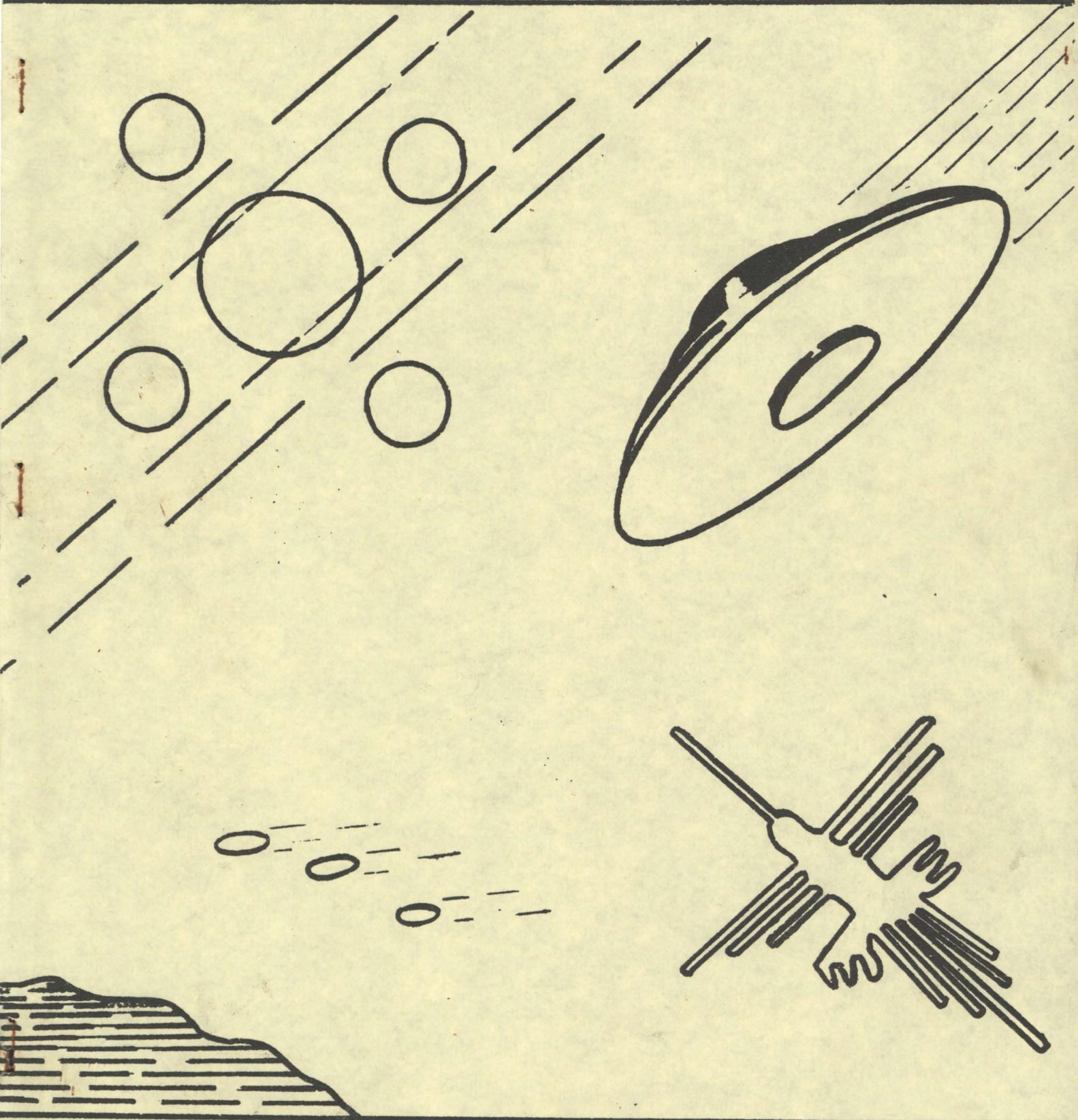


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AN INTERNATIONAL AWARENESS PROGRAMME?

There is a growing feeling among 'Ufologists' that the general public is slowly being introduced to the fact that UFO's not only exist, but are interacting with the human race. This has fact has been noted in a number of recent UFO study group magazines received by the PRA.

If we compare the approach of the media some twenty years ago to the present time, it is quite apparent that the UFO subject is no longer being coined in the "little green men" phase, but is now being treated as a serious subject for discussion.

This is reflected in the prominence given to the recent visit of Professor John E. Mack (Harvard University) and his appearance on the broadcasting media:- 'This Morning TV' (17/5/93) and '48 Hours' Sky TV (28/5/94).

