

its light diminished until it was no longer visible.

No electrical effects were evident.

Certainly the close encounter of September 17th seems to have left its mark on Peter and Caroline, as both fell victims to a mysterious illness a week after the incident. Peter was in fact removed to hospital where exhaustive tests failed to reveal a cause of the illness. Subsequently he stayed with his sister, who is a qualified doctor, and she too was baffled by his symptoms, which included vomiting, muscular pains and headaches. Neither displayed a rash or conclusive evidence of exposure to radiation, as far as I can judge.

However in the case of Caroline, who displayed these symptoms to a lesser degree than Peter, appendicitis was finally diagnosed. A perfectly healthy appendix was unfortunately removed, naturally causing Caroline and Peter some distress.

Whatever took place at Newmill on that September night is a matter for speculation and comparison with other cases and in particular one can recall that the Aveyron affair\* had similarities.

It is certain that apart from the strange physical illness, which may owe its origin to the close encounter, fear seems to have set in after the event. This was almost immediate in the case of Peter and certainly Caroline Bond to this day refuses to cross the moor unaccompanied after the hours of darkness which is in direct contrast to her lack of fear at the time of the close encounter.

#### Note

\* See Lagarde, F. *The Aveyron Enquiry* in 3 parts. FSR Vol. 16, Nos. 5 & 6, Vol. 17, No.1 (September-October and November-December 1970; January-February 1971).

## MAIL BAG

**Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.**

From Air Marshal Sir Victor Goddard:

#### Governmental Reports on UFOs.

Dear Sir,—Because of my known interest in UFOs and my erstwhile connection with the Air Ministry I have frequently been approached by enquires in regard to official attitudes to UFO problems. From these enquires and from repeated assertions in the Press and other literature I have learned that there have been allegations of reports undertaken by the Air Ministry and the Ministry of Defence on UFO activities, that these reports have not been published and that enquires at the Department mentioned have met with negative responses or no reply at all.

I am aware of and applaud the decision of FSR to co-operate with a voluntary organisation of UFO investigators. One of another team of investigators has recently written to me seeking information about two alleged official studies. The letter states that the first of the two took place in 1934 and the second, apparently more extensive, between 1950 and 1955.

It is probable that UFO observers and investigators are not aware that the duties of all Government Ministries and Departments are controlled by the Prime Minister under his second title as First Lord of the Treasury. The Treasury scrutinises the duties of Ministries and staffing for those duties. It may not be known that staff in Ministries cannot continue to be

employed without Treasury sanction, and that the Ministry of Defence (and before that Ministry was created, the Air Ministry) are not permitted to study any subject which does not seem to the Treasury to fall within the requirements of Defence of the Realm or of the defence of existing dependencies and alliances.

For instance, despite the menacing attitudes of various foreign powers, the Air Ministry was prohibited by the Treasury from having an Intelligence Directorate of its own until 1935. It was held by the Treasury that the Air Ministry could rely upon the War Office and the Admiralty Intelligence Departments for knowledge of potential enemies. I know all this because, in 1935, I was appointed to be the first Deputy Director of Air Intelligence in the Air Ministry for the study of the air potential of European Powers. I continued in this employment, later including countries outside Europe, until the outbreak of war against Germany when I went to France with the B.E.F. It happened that my brother-in-law, F.F. Inglis, became my successor in the Air Ministry and was employed on those duties throughout World War II being promoted to Air Vice-Marshal when he became Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Intelligence). Naturally he and his successors in the Air Ministry and in the Ministry of Defence had, at some time, been my subordinates; naturally, I remained in touch with them; naturally, and without any infringe-

ment of the Official Secrets Act, I have remained aware of their personal concern regarding UFOs.

For these reasons I remain in an unrivalled position to declare to you six statements:—

1. There has been no change in the right of control exercised by the Treasury over the Staffing and duties of the Air Ministry and, when that Ministry ceased, the same control by the Treasury was extended to the Ministry of Defence.

2. Were there to be any menace of attack apprehended or surmised by the Treasury (on advice from the M.O.D.) from UFOs the appropriate Directorate for the study of that menace would be the Directorate of Intelligence (Air) M.O.D. or the Home Office (D. of C.D.), or both.

