

CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH UFO FLEET

SCARS TWO WOMEN

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AN INCREDIBLE UFO sighting has left two women and a seven-year-old boy suffering from the terrible effects of radiation poisoning.

One of the victims, Betty Cash, 52, has been forced to move from her home after the terrifying encounter with a 24-strong fleet of alien craft.

She has suffered an agonizing headache for more than three months since the incident; strange lumps have appeared on her head and neck, and a lot of her hair has fallen out.

Her companion, Vickie Landrum, 56, has started losing her sight, and even Landrum's grandson, Colby, is suffering eye problems. "He still has nightmares," his shocked grandmother adds.

At first, the two women kept quiet about their amazing experience because they thought "people would laugh at us and say we were crazy."

But now, veteran UFO investigator Bill English says: "It's an incredible, but an unimpeachable, case of three ordinary people who find themselves suddenly caught up in events stranger than the wildest science fiction."

Their nightmare began last Dec. 29 as they drove along a lonely country road about 30 miles from Houston, Texas.

Suddenly, "an extremely bright, luminous object" appeared in the night sky.

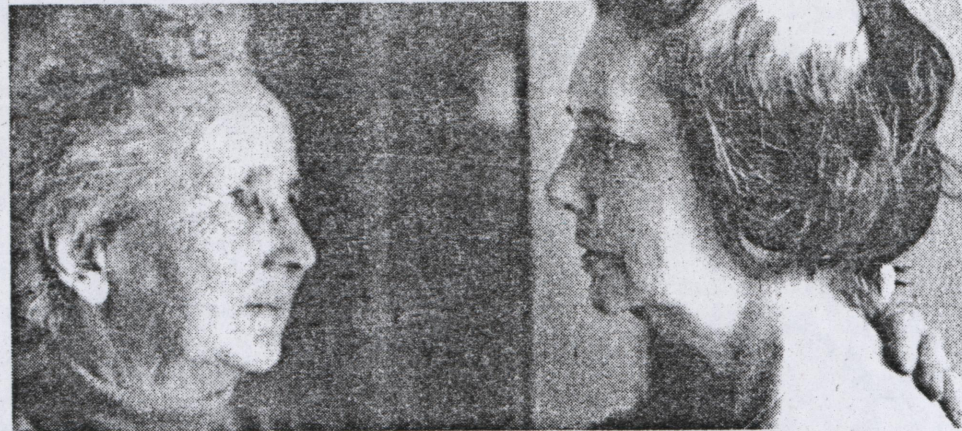
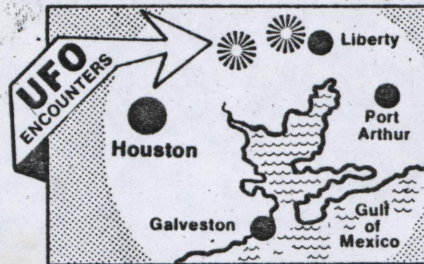
"It just kind of exploded from nowhere," Landrum recalls. "It kind of hovered over the road, blocking our path."

"It was so bright that we could not tell what was the source of the light."

Cash stopped the car, then felt an incredible surge of heat strike her from the light. "It hit like a physical blow," she told GLOBE.

"If we hadn't stopped, I'm sure we would have run into the thing and probably burned up."

"The outside temperature was about 40 degrees, but I had to turn the air conditioner on — and we could



LANDRUM (left) and CASH comfort each other after bizarre UFO nightmare. Arrow on map indicates scenes of terrifying encounters.

still feel the heat."

Landrum says: "The thing where the fire was coming from looked to be about the size of a water tank. Colby kept telling us it looked like a diamond with one end rounded off."

She told GLOBE: "The first thought that came to mind was that the world was ending."

Both women felt a sudden compulsion to approach the blinding object. "Betty got out and started to walk toward it," Landrum says.

"I started to get out, too, but my grandson was crying and carrying on so that I went back to calm him." Cash went several yards before the heat forced her back.

For another 15 minutes, the mysterious object hovered in front of them before drifting away toward Houston. The three victims drove on but after three miles they

"and there was a burning sensation that seemed to pierce my body."

"I haven't been free of that headache for more than a half hour since."

By next morning, she had developed knot-like boils the size of 50-cent pieces on her neck and head. The lumps keep returning, oozing a clear, warm fluid. Then patches of hair began falling out.

Meanwhile, Landrum says, she and Colby "felt as though we had a bad sunburn around the face and neck. I lost some hair, but most of it has grown back."

Landrum's doctor told GLOBE that she suddenly began developing cataracts.

Yet she adds: "Betty got the worst of it because she got out of the car to investigate."

Cash spent most of January in Parkview Hospital, Houston, but her condition baffled doctors because she didn't tell them about the UFO encounter.

"I finally told them the second time I went in," she

plain the extraordinary incident. English says he believes the helicopters were "unmanned probes," some-

heard "a terrible roaring sound," says Landrum.

"We saw what looked like helicopters circling around the object." Cash counted 23 of them... "I counted them to help me think I wasn't going crazy."

The women watched the craft maneuvering for a time before the mystery light and the "helicopters" vanished.

The three then drove home to Humble, Texas. "When I got home I had a splitting headache," says Cash,

thing like our moon landers, that were attached to the main UFO.

GLOBE's research reveals that another diamond-shaped object was sighted at the end of November on a country road at Liberty, about 40 miles from the spot where the light confronted Cash and Landrum.

One witness, Liberty realtor Nellie Zedick, 58, who was traveling with her daughter and son-in-law, says: "We didn't get closer than a mile or so, and it kept moving, but it was definitely diamond-shaped with a slight rounding at one end."

Meanwhile, Betty Cash has been forced to postpone plans to open a restaurant and has moved to Fairfield, Alaska, to recuperate.

She says: "I just hope and pray I get better soon."

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Her doctor, who asked GLOBE not to publish his name, says: "She had all the signs of radiation poisoning when I first examined her, but I thought that ridiculous and dismissed it."

"Then, when she told me what she had seen — and felt — it made sense."

The women's story has "totally convinced" veteran UFO investigators Bill English, of the Aerial Phenomenon Research Organization in Tucson, Arizona, and John Schuessler, a top NASA engineer in Houston.

Their investigation, backed by GLOBE checks of military installations in the area, reveals no aircraft movements that night to ex-

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