There may well be a plan of gentle indoctrination taking place in order to avoid a repeat (only on a far greater scale) of the widespread panic that took place on 30th October 1938. Orson Welles the actor and producer, gave such realism to his broadcast of "War Of The Worlds" that there was widespread alarm throughout America and more than one suicide was known to have taken place.

In particular, an increasing number of "Flying Triangle" cases have come to our attention. The 'Triangles' which first came to prominence in the late 1980's in Belgium, are now being reported not only in Europe but from counties throughout the World.

This issue of OVNI carries a selection of sightings from a number of countries and includes the very latest local sighting which took place in the early hours of the 29th June this year in the vicinity of the Rolls-Royce works at Sinfyn near Derby.



The 'Flying Triangle' Mystery

By Omar Fowler

With a series of events that commenced at 7.45pm on the night of the 26th of September 1993, the town of Bakewell in Derbyshire was about to become another statistic in the series of world wide sightings of the mysterious "Flying Triangles".

While out walking with her six year old daughter near Alport, Bakewell, Mrs 'H' saw a brightly lit object in the sky. "It's shape was like three squares being placed one on top of the other, with a large square at the bottom and smaller squares on top and it just sat quietly in the sky." "It was about the size of a telephone at arms length" commented Mrs 'H'. Her young daughter asked her mother what the object was and Mrs 'H' replied that it was an aeroplane. The six year old daughter looked at the object and then said "I don't like that aeroplane mummy." Mrs 'H' felt uneasy and with her daughter, turned and walked away from the area.

At 9pm the activity around the Bakewell/Matlock area increased. One witness reported an object in the sky "lit up like a huge fairground", another witness out with walking his dogs, saw lights hovering in the direction of Bakewell. The dogs became very excited!

It was at 9.30pm that further witnesses reported the shape of an illuminated triangle flying slowly and low down over the town. Mrs Hilda Hill drew a sketch of the triangle as it flew overhead "slow moving and silent". Mrs Susan Shah who lives on a hill overlooking Matlock Baths, noticed bright lights approaching her house, she opened a window to watch as the huge triangle passed "slowly and silently" overhead. A Mrs Pailing of Bakewell also saw the huge triangle and noticed that it was showing red, green and brilliant white lights.

A key witness to the event was a Mr Andrews who happened to be driving in the direction of Bakewell at the time. As he approached the town he saw bright lights moving slowly and low down in the sky ahead. Then as he entered the town, he noticed people lining the side of the road, looking up and watching what appeared to be a huge black triangle flying low overhead. "It was lit up like a xmas tree" commented Mr Andrews. "It had a very bright white light at each corner, so bright that it illuminated the ground below." Suddenly he realized that he and the triangle were travelling in the same direction, then driving at a steady speed of 40mph he slowly overtook it!

The "Flying Triangle" then performed a series of slow, silent manoeuvres over the town, including "U" turns and right angle turns, before it finally returned to its original course and moved out of sight behind a line of trees.

The Essex UFO Research Group

Reported that a number of "Flying Triangles" had flown around the area during November 1993. This included a "massive" (1½ times the size of a football field) triangular object seen flying silently along the sea front at Holland-on-Sea at 7.30pm on Sunday 5th November. It had a variety of coloured lights underneath with a line of red lights at the back. A number of dark 'indentations' could be seen on the underside of the object, including a large black circle in the centre. The estimated speed was 40/50mph.

Another large black triangle was observed at 3.25am on November 18th, flying along the sea front at Clacton-on-Sea. This triangle carried a series of red and white lights along the two leading edges, with once again, a series of red lights along the back edge. It moved very slowly, without any noise and then suddenly "took off like a rocket" (but no flame).

The "Flying Triangle" sightings are not exclusive to any one country but are now a world-wide phenomenon. Could this be part of an alien "awareness programme?"

Here are a few examples of reports received from around the world:

Belgium

The country where it 'all began', continues to report "Flying Triangles." In the March 1994 issue No.89 of "Inforespace" the SOBEPS group report that a large triangle 20 metres long flew over Stockis on the evening of the 3rd November 1993.

It carried a large central white light, three red lights near each corner and a blue light at the 'nose' of the craft. The witnesses were also able to make out some kind of 'relief' patterns under the body of the craft. The speed was estimated at 20km/hr (12mph) and the altitude of the triangle was estimated to be approx. 20 metres.

USA

The "Oklahoma MUFON News" dated November 1993 reported that on 5th September 1993 an eleven year old girl, her six year old sister, a twelve year old neighbours girl and a lady in her forties, all saw a UFO 'triangle' over the city.

