

Can we say that there is some sort of a "standard dream" that occasionally hits mentally stable people of good reputation and standing in various parts of the world? If so, what prompts the "dream"? And why is the dream so standard, involving medical examinations etc. and oft-times, scars as evidence that something physical did go on?

Abduction Phenomenon Pivotal?

This is why the abduction phenomenon is perhaps pivotal in the whole UFO scheme: it may represent a "bridge," an interface, between the real physical world we are so familiar with (or are we?) and a "counter,

psychological" world and its interaction with the "real" world which we are only now beginning to explore.

Certainly, the test results here described do not support a trite "psychological, or psycho-pathological" explanation. Perhaps we may again quote William James, who may have been onto something when he wrote, many years ago, "*Whatever else be certain, this at least is certain: that the world of our present natural knowledge is enveloped in a larger world of some sort of whose residual properties we at present can frame no positive idea.*" Just what is the nature of the world of the abductee?

A FLAGRANT BRITISH COVER-UP IN 1979

Gordon Creighton

DURING the closing days of November and the first week of December of 1979, a flurry of sighting-reports came in from various districts of the south-western corner of the County of Hertfordshire, which lies about twenty miles to the north from London. The areas concerned comprised Watford, Oxhey, Bedmond, Rickmansworth, and Chorleywood.

These sightings must have engendered some alarm in official quarters in Britain, who accordingly found it necessary to mount an astonishing cover-up operation.

Watford Sighting

The initial report came from a lady, Mrs Elspeth C — (name on file), a trained commercial artist, of Dellfield Close, Watford. Her statement to the local newspaper (*Watford Observer*) for December 7, 1979, was as follows:-

"It was quite dark — about 5.30 p.m. on Thursday, November 29, and as I went to shut the window of my dining-room, I noticed this very bright light above the house opposite. (I didn't switch on the lights in the dining-room.) Then I perceived that it was not one light, but three lights, all part of the same object.

"It was above the roof-level, but very low down, and it then came down right over my neighbour's roof — about level with the eaves — and hovered for a couple of seconds before making a vertical take-off. There was no sound from it except a soft humming noise as it went up.

"Although there were these three circles of brilliant white light, no beams of light shot out of it. The tubular part of the craft was a metallic purple.

"It was shorter than a bus, and larger than a small plane.

"What I want to know is whether there is any military explanation for what I saw.

"This was altogether too close for comfort. It was not a plane or a helicopter, because there was no noise. I am not claiming it was from Outer Space, and I think there may be some military explanation, but if there is one, I think we are entitled to know."

A hard-headed and practical Scot, this lady immediately sat down and drew what she had seen.

Police Sighting at Rickmansworth

The next event reported was during that same night, at 3.25 a.m., on Friday, November 30, 1979, and the observers were two Hertfordshire Police officers, Police-Constable Philip Moorcroft and Woman Police-Constable Anne-Louise Browne, who were sitting in their *Panda* patrol-car at Long Lane Roundabout, on the southern outskirts of Rickmansworth. The engine was switched off and the car windows were down. Suddenly they both saw a large bright circular light which seemed to be moving along at what they thought might be a height of 40 ft. or so. It hovered for about two minutes, and then moved off slowly and silently south-eastwards towards Harefield (a nearby village in Middlesex, famous for its hospital that does heart-transplants.)

Describing their sighting later to local journalists, the two witnesses said they had "open minds about UFOs". The affair had left them "very excited and curious", and Police-Woman Browne admitted: "I was absolutely terrified. It was so weird."

Seen by Police at Chorleywood

At the same time, two more policemen, P.C. Gary Mahoney and P.C. Mark Crampton, were a mile away to the north in another *Panda* patrol-car at Common-gate Road, Chorleywood Bottom, Chorleywood, and they too saw the bright object moving through the sky.

A "Cigar" Over Rickmansworth

Later in the night, at 5.30 a.m., two more Police *Panda* cars were parked side by side, with their windows open, in Berry Lane, Mill End, to the south of Rickmansworth, and the officers in these two vehicles were discussing the earlier reported sightings when suddenly one of them, P.C. David Shepherd, spotted another object in the sky. He said:—

"I saw this cigar-shaped thing, with lights along its whole length. It had a single red-light which seemed to be pulsating, and two white lights above the main row of lights. At a guess I would say it was about 300 ft. from the ground. There was no noise from it at all. It moved away fairly slowly towards Oxhey, and in less than a minute it was out of sight. "We radioed into the Police Station because we thought it was clearly not an aircraft.

"Our report was taken very seriously, and passed on straight away.

"It was a very clear night, with no cloud".

RAF Headquarters, West Drayton, asked

The Royal Air Force Headquarters at nearby West

Drayton, Middlesex, were contacted, and said that they had nothing on their radar.

