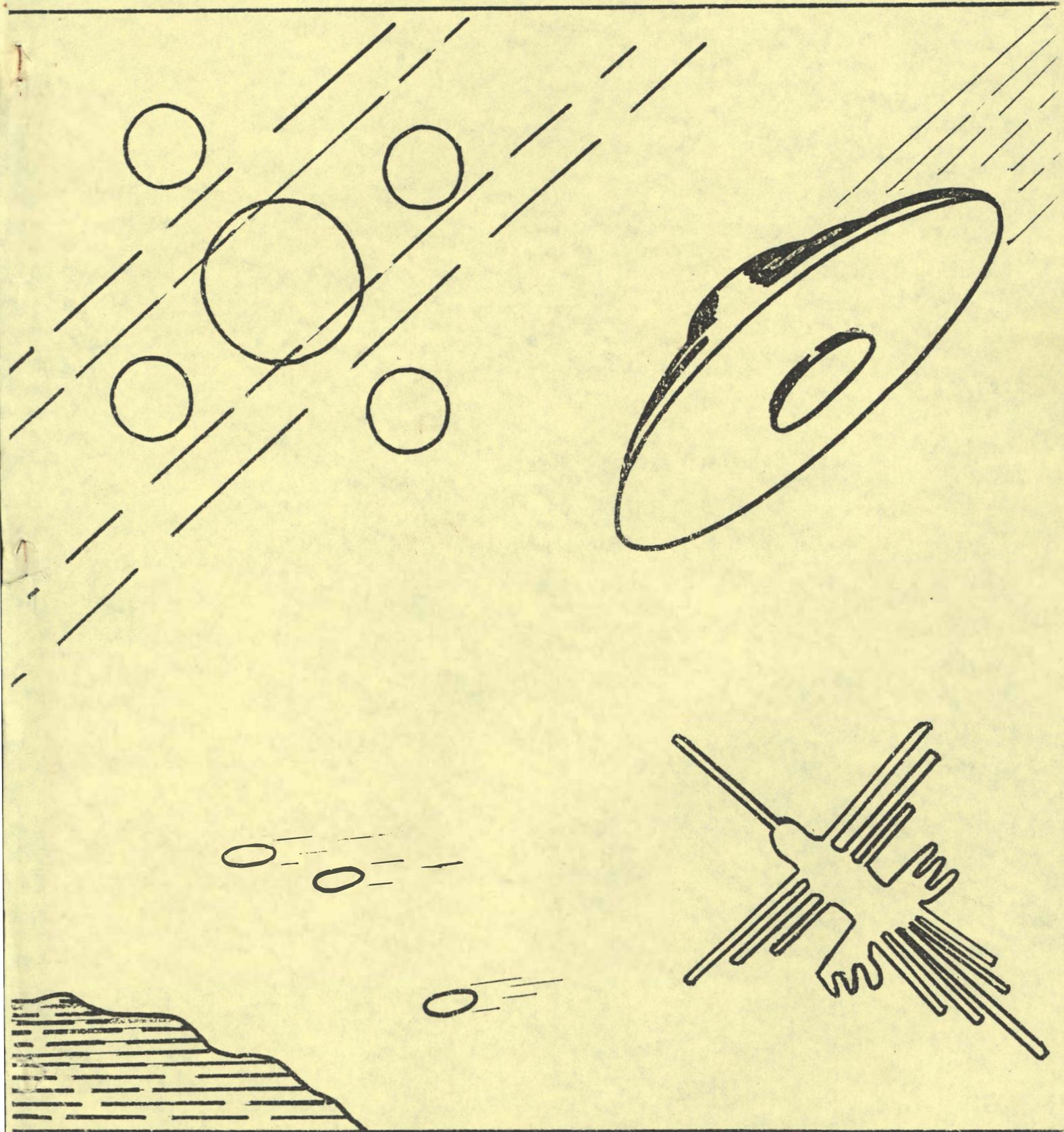


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DERBYSHIRE UFO FLAP

On the night of the 26th of September, a huge illuminated triangle flew low over Bakewell, Derbyshire.

This proved to be the tip of the iceberg, as an immediate investigation (the PRA interviewed a primary witness within 1½ hours) of this and other sightings, showed that the Matlock/Bakewell area had been the centrepiece of a number of UFO events.

