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HUMANOID IN LONDON EC2?

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Investigations for UFOIN and *Flying Saucer Review* by Barry King, Andy Collins & Graham Phillips of a report which originated from the *Daily Express* "bureau".

THIS report from January 1977 concerns two youngsters who are genuinely puzzled by the events. It is in itself interesting that an identified object was seen on two separate occasions in the same location, and that, coupled with the second sighting, was a report of a small humanoid. It is not known whether this figure was directly connected with the aerial object.

REPORT ONE

One wintry evening in January 1977 Richard Luxford and his friend Tony De Rosa were returning home from a trip to the large estate at the Barbican in London. Richard was on his bike, Tony had his skateboard. After a while Richard hitched Tony's skateboard to the back of his bike and towed him along, a straightforward and innocent enough thing for a couple of East-Enders to do.

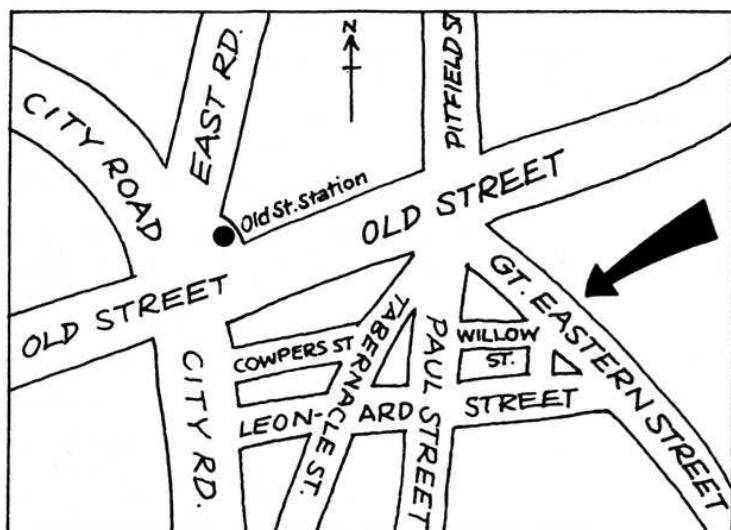
The time was between 6.00 and 7.00p.m. but neither of them had a watch, and neither cared very much.

Richard was the first to see the object and alerted Tony to its presence. At this point they were standing about half way along Willow Street, a typical street of the eastern part of the city of London, with old buildings, mostly flats, on either side, which were in the process of being demolished. The two lads found themselves alone in the small dark road.

They stood as if transfixed, looking up at the object, trying to decide what they were watching. It was a smallish object, just above the rooftops to their left. It seemed like a balloon with a string attached, but when they had taken in more detail they knew it wasn't much like a balloon at all. Spherical, it was a red-orange in colour, and it had a thin column of grey-black smoke, like string, issuing vertically from its top surface. Wavering slightly this 'string' or 'smoke' reached up quite a long way, and remained constant in length and width. They could not see where it terminated as it blended in with the sky.

For some reason the boys did not think the object, whatever it was, was solid. They could perceive a shimmering or scintillation of its surface, but it was not terribly bright, maybe no more so than the moon. A crackling noise was discernible but this was very slight. The UFO couldn't have been very high, for it was casting light on nearby rooftops, albeit faintly.

The witnesses had stood there, watching and trying to work out what it was, for about 20 seconds when it moved away. They are now unsure how it disappeared from view. Richard ran to the end of Willow street to catch another glimpse of it, but it had gone. Tony thinks it may have dipped and gone out of view, but cannot say for certain. It was estimated that the object measured at arm's length appeared about two inches long; they said that when



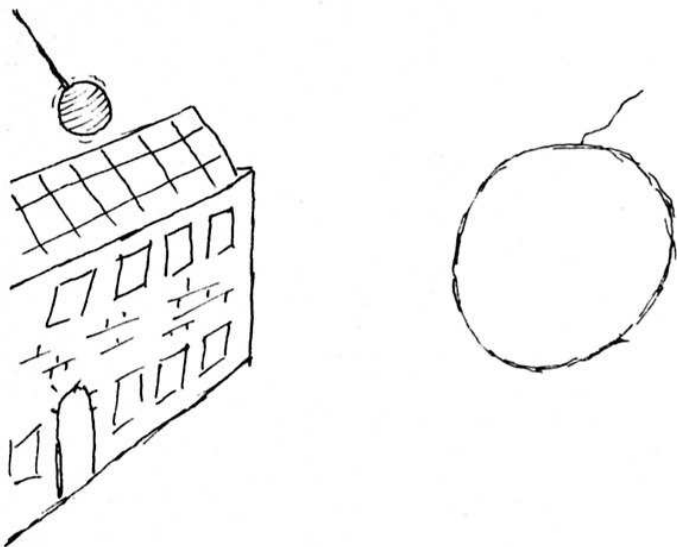
The location of Willow Street in the Eastern part of the City of London

they first saw it, it was at about 60ft altitude and approximately 110ft away from them.