Two "Cigars" Over Oxhey

Later on the same day, November 30, 1979, at about 7.15 p.m., Mr John Upson, of Hayling Road, South Oxhey, was called out by his wife, Violet, to see some strange hovering objects. He said:

"My wife and my sons, John, who is 34, and Kenneth, who is 29, and I, all stood outside on the road with binoculars, watching two UFOs.

"A woman who was passing, stopped, and with her we all watched them for about an hour. We only came in finally because it got so cold.

"Those two things hovered, then shot across the sky terribly fast — faster than any aircraft could travel, and seemed to spar with each other, as though they were having a game of hide-and-seek.

"They were cigar-shaped, with lights or lighted windows all along. They had a red, star-shaped light on top, and a green light underneath.

"As they moved towards each other, the lights would all go out, except for the red one. Then they would flash all their lights at each other.

"They circled the South Oxhey Estate, then went towards Chorleywood, and then in the direction of Bedmond. The sky was very clear, and one of the UFOs came down very low over the Estate. They moved at an incredible speed, and there was just no way that these could have been ordinary aircraft."

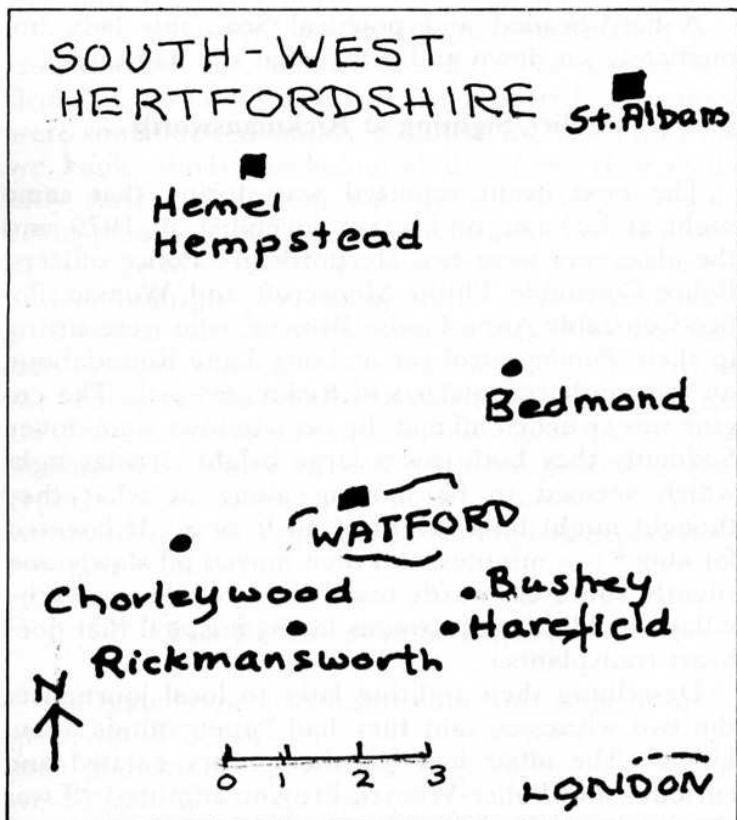
As we have stated, the report of these various sightings would appear in the *Watford Observer* only a week later (Friday, December 7, 1979.) There was consequently plenty of time for all the six Police witnesses to be interviewed by the Press. A press-conference was convened, and Mrs Florence Scott, a reporter for the *Watford* paper, tells us that she and other journalists were just going to the press-conference, when they were buttonholed by a senior Police Officer, who said very earnestly: "*Now I hope, Mrs Scott, that you folk aren't going to make fun of these policemen, because they are responsible men and women and trained observers, and they know very well what they saw and can describe it!*".

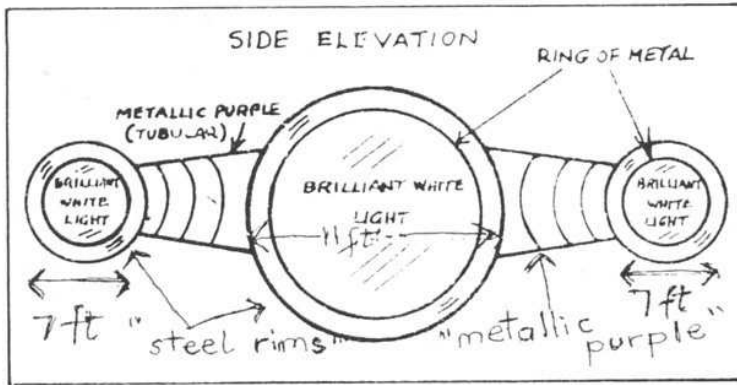
She assured the Officer that she, for one, had every intention of treating the matter fairly and seriously, and would not dream of "taking the mickey" out of the Policemen.

