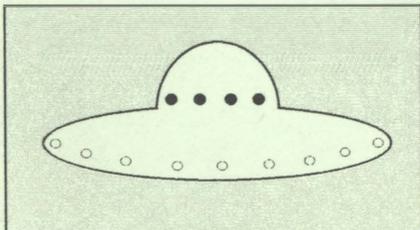


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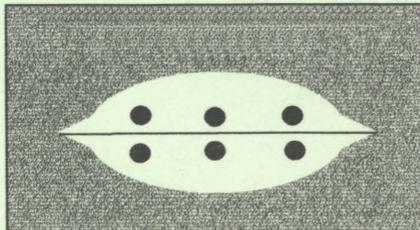


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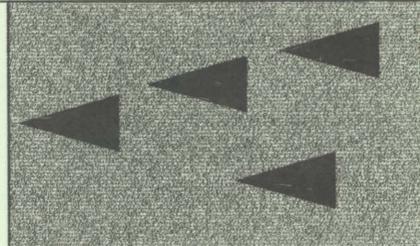
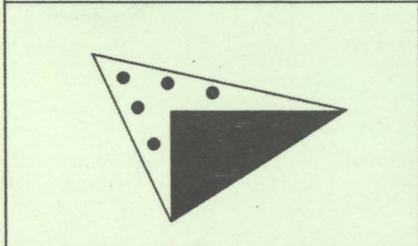
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1997, 1998, 1999 ----- yes it is only 2 years to go before we reach the final year of the century when many astrologers and religious figures have predicted that the world will end. Before allowing mass panic to set in, it is wise to note that at least one warning of Armageddon has occurred, to my knowledge, every year for the past 20 years, the perpetrators quietly disappearing after being proved wrong!

Of course 1999 is the the most favoured year for Doomsday as it was originally in the chronicles of the famous French astrologer, Nostradamus, who back in the 16th century mentioned that in 1999 "FROM THE SKY WILL COME A GREAT KING OF TERROR." On the face of it, the prediction does not infer complete devastation, but sounds very much like the prospects of an alien invasion, the nature of which one can only guess. Could it be some crackpot down here on Earth firing off missiles? Well Saddam Hussein managed to hit Israel and Saudi Arabia with a few antiquated Scuds in 1991 and his future behaviour has been carefully monitored. In the meantime Russia and the remains of the Soviet Union look impotent, and only the United States seems to be capable of the mass terror suggested. Perhaps to an Iraqi used to Cruise Missiles dropping in from time to time the prediction is all too true. Somewhere in the world the Nostradamus legacy will be a reality, but conveniently he does not state where.

Like most astrological messengers, Nostradamus is delightfully vague enough to enable many scenarios to fit his predictions. True he mentioned someone sounding remarkably like "Hitler" causing upheavals in the earlier part of the century, but the rest is subject to who you are and where you are at the time in question. To an Amazonian tribesman of South America the effects of Adolf Hitler's carnage would be unknown.

Does a doom laden prediction apply only to educated white caucasians or to every human on the planet? Are wise elders of the Hopi Indians going for 1999 as well? If many unrelated ethnic types all agree then it is time to worry. It is 65 million years since the dinosaurs were wiped out by what is believed to be a cosmic collision reducing the atmosphere to a "nuclear Winter" when sunlight was extinguished for several years. Something similar at the present time would do for most of the bigger animals on Earth now,

Is a cosmic collision on its way? The mysterious Hale-Bopp comet has been the subject of dire predictions over the last 2 years, but is now forecast to pass by Earth around 100 million miles away, hopefully giving spectacular views in the night sky at about the time you read this. We saw what happened when fragments of the Shoemaker-Levy comet collided with Jupiter only a year or so ago. However Jupiter is huge body compared to Earth with enormous gravity attracting all sorts of space debris. Something of a major collision occurred in Tunguska, Siberia during 1908 in an area so remote that there were few witnesses. If the last real knock out blow took place 65 million years ago and the dinosaurs ruled the Earth for 250 million years before that, it is comforting to know that there might be an average of 185 million more years to go before the next apocalypse by applying a simple calculation. Man has been identified as an intelligent being for under 20 thousand years to put things in perspective.

What ever the fates have in store for 1999, on thing is certain, EXPECTATION is at the highest level we have ever known. Interest in the paranormal and UFOs is at an unprecedented peak as Yuri Geller acknowledged a few weeks ago. It is as if a subliminal indoctrination is entering the human mind preparing us for new horizons very soon. Does this mean death and destruction will reign? Human frailty would see it that way, but the more enlightened will see it as a raising of

consciousness leading to changed life styles.

In trying to promote objective Ufology it is galling to see more and more TV dramas and full length feature films utilising "Faction" as the overview of the plot. This is no doubt due to skilled marketing, as by referring to "real" UFO events which have already been publicised by other media sources, a captive audience is guaranteed. Watching the latest transatlantic offering, "Dark Skies" on Channel 4 TV, we have links right from Roswell, (1947) via "Majestic 12", Betty and Barney Hill, to the Kennedy assassination in 1963. Yes, Kennedy was removed because he knew about aliens! The only thing we can say for certain is that Kennedy was definitely murdered - officially by a lone assassin, and countless thousands of pages of speculation have been written about that one event alone.

The release of more and more "faction" films/TV plus lurid magazines aiding and abetting them, means that the average person reading or viewing from their armchair will form opinions based on the fantasies of one or more clever script writers----- but then its been the same throughout history!

At the Annual General Meeting held on January 15th it was agreed that the organisation would in future be known as "CONTACT INTERNATIONAL UFO RESEARCH". It is felt that additional wording is now necessary to differentiate the group from possible confusion with dating agencies or worse! When Lord Clancarty set up Contact International in 1967, there were few such bodies in existence, but then came the great leap forward in computers and telecommunications meaning that a title such as ours can be misconstrued in many parts of the world.

The year 1997 marks the 50th anniversary of the Kenneth Arnold sightings of "Flying Saucers" and very shortly afterwards came the purported "Roswell Crash" in New Mexico. We will endeavour to reassess what happened at the time in the next Awareness. Please forward any opinions or information you may have on these subjects.

THE EDITOR

NEWS IN BRIEF

BOEING 747 FLIGHT TWA 800: On the evening of July 17th 1996, TWA flight 800 exploded in mid-air less than 30 minutes after take off from Kennedy Airport, New York en route to Paris. At the time the cause looked to be a classic terrorist bomb hidden inside the aircraft, but no clear evidence for this has been established. The latest news from American air safety experts is that static electricity caused fuel vapour in an empty tank to explode. If this were so, why have so few sister aircraft of Boeing 747 type been grounded? Within weeks of the disaster, eye witnesses reported missile or laser like objects approaching the aircraft, and it was confirmed that a military exercise was taking place off Long Island at the time. The consequences of a commercial aircraft being destroyed by "friendly fire" over home territory beggar belief, and the subsequent cover-up, gigantic.

The possible causes of the disaster may be one of the following:

- (a) Mechanical failure of aircraft.
- (b) Terrorist bomb inside aircraft.

- (c) Missile or laser mistakenly fired from military exercise.
- (d) Collision with unknown object or UFO.

NEWBURY LEUKAEMIA SCARE: Following rumours that there are high numbers of child leukaemia cases in the Newbury, Berks area, an independent survey now suggests that these are 4 times greater than the national average. The obvious suspicion for the cause of this is the now redundant USAF nuclear base at Greenham Common. It was strongly rumoured that a spillage of nuclear radiation occurred at the base in the late 1950s, and more recently that the "Greenham Women" were zapped with rays from inside the compound during their picket of the perimeter fence.

Eminent scientists have rejected the evidence as being merely a blip on the national figures, and surveys carried out of background radiation report normal levels. If there is an unknown cause operating within the Newbury area we would like to hear about it. UFO reports do not indicate Newbury has exceptional activity.

MINI ALIEN IN ISRAEL: A number of reports are coming in of the capture of a 15 cm or 8 inch long alien somewhere in Israel around December 22nd 1996. The following account is from Dr K who is in contact with a member of Data Research:

-----"It might be worth to mention in this context that three days ago (c Dec22 1996) a living E.T being was captured in northern Israel a few hours after a strong UFO activity in this area. I personally was fortunate enough to see the corpse of the being yesterday in a short meeting with Yuri Geller (who coincidentally is by now in Israel and agreed to be actively involved in this case). The corpse is rapidly shrinking in volume (to about 20% from its starting 15cm in 24 hours); has a dark green colour and seems to have had an exoskeleton left behind-----"

Further information to hand in the Sunday Telegraph of Jan 19th talks about animal mutilations reported in the area during October and November, and on the night of Dec 21st residents of the Israeli village of Achihed reported "luminescent blue discs" flying over their farms. The "alien" was then seen - described as 8inches tall, humanoid, greenish with fingerless limbs and large black eyes. In the morning it was found laying on the ground in a large pool of "green liquid". It was kept in a freezer but that did not stop it from shrinking to 2inches.

Unfortunately TV pictures of the "alien" have it identified by scientists as an embryo of a vertebrate such as a salamander or chameleon!

HIGH ENERGY "UFO" ENTERS OXFORD HOUSE: One of our paranormal consultants reported seeing a brilliant red ball of energy in the bay of her front lounge while she was watching TV on the night of January 13th 1997 at around 9.30pm. She first heard a loud fizzing sound and at first thought the TV had blown, but then saw a ball of energy about the size of a 10p piece surrounded by a halo. The object moved in a jerky motion, gradually becoming brighter and redder until it was brilliant - the most intense colour of red she had ever seen. Finally it just blinked out. The whole sighting lasted about a minute and the witnesses' husband managed to see it for the last 5 seconds.

Contact International investigation has begun, and a very powerful energy field has been dowsed close to the point where the last visible energy field was recorded. This case is of major significance and confirms the trend of small balls of visible energy being seen in recent years. UFO activity was reported near to Thame, Oxon about 2 hours before the above event. Detailed investigation will continue - please inform us of any similar events elsewhere.

CROP CIRCLE FILM NOT "DOCTORED": The mysterious video of a crop circle forming at Olivers Castle, Devizes on August 12th 1996 was discussed in the last Awareness. A winter of wrangling was promised on the provenance of this film, and it has now been shown on the Discovery Channel of Sky TV. A leading American computer expert appeared on the programme and stated that the film had not been touched up in any way - which either means we have a paranormal event or a display of powerful lights accompanying crop circle faking in the field below. Several other non-committed American experts have now seen the footage and all but one think it is genuine, remarking on points like the camera shake being authentic. It now seems only the leading researchers at the "coal-face" are casting doubts. Unfortunately the original photographer has not put in an appearance and maybe (wisely) wishes to retain his privacy. All the evidence from 1996 and earlier years points to circles forming within a time span of under 10 seconds, and the Olivers Castle video vindicates this.

SIGNS OF THE COSMIC JOKER: In past issues of Awareness there has often been reference to the "Cosmic Joker", when certain apparently logical events are confused by something unknown. Two "UFO" events in Oxfordshire in 1996 has seen the Cosmic Joker around.

In Awareness 21/2 we gave details of the laser display over Abingdon that gave rise to over 70 reports. We know both from Oxford Lasers, who hosted the display, and Laser Graphics who were demonstrating their laser, that they were subject to strict police and CAA limits as to what they could do. They were only allowed to point the laser to the south east and have it at a fixed elevation of 30°. The met office at RAF Benson were able to provide us with the height of the cloudbase on that night, so we know pretty well where the laser was causing a patch of clouds which was above Culham. All but one of the reports we received for that night confirm the laser beams angle and position, so we have positive confirmation of then known event. However, four witnesses driving in a car on the A4076 near Nuneham Courtney also reported the apparent same beam just above the road, but this clearly could not have been the beam being fired in Abingdon, so who else was using an identical beam that night?