3. There has never at any time been a Treasury approved appointment to study UFOs, and to the best of my knowledge there has never been any official study made. Records may have been kept by a civil section of the M.O.D. Secretariat and, perhaps, by the Home Office. But that is not to say that those records have been closely studied.

4. Various foreign governments have studied UFO reports and issued instructions to their own subordinates but, so far as I am aware, no British Government in this country or overseas has undertaken any study or investigation about UFO intentions.

5. It may be that British airway authorities have issued their own

instructions to their subordinates; if so, I am not aware of the terms of those instructions.

6. There has been a great deal of rumour of British Governmental official action in regard to UFOs nearly all of which is without adequate foundation and is mostly spurious or, at best, exaggerated.

The letter from a UFO investigator encloses photostats of pages 38 and 39, 42 and 43 from John Keel's book, 'UFOs: Operation Trojan Horse.' It claims that a general officer of the Army was appointed by the Air Ministry to fill an established vacancy in a UFO study project. This implies Treasury sanction; it suggests that in the middle of the War against Germany when we had our hands full and it was far from certain that we could survive, the Air Ministry was concerned that a UFO menace existed: it most certainly was not. The letter names a general who is not included in my earliest 'Who's Who' of 1955. So, unless he died meanwhile, he did not exist in the British Army. I think you will form the impression which I formed that here is one more case of a wild and baseless rumour being pursued by serious investigators. I trust that UFO investigators will, in future, check their facts by means other than appealing to me! Yours faithfully,

Victor Goddard,  
Meadowgate,  
Brasted,  
Westerham, TN16 1LN  
August 10, 1978.

### UFOs over Lakenheath

Dear Sir,—Although the Blue Book and Condon reports, and subsequent reports by Dr. J.E. McDonald appeared a long time ago, my attention has only recently been drawn to them. This is a pity, as an awful lot of genuine UFO investigators have been misled for several years.

I will not concern myself with the early reports of random sightings prior to 23.00 hours on the nights of 13/14 August 1956 as that was the time I went on duty, and the officer I relieved had reported nothing unusual.

What does concern me, however, is the subsequent report made by the Watch supervisor on duty at Lakenheath RTCC. Admittedly the statements were made after a lapse of some years, which could account for the fiction.

**Point 1.** The *Venom* night fighter was never at any time under the control of Lakenheath RTCC, so was not vectored onto the target by them.

**Point 2.** At no time did the pilot say, "Roger ... I've got my guns locked on him."

**Point 3.** *Venom* No. 1 did not return to base short of fuel.

**Point 4.** At no time did the pilot of *Venom* No. 1 hold an airborne conversation with the pilot of *Venom* No. 2. This conversation according to the report was "...monitored by the Lakenheath Watch Supervisors." This was impossible because the radio frequency channel in use by the RAF pilots would neither be known nor be available to that Supervisor. Only I and my Interception Team would know that frequency.

Here are the true facts:—

I was Chief Controller on duty at the main RAF Radar Station in East Anglia on the night in question. My duties were to monitor the Radar picture and to scramble the Battle Flight, who were on duty 24 hours a day, to intercept any intruders of British airspace not positively identified in my sector of responsibility.

After this length of time I cannot confirm whether it was a moonlight night or not, but I remember Lakenheath USAF Base telephoning to say there was something "buzzing" their airfield circuit. I scrambled a *Venom* night fighter from the Battle Flight through Sector and my Controller in the Interception Cabin took over control of it. The Interception Control team would consist of one Fighter Controller (an Officer), a Corporal, a tracker and a height reader. That is, 4 highly trained personnel in addition to myself could now clearly see the object on our radar scopes. I also took the precaution of manning a second Interception Cabin to monitor and act as "backup" to the first.

The report speaks of the pilot being alone and using the airborne radar, which is another nonsense, as the *Venom* night fighters carried a pilot and a Radar Operator/Navigator who sat, very cramped with his AI Radar, to the right of the pilot.

