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Excerpt from 'Initial report detailing possible Outside Context Problem at Banjawarn Station 1946' by Ernest Lyrach

Early this year (1946) the Warren brothers, owners of Banjawarn Station, discovered on the western edge of their property evidence of a large impact or explosion. This explosion or impact, hereafter referred to as the Event, had seemingly occurred several years earlier between 1941 - 1944. At this time the Warren brothers were enlisted in the war effort, and none of their staff can recall any noticeable phenomena related to the Event. This is, frankly, bizarre. The Event must have been noticeable for several hundred kilometres in each direction, and yet there are no witnesses to it occurring, and no scientific equipment on the continent appears to have recorded any evidence the Event either. The landscape in the area surrounding the impact of explosion has been the subject of much trauma. Trees in the vicinity are stripped of their branches and laid out on the ground facing away from the epicentre of the Event. There is some evidence of extremely high temperatures and pressures occurring in the area. In some places there is evidence of severe earthquake-like phenomena, despite the lack of tectonic activity on the Australian continent, let alone the area surrounding Banjawarn Station. To put this Event into proportion, I hypothesise that it was similar in energy to between 10 and 15 megatons of TNT exploding in the atmosphere above the area, or close to one thousand times the magnitude of the nuclear device dropped by the Americans on Hiroshima at the end of the war. At the request of the Warren family I have been allowed access to the site of the Event. Below is a list of material

discovered within a ten kilometre radius of what I believe to be the epicentre of the Event. Further expeditions and research are required in order to clarify what appears to be contradictory geological evidence included in this list. Please see page four of this report for my proposal for a funded expedition to the site which I believe will be able to resolve these aforementioned contradictions.

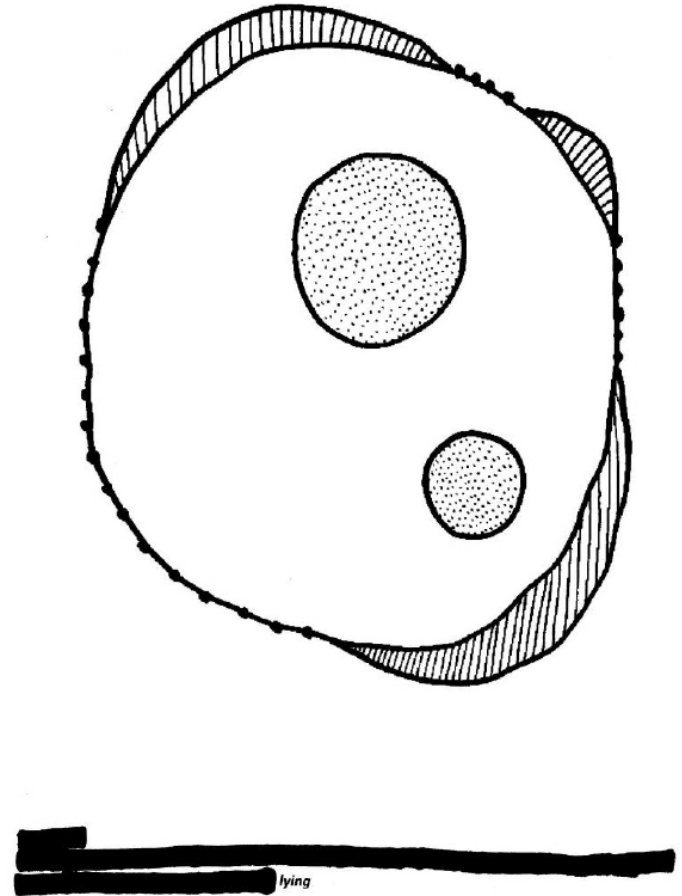
List material discovered at impact site of Event 01/04/1946

1. Rusted iron and nickel alloys. Slightly radioactive.
2. Lead mass. No refraction.
3. Iron fragments. Magnetised.
4. Breccia. Fine Matrix.
5. Diaplectic glass. Shattered.
6. Stishovite. Somehow polished.
7. Tektites. Also polished.
8. Mercury and gold amalgam. Pooled on surface.
9. Powdered Sulphur. No odor.
10. Glacial moraines. Fresh.
11. Diamond. No visible flaws.
12. Nickel. Pure.
13. Skeletal remains. Undetermined megafauna.
14. Tar. Unknown origin.
15. Pallasite. Gridded.
16. Pockmarked rock surfaces. Evidence of acid rain.
17. Fossilised wood. Scorched.

18. Termite mounds. Unusual construction.

19. Compacted areas. Evidence of gravity distortion.

20. Carbon impressions. Organic in origin.



-OAHU
-THULE
-KRAKATOA
-XIBALBA
-AXISMUNDI
-KOLOB
-HY-BRASIL
-BALTIA
-LEMURIA

THE ISLAND

GALLERY 2

LIST OF INSTRUCTIONS TO RECREATE THE ISLAND, DISCOVERED AMONGST MATERIAL PURCHASED FROM THE AUCTION OF A DECEASED ESTATE IN 2015.

