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In 1959, 38 people at a seaside mission station in Papua New Guinea, observed an extraordinary spectacle, which included the sightings of human-like beings aboard a mysterious craft and contact with them.

Witnesses reported seeing a glowing, circular object with something like eggs projecting downward from the bottom, a shaft of blue light aimed upward from an upper deck and four human-like figures moving around behind a railing on top.

At about 3.45 pm, June 26, the Reverend William Booth Gill, an Anglican priest and missionary, saw a sparkling object in the sky descend toward earth.

In addition to the Mother Ship, as Gill called the brightest object, three other glowing discs appeared and disappeared within three hours.

According to Father Gill, he and other witnesses saw four human-like beings moving in the upper portion of the largest UFO.

Waving

The Mother Ship, large, clear and stationary, was about 300ft from the witnesses. Said Gill: "As we watched... men came out from this object and appeared on top of it, on what seemed to be a deck on top of the huge disc. There were four men in all."

UFO investigator Ronald D. Story is convinced that some of the craft sighted in recent years are more than mere illusions.

He says: "We don't know if intelligence has developed elsewhere in the universe, but there are bound to be some inhabitable zones out there."

In these excerpts from his new book, *Sightings: UFOs And The Limits of Science* (William Morrow and Co), Story cites what he considers two of the most convincing cases which keep the UFO mystery alive.

The next evening when the UFOs returned and the human-like figures appeared on the Mother Ship, Gill made contact.

"I stretched my arm above my head and waved," he said. "To our surprise, the figure did the same." The priest and another witness waved again and "all four seemed

to wave back," said Gill. "There seemed to be no doubt that our movements were answered.

"Then the UFO began slowly to become bigger, apparently coming in our direction. It ceased after perhaps half a minute and came no further." By 7.45 pm, the objects had disappeared from the sky.

Series of sightings

RONALD STORY describes a series of sightings in New Zealand, involving simultaneous radar-visual-photographic observation.

