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ENGLISH SUMMARY

UFO OBSERVATIONS (pp. 130–134)

In all three cases discussed the witnesses supplied photos. The first, taken on 18 June 2011 at Weiterstadt in Germany, allegedly shows a saucer with cupola which was immediately noticed after the picture was taken, although the UFO was no longer visible. This has been identified as a raindrop on car windshield; additional drops of water can be discerned in other areas of the image. The second UFO, a quadrangular yellow object, was also only later noticed on a photo taken on 3 February 2008 at Pathum Thani, Thailand, by a man who had photographed his girlfriend feeding fish. This object is very possibly just a slice of bread, thrown by another person to the fish. The UFO noticed by a man while looking at a picture he had made on 1 June 2014 at Pak Chong, Thailand, is an old friend: a bird flying through the frame.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS / PART 12 (pp. 135–145)

Hans-Werner Peiniger lists several reports received by the GEP. The strange sky object photographed on 27 May 2005 over Mülheim was identified as a con trail illuminated by the sun.

On 26 April 2014, a man accompanied by further witnesses, took several pictures of an elongated object that slowly neared the ground at Kaltenholzhausen. A later search at the possible impact site was futile. The object is identified as NEAR IFO, most likely a balloon. On a google earth image of Ettringen, taken on 8 May 2012, a man discovered what he thought was an anomalous light – but it simply was the reflection of sunlight by photovoltaic cells on a factory roof. Similar images can be found at other industrial sites on google earth.

To test his new camera, a man took several images of the moon on 11 January 2014 at Weimar. When he later examined the image, he discovered what he thought was a UFO – but it is only a lens flare.

A man took a photo through his window at Munich-Neuperlach on 24 September 2012 and later found it contained one or several UFOs. It is assumed the lights are only the reflection of a room light in a window – either accidentally or to test the GEP:

While hiking near Schliengen on 5 July 2013, a man observed a very bright UFO near the ground and took a photo of it. It is assumed to be the reflection of sunlight on a mirror surface on a roof.

UFOs OF THE HIGH SEAS (pp. 146–147)

André Kramer details two sightings made from ships, the first the famous sighting of a giant glowing globe witnessed by Thor Heyerdahl and the crew of the *Ra II* in the 1970s, the second an observation by Jean de Léry in 1558, on the voyage from Brazil to France. Léry saw “a giant flash of light” just when the sun set, which reflected in the sails and created a sense of warmth.

ETHICS AND MORALS IN TENSION BETWEEN SCIENCE AND BORDER SCIENCE (p. 148–151)

Alexander Waschkau who runs the German sceptical blog Hoaxilla, stresses the importance of listening to each individual witness – they often just want to know what they have seen, and do not need ridicule or a priori answers.

REVIEWS (pp. 152–158)

No English language books are reviewed in this issue.