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CREWE HIGH STRANGENESS CASES.

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It is my intention with this article to present some cases from the files of 'Federation U.F.O. Research' which have a higher strangeness rating than the more mundane reports that organisation has investigated.

The first case concerns my two colleagues, Stephen Cleaver (Chairman of FUFOR) and Nigel Brown (no longer with the group), and occurred before I knew of them and their organisation. At approximately 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 31st. March, 1977, the pair were motoring on the outskirts of Crewe. Suddenly, Stephen, who was driving, saw a disc-shaped object that passed very close in front of the car. He then stopped the car and having a camera with him, took a photograph of the object when it was a speck in the distance. The photograph unfortunately failed to show anything and was subject to either double-exposure of the film or the film being wound loose inside the camera. Despite the nearness of the U.F.O., from which Stephen could estimate its size to be about 20/25 feet in diameter and that it had a cone-shaped cupola on top; Nigel DID NOT SEE THE OBJECT for the duration of the incident. Stephen assures me that the object came very close indeed and that he repeatedly pointed out its position to Nigel. In fact, he says it would have been difficult not to see!

Our next incident concerns a Crewe Mother and her daughter, the latter being in her mid-teens. They allege that late at night upon the 3rd. July, 1977, they saw an orange-coloured object through a window. This object purportedly gave off a humming noise that apparently caused the daughter to SUFFER FROM EARACHE.

For the final case to be brought to your attention, I now go back eleven years to early September, 1966. It concerns a Christopher Chesters, then aged twenty, and a girlfriend with whom he was walking in the rural village of Chelmdensten early one evening. This village is not far from the ancient market town of Nantwich. Upon turning a corner into another lane, the couple espied a large, perfect egg-shaped object, of a dull silver-lame colouring, hovering at about 60 feet above the ground. As the astounded pair continued to watch, another, much smaller object, of the same shape and colouring - but shimmering, rose from behind a barn and MERGED into the larger U.F.O. which then itself began to shimmer. The larger object then rose rapidly and took off in a westerly direction. The estimates of size that Mr. Chesters gave to me in the initial and subsequent interviews are as follows: he stated that the larger object was FOUR TIME THE SIZE of the Goodyear Blimp and that the smaller craft was HALF THE SIZE of the said blimp.

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I have stressed what I consider to be the points of high strangeness in block letters. This has been done taking into consideration that any genuine U.F.O. incident rates as a high-strangeness experience in the life of an involuntary U.F.O. witness. I would now like to discuss these points in the concluding part of this article.

Looking back to Stephen and Nigel's incident, there occurs to me that there could be more than one explanation for Nigel's failure to see the object despite its apparent close vicinity. Nigel wears glasses and suffers very poor vision without them; could it be that some optical deficiency might explain his not seeing the U.F.O. Yet, he wears the same glasses for driving

and remember how near Stephen said the object was. Two more explanations, both without any proof and very highly speculative, could also be said to be the reason; and when seen in the light of recent U.F.O. trends, none the less probable. Might it be that someone (or something) did not wish Nigel to see their craft and exerted some form of external control to alter Nigel's vision accordingly. Such abilities have been reported time and time again to U.F.O. investigators. Alternatively, it could be argued that perhaps Stephen was more able to see the object than Nigel, but not in an optical context. I know that Stephen has seen U.F.Os. on a number of occasions and I suspect him to be a 'classic' example of a repeater witness. Perhaps he possesses an extra faculty than the rest of us, some ability through which he can see the passing of these objects. I wish I had that ability!

Let us now pass on to the sighting of the Mother and her daughter. You will remember that the daughter claimed that a humming noise caused her to suffer an attack of earache, the noise apparently coming from the U.F.O. that they saw. The witnesses are of low reliability and are from a 'rough' background. This in itself does not preclude the authenticity of the report but the facts of the case may not be as quite as accurate as the U.F.O. investigator could wish for. It is known that the daughter is a migraine sufferer and perhaps this was a prime factor for the cause of the attack. I can think of no other reason but would appreciate any comments from readers with a medical background. In 'laymans' terms preferably. As for the humming noise itself, another common U.F.O. effect, perhaps it in some way reflects our own technology; you would for instance expect an electric motor to hum.