In order to give some idea of the wide range of reports, a number of incidents have been listed below in date order.

23rd August 1.15am

Mr & Mrs E.G. were returning from a holiday in Wales and driving on the B5055. They were just passing the ancient stone circle of Abor Low, when they noticed what they at first took to be the moon shining through the clouds. The intensity of the light increased as a glowing shape came through the clouds. The witnesses could make out a series of red and white lights on the object, as it came towards them with a searchlight-like beam sweeping the ground below.

The illuminated object passed slowly over their vehicle and at this stage the occupants "felt very scared". The UFO continued on its way, disappearing out of sight. (Both witnesses are Academics and have insisted on no publicity).

12th September 9.15pm

Mrs Matthews and members of her family saw a large illuminated triangle fly over their house in Derby. The object was a dark triangle with lights around it and emitted a "very faint" sound.

18th September 4.15pm

Mr Bower and his eight year old daughter were out walking near Bakewell, when they noticed a dull grey cigar shaped object in the sky. "It did not shine, although it was sunlight and it had a dull red end to it"....it then suddenly disappeared.

19th September 8.25pm

Mrs R. of Spondon, carried out a saucer of food to feed hedgehogs in her garden. She was alarmed by a light that illuminated the garden. She later saw a brightly lit craft flying over nearby rooftops.

19th September 9.25pm

Mr Barlow, a keen aircraft spotter lives in Belper watched approaching lights, "a lot brighter than normal jet lights, these were like massive searchlights". "I watched it for about ten minutes through binoculars, it had flashing lights, it was the wierdest thing I've ever seen", "if it had been a jet, I would have heard it, it was massive!" (it flew in the direction of Bakewell).

### 26th September

**7.45pm**

Mrs Hutchinson (Alport, Bakewell) and 6 year old daughter saw brightly lit object in sky. The young girl commented "I don't like that aeroplane mummy"...

**9pm**

Mr Rickers (Matlock) sighted an object in the sky, "lit up like a huge fairground".

**9pm**

Mr Curtis saw lights hovering near Bakewell while taking his dogs for a walk (the dogs became excited)....

**9pm**

Andrew Johnson (12) and his friend saw illuminated object with red & white lights shining a beam downwards.(Matlock)

**9.25pm**

Mr & Mrs Hewitt were travelling in car on the M1, just past junction 29 going South, when they saw what they at first took to be a "helicopter with a big searchlight" fly over in the direction of Bakewell.

**9.30pm**

Mr Paul Andrews saw a triangle with bright lights perform several turning manoeuvres over the town of Bakewell.

**9.30pm**

Mrs Pailing of Bakewell saw large triangle with red, green and white lights pass overhead.

**9.30pm**

Mrs Shah opened a window to watch a brilliantly lit triangle craft fly over her house at Matlock Baths.

(there are several other reports relating to the 26th of September)

30th September 5am

John Nash was herding cows on a farm near Chesterfield, when a brightly lit object with "windows" flew low overhead, emitting a humming sound. (there was no cattle reaction).

The object was cigar shaped with a line of white lights, a red light was also seen.

Editors thanks to investigators: Alan Hitchcock, Richard Servante and Garry Stapleton for following up a number of these incidents.

