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MYSTERY "CHOPPERS" SEEN AT TRENTON AIR FORCE BASE

by Kevin Carney

The reports of black unmarked helicopters are not a new phenomenon as far as ufology is concerned. There have been many reports of them through the years starting in the early 70's. Although the descriptions vary to some degree, the predominant characteristics are that the helicopters are black, silent (or make little noise), and have tinted windows. Also, they lack any sort of identification markings.

Other observations are that the black helicopters frequently have huge spotlights underneath. Officially, the military does not acknowledge their existence, and state that it is illegal for aircraft to fly without identification markings.

In terms of activities, the helicopters have often in the past been associated (and observed) with cattle mutilations. The black helicopters have also been reported around the residences of high profile abductees, usually flying dangerously close and low over their houses. It should also come as no surprise that the helicopters appear to be connected with military bases and military "black" projects. One example of this is the Betty Cash-Landrum encounter on December 29, 1980, where Betty, her son, and her mother saw 23 such helicopters escorting or test flying a UFO in Texas.

To add to the confusion, it appears that there are black helicopter reports which some researchers theorize that many of the choppers are camouflage for alien craft, especially those choppers that are completely silent. EDITOR'S NOTE: These may be the shape-shifting UFOs.

In regard to history, in the 70's and early 80's, the black choppers were usually only seen in remote areas, but, as author Jim Keith stated in his book "Black Helicopters Over America", the recent trend of the last few years is that the 'copters are now being reported in urban locations (not good).

CANADIAN SIGHTING REPORTED

In the context of Canadian black chopper sightings reported to CUFORN, the first case involves a young man, Ralph Baker (a pseudonym), 28, who lives in Trenton, Ontario. In 1994, Ralph told CUFORN Bulletin editor Lawrence Fenwick and the writer that he had talked to a witness (one of three), who were night fishing at the time in an "off limits". Apparently, all of a sudden, the three men witnessed a fairly silent black helicopter (with spotlights attached underneath), approach their location. The two other individuals panicked and ran away to hide, but the third witness stayed and hid behind a rock. The helicopter landed and three seemingly Oriental-looking individuals exited and focused in on an animal and mutilated it. The beings then put their samples into what looked like a basket, then boarded the chopper and left. Ralph stated that, since Trenton is a small Canadian air force base town, he was confident that he could find the witness. Ralph also admitted that he was interested in ufology and that, through contacts, he found the witness.

Ralph said that since he has lived in Trenton all his life, and was familiar with the layout of the air force base, he went to

investigate for himself. He even felt he knew where the black helicopters would most probably be stored. Ralph stated that he managed to bluff his way into an "off limits" area by saying that he was looking for a person whom he knew worked at the base. Ralph told us that he could see a black helicopter's tail sticking out of a hangar in this area.

At this point, Ralph was confronted by a military man with a heavy Southern U.S. accent, and he wondered what an American military person was doing stationed at a Canadian base. Ralph stated that the man became very agitated when he finally asked him why an American would be at Trenton AFB. He was then escorted out. Finally, Ralph commented that when he later tried to discuss with the initial witness, the witness became very angry and denied that the incident ever happened.

The second story of this type of sighting was relayed to the writer directly from the principal witness and it comes from guess what location? You're right, Trenton AFB. The observer, Jim Masters (a pseudonym) is 55 years old and expressed no interest in ufology. The writer has known the witness in a professional capacity for roughly 1 1/2 years and considers this individual to be honest and reliable. Jim said that in the final months of 1994, he had an employment assignment which required him and some other people to be at Trenton AFB for two days and two nights in a civilian capacity. The following details are Jim's story:

"At about 5:30 a.m., I saw a black unmarked helicopter which made hardly any noise come in from somewhere and land. It had three huge spotlights underneath, and its design was different from conventional helicopters in that it looked like it was compressed. It was black and without markings. It also flew differently. It was not clumsy like normal helicopters the way it flew. This thing came in at a high rate of speed, close to the ground and literally just dropped onto a platform. The pilot did not even get out, because, as soon as it landed, it was quickly towed away into a hangar."

