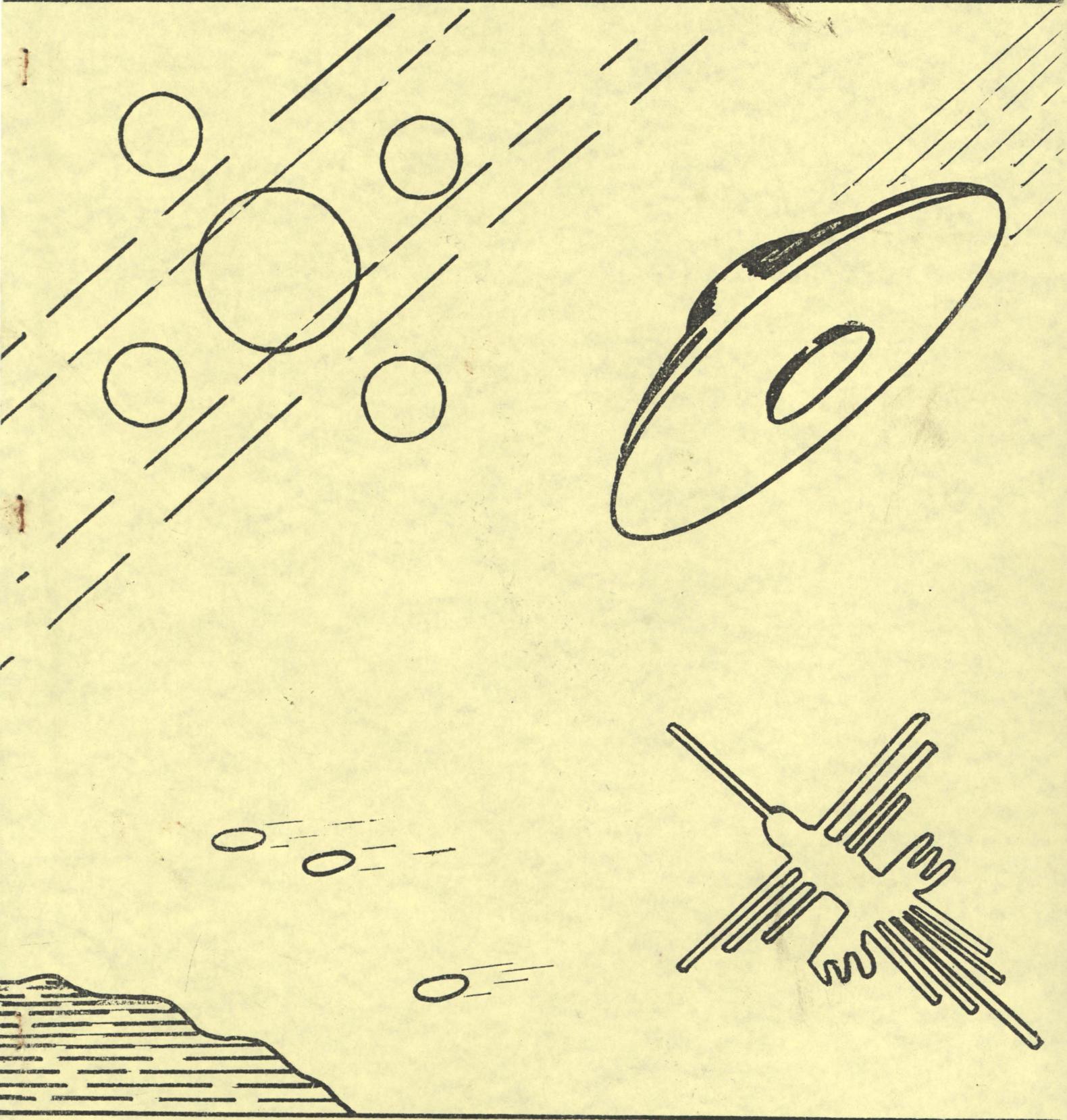


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TRIANGLE MYSTERY CONTINUES

Members who attended the PRA meeting in January had the opportunity to see a video of NATO aircraft intercepting a "flying triangle" over Belgium in 1991.

Although the film commentary was in German, it was quite evident what was happening as the mystery object was first picked up on Radar and then the intercepting aircraft were vectored towards the target. The object broke off contact and disappeared at high speed.