The "airship flap" of the 22nd October also gave us a number of reports of airship-like objects in the vicinity. However, at least one of these was claimed to have been chased at over 100 mph on the M40, unsuccessfully I might add, so something else was in the Oxfordshire skies that night! The Virgin airship was also known to have been seen over the south Birmingham area later the same night, and the reports would agree with the airship's white or pale appearance. But wait a minute, John Hanson, an investigator near Bromsgrove, was getting reports late that night of a yellow cigar shape, and a glowing yellow domed saucer, both with identical red lights at either end. How many airships were flying that and what else was up there with them?

NOTICES

NEWSCLIPPINGS: Our newsclipping custodian requires all the LATEST UFO sightings and related material in your local papers. Please mail a full page showing the article, name of paper and date to P.O Box 23, Wheatley, Oxon, OX 33 1FL. If we see the material within a few days of the event it may be possible to launch an investigation.

OPEN MEETINGS: Contact Int. will meet at the Inner Bookshop Assembly Room, 111, Magdalen Rd (Off Cowley Rd/Iffley Rd) Oxford, at 8pm on the following dates:

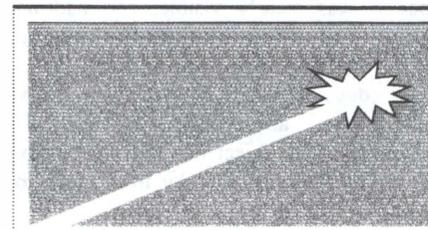
Friday 25th April, Thurs 26th June. Guest speaker to be invited.

Other open meetings at Fleur de Lys, East Hagbourne, near Didcot

Wednesday 26th March, Wednesday 28th May. Enquiries 01869 320989 or 01865 726908.

SIGHTING SUMMARIES

by Data Research

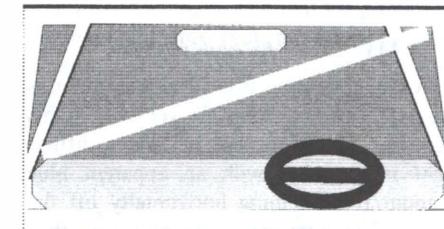


21 May 1996 - Abingdon, Oxon

In total we had over 70 reports of a laser-like beam shooting up into the sky between 10.00pm and 10.30pm. This was seen from many parts of the town of Abingdon, and surrounding villages to the Southeast. Telephone reports came from as far away as Chalgrove, but these were not backed up by a written report. Descriptions of the colour varied from blue to green/yellow. Some drawings of the beam, and the patch of light it was making in the clouds were clearly influenced by an artist's impression that appeared in the Oxford Mail on 22 May, which showed a triangular object leaving a trail, and with the beam going towards the ground. Some witnesses were adamant that the beam was coming from the sky downwards, while others indicated it was being shone upwards from the Abingdon Science Park. Curiously the Oxford Mail stories claimed that Oxford Lasers, based on the science park, were definitely not responsible. Even one of the witnesses claimed to know people who worked at the company, who denied all knowledge. Our investigations had ruled out other possible light shows or laser displays, and eventually Oxford Lasers did confirm to us that the beam was being fired from their premises, according to strict CAA regulations. However, Oxford Lasers were being given a demonstration of technology by LaserGraphics, of Royston. The beam was hitting the clouds above the village of

Culham, and was certainly responsible for all but one of the sightings.

[Source - Contact Int.; Investigations - B Foley, B James]

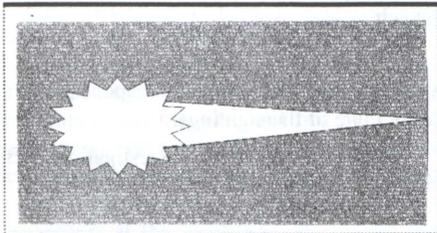


21 May 1996 - Nuneham Courtney, Oxon

Just after 10.00pm, four female witnesses were in a car travelling from Reading to Oxford, on the A4074, and were approaching the roundabout junction with the B4015. All four passengers in the car saw a bright green beam shining out into the sky just above the road. As the car passed under the beam, the front passenger thought she could see the beam coming from the west, but was not sure. The rear passengers could not see the beam after they had apparently passed under it.

While this was the same night as the well-noted known laser event at the Abingdon Science Park, the beam seen by these witnesses could not have been caused by the laser, as it was in the wrong direction and too far to the east. Our inquiries did not find an explanation for this sighting.

(Source - Contact Int.; Investigators B Foley, B James)

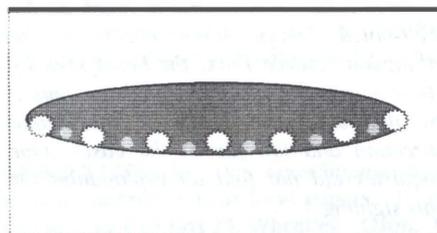


21 May 1996 - Abingdon, Oxon

Another sighting from the same night as the laser event. John Glover was at his home in Abingdon, and he saw a diffuse light in the sky, with an apparent blue 'vapour trail' coming horizontally off the light. The witness's wife also saw this, which they watched for about four minutes before it suddenly went off.

This seems again to be a report of the laser that was being fired into the sky over the southern part of the town, but both witnesses have drawn what they describe as a 'solid object', with a vapour trail straight to the right of the light. Clearly they would not have been able to see the beam like this from their position, so either they observed the beam rather oddly, or they did see something similar but different.

(Source - Contact Int.; Investigators B Foley, B James)

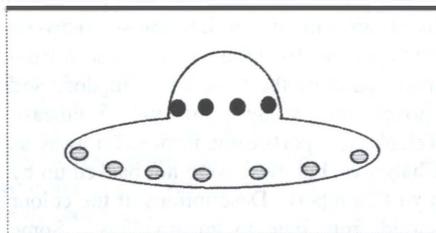


April 1995 - Brackley, Northants

20 year old James Smart witnessed a silent cigar-shaped object travelling over his home in the late afternoon. The witness was familiar with the normal aircraft flightpaths over this area, and this object

was not on any of these. It was also obvious that this was no ordinary aircraft, since it was clearly visible, and had no wings. The object was metallic grey in colour, and there was a row of lights on its lower edge. These lights were apparently in two sets, and flashed on and off alternately. The object was moving swiftly but smoothly across the sky from north to south.

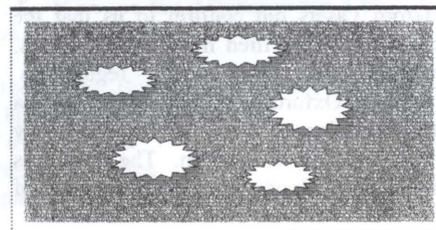
[Source - Contact Int.; Investigations - B Foley]



13 August 1996 - Great Rollright, Oxon

At 8.30pm, a family were out for a pleasant evening stroll just south of the actual village of Great Rollright. Their attention was grabbed by a 'flying hat' travelling west to east. It was described by the witnesses as being a glowing yellow/orange, and had creamy coloured dots around its edge, and one witness discerned black dots across the base of the apparent dome. The object appeared to be spinning as it traversed the sky.

[Source - Contact Int.; Investigations continuing]

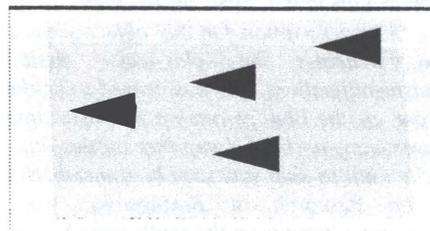


July 1996 - Didcot, Oxon

The two witnesses were walking home, when they noticed a group of five apparent lights in a layer of cloud, and this was seen above the power station just Northwest of Didcot. The lights were seen to move, and they all then merged together before vanishing.

This event can be attributed to lightshows at Radley College. Oddly enough, the witness was determined to 'explain' the event, and chose a 'scientific' theory. He deduced that the lights were actually spinning vortices of air above the power station's cooling towers, and that these vortices were simply reflecting the floodlights around the station. These vortices then dispersed, which explains how the lights merged and vanished.

[Source - Contact Int.]



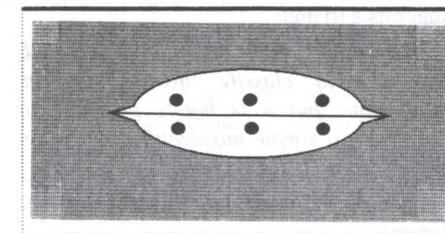
22 July 1996 - Wheatley, Oxon

The two witnesses were on their patio, enjoying the cooler air after another hot summer's day (This was actually the hottest day of the year in Oxfordshire). The man was looking up at the sky, and noticed four dark objects. The witness has been an aviation enthusiast since his childhood, and obviously knows all manner of aircraft normally seen over his house. He knew that these four objects, which were very dark against the sky, were very different. They travelled across the sky in only four to five seconds, and they were in a perfectly ordered tight formation as they flew. There

was no deviation at all in their course, which was perfectly straight. The four objects were triangular, with slightly rounded corners, they had no lights, and made no sound, something which would have been impossible for conventional jets at that speed. The witness himself made the this comment: "This is very subjective, but I had the impression that the pilots were professional, and took a pride in keeping station and following the rules. There was an order and purpose about it all. They were not flying too close to be a danger, but keeping close enough to be in touch and effective. If there are categories of UFO drivers, these were drilled, disciplined and safety conscious.". It is clear the witness was quite sure that he was watching some kind of air force manoeuvres, but which air force, and who were the pilots?

**When I first heard of this sighting, I was again troubled by the ease with which dark objects were seen against the sky, but having visited the location, I can appreciate that the lights from Oxford, only about 3km to the west, do illuminate the sky considerably. The witness was obviously very impressed at the way these objects flew, and were flown. I have the feeling that this was a sighting of stealth aircraft on an operational flight.*

[Source - Contact Int.; Investigations - G Ambler, B James]



April 1995 - Rothley, Leics.

A retired engineer was in his front garden, when a bright light was noticed almost overhead. At first this was thought

to be an aircraft landing light, but the witness realised that aircraft from the East Midlands airport rarely flew over this area. The witness was with members of his family, and he was sufficiently intrigued to get his small telescope. Through the 'scope the object was now plainly a solid, silver-coloured 'craft', with two distinct halves, and with black windows/portholes or vents around its rim. The witness observed this object for over 20 minutes, during which time it rotated, and 'turned over' three or four times, though it still looked the same, so was apparently symmetrical. The witness went away to do other things, but came back 15 minutes later to make further observations. The witness went back outside later, about an hour after the first sighting, but now nothing was visible. The witnesses, though totally unable to explain the event, could not accept that they were watching a 'spaceship', but believed it must have been 'something' from space.

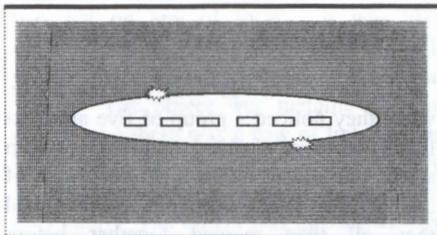
(Source - Contact Int.; Investigator - J F Rayner)

1995 - Melksham, Wilts

A group of ten or more witnesses, mostly schoolboys, reported a sighting of 3 lights in a triangular formation on a dark night in 1995, though they were not able to give the day or month. The drawing supplied suggests a triangle.