## "THE AWARENESS PROGRAMME"

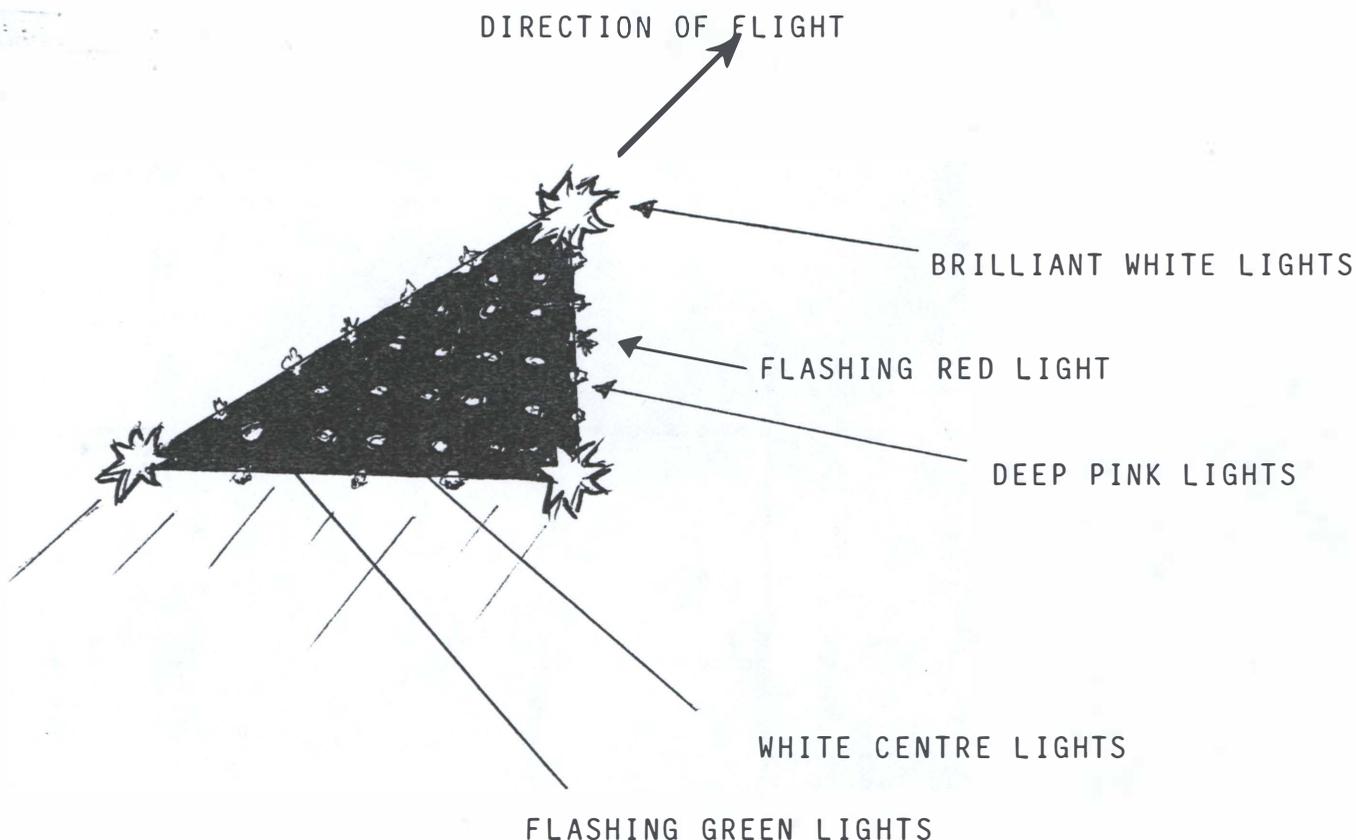
If what we have heard and read is true, then our World has been subjected to alien visitation for hundreds, if not thousands of years. There may even be co-operation taking place with some of the entities and human agencies.

It has been predicted that if the fact that aliens are visiting Earth became known overnight, the effect on the general public would be disastrous. It has been rumoured that a survey has been carried out to study the implications of this news reaching mankind and that it is believed that total chaos and havoc would follow the release of this kind of information.

Political, legal systems, religion, economic and social institutions would all become meaningless in the mind of the general public.

In an attempt to prevent this chaos and to try and preserve the "status quo", a programme of "alien acceptance" appears to be well advanced. Films such as "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and "leaks" of alien contact, have now gently introduced the subject to the public. For all we know the aliens themselves may be participating in this programme of "introduction". Why else would craft that are by all accounts alien to our culture be paraded, as one witness put it "like a huge fairground"....

### A COMPILATION OF REPORTED "TRIANGLE" DETAILS



## "FOO FIGHTERS" - TIMOTHY GOOD PUTS THE RECORD STRAIGHT!

In last months OVNI your Editor claimed that the WW2 aerial phenomenon known as "Foo Fighters" had been encountered only in the Pacific theatre of operations...."Not so" said author Timothy Good in a recent letter to the PRA: "Press clippings on European sightings have long been available and I'm enclosing a couple of articles by Barry Greenwood which you may find helpful".

