

Sighting with Physical Traces on Zealand

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On 29 December 1994 SUFOI received a phone call from a 65 year-old pensioner (who we will refer to as CP) from Stensved near Vordingborg in the southern part of Zealand.

He could tell an unusual story about a mysterious light, a light beam, a strange and alien smell and perhaps a Ufonaut.

Mystical light

The witness had been up late on Sunday evening on 14 November 1994 playing cards and it wasn't until 12.30 am that he went to bed. The witness lives on the edge of town with his bedroom facing a green area near an orchard with fields behind it.

It was the old man's habit to look out through his window to see if he could see any wild cats that often came around his terrace, however on this evening his attention was caught by some lights in the orchard or just behind it. He estimates the distance to have been roughly 100-200 metres away. The light was rather puzzling to the witness because no one lives out from his house in that direction.

After about 10 minutes he observed a figure which was about 140-150 cm tall (4ft 5ins-4ft 7ins) with blond hair running past the garden about 5 metres from his window. The figure was wearing what he describes as a dark "*phantom suit*" i.e. close-fitting clothes. This baffled the witness since children are rarely to be seen in that area especially at night and on week days. That was all for that night.

CP was then awakened at about 4.45 am Tuesday morning 16 November by a call of nature when he heard a sound that resembled "*a Ronson lighter being scraped along a brick wall*" (!!??/editor).

The sound which emanated from the roof only lasted about 2-3 seconds. The witness got up and pulled the curtains away from the window to see if he could see a cause for this strange sound. However just as he opened the curtains there appeared a sharp beam of light down onto the terrace tiles in front of the window. The beam of light was round, approx. one metre in diameter and blindingly bright emanating at an angle from above. The pensioner was momentarily afraid but after 4-5 seconds the light became rusty red, weaker and then disappeared.

He then got dressed and approached the terrace door first and thereafter the front door but could not see anything. After this he proceeded to the bathroom window which he opened carefully poking his head out as far as he could. It was now that he noticed a strong smell which he describes as "*hot metal*" or "*metal boiling*". There was no further events so the witness albeit a little shocked went back to bed.

CP walked out in the garden in the morning to have a closer look at the area. When he looked up at the roof, he discovered two black stripes down the tile roof - stripes which he is convinced had not been there before. The roof is only a few years old and totally free of green algae and moss coatings towards the South where the stripes are. They are 3 - 4 m long and as wide as one roof tile, the two stripes are placed a metre apart.

This was the final straw so to speak which made Mr. CP contact SUFOI.

SUFOI'S Investigation

Scarcely a week after his sightings, the witness contacted SUFOI by telephone. During the next days the witness was visited by both Erling Hegelund and Toke Haunstrup. A report was done in connection to our visit, samples of the trace were taken plus an ordinary reference-test was also done.

When we visited the witness, the traces were faded to a grey and green colour and were no longer so conspicuous as the witness had seen them on Wednesday 16 November.

The samples from the roof were later subjected to two different tests. In the one test a part of the material was analysed under microscope by zoologist Lars Thomas.

In the other test the samples were subjected to X-ray-fluorescent analysis, which is an analysis that gives a picture of the composition of the elements in the samples. These analyses were done by lecturer Jens Laursen, The Physics Department, at The Royal Veterinary and Agricultural High School of Denmark situated in Copenhagen.

SUFOI contacted the military authorities in the area but neither the Home Guard at Stensved nor the military base in Vordingborg had any exercises in the area at the time in question. There also hadn't been any boy scouts or girl guides activities near by.

Analysis of the figure and the light beam

Mr. CP's first sighting was the swinging light beam, which he saw through a group of trees. CP who is used to seeing the headlights from cars which sometimes drive up and down on the little gravel road behind the orchard, claims that this light beam turned horizontally around at a height of 5-6 metres above the road and that it was flush with a slope on a field quite a bit behind the orchard. This field is full of winter crops and it is therefore unlikely that a farmer would be driving in the field in November.

The sighting of the 'boy' has several weak points. Partly because CP only caught a glimpse of the boy and partly because there were no street lights which could have illuminated the person. It seems therefore not unlikely that the person observed could have been a boy perhaps on his way home who decided to take a short cut through the green area which borders up to CP's garden. However considering the time, it was a little late for a boy to walk around in that area on a Monday morning, but these circumstances do not exclude this possibility.

Analysis of sound, light beam and smell

This part of the observation is difficult to explain. The sound could have been caused by an animal i.e. a bird on the roof or a smaller animal in the loft, but none of these possibilities seem likely. Larger birds i.e. crows and rooks don't fly around and land on roofs in the night and since the buildings are fairly new is it also unlikely that a housemartin or rat should have come through the brickwork and into the wooden lofts.

