed.]

These were initial memories recalled by David, most of them referring to his first abduction and his meeting with these strange people. As time goes on, episodic memories crowd through his mind, all recorded in his diary, as they come to the fore.

David is adamant that all the records in his diary were put there long before he saw a TV documentary which, he says, made him realise that his experiences might very well be UFO experiences.

I am not sure, but I think perhaps it was the video INTRUDERS he saw, which was based on some of Budd Hopkins' case studies. David says, 'It came as a shock to discover that the experiences I had were being related by other people.'

Today, David is in his late forties. He is married to a lady who is a devout Catholic and he loves his wife very much, although he is deeply hurt and puzzled by her non-acceptance of what he claims happened to him. He does not want publicity or self-aggrandizement; merely to understand what it is all about and why he was chosen.

He says of himself: 'I am an honest and sincere person and also religious. I feel strongly that I have nothing to gain from lying, so I only speak the truth. The last thing I want is any kind of spotlight on me.'

Fortunately for David, he has a sister who also believes in him which, he says, keeps him going in his search for the truth.

David has very definitive opinions about the 'aliens'.

He says, 'I have thought long and hard about my treatment in their hands. The first thing though, is that I am still alive while others are not.'

[I think David is here referring to the ones dismembered in the transparent containers. He says, when I queried this: 'They were most definitely dismembered. There is no question that "I believed" they were dismembered; as they certainly were.' I also think that this part of the story was not an indication of the killing of soldiers for their body parts, but some form of message to us which we have not yet been able to interpret. - Ed.]

David goes on, 'My view is that they are manipulative; they will say or do whatever they have to in order to achieve their ends; they will stop at nothing!

They will appear friendly and reassuring one minute and the very next moment, they are throwing some kind of liquid over my lower body which burns like acid and they won't stop, no matter how much I plead with them.

Only when they're finished, will they stop. Then they give me some liquid to drink, calling it "medicine" and when I've drunk the medicine, they lead me to a pool of crystal clear liquid and I am told to get in. I do so and am completely immersed in it. I am walking in this liquid, submerged, and breathing quite normally as I move about. I am met by a female who takes me by the hand and leads me out.'

David can recall meeting up with one of these men again (the one who threw the acid-like liquid over him). This time, the entity proceeded to slash and cut David with a large knife, as though attempting to dismember him. David says he just stood there and allowed the man to do it, only to find that when the man had finished, he, David, was still whole, and completely untouched.

There are other flashes of memory, often typical in UFO abduction cases, of which I am sure David is not aware.

At one time he seems to be flying, or moving in some way, through a beautiful light which appeared to have no source. It was a clear light that appeared to be everywhere, like nothing David had experienced before.

On another occasion, he was moving around a huge power-generating station, with immense power coming from this structure and when David looked at his watch, it was not working.

Once, he seemed to be in a park or in the country, when four apparitions approached him. They talked for a bit and before they left, they said to him, 'The Guardians are coming', and then they disappeared. Then, as he is standing there, the 'Guardians' come down towards him in single file. When they reach David, they merge into one and start speaking to him, though he can't recall what was said. David realizes that they are not human, but wearing masks or face helmets.

The last thing he remembers is smashing mirrors on either side of him. In the mirrors, human figures are engaged in sex in complicated patterns and begin to revolve and change: potent and fertile.

David recalls standing, looking at what appeared to be an insect with wings, clinging to a wall. Someone standing next to him says 'Kill it'. But he refused. It seemed then to grow to human shape and size. It was beautiful! It had the body of a woman but was bright; a shining silvery colour with gossamer wings.

Another time, David was searching for someone. He didn't know who, but he discovered an abandoned baby.

It was tiny and wrapped in a white cloth. It was propped upright in a corner with half a loaf of bread lying next to it.² The peculiar thing was it had a face which had the mixed features of a fish and a human being. A voice from somewhere said the child was of undetermined sex. He picked up the baby and held it to him. He took the baby with him because he knew he was the father. He wondered who the mother was and where she could be. Was he also the mother? If it was his child, how old was it? It was a mere babe in arms, so when had they taken him before for it to have been conceived? Or were they trying to convince him it was his child for purposes of their own?

When I wrote to David, there were dozens of questions in my mind, but I also had to be extremely careful not to ask leading questions, or suggest ideas which might not have been part of his scenario. On the other hand, I was also positive that he was being absolutely honest; that what he had recorded in his diary was done at the time of the memory and not subsequent to his introduction to the UFO syndrome. Nevertheless, however sincere one is; however careful, there must be times when we all make mistakes. I'm not sure if I have done so here, but I am trying to be as careful as I can.

David, in answer to my question as to whether they spoke in English, told me that it was all telepathic, whether they were facing him, beside him or behind him. Although I have used the word 'memories' with regard to David's recall, he himself pointed out that he felt they were more **experiences**, and I accept his interpretation.

2 I find this most interesting, particularly the psychological connotations of it all. Did the bread represent a specific message?

David felt that perhaps he was meant to feed the baby; after all, this was no **ordinary** child. David says: 'Perhaps we should leave the bread out of it, as it made me laugh.' I think not! Every piece of evidence has its meaning, particularly in a case as complicated as this.

I suggested to David that he undergo hypnosis, something which I don't work with in Zimbabwe as it is illegal here, unless medically approved. However, I could have arranged this for him where he is presently domiciled. But at the moment he feels he is not yet ready for it. He had some terrible experiences which involved him in pain and extreme trauma and he is afraid to face the pain and trauma again, and who knows what else? For the time being then, he wants to leave matters as they are.

At one time, he recalls noticing an oriental woman waiting on a pathway, hovering above it, just floating there. She came towards David and he saw how tiny her feet were. She had no shoes on and he thought her feet were no longer than 4 inches. It reminded him of how Chinese women had their feet bound at the turn of the Century. He was then aware that her feet were like hooves. She was begging him for something and gesturing to her throat, but David did not understand what she wanted. He brushed her aside and even the fact that she was floating above the ground (which he could not understand) did not disturb him. A little further down the path, an oriental man came to him, remonstrating with him over why he had spurned the woman.

