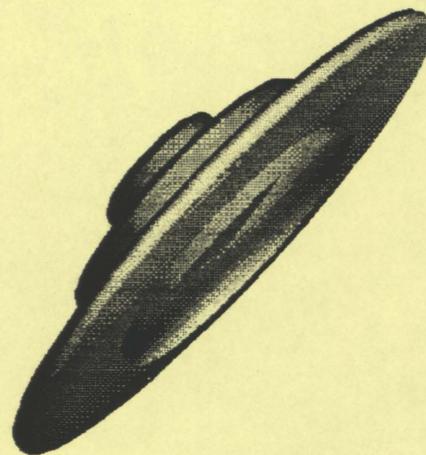
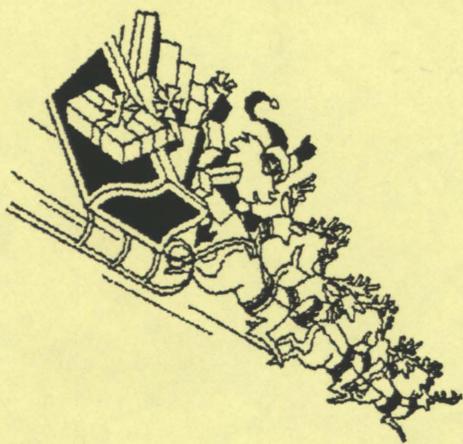

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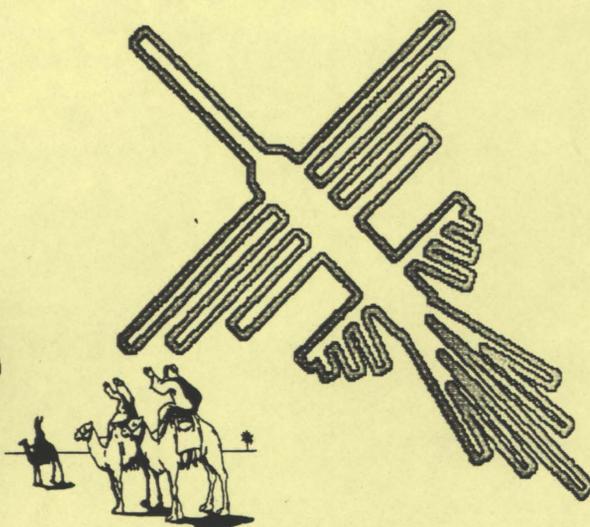
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ASTOUNDING CLAIM OF AN ALLEGED 'FT' LANDING IN SCOTLAND

In the middle of last month, news began to filter through of an amazing claim, that a large 'Flying Triangle' had landed in Fife, Scotland.

According to a number of sources, on the 23rd of September, two women and two children were travelling in a car, when they saw a large hovering FT near Falkland Hill, Fife. When they stopped to observe it, it shot away and hovered as a bright light in front of a distant hill. The women returned to the small village where they lived and related their experience to their husband (s).

The husband(s) were keen to see if the UFO was still in the area. They returned by car to the area and saw that a large Flying Triangle was hovering over a field in the distance. It appeared to have red lights at each corner and was shining a blue/white light onto the ground.

The witnesses decided to drive up a rough track that ran in the direction of the field, in order to get a better view. As they approached the huge Flying Triangle (*which had landed*), they were able to make out details of an extraordinary scene.

The witnesses claim that the whole area was 'lit up' and there hundreds of small beings moving what appeared to be 'boxes' around. The small aliens were apparently being supervised by a number of taller aliens, mixed in with the crowd. Even more bizarre was the fact that a 'brain like' translucent object hovered over the whole scene and appeared to be overseeing the whole operation.

While the witnesses were observing this whole incident, a number of 'bubbles' approached them...inside each bubble was a face! (This is similar to an incident that occurred at the scene of the Rendlesham Forest UFO landing). The witnesses became alarmed as they were approached by the 'balls' with faces and they promptly fled from the scene.

Upon arriving at their home village, the witnesses found that they had 'missing time'.

The story related above, has come to us by a number of sources, including a UFO group in Scotland. We understand that Tony Dodd has been to Scotland to investigate the incident and claims that he has found 'ground traces' at the scene. The witnesses are apparently in a state of shock.