The light is equally difficult to explain. A signal flare or something similar would turn the whole area from night into day without giving a well-defined light. A light from a car placed on a generator by some boys or a 220 volt lamp would make the same kind of effect, but to balance on a roof at 4.45am and then turn a light on for 5 seconds sounds most unlikely.

The smell can be compared to the smell of a burned out clutch according to the witness. We have not been able to find a natural explanation for such a smell in a housing area in the middle of the night.

Microscopic investigation of the samples

Lars Thomas investigated the traces and the reference test under a microscope and compared the two samples. Based on this he concluded that there was organic matter present in both samples. Both green algae and lichen were found. The trace sample had the largest content of organic matter. Lars Thomas found no content of soot in the trace sample, which seemed to have been extremely hot.

The increased content of organic matter in the trace sample supported the theory which Lars Thomas suggested. In a comment to his own investigations he describes his suggestion for a natural explanation for the two stripes on the tiled roof:

"If other parts of the roof or other roofs nearby have algae, moss or lichen growth on them then there would be trace spores on these surfaces. A supply of nutrients and a few days of rain or overcast weather can be enough for a brief growth which then would die off after a short time as it becomes dry again...the nutrient supply doesn't have to be anything more than some bird droppings on the roof".

It also should be added to this theory that the south side (where the traces were to be found) was not overgrown with algae or anything similar to a meaningful extent (however there was a small amount of lichen growth). On the other side of the house which is north facing the roof was covered with algae and lichen (this is typical for a north-facing wall or roof).

It was Lars Thomas' conclusion that the trace samples from Stensved had an organic origin.

Analysis establishes sulphur, potassium and bromine

A scrape test of the traces was analysed and compared to a scrape reference test taken from another place on the roof.

The analysis shows that there was a series of elements in both tests.

The method of analysis used in this case was not 100% quantitative, however it gives an impression of the variations in the amounts of traces in the two samples. The sensitivity of the measuring method rises with the increase of the atomic number and the scale is logarithmic which means huge differences were registered.

From the graphs we can see that trace sample #2 contains more sulphur, bromine and potassium than the reference sample #1. In this context it is probably interesting to note the increased bromine content which is in the ppm area (millionth of a gram).

From the analysis we find it hard to conclude anything final especially because the reference sample, which is burnt clay, shows that it contains a long series of elements, among these various metals. Larger amounts of the metals in the trace sample would therefore be difficult to register with this partial quantitative measuring method.

We can therefore conclude that there could be a difference in the samples, however the most conspicuous differences (bromine, sulphur and potassium) could be caused by biological conditions mentioned by Lars Thomas.

Summary and conclusion

SUFOI's investigations in connection with the case from Stensved leaves us to conclude that the trace found on the tiled roof has in all probability an organic origin - and therefore has nothing to do with the light Mr CP observed.

With reference to the visual observations we can characterise the illumination on the terrace as the most interesting aspect of this case. This event is the most difficult to explain. In addition we can neither come up with a explanation for the sound, the smell nor the light beams from the night before.

It is of course regrettable that we yet again found no physical evidence for the existence of UFO's provided of course that UFO's have a physical origin, however this event has given us more experience in handling 'trace cases', an experience which could prove to be useful in the future.

Puzzling lights, spacemen and a psychic lady from Fyn

It was Monday 20 March 1995 when i received a call from Torben Birkeholm (TB). A man, it seems, had contacted him about an old case from 1978. During the interview it became apparent to TB that there was a little more to this case; there was. The witness, FH from Odense, appeared into the picture.

After TB had finished with the interview he handed his notes and the case over to me. I contacted the witness immediately and received the whole story, or at least I believe most of it, because the more the witness said, the more comprehensive the case became.

The story begins with a claimed physic lady who lives in Allesø just north of Odense. She has made appearances in both the local paper and on T.V where she explains about her abilities to see auras, look into the future and to heal. She also has quite a patient/clientele list and on Wednesday night holds an 'open house' so that anyone can come and talk about auras as well as other things. The physic lady also maintains that she comes from another planet, and that she has received her abilities from spacemen who quite frequently come visiting her.

Mr. FH and two girls AS and HT (all three in their twenties) had heard about the claimed space visits in Allesø and decided that they would take a look one evening and see if there was any substance to the talk. Two of them had visited the physic lady on an earlier occasion.

On Sunday evening around midnight they were sitting in a car looking out over a field which is situated between the hall at Allesø and the physic lady's house. 15 minutes later FH who was sitting in the car's front seat observed some white and red lights that were blinking over the field. This was then followed by a pillar of turquoise light which was only visible for a few seconds.

At about 12.30am all three noticed a light grey object which appeared in the field above a concrete ramp. The object seemed to be transparent since they could dimly see some trees through it. The trees were faintly lit from behind by some greenhouse lights which were situated behind them. The light grey object slowly became stronger in the light which was emanating from it making it much clearer to see.