Camera gun film from the aircraft showed a triangular pattern of lights, then as individual frames were enhanced, it was possible to see a large black triangular object with "clipped" wings. As yet, the craft has not been identified.

Nearer to home, Garry Stapleton's film taken on the night of November 11th last year has yielded a fascinating result.

The film, which was a standard 100 ASA Kodak film was processed by the Mallard Laboratories at Kimberley and the film speed increased by two stops. The Mallard Laboratory considered it unlikely that a satisfactory print could be produced from the negatives, they did however produce a page of contact prints.

The contact prints showed a number of lights almost directly overhead, when the photographs were taken. The position of the lights indicated that the object was extremely large, although no shape could be discerned at the time.

The negatives were subsequently passed on to the USA (believed to be the Jet Propulsion Laboratories) via a reliable source. We have since received a request for additional information on the type of camera used, the exposure, film process etc.

It appears that the American agency has succeeded in producing prints from the last two negatives, showing a large black triangular craft, described as a "black wedge-like body". We have asked for a copies of the prints and if possible, will reproduce them in OVNI when they are received.

It has been speculated that the triangular craft are not "aurora" spy planes, but are actually alien craft controlled by the "Grays". (see also report from Sweden)

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

We are indebted to Eileen Fletcher for the following report from Sweden, also to Claire Upton for the Sheffield report and Tony Caldicott for his Richmond, Surrey sighting.

STRANGE ACTIVITY IN SWEDEN

Incident Date 16-8-92 Time 0330 Location: Sorunda 14km north of Nynashamn.

The two male witnesses were travelling to Fitunavagen, it was about 0330 when they saw a "blinking" object in the sky. One of the men jokingly flashed the vehicles headlights. They parked on a back ridge and took their guns from the boot. They noticed that the object was now behind them and it was lower and the light was brighter. They were soon convinced that it was not an aircraft or helicopter and certainly not a balloon.

They described the object as looking like a "hotdog bread roll" and they felt that it was purposely frightening them, so they hid in the woods overlooking a field. The object then passed over them six or seven times in 45 minutes.

One of the men looked at the object through a telescope and thought that it looked round. The other man could not see any definite shape with the naked eye, but said it had blinking lights in the corners.

Contact was made with F17 Berga and Arlanda (airfields?). There had been no known flying taking place in the area at that time. F17 Berga knew that the area was busy with private aircraft, sports planes, amphibian aircraft and balloons (all at once! Ed.) Arlanda commented that it was possible that there had been a small number of amphibian aircraft in the area and they tend to tie up in isolated inlets and lakes, but it was a "strange time for flying". The case is still under investigation.

Incident Date: March 92 & June 92

On the 26th of June 1992, people in Brandstorp, south of Hjo, witnessed a "sectioned" object "swaying" over the water (presumably a lake).

Later, another UFO witness, related how a black triangular shaped "aircraft" swung out over the water at high speed.

"Suddenly my brother-in-law shouted to us to look up, at first I heard a whining noise then I saw a black triangular object which flew at an unusually high speed over us". "It came from the West over the tree tops, and when it was over the middle of the lake, it swung North and disappeared over the horizon". (Source: "UFO Aktuellt" 3/92: Sija and Hans Augustsson).

SHEFFIELD SIGHTING

Witness: Keith McGee

Investigator: Claire Upton

At ten past ten on the night of Sunday the 10th of January, Keith McGee was washing up milk bottles in the sink of his kitchen, when a bright light caught his attention. He looked up and through the kitchen window he saw an object resting on the ground in his back garden.

The house is six stories high at the back and only two at the front and it is built on the side of a hill.

The object was disc shaped and about the size of a drinks tray. It was red in colour with a red light at the top which was very bright. Mr McGee watched the object for about ten minutes before it took off, spinning like a coin being tossed. It headed straight for his kitchen window and sent out a bright blue beam of light. Mr McGee crouched down behind his sink in fear of being struck by the beam and experienced a feeling of being attacked.

The object made a swishing sound although this could have been the wind, as it was a very windy night. It then began to climb vertically over the roof of the house and was lost from sight. It was last seen heading for Crosspool, a district of Crookes in Sheffield.

Mr McGee suffered no ill effects from the sighting and to his knowledge experienced no time loss. As far as he is aware, nobody else saw the object.

A. C. E. Caldicott,

5th. November 1969.

Report on the Sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object.

