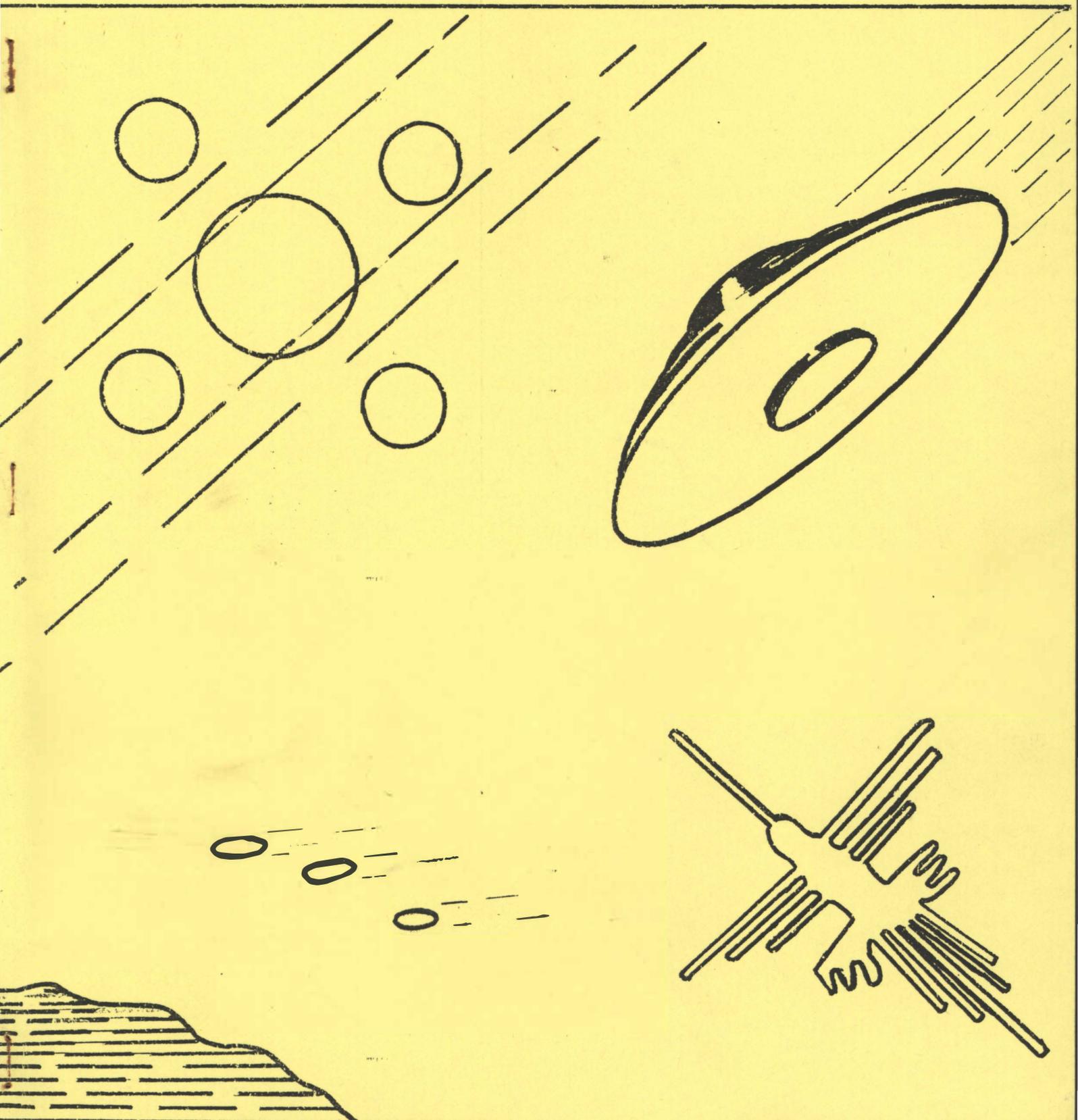


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DR. JOHN E. MACK COMMENTS ON THE BBC'S "HORIZON" PROGRAMME
(EXCLUSIVE)

In the December issue of the OVNI we gave wide coverage to the BBC's "Horizon" programme of the 28th November 94 which featured the investigations of arch-skeptic Dr. Susan Blackmore into the UFO "Abduction" phenomenon.

Dr. Susan Blackmore travelled across the United States interviewing a number of "contactees" and investigators such as Budd Hopkins etc. During her travels (on our TV licence money, I suspect) she interviewed Dr. John E. Mack of the Harvard Medical School.