After being vectored onto the trail of the object by my Interception Controller, the pilot called out, "Contact", then a short time later, "Judy" which meant the Navigator had the target fairly and squarely on his own radar screen and needed no further help from the ground. He continued to close on the target but after a few seconds, and in the space of 1 or 2 sweeps on our scopes, the object appeared behind our fighter. Our pilot called out, "Lost Contact, more help," and he was told the target was now behind him and he was given fresh instructions.

I then scrambled a second *Venom* which was vectored towards the area but before it arrived on the scene the target had disappeared from our scopes

and although we continued to keep a careful watch was not seen again by us.

I am highly suspicious of many facets of the early reports by the GCA operators at Bentwaters and Lakenheath, being thoroughly conversant with "angels", A.P. and spurious responses which are prevalent in that area, but the fact remains that at least 9 RAF ground personnel and 2 RAF aircrew were conscious of an object sufficiently "solid" to give returns on Radar.

Naturally, all this was reported and a Senior Officer from Air Ministry came down and interrogated us. [P.S. My name is known to the Editor [of *FSR*], to whom I have spoken, but for obvious reasons is not for publication.

R.A.F. Fighter Controller (Rtd.)

### Aime Michel on Hypothesis

Dear Sir,—After reading your Editorial in *FSR* Vol. 23, No. 5 (February 1978) may I suggest a simplified classification of the hypotheses concerning the UFOs?

1) We have, on the one hand, the hypotheses advanced by the ufologists: parallel worlds, phantoms, ETH, etc.

2) On the other hand we have the statements made by the astronomers who speculate about life in the Universe without taking the UFOs into their consideration, and basing their thinking solely on their own knowledge of the Universe. (1)

The result of the speculation of these astronomers is that they end up envisaging phenomena of a "magical" type, with a "very high strangeness index," occurring within the environment of the Earth. We might quote for example T.B.H. Kuiper of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, who says:

*"Curiously, if the UFO phenomenon is approached from the point of view of looking for evidence of extra-terrestrial visits, it is precisely the "strangest" reports, close encounters of the second and the third kind, which are the most easily understood."* (2)

(I hope you appreciate this word "curiously"! — A.M.)

Thus, this gives us two categories of UFOs:—

- a) The UFOs of the ufologists, which are still totally undefined and unexplained, and,
- b) the UFOs envisaged by the astronomers — UFOs which are interpreted entirely within the

framework of astrophysics, and yet which resemble precisely the accounts of flying saucers as given in the newspapers, including FSR, and indeed *especially resemble* the strangest of these accounts which, alas, are about things that don't exist!

So, as I have already pointed out on a number of occasions, Ufology finds itself confronted with precisely the same distressing problem that has arisen in connection with the personality of Shakespeare. Namely that the works of Shakespeare appear to have been written in the early part of the 17th century by an imposter born at Stratford-on-Avon and named Shakespeare. Who, then, was this imposter?

Yours truly,  
Aimé Michel,  
Alpes de Haute Provence,  
France.

March 21, 1978.

1. There is a good bibliography in: Schwartzman, David W.: "The Absence of Extraterrestrials on Earth and the Prospects for CETI" (*Icarus* 32, p.473 sq., 1977.)

2. Kuiper, T.B.H.: "Intersellar Contact in an Evolving Universe" (paper presented by Kuiper at a congress of sections of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, January 1978. Kuiper is a radio astronomer at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Cal. Tech.) also has a very interesting bibliography. A.M.

#### Son of Dr. "X"

Dear Mr. Bowen,—Periodically my curiosity concerning *The Strange Case of Dr. X* (FSR Special Issue No.3, Sept. 1969, & Vol. 17, No.6 Nov/Dec. 1971) flares up. Would you be permitted to print a current report? How is the child? Did he "go away in the red machine"? Is he "different" in any way from a "regular" bright, intelligent, energetic boy (which I understand he was before the UFO incident)?

Does the fact bother him that his parents are unlike his friends' parents or does he love them the way they are? Do other children react to him and his parents in a remarkable way (unusual like or dislike)? Children react to peoples' subconscious; I'd like to know their reaction to the family of Dr. X.

Yours sincerely,  
Barbara Mathey,  
1450 North Kenter Avenue,  
Los Angeles,  
California 90049.  
March 18, 1978.

