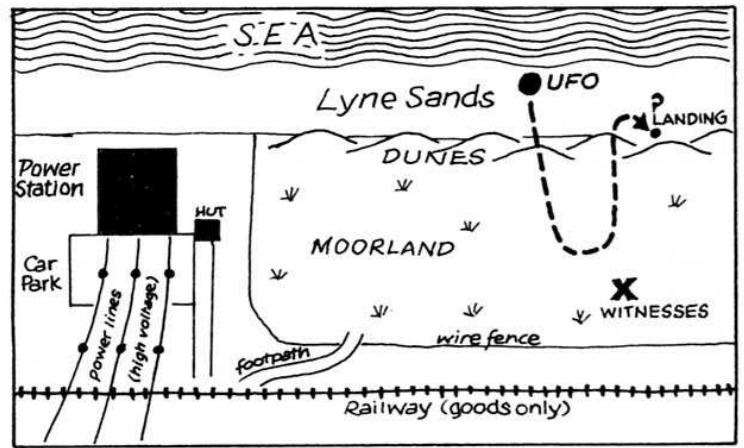


he could see there was no-one else around who might have seen the object and could back up his story.

To the witness the experience seemed to have lasted for about five minutes all told — certainly it made a deep impression on him, and his wife attests to the fact that he was in a state of extreme agitation when he got home. He kept looking out of the window and had great difficulty in sleeping that night, but luckily does not seem to have suffered any other ill effects.

Two days passed before he ventured back to the beach and by then any traces of a landing which might have been left had been obliterated.

The investigators found Mr. Longstaff to be a trustworthy, friendly and honest person. They have no doubt about his truthfulness which is in their opinion reinforced by his lack of self-publicity. Perhaps the most interesting feature of this case and one which does not seem to have been noted until the UFOIN investigation is that the sighting area is only about a quarter of a mile along the beach from a coal-fired electricity power station delivering 24,000 volts to the nearby Alcan Lynemouth Aluminium plant. Once again therefore we have the



coincidence of a UFO sighting in close proximity to large electricity installations. The fact that the "portholes" were emitting flames is unusual for this type of domed disc-type UFO and one might be tempted to speculate that it could be in some way an imitation of the coal fired power station! Pure fantasy? Or is something or someone somewhere having yet another good laugh at our expense?

PUBLISHING OF UFO DATA

Jenny Randles

MMAGAZINES such as FSR carry much UFO data, all of which is of interest to ufologists in general. However, there is a growing tendency for researchers to specialise as the subject becomes more and more complex. Naturally, one needs to be able to select quite rapidly anything relevant to a particular field from the wealth of information that confronts one.

I would like to make a few suggestions as to how FSR, and hopefully other publications in the field, could overcome these problems.

UFOIN (the team of investigators who work on cases in Britain for FSR) have a basic premise that they should only be involved in high strangeness cases. This calls for the utilisation of a classification system by which one can readily isolate acceptable cases for in-depth study. The system we use has been developed by Peter Warrington and I for our forthcoming book, "UFOs: A British Viewpoint."* It is based on that of Dr. J. Allen Hynek, although we feel that it overcomes some of the difficulties of his system, and provides a more logical progression of importance throughout.

Principally the system involves

division into the following categories:—

Low definition (Low)

Cases involving basically a light with brightness, motion and colour but no clear shape.

Medium definition (Med)

Cases as above with a clear shape but no associated effects.

Instrumentally detected (ID: hyphen P for photograph; F for movie film; R for radar). Objects detected by some instrumental means.

Close Encounters of the First Kind (CE 1). Encounters where there are associated effects on either the witness or on the environment, or on both, detectable only to the witness to the UFO event — i.e. transient effects.

Close Encounters of the Second Kind (CE 2). Encounters with associated effects on witness, environment, or both, detectable by others not present at the UFO event — as with ground traces, — i.e. semi-permanent effects.

Close Encounters of the Third Kind (CE 3). Encounters which involve the sighting of entities with apparent association with the phenomenon; CE 3a Entity only (no contact) CE 3b Entity plus contact.

Close Encounters of the Fourth Kind (CE 4). Encounters which involve contact leading to time distortion and reality displacement, such as psychic contactees, abductions, and so on.

For the close encounter categories (which could include ID cases also) letters to designate associated effect

could be used — for example we use the following:

EM (electromagnetic effects), An (animal disturbance), Physio (physiological effects), T (ground traces).