Given the lack of information supplied, we have to classify this sighting as inadequate, but it is highly probable to have been a simple misidentification of an aircraft from RAF Lyneham.

(Source - Contact Int.; Investigator - B James)

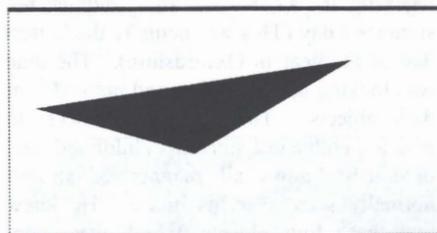


7 January 1995 - Newbury, Berks

Maxine Dance was walking her dogs near Newbury, when she saw a glowing object in the sky over the former USAF base at Greenham Common. The cigar-shaped object had red lights underneath, and a flashing white light on top, and it also appeared to have interior lights. Maxine was able to observe the object through binoculars, but was unable to define more detail. The object was hardly moving, but it was seen to slowly drift behind a scaffold tower at the former base. The witness phoned the police when she got home.

The description for this object seemed to indicate the classical 'airship misidentification', and this proved to be the case, as the Phillips airship was operating over many parts of Hampshire on this date. The Phillips ship was seen by a member of Data Research at Basingstoke, while returning home from the south coast.

(Source - Contact Int.; Investigator - G Ambler)

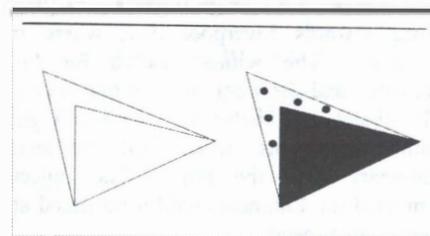


1989 - Yorkshire coast

The witness was at the time a member of the Royal Observer Corps, and a member of

the ROC aircraft recognition team. On the day of the sighting, he was on duty on the Yorkshire coast, during military exercises, and air-to-air refuelling was being undertaken by USAF KC-135 tankers. The witness, and his colleagues, then saw a strange, black delta-shaped aircraft, which none of them could recognise. The unknown aircraft was soon lost to sight, but the sighting was logged through the 'normal channels' that applied during the exercises. Having access to various aircraft references manuals, the only aircraft that the witness could find that matched the delta shape of the unknown aircraft was the Handley-Page H-P.115.

The H-P.115 was a delta-wing research aircraft, with a curious arrangement of a bulbous nose and cockpit slung below the wing root. The single engine was mounted in the tail root, above the wing. The H-P.115 was a single prototype, and was retired from research flights in 1974, and was in the museum at RAF Cosford from 1975, so was certainly not flying in a military exercise area in 1989. The 'official' explanation was that it was an F-111. Since this sighting, the witness has corresponded with aviation experts such as Bill Sweetman in an effort to determine the true aircraft type.

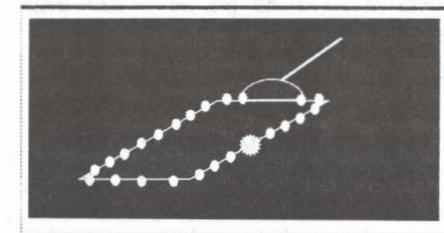


28 August 1996 - Henley-in-Arden, Warks

The witness was had just passed Henley-in-Arden, going towards Warwick, at around 8.15pm. A brilliant object was seen in the sky above to the right, and the witness

wound down her window in order to observe the object better and she pulled to the side of the road. The object was silent, and was triangular, with a bright yellow 'boomerang' shape towards the front. The object then revolved over, and now was rather different. The front part was still the yellow 'boomerang' shape, but this now had black 'portholes' all across it, and the back part now seemed black, and possibly hollow. The witness was aware it was moving slowly, and then became worried, and continued her journey - fast.

(Source - Contact Int.; Investigations continuing)



23 November 1982 - Newark, Notts

An admittedly old sighting, but a curious case nevertheless.

The witness was in her bedroom at 12.53am, and could see a bright blinking light through the window, and she got up to get a better look. The witness was fascinated, and as the light came nearer, more detail of a strange object could be seen, with a line of eight lights on the apparent edge, four on each end, and the blinking light was on a side. As the object slowly came overhead, the clear outline of lights could be seen, all like clear light-bulbs, with the one brighter one on the port side. The lights themselves now illuminated a sort of nose, with a long spike protruding to the front. The whole thing seemed to be about 6-7ft long, and the front 'probe' another 2ft. The witness rang the local paper later that same morning, but they had no other reports. The witness had

been curious but excited at the whole experience.

(Source - Contact Int.; Investigations - J F Rayner)

November 1985 - Cardiff, S Wales

Two witnesses saw 6 round lights, in two triangular formations, flying together, going slowly and silently over the rooftops in the Taff Well area of the city. They were low enough to be obscured by the roofs of the houses opposite as they passed over the city. It was a very overcast evening, with light rain, so clearly the objects had to be below the cloudbase that evening. The South Wales Echo printed a half page report of this event.

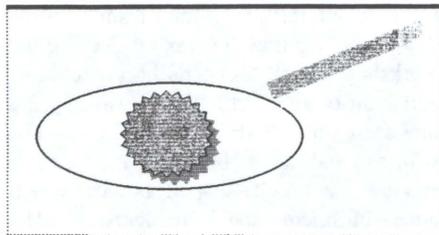
(Source and Investigations - M Fry, WFIU)

6 August 1995 - Vale of Clwyd, N Wales

Two brothers, in their 20's, were watching a commercial airliner flying above the vale. It was dull daylight, and they noticed a 'semi-circular' object about 1000ft above the aircraft. It rapidly descended, flying past the centre part of the aircraft, continuing its descent to about 300ft below the aircraft. The object then turned sharply and went straight up back past the aircraft, before turning sharply g to dive back down, before then turning and climbing again. The whole sighting lasted a few seconds. The object was either silver or dull grey, it was difficult to tell, as it was catching the light as it moved rapidly. A few minutes later the object was seen again a little to the east, and it was now flying slowly, but apparently falling before it was lost to sight.

Similar cases: BA Concorde footage: Kidlington 1982 - see Awareness 21/2

(Source and Investigations - M Fry, WFIU)



22 October 1995, Manchester Airport

A passenger aircraft was inbound from Majorca, with holiday passengers aboard. It is reported that all of the passengers were up to look out of the cabin windows at an object that was coming towards them. The airliner dipped a wing to avoid a collision, so the flight crew were obviously aware of the object. The object turned left, and left, leaving a vapour trail, then turned sharply left again. The object now paced the airliner until it made its approach to Manchester's Ringway airport, when it disappeared.

A report was filed with the CAA, and a report is still awaited with some interest!

(Source and Investigations - M Fry, WFIU)

6 January 1995 - Llandudno, N Wales

The witness went out into his garden at 12.30am to call in his cats, and his attention was grabbed by a bright light zig-zagging going towards Liverpool Bay, where it stopped. The witness called for his daughter, and she went out with binoculars. The object was visible as a large triangle with many lights, which still remained stationary over the bay. The object remained for 45 minutes until it ascended at tremendous speed.

Think of the date - at 6.48pm a brightly lit triangular UFO buzzed the now famous flight into Manchester.

(Source and Investigations - M Fry, WFIU)

by Data Research

One of the most puzzling cases to come to our attention has resulted in reams of speculation, strange feelings, but still no definite conclusions. More paranormal events must have occurred in this Reading household over a few months than most of us have experienced in a life time. The background was reported in the last edition of Awareness. We understand that further spiritual entities have passed through since our analysis took place, but there is now a question of whether any of this directly involves Ufology.

A 65 page script taken from tapes of the interviews on October 5th 1996 contains the participants own recordings in a Trance state, wherein members of the family channel voices of spiritual forms or possibly extraterrestrials. Much of the trance is garbled mumbo-jumbo, but occasionally it becomes more lucid. In the section reproduced below, one of the sons is the principal channeller (SON). Additional comments come from the mother (MRS), father (MR), and a female friend (FR). It is not clear whether all persons present are totally in trance. Voices are robotic and assertive and almost shouting at certain points. Unknown word concepts such as "ARAGES" and "ADJURAS" are frequently referred to. It is considered that these might be souls or life forces. Note heavy repetition of certain words (sic) and are not typing errors. Slang is also left as it sounds on tape. (Editor)

Investigation: Brian James, Linda Dellow.

Tape Transcript prepared by Stephen Poulter.

TRANSCRIPT

SON: LITTLE ALIENS, SHUSH NICHOLAS. ALIENS ARE DYING. THEIR WORLDS DYING OUT A LOT QUICKER THAN OURS.

FR: THE GREYS, THE GREYLINGS.

MR: THE GREYLINGS.

FR: GREYLINGS, GREYLINGS.

SON: (???) IRRELATIVE, IRRELATIVE.

FR: IRRELATIVE, IRRELATIVE WHO THEY ARE YES.

SON: THESE ARAGES, THESE ARAGES ARE THE SAME ARAGES WE LIVE IN A DIFFERENT FORM.

FR: YES, YES.

SON: THEY HAVE DIFFERENT WAYS OF LIFE. DIFFERENT MEANS OF LIFE. (????) WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND. OUR ARAGES, ALL OUR ARAGES HAVE LIVED FOR COUNTLESS ETERNITY, WE

FR: ALL LIVE ETERNITY, THIS LIFE IS NOT I KNOW.

SON: THIS LIFE IS NOT THE END. WE COME OF PART OF. WE TRAVEL, PICK UP KNOWLEDGE WHEN WE JOIN THE MOTHER, (????), THE MOTHER, BACK TO MOTHER. WE JOIN THE MOTHER, WE TAKE KNOWLEDGE BACK TO MOTHER. HUGE UNIVERSE, GALAXY, COSMOS, SO BIG SO BIG, SO MANY LIFE FORMS OUT THERE TO EXPLORE TAKING COUNTLESS ETERNITY.

FR: YES, YES.

SON: IS COMING TO AN END. THIS IS, THIS IS THE END. WE ARE LIVING AT THE END. EVERY ONE, EVERY ONE IS LIVING AT THE END. OTHER BEINGS WHICH HAVE MORE TECHNOLOGY THAN US, WHO WHO DIDN'T UNDERSTAND, THINK THEY CAN TRAVEL VAST DISTANCES TO FIND, TO FIND A LIFE THAT THEY CAN SUSTAIN, ETERNITY.

ALIENS, LITTLE ALIENS HAVE LIVED THEIR LIFE SPANS ARE THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF YEARS. THEY LIVE FOR THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS OF YEARS. NOW THEY ARE DYING, THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY. BECAUSE THEY CAN'T DIE, BUT THEIR ARAGES ARE BEING TAKEN FROM THEM TO JOIN THE MOTHER. LIFE ARE. HUMANS, HUMANS COME TO AN EXISTENCE AND DIE BUT OVER THE, OVER THE COUNTLESS THOUSANDS OF YEARS WE LOST, WE HAVE LOST THE INSTINCT. WE HAVE LOST THE INSTINCT TO MOVE ON. THE PYRAMIDS, THE PYRAMIDS, THE PYRAMIDS, THE EGYPTIANS, THE EGYPTIANS KNEW ALL ABOUT THIS, THEIR TECHNOLOGY WAS FAR GREATER THAN WHAT HAD HAPPENED TODAY. HUMANS HAVE BECOME SELFISH. THEY'VE BECOME SELFISH, THEY'VE, THEY'VE BECOME SELFISH. THEY LOCK THEMSELVES AWAY. SHAWN KNOWS THIS, THIS IS WHY HE HAS BEEN CHOSEN TO COME BACK FROM THE MOTHER. ("SHAWN" is one of the spirit forms channelled - Ed) TO HELP THESE PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE. BEFORE THAT LIFE WAS VERY, VERY ADVANCED. FAR ADVANCED THAN WHAT IT IS TODAY. IT'S BEEN LOST, IT'S BEEN LOST.

