

TWO BRITISH "PSYCHIC CONTACTEE" CASES

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FLYING SAUCER REVIEW has often noted the parallel between certain 'psychic' events and the UFO phenomenon. A hardened scientific investigator might be tempted to shy away from such things — until they happen to him, or he finds himself dealing with a case which seems to incontestably demonstrate this synonymity. However, one should not neglect factual evidence because it does not appear to fit a particular pattern, a pattern often set, one must admit, by preconceived notions as to what ufology *should* be all about. In the light of this I present two recent cases from the United Kingdom, which are illustrative of the type of report becoming better known in modern times, and loosely classified as that of the 'psychic contactee.'

I: The Story of Mrs. Hamilton

Mrs. Hamilton is a middle aged housewife who lives in a small, but neat, semi-detached house in the Andersonstown district of Belfast, Northern Ireland. Consequently, she is situated right in the heart of day to day terrorism, murder and rioting which is an unfortunate part of life in modern Belfast. She is married, with three children and an invalided husband. Before her marriage she was a nurse. To all impressions she is an ordinary housewife, not lacking in intelligence, but obviously under some considerable pressure through her personal circumstances.

The investigation of her claims has been carried out thoroughly by Miles Johnston and John Hind of BUFORA's Northern Ireland branch. It has appeared to them, and subsequently to advisors of BUFORA and NUFON, that from the outset Mrs. Hamilton was describing events of a subjective nature. Nevertheless the case merited a complete analysis because of the nature of her claims.

Her first contact experience is said to have occurred in 1969 or 1970, when she saw a 'light' dancing on a toy panda owned by one of her children. About an hour later she claims she was transported from her bedroom into an alien craft by a method she describes as follows:

"Just as if I were actually transformed into a new person. That is the best that I can describe it. Just as if I were lifted from this body into ... a spiritual body."

On board this craft were a number of beings, looking much as we do, claimed Mrs. Hamilton, and

apparently representative of all ages and nationalities. They all wore shoulder length hair and bright loose fitting clothes. They spoke in excellent English and gave an impression of absolute purity.

The craft itself was like a huge 'room' with many little rooms leading from it and it had a central staircase and circular furniture. Everything was white and cleaner than a hospital (a natural comparison considering her former vocation).

It seems she was treated with complete civility by the beings, who seemed to know her, and she says she was taken on a guided tour of the craft. Here she was shown the instrument room and the kitchen. In the latter she was taught new cooking methods, which she claims to use with success in her own home. She was able to see out of the craft to the ground below, but it was unlike looking out of an aircraft window. Everything was magnified and appeared close up and she did not seem to look 'down' on the landscape but 'across' at it.

Since this first experience she has been on board their craft many times. The beings also materialise around the house and then disappear. Nobody else sees them, and she says that they are probably not really there but are in fact 'projections' (her own word). She says she has also seen various spacecraft in the air, but on those rare instances when others have seen them they only describe them as 'lights.'

In keeping with many other contactees she claims to have been given assistance. For example, she says that her family have been 'protected,' though it has been impossible to get her to specify how. It is true, however, that although none of the family are working, they are able to live quite comfortably. In addition she says, somewhat ominously:

"They said they would protect me, and I can tell you (that) people who have done anything against me, worse has happened to them."

She appears extremely frightened by this alleged attitude on the part of the entities, although she states she has also been given personal foreknowledge which has helped her husband through difficult times of his illness.

Predictions are another common feature in this type of experience. She claims she is *not* psychic (and has not scored highly in any of the standard tests conducted) but she claims that the beings give her predictions on occasions. Two specific events

which have yet to come to pass are that Princess Anne would have twins, and that Canada would join the European Economic Community in probably 1977 or 1978. If these seemingly unlikely predictions come true then it could indeed be powerful evidence — for something!