The interviews duly took place, and the Police told their various stories.

The Cover-up

As the *Watford* paper would not appear again before December 7, there was, however, also plenty of time for folk in other quarters to "put their thinking-



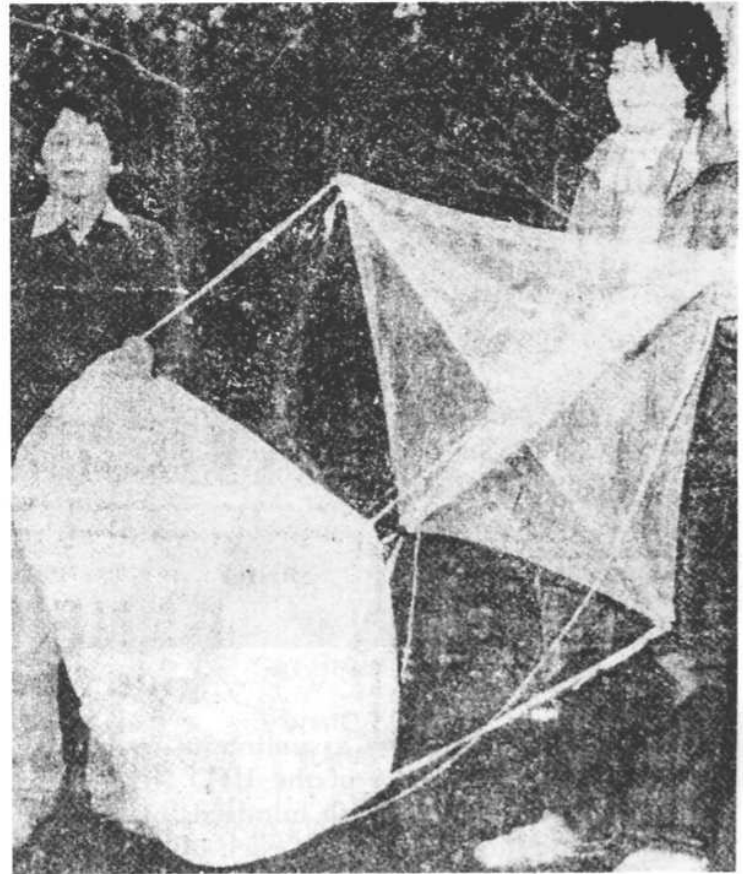


Sketch by Watford commercial artist Mrs. Elspeth C—.

caps on" and arrange a refutation. This was duly done, and it was announced that ALL HAD BEEN EXPLAINED! THE "UFO" HAD BEEN NOTHING OTHER THAN A SMALL WEATHER BALLOON WHICH (EXTRAORDINARILY CONVENIENTLY AS ONE MIGHT THINK), HAD JUST BEEN FOUND BY TWO CHILDREN, JONNY JACKSON, 13, AND HIS SISTER SALLY, 14, IN THEIR GARDEN AT HERONSGATE, CHORLEYWOOD. This explanation was added to the *Watford Observer's* account.

Police-Witnesses' Anger

We heard from Mrs Florence Scott, the journalist, and also, privately, from our own sources inside the Hertfordshire Police, that there was great indignation among the Police witnesses at the way in which they had been made to look so foolish. One of our informants inside the Police Force stated that it was the



The two children with the "weather balloon".

most blatant piece of lying and cover-up that he had ever come across. (This same Police source had already confirmed to me, on numerous occasions, that there is an official cover-up on UFOs.)

"BOOMERANG" OVER THREE COUNTIES: Part 1

Philip Imbrogno

Just a month after the APRO report* of the astonishing and extraordinary great craft seen in February 1983 over the southern American State of Alabama, comes this further amazing account, in two parts, for which we are indebted to Dr. J. Allen Hynek and the Editorial Board of his *International UFO Reporter*, in which it appeared in Volume 8 No.4 (July/August 1983) and Volume 8, No.5 (September/October 1983). This story is of an equally huge craft, though of entirely different shape, observed over many places in New York State in March 1983. Evidently enormous alien machines are here in considerable numbers. — EDITOR

IT has been our experience that when UFO reports relating to an object seen by many people over a considerable span of time and over a wide area are investigated in depth, the result has been an IFO; Venus, the Goodyear Blimp, or a bright meteor have often been the culprits. Thus, when the present case first came to our attention, the initial response was to

feel that it, too, must have a pedestrian explanation.

Here, however, we have a case which has failed to yield such an explanation. Mr. Imbrogno and his associates have done yeoman service to the Center, interviewing far more witnesses than are usually available for such work, and their work continues. To the present, Mr. Imbrogno has not found a plausible solu-