"In the Australian incident, a small single-engined aircraft was flying over the Bass Strait, southern Australia, when the pilot radioed to the ground station that a rectangular object, giving off a green light, was flying above him. The object was very large, he said, and carrying four lights.

"Six minutes after his first radio report, communication between the pilot and the ground were cut off. Later searches by the Australian Navy and Air Force failed to find the plane or the pilot.

"Inhabitants of King Island, near the strait, also said they saw the object which they said was very large and flying very fast. They also reported the green light.

"Cha Leping, the CURO chairman, said: 'There seems to be some link between the UFO the Australian pilot saw and the one that appeared over Gansu province two days later. The descriptions tally — very large, rectangular and emitting a strong light.' "

**Speedy spraying object in Guangxi: another speculative link**

"In another sighting that strongly suggests a link with phenomena in other parts of the world, Fan Da, a farm official in Guangxi, south China, saw a silvery object on November 11, 1979. It was flying at high speed and apparently spraying some liquid or dust.

"A day earlier, a UFO matching the description of the one over Guangxi was reported to have forced a Spanish jetliner to make an emergency landing.

**Widely reported UFO identified as meteorite**

"In a recent article, Cha Leping has placed descriptions of the UFOs in three categories.

"He said 80 per cent of them appeared to be like a dish, a ball, a ring or egg-shaped, shining with a silvery light during the day and glowing orange or red at night. Several cases of UFOs trailing smoke have been reported.

"In the second category Cha Leping lists large rectangular objects — rarely seen — and in the third, UFOs that appear as spiral nebula, with a bright core and many small points of light around it.

"One UFO, which brought in 22 reports from Shanghai and the Chinese provinces of Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, Jiangxi and Fujian, has been identified with some confidence as a big meteorite.

"It entered the atmosphere over east China at about 10.45 p.m. on August 26, 1980, as a ball of fire and at an altitude of about 60 kilometres.

"It broke up into several fiery pieces, followed by a burning cloud of smaller debris. Two observations tracked its 1,000-kilometer descent over the Taiwan Straits and estimate it must have weighed at least 1,000 tons on entry."

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# "HAMBURGER" WITH LIGHTS OVER POOLE

*Leslie Harris*

**This case was investigated by Ron Lucas and the author, formerly editor of *Scan* magazine.**

OBTAINING corroborative evidence of a single-witness sighting is usually an impossible task and for that reason multi-witness sightings are eagerly sought by investigators anxious to prove the objective reality of UFOs. This report deals with a sighting at Poole in Dorset involving six witnesses, all nine year old boys, tender in years but mature enough to recognise an inexplicable phenomenon and to describe their experience with sufficient lucidity to indicate that a UFO of some kind was indeed present.

The incident occurred on November 13, 1980. The witnesses were Richard Gillson, Emmerson Road; Lee Perkins, Emmerson Road; Anthony Rayment, Denmark Road; Matthew Anderson, St. Mary's Rd; Vincent Jones, Green Road; Abdul Shahid, Green Road. All the boys were nine years old on the date of the sighting, all attend the same school, and all live fairly close to each other in Poole. One boy, Abdul Shahid, was not interviewed. Attempts were made to see him, but difficulties were experienced owing to the reserved and suspicious attitude of his guardians. All the boys we did see gave every impression of frank truthfulness, and it became clear that they did indeed witness a UFO phenomenon.

**The location**

The sighting occurred on a stretch of land bordering Poole Harbour known as Baiter Point. The land has been turned into a pleasure area with goal-posts provided in season for the use of the public.

**The sighting**

This is a general account using information supplied by all the witnesses interviewed.

The six boys were playing football after school (about 4.00pm) when Anthony Rayment, glancing up, saw the UFO. He shouted to draw the attention of the others to the object which was about twice the size of a helicopter and stationary at about 300ft (45°). It had the appearance of a hamburger (oval) with bumps,

and was bisected by a black line. The body of the object was of indeterminate colour (to be explained later) and red, yellow and blue lights were in evidence, seemingly mounted on some sort of "propeller" protruding from the object.

The underside of the object carried a red "poppy-shaped" configuration, and a yellow light beamed from a central protruding light source.

The object made either no sound or a low humming (to be explained later). After about three minutes the object began to rise, then flew slowly away on a diagonal course.

### Individual observations

Although the foregoing represents a composite picture of the incident, using all five accounts, the individual stories do contain conflicting statements and different impressions. Let us look at each feature of the sighting from the individual viewpoints of the five boys.