The facts in the final case under discussion may be somewhat clouded by the mists of time. Despite the gap of eleven years since the incident occurred, the witness is very definite about the size of the objects that he saw. On the face of it I would say the reported dimensions were an unintentional exaggeration of the facts. For something to hover at about 60 feet above the ground and be of the size reported, is to me incredible. The comparison with the blimp is interesting because late in 1976 that self same craft passed over

Crewe, I even saw it myself, this would explain the use of the blimp to estimate the U.F.O.s. size. Alternatively, it could be that the witnesses were seeing what was 'meant' to be seen. Any other explanation, other than exaggeration, are beyond me. Of more than passing interest is the merging of the smaller craft into the large one; which is yet another oft reported ability. These craft can, it seems, become solid or jelly-like when the fancy takes them and points at something more than mere technology.

The U.F.O.s., as can be seen from this article alone, are as different as the people who see them. Despite this certain patterns emerge time and time again and it is my opinion that certain psychological factors play a great part in a U.F.O. incident. We might come nearer to the truth if these were given more consideration.

THE END.

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UFO SIGHTING OVER LEIGH SINTON

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There have been many UFO sightings recorded in the Worcestershire area, especially since the birth of Skyscan, just over two years ago. But the one seen over Leigh Sinton, Nr. Malvern, Worcestershire by a local government officer, was one of the most interesting and well documented.

Following a report in the 'Worcester Evening News', two of our most experienced investigators, David Walford and Margaret Webb, went along to interview Mr. Derek John Craske, aged 46, and his wife Jean, who had seen a UFO from their bedroom window at 5.15 a.m. on 28th February 1977.

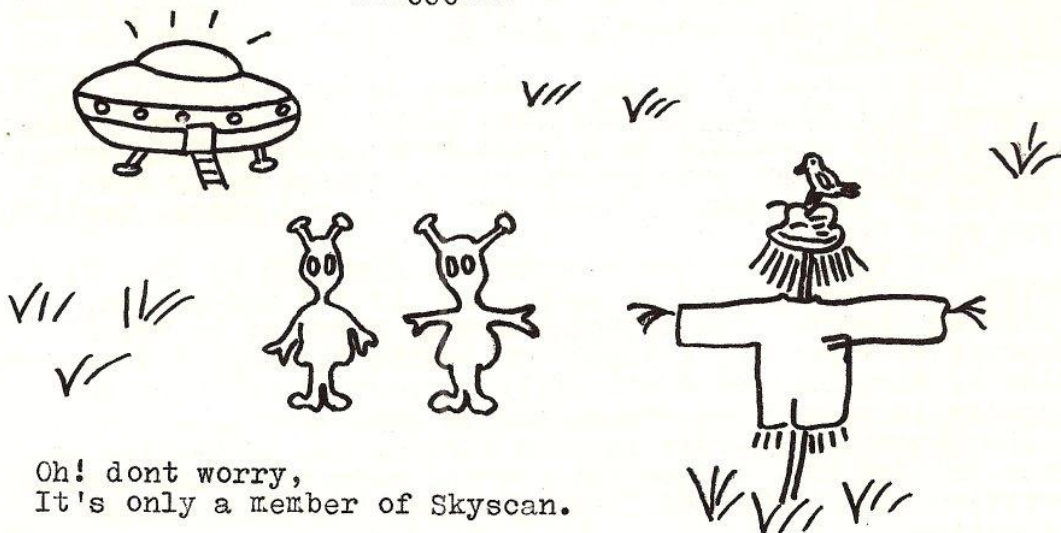
Mr Craske said 'I was disturbed in my sleep by screeching cats, on going to the window to clear the cats away, my eyes were drawn to a large bright object in the sky', he went on to describe the object to our investigators, as looking like a 'Rotating Childs Top! He added that 'It was a bright whiteish light, with a distinct halo round its middle, and moved to the left, and then the right, then upwards and downwards against a backcloth of stars!

Mr Craske then woke his wife Jean, and together they observed the object for about ten minutes before returning to bed, they were unable to sleep and arose again some twenty minutes later, and looked out of the window again, only to see the object moving away, in a North/North West direction towards Leominster. He went on to say that the object was sharply defined and appeared to be solid, the brightness was intense, and there was no sound heard.