In addition to the black helicopter sighting, Jim also had the following observation about his stay at Trenton AFB:

"There's one thing that I can't figure out. The cars come into the base early in the morning and they're all gone by about 4:30 p.m.—but all the activity at the base happens at night. There's jets and aircraft flying in, but you can't see them. You only hear them. When I was there, two military jets come in at night for a couple of hours and left. But the thing I really can't figure out is, if everyone is gone by 4:30 p.m., then who is running the base at night, when all the action happens?"

Jim's account of his sighting of a black unmarked helicopter at Trenton AFB should not come as any surprise to the informed reader, since if black helicopters are associated with the military, then it follows that that is where they would be stored. There is also, for that matter, substantial evidence in the literature that in addition to black unmarked helicopters, the aliens themselves are linked to certain military bases.

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A HISTORY OF UFO CRASHES

by Kevin D. Randle, Avon Books div. of The Hearst Corporation, New York, 1995.

Book Review by Lawrence J. Fenwick

How do you write a book examining reports of UFO crashes? You do intensive research on at least one case; you also do a fair amount of work on other reports. Present the evidence both pro and con. State your conclusions about each report. At this juncture, the reader can decide whether the author has done a proper job on it. This is one book which fulfills its promise. My only qualm is that, if it were longer, more detail could have been included about the majority of the crash reports mentioned in it.

After I read "A History of UFO Crashes", I reflected on the entire book. Next I concentrated on a few reports. Some of you may have read some researcher's work on one or more of these cases. So have I. Only six of the 85 crash reports in this 276-page soft-cover pocket book are examined in detail. I noted the omission of two facts about the 1908 Tunguska event: first, the object was seen to change course twice; second, another object of the same description was seen in this area of Siberia later on the same day. Randle says this was a comet which exploded in our atmosphere. Some comet!

The best aspect of this book is its even-handed treatment of its six in-depth cases. Little more than half of the book deals with the half-dozen main cases. The rest includes 20 tiny photographs in a mid-book section, two excellent appendices, a bibliography, notes, additional sources list, and an index.

Randle's background as a former Captain in United States Air Force Intelligence gives him an advantage over other writers in ufology. He knows ranks and procedures and is not a debunker, in contrast to other military officers commenting about the subject.



KEVIN RANDLE

Randle shows admirable attention to detail. He gives you a complete chronologically correct history of each event. His writing style is succinct, i.e., he gets to the point quickly.

There are only two Canadian reports mentioned. Both are in Appendix A: The UFO Crash Data Base. One is headed "1953, Ontario, Canada- Insufficient Data. The footnote number refers you to note 81. Sherman Brown's 1990 self-published "The UFO Crashes." Was this a magazine article or a book? We are not told who he was, where he lives nor exactly where in Ontario this happened. Police Constable Florian Ciabrowski is said to have been the observer. The Defence Research Board is mentioned as having found radioactivity in the blue rain which fell after the object exploded.

The second Canadian event was the Carp, Ontario case of November 4, 1989, labelled a hoax, which it was. The hoax itself, although Randle is unaware of it, was partially set up by the so-called main witness, Diane Labanek and some of her friends including a Quebec man who called himself the Guardian. There is much more about this event than meets the eye, as may be apparent in the near future to ufologists. Unfortunately, the popular American TV show "Unsolved Mysteries" now uses the hoaxed videotape of the Carp case as part of its opening montage scene. It is not "unsolved" at all.

Tom Carey, one of our members in the 1980's has contributed invaluable assistance in the Plains of San Agustin, New Mexico report.

This is not a perfect book, by any means. However, you should read it, as it is the first of its kind.



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FROM THE TORONTO (ONTARIO, CANADA) STAR
 JULY 1, 1994

Strange light in the sky still remains a mystery

With the recent interest in UFOs generated by series such as *The X-Files* and *Encounters*, I can't help but recall an experience I had about 15 years ago.

Beginning in early evening to about 2 a.m., there was an unbelievable light show in the sky that doesn't seem to fit any "meteor shower" that I have since heard of. Blue streaks, red streaks, fireballs and light formations that weaved in the sky with no noise! This was a rural community between Orangeville and Fergus and the spectacle was the main subject of conversation at school the next day.

Many times I have wondered

if anyone had ever bothered to investigate this further. There is a multitude of special-interest groups and literature based in the U.S., but I haven't heard many Canadian stories on the subject.