#### The interrupted broadcast

Dear Mr. Bowen,—Reference report and letter from Mr.E.Sears in FSR Vol. 23 No.5 regarding the "alien voice" superimposed on Southern TV on Nov.28, 1977; in case you missed the item, on Dec.4th 1977 the *Sunday Times* printed a fairly full account of how a group of students and electronics enthusiasts put on a message purporting to come from the "Ashtar Galactic Command."

Apparently the group broadcast the message from the back of a van parked near, and beamed on, the IBA's transmitter at Hannington, Berkshire, using equipment costing less than £80.

The *Sunday Times* remarked how easy it was for outsiders to "hi-jack" TV and radio programmes, this being the third such action by the group.

The only possible comment one can make on this affair is it is a pity that "students and electronics enthusiasts" cannot find something better to do with their time!

I am,

Yours sincerely,  
S.E. Priest,  
136 Palatine Road,  
Goring-by-sea,  
Worthing,  
West Sussex, BN12 6JM.  
March 14, 1978.

#### Too subtle?

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I have been interested in the UFO phenomenon since the days of foo-fighters, and have read a wide variety of reports and explanations on the subject (but never privileged to see for myself) and feel that we are being snowed under with some pretty way-out ideas.

Certainly I would go along with the ideas of parallel universes or other dimensions, but I jib at the concept of control of the human race.

After all, only a minute proportion of people on Earth down through the ages have had a UFO experience — the large majority never having heard of such a thing, and of those that have, most not believing it!

This would seem to be a most inept and long-winded way of going about moulding a whole planet-full of peoples to one's wishes.

Could it not be that we are stumbled upon in the fashion of a hiker encroaching upon private property, and having established the fact, making haste to leave?

Or is the whole thing far too subtle for Human minds to grasp?

Your sincerely,  
B. J. Hall,  
82 Hill Road,  
Mitcham,  
Surrey,  
March 14, 1978.

#### That UMMO advert

Dear Mr. Bowen,—With regards to the publication of the Mysterious UMMO affair in earlier issues of FSR I would like to hear from anyone who answered the personal advertisement that appeared in FSR. Vol 22.No.3, page 25.

I wrote to the address given, asking for more information and about six weeks later, I received a reply. The air mail letter was very short, in fact, it contained only one sentence which read, "No answer from UMMO yet", signed 'K'. I wrote again but as yet I have received no reply.

Your faithfully,  
James Herbert

78 Waverley Road,  
Southsea, Hants.

#### Protest on hypotheses

Dear Sir,—Is it not time that we stopped placing the UFO phenomenon into separate compartments? It seems that in order to accept the *Extraterrestrial hypothesis*, we have to go along with "nuts and bolts" craft. I think it is time the conception of an ETH for UFOs matured to include other Dimensions! It appears that too many UFO investigators are "throwing out the baby with the bathwater", and seem to be "stuck" in their "pet" theories. They seem unable to form a synthesis.

It is quite possible that there is a parallel universe and also possible that these "nuts and bolts" craft are constructed of an "etheric" form of matter as solid in their own world as things would be in ours, but this parallel universe, surely, must extend throughout the *whole* universe? There may be planets or systems existing on a higher frequency which we cannot see. Looked at in this light, the phenomenon could still be ET (or at least some of it).

Why the whole phenomenon must necessarily be one thing, or another I cannot understand. Even Hynek falls into this trap. It may be just as easy for "seepage" into our world to take place from a far galaxy as from near at hand.

For this reason your Editorial missed out a lot of possibilities and was inadequate in this respect.

Yours Sincerely,  
Mrs. S. Stead,  
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Eldwick,  
Bingley,  
West Yorkshire. BD16 3BY.  
March 11, 1978.

P.S.—Thank you for doing a good job with the magazine; however, there does seem to me to be a tendency to sensationalise the *negative* effects of the phenomenon (see the recent cover

illustration of solder shooting entity) at the expense of the more positive aspect. I do think you could create more of a balance. For this reason, I am pleased that Spielberg, in "Close Encounters", has chosen the more positive approach. Sincerely again, Mrs. S. Stead.

