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## THE OUTLOOK

By now it is certain that all of the people, everywhere, who take an interest in or are aware of the "UFO Problem", will have heard and read a great deal about such things as the "Majestic 12" documents; the astounding claims of John Lear and of Bill Cooper; the shattering books "Matrix" and "An Alien Harvest"; the talk and the rumours of underground alien bases on Earth at such places as Dulce and Groom Lake; the talk of an alleged governmental deal with Aliens that went disastrously wrong; of human abductions, of cattle mutilation, and, alas — of other things much worse than that.

Apart from a few brief references in recent issues, we at FSR have so far said little about these potentially grave new aspects of the UFO Problem. There are others who have already said far more than we have. We ourselves propose to say little more for the moment.

But this does not mean that we are in any sense unaware of the prevailing situation. We have all the key books referred to — and more, and in fact the amount of accumulated material which we now have on all these matters is enormous and we doubt whether any other civilian investigators in Britain have anywhere near as much as we do. Indeed — and this may surprise some — we started receiving this type of material, from Canadian as well as U.S. sources, as far back as 1980. And

although we still do not know how much of this disturbing material is true, it is notable that the main themes running through it for nearly a whole decade now have been remarkably consistent.

A reader asked us recently why we have not said much more than we have on all these developments. And the reply we gave him was simply that *we do not yet know how much of it all is true and how much false*. So we prefer to wait a while and see.

Rumour has it that Mr John Lear has said: "It's all over bar the screaming". He may or may not have said this. We at FSR don't know whether he said it. But, if the position really is as indicated in the voluminous material now in our hands, then we have to agree that it may indeed be "all over bar the screaming".

But we think we have some responsibilities, and one of those responsibilities is not to contribute to "rocking the boat" needlessly.

Unlike most others in this field, we do not seek financial gain, and we think that poor old *Homo Sapiens* (self-dubbed) has already got more than enough to worry about. So we think we will let others "spill it all now", if they want to. If it turns out to be untrue or badly exaggerated, an awful lot of alarm and despondency will have been generated unnecessarily. And, if the picture is indeed as sombre as presented, then we feel sure that *Homo Sap.* will find out quickly enough. We don't aspire to be the first bearers of all the bad news.

As a last thought however, we will tell you this: some of the information brought to us privately out of China in April of this year — information emanating from Chinese Government levels — was as terrifying as anything that we have ever heard. So it may well be, after all, that John Lear and Bill Cooper and Paul Bennewitz, along with not a few others, are telling the truth.

But, we repeat, we do not intend to be the first to write or speak too much about it all.

*For one thing — there may be more than one side to the drama now being played out here.*

## REPORTS OF SIGHTINGS AND LANDINGS IN CENTRAL RUSSIA

ACCORDING to the July 1 issue of the SOVIET WEEKLY (published in London in English) various newspapers in Central Russia had recently carried reports that the rural calm of the Slav countryside had been rudely disturbed by 'Space Visitors' during June. On June 6, outside the village of Konantsevo, in the Vologda District (N.E. of Moscow. Lat. 59° 25 N., 40° 00 E.), children were reported to have seen a 'luminous dot' approaching them, becoming a 'shining sphere' as it got nearer.

The mysterious object is then said to have landed in a meadow and rolled towards the nearby river. The children were watching from a spot only 1/2 a kilometre distant.

The children claim that the object then split open, and "something resembling a headless person, in dark garb, emerged".

The craft is then said to have "melted into thin air", while the creature proceeded towards the village, before finally vanishing itself.

The children insisted that three more craft — two of them "manned" — later touched down on the same meadow, only to disappear in the same way as the first one.

Some days later, a "fiery ball" was sighted over Vologda, hovering over that city for 17 minutes before disappearing into the sky without attempting to land. And yet another UFO was spotted over Vologda on the following day.

Weeks later, a huge mysterious object was sighted hovering noiselessly, at a height of only 300 m, over the city of Cherepovetsk (59° 05 N, 37° 55 E), leaving a 'large luminous trail'.

(Credit and thanks to FSR Reader Edward Arratoonyan.)

That famous Californian insurance company UFO Abduction & Casualty have offered £6 cover if policy-holders get taken for an extraterrestrial voyage, for a premium of just £5 a year. Of course, they fully realize that it would be somewhat easier to prove you are the reincarnated Tutankhamun, but they helpfully throw in the cost of psychiatric aftercare.

A mad idea? Not really. The company has already coined £10,000 from people desperate for dinner-party topics.

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