I would like to compile these stories for a possible literary release and would like anyone with stories of unexplained observations to send me their details. All accounts will be strictly confidential (unless otherwise requested).

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*CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF THE FIRST KIND REPORTED
IN LETTER TO THE EDITOR FROM U.S. AIR FORCE
VETERAN LIVING IN GUELPH, ONTARIO*

Dear Sir;

I am sending this report to you, hoping that yours is the appropriate agency for reporting local ufo sightings.

At 0445 hours on the 21st of April, 1994, while looking out of my dining room window on the 4th floor of my residence, I observed what I thought to be a bright star close to the horizon that appeared to be growing in size, and realized that instead, it was a circular ball of white light travelling towards me. It was heading southwest at a fast and steady pace, and seemed to be flying at an altitude of less than 1,000 feet. I live in a 9 story building, and at one point, I thought that the object was going to just barely clear the top of the building. As it passed my side of the building, I had to press my face against the glass of the window and look up and to my left to see it pass from view behind the building. I was amazed that anything conventional or otherwise could be travelling so fast at such a low altitude. It struck me as funny afterwards that if it was several hundred feet or so lower, it would have appeared to have been driving down Edinburgh Road itself.

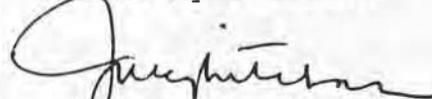
The duration of my sighting was about 30 seconds. It is hard to describe the size of the object, because it appeared to me as a circular ball of white light with no definition, but I could roughly say it was the size of a truck or bus. It was silent, no running lights of any kind, and flew at a steady pace towards the southwest from the northeast in a straight line with no vapor trail or light trail.

I am a 45 year-old veteran of the U.S. Air Force, having served in the U.S., Far East, and Asia, and spent much time in and around aircraft of all types. This object that I saw is very difficult to explain in conventional terms.

I would be very interested to know if anyone else in this part of Ontario witnessed anything similar at that time and date. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Jarema Mykitschak



Guelph, Ontario

THE LAST
FOUR PAGES

-- NEWSPAPER CLIPPINGS COURTESY OF CUFORN MEMBER IAN HARPER OF TORONTO. THESE WERE SENT BY HIS RELATIVES IN SCOTLAND TO HIM AND MAILED ON TO CUFORN.

FROM THE SHETLAND TIMES, SCOTLAND JAN. 24, 1992:

Mysterious objects

AN unidentified flying object was seen scorching across the skies above Shetland at the weekend, firing speculation about it ranging from some decommissioned satellite falling back to earth, through top secret military equipment, to an extra-terrestrial space craft.

There were over a dozen reports made to the authorities when on Saturday night, just before nine o'clock, a ball of fire resembling the flare from a rocket crossed the sky down along the east coast of Mainland from the north-west to the south-east.

Coastguards at Lerwick were contacted by seven callers whose report described a "bright white light" travelling horizontally across the sky for about 30 seconds. When they contacted the RAF station at Pitreavie Castle they were told there was no known aircraft activity on that night.

One of the witnesses was *Shetland Times* printer Alistair Johnston, who was travelling into town in a taxi with a number of other people.

Another was *Times* company secretary, June Wishart, who said she had been looking out of the window of her Lerwick home at the time. Through the trees she could see the moon go behind one side of a cloud when the fiery ball came out of the other side.

"I thought at first it was a rocket, like a big firework," she said. "but it was travelling across the sky, not up." Her description

matches that of others in that the object appeared to have a long fiery tail and was orange in colour. It appeared to be at about the height a jet would travel and was not losing any intensity as it left her field of vision.

The phenomenon went unrecorded at the Lerwick Observatory and the RAF Saxa Vord radar station in Unst.

A man at Banchory in Deeside on Saturday night was reported in a Scottish newspaper as having seen a similar object in the sky at about the same time on the same night and he also did not think it was very high.

Theories suggested include ball lightning, space debris burning up as it re-enters the earth's atmosphere or a large meteor.

One national newspaper suggested it was America's latest top-secret £500 million spy plane that could fly at up to 5,000 mph. Said to be more advanced than the recently unveiled Stealth aircraft, questions have been asked in Shetland as to why, if it was top-secret, the spy plane could be seen so clearly by so many people even through clouds.

