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EDITORIAL.

According to an estimate issued recently by a responsible source in Britain, some 40% of the children in our schools are already mentally or emotionally "disturbed", and we can take it as certain that this situation will continue to worsen at an alarming rate during the short time remaining to us. As regards the state of our population as a whole, we can already see for ourselves the stupendous rise in the drug problem, in the closely related "mental problem", and in the daily personal violence often directed at perfectly innocent by-

standers or expressed in outbreaks of mass-murder by psychopaths, while the general incidence of rape and paedophilia as a whole -and in particular the horrendous paedophilic butchery of so many small girls -is seen to be more astounding with every passing day.

Had governments -at a very early date-applied the requisite remedy (*i.e. the death penalty*), something might perhaps have been done to stem the avalanche. (I myself watched the troops of the Chinese Nationalist Government shooting and beheading the drug-pushers on the streets, and the measure proved highly effective.)

But it is clearly too late now, so we must expect that things will take their logical course, and that we shall see the logical outcome.

And why is it that Governments are afraid to act? That is the vital, 64-billion dollar question.

The answer can only be, as I suggested in these pages long ago, that Governments KNOW who and what is controlling this massive planned degeneration of Mankind, and are far too scared of bringing down upon themselves the wrath of the Dark Forces that rule this world.

**"DON'T YOU DARE HARM OUR PEOPLE!"
Is that what they have been told? G.C.■**

AUSTRALIAN ABDUCTION RESEARCH, 1993 - 1994

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INTRODUCTION

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And it gives me very great pleasure to introduce him, (*at last!*) to the readers of FSR, because, so far as I know, not a single item by him has ever appeared in our Journal during the forty years of its existence. Nor can I explain precisely what the reason for this has been.

What I do know is that, *years ago*, Keith Basterfield produced the first catalogue of all known UFO landing and encounter cases in Australia. A copy of that catalogue came to me and I at once passed it to Charles Bowen, then FSR Editor, with the suggestion that we ought most certainly to publish it.

For some odd reason that I have never been able to fathom, this was not done, and I have no idea what became of the Basterfield Catalogue. I never saw the manuscript again.

So, a few years later, I wrote to Australia and got a second copy of it from somebody — I do not recall whether it was from Keith Basterfield or from somebody else.

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Once more I submitted it to the Editor with the suggestion that it be published. (At that date we had already given very good coverage to almost all the known landing and encounter cases in the USA, Western Europe, Canada, and South America). And once again, for no reason that I could fathom, no action was taken on Mr. Basterfield's Catalogue for Australia, and I have no idea what became of that second copy of it.

Let us hope that, now that Keith Basterfield has approached me and supplied these two following reports, there will be an opportunity before long for us also to provide a really good and fully up to date catalogue by him of all known previous Encounter and Landing Cases from "Down Under"! EDITOR]

This article is intended to provide an overview, from several perspectives, of the UFO abduction scene here in Australia.

I. THE MASS MEDIA

Previously, very little material reached the general population. However, in the years 1993-1994 this started to change.

Firstly, *Secret Life* by Dr. David Jacobs arrived in Australia in 1992, and several television interviews ensued over the following months, mainly on chat-show style format programmes. The pieces I saw were not treating the subject seriously, and did not allow Jacobs time either to report on his data or to elaborate on his findings.

Our national Channel 7 network started showing a programme called "*The Extraordinary*" in March 1993. Its format is similar to the U.S.-based shows "*Sightings*" and "*Unsolved Mysteries*." Shortly after it had started, it carried an abduction case from Perth, Western Australia.

A man whom the show called 'Andrew', was lying in bed on 4th February 1992 feeling very restless. He felt he finally fell asleep, and on awakening found himself in a place he recognised as being the car park of a basket-ball stadium some 50 km away from his home. A white flash ensued and suddenly he found himself inside the stadium.

A crowd of other humans was present, as well as other beings who took on a human form. Andrew felt that one of these latter beings was draining his thoughts. Suddenly, again a brilliant white flash occurred and Andrew woke up in his own bed at 2.15 am.

On March 4, 1992, he woke paralysed, in bed, at 2.30 am, to see a 120-135cm tall, misty blue being guiding his son down the passageway. The figure vanished in a flash of white light. Andrew then found his son in bed looking very pale and shaky.

Shortly after this, the family ate a lamb roast dinner during which the son, on clearing an irritation from his throat, coughed up a tiny metal object.

The producers of "*The Extraordinary*" had this object analysed at Curtin University in Perth. The University verdict was that the object was most likely a computer component manufactured in Sweden. Unfortu-

nately, after that the case faded from view and very little more has ever been heard about it.

The film: "*Fire in the Sky*" came to Australia in May 1993 and witnesses Walton and Rogers appeared on a number of television shows promoting the movie. The session I attended at a local suburban cinema, shortly after the film opened, was however poorly attended.