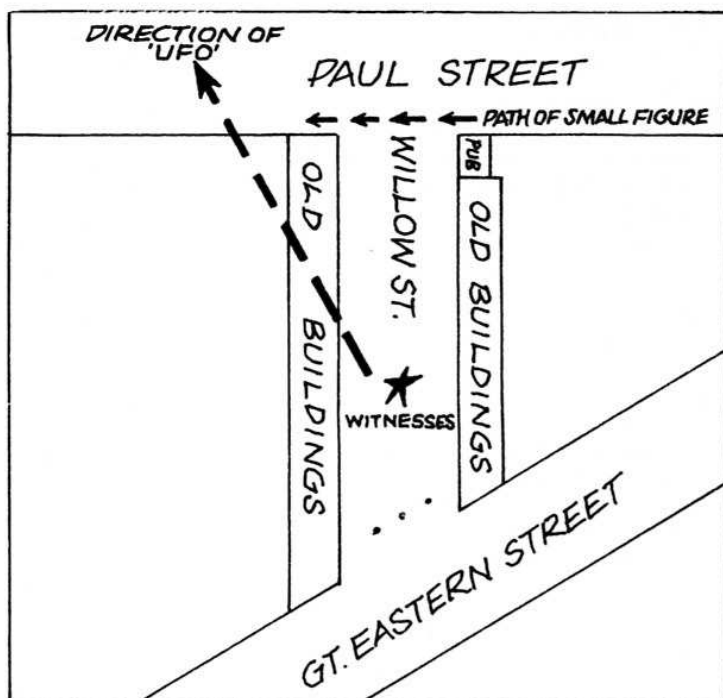
The lads then made for home. There had been no smell at all during the sighting, as one would expect say from ball lightning, taking into consideration the faint crackling sound heard during the sighting. Richard remembers he had a headache afterwards, something from which he rarely suffers. Tony says he experienced the same, but less markedly.

REPORT TWO

Two weeks after the first sighting, one Friday evening in January at about 6.00p.m. Richard was again in Willow Street. He had been visiting a friend who lives in Old street, and was on his way home. He was close to the western end of Willow Street when something caught his eye: did he imagine it or was it really there? What appeared to be the same sphere was hanging in the sky at the same spot as two weeks previously. Richard stood watching it for maybe 10-15 seconds, before it 'blinked' and disappeared. It



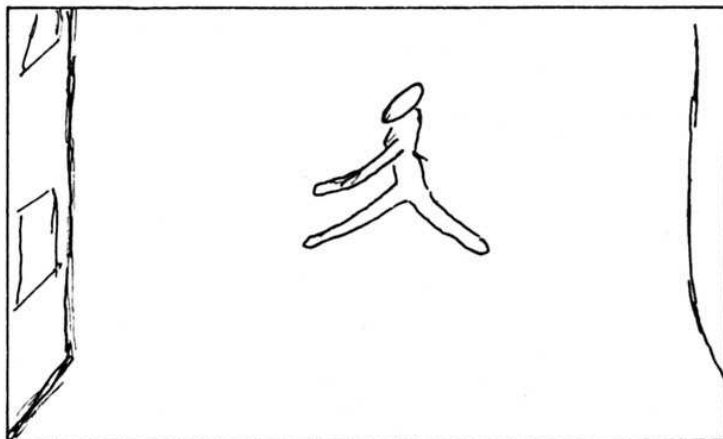
Witnesses' sketches of the object sighted on the first occasion: left, Tony Defosa, right, Richard Luxford



The sightings

was exactly the same as before, but appeared somewhat smaller to the eye as it remained stationary above the rooftops. It was less bright than before, and did not cast any light on surrounding buildings.

The object appeared to be only half as big as previously, the 'string,' or 'smoke,' was not seen on this second occasion but there was the same shimmering effect, and the low volume 'crackling' sound. Richard says he began to walk towards it, that is towards the end of Willow Street, but whilst doing so the object 'blinded' and disappeared from view. It had been visible for something like 20 seconds in all. The object had gone, and Richard was some 50 to



Richard's sketch of the entity

60ft from the end of Willow Street when a most remarkable sight caught his eye. Crossing his path from right to left was a little 'man,' who came from behind the public house on the corner of Willow and Paul Streets, and disappeared behind the old building to Richard's left.

This strange 'yellow man' was about 3ft tall, and appeared to be 'leaping' across the opening, although



Looking West along Willow Street towards the junction with Paul Street, photograph taken at dusk by Barry King

his limbs did not move, remaining in the same position while the creature was in view. It gave the appearance of 'gliding' across the opening. Its feet did not touch the ground, giving the impression that they were some few inches off the ground. Richard's estimate is that they were around 8 or 9 inches above the roadway.

