

# Star Wars

## I don't believe in radioactive giant rabbits

**I**T IS there in black and white, an official report signed by a US Air Force Colonel saying that unidentified flying objects had been sighted by his men in Suffolk in late December 1980.

Needless to say, people wondered whether I had gone barmy three years later when I published the report by Lt Col Charles Halt, deputy commander of the USAF base at RAF Woodbridge.

The authorities today are still saying nowt or denying all, but they cannot magic away that official report by Lt Col Halt — later promoted to full Colonel and made commander of the East Anglia base. So he wasn't barmy!

It was unearthed under America's Freedom of Information Act as part of a remarkable investigation carried out for the past five years by three British women who refuse to be put down by officialdom.

Jenny Randles, director of investigations for the British UFO Research Association, and her two helpers, housewives Brenda Butler and Dot Street, tell their story in a paperback called *Sky Crash* to be published on May 22 (Grafton £2.95).

It was their early investigations that got me excited in October 1983, particularly the report Lt Col Halt filed to his superiors about the strange events in Rendlesham Forest. He wrote on 13 January 1981:

1. Early in the morning of 27 December 1980 (approximately 0300) two USAF security patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate... the individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest.

### Glowing lights

The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three metres (8 feet) across the base and two metres high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsating red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared...

2. The next day, three depressions 1.5ins deep and 7ins in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 December) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions...

### Sun-like

3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared. Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south...

The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical... turned to full circles and... remained in the sky for

an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous individuals, including the undersigned [ie Lt Col Charles Halt himself] witnessed the activities in paragraphs 2 and 3.

You might have thought that this sensational report would have set the rafters alight. Not a bit of it. The Ministry of Defence admitted unusual lights had been sighted, but said there was no explanation.

Naturally the scoffers had a field day. Most reckoned those strange lights came from Orford Ness lighthouse, five miles away, and that the indentations in the ground were made by rabbits.

Nobody has yet explained

to my satisfaction how light-houses manage to fly in a blaze of lights nor how rabbits give off radiation.

The three authors have also produced some fascinating supplementary evidence and Ralph Noyes, former head of the MoD department responsible for RAF intelligence, said in a statement: "We now have evidence — I blush to say about my own Ministry — that they have lied about this case. They have covered it up."

### Conspiracy

And so the conspiracy of silence continues, though these determined ladies have no intention of giving up their pursuit of the truth.

Their book raises some awkward questions about the USAF bases in East Anglia in view of Mrs Thatcher's decision to allow them to be used by F-111 bombers for the attack on Libya.

Quite clearly we have little control over the bases and, when something untoward occurs, lose no time in helping the US cover it up.

I do not believe that the UFO which disturbed the Suffolk woodland on that wintry night carried some spooky visitors from a distant planet.

No, the explanation is much simpler. A UFO it was — an American military spacecraft which had been on an illegal mission in outer space years ahead of President Reagan's beloved Star Wars programme.

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# JUST JAMESON

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**CHATting** with Ken Livingstone, the ex-GLC leader tells me how his thumbnail-size frogs breed: upside-down. I want more, but you can't keep Ken off politics. Tomorrow's poll will be "Labour's biggest win for 15 years".