The object made a buzzing noise as it passed nearby heading south to north. It was triangular in shape, with red and white lights underneath, with a small red light at the rear of the object and apparently detached from the main body. The speed of the triangle was estimated at only 10mph. As it flew by, "a couple of car alarms went off."

SWEDEN

The "AFU Newsletter" No.37-Dec.1993 reports that a small black triangular aircraft of some kind flew across Brandstorp on the 20th June 1992. It was observed for only 5-6 seconds as it flew over, the only sound the witnesses heard was a "swish." UFO-Sweden contacted the duty officer at the F6 air force wing at Karlsborg the same day as the observation took place and the information department of the Air Staff in Stockholm the next day. Both stated that no military activity had taken place in that area.

JAPAN

The Japan Space Phenomena Society carried a number of "Flying Triangle" reports in its "UFO Information" publication Vol.5 Spring 1994.

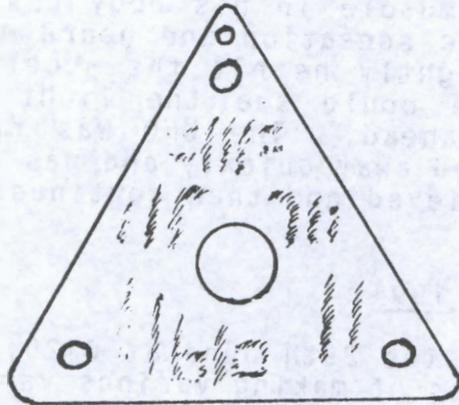
The first report was on November 17 1992 in Tenjin, Sagashi. The witness was Ms Sadami Ymashita and the sighting took place at 7.10pm. The witness saw a "strange light" in the West and it was moving towards her slowly. As the light came closer she realized that it was really a tight formation of three lights. When the lights came closer and were overhead, she saw that the lights were arranged on a single triangular object. Each light had an orange ring, which surrounded a hemisphere on each corner of the triangle. The object flew over silently at an estimated height of 35 metres.

On 16th June 1991, Mrs Tamami Motomura and her two daughters (8 & 5) saw a triangular object while they were driving in Chiyodachoo, Kanzakigun. It was 8.20pm when she saw what at first appeared to be a star like object, but as it came closer she was able to make out a triangular shape. "That's neither a star nor an airplane" she thought and she pulled the car over and parked, in order to study the object. It was triangular in shape and much darker than the night sky, but at the back of the object she could make out three "bars shining red", these were likened to the flame seen at the rear of a jet engine.

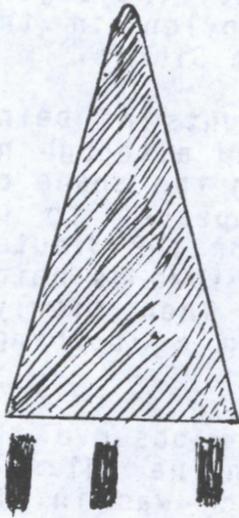
In January 1994 a triangular object was seen again in Sagaken. Mr Chiyojima was driving on his way to his office in Sagashi when he noticed a light in the sky. As he drove along he continued to watch the light which had now stopped abruptly, then it performed an acute angled turn and moved off, then it stopped again and repeated the process.

Mr Chiyojima slowed down to watch the light more closely as it glowed in the night sky. Suddenly he realized that the light was moving slowly towards him. As it came closer he could make out that it was not one white light, but a set of three lights. The light at the front was red and flashed regularly, the other two lights were white. A thought crossed his mind "is it a UFO?", at that same instant the lights descended.