FR: LOST CIVILISATION

SON: LOST CIVILISATION. THERE ARE A FEW PEOPLE STILL LEFT, WHO DO YOU UNDERSTAND, AND THEY DON'T WANT US TO UNDERSTAND.

(Other comments).

ITS COMING OUT, ITS COMING OUT BUT ITS NOT COMING OUT QUICK ENOUGH. THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE, THERE ARE TOO MANY, THERE ARE TOO MANY PEOPLE THAT WILL BE LOST ON THIS PLANE. THEY WILL BE LOST BECAUSE THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND THEY BELIEVE. THEY LOST THEIR NATURE OF EXISTENCE. THEY LOST THEIR NATURE OF EXISTENCE.

FR: KEEP GOING.

SON: THIS IS, THIS IS THE CHANCE FOR PEOPLE.

FR: I KNOW.

SON: TO JOIN THE MOTHER. EXPERIENCE THIS LIFE IS PHHHH!
THIS LIFE IS PART OF AN ATOM. THAT BUILDS UP YOUR DNA SYSTEM. WE ARE YOU ARE AMI ???

FR: AMIGA

SON: AMOEBA, AMIGA, AMIGA. YOU ARE AN AMOEBA AND YOU KNOW SO LITTLE.

FR: LITTLE.

SON: COMPARED TO WHAT YOU WILL.

MR: KNOW.

SON: FIND. WHEN YOU PASS. (????) HERE (????) EXPERIENCE THERE. WE WON'T EXPERIENCE THE BODIES OF PEOPLE. (????) PEOPLE (????) FORGET. WHY I DON'T KNOW. THE SUN IS SOMETHING TO DO WHICH MALAKI KNEW, THEIR SOMETHING ELSE. THE ADJURAS THE ADJURAS, SOMETHING SOMETHING TAKING THE ADJURAS. THE LOSS ADJURAS, SOMETHING ELSE IS TAKING IT. THAT'S IT THATS IT THE REASON WHY IT MUST END LIFE IS BECAUSE WHATEVER IS TAKING THE ADJURAS ARE TAKING IT TALKING ABOUT OTHER SPECIES OF LIFE OR OTHER LIFE AS WE KNOW LIFE. THEY ARE NOT DYING, THE ADJURAS CAN NOT. THIS MOTHER THING MUST TAKE ITS MOLECULES BUT THERE IS SOMETHING ELSE THAT'S BUILDING THERE IS AN OPPOSITE.

MRS: YES, EVIL.

SON: WHAT WE KNOW AS GOD IS THE MOTHER. WHAT WE KNOW AS GOD AS WHAT'S COME THROUGH IS.

MRS: NO YOU'VE GOT TO GO NOW. PLEASE GO. UNBELIEVERS GO NOW, AND I MEAN IT, I MEAN IT, I MEAN IT, I MEAN IT, OH OH OK OH (ETC)_____

SON: THIS THING IS CLOSING IT'S TAKING AWAY AND IT IS TRYING TO TRAP THE LOST THE LOST ADJURAS. I DON'T KNOW WHY (????) ALTERNATIVE, ALTERNATIVE ITS USING, IT'S NOT USING THE CHARACTER ARE NOT THERE, THE CHARACTERS ARE NOT IN. IT'S NOT INTERESTED IN THE KNOWLEDGE THEY HAVE FOUND. IT'S JUST INTERESTED IN THE ENERGY IT'S (????) ALTERNATIVE STRUCTURE OPPOSITE. OF THE OPPOSITE SIDE.

MRS: OH OH GOOD AND EVIL. GOOD AND EVIL THE GREATEST FIGHT FOR GOOD AND EVIL.

SON: THAT'S WHAT WE KNOW OF. WE UNDERSTAND IT IS GOOD AND EVIL.

MRS: GOOD AND EVIL.

SON: PEOPLE OVERRULE EVIL. THIS IS WHY IT HAS TO COME TO AN END.

MRS: YES ARMAGEDDON, ARMAGEDDON.

SON: THIS THIS THING WILL RE-GENERATE, RIGHT THIS THING WILL RE-GENERATE IT. IT'S GOING TO, IT'S GOING TO, WHEN IT'S GOT ALL ITS ADJURAS BACK IT'S GONNER IT'S GONNER INCREASE, AND ITS GONNER INCREASE. EVERY THING IS GOING TO COME AND IT GONNER DESTROY, DESTROY THE OTHER SIDE

THIS IS WHY WE CALL IT EVIL. PEOPLE THAT HAVE NO, HAVE NO BELIEFS HAVE NO, PEOPLE, WHO HAVE EVIL ARE NOT NECESSARILY EVIL UNTIL THEY DON'T GO OVER. THESE PEOPLE WHO EVER DON'T GO OVER WILL GO TO THIS ALTERNATIVE BUILDING, STRUCTURE. THIS BUILDING STRUCTURE IS TRYING TO TAKE EVERY THING. IT'S TRYING TO DRAW EVERYTHING BECAUSE IT WANTS TO BE POWERFUL. IT WANTS TO BE POWERFUL BUT IT WON'T. ONE THING IT CAN DO IT CAN NOT SHUT DOWN THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF LIFE, BUT THIS OTHER ONE CAN. THIS OTHER ONE CAN, THIS OTHER ONE HAS GOT A CERTAIN TIME LEFT. I DON'T KNOW, IT'S THIS ONE ON THIS SIDE. THAT'S WHAT'S HAPPENING.

------(Further interjections)

WHAT WE KNOW OF EVIL, IT'S NOT, IT'S NOT PERSONS.

MR: NOT DEVIL. NOT LIKE A PERSON DEVIL.

SON: NO IT'S NOT A PERSON DEVIL, THERE IS NO, THERE IS NO. THERE IS NO GOOD OR EVIL ON THIS PLANET WE ARE WE ARE. WHAT WE ARE DOING TO THIS PLANET IS WHAT WE ARE DOING TO IT. THERE IS A BODY OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE ON THIS PLANET THAT KNOW ALL ABOUT IT FOR A LONG TIME. AND IT SEEMS TO HAVE STOPPED AFTER THE EGYPTIANS.

FR: (????) CAN'T COMMUNICATE NOW.

SON: SO ITS HAPPENED AFTER THE EGYPTIANS SO ITS HAPPENED. THERE'S BEEN A DOWNFALL. A DOWNFALL OF PEOPLE, A DOWNFALL OF PEOPLE.

MRS: OH (????) STUDIED THEM, HE STUDIED, HE STUDIED THEM THEM THE BIBLE.

SON: THE EGYPTIANS HAVE COME UP. THE AZTECS AND EVERYTHING BEFORE THAT WAS SO ADVANCED. YES ON THIS (????) INCAS. I'M FASCINATED FOR ALIENS AND I'M ASKING IT ABOUT ALIENS AND I'M GETTING ALIENS ARE COME TO THIS EARTH FOR OUR HELP, AND WE HAVE, WE HAVE NOT GIVEN IT.

MRS: GIVEN IT.

SON: WE ARE FAR FROM GIVING IT. WE WANT THEIR TECHNOLOGY, WE WANT, WE WANT THEIR EVERLASTING TOTAL LIFE. WE HAVE

MR: SECRETS.

SON: WE WANT THEIR SECRET OF LIFE. WE WANT THEIR TECHNOLOGY. WE WANT THEIR TECHNOLOGY. WE ARE SO SELFISH.

MR: BUT THEY WANT OUR LOVE.

SON: THEY WANT, THEY DON'T, THEY ARE NOT EVIL. THEY ARE THEY ARE FAR FROM. THEY THEIR'S NO GOOD AND EVIL, THEY HAVE, THEY HAVE, NOT THE SAME, THEY HAVE NOT THE SAME.

-----Continued. The conversations become more intertwined with religious dogma, "the Mother", and "the Womb". Please write to the editor if the meaning of the above has strong significance for you.

by Data Research

Notes on the positions for the prominent stars and planets are provided for the benefit of investigations. The planets and bright stars can cause a surprising number of mis-identifications, and be reported as UFOs. The notes here are for observers in the British Isles and Western Europe.

PLANETS

*Of the nine **known** planets in the solar system, only four are really ever bright enough in our skies to cause possible confusion and misidentification problems.*

- ◆ Unlike last year, **Venus** will not be so prominent to the general observer. It starts the year as a bright object in the morning southeastern sky, but it will not be easy to see from the British Isles. Observers in the UK will have to wait until May before the planet becomes an evening object, and even into September it will only be seen for less than half an hour after sunset - but this does mean it will be bright and low to the horizon. The planet does not reach maximum Eastern elongation until November, and only at the end of the year will it dominate the southwestern evening sky.
- ◆ **Mars** will be prominent in the southeastern night sky at the start of the year, and reaches maximum magnitude in March, when it will be very obvious with its famous red hue. Although it diminishes in brightness, it will be clear moving through the southern night sky until August, when it ceases to be visible from the British Isles and Europe.
- ◆ **Jupiter** will not be visible from the British Isles until March, when it will be a morning object. It then becomes visible all night as it moves to opposition in August. It then remains as a prominent evening object throughout the year.
- ◆ **Saturn** will be visible in the southwestern sky until the end of February before it gets too close to the Sun for observation. It will not become visible again until July, when it will be a morning object. By the autumn the planet is visible for most of the night, reaching opposition in October. The ring system is still poorly inclined for observation from Earth, and will require a good telescope to be seen.

MONTHLY NOTES

(The general positions for prominent stars are based on midnight at mid-month. Brightness of an object is measured in mag. - magnitude)

January

Planets: Venus will be prominent low to the horizon in the southeast just before dawn; Mars will be conspicuous at mag ~ 2.0 in the southeastern sky before midnight; Saturn continues to be obvious in the southwestern sky in the evenings, at mag $+1.0$. **Stars:** In the late evening, Sirius is very prominent in the southern sky, and should be unmistakable; Arcturus and the white/blue Vega will be low to the northern horizon. **Moon:** full - 23rd; new - 9th. **Meteors:** Quarantids, 1st - 4th.

February

Planets: Mars will be clearly visible in the eastern evening sky; Saturn will be low in the southwestern sky shortly after sunset. **Stars:** Of the late evening stars Sirius is still obvious; Vega is still low to the northern horizon; while Arcturus and Spica will be rising more in the Northeast. **Moon:** full - 22nd; new - 7th.

March

Planets: Mars will be obvious with its reddish colour, reaching opposition on the 17th, with a magnitude of ~ 1.3 ; Jupiter is now becoming visible as a morning object, at mag ~ 2.0 ; Saturn will be difficult to see low in the southwest just after sunset, but could be mistaken on very clear night. **Stars:** Late evening stars to be noticeable are Vega and Arcturus, rising in the eastern sky; Yellow/white Aldebaran and the red Betelgeuse will be low to the western horizon. **Moon:** full - 24th; new - 9th. Partial eclipse of the Moon between 3.00am and 6.20am on the 24th. **Spring Equinox** - 20th.