We have no firm evidence to confirm that this incident occurred, but in view of the varied sources of the report, it does appear that there may well be something in this story! Ed.

LATEST FROM THE U.S.A.

By Louis Taylor, Antioch, California.

You may be interested to hear of the latest UFO activity in the U.S.A. There follows an excerpt from a news broadcast from Peter Davenport at the Washington UFO Centre:

It has been a very exciting week, we have taken a lot of very convincing calls over the last nine days. It started last Saturday night the 16th November. Two commercial airliners, one over Georgia and one over Orlando, Florida, were flying at 41,000ft. They both reported that two luminous objects, embedded in a very large blue/green cloud of light, went streaking by their airliners. That report came from the FAA and we are still trying to pursue the details.

Last Saturday and Sunday (16/17th Nov.) we took a number of calls, they've been coming in so fast over the last week that we haven't yet been able to get everything in the computer, so I'm just reading from a list.....

We took a very convincing report from Riverside, New Jersey. Saturday night, (16th Nov.) an entire neighbourhood was outside and were looking at a large **Triangle** that had been seen to streak across the sky, slow down, stop and hover for an extended period of time. Also we have a report from Frostland, Maryland and Reading, Pennsylvania. On Saturday night (16th November) a huge orange glow had been seen to streak across the sky and we also have a report from Greenwich, Connecticut, apparently a report of the same object.

From Kansas City, Missouri, we had a report that last Saturday night (16th Nov.) a huge object went streaking across over Grand View, Missouri making an immense sound. We have also had a report of a disc, with not one, but two cupolas on top of it doing erratic manoeuvres in the night sky over Seattle, again on that Saturday night.

One of the most intriguing reports that we took, was just yesterday, of alleged events that were seen over northern Pennsylvania on Friday night, the 15th November. A very convincing, former member of the Military, saw an airliner flying from west to east over northern Pennsylvania, with a huge ball of orange light preceding the airliner. He said that there was no way that the crew of the airliner could have failed to see the object that was just ahead of them. This witness spent 30 years in the Military in a senior position and he described the event perfectly, with angles and distances etc.

This past Wednesday, a commuter airliner left Los Angeles Airport and headed for Fresno, California. They departed Los Angeles at 8.30 Wednesday night on the 20th November. I have talked to the pilot on four occasions now and he says that he had heard the chatter over the radio from a number of aircraft that had seen an object over the central valley, California.

He and his co-pilot looked out to the left-hand side of his Beechcraft, only to see an immense circular object, he has just sent us a drawing over. It was roughly disc shaped and he estimated it as being 150/200ft diameter, he viewed it for ten to fifteen minutes. **It was also seen on Radar** by the Los Angeles centre and we have requested the 'tapes' on this.

Are we having a 'flap'? It looks to me as if we have a lot of information coming in, I don't pretend to understand it, but it is unmistakable that sober minded, sane, balanced individuals are seeing utterly, utterly bizarre things in the skies above the United States!

Source: The Dreamland Show. Host: Art Bell 24/11/96

We are pleased to reprint the following article from the 'Pegasus' magazine, the journal of the Surrey Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena. An excellent assessment of the current situation: Ed.

UFOs and HUMANITY

by GORDON MILLINGTON

Governments would like us to believe that UFOs are just some sort of hallucination, though they know well enough that the craft and occupants that landed at Roswell, at San Agustin and at Rendlesham are every bit as real as President Clinton or Prime Minister Major. For many years we could only guess what they were up to. Some people thought they were making a scientific survey of our world, and the Greys obligingly produced the sort of behaviour that would support the idea. They went in for what I call "prospecting", collecting samples of animals, plants and even soil to give the impression that they were strangers from distant galaxies visiting new worlds.

Ufologists call this view of them the ETH - Extra-Terrestrial Hypothesis - but all that most people ever saw of the visitors were LITS - Lights In The Sky, and it was quite a long time before anyone began to suspect that the UFO Phenomenon, as we call the intelligences directing the operations of these alien entities, was not here just to satisfy its scientific curiosity. For a long time we were into position to realise what a carefully devised operational plan the Phenomenon was working out in the open skies of our vulnerable world.