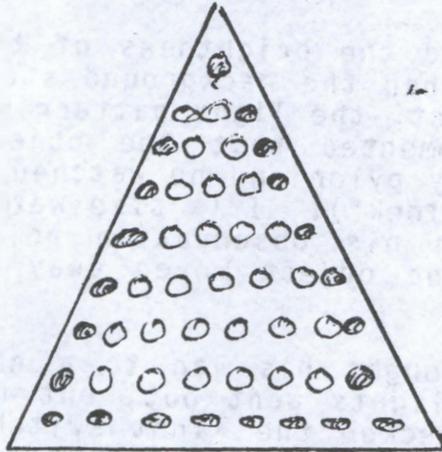
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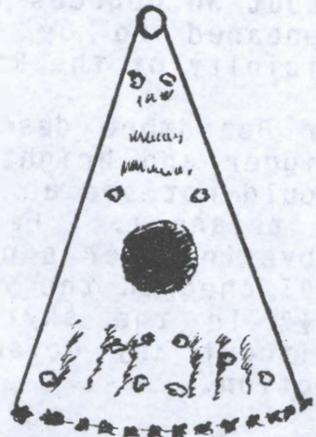
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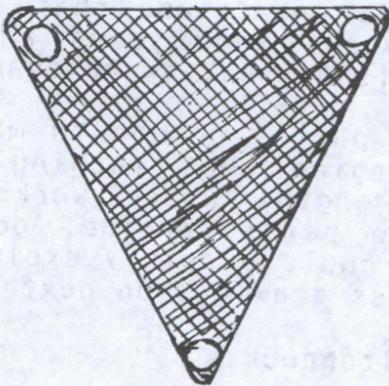
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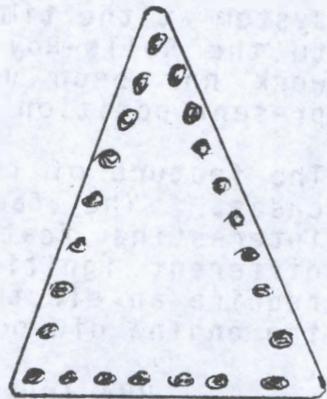
Derbyshire 26/9/93



Essex 5/11/93



Japan 1/94



Oklahoma USA 5/9/93

For a moment he saw a triangle-shaped black object, then the inside of the car was flooded with light "as strong as a searchlight". Every muscle in his body was tense with fear, but he felt no strange sensation and heard no sound. Holding the steering wheel tightly he hit the accelerator pedal. As the car sped off, he could see the light beaming down and shining on the road ahead. The UFO was flying in the same direction, but it moved away quickly and was soon out of sight. Mr Chiyojima felt relieved and then continued his drive to his office.

DERBYSHIRE 29th June 1994

In the early hours of the 29th June at 0120, Mr Alan Beardmore (43) was in the process of making various van deliveries in the Derby area. As he approached Wilmore Road, Sinfyn, Derby, his attention was attracted to a triangular pattern of lights at about 30 degrees in the sky directly ahead of him. The object appeared to be hovering over an electricity pylon in the vicinity of the Rolls-Royce aero engine complex at Sinfyn.

Mr Beardmore described the brightness of the lights as being bigger and brighter than the background stars and although he could not see an object, the light pattern was in the shape of a triangle. He commented that the object appeared to be hovering over a nearby pylon and he watched it for 1-2 minutes ("I checked the van clock"). Its size was described as being $1\frac{1}{2}$ " in the sky from his observation point. Then slowly, without any noise, the object moved away making a 'bobbing' motion.

