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ENGLISH SUMMARY

UFO-OBSERVATIONS (pp. 162-167)

On 18 August 2005, driving near Kein Gaglow, a young man took a photo from inside a car and later discovered three dots on it. An analysis of the picture shows it just is dirt on the windshield. On 15 July 2005, several witnesses observed a „flickering orange light“ moving over Gaggenau – a fine description of a fire balloon. The same balloon had already been reported previously, by an independent witness (see Jufof 160). On 17 December 2005, a witness at Visselhövede spotted an „red orange thing in the sky“ which moved slowly, than increased speed and disappeared – another fire balloon. A woman interested in all kind of esoteric subjects observed an orange disc from her car which was hovering, on 23 October 2005, over Reilingen. Researchers were able to verify that it was caused by a large spotlight which was reflected on a cloud layer.

ABDUCTED BY ALIENS – PART 1 (pp. 168-175)

The author outlines his views regarding the research by Susan Clancy of Harvard University, on the reliability of abduction memories. Ms Clancy believes a mixture of sleep paralysis, combined with confabulation during hypnosis, and cultural influences, forms an umbrella explanation for the abductee for isolated incidents he brings into the form of a narrative. The author of the article criticises what he sees as scientific sloppiness in as far as Clancy did assume from the start that abduction memories are false memories, that the group of subjects selected was too small with only 11 people, and that Clancy does ignore all physical evidence for abductions. He points out other problems with the research but concludes that Clancy's work teaches researchers who take abductions verbatim an important lesson.

THE UFO WITNESS (pp. 176-186)

In UFO research, the witness report is all we can work with. It is important not to contaminate this report with the preconceptions of the researcher. The author outlines what is important in criminologist interviewing techniques, and how each researcher can use them to get the most information from a witness without influencing him or her.

BRIEF NOTES (p. 186)

Whitley Strieber's as yet unpublished novel „The Greys“ will be made into a movie.

REVIEWS (pp. 187-)

Dr Roger K Leir: UFO Crash in Brazil – Leir's report on the incident at Varginha, on 20 January 1996, where a UFO allegedly crashed and little creatures were recovered.

CUFOS: UFO Archive – Important CUFOS studies are now being made available on CD in PDF-format: Ted Bloecher's *Report on the UFO Wave of 1947* (a catalogue with 850 sightings), Isabel Davis and Ted Bloecher's *Close Encounter at Kelly and Others of 1955*, and, from various authors, *Using Concepts from UFO Studies to Teach Science*.

Susan A Clancy: Abducted – The well-written report on Clancy's investigation into false memories, and her ideas how UFO abductions are generated as a psychological and sociological phenomenon.