Reports arrived at *The Shetland Times* some three weeks prior to this report, of strange lights in the sky that appeared to have none of the attributes of a natural phenomenon.

Independent descriptions were of an indistinct large blue white ball in the sky over Lerwick early on a Saturday evening. The

observers said they were convinced it was not the Northern Lights and it was not from the direction of Sullom Voe Oil Terminal where the gas flares were brighter than normal.

Despite asking coastguards, police, RAF Saxa Vord, taxi drivers in town, port control, Lerwick Observatory the reports were unsubstantiated in Shetland, however, Mr Ron Halliday of the Scottish Earth Mysteries Research group in Sterling said an object, particularly similar to one sighting, was seen in the Bonnybridge area and around Stirling at around the same time.

Mr Halliday says he has no explanation for either this weekend's sightings or those of the previous month but has admitted they are both unusual and worthy of note.

Whatever is happening in the skies above Shetland, be it natural or otherwise, it seems to be an interesting time to keep watching them.

Chief inspector of police Farquhar MacGregor was one of those who saw the object. He described it as a fairly large bright white light with a long orange tail, giving him the impression he was looking at an aircraft with an engine on fire.

He was in Knab Road in Lerwick at the time and said the object moved at a constant speed and height from north to south lasting between 30 and 60 seconds.

THE ARTICLE ABOVE GIVES NO REPORTER'S NAME. THE ACCOMPANYING HEADLINE LACKS A VERB, AN OMISSION MOST NEWSPAPER EDITORS WOULD NOT ALLOW FOR ANY ARTICLE. THE STORY ITSELF IS WELL-WRITTEN.

FROM THE SHETLAND TIMES, FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1992

UFOs nothing new

By Max Walker

THE men from Mars, if the recent outlandish sightings are anything to go by, seem to be trying to make contact with the human race through the people of Sandwick. However, Shetland has played host to some strange visitations before, some of which manage to make even the Sandwick sightings decidedly mundane.

According to J.R. Nicolson's 1979 *Scalloway Notes*, in the three years before the First World War there was a spate of extremely weird occurrences in the North Mainland where people saw blue floating lights on the beach. In North Brae, people in the crofts of Haggister could regularly see a light on the beach near the water mark.

Apparently, one calm night, a group of young men decided to investigate and rowed over to one of the lights on the beach.

Two of them started to walk towards the light, but suddenly it vanished. Amazingly, the men left in the boat could still see it — and also their two companions putting their hands right through it as they tried in vain to find it. The same thing happened in Papa Stour; ghostly lights visible from a distance disappeared to anyone who went close.

Various theories were mooted. Some said it was either the Germans or the trows. Others suggested a supernatural warning of the holocaust that was about to break upon the world.

On the 11th September, 1937, the following report appeared in *The Shetland Times*: "A fireball was seen at Lerwick early on Saturday of last week. At almost exactly 1.43 am, the fireball was seen falling from about 20 degrees from the zenith in the direction east by south. It lit up the whole area like a brilliant moon and it lasted about five or six seconds before disappearing from view and immediately there was a bright flare described as a burst of

sparks." This, like the light witnessed east of the Islands last week, was almost certainly a meteor, but more recently there have been other baffling encounters.

In 1978, Brian Johnstone, manager of the John O'Groats Hotel, was a winch operator and lived in a house overlooking Spiggie Loch in the South Mainland.

Lying in bed late one morning, he heard a metallic buzzing noise "like a faulty transformer", and saw an orange light in the window. There was nothing in sight outside; no cars, no motorbikes, and nothing he could ever find to explain it.

In recent years, according to Ken Higgins of the Scottish Research into UFOs (SRUFO), there have been several sightings in the islands. In 1988, somebody even managed to take a photograph of what was supposedly a UFO over the Sullom Voe Oil Terminal, although according to Ken: "The quality of the picture was so bad that it could really have been anything."

Finally, just to show that some sightings do find explanations, even though they can be a little unsettling, consider the following true story. It was originally recounted in Shetland dialect by

Peter Jamieson, and concerns Willie, his brother who was wont to go to relatives in Collafirth for his holidays. It happened one night in 1909 as he was sitting reading:

"Everybody else had gone to bed, and I was left with the dog to keep me company. He was stretched out at the hearth stone with his head in the peat ashes.