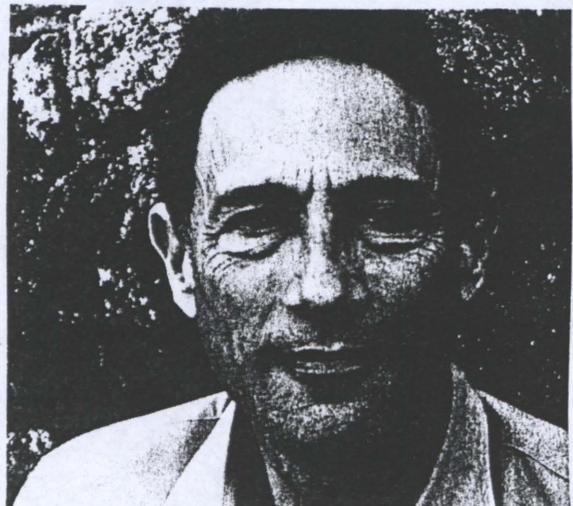
Dr. Blackmore of the "University of the West of England" listened to Dr. John E. Mack (Professor of Psychiatry at the Cambridge Hospital, Harvard Medical School and also Pulitzer Prize Winner) as he described his research with "abductees". Dr John E. Mack has worked with more than eighty people who have reported being taken into UFO's by alien beings. However Dr Susan Blackmore seemed unimpressed by the work being carried out by Dr. John E. Mack. Later, at the end of the programme, she entered into some kind of comic relief as she read from a "UFO Spotters" notes and made such remarks as "Yes, that is the Moon" and "Yes, I know what a seagull looks like".

In a personal letter to your editor, commenting on the "Horizon" programme, Dr. John E. Mack included these remarks:

"I find it utterly bewildering that such people as smart as Susan Blackmore reduce cases such as this to some sort of disturbed brain wave pattern."

"What kind of ideological rigidity does that require? As a psychiatrist I can't fathom it."

John E. Mack M.D.



WIDESPREAD UFO ACTIVITY DURING DECEMBER 94-JANUARY 95

Clear winter nights may not have been entirely responsible for the increase in UFO reports during the last few weeks as several reports speak of strange lights partly hidden by clouds.

A number of reports have been reproduced below:-

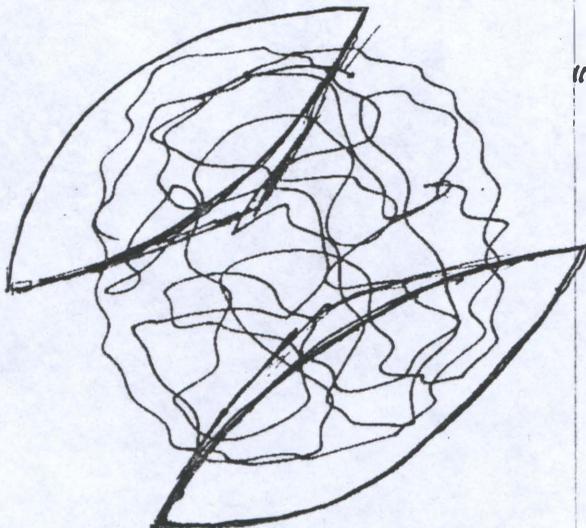
12th December 1994 0715 Location: Cotmanhay, Ilkeston, Derbys.

A Mrs F.R. came downstairs at her home at 7.10am and after putting on the lights, she peeped through the curtains to check on her garden shed. Her attention was immediately drawn to a bright light in the sky, she thought that it was too large to be a star.

As Mrs F.R. watched the "light" it appeared to approach her and to be coming closer, it then stopped....Mrs F.R. grabbed a pair of binoculars which happened to be nearby because "it appeared to be something out of the ordinary." As she focussed her binoculars on the object she saw what what looked like a ball. The lights on one side of the ball went out for a few seconds and when they came back on, the lights on the opposite side went out for a few seconds. Then the whole thing lit up for a few seconds and then the sequence started all over again.

"I last saw it as the cloud drifted past in patches. I ran upstairs to wake my son, but when I looked through the window again, there was thick cloud going past and this continued for most of the day."

Mrs F.R. described the object as being very bright and sharply defined when she viewed it through her binoculars. She first watched it through the window and then went outside and watched from her backdoor. An interesting point is that Mrs F.R. came downstairs at 7.10am, first spotted the object at approx. 7.15am and believed that she had watched it for only ten minutes, but when she ran upstairs to wake her son (to look at the light) she was "surprised to say the least", when she saw that the time was 7.45am and not 7.25am!