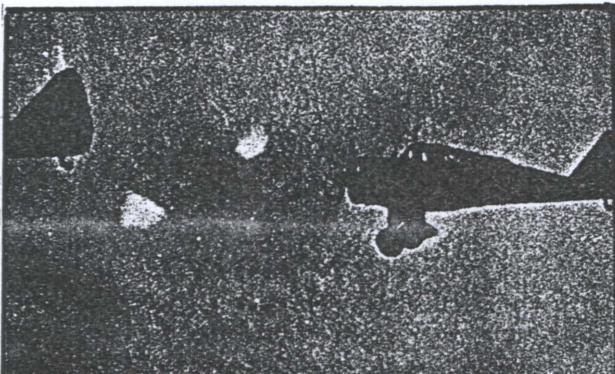
We have reproduced a page from "Just Cause" (USA) a newspaper cutting page.

The information supplied by Timothy Good is a valuable record of how the "Foo Fighter" phenomenon arose, although there are few (if any) photographs available. Two of the photographs produced in last months OVNI are shown at the bottom of the page as a reminder of some of the unsubstantiated claims made by a few authors i.e. the much reproduced photograph (bottom left) cannot be Allied or German aircraft over Europe, as the aircraft depicted are Japanese (photo bottom right).

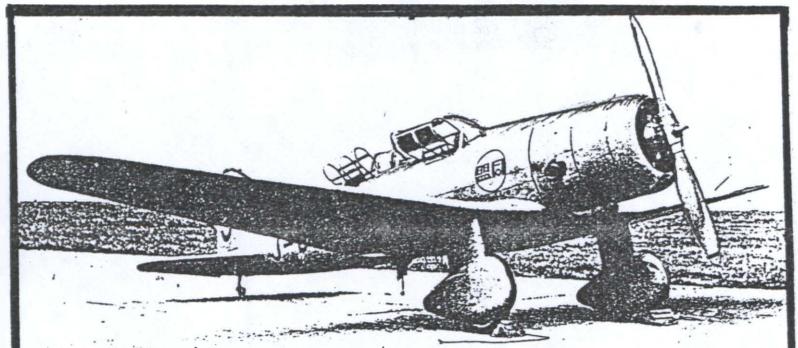
The "Just Cause" of Sept.1992 also carries a story about UFO crossing the U.S./Canadian border in 1915! :-

The New York Times (Feb.15 1915) reported that three or four "aeroplanes" had crossed the border near Morrison, New York the previous evening. The aircraft headed in a northeasterly direction over the towns of Grananoque and Brockville in Ontario. Witnesses had reported seeing the aircraft drop "fireballs or light balls" as they crossed the St. Lawrence River. The Brockville mayor was among the first witnesses in Canada to see the aircraft. The lights that were visible had to have been those carried by aeroplanes officials said.

Concern erupted in Ottawa, the provincial and national capital. Upon hearing that unknown aircraft were heading in their general direction, Lt. Col. A.P. Sherwood, Chief Commissioner of the Dominion Police and military officials ordered the blackout of important government buildings: The Royal Mint, Parliament and the Governor General's residence.



The mysterious "Foo Fighters" plagued and perplexed Allied airmen during World War II.



The Mitsubishi "Karigane" Mk. II Monoplane (800 h.p. Mitsubishi A.14 engine).

The "Karigane," with military modifications and equipment, is used in quantity by the Japanese Army Air Corps.

The photograph above shows the civil version of the Mitsubishi "Karigane" which was in wide use in 1940 with the Japanese Army Air Corps. (photo: Janes All The World's Aircraft 1940).

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## FIRST OFFICIAL FOO-FIGHTER RECORDS DISCOVERED

In January 1992, CAUS launched an effort to locate documentation relevant to the Foo-Fighter phenomenon of World War 2. This has led to the first release of unit records giving specifics on these incidents.

For those unfamiliar with what Foo-Fighters were, we will explain. During the later part of World War 2 pilots on both the allied and axis sides reported seeing strange balls of light flying with them while they were engaged in bombing and air defense missions in the European and Pacific theaters. The balls were generally about a foot in diameter, bright, of varying colors and able to maneuver with ease in and about aircraft formations.