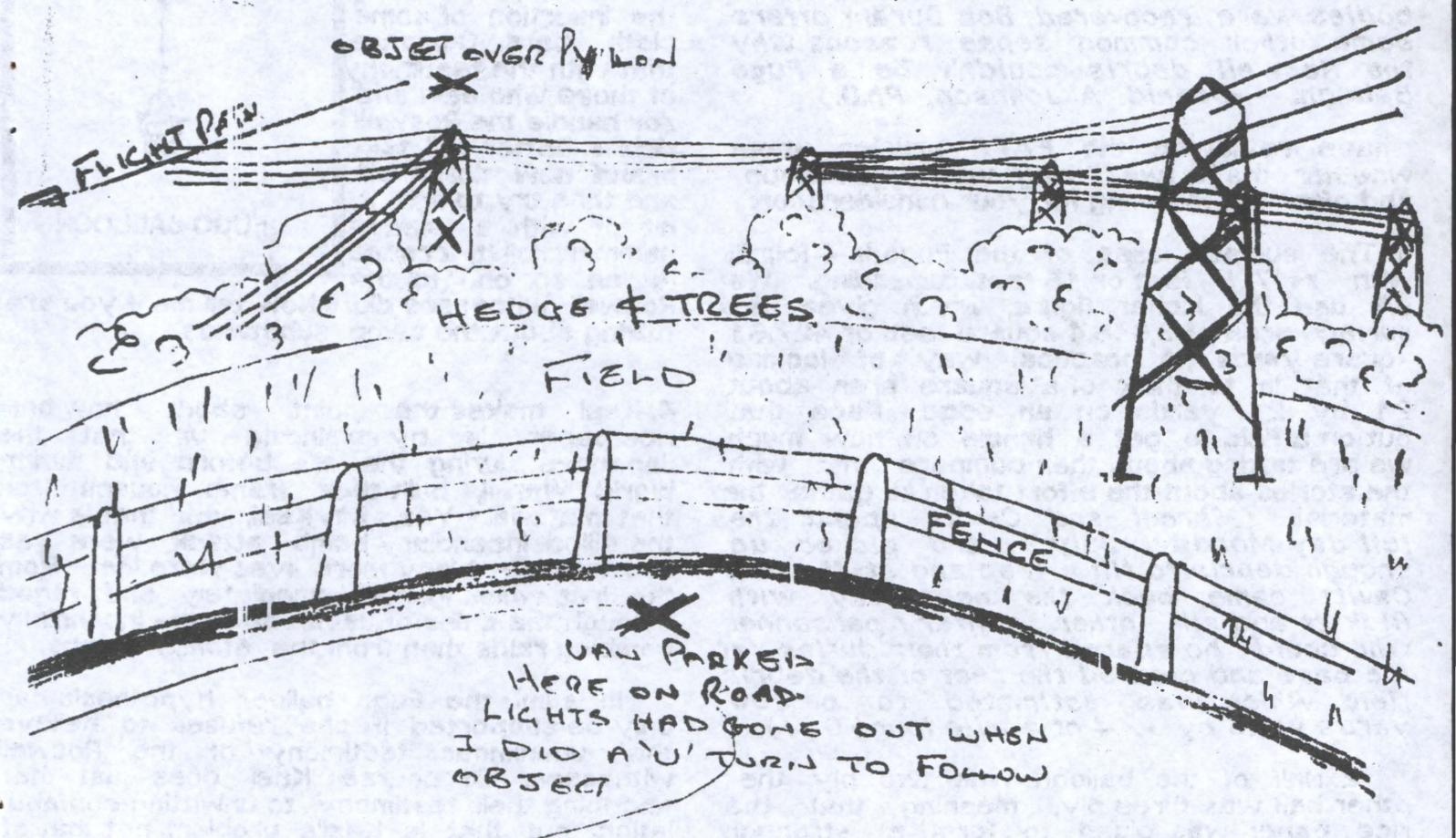
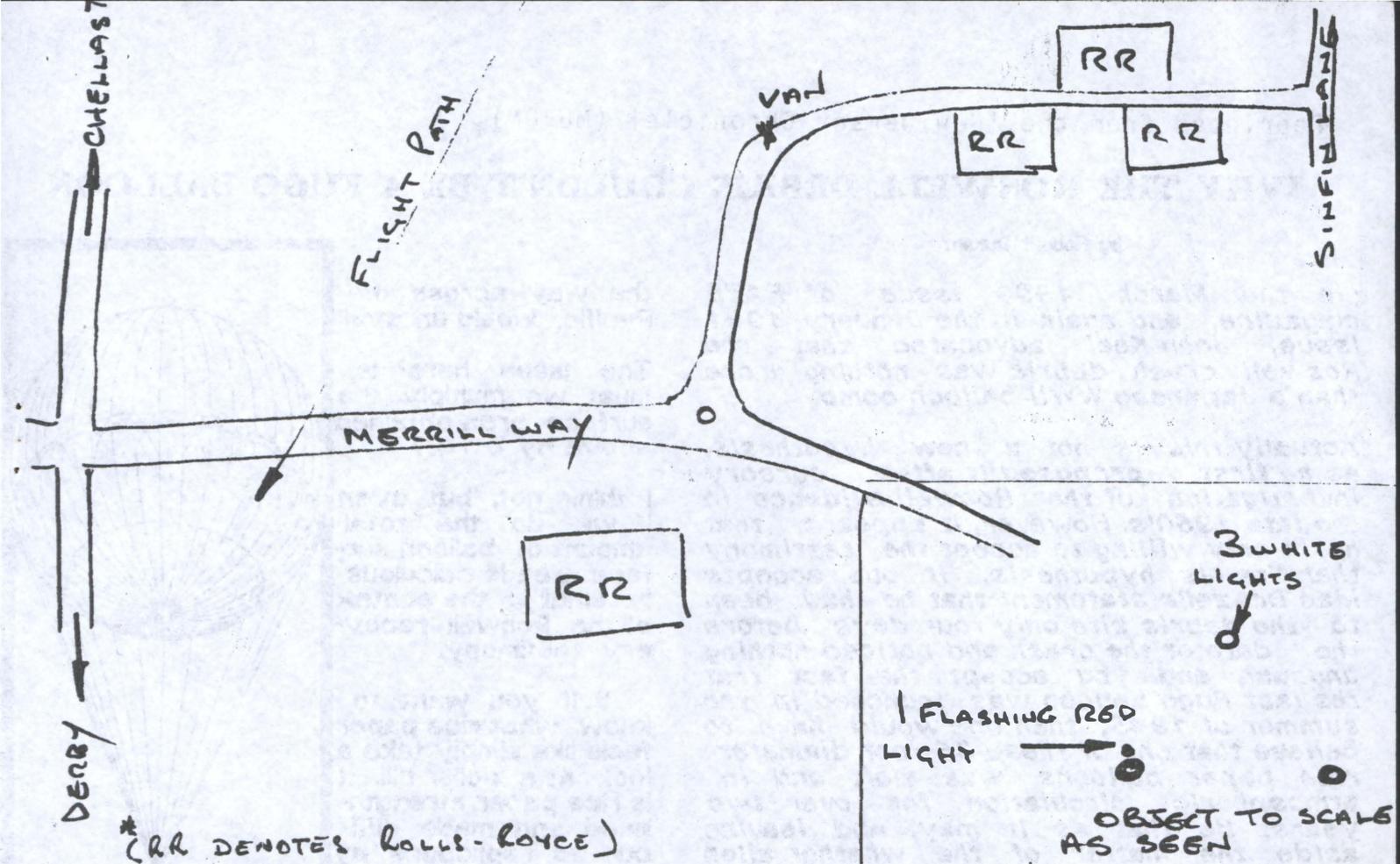
When Mr Beardmore brought his van to a halt to observe the object, the van headlights went out, but the engine (diesel) kept running. He checked the light switch which was in the 'On' position. After the object flew slowly away and "then was suddenly gone", he flicked the light switch off and on, this action brought the van lights on again.

