

# 'Lord Crackpot'

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SKY-WATCHING peer Lord Clancarty doesn't just SUSPECT that flying saucers and beings from outer space are visiting Britain—he's "damned sure" of it.

And, what's more, he has literally THOUSANDS of sightings from all over the world to back his claims.

But the guardians of Whitehall's innermost secrets are implacably opposed to most of his ideas and theories.

They insist the 70-year-old peer is nothing more than a time-wasting eccentric.

Each time they receive one of his pestering letters, they groan and flinch, duck and dive.

But the correspondence is difficult to ignore when it comes on House of Lords note-paper from William Brinsley le Poer Trench, eighth Earl of Clancarty.

And next week it could become impossible to ignore if he succeeds in enlisting the House of Lords in his campaign.

This long-running feud between him and the keepers of locked filing cabinets is no mere administrative quarrel.

It is a tussle of cosmic, inter-galactic proportions.

The men from the Ministry who monitor Britain's skies insist we are being visited by nothing more sinister than twinkling meteorites, weather balloons and sparks of badly behaved lightning.

# and the great cosmic cover-up



Lord Clancarty: "It's a Whitehall cover-up"

sightings over Britain between 1978 and 1981.

The earl is no wild-eyed newcomer to the ranks of flying saucer enthusiasts.

that. I've developed a thick skin, and those tactics don't bother me in the least.

In fact, he's sure it's all part of a deliberate cover-up.

"There are literally hundreds of sightings in Britain every year, and I accept that the vast majority of them can be explained by aircraft, balloons and tricks of the light," he says.

"But there is still a solid body of unexplained evidence which cannot be dismissed lightly.

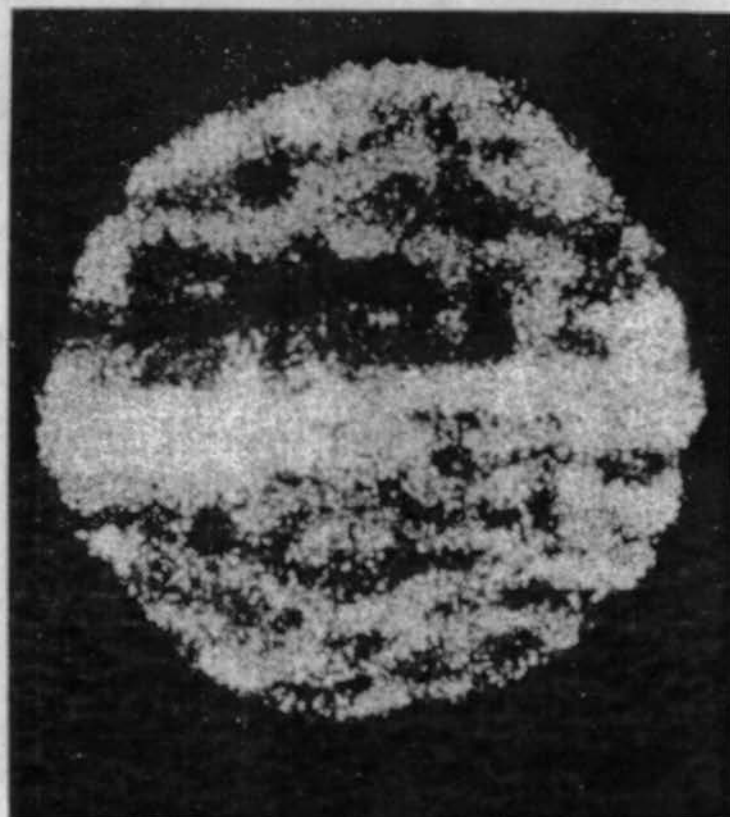
"It's Government policy to try to pour cold water on the reports of these sightings."

five flying saucers with them, and gave Eisenhower a display of their flying skills and their supernatural abilities to become invisible then reappear.

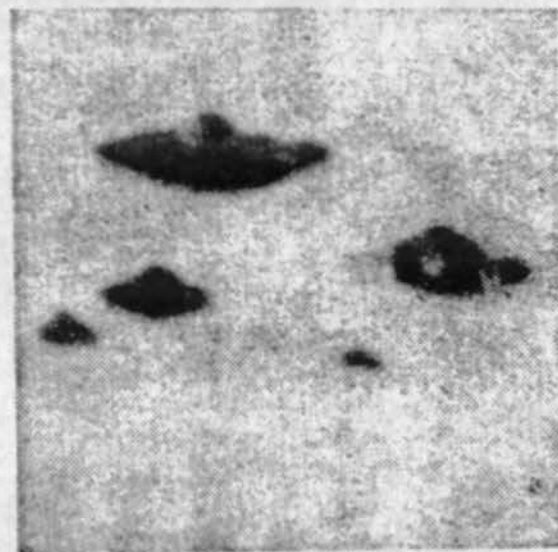
"But that meeting decided it would all be too much of a sudden shock for mankind to cope with, and they agreed to break the news gently over the course of many years.

## Nuclear

"UFO's have been making more and more frequent appearances over Earth since we exploded our first nuclear bomb, and they are often spotted flying close to our nuclear power installations.



SPOTTED . . . over New Zealand, Dec. '78



SPOTTED . . . Sheffield 1963