Word of the phenomenon leaked to the press in December 1944 and became widely known in America on January 2, 1945, through numerous newspaper reprintings of a wire service story summarizing pilot descriptions of what they saw. In the press coverage it was assumed that the balls were Nazi secret weapons. However, they did not seem to affect aircraft in any way, except to be a nuisance. Reports persisted until the end of January 1945, when the activity abated, though not completely. Further mention of Foo-Fighters (which in fact was a nickname given to the strange balls by pilots of the 415th Night Fighter Squadron, based upon a frequent phrase used in the "Smokey Stover" comic strip of the day) disappeared from the press until December 1945, when the American Legion Magazine carried accounts by pilots of their experiences (see "The Foo Fighter Mystery" by Jo Chamberlin, American Legion Magazine, Dec. 1945). From then on the Foo-Fighter reports surfaced much after the fact in various UFO publications over the years.

Clues as to the existence of wartime records of the Foo-Fighters appeared in declassified Air Force Intelligence files from 1947 and 1952. As a result of UFO waves in those years several former bomber crew members had contacted the Air Force to advise them of their experiences with Foo-Fighters in the hope that this would somehow shed light on the flying saucers being sighted. One record, an April 23, 1952 letter from Lt. Col. W.W. Ottinger of the Directorate of Intelligence's Evaluation Division, said that an evaluation of Foo-Fighters was done at the end of the war. It was concluded that there was nothing to the phenomenon at all, though to this day the study has not been made public.

A majority of the published accounts of Foo-Fighters seemed to emanate from pilots of the 415th Night Fighter Squadron. The 415th's job was to intercept and destroy Nazi aircraft flying under the cover of night. The fighters would be directed by Army radar stations which tracked the enemy aircraft. The squadron logged an impressive record of kills through the skill and determination of its pilots.

January 3, 1945

# Nazi Fire Balls May Be Kind of Ball Lightning

## Foo-Fighters Are Seen as Electrical Charges Which Trail Planes by Induction

By Howard W. Blakeslee

Associated Press Science Editor

The descriptions of the new German "foo-fighters," or balls of fire, contained in dispatches from the western front, fit into several well-known electrical phenomena.

Two of these are induction and ball lightning, which have some of the aspects of another electrical phenomenon, St. Elmo's fire. If the foo-fighters are electrical, they are something created in the air close to the Allied planes, rather than anything shot like artillery shells or anything floating in the air in wait for planes.

Induction is suggested by the reports from Allied Airmen, that the foo-fighters keep up with their planes at fixed distances, regardless of plane speed, changes in speed or changes in direction.

Electrical induction of some sort would explain such marvelous synchronization. Nothing else that is well known would explain such perfect timing. Radio control from the ground does not explain the timing, unless radio control is meant to describe a beam which is part of the automatic induction.

Induction, however, fails completely to describe what happens when a fire-ball zooms upward, leaving its plane. Apparently the balls fly paths thousands of feet away from the planes.

The common experience that resembles this trick is ball lightning. How anybody could produce ball lightning is unknown. Exactly what ball lightning may be is also unknown. But it is a quite harmless thing, even as the German foo-fighters are reported to be. A lightning ball can explode in your front yard, making a loud bang, but doing little or no damage.

### Bright Electrical Discharge

St. Elmo's fire is a brush discharge of static electricity, which streams off some solid object with a brilliant intensity. Aviators are

familiar with brush discharges and would recognize them, so the foo-balls are probably not ordinary St. Elmo's fire.

The deep purple color of brush discharge static would explain the reports that the foo-balls are red. The shade of red has not been reported. Ball lightning has been reported in slightly red shades.

A reason for the foo-balls, again based on experience, is interference; with radar, radio or perhaps with a plane's ignition. Ignition interference would stop a plane in the air. It was a real project in Italy before this war, and how to do it was well known in theory in the United States. All you needed then to stop a plane five or more miles away was a power plant equal to Niagara Falls.

A guess can be made that the foo-balls are evidence that German scientists have found some way to get around part of the power troubles in interference. The fact that they are using them, and so disclosing their secrets to the Allies, would indicate that they do not hope to attain to ignition interference power.

### War Department Is Silent

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 (UP).—

The War Department was not talking, but amateur physicists heréabouts wondered today if that ancient bugaboo, St. Elmo's fire, hadn't put in an appearance on the Western Front.

War Department authorities just looked mysterious which questioned about the balls of fire. They said they could not talk about them. Security, you know.