One night David was lying awake in bed. It was just after 23:00 hours when he heard a humming, buzzing sound, very loud and intense. It seemed to be penetrating him, sapping his will to resist and paralysing his body. He was terrified as he felt he was being carried away. He shouted to his wife for help. He was trying to attract her attention with his left hand, but it was to no avail. David was paralysed! Somehow he managed to bring himself out of it, but in his mind he knew that whatever it was that was going to happen would happen regardless of his efforts to maintain control. The next thing he remembered was being transported to some kind of large, strange-looking object. Inside he was met by two humanoids. He offered his hand in greeting as he was not afraid. He had the impression of a female as the hand was small, thin and almost transparent. David was afraid he would damage her in some way because she looked so fragile. He also noticed that she did not have as many fingers as he did. When he got back home, it was 02:00 hours.

In conclusion, David says that when he got back to bush-camp after this, to him, terrible experience, he remembered nothing at the time. He had an image of a strange event and the unexplained flash of light at the back of his mind but for years he could not verbalize it.

For years he was plagued by terrible flash-backs and unexplained events that he knew had happened, somewhere, sometime, in his life. And only now is it all beginning to fall into place. Not totally, but it is a beginning to explaining this frightening mystery that haunts David Brown, every day of his life!

OUT OF AFRICA: CAMBODIA, 1971

This is an extract from an account given to Peter Bostrom and first printed in the Oklahoma MUFONEWS, October 1991. There is no proof that it actually happened as the soldier, 'Joe', has never been identified but Bostrom has been vouched for as a reliable investigator. Unfortunately, we can tell you no more than this, but it is relevant here because of our Case N°130; and it has appeared in several reputable UFO magazines.

Joe tells his story: In September 1971 he was stationed with the US Army in Thailand, in an area called Tonle Sap, just south of where the temples are. They had been on one mission to sort out some problems and gone back on a search and destroy mission. The area they were concerned with was where insurgents from the Khmer Rouge, Pol Pot's people, were operating. They had created havoc and the US soldiers were going after a particular group when they heard noises from a hidden area, which sounded like running equipment. They came to a clearing and were surprised to find something unlike anything they had seen before! At the time Joe was a Lieutenant and they had 14 Special forces and several dozen Thai with them.

The 'thing' they saw was almost spherical in shape, standing on four legs. There were a number of humanoids around, about 16-21 of them. Their skin was a grayish-white colour and they were wearing silver one-piece suits. Later the soldiers found out it was quite a strong material, much like a metalised Mylar heat suit. They didn't notice Joe and his group at first, but then turned towards them.

Some of the humanoids were carrying a type of instrument, but Joe didn't see any weapons. He had a young Corporal with him, not into combat much, and he didn't react well.

One of the aliens turned to the Cpl. with the instrument in his hand and the Cpl. let loose with a short burst of fire from a Browning FNFA. He shot at a distance of 30-35ft when it hit the alien who dropped like a stone, and Joe assumed he was dead.

They were all about 1,5m (4'8" or 5") in height, very small people but perfectly proportioned. But there was one fellow of 1,7m (5'7"). He turned to Joe and raised his hand, palm out and fingers up in a peaceful gesture. He must have realised Joe was in charge and walked over to the Corporal and struck him on the cheek. It wasn't a particularly hard blow but the Cpl. went down like a limp rag. He recovered quickly and Joe tried to pull him up, and at the same time the alien who had been shot stood up - he looked visibly shaken but wasn't dead. The tall alien turned to Joe again and held his palm up and Joe had a feeling that all was well.

At that point, the aliens packed up their instruments, got into the craft and it left almost soundlessly. The craft sat on the ground with four legs on pads which retracted into the body of the craft and then lifted straight off the ground, with an instant burst of speed.

Joe could not judge the size: anything from 15m (50ft) to 45m (150ft), but it was as tall as a five storey building. There was a symbol on the side in black paint on a mirrored surface, like a pyramid with a line drawn under it. The group then returned to Base. A fellow from the Provost Marshall's office came in and told Joe to report to the Captain's office. When he got there, there were a couple of Majors, the Captain, a Colonel and some civilians. Apparently, others from the group were also grilled, particularly by one man from MJ-12.

[I'm sure this refers to Majestic 12, and this is certainly a suspicious factor because MJ-12 was only heard of in December 1984 (FINAL REPORT ON OPERATION MAJESTIC 12 by Stanton Friedman, published by Fund for UFO Research, April 1990), when Jaime Shandera received a roll of undeveloped film. When the film was processed, it produced several photographs of documentation relating to a group called Majestic-12, made up of prominent Americans who formed a top-secret UFO investigative committee.]

[Some ufologists believe this was a 'disinformation' story and that MJ-12 never existed, but to me personally, there seems to be consistent evidence that such a group - whatever its name! - does exist. Nevertheless, I don't see how Joe in Cambodia in 1971 could have known about it!]

The grilling went on for several hours and the next 3 to 3½ weeks were spent in their quarters. The men were given Seconal and Scopolamine, and hypnosis was used. Joe felt their memories were altered and he is not sure if they saw something else, or something worse than they recalled. The Corporal was removed from the Unit and Joe was later called in to identify a body which the authorities told him was the Corporal, but he could not recognise it.

There were two other incidents that Joe spoke of but he was not directly involved. In one, some soldiers were pinned down and two small aliens stepped out of the woods and threw a small object at them - about the size of a tennis ball - which went off with a loud pop and out came a dark gas. It became like night and they were able to escape.

So what is all this; fact or fantasy?

I am convinced that David (our Case N°130) is telling the truth; he is terrified of the nightmares that penetrate his dreams. He knows that everything that happened to him has not yet emerged, and he has been absolutely honest about what he can recall and what still remains blurred in his memory. He is not seeking publicity nor self-aggrandizement; there is no financial benefit in it for him, so what would be the purpose of lying? He is truly a soul in torment and is reaching out to others who understand or who might have shared such an experience, because that always makes it easier!

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WHAT GOES THERE?

Karoi, Zimbabwe

Case N° 131

Jimmy Green (not his real name) grew up on a tobacco farm in the Karoi area of Zimbabwe. Most of his youth was spent at boarding school and when he came home for the holidays, his greatest pleasure was going out in the family Jeep with his father to bag small game, such as rabbits, duiker and other buck. Because of this, he soon developed a good knowledge of the firearms they used; and not only that, but a clear eye for their prey.

On this particular evening, 11-year old Jimmy and his family had eaten supper early, and around about 19:00 hours, he and his Dad set off in the Jeep for an evening's hunting. By then it was quite dark, when suddenly they became aware of a brilliant light illuminating the whole of the tobacco barns, the fields, and also the trees, as though it was broad daylight.