It was not until the ufonauts stopped pretending to be interested in taking plant and soil samples and started taking people instead, that we began to get reports from some of those unfortunate enough to have been abducted. There were and still are many who never tell what is happening to them, afraid to speak in case they are disbelieved and ridiculed. In the end, however, thanks to the work of researchers such as Budd Hopkins and Professor David Jacobs, the whole incredible story has begun to emerge.

The Phenomenon, as we shall see, was very skilful in its exploitation of humanity and was able to make sure that for many years no one really knew what was going on. Fear of ridicule was cynically used to prevent victims finding help, or speaking out even anonymously about the nasty things that were being done to them and the kind of beings which were doing them.

Looking back now, it is easy to see with hindsight how craftily the ufonauts were able to manipulate people and even governments in such a way as to prevent them finding out what they were doing, or guessing what they would do next. The Phenomenon knew that its activities could not be for ever hidden from humanity, that people would inevitably see UFOs and eventually talk about their experiences. There had to be a plan to make sure that for as long as possible no one would believe them, or that if anyone actually did believe them, they would be laughed at.

It was just after the world war had been ended by the nuclear destruction of two Japanese cities that the Phenomenon decided to go public in a big way. Kenneth Arnold's famous sighting of a UFO formation in Washington State, USA, had provided the media with the term "flying saucers", and soon these saucers were buzzing the White House and disrupting electricity supplies. The virtual erasure of these events from the public mind was a notable triumph for government spin doctors.

The Phenomenon had two aims - to be noticed, and to convince governments that they were not new weapons developments by potential enemies, so that the

USA and the USSR would not be suspecting each other on account of them and start preparing for a nuclear world war. Our Visitors were always anxious that the ecology of planet Earth should not be disrupted or destroyed, and at that time it never occurred to anyone that this might be because they had plans to take it for themselves. They had to make sure that all serious and sensible people actively disbelieved that flying saucers were real, and that meant ensuring that ridicule would be heaped on anyone who actually did think so. Some people had therefore to be provided with convincing experiences to make them believe in stories that could be exposed as false later on. So Adamski and others, collectively known as the Contactees, were the victims of a skillful presentation featuring tall, blond and noble ufonauts, delivering trite messages about peace, war and nuclear arms, and offering joyrides to nearby planets.

The Contactees sincerely believed all this, for they had indeed experienced such illusions, and they soon attracted groups of fellow believers. These "saucer cults" absorbed and presented to the world a picture of advanced and kindly space brothers visiting Earth to bring help and wisdom to its peoples. The same delusion is still being fostered in a more sophisticated form among to-day's unfortunate abductees. The promises made to the contactees were not kept and it gradually became clear to all that they had been deceived.

World opinion had thus been conditioned to a level of scepticism sufficient to permit the safe development of the third phase of the Phenomenon's successful manipulation of humanity. The major policy was the setting up of a breeding scheme to produce mutated hybrids, using genetic material stolen from abducted humans in combination with alien genes. The secondary policy was the setting up of a psychological programme of abductee conditioning, ultimately aimed at persuading its subjects that they were in fact alien soul matrices embodied in human form - in short, a fifth column to facilitate alien infiltration of human society. It has been only in the last few years that researches with abductees have shown us how the Phenomenon has combined the breeding and indoctrination programmes into this structured assault on the persons and personalities of its victims. In past ages it would have been called demonic possession.

The most significant and sinister feature of these grey aliens generally described is their ability to control both the minds and bodies of the humans they abduct. Physically, they can affect muscle tone so that any degree of control from simple weakness to total paralysis can be inflicted: mentally, they can control people's minds to make them experience whatever they wish. Communication with each other and with their victims are apparently entirely telepathic. They have no visible reproductive organs, though abductees always receive the impression that some are male and others female. Their height can vary between two and five feet, and the taller ones seem to be overseers and supervisors, who also carry out the more complex mental and emotional operations directed at the ultimate subjugation of their victims. Their behaviour suggests that they are computer-controlled organic androids, running internally a common programme dedicated to the one unique purpose. They show neither friendliness nor hostility, and operate with the impersonal efficiency of a combine harvester culling the human race. We would like to know who or what has created them and sent them here, but they never answer any such questions.