April

Planets: Mars will remain visible for most of the night, but its brightness will be diminishing as the month progresses. It reaches its second stationary point in its retrograde on the 27th.; Jupiter, at mag ~ 2.1 will be prominent before dawn. **Stars:** The bright red Antares will be low in the south-eastern sky; Altair will be low in the north-east; Capella and the bright white/blue Procyon are low in the north-west. **Moon:** full - 22nd; new - 7th. **Meteors:** Lyrids, 20th - 22nd, moonlight interferes.

May

Planets: Venus now becomes an evening object, being very bright low to the horizon shortly after sunset, being at mag ~ 3.9 ; Mars is still decreasing in brightness, but is still prominent by its colour; Jupiter is still a brilliant morning object. **Stars:** Antares and Spica are conspicuous in the south; while the white/blue Capella will be very bright low to the north; yellow/white Regulus will now be low to the north-western horizon. **Moon:** full - 22nd; new - 6th. **Meteors:** Aquarids, 1st - 8th.

June

Planets: Venus is still at mag ~ 3.9 , and will be a brilliant object low to the southwestern horizon after sunset; Mars continues to be visible until setting around midnight; Jupiter is prominent, but will be low to the horizon; Saturn is now a morning object in the eastern sky. **Stars:** Capella is by now very low to the north; Antares still dominates low to the south; Spica is low to the south-west. **Moon:** full - 20th; new - 5th. **Summer solstice:** 21st. **Meteors:** Ophiucids, 17th - 26th, moonlight interferes.

July

Planets: Venus continues as a brilliant low object at mag ~ 3.9 ; Mars is now at mag ~ 0.7 , but is still obvious in the southwest in the evenings; Jupiter brightens to mag ~ 2.8 , and becomes visible in the southeast before midnight; Saturn is still in the eastern sky before dawn.. **Stars:** Capella is still low to the north; Arcturus is now prominent in the south-western sky; Antares will be very low to the west. **Moon:** full - 20th, 30th; new - 4th. **Meteors:** Capricornids, 15th - Aug 25th; Perseids, 27th - Aug 17th.

August

Planets: Venus is now at mag ~ 4.0 , but will still be low to the southwest only 30 minutes after sunset; Mars will only be visible in the southwest until the middle of the month, when it moves too close to the sun for observation; Jupiter will be obvious in the southern sky all night, reaching opposition on the 9th. Of interest to keen observers will be the absence from view of the four

main Jovian satellites on the 27th; Saturn becomes visible in the eastern sky in the evenings. **Stars:** Arcturus will be very low in the north-west; Aldebaran will be rising in the north-east. **Moon:** full - 18th; new - 3rd. **Meteors:** Capricornids, till 25th; Perseids till 17th.

September

Planets: Venus is still brilliant at mag ~ 4.0 , but remains elusive, setting within 30 minutes of the sun; Jupiter will be visible until midnight for most of the month; Saturn will be visible for most of the night at mag ~ 0.3 . **Stars:** The white Formalhaut is low to the south; Procyon will be rising in the north-east after midnight towards the end of the month. **Moon:** full - 16th; new - 1st. Total Lunar eclipse from 5.10pm and 8.25pm on the 16th. **Autumn equinox:** 22nd.

October

Planets: Venus continues to be obvious in the southwestern sky; Jupiter will be prominent in the southwestern sky as well, at mag ~ 2.5 ; Saturn reaches opposition on the 10th, so will be visible all night. **Stars:** Altair is now setting to the south-west; white/blue Vega will be low in the west; Procyon will be rising in the east. **Moon:** full - 16th; new - 1st and 31st. **Meteors:** Orionids, 15th - 25th, moonlight interferes; Taurids, 26th - Nov 16th.

November

Planets: Venus is increasing to mag ~ 4.7 , and is now becoming visible for longer each evening, and will be setting some 90 minutes after the Sun by the end of the month; Jupiter continues as a brilliant evening object after sunset; Saturn is still visible for most of the night. **Stars:** Vega is now low to the north; Regulus very low in the north-east; the brilliant white Sirius now returns in the east, and is quite distinct. **Moon:** full - 14th; new - 30th. **Meteors:** Taurids, till 16th; Leonids, 15th - 19th.

December

Planets: Venus is brilliant at mag ~ 4.7 , and should be unmistakable in the evening southwestern sky, and will be visible for 2 hours after sunset; Jupiter also continues to be obvious in the southwestern sky; Saturn is also clear in the southwestern sky. **Stars:** Vega will be skimming the northern horizon; Regulus continues to rise in the east; Sirius is now quite unmistakable in the southern sky. **Moon:** full - 14th, new - 29th. **Winter solstice** - 21st. **Meteors:** Geminids, 9th - 14th, moonlight interferes; Ursids, 17th - 24th.

OTHER OBJECTS

◆ After the pleasing appearance of the naked-eye Comet Hyakutake in the spring of 1996, Comet Halle-Bopp promises to be even better in 1997, and although it hasn't reached naked-eye brightness as predicted during the latter part of 1996, it should be favourably placed for good observations in the spring of this year. As it becomes brighter, expect the papers to print sky maps to help observer's find it.

◆ As mentioned in the Astronomy Notes for 1996, the frequency of apparent sporadic meteors is still higher than many astronomy books would suggest. Another common factor in these observations is the green or blue colouration of the 'meteor' and prominent trail. I suspect that there will still be much discussion and speculation on the nature of these type of reports.

Sources: 1997 Yearbook of Astronomy - Patrick Moore, by Macmillan; Planisphere, by Phillip's; SkyMap shareware.

MYSTERY LIGHTS OVER THE WASH.

by Data Research

The following case was reported on October 7th 1996 in the Eastern Evening News and refers to the appearance of 2 "lights" pulsating in multi-colours seen over The Wash (North Sea Inlet) near Boston Lincs, in the early hours of October 5th. We are indebted to Ian Read of Norfolk UFO Society who collected the reports for the Internet.

A video footage lasting 7 hours is claimed to exist! More important perhaps is a full transcription of events during the early hours of October 5th starting at 03.14 between police, RAF stations, coastguards and a tanker out at sea. Such revelations are rare indeed and give every indication that true UFOs were present in this instance. It discloses that "transponders" are present on man made aerial objects which give indications of identification. No transponders were identified even though radar contact was established. The radar response was picked up at Northwood base on the edge of London as well as the nearer points at Neatishead and Waddington.

Unfortunately the transmission ended at 19.20 the following evening when Anglia radar stated "There is nothing there now. We are of the opinion it was Boston Stump". This statement appears to be quite ridiculous as "Boston Stump" refers to the tower of St Boltolphs parish church, Boston, a landmark for many miles around, which has been there hundreds of years. There are legends associated with the Stump, but to substitute it for a UFO sighting which was tracked for over 7 hours on state-of-the-art equipment, seems to be a desperate attempt to rationalise a very strong case indeed.

The events were reported in several papers centred on East Anglia and the Conocoast tanker crew who had the best direct visuals of the objects were contacted after the event by the Eastern Evening News a few days later. Told that the MOD had concluded the UFOs were a false alarm due to the effects of an electrical storm or the Boston Stump - the mate on the tanker, David Hutchinson stated - "It was too high in the sky and in the wrong position. It could not have been the Boston Stump." He also confirmed there was no storm on the night in question. "The two objects had green, red, white and blue revolving lights, which could still be seen through binoculars in day-light".

The crew of Conocoast tracked the lights for 4-5 hours which was time enough for every conceivable check to be made on the nature of the presence. Perhaps most important is the fact that the observers could still see the lights with binoculars in DAYLIGHT when it would be possible to identify a balloon or air-ship moving very slowly if this was the case. No other form of man made object could sit round for this length of time in silence.

One or two respondents wondered why the RAF had not scrambled jets to investigate. It seems that the MOD do not have "lateral thinkers" who can spot a threat from an unexpected quarter - hence the disaster of leaving the Falklands unprotected in 1982, and the recognition of "Gulf War Syndrome" 5 years too late. Since 1945, the conventional view was that the Soviet Bloc was the only direction from which a threat would appear, so most NATO missiles and tracking equipment pointed in that direction. It would also be expected that a build-up of tension would accelerate over a period of weeks allowing all bases to go on Red Alert and receive live weaponry from stores. This did occur in the Cuban Missile Crisis of 1962, when Kennedy's brinkmanship eventually forced the Soviets to back down.

Our two slow moving UFOs over the Wash appear somewhat similar to the "Independence Day"

situation, when giant craft sat silently over Earth's major cities, and without warning suddenly fired massive destructive charges downwards. That scenario is strictly for the thrill seekers, but it goes to show if the events reported above are true, the military response would be far too late in arriving!

PRESS REPORT 7/10/96

Mysterious bright lights in the sky were today being investigated by the Ministry of Defence to see if they posed a threat to national security. the MOD said it was taking seriously several sightings of two large unexplained objects hovering in the skies above the Wash. Mystified personnel at RAF Neatishead, near Wroxham, spent hours tracking the lights of the UFOs, sighted over Boston on Saturday, and coastguards at Great Yarmouth were kept busy co-ordinating reports from police, shipping and the RAF.

Nigel Sergeant, spokesman for the MOD, said today: "We don't know what they are. We are investigating to see whether they are a threat to our security".

Skegness police called the coastguard 3.14am on Saturday after seeing a number of objects in the sky. They later took video footage of UFOs. Boston police also reported a light in the sky.

Flt Lt Keith Sweatman of RAF Neatishead said: "The number of independent reports we have suggests there is something to follow up. We will be investigating the matter thoroughly and we are already collating all the information we have."

Sightings later came too from a tanker and a civilian aircraft and two military radar stations verified "strange traces". The UFOs were described by witnesses as large, a mile up in the sky, and with blue, white, red and green flashing lights. A spokesman for Skegness police said: "We had calls overnight which suggested a large bright object over the coast. In the past, sightings like this have either a plane or a weather balloon." However Yarmouth Coastguard records show a force 4 wind was blowing at the time. The objects were monitored in the same positions for at least 7 hours.

The objects did not carry transponders, the electronic equipment which gives out a signal identifying civil or military aircraft. Witnesses reported no aircraft in the area. Military radar reported no aircraft, civil or military, in the area apart from the civilian flight which reported "strange lights." Military officials said late on Saturday morning that no airforce planes had been scrambled to investigate as the objects were not seen as a threat, but a military jet was seen heading up the Norfolk coast towards the area at 9am on Saturday.

ACTUAL TRANSCRIPTS:

Coastguards in Great Yarmouth co-ordinated the whole exercise spanning Scotland and the east coast of England to track the unexplained lights. The Evening News has obtained a transcript of a conversation between coastguard, RAF stations in Norfolk, Scotland and London; police and North Sea tanker Conocoast about the unexplained lights. This is the recording taken at Yarmouth Coastguard HQ:

03.14 SKEGNESS POLICE: "We can see a strange red and green rotating light in the sky directly south-east from Skegness. It looks strange as it is stationary and there is no sound in the area."

03.26 RAF KINLOSS: "Northwood have a radar contact bearing 221° at 16 miles. It looks to be stationary and there is no way of determining its height, but it must be quite a size to be visible from Skegness.

03.31 KINLOSS: "Neatishead now confirm a double radar contact in the area but no height. They seem to be stationary. There are definitely no military aircraft in the area and no notified civilian flights should be there."

03.46: CONOCOAST TANKER: "We have these lights on visual, now they are flashing red, green and white. Cannot identify it as an aircraft as it looks stationary and it is approximately one mile high."

YARMOUTH COASTGUARD: "Did you see which direction it appeared?"

CONOCOAST: "No, it just appeared and is stationary."