However, no security or censorship restrictions apply to St. Elmo's fire, which used to frighten uneasy sailors into repentance from time to time. Webster's New International Dictionary describes this phenomenon as follows: "A flame-like appearance sometimes seen in stormy weather at prominent points of a ship, particularly at the masthead and the yardarm, and also on land, as at the tops of trees or steeples. . . . It is in the nature of a brush discharge of electricity, reddish when positive, bluish when negative."

December 14, 1944

# New German War Device: Air-Floating Silvery Balls

## Censored Item Tells of Bubbles Seen by Allied Bombers

PARIS, Dec. 13 (AP).—The Germans were disclosed today to have thrown a new "device" into the war — mysterious silvery balls which float in the air.

Pilots report seeing these objects, both individually and in clusters, during forays over the Reich.

[The purpose of the floaters was not immediately evident. It is possible that they represent a new anti-aircraft defense instrument or weapon. This dispatch was heavily censored at Supreme Headquarters.]

HALF A MINUTE that THRILLED AMERICANS! See MOM's mighty "30 SECONDS OVER TOKYO"—Spencer Tracy, Van Johnson, Robert Walker. At the Capitol.—Adv.

BOSTON DAILY GLOBE—TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 1945

# Nazi Mystery Weapon Paces American Planes

A UNITED STATES FIGHTER BASE, France, Jan. 2 (AP)—American fighter pilots engaged in flying night intruder missions over Germany report the Nazis have come up with a new "secret weapon"—mysterious "balls of fire" which race along beside their planes for miles like will o' the wisps.

Yank pilots have dubbed them "Foo fighters," and at first thought they might explode, but so far there is no indication that any planes have been damaged by them.

Some pilots have expressed belief that the "Foo fighter" was designed strictly as a psychological weapon. Intelligence reports seem to indicate it is radio-controlled from the ground and can keep pace with planes flying at 300 miles per hour. Lt. Donald Meiers of Chicago, Ill., said there are three types of "Foo fighters"—red balls of fire that fly along at wing tip; a vertical row of three balls of fire which fly in front of the planes, and a group of about 15 lights which follow the plane at a distance, flickering on and off.

It was back in the late sixties when the song 'Age of Aquarius' from the musical 'Hair' first hit the record shops. I must admit that it was that song that made me wonder what the Age of Aquarius really was. It wasn't until a few years later, however, when I first became very interested in Astrology that the real message of the song began to sink in. If memory serves me right, one of the key phrases from the song was "Harmony and understanding".

That really seemed to sum up the whole idea very well. (I *must* get a tape of that song to remind me of all the words!)

You are now probably thinking "Yes, O.K., but what has a pop song from the sixties got to do with what's happening in 1993?" Well, the first thing to explain is that the song is trying to express in musical terms the approach of a new 'Great month' in the 'Great year' of Astrological theory.

Now the 'Great year' theory is based on a phenomenon called the 'Precession of the equinoxes'. This phenomenon was first discovered by an astronomer who lived in ancient Greece between 190 and 120 B.C. His name was Hipparchus of Nicaea, and he found that due to a slight wobble in the earth's rotation, the star constellation lying behind the sun at the time of the vernal equinox was changing very slowly. And he found by his calculations that this change would occur throughout the centuries. He further calculated that this 'Great year' was a total of 25,868 years divided up into 12 'Great months' each of about 2,000 years. According to this theory, the 'Great month' now drawing to a close is the Piscean age. The arguably most important aspect being the rise and establishment of Christianity; - with the two Piscean fish pulling the course of human history first one way then the other. War and peace, great artistic and musical achievement contrasting with bang, crash, wallop and a pile of bricks at the Tate gallery. From inspirational and beautiful architecture to hopelessly inadequate blocks of concrete monstrosities called tower blocks.

The Age of Aquarius, however, promises to be a very different kettle of fish (if you'll pardon the pun!) Humanity and harmony are the keywords of the incoming age. This, if the theory

holds true, will affect our whole lives and the way we run our affairs from the highest to the lowest.

From national government to local joint action committees. Even the prospect of world government by consensus is within our grasp. Science and technology will become more user friendly and tailored to our actual needs instead of just proving how clever we are. The new emphasis will be on caring for each other and being sincerely concerned for the sick, disabled, and the elderly. I'm an eternal optimist and hope to be still around to see the start of this marvellous transformation.