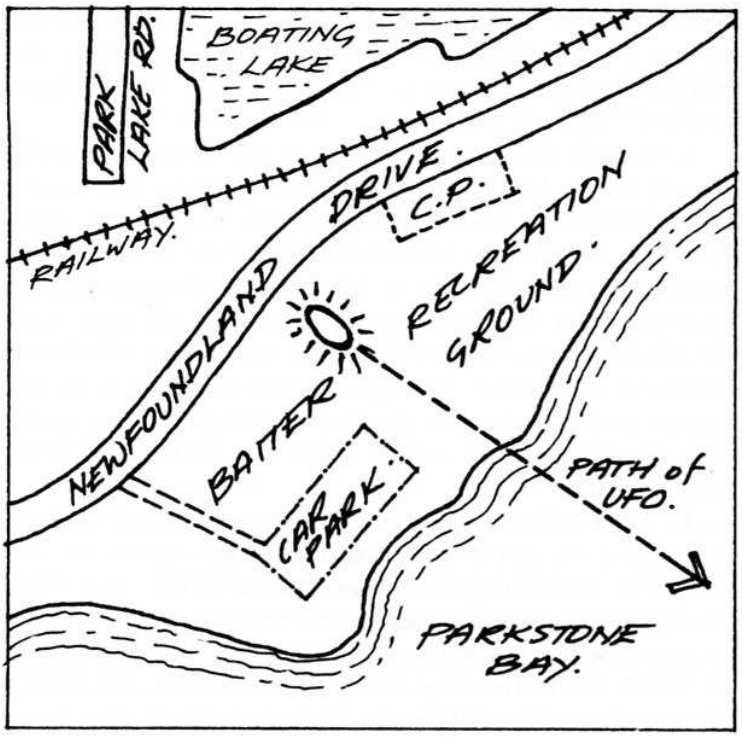
**1. Shape:** All agreed that the object was "hamburger-shaped" or oval. All agreed that the object had "bumps" which they found very difficult to describe. Anthony Rayment's version was that the object had "bumps on top" and a "jagged bottom," while Lee Perkins described "rows of bumps on top and bottom."

**2. Black Line:** Matthew Anderson, Richard Gillson and Lee Perkins all mentioned a black line bisecting the object across the centre. However Anthony Rayment described a "black surround to base."

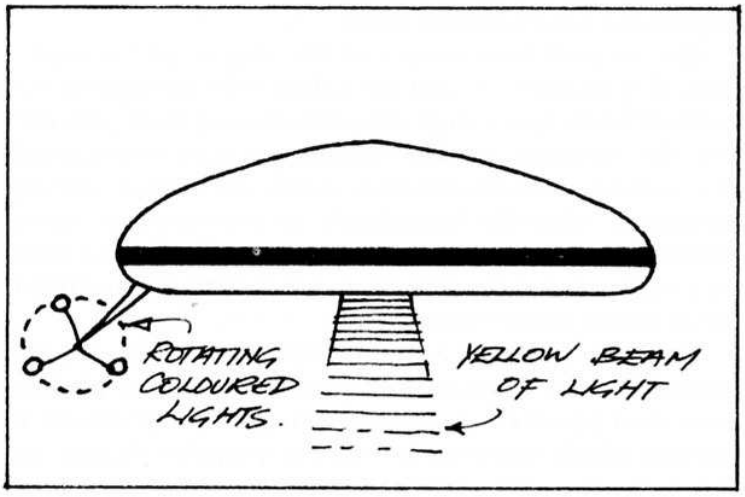
**3. Colour of Object:** Here there is a major contradiction in the accounts. Lee Perkins version is "whitey-grey," Richard Gillson — "silver-grey," Matthew Anderson — "red and green squares," Anthony Rayment — "red and green checks," Vincent Jones — "blue, yellow and red."

**4. Propeller:** Again there was a marked difference of opinion in describing this feature. Vincent Jones did not notice it at all. Richard Gillson described it as protruding diagonally downwards from the left side of the object, and carrying red, yellow and blue lights which were rotating at 2 rps. Lee Perkins was sure it protruded horizontally from the *right* side of the object, but agreed that it carried red, yellow and blue lights, although these changed colour and were stationary. Matthew Anderson's propeller also stuck out horizontally from the right side of the object, but he also described a second protrusion pointing downwards at right-angles to the first with a constant white light on the end.