Abduction is nearly always an experience which begins in childhood and continues repeatedly and indefinitely, though it is not always subject to recall.

Victims are in some way tagged, and can always be located by their abductors, wherever on Earth they may be; for them there is no escape. Being among crowds in daytime does often give protection, but at some time the victim will be alone or in a small group, and it is then that the abduction will most probably occur, usually through a window, which need not be open, for the ufonauts seem able to pass themselves and their victims through solid matter, incredible as this may seem. We do well, however, to remind ourselves that according to modern physics so-called matter is in fact mostly empty space. Then the miracle seems less unbelievable.

Pulled up into the waiting UFO by a tractor beam, the abductee will first be stripped naked for an extensive physical examination on an operating table surrounded by a fearsome array of medical machinery. If the UFO is a large one with many operating tables, the victim may be placed in a queue by the small beings who carry out all the routine operations. In the main operating theatre they may sometimes see people they recognise, perhaps even their own children, and be powerless to help them.

Subsequent major operations may be divided into two areas - physical and psychological - and will be carried out by the tall overseers, who are always in charge. Physical manipulation involves the collection of eggs and sperm; for a woman it will also involve the initial insertion and later removal of a fertilised and mutated egg after some weeks of development in her womb. Both sexes may undergo insertion of a very small device into the nasal or some other body cavity, which apparently makes it possible for the aliens to find them wherever they may be.

The psychological conditioning appears to have two purposes - the study of human responses to various stimulus situations, and the moulding of those responses in ways the aliens wish to encourage. The abductees may be made to believe they are themselves aliens in human bodies, incarnated thus to serve their race in some future conflict with humanity. The strong-minded can fight successfully against the acceptance of such suggestions, but many succumb.

An important part of the psychological conditioning consists of being shown the hybrid embryos growing in transparent containers of nutrient solutions, surrounded by a life-supporting network of tubes. This is followed by visits to the nursery area where listless half-alien babies and children are said to need human contact, which the abductees are obliged to supply. Women especially are told that a particular child is theirs and are required to hold it. Usually they find the baby repulsive and do not wish to do so, but their captors insist.

There is scarcely any physical evidence in support of these witness accounts, except the correlations between hundreds of independent testimonies. Many witnesses have strange scars and sometimes suppurating wounds as a result of alien examinations; others have inadvertently expelled from their bodies the small locating devices implanted there, which are currently receiving scientific study: yet others have returned to earth wearing clothes incorrectly put on or to a place different from that from which they were taken up.

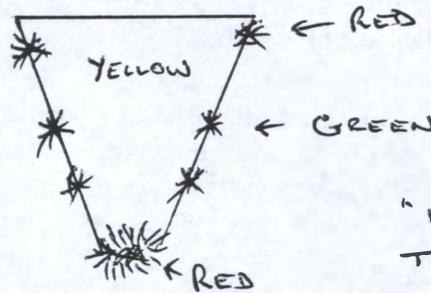
Some abductions have on occasion been observed by people not otherwise involved, but in general we have to admit that the Phenomenon has been almost totally successful in making sure that abductees have no objective evidence to produce in support of their testimony. Nevertheless, investigators confronted time and again by compatible versions of the same story feel obliged to accept it as in some way true. There can be little justification to doubt the existence of these UFO phenomena, which clearly represent a challenge Mankind should not ignore.

THE EAST MIDLANDS 'FT' REPORT.

Editors Note: Although the term 'Silent Vulcan's' is currently being used by some researchers to describe the 'Flying Triangles', I feel that this term is unlikely to be used by many witnesses. The general public are not familiar with aircraft names and certainly a witness in a foreign country is probably unaware that such an aircraft as the Avro Vulcan (delta/four jet bomber) ever existed. They are more likely to describe a triangular object in the sky as exactly that...a 'Flying Triangle'. (*Abbreviated : 'FT'*).

CASE 96/44 Investigator: Alan Hitchcock.