Alien beings apparently live among us and occupy many positions of power.* They are said to be trying to influence the course of events in this world, which is populated by criminal rejects from elsewhere who, supposedly, have been sent here for a second chance. One must infer here that the process of reincarnation is universal. The aliens are also said to have selected certain individuals to work through. Mrs. Hamilton is one of these, but there are many others throughout the world. Mrs. Hamilton says they wish to help settle the Irish troubles, and require her to write a book using their various methods to do this, involving trading agreements and border regulations. Fearful of reprisals on her children she has so far declined to do this, but apparently “they” keep on insisting that she does.

When asked where these beings come from she replies “... various planets ... they come from planets we have not discovered yet.”

When asked if these planets are in our solar system she says, “I am not sure what you mean ... some of them come from the dark side of the moon, I know that.”

She was then asked if these other planets are invisible, and she replied: “No, not invisible. They are so far from us that our telescopes cannot pick them up. There are also people on Venus and Mars.”

As for the questions as to how people can live on the moon, or the other ‘inhospitable’ planets where there are unbreathable atmospheres, she says that the aliens have been trying to show American and Russian scientists how to engineer the body biologically so that spacesuits become unnecessary — but they will not listen. This curious intermingling of the plausible and implausible is again not unusual in such cases.

Mr. Hamilton believes her story, but her children think that she is mad. She claims that she still regularly visits the aliens, but in the year of investigation she failed to get them to provide answers to specific questions posed by the investigators. She says that the beings do not like being made to appear as fools.

The story, and the taped interviews, have been studied by Ivan Jones, a psychologist who specialises in images and memory. He is a member of the BUFORA advisory panel. Some comments from his report are worth noting.

“One thing that comes across very strongly is the way that Mrs. Hamilton is able to answer most of the questions put to her so easily ... I thought it strange that she did not seem at all puzzled by any aspect of her experiences, or to have any doubts as to what they might mean. She was very certain about every-

* [Information also gleaned by ‘Peter’ in the famous Rhodesian incident of May 31, 1974. See: *Investigation under hypnosis: Contact revealed*, which follows C. van Vlierden: *Escorted by UFOs from Umvuma to Beit Bridge* in FSR Vol.21, No.2 — EDITOR].

thing. Mrs. Hamilton does mention early on that she is not religious. This in itself is perhaps unusual for someone living in Northern Ireland (where the current troubles are supposedly based on religious differences). The whole structure of the message she is relating to us as a contactee is in itself of a very religious nature.”

In his conclusion he writes: Mrs. Hamilton believes what she says. For her it is all true. Personally I doubt whether she has had contact with extraterrestrial intelligences... Further from this personal opinion I cannot go... The rest could be her own imagination consciously or unconsciously building up this complicated explanation to help her deal with her daily life. It would be a useful crutch for her, because she can ascribe anything that happens to her as being due to the interference of her contacts. It removes the responsibility from herself, just like religion does for some people.

Is this the solution? Certainly it seems a valid hypothesis, but Ian Jones does not believe that a definitive statement is possible. So often is one left in this position in a contactee case that one wonders whether a further explanation exists which would also explain the apparent subjectiveness of the experience. Our second example is also relevant to this thesis.

II: The story of Mr. “L”

The details of this particular case can only be outlined in general, as the witness has requested complete anonymity. It must suffice therefore to refer to him as “L”, a well respected member of a community in northern England.

Investigation was conducted by an independent researcher, Graham Barker, with the assistance of Trevor Whitaker of BUFORA.

In 1974 L was approached in his bedroom by a humanoid being, about seven feet tall, with ashen grey face, a large head, long face and nose, thin lips sporting a perpetual grin and with eyes similar to those of a cat with narrow pupils. He also had only four digits on each hand. It was stated that the being was not visible for long, and no communication was exchanged.

