

spirits beyond



... AND UFO WATCHERS WHO GAZE OUT INTO THE HEAVENS

THE CHILL night throbbled with an eerie silence as a group of American servicemen raked a Suffolk forest with their torchlight.

They were hunting for clues — traces of a UFO crash-landing reported by a security patrol three nights before, in which trees and lights at the end of the air force runway had been damaged.

They recorded radiation levels, strange indentations in the soil around what appeared to be a blast area, and damaged trees.

Moments later a senior officer in charge of the men ordered them to "douse lights" as a strange object appeared to be moving towards them in the night sky.

What happened next is on a dramatic tape-recording which a group of British ufologists claim was made by the colonel in charge of the search.

The innocuous description of the wooded scene in which men were heard taking geiger readings and measuring heat reflection was suddenly interrupted by the stunned voice of an American officer indicating a small red light in the sky.

"Douse flashlights," he called.

"See if you can get the starscope on it. There's no doubt about it. There's a strange red light ahead.

"Weird. It's coming this way. It's definitely coming this way. This is weird. It's just moved off to the right. Strange! Whew! It looks like an eye winking at you."

Seconds later, the same officer reports into his tape-recorder: "We have got two strange objects, half-moon shaped, becoming full circle, with coloured lights on them — five to ten miles out, maybe less.

"Now we have an object ten degrees directly south."

He paused, and a hint of

panic entered his voice.

"They are moving — moving up fast.

"Here he comes from the south. He's coming towards us now. There appears to be a beam coming down to the ground. It's unreal."

The next moment, the speaker almost seemed to lose control as he ordered the terrified men back to base.

The British ufologists who say they received the tape-recording just a few weeks ago played it during a London Press conference at which they demanded a public inquiry into the Rendlesham Forest UFO sightings.

They claim that suppression of the tape and previous denial of its existence was part of a massive cover-up by the Americans and the British defence ministry.

But they are keeping secret the identity of the supplier of the tape-recording, allegedly a copy of the original, and supposedly made by someone at the American base.

Jenny Randles, director of investigations for the British UFO Research

Eerie tales abound in the Manor area of Sheffield

Association, says: "Our objective is not to convince anyone that a spaceship landed there, even though there are eye-witnesses who swear that they saw aliens in silver suits communicating with an officer at this same spot three night before the tape-recording incident.

"What we are concerned about is that whatever landed there eluded the radar network which is supposed to be our front line of defence."

Jenny, who has written about the Suffolk incident with two other ufologists,

Dot Street and Brenda Butler.

Sky Crash, A Cosmic Conspiracy, (published Neville Spearman, £7.50), said: We are not just trying to sell another book.

"We believe the British public has a right to know what is going on. It may or may not have been a UFO which crashed in that forest the first time. But whatever it was had radiation connected with it, which makes it potentially dangerous.

"I don't know whether it was alien, Russian or one of ours. And we don't have

enough information to judge."

She claims that there is enough sworn testimony from eye-witnesses to warrant an open investigation and accuses the British and American authorities of a "conspiracy" to hide the truth.

Jenny claims that the Defence Ministry flatly denied any UFO reports from that area at the outset of her inquiries. Two years later, she said, they admitted that there had been "unusual lights" reported.

Eventually, through the American Freedom of Information Act, the release was secured of an official report to the Defence Ministry from the U.S. colonel in charge of base operations.

In it, he mentions both events when UFOs were spotted, describing the object as triangular, metallic and capable of extraordinary manoeuvres.

Jenny says: "The people of Britain have a right to be treated with respect. Too much secrecy could be catastrophic. The government have not told the truth and still refuse to do so."