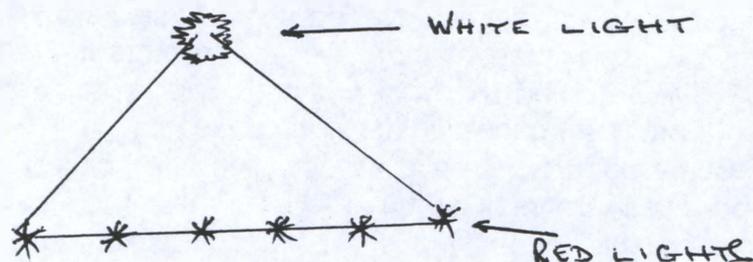
A Mrs S.A. had just finished work at 0140hrs on 12th November, at a company situated near Canal Street, **Burton-on-Trent** (not far from Stapenhill). "I always look up at the sky, at the moon and the stars" commented the witness. "I saw a bright triangular object about the size of a plane, but I knew it was not a plane, it was too bright!" "I was not afraid, I was just amazed. It was the triangular yellow shape that caught my eye. It flew right overhead." "My one regret was that I never stood longer and watched where it actually went."



"I DID NOT COUNT THE LIGHTS, I JUST NOTICED THE COLOUR OF THEM."

CASE 96/45 Investigator: Alan Hitchcock.

Mr Michael T. Dugnan lives in Swadlincote and is retired (76). Over the past 5/6 months, from May 1996, Mr Dugnan has repeatedly seen UFO's. The observations have taken place mainly from his bedroom window. His window faces South. Sometimes it would be mainly stationary, but when it moved, it did so very quickly. Because it was night-time, its shape was mainly undefinable, but it had a very bright white light surrounded a little lower by five or six red lights at the base. The lights appear between the hours of 10.30pm/ 3am and they have been observed from a period of half an hour, to two hours. It appeared mainly in the NW.



CASE 94/46 Investigator: Alan Hitchcock.

Mr RCB of Swadlincote, observed a number of LITS at 1920hrs on the 12 November. He relates the following incident: "I was coming through my back gate at home, with my 2 1/2 year old son, when he wanted to look at the stars. We first sighted five objects moving in the same direction and the same distance apart. They seemed to be only the same size as stars, but were red in colour, with no other lights and no sound." "After passing overhead and directly above, each object passed over another, darting in a different position, but quickly and smoothly." "After a few seconds, they then reformed exactly as they started and carried on in the same direction"(S to N).