1. IT MUST BE BRIGHT.
2. IT MUST BE BEAUTIFUL.
3. IT MUST BE UNIMAGINABLE.
4. IT MUST BE PERFECT.
5. IT MUST BE PURE.
6. IT MUST MAKE YOU HAPPY.
7. IT MUST MAKE OTHERS HAPPY.
8. IT MUST BE ELSEWHERE.
9. IT MUST SING.
10. IT MUST INSPIRE FEAR.
11. IT MUST INSPIRE HOPE.
12. IT MUST TRANSCEND YOUR ABILITY TO COMPREHEND IT.
13. IT MUST BE JOYFUL.
14. IT MUST BE INFECTIOUS.
15. IT MUST BE FREE OF SIN.
16. IT MUST HURT.

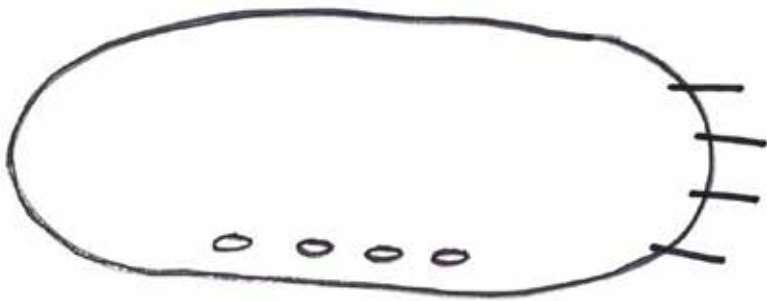
- 17. IT MUST IMPOSSIBLE.
- 18. IT MUST SCREAM.
- 19. IT MUST STEAL YOUR WORDS.
- 20. IT MUST NOT ESCAPE.

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Ascension Island

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Rules of ECCO:

- 1) You must know/assume/simulate our existence in ECCO
- 2) You must be willing to accept our responsibility for control of your coincidences.
- 3) You must exert your best capabilities for your survival programs and your own development as an advancing/advanced member of ECCO's earth-side corps of controlled coincidence workers. You are expected to use your best intelligence in this service
- 4) You are expected to expect the unexpected every minute, every hour of every day and of every night.
- 5) You must be able to maintain conscious/thinking/reasoning no matter what events we arrange to happen to you. Some of these events will seem cataclysmic/catastrophic/overwhelming: remember stay aware, no matter what happens/apparently happens to you.
- 6) You are in our training program for life: there is no escape from it. We (not you) control the long-term coincidences; you (not we) control the shorter-term coincidences by your own efforts.
- 7) Your major mission on earth is to discover/create that which we do to control the long-term coincidence patterns: you are being trained on Earth to do this job.

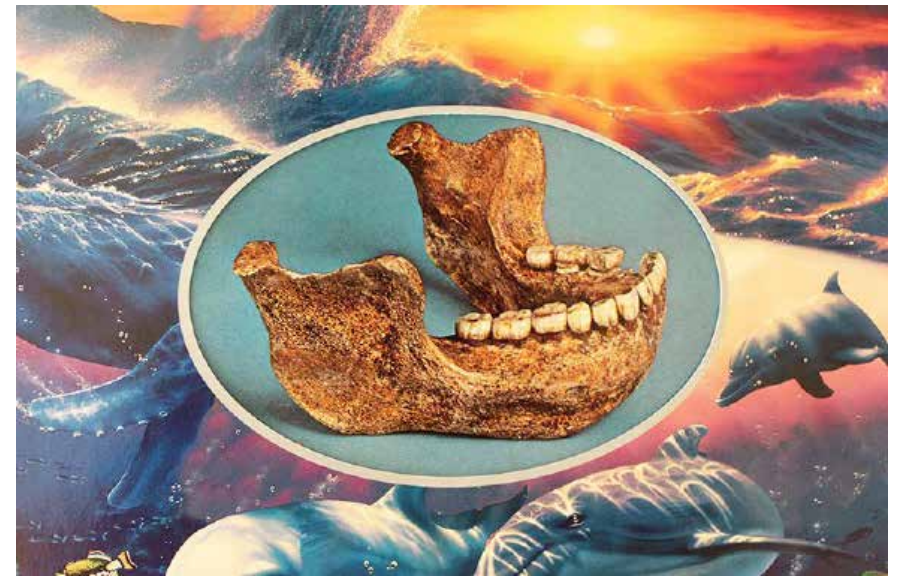


8) When your mission on planet Earth is completed, you will no longer be required to remain/return there.

9) Remember the motto passed to us (from GCC via SSCU):

“Cosmic Love is absolutely Ruthless and Highly Indifferent: it teaches its lessons whether you like/dislike them or not.”