The aim is to provide rapid indication of the data contained in a case. For example 'Encounter at Aveley' would tell little to a researcher as a title. If subtitled CE 4 (EM Physio) it immediately shows the researcher whether or not the story contains information that may be of value to his personal work.

This system has been utilised by members of a team from two British groups; CONTACT (UK) and NUFON, who are working on an extensive series of catalogues for the United Kingdom. These comprise fully referenced and indexed data from ancient times to the modern day, collated from all available sources, and split into regional catalogues of UFO cases. The first series, covering Northern England from AD 91 onwards, is almost complete.

An additional feature for this series, devised by Bernard Delair of CONTACT and myself may also be of great value if regularly published in UFO periodicals. It gives what we term an investigation level — an indication of the degree of investigation conducted into a case, providing some guidelines to the amount of value that

* *UFOs: A British Viewpoint*, an up-to-date appraisal of ufology in Britain by Jenny Randles and Peter Warrington is to be published in the Autumn of 1978 by Robert Hale Ltd., London.

A STRANGE OLD "CONTACTEE" CASE FROM SPAIN

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IT has not been possible for us to interview directly either of the two people involved in this case, inasmuch as one of them is now dead, and the other is advanced in years and we felt that we could not importune her by asking her to recall the details of so vexatious a business, since she had never spoken any more about it since the death of her sister.

The Individuals Involved

These were two sisters, whose names we refrain from divulging for the sake of their reputations, and because in any case we never received any authorization from either of them on the subject. They were of a well-to-do family, and both received a good education and were of a sound, solid intellectual and cultural level. The lady who is still living now once held the post of secretary to the Director of a department of the State administration having its office in Seville (I refrain likewise from specifying it so as to preserve her anonymity).

These two sisters, who were spinsters, lived together in the house where they claimed to have undergone the experience now to be related.

The peak period of the various statements made by these two possible "contactees" could be established as round about the beginning of the '1950s. (Note the proximity in time to two big UFO Waves, those of 1950 and 1954.)

The Facts

One day these two ladies started telling all their friends that they were in serious difficulties because of the "Martians" or the "Extraterrestrials." (Note the strangeness of this asseveration, so precise, regarding the entities, at a period when Spanish Ufology was still, as one might put it, in its "prehistorical" stage.)

As may well be imagined, these alleged entities were at first taken by everybody to be a joke, but when the two ladies continued to insist and persist with their story, then of course folk began to have doubts about their sanity, and were wont to say, when out of earshot, that their solitary way of life had

evidently caused them to become hysterical. But neither of the sisters had ever previously shown any indications of mental disturbance; on the contrary, they had displayed excellent judgement which had won for them a consistently high moral and intellectual reputation.

However, despite all the conventions, the two ladies persisted in declaring that the extraterrestrials were watching them and carrying out experiments on them. (The one who talked about most of these matters was the one who is now dead.) To escape from the alleged mysterious beings, the sisters took refuge in their house in Seville, though, according to their own admission, this was no use at all since the extraterrestrials were observing them through the walls with their devices, and even entering the house and connecting apparatus to the heads of both women, causing them great pain and suffering. The atmosphere of terror in the house at night was great. The ladies, cowering under their bedsheets, averred that they could hear the footsteps of the beings as they moved about the house and the noises they were making. (As regards the physical appearance of the alleged beings, so far as can be recalled the ladies never gave any concrete information about it.)

One day, at the end of their tether, the two ladies went to the Police to report the matter. At the Police Station they were laughed at and told that "the best thing to do with the Martians is to hide yourself from them at night under a black cloth" — which, it seems, the two ladies proceeded to do.

But the "Extraterrestrials" did not cease their molestations, especially by means of an alleged "ray machine," the working and effects of which were as follows: the malevolent beings installed themselves in a house near or adjacent to that of the victims on whom they planned to experiment, and set up an unknown and mysterious "ray machine," the invisible emanations from which were then directed against the house of the two "guinea pigs." As a result of the continued bombardment of the house with these radiations the health of both victims would deteriorate until death occurred. The description of the apparatus puts us in mind of an x-ray machine.

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can be placed on a story. The levels can be summarised as follows:—

Level A: In-depth investigation on site by experienced observers.

Level B: Interviews with witnesses conducted by investigators,

under proper conditions.

Level C: Standard report forms have been completed by witnesses.

Level D: A letter or written statement

from witness is all that is available.

Level E: Report based entirely on a newspaper account, or magazine account not second hand.