**More Warminster photographs**

Dear Sir,— I enclose a few photographs which were taken by me at Warminster last August. Reading some old issues of FSR, e.g. Vol.16 No.4, I find the attitude to Warminster and Arthur Shuttlewood somewhat unfair as there are some peculiar sightings occurring there (not due to the army), and witnessed by many. Here is how I came to take the photographs.

It was my first visit to Cradle Hill, all excited and expectant, armed with detector, camera and binoculars. The sky was crystal clear, not a cloud in sight, and it was quite warm. Eventually, after seeing nothing but satellites, I resigned myself to taking exposures of satellite trails. I was taking 10-15 second exposures, holding the camera quite still as I was lying on my back. During the night, 33 moving lights were logged, and I used the whole reel of 35mm. Ilford black and white film except for two exposures, which I used the following morning, one of which is enclosed.

The camera used is a Zenit 3m, and the lens was set at infinity with aperture at f3.5.

As you can see, on the night photographs, a large light blob is present, although I actually saw *nothing* except the satellites (which did not appear on the film). I have no idea what they are and I dismiss them as being the moon because:

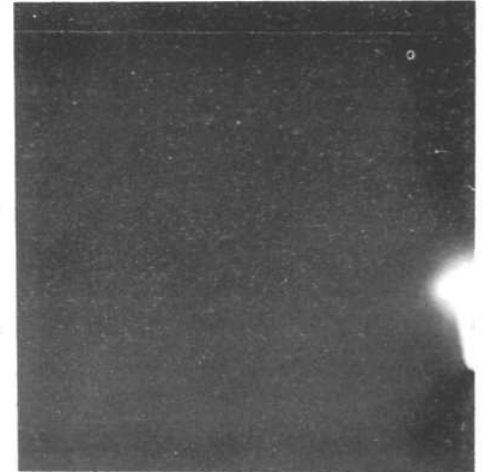
- a) it did not rise until 2.30 a.m.;
- b) it was a half moon, as can be seen in the morning photograph. [*Unfortunately the image is faint but we have arrowed it—Ed.*]
- c) the difference in size of the object compared to the moon in the daylight photograph;
- d) in one picture, the object appears to be moving from right to left, leaving a trail.

I am not making any claims as to what is on these photographs. I can state that they are not aeroplanes or helicopters, or even twown lights because I was on my back.

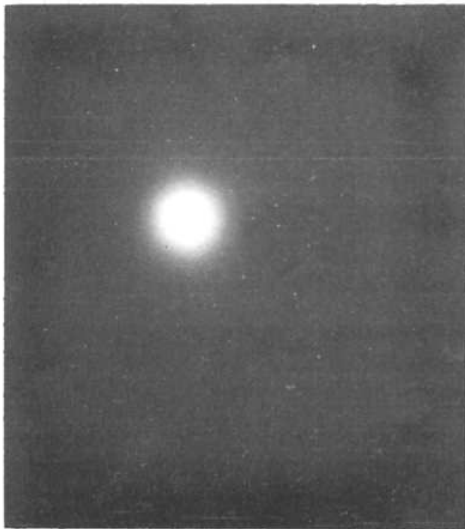
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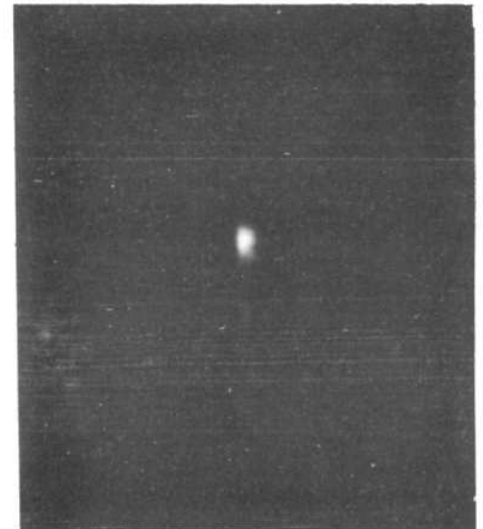
**Moon above copse: August 1976**



**Cradle Hill, August 1976. "Blob" with camera movement**



**Cradle Hill, August 1976  
Large "blob"**



**Object moving (right to left?)  
Cradle Hill, August 1976**

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