- John C. Lilly, *The Dyadic Cyclone* (1976).





ECCO timeline.

50000000 years ago: Early ancestors of dolphins and humans appear on land.

10000000 years ago: After the early ancestors of humans become genetically distinct from them, dolphins return to the sea.

1324: All sturgeons, whales and dolphins in British waters are declared the property of the Queen.

1660: A ship sinks in the Dover straits. The only survivor is a man named Hugh Williams.

1767: Another ship sinks in the Dover straits. The only survivor is a man named Hugh Williams.

1820: A ship capsizes on the Thames. The only survivor is a man named Hugh Williams.

1835: Mark Twain is born as Halley's Comet passes by Earth.

1895: The only two cars in Ohio crash into each other.

1898: Morgan Robertson writes *Futility, or the Sinking of a Titan*, which tells the story of a monstrous ocean liner, which sinks after hitting an iceberg 400 miles off the coast of Newfoundland at 22 knots.

1902: Mark Twain dies, as he predicted, when Halley's Comet passes Earth again for the first time since his birth.

1912: The RMS Titanic sinks after striking an iceberg 400 miles of the coast of Newfoundland at 22.5 knots.

1914: After a series of coincidences an assassin manages to kill Archduke Franz Ferdinand, setting into motion a series of events that results in the first World War. The license plate of the vehicle he dies in is A111118.

The British Navy convert a passenger liner, the RMS Carmania, into a makeshift war vessel. In order to go undetected, they disguise it as a German passenger liner, the SMS Cap Trafalgar. It sails to Brazil, where it sinks a German vessel off the coast of Brazil. The ship it sinks is the SMS Cap Trafalgar, converted by the Germans into a makeshift war vessel. In order to escape detection they had disguised it as a British vessel, the RMS Carmania.

1918: WW1 armistice is signed. The date is the 11/11/18, (A111118)

1922: Construction of the Hoover Dam begins. Over the course of its construction 112 people will die. The first is a man named J. G. Tierney, on December 20th.

1934: While walking down a street in Detroit a man named Joseph Figlock catches a baby who has fallen from a high window.

1935: While walking down the same street Joseph Figlock catches the same baby who has, again, fallen from the same window. Construction of the Hoover Dam is completed. The last man to die is J.G. Tierney's son, Patrick Tierney, on December 20th.

1940: A ship is destroyed by a German mine. The only survivor is a man named Hugh Williams.

1950: Soviet Russia begins its secretive weaponised dolphin training program.

1960: USA begins its own dolphin training program.

1965: John C. Lilly gives Margaret and Peter LSD.

1973: Lilly posits the existence of ECCO in his autobiography *The Centre of the Cyclone: An Autobiography of Inner Space*. The same year the film *Day of the Dolphin* is released, despite Lilly's attempts to suppress it.

1974: The Dolphin Embassy is proposed by Ant Farm in *Esquire Magazine*. Neville Ebbin is killed after being struck by a taxi while riding his moped in Bermuda.

1975: Erskine Ebbin, the younger brother of Neville, is killed exactly one year after his brother, on the same street, on the same moped, after being struck by the same taxi, which was being driven by the same driver and was carrying the same passenger.

1978: The Dolphin Embassy project is discontinued. ECCO butterfly breeding program begins. Hundreds of butterflies are dropped from aeroplanes around the world in the hope that the movement of their wings might instigate a greater number of coincidences. The largest concentration of butterflies are dropped off the east coast of South America.

1979: Super Typhoon Tip forms. It is as large as half of the North American Continent and makes landfall in Japan, causing large-scale flooding. The storm leaves 11,000 people homeless. The ECCO butterfly breeding program is discontinued.

1980: Lennon shot.

1981: Immediately after giving a speech on the inevitable and random nature of death, astronomer Daniel du Toit chokes to death on a breath mint.

1984: Douglas Adams publishes *So Long and Thanks for all the Fish*.

1991: The Soviet Union collapses. Its dolphin training program is taken over by the Ukrainian government.

2001: John C. Lilly passes away. ECCO members around the world celebrate.

2002: Two seventy year old men are separately struck and killed by lorries 600km outside of Helsinki. It is later discovered that the men were identical twins.

2010: BP Oil Spill. Michael Dick travels to Sudbury, Suffolk in search of his estranged daughter, who he has not seen for ten years. She makes contact after spotting herself in the background of a photograph of him in the local newspaper.

2012: Near the Gulf of Mexico a dolphin is discovered stranded. Later scientists discover that she is deaf, but is able to understand some forms of sign language.

2014: After the Crimean Crisis Russia takes back control of the Ukrainian dolphin program.

2015: In the attic of a heritage-listed building in Fremantle, Western Australia, the office of a now deceased member of ECCO is discovered. The contents of this attic, along with the estate of the ECCO member, is sold at auction.

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