The point that Jimmy particularly noted was that the light did not portray colours, but was pure white, so that everything appeared silver in its brilliance, with no shadows. Even as he noted this lighting effect, they both saw a craft, which had obviously come from behind them, and was now passing over the Jeep in a straight line, going north-west. The canvas canopy of the Jeep had been put on because it was winter, so even though Jimmy craned his neck forward, looking through the windscreen, he could see nothing until the object appeared in front of them: an enormous round craft, about 50ft (15 metres) in diameter, surrounded by alternating red and green lights on the outside rim.

A little further towards the centre was a second circle of yellow lights that seemed to be spinning. The centre portion was totally blacked out and neither father nor son could see anything there other than a dark void. The craft seemed to have a blue tail flame which pulsed every second and then died down again. When the flame shot out of the craft, the lights on the machine seemed to dim slightly.

They both watched in awe as the object passed over them and then travelled into the distance, taking no more than 7 seconds in all. Jimmy and his father were stunned!

They had never seen anything like this before and they both knew it was nothing from our Earth!

The night's hunt was completely forgotten and they quickly made their way home to report their story to Mrs Green.

MORE STRANGE LIGHTS IN THE SKY

Case N° 132

a) Cape Town, South Africa.

Prier Wintle has long been a UFO investigator and a correspondent for UFO AFRINEWS since its inception. It is not often we have a first-hand report from one of our own group, and unfortunately, we have no logical explanation for his experience:

One evening in 1996 (Prier is not sure of the date), between 22:00 and 23:30 hours, Prier became aware of a continuous roaring above his house in Mowbray, Cape Town. Eventually he went into the yard to look and see what it could be as he found the sound irritating.

'What I saw', he reports, 'was an extremely bright light with a searchlight shining down from it. An appreciable distance below the white light (50-100ft) was a green and red light. I still thought it could be some type of helicopter but then scintillating flashes of what seemed to be red fire began to flicker between the red and green ones.'

'The object, whatever it was, seemed to be completely stationary, almost directly overhead. Then, after about 10 minutes, it began to drift very slowly northwards. Very gradually, it disappeared behind rooftops.'

Prier says he didn't know what it was. Perhaps it was a helicopter; but he had never seen anything like it before.

b) Lake Kariba, Zimbabwe.

Caroline (20), with her parents, was on a visit to her birthplace, Zimbabwe, to see her grandmother. On the night of Sunday, January 12th, 1997, they were staying in a Kariba hotel.

At about 03:00 hours, something woke Caroline and she was immediately aware of a bright light shining through the window of her room. When she looked out, she could see a box-shaped 'object' in the sky, quite high up. It was going straight over the Lake, when it suddenly swerved to one side quite noticeably, then straightened and continued its journey forwards until it disappeared.

Caroline thought it unlikely to be a meteorite because of its trajectory. The whole episode took about five minutes.

There were four lights, green and red, and an overall white light surrounding the object.

ET, WHAT ARE YOU UP TO?

You're driving us crazy, we can't figure it out,
We know you are there and what you're about.
We hear what you say; we know what you've done,
But are you quite serious, or is it for fun?

You're scaring the people and affecting our lives
Some men are abducted (but mostly their wives!)
So won't you come clean and tell us for real
What are you after and how do you feel?

And if, after all, you don't mean to alarm,
Then tell us in truth that you mean us no harm!

A LITTLE BIT OF ASTRONOMY or KNOW YOUR SKIES

COMET HALE-BOPP

On Saturday, July 22nd, 1995, Alan Hale of New Mexico, spotted a fuzzy object among the Sagittarius star clusters. Hale could find no identification and an hour later he realised it was moving with the stars. Outside Phoenix (Arizona) Tom Bopp, too, was studying the stars when he saw this faint glow. He knew it was something unusual and reported it to the Harvard-Smithsonian Observatory, who acknowledged it the next day. Hale and Bopp had discovered a new comet!

In Southern Africa it was visible during April into mid-May, 1997. It was then low on the horizon, below Orion and near the Pleiades, moving towards Taurus. When you read this, however, it will be long gone - for 2 400 years before it makes its way to us again! In 4397 - says NEWSWEEK of March 24, 1997 - it will reappear.

At its closest to Earth, Hale-Bopp was 195 million kilometres away, moving at approx. 70 000 km per hour.

Comets are huge balls of frozen dirt, pushed at some time during their existence into making a journey round the Sun. Some of their ingredients, when warmed, form into a cloud of gas millions of kilometres long.

Maria Sullivan and I watched it on many evenings; believe it or not from behind her cottage in the grounds of my home. Seen through binoculars, it was a ball of white light with a long, luminous tail.

At one time there was a lot of information on the Internet about a Saturn-like UFO following in the wake of Hale-Bopp. Tragically, this alleged UFO also led to the suicide of 39 people belonging to the cult group Heaven's Gate, who were waiting for a mother ship to collect them and take them to Heaven. Eventually this 'spaceship' was revealed as a star which Hale-Bopp soon left behind.

But as far as we know, there are still people convinced of the UFO story.

Believe us, such a UFO **does not** exist, and you are **not** being conned by your Editors.

Hale-Bopp is approx. 40 km in diameter and its smoky tail is millions of kilometres long. We hope readers had the opportunity to view it — to put it succinctly: a once-in-a-lifetime experience!

HYPOTHESES on the Origin of UFOs

Two highly respected scientists, H. Beck and Illobrand von Ludwiger, sent us their paper on **Hypotheses About the Origin of UFOs**. It is more than 12 pages with another page of references at the end.

We were most impressed with this study which is neither gullible nor cynically sceptical, and asked permission from the authors to publish a brief summary of some of the major factors which they had addressed. They have agreed to this but wanted us to point out that these are 'just speculative thoughts and not firm conclusions.'

They have also made an extremely generous offer of **FREE COPIES** of the document to 50 readers of **UFO AFRINEWS**, if you write, enclosing an addressed envelope - with reply-paid coupons, if possible - to the following address:

H. Beck
Staldenstr. 7
CH - 5412 Gebenstorf
Switzerland

If you are unable to obtain reply-paid coupons, the authors will send the paper to you anyway, but by surface mail, so please be patient, as it will take some time to get to you.

THE HYPOTHESES

Despite identification of UFOs as terrestrial craft and secret weapons, their diversity alone was such that this statement could hardly be justified. They include such different observations as daylight discs, landing marks, strong magnetic fields in their vicinity, and abductions.