Richard Servante

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**CCCS (East Midlands) CROP CIRCLE FORUM**

An intuitive conference will be held on Saturday 4th December at the METRO CINEMA Derby (Doors open 9.30am. for 10am).

Participating will be CCCS (East Midlands), PRA, Yorkshire Crop Circle Research and representatives from Humberside & Sussex.

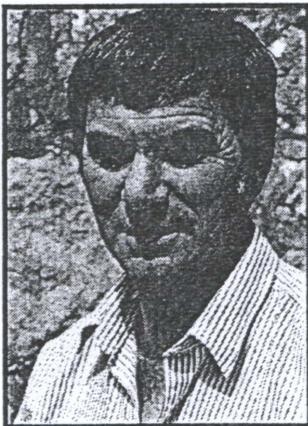
A number of speakers have been invited to attend, including Andy Thomas, Barry Reynolds, Steve Alexander, John Holman and Busty Taylor.

The purpose of the meeting is to hold an open discussion on the subject of Crop Circles and for everyone to participate with the intention of producing an active open discussion on the subject.

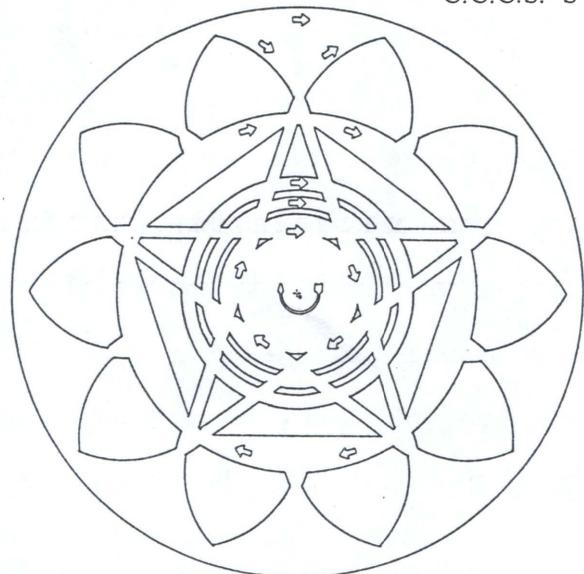
Further details and tickets @ £10 from Karen Douglas, 62 New Terrace, Upper Pleasley, Mansfield, Notts. NG19 9PY.

Supper after the conference will be at the Goulshan Restaurant, 7-3 Alfreton Road, Nottingham (Price £10).

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## TALE ENDERS

PAT DELGADO has sent us a newsletter from the Ancient Astronaut Society (Illinois USA). Founded in 1973 the organisation is described as being exclusively for scientific, literary and educational purposes. The society plans to send an expedition to Peru & Bolivia 5th-19th May 1994.

BUSTY TAYLOR has promised to give a talk to the PRA in early December, probably on Friday 3rd. Confirmation will be announced in the November OVNI.

BEV D. WRIGHT recently contacted us from his home in the Peak district, Matlock, Derby. Bev has supplied us with an American "Intercepts" newsletter giving up to the minute news on a variety of secret projects, including the "Aurora" aircraft. It is hoped to include extracts in the next issue of the OVNI.

PRA could be going "International" if the request for copies of the OVNI newsletter continue. This month we have received requests from, Scotland, N.Ireland, Denver USA and Kuwait!

OMAR FOWLER took part in two interviews on BBC Radio Derby last month, at the height of the "UFO Flap". The response from witnesses was immediate and the phone continued to ring almost non-stop for several hours. Wide coverage of the "Flying Triangle" was also given in the Matlock Mercury newspaper.

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW carries a four page story from your editor in the latest issue Autumn 1993. "The Sky People" is an account given by a Derby couple of an incident that happened to them when they lived in Australia in 1963. They came face to face with an 8 foot tall alien in the Aussie' out back!

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The PRA paper on "Crop Circles: The Final Solution?", is currently being reproduced in the September and October issue of "The Circular", the journal of the Centre for Crop Circles Studies.

## NEXT MEETING

Will take place at the Stanley Club, Stanley Common, near Ilkeston (A609) on WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 27th at 8pm.

There will be - an up to the minute account of the "Bakewell Triangles" and a full length video of amazing new evidence about the "THE ROSWELL (UFO) CRASH".

Non-members welcome: Admission 50p