About five minutes ago, *ie.* at about 2235 hrs. BST [in that year, BST continued throughout the whole year], my wife and I were walking from Pagoda Avenue, Richmond, west-south-westerly along Beaumont Avenue. The atmosphere was smoky, but the sky was clear and we could see a few stars.

We saw a light in the sky approaching from the west-south-west, coming in a line almost directly towards us, *ie.* parallel with Beaumont Avenue, but slightly to the left. When we first saw it, it was about 20° above the horizon, and rather brighter than the brightest star, yellowish, as also were the stars as we saw them through the smoky atmosphere. The direction it was coming from was quite different from that from which aeroplanes normally come [on their flight path into Heathrow Airport, five miles distant].

My first thought was that it was either a helicopter or a satellite. As it came nearer, it appeared to be moving at about the speed at which helicopters normally appear to move, and moreover there appeared above it flickering lights which could have been reflections of a main light from the rotors of a helicopter; in fact I said that it must be a helicopter.

However, we listened, and it seemed to be completely silent, whereas a helicopter makes quite a lot of noise. As it came nearer still, the flickering lights took on the appearance of a balloon-shaped pulsating [*shimmering* is a better description] aura - or glow - with a clearly defined edge, which appeared above or in front of the main light; this main light was now considerably brighter than any of the stars, but definitely yellowish, even yellower than the stars. It was by no means dazzling, and was not even so bright as the landing lights of a plane appear as it passes over. For a moment, I wondered whether the lig.[†] was an unusual kind of firework, which one might have seen on the night of 5th. November, but it moved so steadily and without any change, other than getting brighter as it came nearer, that a firework was out of the question.

When it had passed opposite us, at an elevation possibly of 45° or 50°, it began to recede and grow dimmer again. Just after it had passed, a young man with dark hair, wearing a pullover and with a small Highland terrier on a lead, came along Beaumont Avenue from the direction in which we were going, and we asked him if he could see the light; he said he could, and described it just as we saw it. He said he lived just round the corner to the left, in Pagoda Avenue; he seemed very intrigued by the light, as we were.

After the light had passed opposite us, the "aura" could still be seen, but not so clearly, which seems to suggest that it was above and in front of the main light, rather than behind. We watched the light recede into the distance, towards the east-north-east, and after two or three minutes it became so dim that we could no longer see it.

I could not estimate the height directly, but would say this:

- (a) that a plane passing over at a great height appears much the same size - *i.e.* very small - the whole time;
- (b) a low plane seems to get bigger quite noticeably as it approaches, and then gets smaller again;

The impression that this light gave was that it was more at the level of a low plane - say less than 5000 feet - than a high plane, because of the way the "aura" became more distinct, and then less distinct again; but I may be quite wrong. However, if I am right, it was travelling slower than a plane; more at the speed of a helicopter; but it was quite silent. Its height, speed and direction remained constant.

There were no planes about at the time, but a few minutes later a large Boeing or DC8 came over in exactly the opposite direction, making a great deal of noise [fairly low, at about 2000 feet, on its flight path into Heathrow]. Other planes followed.

Further comment. 9th November 1969.

The object may well have been higher than "low plane" height, although from the size and distinctness of the "aura" it is difficult to believe that it would have been as much as full jet plane height (30 000 to 40 000 feet). It is really impossible to estimate size, height and speed without knowing any one of them. As the object made off, (more or less over Central London), it became invisible through distance long before it disappeared below the housetops. This indicates that it must have been at a fair height.

My impression was of a fairly large light, which I assumed to be on the underside of a larger craft; the "aura" I assumed to be coming from the front of the top of the craft. It is not impossible, however, that the light represented the full size of the craft, which would thus have been glowing or illuminated in some way; in that case the craft would certainly have been very high, or rather small.

I have never seen anything like it before.

A. Caldicott.



This is a verbatim transcription of the account I wrote immediately after the sighting.

A. Caldicott.

Mrs. C.M. Caldicott.

Description of object based on notes made immediately after sighting it.

An approaching light like a plane going in the opposite direction to the usual route of the planes. As it got nearer it appeared like a large planet with a circle of light above it; this circle became clearer as it passed overhead, and appeared like a balloon-shaped aura of pulsating light above the object. The object [the light] had a definite round or elliptical shape, and was orange-coloured. It was completely silent. The aura was a paler misty whitish light. The object could have been very high, or it could have been lower; if it was very high, then it was very big. It moved across the sky slower than a plane coming in to land.