There is no shortage of speculations as to **what** UFOs are, and yet no single theory has won acceptance. Seemingly, the most popular theory is that of spaceships from other planets belonging to distant suns, either in our own Milky Way Galaxy or other Galaxies. The drawback here is mainly the immense distances involved.

A second theory, involving a psychological concept, is that the sighting, or contact, reflects the imagination of 'unsettled or confused' minds.

The most common reaction to seeing a UFO is one of fear, with anxiety, stress and other similar emotions following.

Persons suffering from altered states of consciousness may hallucinate anything; as also those with disturbed minds.

However, most people have healthy and well-adjusted minds, and there are often several witnesses to a sighting (2-4 on average), so an unbalanced imagination cannot be the primary cause.

A different stance taken is that UFOs are paranormal phenomena, because they materialise, dematerialise and change shape. Entities from UFOs float through doors and windows; they communicate telepathically, effect sudden healings and perform other incredible feats.

Apart from these hypotheses, there is one of psychic projection. It is suggested that the collective subconscious is capable of projecting physical structures into our world. In the past, this took the form of fairies, elves, etc. but the modern connotation would probably opt for space and space-related objects or beings.

Again, however, this can neither be proved nor disproved. And if this theory is acceptable, would not UFO investigators who long to view such evidence, materialise a craft?

Whereas those who do see them are generally taken by surprise and are not always the most likely witnesses.

The Tectonic Strain Theory (TST)

Tectonic strain is caused by various factors, but to put it simply, the Continents on our Earth are stressed by displacement of the Earth's mantle and build up to an earthquake, which releases tremendous energy, after which it starts building up again.

According to Dr Michael Persinger, appearances of UFOs are correlated to the release of this energy for a radius from 20-50 Km away, after which the energy weakens. At this time, the witness (from some distance) will see a glowing mass of light. But closer by, he will envisage a structure which he will name as a UFO. Closer still, the strong radiation field will stimulate the temporal lobe, and the witness will then begin to see all the classical phenomena associated with UFOs, such as landings, entities, etc.

Accordingly, then, UFOs and the resultant involvement with witnesses, are all just imagination! However, it is difficult to accept a sweeping theory such as this when the whole UFO syndrome involves very complex explanations, and one certainly cannot throw the baby out with the bath water.

The Interdimensional Theory

When one studies some of the reports emanating from UFO witnesses, such as the sudden appearance and disappearance of the craft, their shrinkage or enlargement, and often when they divide into two craft or merge into one; then one almost inevitably arrives at the conclusion that we are not dealing with physical 'nuts and bolts' craft. So, one turns perhaps to the Interdimensional Theory advocated by Jacques Vallée in his book 'Dimensions'.

Time Travel

According to this theory, the visitors are from our own future, coming back in Time, mainly for the purpose of interbreeding (with humans) their possibly failing stock.

This might have basis for truth in that 'The Greys' are humanoid in appearance, although much smaller and frail in bearing. In order to minimize any manipulation of the past on their own future, they have as little contact with us as possible. This would perhaps explain the fact that they do not communicate openly with us, nor reply in honesty or fully to witnesses' questions.

The authors of this paper have many solid and extremely interesting hypotheses on various questions that inevitably arise in the mind of the serious UFO investigator. One is particularly struck by the calibre of presentation and reasoning of Beck and von Ludwiger, and we are delighted to make our readers an offer coming directly from the authors of this paper.

We are greatly indebted to them both, although the depth of their reasoning has only been lightly touched upon in our report and it would benefit those interested to read and digest this paper in full.

DID YOU KNOW...?

Marc Millis, space engineer, has a group of 19 people working with him at the Lewis Research Centre in Cleveland, Ohio, on trying to eliminate or reduce the need for rocket propellant. This appears to be a research for manipulating inertia and gravity in an effort to find new ways to create motion.

UFO - OPINION POLL

Compiled by Roland Roéis of Namibia, with the assistance of the Editors.

We would appreciate it if you could write down your answers on a separate sheet of paper and mail it to us at UFO QUIZ, P O Box MP 49, Mt Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe.

As an example: N° 1 - Yes.

1. Do you believe that contacts with UFOs and ETs go back to biblical times?

Yes: _____ No: _____

2. Do you believe that contact with UFOs and ETs has only taken place in recent times (the last 50 years?)

Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, tick the factors below which you feel are most applicable:

- a) Secretly, with governments
- b) Abductions of people against their will
- c) Selectivity of abductees/witnesses
- d) Technology transfers between humans and ETs
- e) Abductions for experimental purposes
- f) Abductions for our benefit

3. Do you think ETs are good or bad?

Good: _____ Bad: _____

Any special reason for your reply?

4. Do you believe that the rush of recent publicity from the media is to prepare us for UFO public landings?

Yes: _____ No: _____

5. What do you think UFOs are?

- a) Spaceships from other Planets?
- b) Craft from another Dimension?
- c) Craft from a Parallel Universe?
- d) Craft from another Time?
- e) Craft from Earth, secretly maintained?
- f) Totally physical?
- g) Paranormal or spiritual?
- h) Any other ideas?

6. Do you think ETs are living amongst us in an adapted human form?

Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, why do you think this?

7. Do you think events as related in the Bible have any connection with ETs and UFOs? [e.g. wheels of Ezekiel, fiery chariot of Elijah]

Yes: _____ No: _____

If yes, for what reason?

8. Do you think the governments of the world should reveal the true nature of UFOs, providing, of course, that they know what they are?

Yes: _____ No: _____

If no, why not?

9. Do you think a special body should be appointed (for instance, at the United Nations) to deal with the UFO syndrome?

Yes:

No:

10. If you were in charge, how would you reveal the reality of UFOs and ETs to the people of Earth?

COMMENTS FROM ROLAND ROEIS OF NAMIBIA

With reference to Case N° 122 (Alien with a Satchel) and the item on Mars, on pp. 16 and 23 respectively in UFO AFRINEWS N° 15:

1) **Alien with a Satchel:** The drawing on p.18 shows me two interesting features:

- a) the acrocephalic head shape
- b) the satchel

I possess a small soapstone figurine, purchased from a curio shop in Windhoek many years ago. I was interested by its shape: three eyes, elongated head, and a sack on its back. I scabbled around my stuff all morning but couldn't find the **Mind Map** I had produced when I attended a course here at UNAM (University of Namibia) in Art Appreciation. A Mind Map is a piece of paper where thoughts are written down criss-cross and linked with lines. However, I couldn't find it at all.