03.53 KINLOSS: "Neatishead say it could be caused by the weather."

COASTGUARD: "I don't think so as we have visual contact."

KINLOSS: "Well, Neatishead and Northwood report there is no transponder on this object and therefore no means of interrogation. It is obvious that whatever it is does not want anyone to know it is there. Also Neatishead report its position as directly over Boston."

04.08 CONOCOAST: "It is still stationary and flashing red, green, blue and white. It looks very high, north of us and there is no engine noise."

04.17 COASTGUARD: "Skegness, can you get video footage as the RAF are very interested and may require it later."

04.27 KINLOSS: "Neatishead are keeping a log of what looks like clutter on the radar."

04.45 YARMOUTH COASTGUARD: "Conocoast, can you give us an update."

CONOCOAST: "We can see two lights flashing green and red."

05.01 COASTGUARD: "Give us both bearings of the two lights."

CONOCOAST: "There is one stationary light at 345 deg true and the other at 160 true. The lights are both visible with the naked eye and both exhibit the same characteristics flashing red, blue, green and white."

05.17 BOSTON POLICE: "We can still see the light. It is towards the south-east and seems about 40-45 degrees up in the sky. It is just a bright light to us."

05.21 KINLOSS: "Neatishead are running a trace on this and cannot explain it. If there are helicopters they are fast approaching the end of their endurance as it is well over two hours since the first report let alone how long they were up there before they were actually sighted."

05.52 CONOCOAST: " We can still see the lights and they are on their original bearing and flashing the same colours but they seem higher and dimmer."

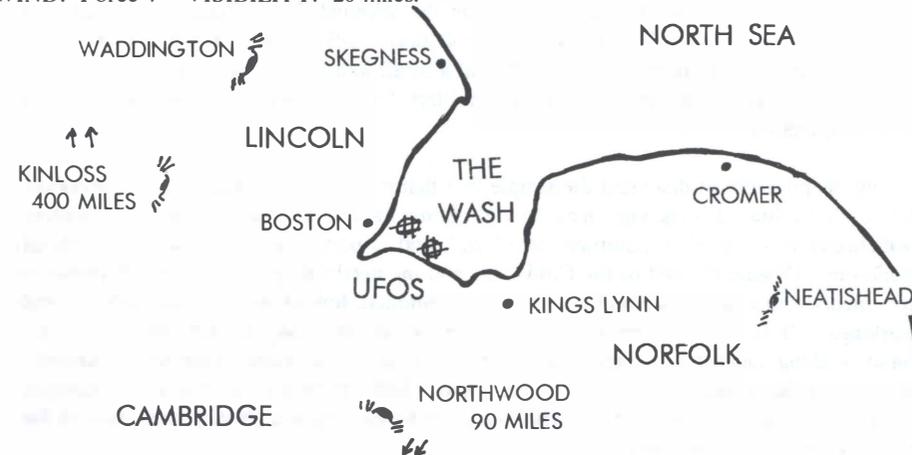
07.08 FLT LT McFARLANE, NEATISHEAD: "We had a report from Northwood that a civil flight had had also reported strange lights in the area. They fit exactly with what was seen from the ground, multi-coloured, flashing, stationary lights."

07.31 FLT LT GEORGE, NORTHWOOD: "This echo is still on our screens and we cannot explain this at all apart from it being a meteorological phenomenon, but then again we have visual sightings also as well. The civilian flight that reported these lights as a flare was six miles away at the time. All very strange."

11.09 NEATISHEAD: "The object has not moved. London radar and Waddington can also see it."

19.20 ANGLIA RADAR: "There is nothing there now. We are of the opinion that it was Boston Stump."

WIND: Force 4 VISIBILITY: 20 miles.



VEHICLE STATISTICS AND RADIOACTIVITY IN THE ENVIRONMENT.

by Michael C Soper

1080 electromagnetic UFO cases from 1980 have turned up compiled by Adolf Schneider for MUFON. Leaving aside the geometrical significance of this number, these cases provide a reasonable size database to analyse. For example, of the vehicle interference cases concerning cars:

177 affected	motor only
103 affected	motor and lights
60 affected	motor, lights and radio
52 affected	radio only
33 affected	electrical system
32 affected	lights only
26 affected	motor and radio.

Thus of 366 cases affecting the motor, 189 affected something else - over half. This refutes the claim that vehicles often stall due a nervous reaction of the witness driver. In 18 cases radioactivity was found and in 16 cases magnetisation. Static electricity was found in 19 cases and in 21 cases synchronisation was affected, with surface static charge in 6. Now given that about one in 1,000 UFO cases at least has a vehicle interference or electromagnetic aspect, and there have been 1,000,000 reports as a conservative estimate, then from these statistics, we can expect better than 20 radioactive cases. Now estimating on the assumption that only 10 percent of cases are picked up worldwide, we might expect 200 radioactive vehicle interference cases globally.

WHERE ARE ALL THESE HOT VEHICLES TODAY?

"No defence significance" seems a little hollow.

UNMARKED BLACK AIRCRAFT OR RED HERRINGS?

by Brian P James

Even students of the subject of Ufology, to say nothing of seasoned investigators and researchers, cannot have failed to notice the increase in the frequency of alleged reports of all manner of "black" and/or "unmarked" aircraft in relation to UFO sightings during recent years. By this, I do not mean the black flying triangles, nor the acknowledged 'Black Project' aircraft such as the B-2 *Spirit*, or F-117 *Nighthawk*, or the collaborative BAe/Breguet project - *HAI.O*. I am referring to the allegedly unmarked conventional aircraft and helicopters flying in our skies. Are these really all part of some huge clandestine military force, or possibly merely the result of over-active imagination?

Too many people seem to disregard the simple fact that most military aircraft are deliberately painted in low visibility schemes, known as 'lo-viz'. Some training aircraft are even painted gloss black, which conversely is high visibility, or 'hi-viz', and is particular to the mission needs of some squadrons. Despite the end of the Cold War, and the need for secrecy of aircraft numbers and deployments, many air arms continue to use very minimal, low visibility serial numbers and other markings. It is not uncommon for markings to be dark on an only slightly lighter background, making identification difficult unless the observer is quite close to the aircraft, possibly even on the ground. Army Air Corps (AAC) helicopters are another good example, utilising dark grey and green camouflage, with black serial numbers, not an ideal combination for easy identification of individual aircraft.

Although Oxfordshire is hardly an area of high activity in terms of military flying, it is not difficult to see 'black aircraft' on a regular basis, and if one travels down to areas around Salisbury Plain then it becomes difficult *not* to see them. Am I suggesting that our skies are filled with secretive forces? Not at all! How many of you are keen aviation enthusiasts? How many regularly go to airshows and take several rolls of photos? Now, how many of you have countless numbers of unimpressive photos of displaying aircraft that are in silhouette either because the sun was in front of the display line, or that clouds have caused poor lighting? Would you suggest that these were 'black aircraft'? Of course not. The simple fact is that under all too common lighting conditions, aircraft will be seen silhouetted against the sky, and will appear to be dark coloured.

Another factor that must be considered in claimed sightings of such 'black aircraft' is the distance of the aircraft from the observer. At a distance, it will again be difficult for the observer to make out any surface details or colouration, and can lead to false reports. On one occasion in 1994 while crop-watching at Alton Barnes, I was unable to persuade/dissuade two other watchers that the two helicopters that they were excitedly calling "black and unmarked" were simply two Lynx AH-3's flying out of either AAC Middle Wallop or Netheravon, and were en route for the Salisbury Plain ranges.

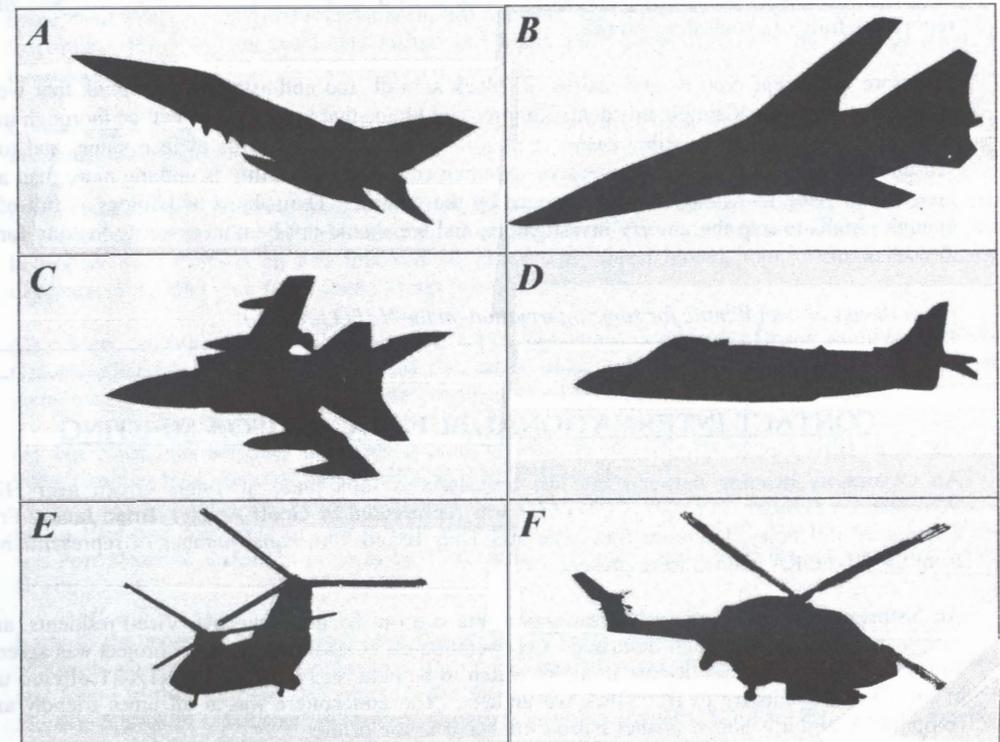
It is also apparent that many witnesses simply do not know what sort of aircraft are common in some areas, and unfortunately some investigators have a habit of further propagating the myth. I have heard a number of claims by visitors looking at crop formations in the Alton Barnes and Devizes area of being "buzzed" by helicopters "bristling with equipment", which sounds good, and can be sensationalized. However, if one looks at the simple facts, the whole area is close to the AAC bases mentioned above, and the AAC have now also taken over the former RAF Upavon. Consequently there *will* be a lot of low flying helicopters, on quite normal exercises,

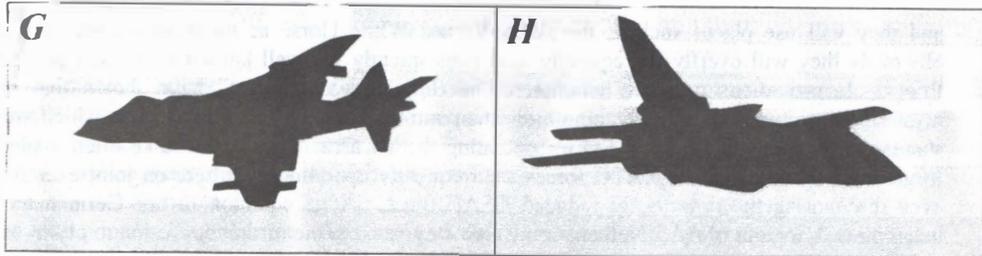
and they will use places such as the Alton Barnes White Horse as navigation landmarks, so obviously they will overfly it frequently, and consequently the well known East Field at Alton Priors. Investigations into the helicopters "bristling with equipment" have shown that this mysterious equipment is often nothing more than anti-tank missile tubes and sights, which are a standard equipment fit for most Lynx's operating in that area. Another mistake often made is forgetting that aircraft from NATO forces are frequently operating over here on joint exercises, even discounting the now vastly reduced USAF forces. It is common to see German army helicopters flying out of AAC Netheravon, which may cause some further confusion to observers.