Further comment. 9th November 1969.

I am firmly convinced that it was not a light on an object, but that it was the object itself that glowed. There was no visible sign of anything other than the so-called "light" and the aura above it. Had there been any solid larger object, it would have blacked out the aura as seen from below, and at no time did this occur.

The "light" did not have any signs of beaming as with the landing lights of a plane, but was a steady orange glow. It appeared the size of a plane landing light, therefore if it was actually that size, and attached to something else, it must have been low. But as there was no sign of anything solid, it could have been extremely high; but if it was at this height, and it was a "light" attached to something else, it would have had to have been extraordinarily big to have been seen at all.

C. M. Caldicott.



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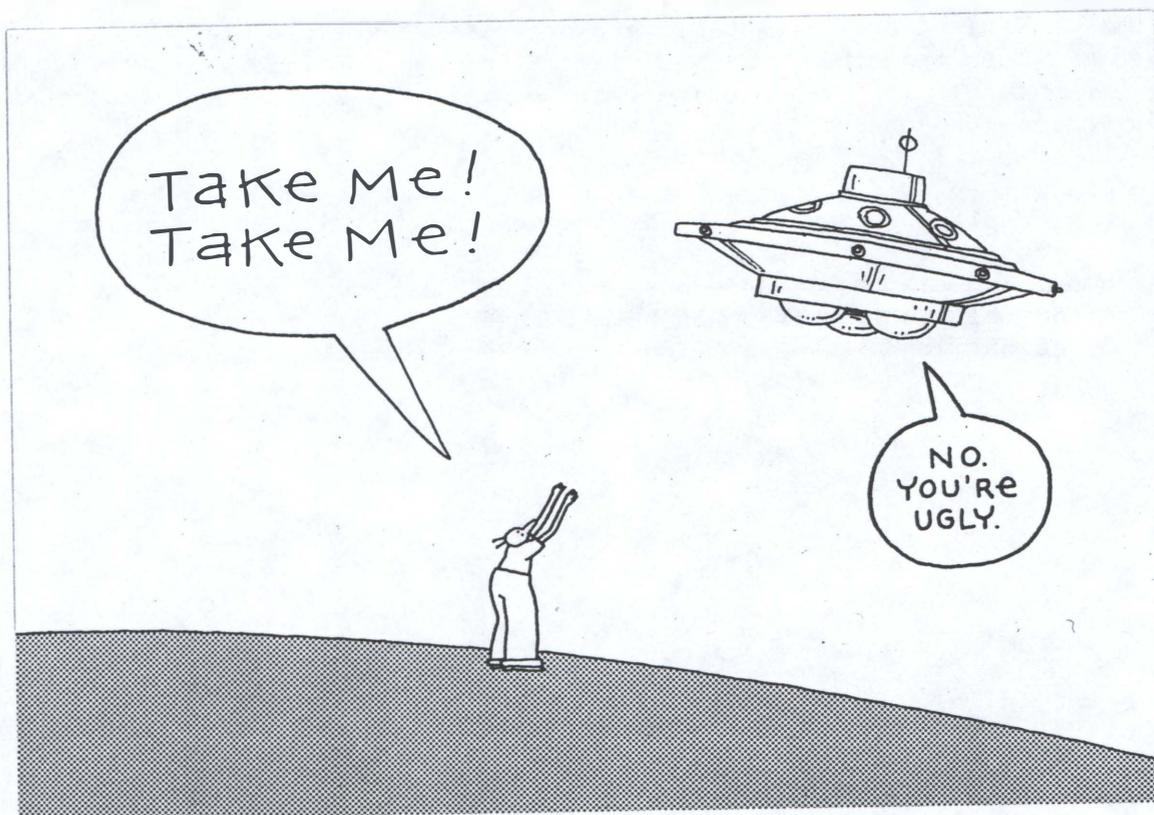
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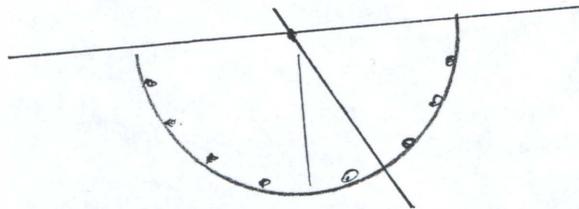
STRANGE PREDICTIONS ?

by Omar Fowler

As the result of the recent "Time & The Place" TV programme, I was contacted by a Mr Terry W. of Wokingham in Surrey.