Almost an hour passed while the three had been sitting in the car looking at the object, when it eventually moved towards the car. The object approached the car so closely that it actually embedded itself into the bonnet, however it was still transparent because the witnesses could make the contours of the background through it.

When the object was at it closest, all three could feel as if they were being lifted or sucked up towards the object, while at the same time hearing a strange high-pitched tone which emanated from the road.

They described the sound as being similar to the sound that you hear in some cars when you forget to use the seatbelts. HT, who was sitting on the back seat, started shouting which caused the object to slowly withdraw back across the field; at the same time they all heard a metallic sound akin to the sound you make when kicking metal. Just to make all three occupants check to see if it was any of them who were making the metallic sound.

The object which was still in the field divided itself into two hemispheres that were still connected (all three saw this), and a blue light appeared which went upwards in a fan shape (FH and AS saw this). There then appeared in the blue light an object which resembled a submarine (FH sees this). After this the two hemispheres came back together and resumed its original shape.

At the same time AS and FH observed a tube pointing downwards from the object and FH saw what appeared to be a torch moving over the object which only lasted for a few seconds.

Shortly after all the lights went out and the three witnesses drove home.

During the drive home AS and FH got the impression that they were being followed some of the way, however HT felt nothing. They stopped the car but saw nothing.

When they arrive home all three sat down and drew independently of each other everything they had seen. They were however in disagreement about the shape of the light grey object. It was FH's opinion that it was hemisphere shaped, while HS thought it was more the shape of a inverted soup tureen; HT however thought it was the shape of a lentil. What they do agree about though was that the outline of the object was very indistinct.

They were all a little shocked and talk about this until six o'clock in the morning.

The same day FH contacted SUFOI. When I talked to him he suggested that we both drive to the observation point. I then contacted Martin Lyck and Toke Haunstrup who were by chance in Odense. Both Martin and Toke were fresh and ready to take a night time observation at the scene. We then drove out to FH's apartment where we grabbed the chance to hear the story again and a few cups of coffee to help us stay awake. At about 11.30 pm we left the apartment and headed towards the place in question.

From around midnight to 1.15 am we were all at the sighting point without noticing anything strange or out of place, but we thought while we were there we could have a good look around; still nothing to be seen.

The next day I interviewed AS who had something to add to the original account. It would seem that at some time AS and a girlfriend had paid a visit to the physic lady, and while they were sitting talking AS thought she could see some glowing triangles which were flashing in the living room. She said nothing about it though until her girlfriend saw the same and it's while they are talking about it that the physic lady told them that the triangles are small spaceships. AS decided that it was a little too much and walked out to have a cigarette.

HT had seen the least during the sighting because she was very frightened and spent most of the time looking away, however she is sure that she saw the grey object in the reported time frame of the incident, and that it pulled her upwards when it was at its closest. She also saw the object divide and reform. The rest went unnoticed.

I contacted the physic lady and on Friday 24 March at 2.00 pm Martin and myself drove out to get a first-hand impression of it all.

The woman claimed that every now and again something landed to the side of her house on a concrete ramp out in the field and this had been happening since the 1940s (we had not told her of the other people that had seen the object above the concrete ramp). The woman claims that they are friendly beings that are helping the planet and

its population. She also claims that she is in constant telepathic touch with them and that they often come and visit her in her living room!

They fill her with energy which she uses for good purposes such as healing, and says that the people in Allesø are used to the visits but do not talk about it. Therefore, I wanted try to find out if the people in Allesø were really knee-high in UFO's.

With this in mind I contacted the nearest neighbours who all have houses bordering up to the field in question. The first neighbour was an elderly woman and when I asked her if she had seen any strange phenomena in the field she said no; not on the night in question nor at any other time.

The next neighbour was an aged man and when I asked him if he had seen any UFO's recently he replied that he didn't believe in God or UFO's and that it was all a load of old cobblers. I had to conclude that he hadn't seen anything either.

The third was a middle-aged man who lived a little further down the road; he answered all of my questions which amounted the to fact that he hadn't seen anything either.

The last chance was an old cabinet maker who lived on the other side of the field close to the hall in Allesø. He lives only 70 meters from the concrete ramp and has a clear view of everything out there from his kitchen window.

He told me that the concrete ramp was a station buffer stop which was built by the Germans during the war, and had himself seen a train drive to Allesø. But of any strange occurrences happening out on the field he had no knowledge.

None of the four knew the physic lady or of her alleged contact with aliens.

The conclusion to this story is no easier than many other cases. UFO societies have a hard time dealing with contact persons who claim to be visited frequently and communicating with aliens. The reason is that as a rule they are the only people who can see the visitors which makes these stories not quite so interesting to others.

The immediate credibility of the three witnesses is high, however they could have been influenced by the strong will of the physic lady and thus pieced small things together to create a sighting of a UFO. We will just have to wait and see if other witnesses come forward from this area.