Why I was looking for the Mind Map was to trace back the name of the ethnic tribe that had produced the figurine. All I can remember is that it sounded like Mazombe (Zimbabwe)

Anyway, my former source of information, a lady in Berlin, Germany, had an interesting story to tell about it — she is clairvoyant:

The Medicine man grew very old and felt his death was near. So in order to train his successor, he produced small soapstone figurines representing the friendly spirit world as well as the history of the people of the Earth. Now, it is the tradition that after the successor is instructed and accepted by the spirits and the people, all figurines are destroyed lest the spirits they represent take possession of them and live in the matter - rendering them less powerful. But our shaman died before he could finish the work and tell his pupil what to do with the sculptures once the training was over. That is why somebody of the tribe, not knowing and yet enterprising, found and sold the sculptures to white businessmen. That's how some of these got spread all over in private collections, shops, museums, etc.. The death of the shaman took place 100-150 years ago. The figurine I have represents one of those that came from Outside; you would say today 'Aliens', with their crafts and brought to the Batonga and Man on Earth their technology and their knowledge, sometimes in exchange for goods like what you call 'noble metals'.

So the bag (load) on the figurine's back represents the Alien as a giver of knowledge: how to work metal, build habitats, heal the sick, etc. The three eyes say it sees all, is all-knowing, and is observing (at that time, thousands, even hundreds of thousands of years ago, and now, today) - they come and observe. They are sometimes of a different Dimension or place, and so 'project', you could say, their 'being' into this world. These projections can at times be very dense; so that you believe you are seeing a real physical being. They can and do interact with your 'physical' world but are not allowed to interfere with your free will. However, some do not obey these laws and abduct, hurt, damage, influence, force....

When I saw the rugby-ball-like head I could not help thinking of the figurine and of the many other statuettes being sold here from Zaire, Zambia, Zimbabwe; the many rock paintings, etc. showing elongated heads or even crescent-moon heads.

According to my source, they are all extraterrestrials (or faint memories thereof).

That's why I believe that the practice of elongating baby/toddler heads with planks and string (ethnic tradition in East and West Africa, North America,

Asia) to promote clairvoyance, may be a forgotten tradition to make people like their god ancestors (See O Kiss-Maerth, **The Beginning was the End**; and the early publications by Zechariah Sitchin, eg. **The 12th Planet**).

2) Mars

Dr J J Hurtak did a lot to promote the knowledge of the Face on Mars, the Pyramid city ruins, etc. Through him my attention was drawn to the fact that mythological stories should be looked at from quite a different perspective, and that one should look again at the pyramid cities all over the world: Egypt, China, Mesopotamia, Siberia (!), North, Central and South America. I found much of what Hurtak talked about corroborated by Sitchin, Temple (The Sirius Enigma), Bauval and Gilbert (Orion Mystery) and of course Von Däniken, Hausdorff, Charroux; and by the lady from Berlin. The oldest settlement was **Tihuanaco** (Lake Titicaca) founded by Sirians and Venusians; early Atlantis founded by Sirians, later usurped by Sirians from Uranus and Mars; the revolt of the 'baddies' (Sirians from Mars) and the destruction of the Martian civilisation, as well as the cities in S. America, Tibet, Xinxiang, Siberia, etc.

My Berlin source also mentioned a conference on extraterrestrials held in that city some 5 years ago, where several speakers confirmed openly that the moon is already colonized by the (then) USSR (at the moment those on the moon are left to their own wits as Russia has no funds to help its own there!), and Mars by the USA - in cooperation with ETs in Four-State-Corner-Base (USA).

It was they who made the Russian probes to Mars fail; whereas the NASA probes are still active but are kept from the public.

The USA knows a lot more about these; but the information is so overwhelming that it would perforce have to be released piecemeal...

I was happy to read a report in Michael Hesemann's journal '2000 Magazin', to the effect that a former American President had instructed Spielberg and others to produce films, books, etc. to slowly prepare the public for the reality of UFOs, ETs, ancient civilizations, abductions, etc. as well as scientific discoveries which the public knows nothing about.

The series of Videos and films called 'The X-Files' are a good example of such - a series prepared for the purpose of slowly enlightening the public, under the guise of a popular Science Fiction series.

[Roland Roeis' work is of excellent quality and we are more than pleased to present his comments, although they might reflect a more controversial attitude than perhaps your Editor/s would themselves take. - Ed]

For further reading about possible ancient habitations on Mars:

The Monuments of Mars, by Richard Hoagland, published by Frog Ltd., 1996. Price, US\$22.96 from Arcturus Book Services.

UPDATE ON EARLIER CASES

Case N° 50

Readers may recall the Johannesburg abduction case of Phyllis and Diane (UFO AFRINEWS N°s. 6,8,10,11) which is the best of very few abduction cases in Africa (as far as we know).

There were numerous factors quoted by the two women, which I recognised immediately, although they were not aware of these similarities in other abduction cases

One of the factors not mentioned previously, was that when she began undressing prior to going to bed, Phyllis realised that her track suit top was on back-to-front. This has emerged as a fairly common point among abductees: that the aliens who undress them for examination are not always aware of how the clothes should be put back on. There are stories of back-to-front clothing and inside-out clothing; often stories of someone else's clothes being put on the abductee.

A recent story released by Don Worley in the USA is so intriguing that I thought we should bring it to your attention³.

An East coast (USA) woman, an abductee, woke up after her abduction wearing a T-shirt instead of her lacy nightie. The logo on the T-shirt had the word TSUKUBA. She had no idea where the T-shirt came from, nor what TSUKUBA meant.

Don Worley now reports⁴ that Robert Dehon of Belgium contacted him to let him know that the logo was from a tracking and testing station, the Tsukuba Space Center in E. Central Honshu, Japan. As the logo read '13th Tsukuba Marathon', it obviously originated from a sports event held at Tsukuba.

Case N° 122 -Alien With a Satchel (UFO AFRINEWS N° 15)

We have had a further report from Mark Moravec, of the Australian Centre for UFO Studies, about this case.