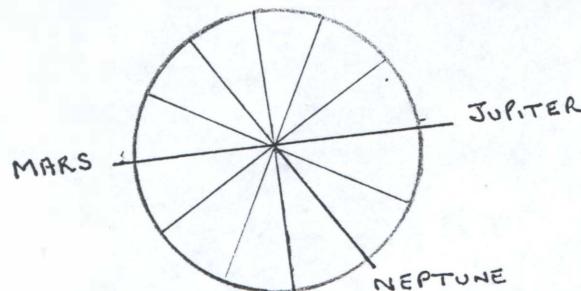
Terry appears to have great powers of ESP and has been involved in many strange events in the past. His claims that he has healed a young girl in a coma and several other instances, have been confirmed by his wife and son. He also has newspaper cuttings supporting his revelations and claims that aliens (recognised as "Nordics"), assist him in many instances.

Terry telephoned me on Wednesday 20th of January, to tell me that he had received some sort of message and had drawn a diagram, but he was unable to understand the implications. I asked him to send me his sketch and this is shown below:-



I received the sketch on Friday 22nd of January and puzzled over it, then on Saturday morning, I happened to switch on the TV and found myself watching a programme on the predictions of Nostradamus. There were several tales of doom being analysed by various people, including an astrologer.

He pointed out that in the days of Nostradamus, several planets had not been discovered and this must influence his predictions. The astrologer then proceeded to draw a circular chart (shown below). He drew in Mars on the left and Jupiter on the right. He then added the planet Neptune into the chart (unknown in Nostradamus's day) and made the following comment:



Nostradamus predicted: "In 1999 and seven months, the great king of terror shall come from the skies". "The addition of the planet Neptune suggests a virus or infection fever (AIDS?) galloping through the population".

Has Terry received a warning, or is his chart pure coincidence?

A UFO OR VENUS?

A witness in Ripley Derbyshire, reported a brightly lit UFO on the night of the 12th of January at 6.55pm.

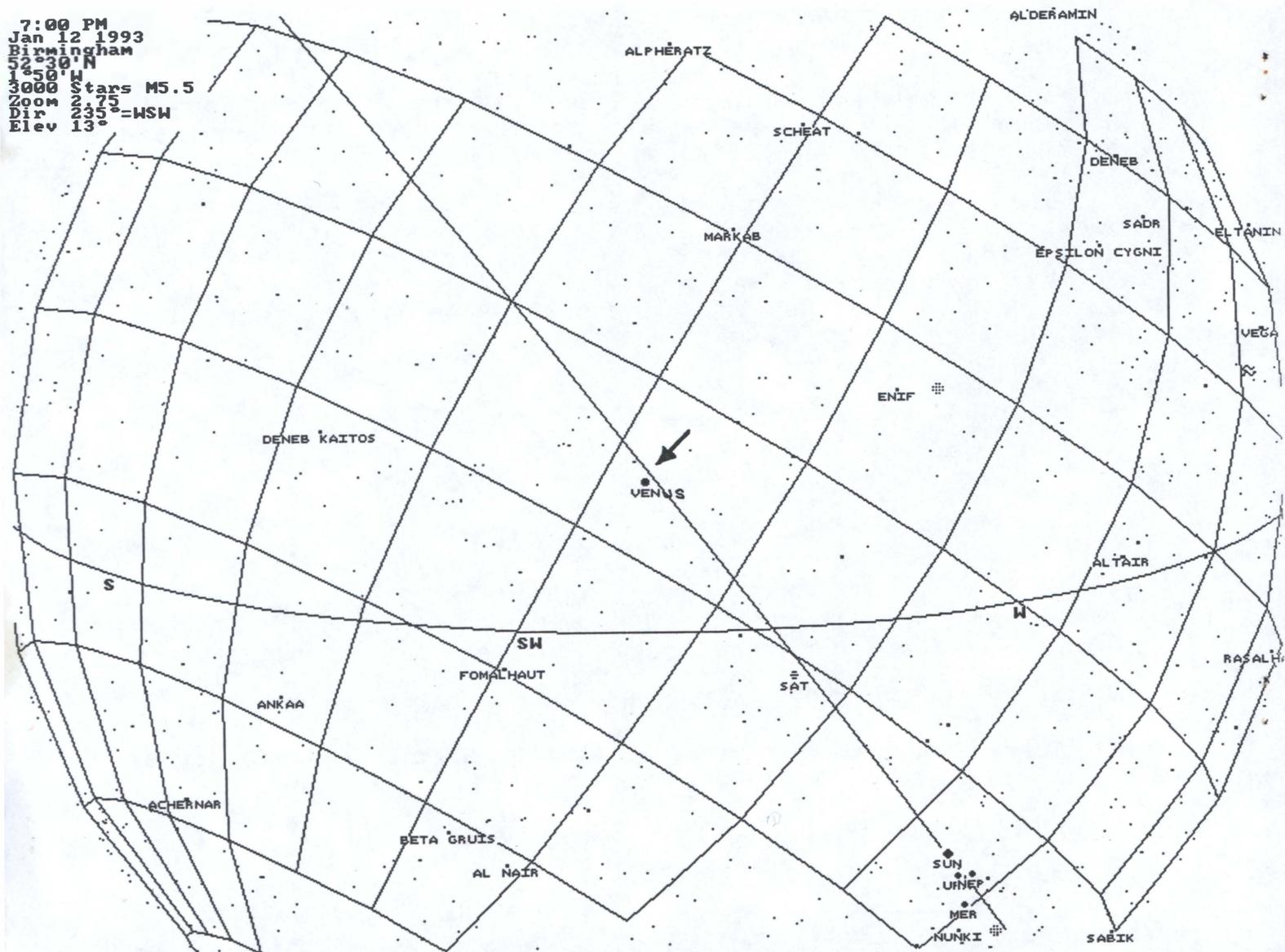
The witness stated that the object first appeared from the West and then a second object appeared from the East. Both objects hovered and then the first object flew off to the East and the second one to the West.