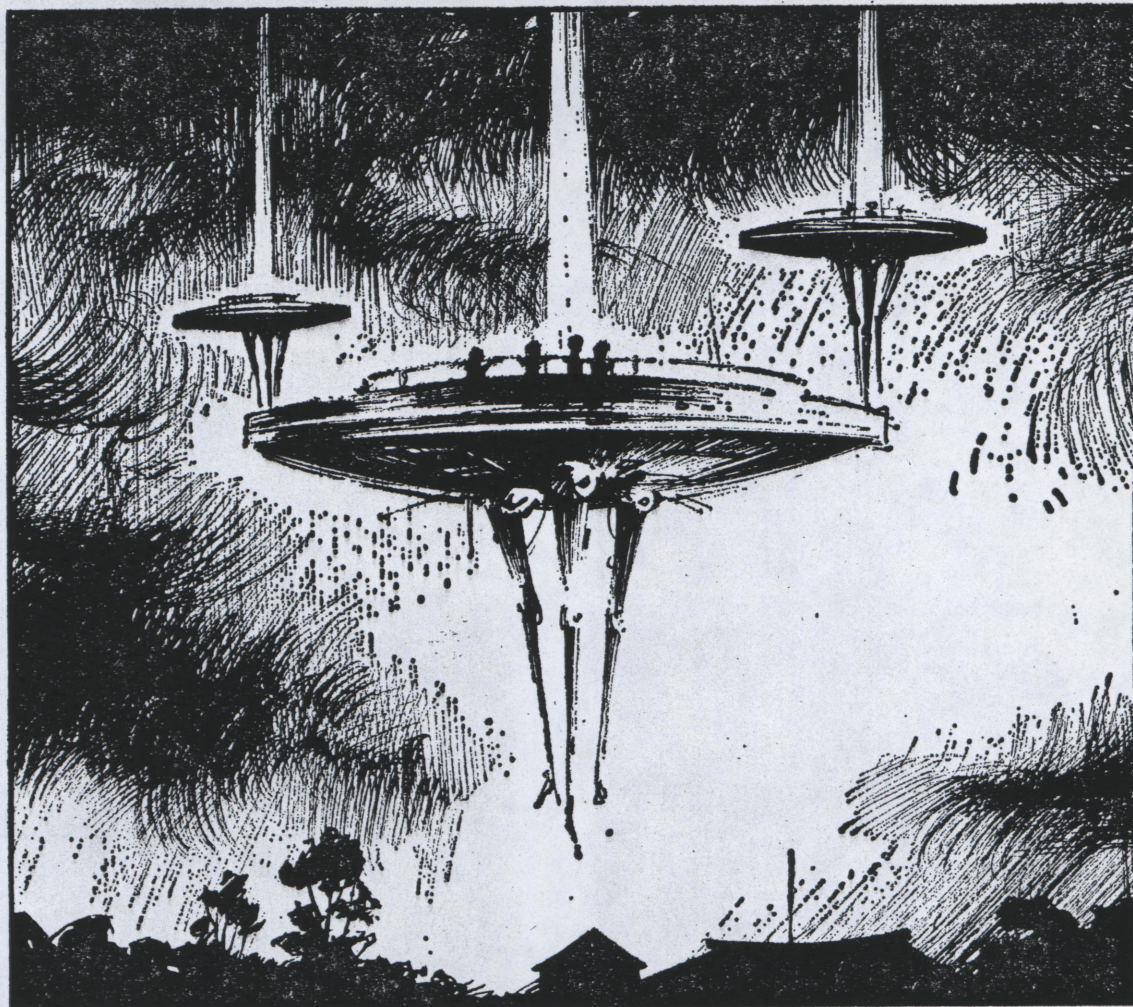
The objects were described as saucer or egg-shaped with rotating bands of red light going around the white or yellowish-white globules of light and one was said to have a "transparent sphere on top with a brightly lit saucer-shaped bottom".

The sightings began around 12.30 am De-

cember 21-22, as an Argosy cargo plane left Blenheim en route to Christchurch.

Captain John Randle reported "a number of white lights similar to landing lights" in the sky. Five objects were confirmed by Wellington Air Traffic Control (WATC) but were unexplained.

Around 3.30 am, a second Argosy, flying approximately the same course as the first, encountered UFOs. WATC received



five strong returns. Captain Vern Powell blurted over the radio: "Something is coming toward us at tremendous speed on our radar. It has travelled some 15 miles in five seconds (about 18,800 mph)."

WATC reported that one object paced the Argosy for 12 miles before disappearing off their radar screens. An Australian tele-

vision channel decided to do a feature story on Powell's experience. On December 30, at 11.46 pm an Argosy freighter piloted by Captain William Star tup, left Wellington for Christchurch with reporter Quentin Fogarty and a camera crew on board.

At 12.10 am, some unusual lights were spotted in the sky. "There were bright

globules of light pulsating and expanding and lighting up the foreshore..." Fogarty reported.

Those on board witnessed a spectacular UFO display.

A week after the sightings, the film was sent to the US for scientific analysis by the NICAP (National Investigation Committee On Aerial Pheno-

mena). Dr Bruce Maccabee, a Navy physicist, presented his findings to experts, but none was able to explain the sightings.

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M'lord believes UFO envoys worry for us

As Britain reels from the shock of the Falklands invasion, and as its Government staggers from economic crisis to economic crisis, the House of Lords will be deep in debate on flying saucers!

A debate on UFOs is being instigated at the Westminster Parliament next week by the Earl of Clancarty, the doyen of the flying saucer world.

The eccentric earl, who first appeared on earth in 1911, explained: "I think we are on the verge of an official landing on earth from extraterrestrial beings from the galaxies.

"There is so much happening at present and I am sure we are going to get more of it.

Watching us

"Reports are coming in from all over the world—from Australia to Siberia. It seems to be developing into a climax.