In early 1976 the same being returned to L’s bedroom, with a colleague who was similar in appearance but only six feet tall. The two beings projected a mental picture of a ‘U’-shaped piece of tubing about 6 ins. by ¼ inch, which was apparently broken. L, thinking he could possibly mend this, asked to see the craft. He was told to lie flat on the bed in a mummy-like posture, with legs together and toes pointing upwards and forwards. The taller being knelt by the bedside and told L to relax. He then felt a tingling sensation all over his body and felt as if he were being floated off into space.

L says his next recollection was of floating underneath an object he describes as a golden fluorescent giant bathtub. He seemed to enter this from underneath and then find himself on a table surrounded by eight of the beings, in pairs. The room was large, and he appeared to be in an anaesthetised condition. He was only just aware of his surroundings, but over-

head, seemingly examining all his body, was a large eye-shaped piece of equipment coloured red/purple.

L recalls trying to question the beings, but he was chastised. He was told that "an insignificant being, such as a worm, should not ask such questions," and that, "a thousand of your years are but a day to us."

From this point L's memory fades until he is back upon his own bed with the two beings still present. They told him that he would be unable to move for five minutes, and this he found was the case, with the tingling sensation returning. Gradually this wore off and he says he was able to get up. In the meantime the beings had disappeared.

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Whether or not these two instances, and other contact experiences of this type, have any objective reality, is open to question. Perhaps they are in fact simply hallucinations or dreams, for they certainly seem to have that quality. In the case of L the reference to an anaesthetised state may be of some significance. However, one might be tempted to wonder if they are indicative of a subtle control on the subjective instincts of a witness... and if so why?

In considering the whole subject of alleged contact we are faced with a barrage of improbability and inconsistency. There does not appear to be any overall cohesion. Either ALL such cases are of a purely psychological nature, such as mental delusions, or there is a deliberate reason why the phenomenon serves to convey inconsistent information. Eventually one finds that one faces at least the possibility that we are being quite deliberately misled.

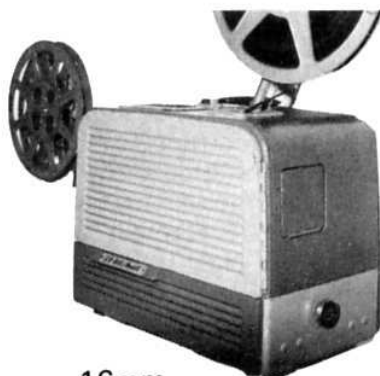
Looking back over the long history of UFO manifestations we not only see the recognised fact that these have been interpreted in various ways,

according to the current status of the civilisation observing them, but also we find the phenomenon seemingly attempting to perpetuate this myth. The classic example is of course the airship wave of late nineteenth century America, where inventors mysteriously turn up to claim responsibility for the sightings. In retrospect we recognise the total impossibility of their statements, but at the time they reinforced the belief which was then prevalent that the airships were in fact the products of advanced earth technology. In view of this we should feel little conviction that what we are being told now by the phenomenon is in any sense closer to the truth. It seems probable that the phenomenon is seizing upon the most palatable belief, that of extra-terrestrial visitation, and giving us direct 'evidence' of this.

If we look at the whole problem carefully, then we see that the evidence we are given does not in any sense hold together. Keel implies in his books and articles that the phenomenon is playing games with us. Alternatively we might ponder whether or not it is setting us intelligence tests. Maybe we only move one step forwards if we disprove the falsified logic being presented to us, or else use its implications to enhance our own science, such as in the development of airships and eventually spacecraft.

It does not appear to me to be taking too 'giant a leap for mankind' to realise that our contactees may be displaying more and more the attributes of psychics *because* of a subtle form of possession (which is indeed a psychic phenomenon). This possession by the phenomenon may go even further than just witness control. The investigators themselves may in certain circumstances be subjected to the same thing – or, for that matter, the writers of UFO articles.

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FIFTY LITTLE GREEN "FROGMEN"

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We are indebted to the Editor of *Lumières dans la Nuit** for permission to reproduce this report, which was published in LDNL No. 160 (December 1976). Translation from the French by Gordon Creighton.

