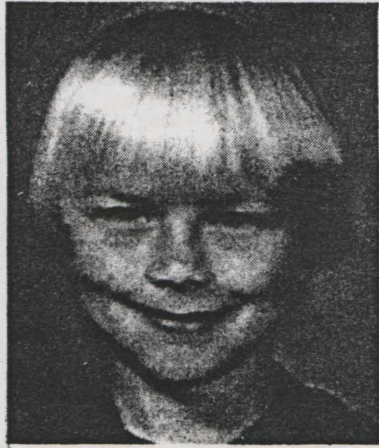


WHAT TERRIFYING OBJECT CAME OUT OF THE TEXAS SKY ON A DECEMBER NIGHT?

Radiation burn victims seeking \$20 million from U.S. government claiming gigantic UFO cover-up



Mrs. Betty Cash suffered radiation burns.



Colby Landrum: "Petrified" by the UFO encounter.

TWO women and a boy who say they received horrible radiation burns during a terrifying encounter with a UFO are suing the U.S. government for \$20 million — claiming that a huge Pentagon cover-up is preventing them from getting proper medical care.

"I don't think the UFO was from out space," says grandmother Vickie Landrum. "I think there's been one big cover-up — that the government had something that got out of control.

"We talked to one Pentagon man who told us the U.S. would be panic-stricken if it knew about these things.

"I told him that we're not afraid

of what we know, we're afraid of what we don't know."

Mrs. Landrum, 60, claims that the frightening close encounter began when she, her 10-year-old grandson, Colby, and a friend, 54-year-old Betty Cash, were returning from a bingo game in rural Dayton, Texas, on December 29, 1980.

"We were driving on a back road when Colby saw a light off to our left," recalled Mrs. Landrum. "It came closer to us and was finally so near that I begged Betty to stop the car.

"The object was about 60-ft. across, the size of a water tower. It hovered about 150 ft. over the road near some trees and made a sound like an engine."

To the trio's amazement, says Mrs. Landrum, the cold night became scorchingly hot when the object approached.

"I screamed for Betty to get back in the car — it suddenly felt like we were outside on a hot summer day," she said.

"I was sitting in the car, hugging Colby with one hand and holding onto the dashboard with the other. The dashboard was hot to the touch.

"Colby screamed and cried. I was petrified but I told him, 'If you see a big man coming out of that thing, it's Jesus and he'll take us to a better place.'

"It sounds crazy but I really thought we were going to die."

The object slowly moved away after five or six minutes, only to be replaced by another horrifying visitation, according to Mrs. Landrum. "Immediately after it left, it was followed by a whole group of gigantic helicopters," she said. "They seemed to come out of nowhere.

"Betty climbed back in the car and, although we were all shaking, we drove it a little ways and pulled off the road. To calm Colby, I counted the helicopters. There were 23 of the big, double-rotary kind. They went racing by with their searchlights on."

The terrified group then drove back to Dayton without telling a soul of their bizarre encounter.

"My grandson kept asking me if the thing would come back and get us. He was terrified. I gave him a

'I don't think it came from outer space. The Pentagon is hiding something'

bath and put him to bed, but before the night was over he started vomiting.

"Then I got sick. I was so weak I had to crawl back to bed. We were both so thirsty we were begging for water."

The next day the shaken pair learned that Mrs. Cash had also fallen excruciating ill.

"We went to her house nearby and found her lying there with big, red, swollen bumps, half as big as eggs, all over her face."

Mrs. Cash was later admitted to local hospital and treated for radiation burns, Mrs. Landrum said, adding sadly. "She had a beautiful head of black hair, and it all fell out after that night.

"I got cancer after the UFO incident, but the doctors wouldn't give me radiation treatment because they said I had so much radiation in my body," Mrs. Cash said. "I'm now on chemotherapy.

"The doctors told me radiation definitely caused my cancer."

John Schuessler of Houston, a member of the scientific boards of investigation for the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., said:

"Betty Cash lost two-thirds of her hair, and had every kind of medical test imaginable, but the diagnosis was never made. The conclusion was that no one knew what had happened.

"But this is a believable case. Other witnesses saw the helicopters that night.

"Betty was exposed to the light longer than the others — she was out there looking for seven to 10 minutes," said Schuessler.

"We checked with all the nearby Army and Air Force bases. The officials were cooperative but said the helicopters weren't theirs. They're not taking any responsibility."