In the recent Oxfordshire 'airship' flap of 22 October 1996, we received one report of "black, unmarked helicopters" following the UFO. Bearing in mind that this sighting was at night, can we really place much reliability on this report? On the same night, there were also reports of "Tornado fighters" chasing a UFO over Bicester, and this is not the first time that we have heard claims of "Tornado fighters" chasing UFOs. When questioned, it has been clear that some witnesses could not tell the difference between an RAF Tornado and a USAF F-111, let alone the very important operational difference between Tornado GR1 and F3 variants.

Just for an interesting test, try your own skills, see the following sillographs - what are these aircraft? These are depicted as they might appear under common lighting conditions. It is not sufficient to simply say "Tornado", "Harrier" or whatever, identify the full type and variant - I will let you off with identifying the actual air arm flying the aircraft!

Check your answers at the back of this edition of *Awareness*.





There may well be a case for investigators to have aircraft recognition charts for checking out such claims of 'jet fighters' chasing UFOs. I should say that I do not doubt that the RAF do at least try to engage some unidentified aerial targets, though I am not sure if they have the resources that some researchers would indicate. Indeed I sincerely hope they do intercept genuine incursions by non-allied forces. However, I have considerable doubts on the ability of members of the general public to make a positive visual identification of an aircraft type. This inability to even roughly identify an aircraft is of course made much more difficult at night, when all the witness can see is a collection of a few white, red and green lights. How many of you can truthfully say that you can recognise an aircraft at night, unless one can also hear its engine noise?

I accept that the various military forces will have some sensitive aircraft that may not carry normal, indeed legal, markings. However, I find it hard to believe that the sheer numbers of reports are truly of clandestine aircraft.

Before we accept reports, and claims of 'black aircraft' too enthusiastically, I think that we should be very wary of simple misidentifications, and I hope that investigators will be thorough in this important aspect of possible cases. It is all too easy to take reports at face value, and to sensationalize, and build up an impressive-sounding case that in actuality is nothing more than a lack of observing knowledge, and experience by the witness. The subject of Ufology is full of enough pitfalls to trap the unwary investigators, and we should not be unnecessarily looking for new ones.

(With thanks to Ivan Whittle for some information on the HALO project.)

CONTACT INTERNATIONAL/BUFORA LIAISON MEETING

An exploratory meeting between the two organisations took place at Tylers Green near High Wycombe on February 8th 1997. CONTACT was represented by Geoff Ambler, Brian James, Fran Copeland, Bill Foley, Laurence Stockdale and Tony Broad. An equal number of representatives from the BUFORA council were present.

An historical perspective of each organisation was laid out by the respective Vice-Presidents, and current research projects then discussed. Co-operation on at least one research project was agreed, and both groups would participate in a Sky Watch to be held on June 21st. CONTACT offered use of the Clancarty Library to BUFORA researchers. The atmosphere was at all times friendly and co-operative and it is hoped further liaison will occur in the future.

UFOs, OFF EARTH LIFE AND HUMANOIDS

By Michael C. Soper

First we were told that life was so rare that very probably we were the only life in the Universe. The Moon was airless and waterless. Next we were told some craters on the Moon emitted gases, and that there might be other life in the Universe probably not intelligent, though we were unlikely to find any. After this, intelligent life elsewhere was grudgingly admitted and a legendary figure known as Joannes the fishman, who visited the Phoenicians, might not have been human. Next intelligent life most certainly did exist out there though Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) and Communication with Extraterrestrial Intelligence (CETI) were highly unlikely to come across anything. After this, wise opinions supposed many intelligent civilisations certainly do exist out there, though do not for one moment consider they could visit us, (never considering the evidence of those mad UFO people), though ETs might send probes. (Like 1991Vg...believed to be an orbiter).

Now Edward Ashpole the SETI expert has published a book suggesting that cases like Rendlesham(1980), Betty Cash(1980), and Roswell(1947) might be essential for serious SETI people to consider, and his latest is "Where is Everybody" (Sigma). Just recently there is stated to be life on Mars and water on the Moon and NASA photographs of tenuous clouds on the Moon. Yet the authorities have not quite come round to the fact that there is any civilisation researching us, despite hundreds of thousands of consistent reports, and the question produces a state of complete ambiguity in human minds about their existence. Any researchers might like such a state, because oddly the state of mind which forgets and is unperturbed; complete certainty and negation being rememberable ..cognitive dissonance, not knowing, continues the mystery until the mystery is forgotten. Was that an angel that visited last night, perhaps yes, perhaps no ..the question is unsettled here.

Concerning UFOs, the public mind happens to have the ideal disposition for sociological inquiry avoiding culture shock. The following 5 examples illustrate this notion:

- (1) In August 1996, in Pretoria, South Africa, a UFO moved horizontally and then climbed rapidly. It was described as a bright light surrounded by a circle of red dots and was chased by a police helicopter over Pretoria and was followed on radar. The object halted, then climbed, and finally disappeared at 9000 feet. (Carribean Times 5th September '96..)
- (2) Seen on Sept 3rd 1996 at Dover a UFO zigzagging overhead, (Dover Express 12/9/96). Grandmother Iris Eversfield, saw a long thin white object with no tail oscillating overhead, 'kept going back and forth and made no noise.' She contacted UFOMEK, affiliated to Contact.
- (3) The MOD has admitted that their special 'Q' aircraft normally investigate UFO sightings, one being based at RAF Leuchars. NO DEFENCE SIGNIFICANCE ?
- (4) In 1964 two dogs were out for a walk, with their owner, Mr Perryman, and his son. The place was Port Meadow, Oxford, a piece of land within the ring road and beside the main rail line going North.

Early in the morning they crossed over the bridge onto the meadow and Mr Perryman saw a dull yellowish glow and a sound similar to a tractor engine. Perryman and son walked over to the glow and found to their surprise that once IN the field they could no longer see the light, though could see two figures in balaclavas and boiler suits (or something similar). The two figures were moving,

seemingly.

50 YARDS AWAY THE FIGURES DISAPPEARED and the two walkers were astonished, and instinctively looked back for the dogs, which had never left the bridge. The dogs knew there was something strange on the meadow.

(5) During the days of the use of Woomera, Australia, for testing rockets, there was a kerfuffle concerning the appearance and disappearance of a figure in a spacesuit near the test facility. The same figure in a space suit appeared on a photograph taken of a girl, standing behind her. The photographer saw nothing at all.

Ministry of Defence were interested in the figure on the photograph taken in Cumberland by Jim Templeton in May 1964 of his young daughter in her new dress, which appeared behind her head at a slight angle. They had good cause, since the Bluestreak countdown at Woomera had been stopped at the same time BECAUSE A SIMILAR FIGURE, THOUGH TWELVE FEET TALL had been seen in the test facility. Jenny Randles, the Cheshire UFOlogist, has checked at the public record office for details of this case, and found that there was correspondence about the photograph which had appeared in a Sydney Newspaper, and that, what was probably the key Woomera film was missing from the line of film cans of Bluestreak launches, though referred to often in the MOD correspondence. Cancellation of Bluestreak formed the start of the disastrous series of cancellations for petty political games. Casualties included TSR2, Hhotol, ...Britain's Future in space... which is now largely in the hands of amateur groups lead by Aspire, who are hoping to build and launch a manned capsule eventually.

Dark Skies - A 'Wide-Ranging' Review

by B P James

The latest US series dealing with all things paranormal - *Dark Skies* - made its debut on British terrestrial TV on Channel 4 on Monday 13 January (Coincidentally the night that UFOs and other paranormal events occurred in and around Oxford!).

Dark Skies itself is obviously cashing in on the success of the sci-fi, or is it sci-fact genre, and of course *The X Files*, but in terms of chronology, *Dark Skies* is something of a 'father of the X Files' - who spotted a young 'Cigarette Smoking Man', or 'Deep Throat'? The series features John Loengard and his girlfriend Kimberly Sayers, as a young idealistic couple inspired by the upbeat Kennedy era of America. While Kimberly was seeking to make a career within the Whitehouse staff, John was 'doing a Mulder' and looking at UFO reports, all of the time 'knocking on the door' of Majestic 12, which he was then 'invited to join'. Then things go wrong, and the pair end up running from 'authority', which probably owes more to *The Fugitive* than anything else.

Dark Skies blended in so many threads of paranoia and conspiracy theory in the pilot episode it was difficult to see what could be left for the entire series. We had Gary Powers, Majestic 12, the Kennedy assassination, crop circles, alien abductions and live implants, and many more areas woven into the plot, and some of them none too credibly! The second episode brought in Roswell, and introduced Jesse Marcel, as well as having Harry Truman at Roswell itself. This treated Roswell with a very different twist borrowed partly from Steven Spielberg's *Close Encounters*, and then elements of any 'Earth versus aliens' B movie, up to and including *Independence Day*

when American military forces decided to flex their muscles and take on the enemy aliens. Without looking too hard, you can spot elements of *War Of The Worlds*, both the original story, and the 1980s TV series loosely based on the same title. It seems that there is an inexhaustible supply of 'storyline', ranging from the unusual to downright crap for the show to work with under the thin guise of artistic licence.

I have to say that *Dark Skies* is quite stylishly made, and includes some neat effects, though taking great licence with many things, and on the whole the show and concept is stylish crap. However, what does the whole show achieve, especially for the subject of the paranormal?

I think there is cause for concern on the trivialization of such subjects as UFOs and alien abductions, and indeed the whole show sets out to fictionalize the subjects. The promotional blurb for the show creates a myth that history itself has somehow been recorded wrongly, and that Roswell, and all the other threads that *Dark Skies* covers, are the true history of the world. It is also quite obvious that *Dark Skies* is fiction, and is promoted in the media as such. The media is where most of the general public gain their knowledge, and so become convinced that *Dark Skies*, and everything in it, is fiction. This fictionalizing of possibly quite serious subjects was seen in *The X Files*, but at least it wasn't outrightly promoted as fiction, though it never stopped the media describing it in that manner. I was rather surprised, and annoyed, during a conversation at work when someone criticised *Dark Skies*, *The X Files* etc. as being rubbish, and that "...why do they treat Roswell as if it were real?" - this is someone who dismisses that **any event** occurred at Roswell in 1947, even if it were only a Mogul balloon, and thinks that the media coverage given to the event at the time was also fictional. History itself is now being dismissed as fiction! This is also now being seen in the current trend of declaring the Apollo moon landings to have been hoaxed, most of the arguments based on details in photos that have never been denied to have been retouched for artistic effect.

It is clear now that all too many people cannot differentiate between science fiction and the real world of the paranormal, in all its diverse forms. In *The Express* on 25 January, TV critic Jaci Stephen 'had a go' at science fiction on TV, rubbishing everything from the various *Star Trek* series to *X Files* and *Dark Skies*. And then, in the middle of all this sci-fi bashing, the critic comes up with the staggering statement that "Science fiction provides sad people with the illusion that they are more important and interesting than they actually are... they then invent tea parties with aliens..." Ms Stephen includes accounts of alien abduction, with the traumatising sexual probing, as part of this sad people's sci-fi fantasy. The article infers that all sci-fi enthusiasts, and abductees, are "lonely, bored and stupid". Ms Stephen states that sci-fi "...excuses people from taking responsibility for their own lives."