Initially reported by Keith Basterfield, **An In-depth Review of Australian UFO-Related Entity Reports. Gosford: Australian Centre for UFO Studies, 1980, p. 15**

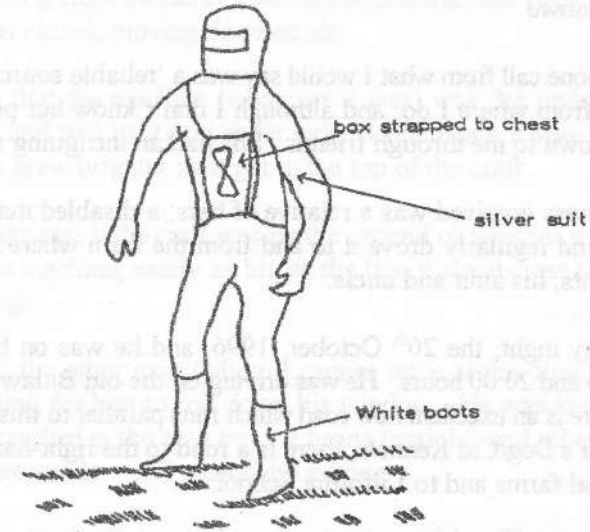
Mark sent us the artist's impression of an entity reportedly sighted in the backyard of a young man's home at 2 am. on 30th May, 1976, in Daw Park, a suburb of Adelaide, South Australia.

The figure is said to have flown through the air.

(See figure on next page .../)

3 FLYING SAUCER REVIEW Vol.41 N°3, Autumn 1996, p. 1.

4 Don Worley in personal letter.



MARS, HERE WE COME!

On the 4th July of this year, the Pathfinder Spacecraft will push through the Martian atmosphere, trailing a parachute. It will be cushioned on landing by air-bags and soon after it will relay messages from the surface of Mars to Earth. After landing a roving explorer, its solar cells awakened by the Sun, will leave the mother-ship and drive to the ancient Martian flood plain.

This robot craft will explore Mars for a decade, a new era in space exploration coming into being. Under Dr Edward Stone, the plan is to send two missions to Mars every 26 months until 2005. At that time samples from Mars will be back on Earth for us to study.

Dr Stone was also involved with the Voyager missions. The twin Voyagers launched in 1977 which encountered Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune are still sending data back to Earth, even whilst moving into inter-stellar space and beyond our reach.

LILFORDIA ROAD LANDING

Harare, Zimbabwe

Case N° 129

I received a phone call from what I would say was a 'reliable source'. This lady lives not far from where I do, and although I don't know her personally, her family are known to me through friends. She had an intriguing story to tell.

The main witness involved was a relative of hers; a disabled man who owned his own car and regularly drove it to and from the farm where he was living with her parents, his aunt and uncle.

It was Sunday night, the 20th October, 1996, and he was on his way home between 19:30 and 20:00 hours. He was driving on the old Bulawayo Road out of Harare (there is an excellent new road which runs parallel to this). Soon after passing Filippa's Dog/Cat Kennels, there is a road to the right-hand side which leads to several farms and to Lilfordia School.

Paul (not his real name) turned into this road to reach the house where he boarded with his aunt.

It was then that he saw a bright light descending from quite high up in the night sky. As it neared him, he was aware of its discoid shape and apparently thought it might be a 'Flying Saucer'. On his left was a large open field and Paul pulled over and stopped the car, watching the descending object.

As he watched, he saw it land in the centre of the field on his left-hand side. A door opened - moving upwards - on the side of the object, and two men in shiny black overalls climbed out of a dome at the top of the craft.

At this point, coming towards Paul from the opposite direction, was another vehicle; this also stopped, but on the right-hand side of the road. An African man got out and both men watched the object in amazement. Paul could hear no sound nor see any movement in the leaves and branches of a small copse of trees close to the landing site. The entities were too far away for him to see their faces.

Apparently they must have then become aware of being watched because Paul saw some folding steps suddenly come down and the men went quickly inside. The door then closed, moving downwards.

Paul noticed that the machine (whatever it was) was flat underneath, with a dome on top and two lights on either side. Underneath it was a reddish-pink colour which grew brighter as it got to the top of the craft.

Paul is not quite sure if the craft was on the ground or whether it was hovering. It was a large machine, easily as big as the tree it stood close to: round about 4-5 metres high.

At this point, the other man (whom I cannot trace at this time) ran across to Paul, indicating for him to roll down his window. He was known to Paul: a farmer who travelled in the area buying beans (mainly) and other vegetables to re-sell to street vendors and customers in town.

He shouted to Paul, 'Get out of here, get out quickly. Those are *tsotsis* over there!'

With that, he raced back to his vehicle (I'm not sure if this was a small truck or a car) and both men started up their engines and drove off fast.

[Paul later said that as the craft took off in a North-easterly direction, he could hear a faint humming sound.]

When Paul reached home, his aunt reported that he appeared shaken up and shocked.

I found this story fascinating and was intrigued by several factors:

- a) Could it have been a helicopter? On checking, this seemed hardly likely as they rarely fly at night and according to Paul, there was no noise when it landed and only 'a faint humming' when it took off. He could see no rotors, nor were the nearby trees disturbed when it took off. Not helicopter behaviour at all!

b) When the farmer shouted to Paul to 'get out', did he say they were *tsotsis*, which are robbers or muggers, or did he say *tokoloshes*, a malevolent, dwarf-like creature preying especially on women and prevalent in the local cultural beliefs?

COMMENTARY

Unfortunately, two days later, when I spoke to the person who first reported the story to me, she no longer wanted to communicate. Her husband believed that the whole affair was demonic and did not want her to be involved with anything to do with UFOs.

I respect her wishes and would never involve her or her family — as I pointed out — but unfortunately even the promise of anonymity did not help.

Apart from several other people knowing about this, it was too fascinating a case to ignore, and although I have made many efforts to contact the African farmer — through UFO AFRINEWS N°15; through the press with advertisements in the Personal column; through the ZBC, where a friend broadcast an appeal on radio; and through personal contact with people in the area — I have not been able to trace him.

I have been to the area twice with our Team. It is an isolated spot and only one or two vehicles drove by while we were there. The field has a barbed wire fence, knee-high grass and near the centre, a large black (burned) log lying on the ground. Apparently the craft landed or hovered near where the log lay.

Gunter Hofer, technician, found no excessive radiation and there was no metal detection, despite moving over the field in all directions. The barbed wire surrounding the property presented a bit of a problem for me as I'm no slim, model-type, but eventually, with help from the men, I made it!