This curious figure had very thin arms and legs, and its head was likened in shape to that of a peanut. As it crossed from right to left its right leg was in the forward position and left leg was to the rear as if it were in fact 'leaping' across the space. Its left arm was extended to the front and the right was behind. Richard could not clearly discern its hands or feet — if indeed it had any — but the limbs certainly seemed thick or 'stubby' where these would normally be.



A close view of the Western end of Willow Street



Richard Luxford stands at the corner of Willow and Paul Streets, where the entity is said to have crossed

The body was thin, maybe only 12 inches across, while the whole of the figure was yellow in colour or, rather, was surrounded by a golden yellow glow which gave that effect. Richard could perceive that the man was a dark colour, with tinges of yellow around the extreme edges, beyond which was the yellow glow, all around him, extending perhaps a couple of inches from the body. No facial features



Looking South along Paul Street, the direction stated to have been taken by the entity

were seen, and there were no accompanying sounds or smells whilst the entity was visible. Altogether the 6 or 7 seconds the man was in view was long enough for Richard to obtain some detail. Obviously one or two things may have been missed, but basically the description and witness sketches which we obtained were fairly accurate.

When the entity had gone Richard just stood there for a few seconds before running to the end of Willow Street to see where it had gone; there was nothing to be seen. The glow from the small figure did not appear to have been reflected by the ground or the walls of buildings. As the figure 'leaped' across the road his height level did not change at all.

Richard, a little unnerved, made for home quickly, and informed his parents upon arrival. There was some banter and chiding at first, but this subsided, and they said eventually that they believed him. Likewise he told Tony of the incident, but kept it from various friends who had been told of the sighting of the object two weeks before.

Possible confirmation of first sighting

Sixteen-year-old Miss Leslie Coopland of Rochford

Walk was in the London Fields area at the time of the first incident, and she stated that at about 7.00p.m. that evening she observed a small orange-coloured sphere in the sky for several seconds before it just disappeared on the spot, the two lads did not know of this until the day following the sighting.

At the time of the sighting Richard was 12 years of age and Tony was 13.

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During the several interviews we have had with the lads we found no real contradictions in their stories, only those one would expect after a lapse of 15 months, and pertaining to dates and times. They appear straightforward, honest and sincere, and they seem truthful and not prone to exaggeration. They come from typical East End families, no-nonsense and down to earth. There is no reason to assume that these events did not take place as reported, and in that respect it appears that these two youngsters were witness to some form of the UFO phenomenon. Richard was also witness to a small 'man' or 'humanoid' a few weeks later, which may or may not have been connected with the UFO phenomenon.

BUFORA STAGE THEIR THIRD NATIONAL CONFERENCE

ON April 15 and 16, 1978 the British UFO Research Association held their third conference in the city of Nottingham. This followed successful events in Stoke-on-Trent in 1975 and Birmingham in 1976.

Guest speaker this year was Dr. Richard Haines from the Center for UFO Studies, who gave an extremely interesting talk on aspects of his work into the psychology of UFO shapes. Dr. Haines has produced some revealing research work which has helped to illuminate some of the problems inherent in the great divergence of shapes reported for UFO phenomena. He has in fact produced what he terms an identi-kit for such shapes, which is comprehensive and detailed. With it is a set of directions on its use without "leading" the witness.

This work seems a great step forward, and serious researchers should do Dr. Haines the compliment of studying this methodology. BUFORA in fact are offering copies of his paper for a minimal charge. If interested

you are asked to get in touch with them at Newchapel Observatory, Newchapel, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.

Other papers during the weekend were presented by faces more familiar to BUFORA members and British ufologists, such as Tony Pace (BUFORA Research Director) who provided a paper on the South Wales Humanoids flap of 1977 produced in collaboration with UFOIN representative Randall Jones Pugh. The BUFORA Traces section, steered by Stephen Gamble and Robert Digby, produced talks on various aspects of physical trace evidence and there was international involvement from the Scandinavian SUFOI with a feature on time-law analysis research. On the opposite end of the spectrum John Hind, UFOIN's Northern Ireland representative produced some provocative thoughts on the interlinking of the UFO myth and psychology.

All in all this conference seems to have been a further success to be added to BUFORA's past achievements

with such events. If I were to find a fault it would have to be the somewhat irrelevant associations with the extra-terrestrial hypothesis that some of the lectures provided. I found it hard to equate, for example, a lecture on the nature of possible future starships and their propulsion systems, or the nature of alleged or possible inhabitants of a planet circling the star Zeta Reticuli (the home of the UFO entities seen by Betty and Barney Hill according to some — so far unconfirmed — research) with the current state of UFO research. However, that is a personal grumble, perhaps not shared by the less active members of the audience who would still no doubt consider UFO research and extraterrestrial studies as being one and the same thing.

I should also like to add that BUFORA have just published the proceedings of the 1976 conference, price £2. Well recommended.

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