"My theory is that with our nuclear and pollution problems there is concern for us in the regions of outer space and they have sent messengers to keep an eye on us.

The earl is chairman of the House of Lords UFO study group and there are a few peers who have cast doubts on his sanity.

"Some people, especially those in the Defence Ministry who have to deal with my questions, think I am crackers. But I have developed a thick skin and their pointed remarks do not get through to me."

The guardians of Whitehall's innermost secrets are implacably opposed to most of his theories but his persistent enquiries, always written on official House of Lords notepaper are difficult to ignore.

The answers he gets are written in ministry platitudes.

Lord Clancarty is "damned sure" there is a big cover-up going on in the Defence Ministry over UFO investigations and he is trying to winkle classified information out of the secret files.

The men from the ministry insist the world is being visited by nothing more sinister than twinkling meteorites weather balloons and bolts of lightning.

"Rubbish," said the dignified peer, who under his name of William Francis Brierly Le Poer Trench has written a series of best-selling books on the phenomenon of flying saucers.

Next week he is prodding a government minister with a question on how many files of the thousands of sightings of UFOs have been stamped "top secret" in the interest of national security.

Then Lord Clancarty intends to usher in a full House of Lords debate on the subject after

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getting the defence ministers to expand on an earlier admission that they had reports of 2250 sightings of UFOs over Britain between 1978 and 1981.

A former senior executive of a chain of technical journals, including aviation magazines, the earl believes there is enough scientific evidence on hand to admit that flying saucers do exist outside the imagination of the enthusiasts.

As a founder-member of the world-wide network of flying saucer investigators called International Contact, and former editor of the Flying Saucer Review, Lord Clancarty uses his elegant London home, in one of the capital's most salubrious areas, Belgravia, as his command post in the battle to get the official secrets he seeks.

Can't explain

"I know they dismiss me as a crackpot," he admits happily, "but I am not at all dotty.

"Obviously quite a number of sightings can be explained as balloons, aircraft and tricks of light. But we are still left with a large number that cannot be explained."

UFO enthusiasts were as delighted as other groups when the Freedom of Information Act was passed in the United

States, because they were soon allowed to read about 900 documents on flying saucers from the Washington files.

But they feel many others are still tightly bottled up.

For example Lord Clancarty revealed quite matter-of-factly, that he is convinced that President Eisenhower had a meeting with beings from outer space in 1953.

"The beings landed at Edwards Air Force Base in California and had talks with President Eisenhower, who was accompanied by aides, including an American Air Force pilot who flew the latest and fastest planes in existence at that time.

"The pilot, a friend of mine, has since told me that the beings brought five types of flying saucers with them and gave President Eisenhower a display of their flying skills and their supernatural abilities to become invisible and reappear at will.

"But that meeting convinced the President that it would be premature to expose the existence of these extraterrestrial beings, fearing an outburst of panic.

"It was agreed then that the beings from outer space would make their presence known slowly over a period of years.

"Well, I think that time is now very close," said the earl. UFOs have been making their

appearance over the earth quite frequently—and more since we began building nuclear power plants.

"I believe the men in the flying saucers are distant cousins of the being who first put mankind on earth at the beginning of history. Now they return to keep a friendly eye on the human race to see we don't slow ourselves up."

Famous scientist Sir Fred Hoyle, the former Astronomer Royal whose theories on the universe are regularly well in advance of those accepted later by general scientific opinion, goes along with the Clancarty UFO theories to some extent.

Huge distances

In a foreword to one of the earl's books he writes about space travel and the difficulties of crossing unimaginable distances at speed.

"My speculation is that an interchange of messages is going on a vast scale all the time and that we are unaware of it as a pygmy in the African forest is unaware of the radio messages that flash at the speed of light around the world.

"My guess is that there are a million more subscribers to the galactic directory.

"Our problem is to get our name on the directory."