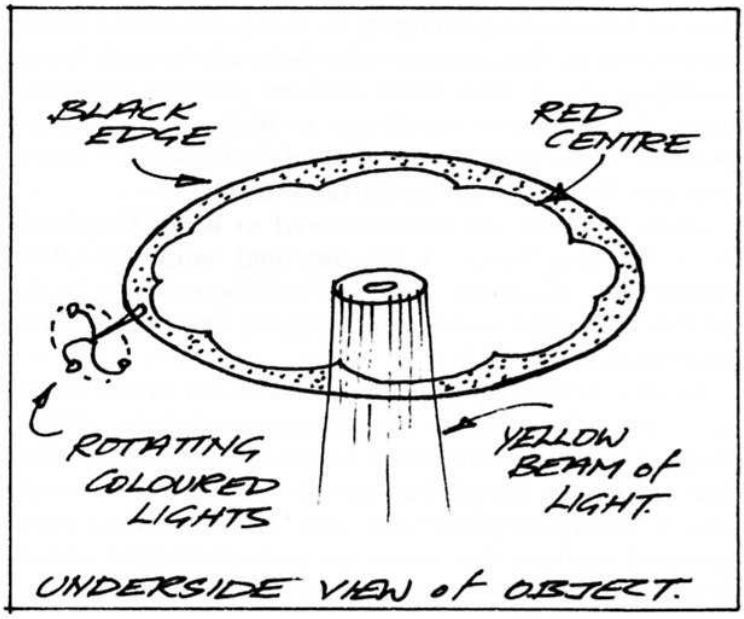
**5. Underside:** Anthony Rayment, who first saw the object and was apparently the closest to it, had a clear view of the underside. He described a red "poppy" shape surrounded by a black border, and a yellow light which shone from a protruding source in the




**The location of the sighting near Poole Harbour.**




**The object, based on the boys' descriptions.**



centre of the base. Richard Gillson also noticed the poppy shape, which, he said, grew dimmer before the object finally departed. None of the other boys noticed the underside.

**6. Sound:** Only one boy heard any sound from the object. He is Lee Perkins and he claims he detected a "low, humming sound." The others were quite sure that the object was soundless. However, a contradiction became evident here. Matthew Anderson told us that Anthony Rayment had said at the the time that he could hear a "sound like he'd never heard before." Anthony, of course, was apparently the closest to the object and therefore in the best position to notice any sounds. But he told *us* that there was NO sound from the object.

**7. After-effects:** None of the boys seemed unduly perturbed by their sighting. Only one spoke of unpleasant psychological after-effects. This was Lee Perkins who said he had been "excited, shocked and frightened" by what he saw. When he thought about it at home later that day, he had felt scared. He had a dream about the UFO in which it landed, two boys were taken on board and guns were fired. He woke up with a scream. After that, he began waking up about every other night, having screamed in the dream and woken himself up. By the time we saw him, Lee's night problems had ceased, although he admitted the memory of the sighting still scared him.

### Conclusions

Unfortunately, as far as we know, no adult witnessed this UFO. Anthony Rayment's mother came along to meet him just at the conclusion of the sighting to be greeted by six very excited boys, all talking at once about their experience. By the time she realised what had happened, the object had disappeared, although she did admit that there was no-one else about and that it was "spooky." So we are left with the testimony of five of the six boys present, all nine years of age, and with stories which tally in many respects but contradict in others.

Did they see a helicopter? Not if their descriptions are accurate for the shape and configuration of the UFO bear no relation to a helicopter, particularly in the matter of the lack of sound.

Did they invent the whole story? If they did they were far more cunning than one could reasonably expect of nine-year-olds. Why make conflicting statements regarding certain features of the object? We

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**New UFO books reviewed by . . .** *Janet & Colin Bord*

WITH a noticeable lack of close encounter cases nowadays, the attention of the UFO world seems to have turned towards abduction reports. The number of such reports is staggering — 500 in the United States alone, according to Budd Hopkins — and this seems to indicate a new trend in the behaviour of whoever or whatever is the cause of the UFO phenomenon. But anyone who believes he will learn anything about this cause and its possible motives from the abductees' evidence is likely to be disappointed: it is true to say that all "abduction" cases generate far more questions than answers.

Some of these are demonstrated in **Budd Hopkins'** book **Missing Time: A Documented Study of UFO Abductions** (Richard Marek Publishers, New York, $12.95, 258 pages, with photographs, drawings, notes, bibliography, index).

In this book Hopkins concentrates on seven cases from the nineteen he has investigated since 1976, most of them cases that will be new to the reader. The first surprising element is that the abductions are not recent: most took place years ago. That they were ever dredged up from the witnesses' memories came about because of puzzling incidents or time losses recalled by the witnesses, these being probed through hypnotic regression which revealed amazing details consciously forgotten by the witnesses. So if abductions really do take place as recalled by those involved, then this is definitely not a new development in UFO entity behaviour, but something that they have so far managed to conceal extraordinarily well. That interpretation demands that the content of the reports be taken at face value.

*But* — and here is one of the major, so far unresolved, questions — can we safely take abduction reports at their face value? Hypnotists and those attending the sessions usually remark on how convincing the witness was, in reliving terror and other strong emotions. Also the transcripts of the sessions seem convincing when read. And why, we ask, should anyone make up a story like that, one which is paralleled by so many other "stories"?

The phenomenon of UFO abduction revealed by hypnotic regression is itself paralleled by the phenomenon of past lives revealed by hypnotic regression, a pursuit which has become very popular in Britain in recent years. But careful detective work has now largely discredited this phenomenon as producing