HERE are the details of a remarkable report made by an eyewitness, Dominique Menuge (born 1955), a butcher by trade, residing at "Maisons Ardennaises," Carignan. M. Menuge is interested in the subject of UFOs and has read books about them; he plays football and rides a motorcycle, and appears to be entirely sane and of good character.

It should be noted that this investigation was made with the collaboration of the gendarmerie at Carignan.

The site is on a forest path in slightly marshy meadow land close to the Franco-Belgian frontier. The district, Le Banel, lies between the woods known as *Le bois de Rappes* and *La Fontaine de la Noue des Planes* in the Ardennes Forest Region of North-Eastern France.

It was semi-dark at the time of the incident, and the prevailing weather conditions were overcast sky, warm and stormy.

The incident

On Sunday, May 2, 1976, between 9.00 and 9.30 p.m., the eyewitness was driving along in his car, a *Renault R15*, on the road from Matton to L'Etang du Banel. He arrived at the cross-roads where his route intersects the road linking Fontaine de la Noue des Planes with Deux Villes (see Sketch No.1) and was just passing over into the arm leading on to Etang du Banel. Night was coming on, and it was already half-dark, and he had his side-lights on.

Suddenly, just as his car was about ten metres before the left-hand turn-off to Fontaine, he caught sight of about fifty little men in the beam of his lights (at point A) on Map). The little men were quite close, to his left, in the field, which is level with the road. They were green and froglike (see sketch No. 2), standing erect and quite still. Some were facing him, and some in profile.

Although they were green, they did not appear to be wearing overalls. If indeed they were in overalls, then these were tightly fitting. They had long arms hanging down as far as half way down their legs. They had webbed hands. Their legs looked normal, but the feet were also webbed, like the feet of frogs. Their heads appeared to be covered with masks or helmets, with two big red eyes 10 cm. or so in diameter and resembling highway traffic lights. Their

height was about 1 metre 15 cm. and their bodies were fairly corpulent. Their eyes emitted no luminous rays or beams, and they were simply standing there stationary, doing nothing.

The creatures did not appear to have seen the witness. They appeared not to be carrying or wearing any objects or any ornaments of any sort, and had nothing in their hands or around them, and there was no machine on the ground or in the air. They made no gestures. What had caught the eyewitness's attention was in fact the "red lights."

Dominique Menuge took fright, and at once turned into the left-hand road, backed his car, and made off again in the direction from which he had come. His engine was functioning perfectly, and so were his side-lights, so that, as he reversed the car he was now able to see (point (B) on Map) yet another little man, who was standing in the bushes on the other side of the cross-roads (and so now on his left). This little man was identical with the others, and likewise stationary. He was only three or four metres from the eyewitness.

Dominique made straight for his brother's house and told him what he had seen. He arrived there with his nerves very badly shaken, and spent an extremely bad night indeed, unable to sleep. He did not notify the Gendarmerie straight away, for fear of being taken for a madman.

He was wearing no watch at the time.

Comment

I learnt of this case through third parties. I sent word to the eyewitness that I would like to hear his own account of it, and he came to see me on May 8, 1976 and told me the whole story. I then asked him to go to the Gendarmerie at Carignan on May 10, to make his statement. On that day he duly appeared there with me and told his story. He did not give the impression that he was "living through the experience again," but rather that of a man simply reciting his memory of past events. He showed no signs of being an excitable type of person, or of being in a state of shock.

We at once set out for the scene of the sighting, together with the Gendarmes. We both went over the whole area with a fine comb, looking for traces, but found nothing: no signs of little men or of craft anywhere in the vicinity. When we arrived at the spot I noticed that he showed no sign of apprehension. I should also mention that two days later I returned to the spot with the Gendarmes (but without the eyewitness) at about 9.15 p.m. We

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