The weather conditions at the time were described as a clear warm night, with a little scattered cloud.

Once again we have the case of a UFO hovering in the vicinity of electricity pylons (was there any power drain on the grid system at the time?) and the object was also in close proximity to the Rolls-Royce engine works. We understand that nuclear work has been undertaken at the works some years ago, the present position is not known and this may not be relevant.

The feature of the van lights going out is common to many UFO cases. The fact that the van engine kept running is an interesting feature. The diesel engine which works on a different ignition principle to the petrol engine, does not require an electrical 'spark'. This could possibly explain why the engine did not stop. (See witness drawings on next page)

PRA Investigation by Alan Hitchcock.



WITHIN A SHORT DISTANCE OF THE VAN IS Pylon CAN BE SEEN.
 IT IS ALSO CLOSE TO A LARGE ROLLS-ROYCE COMPLEX.

WHY THE ROSWELL DEBRIS COULDN'T BE A FUGO BALLOON

by Robert Durant

(In the March 1990 Issue of FATE magazine, and again in the January 1991 Issue, John Keel advocated that the Roswell crash debris was nothing more than a Japanese WWII balloon bomb.

Actually this is not a new hypothesis, as he first proposed it after cursory investigation of the Roswell evidence in the late 1960's. However, it appears that he is only willing to accept the testimony that fits his hypothesis. If one accepts Mac Brazel's statement that he had been to the debris site only four days before the date of the crash and noticed nothing unusual, and you accept the fact that the last Fugo balloon was launched in the summer of 1945, then one would have to believe that one of these 35-foot diameter rice paper balloons was aloft and in atmospheric circulation for over two years! Be that as it may, and leaving aside the matter of the whether alien bodies were recovered, Bob Durant offers some other common sense reasons why the Roswell debris couldn't be a Fugo Balloon. --Donald A. Johnson, Ph.D.)

I have reviewed the FATE articles about whether the Roswell "thing" was Fugo balloon and offer the following for your consideration:

1. The surface area of the Fugo is $4(\pi)r^2$, with $r=17.5$ feet or 15 feet, depending. We will use the higher figure, which gives us a surface area of 3,848.4 square feet, or 427.61 square yards. A practical way of looking at that is to think of a square area about 21 by 21 yards on an edge. Pace that out on a field to get a handle on how much we are talking about, then compare that with the stories about the effort taken to gather the material. (Marcel and Cavitt spend the full day Monday, July 7, and picked up enough debris to fill a jeep and staff car. Cavitt came back the next day with Rickett and all other military personnel who could be spared from their duties at the base and cleared the rest of the debris field which was estimated to be 200 yards wide by 3/4 of a mile long -DAJ).

2. Half of the balloon was two ply, the other half was three ply, meaning that the rice paper was glued to form a stronger material. But it is not reasonable to suppose that rice paper glued that way for the purpose of staying intact during the trip all

the way across the Pacific, would unravel.