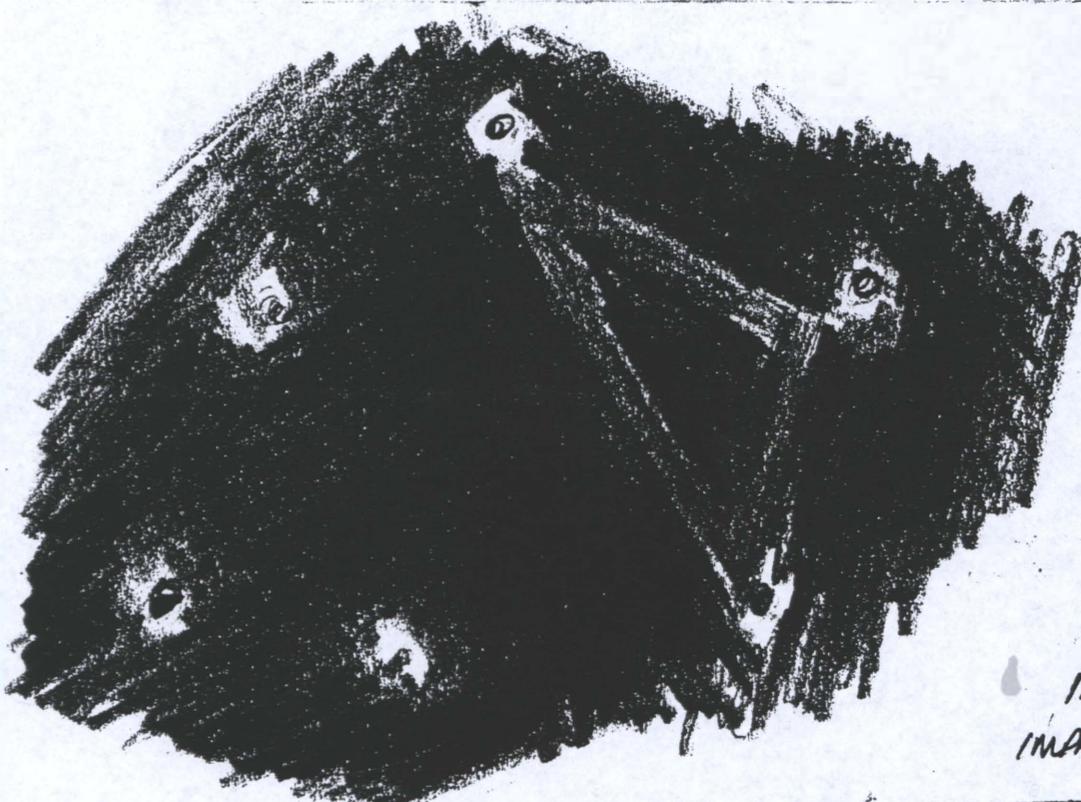
CASE 94/47

On the 23 October at 2030hrs A Mr NB (32) noticed some low lights in the sky, while travelling with a friend near Burton-on Trent on the A444 road. They saw two bright lights not far above the house tops, they didn't move at all as they travelled towards them. "I asked my friend what he thought it was? He jokingly said a 'flying car', but then he started to look at it. As we got closer, I wound my window down to see if I could hear anything. By now we had been watching it for a while and it hadn't moved at all."

"The two bright lights then went out and the craft 'tipped' away and started to move in the direction of Winhill." "*When it tipped, I saw a distinct Triangle shape.*"

"Then I just saw the flashing blue/orange/red and white lights that were on it. By the time we got down to Stapenhill Island, by St. Peters Church, we were amazed by what we had seen. I stopped my pick-up and we got out to watch it disappear behind houses in the direction of Winhill, towards the A50"

"We originally saw flashing lights which gave me the impression that it was a low flying aircraft and that it would fly over us any second as it was so low." The witness described the Triangle as flying 'point' forward, there was no sound and it appeared to 'float' along, rather than fly. "In relation to the way it moved and the size of it, it should have fallen out of the sky" he said.



AS IT 'TIPPED'
AWAY WE SAW
THE TRIANGLE —
TO ME THE SHAPE
WAS POSSIBLY 'DIAMOND'
OR 'KITE' FROM FRONT
TO BACK

MARTIN GOT THE
IMPRESSION OF A 'KITE'
SHAPE

CASE 96/48 Investigator: Alan Hitchcock.

On the night of the 11th November at 2145hrs. Mrs Thelma Barrell of Burton-on-Trent saw a Triangular shaped object while travelling along Newton Road. "My friend and I suddenly noticed bright lights in the sky and on looking out of the car window, towards the Trent Valley." "We thought at first it was an aircraft, but then we noticed the object was not moving. The lights were larger than a plane's and we appeared to be looking at the front of the object and not to the side."

"The object had one large red light on the left, with a large green light on the right and two large white lights at the front. These appeared to be positioned more forward than the coloured lights. We monitored the object for 3/4 minutes (while waiting for the traffic signals to change). Then the object just disappeared without any apparent movement.