We took some samples of the burned log but I'm almost certain it was struck by lightning - prevalent in Zimbabwe - as it is an isolated tree.

The grass appeared cropped round the log, but there were cattle in a nearby field, and as this land lay fallow, we presumed it was used for cattle grazing.

Although I have no real proof of the story, I know that the lady who reported it to me would not lie and I am convinced it all happened as she said it did. But without questioning the witnesses (either one would do), I cannot possibly verify it out of hand. I am still trying to reach one or the other and will comment on this when confirmation comes to hand.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From José Miguel Verissimo, **UFO PORTUGAL**, Rua da Esperança 146, Pta 72, 1200 Lisbon, Portugal

UFO PORTUGAL is a newborn UFO group, formed to gather knowledge and study the phenomenon. We ask for guidelines from 'brother' groups such as yours. We're looking forward to trade experiences with you and thank you for your help.

[We are always happy to learn of new UFO groups and welcome this first contact from Portugal. - Ed]

From Mr M G Welham, of Becketts Cottage, Bungay Rd, Hempnall, Norwich, NR15 2NG, England

I am researching the subject of Underwater Submarine Objects (USO's) and seek all forms of factual information.

As the author of the book 'Exploring the Deep', I have a good knowledge of the Oceans and craft, vehicles and equipment that are operated to explore under water.

Based on that knowledge and interest in UFOs, I propose to write a book on USO's and seek your assistance.

I look forward to receiving any information that you can provide.

[While this could hardly apply to Zambia, Botswana or Zimbabwe - except for Lake Kariba - we feel that perhaps some of our readers in coastal areas of Africa might have something to report to us, which we will pass on to Mr G M Welham. - Ed]

Extract from letter from Dr John E. Mack,
Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, Mass., USA

I returned a couple of weeks ago from exploring the incredible Carlos Diaz case, the Mexican photographer who took those remarkable pictures of the yellow, orange and red UFO. It all seems quite authentic to me.... I am working on another book which is fundamentally about the directions of my thinking and the spiritual aspects of the phenomenon as I have come to understand them in the past several years of working in the United States and overseas.

[Readers who attended the Michael Hesemann talk in Harare in March, will recall the amazing pictures of an iridescent UFO, taken by the photographer mentioned above. We look forward to Professor Mack's new book on an aspect of the phenomenon which scientists generally are unwilling to consider. - Ed]

Correction:

We received a letter from reader Brian Legg of Harare, to say that he heard from Ian McPhee who was mentioned by Henk v.d.Linden in an article in UFO AFRINEWS N° 13 (Case 115, p.38).

Ian says: 'The article is incorrect, as for me being present. At no time was I involved with the Kitwe TV transmitter/mast installation. I was at the time based in Lusaka in Zambia at the main studios and later at the transmitter in town at Twin Palms. I only went to see the Kitwe Station several years after it had been installed. It was when I was working at Twin Palms in Lusaka that I met Henk van der Linden.'

[We feel sure this was not an intentional error on van der Linden's part. It all happened a long time ago and one can mistake one person for another. - Ed]

VISITORS TO AFRICA

Africa is pretty remote when it comes to speakers from overseas! I know Timothy Good came to South Africa some years ago, but when approached more recently he indicated that he was heavily committed to his business and his writing, which is completely understandable. But maybe, one of these days?

In November 1994 we had the opportunity of meeting Dr John E Mack, Professor of Psychiatry at Cambridge Medical School (attached to Harvard University, USA). He spoke in both Johannesburg (South Africa) and Harare (Zimbabwe), as well as appearing on television in AGENDA down south and being interviewed in Zimbabwe by Jill Darke. His main objective was to interview the children of Ariel School in Ruwa, Zimbabwe, and he came away with some startling material from this.

Thanks to John Mack, there has been a great deal of favourable publicity for Ariel School. He also gave an excellent presentation of the American abduction scene to people here who were hardly aware of this syndrome.

The Hellenic Club in Harare, where the talk took place, was packed with over 300 people, a token of the respect in which Dr Mack is held, and several people of note were present.

This year has also been an interesting year for Zimbabwe as Michael Hesemann, editor of 'Magazin 2000' in Germany and TV film producer, as well as a well-balanced and sincere UFO investigator, came to Africa in early March.

One of his assignments was to check out the alleged UFO crash in Lesotho, and he confirmed what your Editors had already established: that there was no proof of the existence of any of the people mentioned in Leribe, Lesotho. We also furnished him with further evidence that the Colonel and General mentioned in the 'documents' are certainly not members of the South African Intelligence (See UFO AFRINEWS N° 14, July 1996).

Apart from anything else, no way could a battalion of soldiers be flown to Leribe in the space of time that van Greunen estimated in his documents.

Unless, of course, they were using spacecraft!

Hesemann gave a successful talk in Harare at the University of Zimbabwe's Medical School Main Lecture Theatre, where we estimate that 300 people attended. We saw some wonderful video footage, where - if you didn't blink your eye - a hovering craft threw down two beams of light. We were also brought up to date on the Mexico sighting by Carlos Diaz, where the brilliant colours segmented into the UFO were clearly seen. We saw moving pictures of craft we had only dreamed about, and listened to ufologists discussing on video, what really was going on around our Earth.

Wake up, Africa! You should all know what is happening, and whether you believe it or not, is not the issue here. So, stop, look and listen, and then make up your mind. No one is forcing you into anything. But if you're wise, you will at least familiarise yourself with what is going on!

FOUL-SMELLING UFO?

Although this item doesn't really fall into the category of UFOs (the spacecraft type), it did occur in Zimbabwe, in Africa and has not really been identified!

On the 8th January, 1997, at approx 11 am, Mrs. Moyo heard a noise which sounded to her like a large bird diving out of the sky, but even louder than that. She then saw a blue object (about the size of a football) hit the ground about 100 metres from her house and explode on impact.

All this took place at Tsmalyemba in the Matobo district, west of Gwanda in Matabeleland. The villagers sent a youth to call the police but at the same time, Lazarus Mhlanga, a reporter for the Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation, was in the area and was able to film the object. The object gave off a pungent smell and melted into a blue-green slime. The police took a sample but on contacting the Met Office in Bulawayo, were told that it was a small meteorite and they then destroyed the sample.