"There was a gable window facing South up to the sea, and a tiny skylight looking east. Sometime after twelve, I looked to see the dog whingeing and yelping in terror. He jumped up onto my lap and buried his nose in the crook of my arm.

"Then I saw it. A large, round, green thing coming in through the gable window. It travelled slowly up over the china shelves and disappeared through the little skylight. Then the dog turned quiet and I got up and opened the front door, but saw nothing.

"Next morning I told everybody what I'd seen. My great-aunt sighed and said: 'No good will come of it. Mark my words, before the day's out, news'll come that someone we know met his fate last night.'

"Before dinner-time, a woman came from North Voe with news that a young man from one of the isles had been lost at sea."

FROM THE NOTTINGHAM (ENGLAND) EVENING POST, DATE UNKNOWN IN 1994

Reporter PÉTER REEVĒ investigates.

Phoning home from the final frontier



● ET — he's out there according to some

MIKE Oram never had any doubt about UFOs — even at the age of four.

"I first became interested in UFOs when I was just four years old," he said.

"I remember speaking to my mother and telling her that I didn't think she and my father were my real parents — but that my real parents were out in space."

But 43-year-old Mike is not your average UFO-spotter — the sort who sees strange lights in the sky.

He actually believes aliens are sending him telepathic messages from outer space.

And he is also convinced that he has been abducted by aliens on at least ten occasions.

He also believes aliens may have sent him to Earth to help mankind survive the potentially devastating effects of world pollution.

Mike, an unemployed postman living in Windermere, Cumbria, claims to have had about 50 close encounters with UFOs and their occupants.

He believes the aliens — or humanoids as he prefers to call them — get in touch with him through a form of telepathy.

"I hear this message in my head to go somewhere and there is invariably a spaceship in the sky when I get there.

Buzzing

"It usually start with a buzzing in my head, which spreads over my whole body. Then I go into a sort of drugged state. You still have your consciousness but it seems to be removed from your body."

Two years ago he claims three aliens entered his bedroom and took him to their spaceship.

"These three humanoids appeared in tight-fitting silver suits. I have also seen them appear in green suits.

"They were all about 6ft 2in. They looked human but had these

high cheekbones and slanted eyes.

They were very, very attractive. Using a beam from the spaceship. I was transported through the closed window of my bedroom and into the spacecraft which was glowing a bright red."

But however hard he tries, Mike cannot remember what the aliens have told him after being returned to Earth.

"I believe the information they have given me has been stored in my subconsciousness and will be released when it is needed."

He is convinced the aliens are sending him messages about the long-term dangers of pollution and the destruction of the rain forests.

"There are perhaps thousands of people like me who have been sent to this planet with the purpose of helping humanity progress and survive," said Mike.

But Mike is not alone in his devout belief that aliens are visiting earth. Former Ferranti engineer Arthur Tomlinson, 62, is one of Britain's leading authorities on UFOs.

He has spent 45 years studying reported sightings of UFOs and speaking to people who have met aliens.

Arthur, of Bury, Lancs, reckons he has even had contact with aliens himself — so he is convinced people like Mike have not imagined their encounters.

Hypnosis

As part of his research, Arthur listened to a man under hypnosis speak about his own "Close Encounter of the Third Kind."

The man remembered being beamed up into a spaceship while walking on Ilkely Moor in West Yorkshire on December 1, 1987.

Ten facts about UFOs

□ 228 UFO cases have been reported to the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association this year;

□ More than 60 "abductions" by aliens have been reported to the association since it was formed 30 years ago;

□ About 99% of UFO cases are reported by the public, the rest by the military and airlines;

□ Between 90 and 95% of cases are easily explained, but a small minority remain a complete mystery;

□ The most popular locations for spotting UFOs include Warminster in Wiltshire, the Pennines, the Peak District, the Yorkshire Dales and Bonnybridge, near Falkirk, Scotland;

□ Bright lights in the night sky are the most commonly reported phenomenon;

□ Second to these are oval or rugby ball-shaped objects flying around;

□ Puerto Rico is the most popular place to see UFOs, followed by the United States and Britain;

□ Growing interest in UFOs has helped the British UFO Research Association double its membership to 1,000 in the past two years;

□ The association has nearly 100 volunteers across Britain who investigate reported sightings and close encounters.