Dr. John Mack's book "*Abduction*" came on the scene in mid-1994 accompanied by interviews on current affairs programmes, such as "*60 Minutes*." Most items emphasised Mack's academic qualifications as lending credibility to the subject matter under discussion.

An interesting observation on the source of material which is being absorbed by the general Australian population is that it is **all U.S.-generated**. The average person does not have exposure here to abduction events/research from the United Kingdom or Europe. For example, the U.S. Programme: "*Sightings*" has been shown here in peak hour times, and has included several abduction related topics, such as "mass abductions."

II SUPPORT GROUPS

A relatively recent phenomenon in Australia are abductee support-groups.

Peter Khoury and Jaimie Leonarder initiated one such group in Sydney, New South Wales, in April 1993. The "UFO Experience Support Association Inc." is essentially a non-profit group, which aims to help witnesses and experiencers of UFO events cope with and understand their encounters.

From personal experience Peter Khoury states that he knows the confusion, isolation, fear and ridicule which can result from an event or series of events. Thus the support-group was formed to lend an ear; to listen but not judge.

Compassion and understanding are extended to those in need. If an individual wishes, he or she can be referred to a qualified professional for psychological or medical assistance.

Coming from a similar origin, is the Victorian "UFO Experiencers Support Group." This was started by a Melbourne woman, Brenda, who found it extremely difficult to locate anyone, in June 1993, with whom to talk about her experiences. By August 1994, when I visited Melbourne, the group numbered some 8 - 10 individuals.

In mid-1994, following the visit to Adelaide, where I live, of another Victorian close-encounter witness, a number of South Australian experiencers came together to form a support group here.

A fourth state, Queensland, also became host to another support-group during the period of this report, following the visit to Australia of Budd Hopkins.

All four groups have similar aims and maintain links with the more conventionally established UFO research groups.

III HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

The number of mainstream health professionals with a serious interest in this area continues to remain low. My current count is only 9 who have come forward in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide, four of our capital cities.

IV "NEW AGE"

Concern has been expressed in some quarters here about the presence of therapists with a "New Age" orientation who are now working with abductees in Australia. The worry, say these researchers, is that the abductee might pick up a "New Age" philosophy and bring such things as "past lives" stories into their abduction account. We do have such therapists seeing abductees, who are not traditional mainstream health professionals, but who are gaining a public following.

On the other hand I have come across a few abductees who themselves are now so called "New Age" therapists. An example is a woman named Linda who contacted me in July 1994. Linda is now a "natural therapist", who practices therapeutic massage and teaches "self-growth." She had recently undergone a "miofacial" massage herself. This is apparently a deep facial massage which is said to bring up painful events from the past. It is said to work on the principle that memory resides at cellular level in the body and can be released to conscious level.

Over the 2 weeks prior to speaking to me she had been feeling very angry "as if I was messed around with." She had retained throughout her life an unnatural, inexplicable "fear".

She had pieced together a story which started back at college. **All in all she felt that two groups of aliens were involved. One was experimenting on her for some purpose. The second group of beings had come along and helped her.**

V TWO IMPORTANT CASES EMERGE

In a paper titled: "*Invisibility and the UFO Abduction Phenomenon*" in the MUFON 1993 Symposium Proceedings, Budd Hopkins reported on an Australian case which he had investigated while here on a lecture tour.

A Mrs. "Washburn" produced 4 photographs, which should have included the family, but did not - as if the family were in fact invisible.

The couple and their two children had been at a Brisbane, Queensland, playground. Under hypnotic regression by Hopkins, Mrs. "Washburn" recalled being taken inside an object where several small beings were present. Her two sons were led away from her and she was subjected to a gynaecological examination.

Next, Mr. "Washburn" was regressed, also proving to be a good subject. He recalled seeing a "ball" taking the family away. At some stage during the time at

the playground, several photographs were taken by the "Washburns" of themselves and their sons. **However, they did not appear in them when the pictures were developed. Hopkins' conclusion was that all four family members became invisible to all the other people present at the playground, as had the UFO and its accompanying "balls."**

On the night of the 7/8th August 1993 an incident occurred near Belgrave, Victoria, which involved at least five people in two separate motor vehicles. Both parties have been located and interviewed. The episode appears to be an independently witnessed CE3/4. I have prepared a separate report on this fascinating event. (already published in FSR 40/3, 1995)

VI AUSTRALIAN CENTRE

Australia now has UFO researchers, health professionals, support-groups and alternate therapists talking to abduction experiencers. With this diverse range of approaches evident, and in view of the large distances which separate and isolate us here in Australia, I decided that in 1994 it was now time to look at initiating a network to encompass these individuals.