Now, while I am not consciously aware of having been abducted, I am a sci-fi enthusiast and ufologist, and I am greatly angered by Ms Stephen's very confused article. However, perhaps we should feel sorry for the likes of Ms Stephen, as she shows the reactions of someone who is very, very scared of anything outside her own small-minded universe.

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Dear Sir,

Some good time ago now, I happened along to a UFO meeting that was being held quite close to where I live and saw the now quite well known, Mr Nick Pope, present his very first public talk on his years spent at the Ministry of Defence. I heard him say that although much of what was reported to him could be accounted for, there was something like 15-20% of all information he received that could not be explained.

With interest in UFOs and the like being heightened more recently by such TV programmes as "The X Files", "Dark Skies" and "Fortean TV", and with this air of added mystery in that the information given, could be "misinformation" - debunking as it is called. The thought crossed my mind that even perhaps Mr Nick Pope too could be feeding us (the public) with misinformation?

You see if he, or someone like him were to stand up and deny everything, and state that UFOs plainly do not exist, then that would be reason enough especially as he is ex-Government, for all of us to say he is lying! However on the other hand, for Nick Pope to stand up and say that "almost all of it does not exist", it leaves open the possibility that some do, although "all" could still be denied should any of the public report such sightings to any Government Body.

Something of a Catch 22 situation, this debunking of information? Someone comes forward with something that should astound and then, by the other person admitting that they already know about it - it therefore takes the astonishment away and the situation is defused.

Forget about the "TRUTH IS OUT THERE", because if it is, then we will never know it thanks to "misinformation".

Cleve Edmonston (Chingford)

From Carl Wildon, Investigator, Botswana, Africa.

Dear Sir,

Nothing on the UFO or strange happenings front - but there are are a lot of second kind encounters and probably abductions. However the social level of intellect cannot explain and assumes its traditional "majic" related.

The "Tokoloshi" struck again (traditional "majic" related myth - spirit helper/familiar) - this time it attended a funeral and threw stones at people who mocked it in disbelief, "calling it a baboon". I'm trying to rope Eddie - my traditional majic specialist from Swaziland to help me track these entities down.

Carl Wildon, Moeding, Botswana.

Dear Sir,

I have read some of Mr Von Danikens books, and now intend to write a book which is aimed to be an elaboration of the theory that he proposes. In this letter I will summarise some of the theories I wish to write about.

As you know, Mr Von Daniken's notion is that aliens have visited the Earth regularly and have influenced the development of mankind. I intend to take his theory one step further. I will state that Jesus was one of these aliens. It is surprising to me that Mr Von Daniken does not mention

this himself. He writes considerably on the connection between religion and aliens, but somehow manages to avoid this particularly logical conclusion. Perhaps the reason that Jesus is not mentioned in an alien role by Mr Von Daniken is because he was crucified and Von Daniken was afraid to consider the possibility that the aliens were fighting wars against each other here on Earth. There is historical evidence for such a conclusion. Ancient Greek mythology is filled with references to the fact that the Gods looked like man, and they took sides in the wars that were fought by men. I intend to proclaim that these Gods were aliens and that they encouraged warfare between mankind as an extension of the warfare between themselves. It is possible that without alien intervention wars would not exist. I propose to explain why these wars were fought.

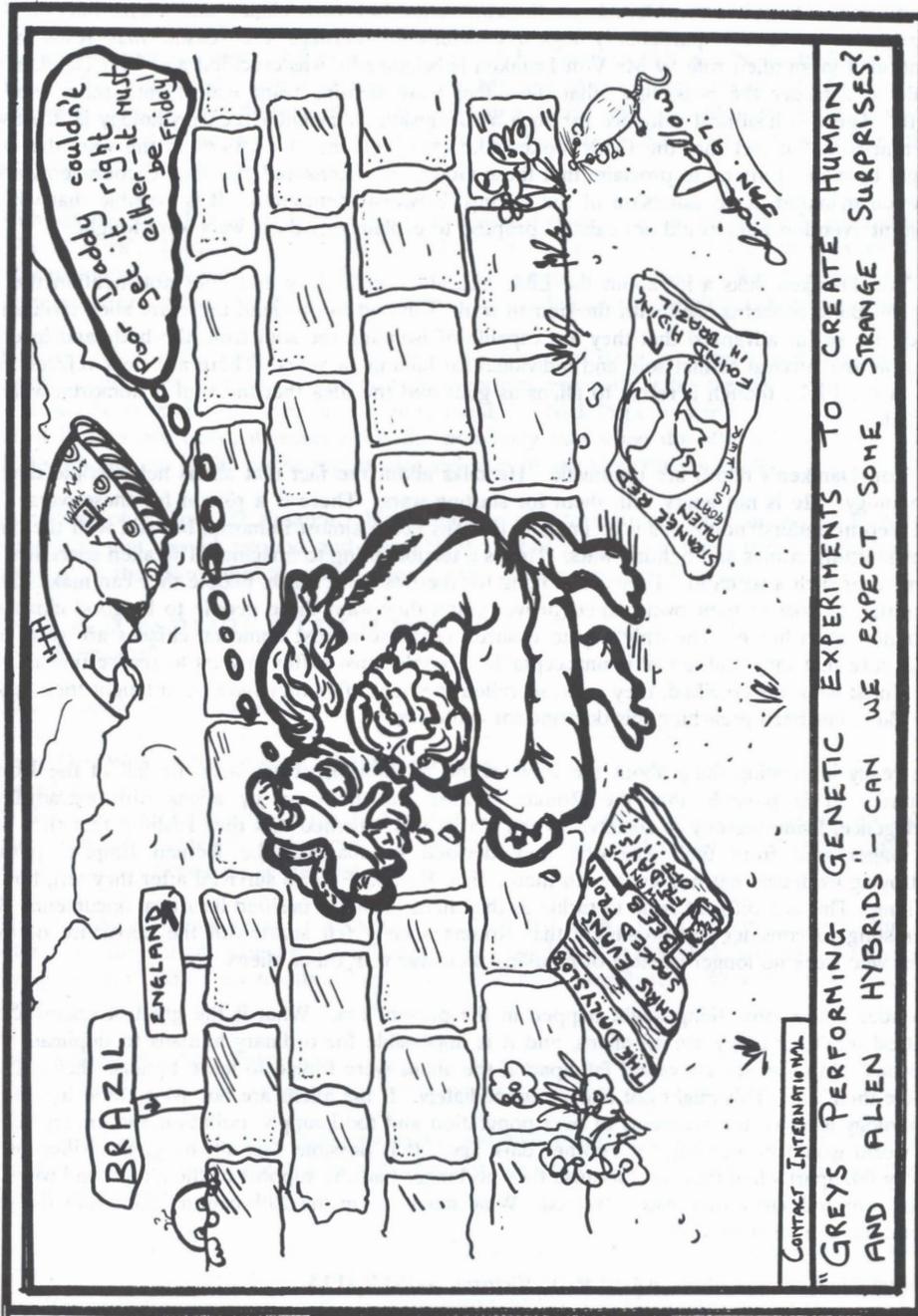
Mr Von Daniken talks a lot about the Bible and alien technology, but does not mention the fact that the Bible concerns itself with the human soul. I intend to proclaim there are alien civilisations which are so far advanced that they are capable of isolating the soul from the body and in effect ensuring the survival of that soul and individual for billions of years. There are clear references to this in the Bible, though it refers to aliens as gods and the idea that the soul is immortal which is unlikely. -----

Mr Von Daniken's books are optimistic. He talks about the fact that aliens help people develop technology. He is not angry with them for starting wars. There is a reason for these wars. The first step in understanding this is to imagine humans being almost immortal but still with the habits of committing crimes and fighting wars. This is a terrible thing to imagine. The alien spacemen are terrified of such a scenario. They are looking for recruits from Earth, people they can make almost immortal, to take to their own planet (heaven), and they want these people to be good citizens in their new alien home. The only way to ensure that these almost immortal citizens are good is to make sure that they realise evil is unacceptable. People must suffer in wars to realise this and just like Christ who was crucified, they go to so called "heaven" after they have been taught their lesson. The Bible has been preaching this doctrine for centuries.

The really interesting thing about the Bible is the relationship it has with the fall of the Roman Empire. It is possible that the Roman Empire was built up by aliens with extraordinary intelligence, living secretly in society. When Christ was crucified and they realised that they were no longer safe from their enemies, they decided to abandon the Roman Empire, perhaps destroying evidence that had ever been there. The Roman Empire survived after they left, but not for long. This is a difficult issue to tackle as the aliens probably falsified historical documents. It is interesting to consider the possibility that Roman society fell apart with the departure of these aliens who were no longer capable of handling their war with other aliens.

I wonder if the same thing might happen in the present era. What if the greatest scientific and political intellects today are all aliens, and it is impossible for ordinary humans to duplicate their activities? Modern society would fall apart if the aliens were forced to leave because they couldn't handle their war. This might not happen immediately. If the aliens are not available to invent new technology to solve the problems of over population and food supply, pollution and energy supply, the world would be heading for another dark age. It is possible that all the great civilisations in history fell apart when they did, because they no longer had the support of the aliens, and when the aliens returned, civilisation was recreated. What makes us in the 20th century think that the same cannot happen to ourselves?

Triantafillos Ross Tokatlidis, Albert Park, Victoria, AUSTRALIA.



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Aircraft Sillographs:

- A. Panavia Tornado F.3: - Recognisable from the GR.1 variant by an extended and much sleeker fuselage. This aircraft is carrying its normal ordnance of four Skyflash AAMs under the fuselage, but in this view only the fins are visible. The F.3 variant of the Tornado is the dedicated interceptor of the RAF, and this is the variant that should be responsible for reports of 'fighters' engaging unknown aerial targets.
- B. General Dynamics F-111F: Formerly based at RAF Lakenheath, but not at RAF Upper Heyford.
- C. Panavia Tornado GR.1: This aircraft is carrying two external tanks, and two ECM jammer pods, and four 1000lbs bombs but what can you actually see? The GR.1 is the ground attack variant of the Tornado, and is not a dedicated 'fighter'.
- D. BAe Sea Harrier FRS.2: The latest version of the Fleet Air Arm (FAA) multi-role aircraft. The FRS.2 can be configured for air-interception roles, as it's earlier version, the FRS.1 was in the Falklands conflict.
- E. How many of you said Chinook? Wrong! This is a Boeing CH-46 Sea Knight, occasionally seen in the UK at airshows, notably the AAC Middle Wallop show. The obvious difference between this and a Chinook is the single nose undercarriage leg on the Sea Knight.
- F. Westland Lynx HAS.3: This is the naval, and not army, version of the Lynx. Although it would normally be based at FAA bases, it was not an uncommon sight over Oxfordshire skies when the Queen's Flight was based at RAF Benson and a certain member of the Royal Family was at RNAS Osprey in Dorset - I will leave you to work out the reason!
- G. BAe Harrier GR.7: The most recent variant of Harrier with the RAF, it might be confused with the RN's Sea Harrier FRS.2, but the GR.5 has larger wings, which seen from underneath have much straighter edges, and the two undercarriage leg booms from the wings.
- H. Who said Tornado? Wrong! Perhaps this is a slightly trick question, as the aircraft is a Sukhoi Su-24 Fencer, used by many of the former Warsaw Pact countries, and is unlikely to be seen in the UK. However, be aware that these aircraft can be en-route to airshows over here.

Okay, this little test has perhaps been an over-exaggeration, but hopefully it has demonstrated the need for more vigilance and accuracy, and will make some of you think that little bit harder when reading sighting reports.

Example charts, for use by investigators, will be available on request.



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