I have a collection of William Corliss' books on various anomalies such as this, and he has reported on several occasions about ice falls of this nature which he maintains are from the overflow in aircraft toilets. When a high-flying plane (such as a Boeing 747) lands, toilets are cleaned with a blue disinfectant. Sometimes, under pressure, the blue disinfectant spills out of overloaded toilets and freezes at the heights the planes fly, then might work loose and fall to the ground. I was almost certain that this was what the unknown object in Tsmalyemba was.

But now my friend Albert Benajam has sent me another explanation, gleaned from a report in THE NEW YORK TIMES NATIONAL of Thursday, May 29, 1997, corroborated by E.B. Etheridge of Harare, to whom I am grateful for another cutting from TIME Magazine of June 9, 1997. Both these cuttings refer to thousands of 'snowballs' which bombard Earth each year, adding liquid to our air and seas. Some could be about 12-15 metres in diameter or the size of a small house, but break up at heights of 950-24 000 km above Earth, so we are in no danger from them. This does not account for the strong smell of the fall at Matobo, but how can one account for the core of these small comets?

So there you are: loo blue, or meteorites? What a pity the police were so quick to destroy the evidence!

RECOMMENDED BOOKS

ABDUCTIONS:

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE FOURTH KIND by C D Bryan. Knopf, 1995. £8.50

For those readers interested in abductions, this is a top class book as it gives one a comprehensive run-down of all the general experiences of an abductee. It does not mean that every factor applies to every experience, but at least those of you interested in investigating UFOs will have an excellent idea of what constitutes an abduction. Obtainable from Spacelink Books, 115 Hollybush Lane, Hampton, Middlesex TW12 2QY, U.K. or Arcturus Book Services.

Some other books on Abductions worth reading:

MISSING TIME by Budd Hopkins. Marek, 1981. Paperback, US\$5.95.
INTRUDERS by Budd Hopkins. Random House, 1987. Paperback, US\$5.95.
WITNESSED by Budd Hopkins. Pocket Books, 1997. US\$23.
(To be reviewed in our next issue, Jan. 1998)

NEW BOOKS

BEYOND ROSWELL by Michael Hesemann & Philip Mantle. Marlowe, 1997. US\$22.50.
LEFT AT EASTGATE by Peter Robbins & Larry Warren. Marlowe, 1997. US\$22.50. This is the inside story of the UFO landing at Bentwaters/Woodbridge, told by Larry Warren who was a witness to this extraordinary case. Is this the real proof of communication with Aliens - well worth reading this book to find out.

UFO BOOKS ON BRASIL

UFO AND ABDUCTIONS IN BRASIL by Irene Granchi. Horus House Press, 1995. US\$14.95
UFO DANGER ZONE by Bob Pratt. Horus House Press, 1996. US\$16.99.
All the above, obtainable from Arcturus Book Services, 1443 S.E. Port St Lucie Blvd, Port St Lucie, FL 34952, USA
E-mail: <http://www.arcturusbooks.com>

UFO BOOKS ON AFRICA

BEYOND THE LIGHT BARRIER by Elizabeth Klarer.
Obtainable from Aquarian Book Centre, Shop 18, The Galleria, Rosebank, Johannesburg.
UFOs-AFRICAN ENCOUNTERS by Cynthia Hind. Gemini, 1982. R20.
(Only a few available, page edges slightly discoloured.)
UFO AFRINEWS - Bi-annual magazine on UFOs in Africa. Back issues 1-15 also available.
Cynthia's book and the magazine, obtainable from GEMINI, Box MP 49, Mt Pleasant, Harare, Zimbabwe.

CONCLUSION

Your Editor on M-Net's **FRONT ROW** in Johannesburg on Thursday, 17th April, 1997

Well, it was a real, if tiring, bonus for me to be flown down to South Africa for one night, to appear 'live' on **FRONT ROW**.

Actually, I was only a minor entity (if you will excuse the use of that word). In fact, the stars of the show were Superintendent Fred Viljoen of the Pretoria Police, and Sgt. Nico Stander (See **UFO AFRINEWS** N° 15, p.11).

On the night of 28th August, 1996, Nico and several other policemen had seen a strange, bright light in the sky. He had videotaped it and on the show, it was my first view of the actual object. It had been pointed out to me by one of our readers that Venus had been particularly bright on that night, and he suspected that this was what the policemen were seeing. I initially agreed that this was a strong possibility as apart from Venus, people often discount autokinesis; that is, when staring at a star for a fixed period of time, it often appears to move up and down and sideways - an experience I have witnessed myself on several occasions.

But having seen the video and listened to the evidence of helicopter pilot Supt. Viljoen, I changed my mind. If indeed the skies had been clear on several evenings (which they were), how come no one had noticed Venus' brightness on these other evenings? Also, the strange segmentation and colouring of the object as seen on TV, was quite new to me. There was no doubt of the pulsating of the object, something which the Supt. had mentioned before. I also noticed the 'falling leaf' motion of whatever it was, something typical of UFOs.

My informant had also pointed out that Venus disappeared with the sunrise, and yet Fred Viljoen assured me that he could still see the 'thing' quite clearly, well after the sun was up.

I considered both policemen fair and truthful in their assessment of what they saw.

Whether it was a spaceship of some kind, or a natural phenomenon, that I cannot say. But Venus it was not!

I enjoyed by trip, despite the rush. The only problem was that I'm really a bit of a country bumpkin, coming from Harare!

I went to bed really thirsty, in my up-market hotel. The coffee-making machine was a new one on me, and after I had flooded the tray with water, I decided to try a Diet Coke instead. But then, I couldn't open the fridge!

I was also surprised by the box of 'Smarties' next to my bed; must be a children's room, I thought. But after trying desperately to get the TV to work by my own efforts, and failing, the hotel porter picked up my 'Smarties', which turned out to be the remote control with coloured buttons on it!

I was also a bit short on foreign currency, so, thinking that the accommodation was free - but nothing else - I ordered the cheapest item I could find on the Room Service menu: a plate of soup with a roll.

In the morning I was going to do without breakfast, but when I went down to pay for the previous evening's meal, the receptionist said, 'You don't pay, it's on M-Net.'

'Can I have breakfast for free?' I asked.

'Of course.'

But there was only enough time for coffee and toast.

The bonus was that two lots of people recognized me at the breakfast table and came up to say how much they had enjoyed the Show. And this in Johannesburg, the most sophisticated city in South Africa!

What I had forgotten, however, in my rush the previous day, was to pack a change of dress. So, obviously, they recognized me!

Ah well, fame doesn't come too easily.