"THE TWO AREAS I HAVE MARKED OFF, IS WHERE THE LIGHTS WENT ON AND ON ALTERNATING WITH ONE ANOTHER"

28 December 94 Time: 2115
Investigator: Peter Edwards

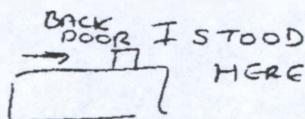
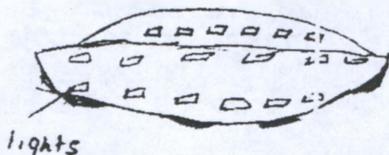
Location: Mackworth, Derby.

Three witnesses observed the object reported below. The first witness, Mark (14) was busily mending his bike in the shed at the back of the house, when he heard a noise, which was louder than the sound of the tumble drier which was in operation at the time.

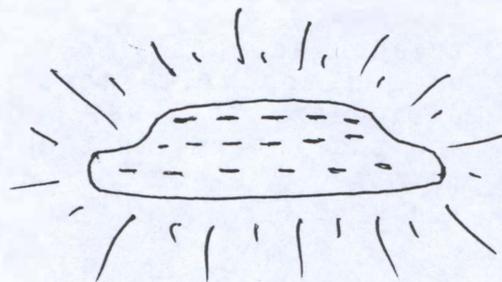
Mark stepped out from the shed and looked up, what he saw was "a very big object with lots of lights" (see sketch). He became very frightened and ran to the house, where he knocked on the window and shouted "that things back" (it was identical to what the family had seen some weeks before).

Marks mother and father ran outside, followed by the dogs, which immediately started barking "quite crazily". The family later commented that the dogs had been barking for the last few weeks in the early hours of the morning. They also remarked that "the twins" (3 years old) had woken up at 1am and had stayed up all night (this was unusual). The family also had several guinea pigs which had continued to "whistle" after the sighting.

The object, which appeared overhead and was described as "a dark oval shape with a mass of lights", made a deep roaring sound. The observation lasted for only a few seconds before the object "went off at great speed." The lights were described as coloured and very bright. One witness stated "I've never seen anything like it before in my life." Another said "it left me a little worried."



WITNESS (2)



WITNESS (1)

19 December 94 Time: 0630 Location: Ilkeston, Derbyshire

Investigator: O.Fowler

The primary witness Mr C.S.Clayton, described his sighting as follows:

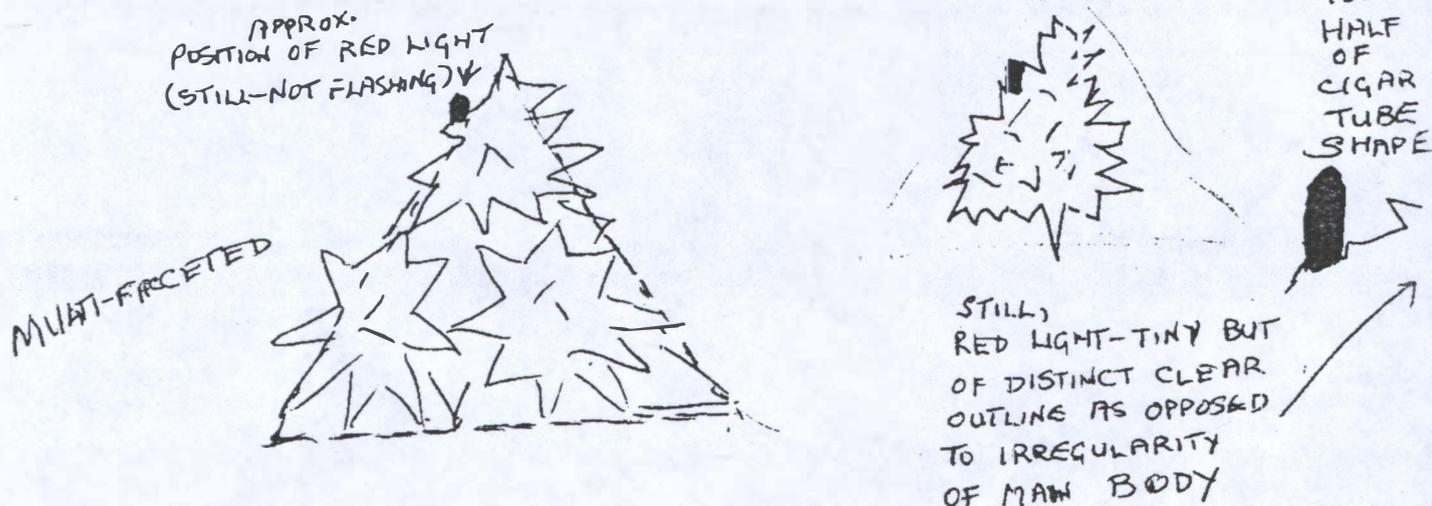
I arose at 0630 at home and drew back the bedroom curtains. Over to my right, I noticed that the moon was very low and bright, but I took no particular notice of this and I went into the kitchen, which is in the rear of the house, to make the tea.

