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ENGLISH SUMMARY

UFO OBSERVATIONS (pp. 34-36)

On 19 September 2012 the female witness noticed an unusual bright light while standing on the balcony of her house at Kronshagen. She took seven photos within a minute which show, on the left margin, a radio mast. As its height is known, the angular height of the bright light could be computed, and it corresponds to that of the bright star Arcturus.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS / PART 7 (pp. 35–48)

This section lists additional reports received by the GEP, mainly photographic cases. In most of these cases, the person taking the picture did not notice anything unusual at the time he or she took the photo, but only later noticed something unusual which he or she found difficult to explain. One case was the observation of a red bright ball over Munich on 29 December 2012, which was probably a fire balloon. A photo allegedly taken on 14 July 1989 over Lüdenscheid very much resembles an i-phone app UFO image superimposed on an old photo. The mysterious spot on a picture taken on 5 January 2011, at Sophiental, proved upon enlargement to be simply a bird. The “dark disk” on a webcam image from 9 December 2011, at Winterberg-Neuastenberg, is a camera effect where the sun’s image turned black due to overexposure to light. Pictures from Amalifi, Italy, taken on 16 June 2009, and from 27 August 2009, at Meransen, Italy, show birds and insects respectively. A photo from Berlin, from May 1st, 2009, shows a fire balloon, and another one – taken on 5 February 2009 at Schemmerhofen, just a dark cloud. A photo of a crop circle, from Marlborough, taken on 17 July 2008, is simply light reflected on a drop of moisture on the lens. Finally, an image taken on 27 July 2009 at Glashütten is classed as insufficient data, as the witness who supplied the photo did not cooperate with GEP.

THE COMETA REPORT – AN ANALYSIS (pp. 35–58)

The COMETA report is often classed as the official opinion of the French armed forces. Here, Klaus Felsmann outlines the content of the report – it includes a list of explained and unexplained UFO cases, some considerations of UFOs as natural phenomena, as well as long sections on how to deal with UFOs if they are shown to be extra-terrestrial vehicles. The report serves less as an introduction into UFO research than other books, and does contain little original research.

REVIEWS (pp. 59–64)

No English language books are reviewed in this issue.