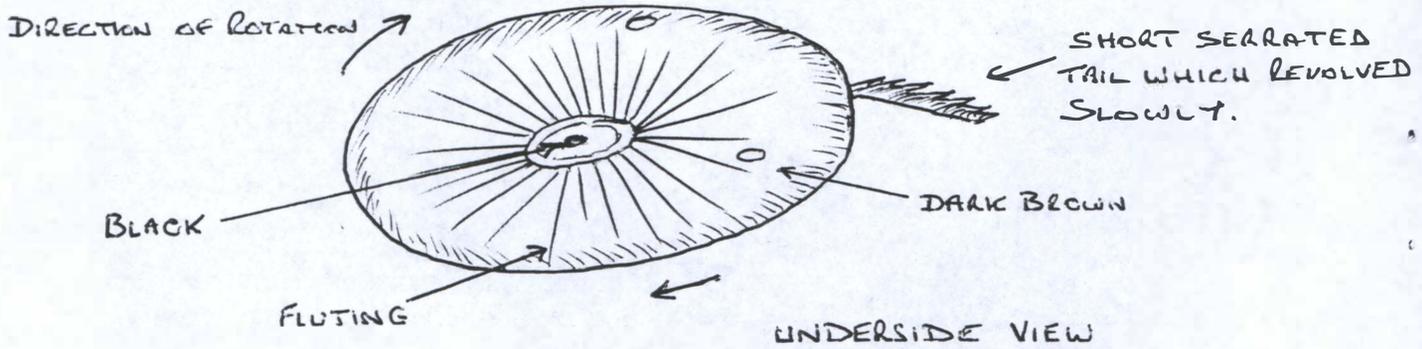
CASE 96/49 Investigator: O.Fowler

Two flying discs passed over Long Eaton, Nottingham at 1700hrs on the 7th October, according to a couple and their neighbour.

Mr M.M. and his wife called out to their neighbour as they spotted the discs, while standing outside their house. Each disc appeared to be identical with the other and they were equipped with a small serrated tail. They were flying across the sky at a speed compared to that of a light aircraft and about the same size.

The discs were black/dark brown in colour, sharply defined and made no sound as they passed over, heading from West to East. They appeared to be revolving and were observed for about one minute.

Mr M.M. also mentioned, that shortly afterwards, a military helicopter passed over, heading in the same direction as the discs.



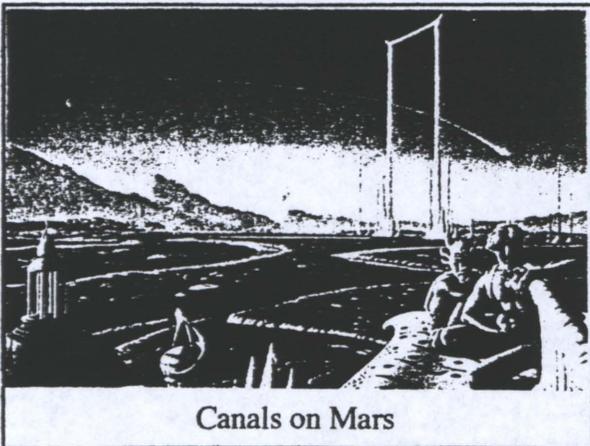
The Evening Sky

December 1996

We are on our way to Mars after an absence of over twenty years. A convoy of spaceships are now heading for the red planet: Pathfinder, Global Surveyor and Mars 96. Orbiting stations, surface landers, surface penetrators and a surface rover vehicle will be in operation from September 1997. However, it will be at least six years before a Martian rock sample is returned to Earth to prove conclusively whether there is, or has been, life on Mars.

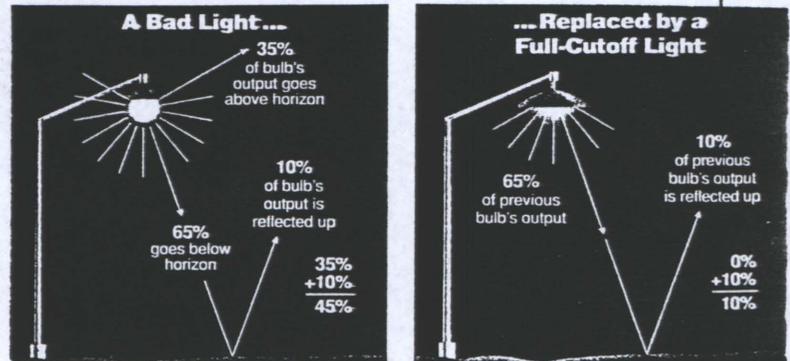
It was widely believed by many people right up to the 1950's that Mars had been populated and that the 'canals' observed on Mars were built to bring water from the polar caps to the central deserts. The two moons Phobos and Deimos were thought to be artificial satellites created by the inhabitants of a dying planet. This view was put forward by astronomer Percival Lowell in 1908.

You can see Mars in December rising about midnight, a dim orange/yellow 'star' shining in the southern sky until dawn. Venus passes very close to a thin crescent Moon on the morning of the 8th.



Canals on Mars

Saturn sparkles throughout December in the southern sky. Jupiter and Mercury are visible in the western sky at dusk. The crescent Moon passes between Jupiter and Mercury on the 11th.



The correct light fittings

Light pollution is becoming an ever increasing problem. Light glare is caused by light shining directly into our eyes. Sky-glow is created by light scattering through dust and water particles in the atmosphere.