The witnesses were well respected citizens, and both were used to observing natural aerial phenomena, as they were both ex. R.A.F., when interviewed they were adamant that the object was not a heavenly body or an aircraft. When asked for his views on the UFO problem, Mr Craske said 'I never beleived in it, when I read about it before, but I do now. I have'nt been so frightened for a long time'. (Im sure Ive heard that statement before somewhere)

The object remained low in the sky throughout, at 15° to 20°, and was not seen to change shape. We were unable to find any other witnesses to the event, this was probably due to the time. At 5.15 in the morning most people were asleep, perhaps there are a lot of heavey sleepers in Leigh Sinton.

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Oh! dont worry,  
It's only a member of Skyscan.

## Bristol "Meteor" UFO

Sunday 16th April 1978

Hundreds of people were witness to an illuminated object which lit up the sky from Bristol down to the South coast. There are so many reports that have flooded in that to mention them all would fill this magazine. People from Bristol, Cardiff, Exeter, Plymouth and many other towns saw a bright object silently gliding through the sky in the early hours of Sunday morning.

It first appeared in the Bristol area over the Filton area of Bristol, pass over the Kingswood and Keynsham areas moving southwards. The object was sighted over Warminster and then made its way down to Exeter and eventually Plymouth.

One snag that has arisen is due to so many reports, several witnesses have quoted different times of sighting, described the object differently and given different direction details. Over Bristol alone, we have reports of the object Blue/Red moving North-East; Green/Yellow moving South-West; Red/Yellow moving due West; and Green/Yellow again moving South-East. From all these conflicting reports, the general impression gained is that the object was first sighted at 1.05 a.m. over North Bristol moving in an Easterly direction, probably more South-East. It has been described as bright silver with tinges of orange or red. Practically all the reports described particles (orange-red) trailing off. It appeared to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkes of Filton to be cone-shaped or triangular flying with a level trajectory. Mr. and Mrs. Bishop, together with Mr. David Teakel from Speedwell saw the object as flat at the front and tapered at the rear flying at roof-top height.

A few minutes later it was sighted over Warminster, although the times of the two vary by 10 minutes. It was seen by Brian Edmunds and Peter Smith from Cradle Hill at apparently 1.15 a.m. It was cone-shaped, point first "belching huge red flames of fire and showering sparks". Mr. M. D. Hale and his wife, both of Bristol were present. Meanwhile, on another sky-watch point in Warminster, Mick Cram and Marc Brinkerhoff witnessed their sighting, recorded as at 1.07 a.m., consisting of a "comet-like" object varying in brightness and shooting sparks as it travelled. Marc shot a couple of seconds of movie-film of the object but this has not yet been processed. The object was reported as moving South-East.

The course of the object seems to get confusing now because at 1.30 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Gloor sighted the object from a coach returning to Bristol from London. They saw the object as they were approaching Windsor, going over the top of the coach. It was very large and white, trailing fire from behind.

Yet the object was reported in Plymouth by Mrs. J. A. Bailey and her husband at 1.00 a.m. It was egg-shaped, trailing flames. The object was also reported by Mr. R. Hancock of Plympton, Plymouth as a metallic object stationary. Also by Miss Luke of North Hill, Plymouth as silvery and tubular in colour and shape, moving South-West.

Reports also came in from Exeter, one in particular from Mr. and Mrs. Hoaken who saw the object at 2.00 a.m. emitting multi-coloured flames, moving in a South-West direction.

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One question put forward is: Was there more than one object?

- 1) The object was reported from 12.30 to 1.30 a.m. over Bristol moving in several directions.
- 2) It was reported at the same time over Windsor as in Bristol and in Plymouth.
- 3) Reports also came in of an object over Plymouth on the Saturday at 7.00 p.m. as a colourless cigar-shaped object, and also at 4.40 a.m. Sunday as a sphere illuminated like a neon light, travelling South-East. These are obviously not the same object.
- 4) Most reports follow the form of the UFO moving South-East from Bristol. That would account for the Warminster, and possibly the Windsor sightings, but Plymouth? The Exeter and Plymouth sightings may well have been another object.
- 5) Also the height of the object varies. It was reported at roof-top level in some cases 500 feet in others, and this is a case for two or more objects.

The official explanation for the UFO, was a "Bolide", a large piece of rock which explodes after passing through the atmosphere. Certainly, the description of the object does conform with this theory in some cases, but at roof-top level? Also changing direction, as the UFO seems to have done? Meteors do not last in the sky very long, yet the UFO was reported for several hours. The nature of the object is certainly a mystery, but it seems likely that there was more than one UFO lighting up the sky early that Sunday morning.

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