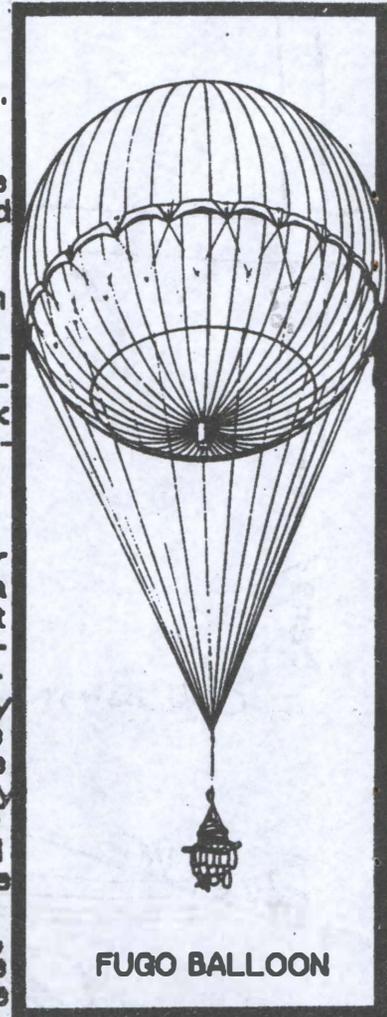
The issue here is, must we multiply the surface area obtained above by 2 1/2?

I think not, but even if we do the total amount of balloon surface area is ridiculously small in the context of the Roswell recovery testimony.

3. If you want to know what rice paper feels like simply take a look at a dollar bill. It is rice paper strengthened and made difficult to reproduce by the insertion of some cloth fibers. Compare that with the testimony of those who saw and/or handle the Roswell debris. Better still, take brand new dollar bill and then try to light it, hit it with a sledge hammer, roll it, crease it, and so on, as the Roswell witnesses did. Now tell me if you are talking about the same substance.

4. Keel makes the point about how hard rice paper is by reminding us that the Japanese during the era before and during World War II, built their frame houses from that material. Yes, Mr. Keel, and that is why the Allied incendiary bomb attack were as devastating. Many more lives were lost from the fires which ignited immediately and raged through the cities of Japan after the incendiary bombing raids than from the atomic bombs.

In sum, the Fugo balloon hypothesis can only be supported if one refuses to believe the unanimous testimony of the Roswell witnesses. Of course Keel does just that ascribing their testimony to unwitting confabulation, but that is Keel's problem, not that of serious student of this incident.



FUGO BALLOON

(Our thanks to Ken Potts for supplying the article)

By Courtesy Of The "Southampton UFO Group"

LIST OF CROP CIRCLE FORMATIONS 1994.

 From April 23rd - 1st July 1994.

<u>DATE FOUND.</u>	<u>LOCATION.</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION.</u>
23/4	SANCTUARY, NR AVEBURY	QUINTUPLET/CIRCLE, RING WITH OFFSET CIRCLE, IN RAPE SEED.
2/5	MONKTON DOWN, WEST OF AVEBURY.	CIRCLE WITH SINGLE RING & GRAPESHOT. IN RAPE SEED.
4/5	LONGWOOD WARREN, CHEESEFOOT HEAD,	SINGLE CIRCLE. IN RAPE SEED.
5/5	JUNCTION 13, NEWBURY.	SINGLE CIRCLE/RINGS. IN RAPE SEED.
5/5	BURDOROP DOWN, BARBURY CASTLE.	TWO LARGE RINGS. IN RAPE SEED.
6/5 ?	WEST KENNET LONG BARROW.	FIGURE OF 8 FORMATION. IN RAPE SEED
7/5	SANCTUARY, NR AVEBURY	FOUR SINGLE CIRCLES. IN RAPE SEED.
7/5	MORGANS HILL/FURZE KNOLL, NR DEVIZES.	LARGE PICTOGRAM. IN RAPE SEED.
7/5 ?	NORTH EAST SWINDON.	UNCONFIRMED FORMATION.
16-17/5 ?	MARLBOROUGH DOWNS, (PRESHUTE DOWN)	SPIRAL FAN. IN BARLEY.
22/5	SILBURY HILL, WILTSHIRE.	QUINTUPLET/CROSS FORMATION. SCORPION. IN BARLEY.
22/5	SILBURY HILL, WILTSHIRE.	LARGE CIRCLE WITH SMALLER CIRCLE. IN BARLEY.
22/5	MEOPHAM, KENT.	4 FORMATIONS IN RAPE.
24/5	MONKTON DOWN.	SUNWHEEL IN WINTER WHEAT.
27/5	CHERHILL, NR CALNE.	LARGE PICTOGRAM. IN BARLEY.