The witness reported UFO's for several nights and was later visited during the afternoon by Omar and Deana Fowler. The witness indicated where the UFO had been seen through her lounge window, at approx 45°.

A prismatic compass bearing was taken on the window where the object was said to have appeared, it read 255° (WSW). The witness was questioned about Venus, which was currently extremely bright in the evening sky, but she had no knowledge of stars, planets, or satellites.

The same evening, a number of prismatic compass bearings were taken of the planet Venus at various times, starting at 6pm. By 7pm, the planet was precisely on a heading of 255°. It seems highly probable that the witness mistook Venus for a UFO.

The computer astronomy map of the sky looking WSW on the night of January 12th, has been produced by Garry Stapleton.



TALE ENDERS

We understand that BUD HOPKINS and LINDA HOWE, the two well known UFO and contactee researchers, will be speaking at a conference to be held in Sheffield on the 14th and 15th of August.

The PRA fax line has received a number of interesting UFO related documents from various sources since it came into use in January.

The PRA telephone number was inundated with calls during January, when details of recent Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire UFO sightings, were given out on the BUFORA information telephone line (0898-121886).

Jenny Randles who programmes the 0898 UFO line, was asked to remove Omar Fowler's name, number and address from the call line, which she promptly did. It was pointed out that the PRA group has been formed for members in the Derbyshire locality and has no plans to go "nationwide".

The BUFORA UFO line carries up to the minute UFO news and information on related activities.

The East Midlands Branch of the Centre For Crop Circle Studies held its first AGM in Nottingham on the 16th of January 1993.

The annual subscription is £7.00 and enquiries should be made to Tony Caldicott, Branch Convenor, 31 Pelham St. Newark. Notts. NG24 4XD or Telephone 0636 610 521

----- EXCALIBUR BOOKS

We have received a secondhand/new book list from Excalibur Books, Rivenoak, 1 Hillside Gardens, Bangor, Co. Down, BT19 6SJ. Northern Ireland. Prices range from £15.00 to £1.00. The list is available for members to borrow, or send direct to the above address for your own copy.

Ex PRA member Eddie Sherwood has now moved to the Marlborough, Wiltshire area, where he is researching Corn Circles and associated phenomenon. We understand that his work has attracted the attention of some "big guns" in the scientific world.

----- NEXT PRA MEETING

There are no current plans to hold a meeting during February and details of forthcoming events will be detailed in the next issue of the OVNI.

Incidentally the word OVNI is widely used throughout the Spanish/French and Italian speaking countries to refer to UFO's. OVNI: "Object Volantes Non-Identifiable"