Willing

UFORA spokesman Philip Mantle said one explanation is that more people are willing to report their strange experiences.

"The stigma that used to be attached to UFOs is not as great as it used to be."

But sceptics still abound.

Dr Ian Crawford, research fellow in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at London's University College said there was no scientific evidence of alien life in our solar system.

But he did not discount the possibility of life elsewhere in the galaxy.

"What I do believe is that we will eventually have the technology to travel between the stars, so it would not be physically impossible for any aliens out there to visit Earth," he said.

But Dr Crawford dismisses out of hand claims that people have been "abducted" by aliens.

"I suspect these people are either fantasising or making the whole thing up for some reason.

"Scientists would need very solid evidence before they started believing such claims."

Arthur said: "He described the aliens as 4ft tall, green, with large black slanted eyes and arms that came down below their knees. Their hands had three fingers like sausages.

"He remembered being shown pictures of pollution on Earth, and hearing these voices in his head saying 'Don't be afraid, we don't mean to harm you'."

"He was apparently taken up into space and remembered looking out of a window, seeing Earth below him, and thinking 'Heck, I don't want to be up here'.

"When he was returned to Ilkely Moor, he was able to get his camera and take a photograph of this green creature standing before him."

The number of reported "abductions" by UFOs has shown a sharp increase this year, according to the British Unidentified Flying Object Research Association.

Out of the 60 incidents recorded over the past 30 years, a third have been reported since the start of this year.

Saucer-eyed couple say: We saw UFO

ALISON and Paul Jenner swear they saw a flying saucer hovering near their back garden. They were so startled they nearly fell off the sofa.

The couple said they were watching TV at their home in Main Street, Lambley, on Monday night when they first noticed two bright lights outside the window.

They watched in disbelief as the craft crossed a field behind the back garden and hovered on the brow of a nearby hill before disappearing.

Mother-of-two Allison said: "It was just before 10.30pm, at the close of the news. We saw two lights in the sky — over the trees at the back.

Shocked

"We just looked at each other and said 'what the hell's that?' Planes come over here occasionally — but it wasn't a plane.

"We just sat there shocked and the

hairs started standing up on the backs of our necks.

"We could only put it down to something weird — because of the way it lit up the hill and came towards the ground. Everywhere was so bright.

"It couldn't have been anything else but a UFO."

Mrs Jenner, 25, said she now wondered whether anyone else saw the craft.

Bright

"It was so bright someone else must have noticed it," she said.

It was one of 70 reported UFO sightings in Notts and Derbys since September, according to the East Midlands UFO Research Association.

Tony James, founder of the Nottingham-based association, is appealing to anyone who thinks they may have seen a UFO to contact him on 275623.

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UFO sightings

A COUPLE today claimed to have watched a UFO hover near their home for 20 minutes. The husband and wife, from Colchester, Essex, said they saw the 100 metre diameter craft in the early hours of the morning. Another supposed UFO had been sighted in nearby Chelmsford, Essex, shortly before, but police said no trace of it was found.

We are not alone, say UFO hunters

DOZENS of Britons have made contact with strange beings from out of this world, a new book has claimed.

The book *Without Consent* examines the stories of 24 people who claim to have lived through close encounters with Unidentified Flying Objects.

Journalist Carl Nagaitis and Philip Mantle, of the British UFO Research Association, said many were credible witnesses. "People we have spoken to include an airline pilot and an ex-policeman — many have been afraid to come forward before for fear of ridicule," said Mr Nagaitis.

Mr Nagaitis added: "We need scien-

tists to get involved to make a thorough examination of these incidents."

Meanwhile a Nottingham man claims to have had a close encounter.

Mark Betts, 22, of Trent Cottages, off Meadow Lane, claims he and a friend spotted a dome-shaped object hovering above Trent Meadows.

They watched the UFO for a minute before it tipped and disappeared. Mr Betts said it was the size of a football pitch. Tony James, of the UFO Research Association, said there had been sightings in the area recently but these had been explained away by an advertising blimp.

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