3-4/6 ?	MAIDEN CASTLE, NR DORCHESTER,	DUMBELL WITH BOXES. (1990 STYLE).
4-5/6 ?	NEAR HACKPEN HILL.	BEWICK BASSET PICTOGRAM. WHEEL SHAPE WITH PROTRUDING ARMS (ISLE OF MAN SYMBOL). IN BARLEY.
6/6	WEST SUSSEX	SINGLE CIRCLE.
8/6	BETHUNE, SOUTH CAROLINA. USA.	3 CIRCLES & TWO STRANGE CONCENTRIC CIRCLES, 42FT DIA. IN RYE. 250ft SOUTH, 2 CONCENTRIC RINGS, OUTER RING 64FT DIA, INNER RING 60FT DIA. WIDTH OF EACH RING 6 INCH.
9/6	MCBEE, SOUTH CAROLINA USA.	SINGLE CIRCLE, 80FT DIA. IN RYE.
15/6	OARE, WILTSHIRE	SMALL PICTOGRAM.
12-16/6	HUISH, DRAYCOTT NR ALTON PRIORS.	CRESCENT & DUMBELL. IN BARLEY.
17/6	BORSTAL, ROCHESTER, KENT.	PICTOGRAM IN WHEAT.
18/6	SOMPTING, WEST SUSSEX.	3 CIRCLES IN WHEAT.
18/6	DUNDRY HILL, BRISTOL.	LARGE FORMATION, LIKE A ROMAN CANDLE. TOO 'BIG' TO BE SEEN AT GROUND LEVEL..! (ON 27th JUNE, 3 TRIANGULAR LIGHTS SEEN OVER THE HILL).
17-19/6	LOCKERIDGE.	12 x 15ft CIRCLES. 11 IN A STRAIGHT LINE & ONE SET OFF TO THE LEFT.
17-20/6	BELOW THE WEST KENNET LONGBARROW, NR WEST OVERTON.	UNDERGROUND TYPE SYMBOL, WITH A CURVED CENTRE LINE. A CIRCLE ON EACH END OF THE LINE. ONE OF THE CIRCLES HAS A COMA TAIL. 2ND CIRCLE WENT INTO TWO OTHER SMALLER CIRCLES. FORMATION ABOUT 150ft ACROSS.
25/6	DORSET, ENGLAND	REPORT OF 8 FORMATIONS IN THE COUNTY, AROUND THE DORCHESTER/WEYMOUTH AREA.

TALE ENDERS

APOLOGIES to TUFORG, their group is based in TORBAY not TORQUAY as quoted in last months OVNI.

KEN ROGERS has been a prominent figure in UFO research for many years and was particularly associated with Warminster. It has only recently come to our notice that Ken passed away on January this year in the Royal United Hospital at Bath.

SORRY the OVNI is a little late this month, this has been due partly to holidays, but mainly to illness in the family circle.

JENNY RANGLES had a mention in the NEWS OF THE WORLD (26/6/94). As many of us were aware, Jenny was born as a boy (she had a sex change operation 1976). Jenny is well known as a prolific writer and broadcaster, but what would the 'Grays' make of it all?

FLYING SAUCER REVIEW editor Gordon Creighton has 'nailed his colours to the mast' and changed the magazines name from FSR back to the original "Flying Saucer Review". Incidentally this summer's issue carries a report from Adelaide, Australia of more 'circles' but this time in a paddock.

JAPAN SPACE PHENOMENON SOCIETY represented by Mr Shin-ichiro Namiki has been in touch with us regularly concerning the latest Crop Circle news. Our thanks to Claire Upton for supplying recent crop circle photographs from Wiltshire. These have been sent on to Japan.

YET ANOTHER TRIANGLE report as we go into print. This time in the 'Womans Realm' 28 July 1994. Ray and Eleanor Baughn of Swindon, Wiltshire saw a "Flying Triangle" with three red lights hovering over the West of Swindon for an hour or more. Ray believes that within the next couple of years 'they' are going to show themselves....(see our leading article O.F.).

CELEBRATION OF THE STRANGE a two day symposium was held on 18th/19th June at the University of London Union with presenter Jeremy Beadle well to the fore. Dr David Jacobs was a guest speaker at this mainly 'Fortean' meeting, possibly not a wise choice for a serious researcher? Yes, you've guessed it, the "Guardian" had to mention women being impregnated by 'little green men'!

NEXT MEETING

Will take place at the STANLEY CLUB, Stanley Common (A609)
nr. Ilkeston, at 8pm on Tuesday 26th July.

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