The Australian UFO Abduction Study Centre was set up by me in April 1994 and now has over 40 people involved in its networking. Its aims are:-

1. To act as an initial contact point for individuals who believe they have interacted with the UFO abduction phenomenon.
2. To act as an information and referral service for both these individuals, and other interested parties.
3. To encourage research into the UFO abduction phenomenon.

Strategies to achieve these aims are:

1. • To place the well-being of the individual as first priority.
 - To refer individuals, if they wish, to qualified researchers and health professionals.
 - To promote the existence of the Centre.
2. • To produce and distribute a networking Newsletter.
 - To maintain an extensive book and journal article collection on the subject.
 - To liaise with overseas abduction researchers.
3. • To encourage health professionals to take an active interest in the topic.
 - To initiate a centralised data base on Australian abduction experiences.
 - To stimulate public debate about the issue.

The response to date to the formation of the network, and its associated Newsletter, has been extremely positive from all quarters.

In conclusion:—

The Australian UFO Abduction Study Centre welcomes communications from experiencers, health professionals and overseas UFO researchers.

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A NOTEWORTHY UFO SIGHTING OVER GERMANY(1993)

*Research and interview at Braunschweig, N. Central
Germany, by Dr. Peter Hattwig of the German UFO
Investigation Group DEGUFO (Bad Kreuznach).*

DEGUFORUM JOURNAL No. 11 (Sept. 1996).

(Braunschweig is the place that we British know as
Brunswick. G.C.)

On April 8, 1993, the local paper *Braunschweiger Zeitung* carried a report that a local artist, the 72-year-old Herr Erwin Lohre, had had a very unusual experience with a UFO.

Two years later I managed to interview Herr Lohre. What he had to tell me was more astounding than Science-Fiction. He took me out on to the balcony from which he had had the sighting. Here is my account of the interview:-

Lohre: "It was during the night of 8th to 9th March, 1993. My wife and I had gone to bed at 10.30 pm and had at once both fallen asleep.

"A few minutes before 0.30 in the early hours I was awakened by a stabbing pain in the area of the spine. I at once took a painkilling tablet and lay down again. Meanwhile, my wife had also awakened, simultaneously.

"Suddenly we heard a clear humming sound coming from the sky. After three or four seconds this noise, which seemed "metallic", as though produced by a centrifugal force, grew louder, and then, through the bedroom window, we saw a bright round shining object stationary at a height of some 10 metres or so above the birch trees to the east."

(Herr Lohre showed me the spot. The birch tree below the UFO had been burnt in the episode, and indeed has not yet fully recovered today, as its leaves are turning curly and falling already, although it is still summer.)

Lohre: "There was a full Moon at the time. But despite that, our bedroom and the terrace outside was lit by something even more powerful than the moonlight, — a bluish-white colour like neon-lighting. At the same time we both felt a strange metallic sort of taste on our tongues.

"Up till then I had scarcely even given a moment's thought to UFOs, but it was now immediately quite clear to me that I was looking at an unknown flying object, and I said to my wife: "Look! See what it is! They are going to land here!"

"Being a former fighter pilot myself I wanted of course to see what was going on. But when I tried to stand up, I found that I couldn't move, and with my wife it was just the same. We were both totally paralyzed.

"Also our two kittens, which sleep on the foot of the bed, were both sitting there, bolt upright, and looking as though turned to stone. Meanwhile, our bedroom window was being bathed, on and off, in a bright yellow beam of light apparently coming down from above."

Hattwig: "What were your feelings? Were you scared?"

Lohre: "I didn't get frightened because I was so completely spellbound by the event. Indeed, if anything my feeling was rather one of annoyance because I was immobilized and unable to get to the window. But my wife was more scared. And afterwards she had a thorough fit of the shakes.

"The eerie apparition lasted altogether about 40 seconds or so, and then the vivid light ended abruptly. Then, some 30 or 40 seconds later, we saw the UFO fly over our bedroom window in a westerly direction and vanish.

"Simultaneously the paralysis ended for both of us. My wife was too upset to be able to sleep any more, and so was I. Then, about half an hour later, we heard the same sound again, coming from the other direction. Our bedroom has windows on the two sides, and so we got a full view of the UFO for the first time. From a distance of about 300 metres we watched it flying straight towards us. Again we heard the same sounds as before, and for about six seconds or so we could see its shape absolutely clearly. Then, just as the disc — which I estimated to be about 10 metres wide — was nearly right over us, something quite unbelievable happened. It simply dissolved into thin air — between one-tenth of a second and another — and it was gone, without any transition!

"I sat down straight away and made a few sketches."

(Herr Lohre showed me the view from the bedroom window and I photographed it so as to be able to make a photomontage later with my main sketch).

Dr. Hattwig: "Do you know whether anyone else besides you and your wife saw the UFO?"