I then saw that the bright full moon was facing me, lower and almost due West. I went back to look at the "first" object and in order to eliminate tiredness and distortion from the window glass, I put on extra clothes and went outside to the front of my flat which faces East and I had a good clear view. My two neighbours also came out to their front door and was joined later by their young daughter.

The object we observed was roughly TRIANGULAR, but with many projections "as though three stars had been pressed together." It appeared to be about a mile or less away and at a height around 500ft. (my estimates are based on known comparisons). It was far brighter than any star, also much larger and in the top "left hand" section, it had a bright but small red light.

Apart from reading small print, I have excellent eyesight (Mr Clayton is 69). It resembled nothing I have seen or heard about in my life and is apparently unaccountable in terms of an aircraft or any other airborne object. The object was sharply defined and the brightness was of "arc-light" intensity. The object was observed for a period of about half an hour.

The neighbour, Mr Noble, stated that "it was very strange indeed", but as he had to go to work, he did not stop to observe the object. Mrs Noble commented that it looked like "a triangular sort of crystal shape, very bright, with a red light on the top left side." None of the witnesses saw the object disappear, this was partly due to the length of time involved and the intermittent observations made. All witnesses referred to the "brightness and the shape" as being the unusual features.



THE DEATH OF LEONARD H.STRINGFIELD

We have just heard of the death of one of the leading American UFO researchers Leonard H.Stringfield on the 20th of December 94. We understand that Leonard was 74 years old and no further details of his passing are known at present.

Len' Stringfield retired in 1981 as Director of Public Relations and Marketing Services for DuBois Chemicals, a division of the Chemed Corporation, after 31 years service with the company. For over 30 years he has also served several of the major UFO organizations in a public relations capacity, including terms on the MUFON Board of Directors.

In addition to writing "Inside Saucer Post, 3-0 Blue" (1957) and "Situation Red:The UFO Siege" (1977), Len produced four Status reports on his investigations into UFO crashes and retrieval cases.

Additional UFO-related experience included co-operation with the Air Defense Command filter center for screening UFO reports in Ohio. 1953-57; service as an Early Warning Co-ordinator for the University of Colorado UFO Project, 1967-68, screening UFO reports for possible scientific study; former investigator, southwestern Ohio, Center for UFO Studies; and adviser to Sir Eric Gairy, former Prime Minister of Grenada, 1977-78, during his efforts to establish a UFO research agency within the framework of the United Nations.

In 1981, Len was recognised in the MUFON UFO Symposium Proceedings for his contributions to MUFON and his achievements in the UFO field.

In recent years Leonard H.Stringfield had been in regular contact with our PRA group and had sent us several of his Status Reports.

We have Status Report 111 (UFO/Crash Retrievals), Status Report 1V (Fatal Encounter at Ft.Dix-McGuire), Status Report VI (UFO Crash Retrievals: The Inner Sanctum) and also "Situation Red: The UFO Siege". All available to members on loan and by request.

Leonard's passing is a sad loss for the UFO community World-Wide.

(News Source: Ken Potts)



THE EVENING SKY

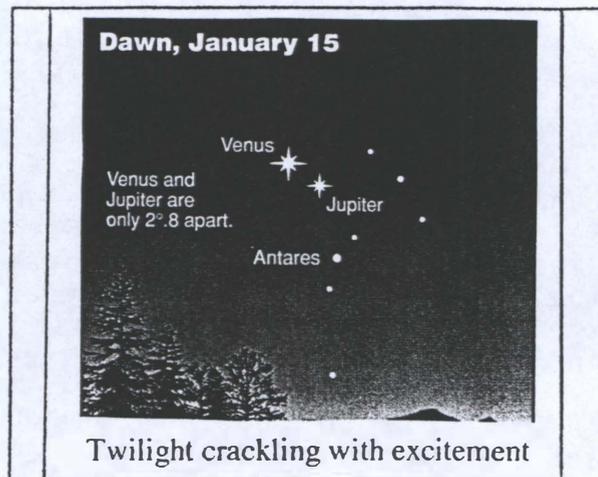
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In January, the Northern Hemisphere encounters the full coldness of winter and yet the Earth is at its closest point to the Sun (perihelion) on January 4th (at 2am): just over 91.4 million miles distance. During the glow of summer the Earth is actually 3 million miles further away from the Sun than in January!

