

Sketchy

"Rubbish!" is Lord Clancarty's reply to that.

"It's all a cover-up," he claims confidently.

Because officials have given only sketchy explanations and evasive answers about the inquiries, they will be asked in the House of Lords next week, to reveal how many files of the thousands of sightings have been stamped "Top Secret" in the interests of national security.

Lord Clancarty, leader of the peers, is determined to call a full House of Lords debate on UFOs after getting defence officials to admit they examined reports of 2,250

A former executive for respected technical aviation magazines, he has written four books on the subject of UFOs, and they were world-wide top sellers.

He has also spent more than three decades carefully researching UFO reports from as far afield as South America and Siberia.

As a founder member of a world-wide network of flying saucer investigators—called Contact—Lord Clancarty uses his elegant London home, just off Belgravia's Eaton Square as a command post for harassing civil servants.

"I know they dismiss me as dotty and a bit of a crackpot," he admits happily.

"I'm quite used to

And before anyone is tempted to shake his or her head in disbelief, remember it is all the result of 30 years of research—endless talks with pilots, UFO spotters, scientists on both sides of the Atlantic and military experts, plus a long study of some breath-taking, authentic Pentagon and FBI records only recently taken off the secret list in Washington.

Lord Clancarty reveals, quite matter-of-factly: "Beings in flying saucers landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California in 1953 and had talks with President Eisenhower.

"This information comes from a United States Air Force pilot who was asked to be present as a technical adviser.

"The beings brought

I believe they are our distant ancestors and put mankind on Earth back in the beginning of history. Now they are coming back to keep a friendly eye on us to make sure we don't blow ourselves to pieces in a nuclear holocaust."

It will be such a pity if Lord Clancarty manages to take a House of Lords crowbar to Whitehall's locked filing cabinets and finds only reports—in triplicate, of course—about falling stars, flickering helicopter lights, hallucinations and hoaxers...

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RIDDLE OF AN ORANGE CLOUD

MANY UFO sightings remain unexplained by the Ministry of Defence and other investigators. Here are some of them.

MAY 1981: More than 100 separate UFO sightings were logged around the Mofat Hills, Dumfries, during a six-week period.

Many of the sightings were by volunteers working for the Eskdalemuir Observatory, where a spokesman said: "We have investigated everything from swirling, saucer-shaped objects to orange and red triangles. We can't explain the sightings, and we take them seriously."

Meteors

AUGUST 1981: Ambulance-men at Hungerford, Berkshire, watched "an extremely bright light" flying low across the clear night sky. It made no sound, but seemed to separate into two halves, which then travelled side by side before disappearing.

There were no aircraft in the vicinity, and astronomers said there were no meteors or

shooting stars in the sky that night.

SEPTEMBER 1981: Two policemen and more than 20 members of the public reported a cigar-shaped object hovering over Todmorden, Yorkshire, on several different nights.

No explanation was offered by the Ministry of Defence.

NOVEMBER 1981: The British Flying Saucer Research Bureau announced that it was investigating a spate of UFO reports over Bath and Stroud, Somerset.

One report came from a motorist who claimed that as he drove under a mysterious orange cloud, his mileometer, watch and digital pen/clock all moved backwards!

DECEMBER 1981: Police, coastguards and experienced yachtsmen along the Sussex coast reported white lights hanging low over the sea.

There were additional reports of five small white lights encircling a single big one, which vanished as suddenly as they had appeared. Aircraft and planets were ruled out.

JANUARY 1982: Two off-

duty U.S. Air Force ground crew members reported watching "a slow-moving, brightly-lit disc shape" over Hunstanton, Norfolk.

Checks on aircraft movements drew a blank, and the object did not appear on radar screens.

FEBRUARY 1982: A retired naval commander reported "a pulsating orange light" flying over Warwick, where dozens of UFOs have been sighted in recent years.

Keen

He said the orange light was too fast to be a plane, and as a keen amateur astronomer he discounted any possibility that it could have been a shooting star or meteorite.

MARCH 1982: A "lozenge-shaped" UFO was spotted by two policemen as it hovered over Milton Keynes, Bucks.

The object—emitting blue, red and white lights and making a humming noise—was reported to the Ministry of Defence. They said it was probably a plane, but the policemen disagree.



SPOTTED ... over Birmingham, Feb. '78