New Year's day brings a New Moon and a new cycle of lunar phases (New Moon really means no Moon at all). The importance of the Moon is lost today because our Gregorian calendar operates independently of the lunar cycle. The motion of the Moon held enormous influence in early civilisation. Evidence of time keeping by Ice Age hunters 30,000 years ago can be found inscribed on stones and bones, in the form of lunar tallies. Even the Aboriginal dream-time ran to the regular circles of the Moon. The rhythms of the Sun and Moon are back in synchronisation in 1995.

January, the first month of the year is named after the 'two-faced' Roman god Janus. Janus who looked forward and backwards at the same time, still personifies January: looking back at the old year and forward to the new year.

On January 14th & 15th the early morning twilight will be crackling with excitement. Make every effort to be up and out into the morning by 6am. Leave behind the so called necessities of the twentieth century: unhealthy central heating; morning TV and the electric light. March out boldly into the frosty



morning and experience nature, straight and undiluted. A spectacular conjunction (the closeness of two planets) occurs, of Venus and Jupiter, the two brightest 'stars' in the sky. Look toward the southeastern sky before and at dawn to locate the two planets and the red star, Antares.

The slim crescent Moon passes Jupiter on the 26th and on the following morning, the Moon passes Venus.

The Earth is moving closer and closer to the planet Mars, which can be detected in the northeastern sky after 9pm. Mars, the flame coloured planet, will actually double in brightness during this month.

The dark, frosty skies displaying the winter stars are a marvellous, awe-inspiring sight. If you are staying out overnight observing the splendour of the icy heavens, it is important to wrap up warm. I wear arctic winter gear and make myself very comfortable lying on my sunbed and you must do the same.

When Jack Frost's about
The stars will be out!

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

Barry Parkinson

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TALE ENDERS

UFO MAGAZINE (Quest January 95) gives an in depth investigation into the Rendlesham Forest incident (December 1980). EMUFORA have recently brought new evidence to light, namely by their co-operation with Larry Warren and Peter Robbins.

SKY TV News of Sunday 8th December 95, carried news of yet more UFO sightings in Bonneybridge, Scotland and the concern of the local population over the number of incidents in the area.

EMUFORA magazine, winter 94, carries yet another "Flying Triangle" report, this time from Chipping-Sodbury, Avon at about 10.30pm on 2nd July 94. Travelling at approx. 20mph, the Triangle passed quietly overhead. The lights were constant and the witnesses noticed a small cabin on the top of the craft.

LATEST UFO REPORTS have just been received: 2nd Jan. 5.35pm a bright light over Ashbourne, Derbys. 3rd Jan. 1am A bright light seen by two witnesses in a car, Acorn Way, Derby.

HASLEMERE (Surrey) business man Colin Rawlinson had a fright when an oval glowing disc followed him during the early morning of 4th December 94, when he was in his car en-route from Bath to Haslemere. He described it as "an extraordinary experience."

ARBOR LOW, IS THE PLACE TO GO, IF YOU WANT TO SEE A UFO!
(Especially at midnight) According to a mysterious Professor Dunk. Maybe we could organise a skywatch in the summer?

SOUTHAMPTON UFO GROUP are holding a one day UFO CONFERENCE on 22nd April 95 at Warblington Secondary School, Portsmouth. Speakers include Gordon Millington (SIGAP), Roy Lake (London UFO Studies) Busty Taylor and Malcom Terry (Andover UFO Group). Details from Steve Gerrard, 25 Weston Grove Rd. Woolston, Southampton, Hants. SO19 9EE.

SWEDEN has had its share of Crop Circles this year, but it appears that they too have their equivalent of "Doug & Dave".

NEXT MEETING

Will be at the STANLEY CLUB, Stanley Common (A609) Nr Ilkeston.

TUESDAY 24th JANUARY at 8pm

We have just received a video from the USA of the internationally well known interviewer Larry King who broadcast from Area 51 Nevada on 1st October 1994. The programme includes a number of American UFO researchers & investigators.

"LARRY KING LIVE, FROM AREA 51"

Non-Members welcome. Admittance £1.00

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