Sky-glow can be reduced considerably by using suitable light fittings. Light sent into the sky wastes money and adds to noxious power plant emissions. The city of San Diego in the USA switched to full cut-off light fixtures (and low pressure sodium bulbs) and they are now saving about \$3 million a year. The citizens of San Diego can really enjoy the delights of The Evening Sky. Well done!

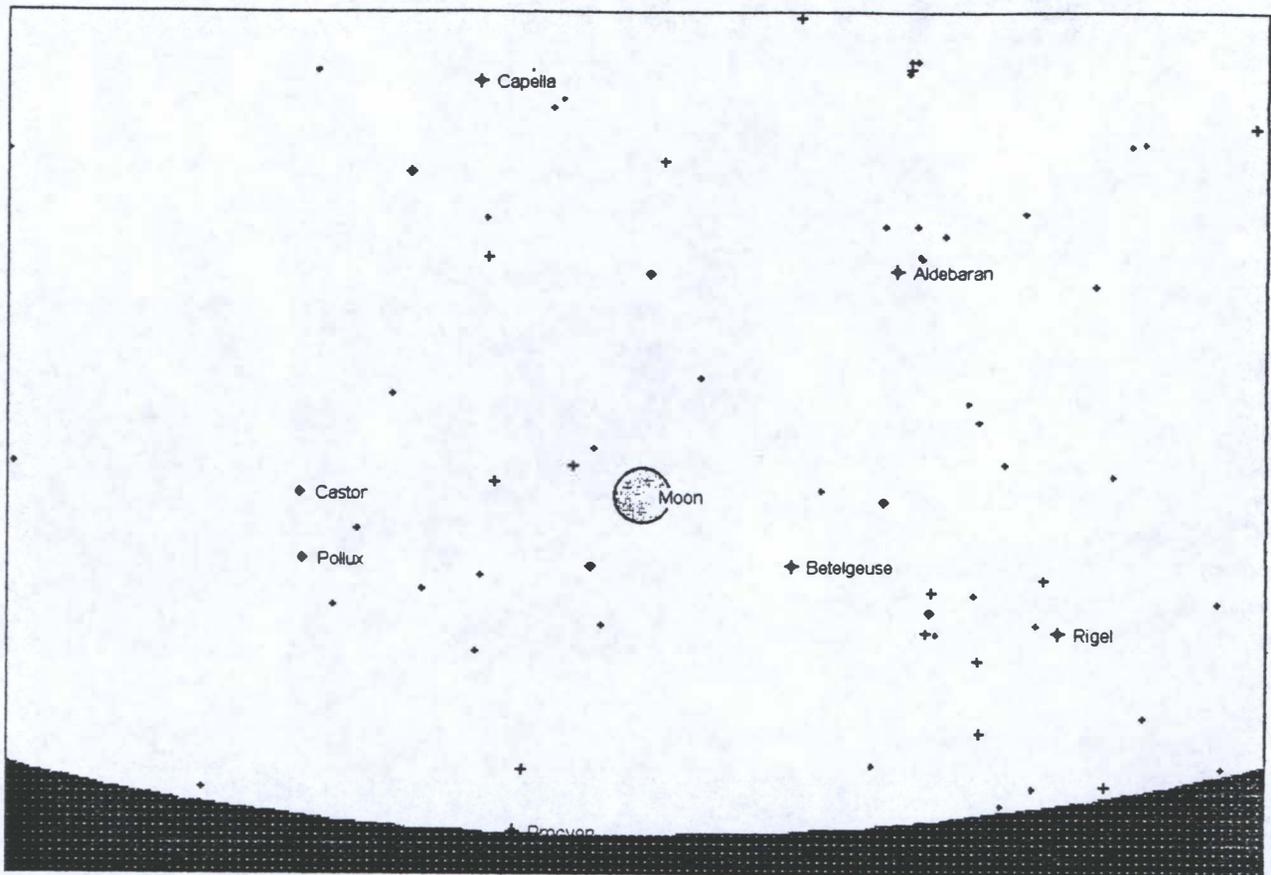
Our understanding of the Earth's climate is far from complete and recent research links the Sun's variation in brightness (due to Sun spot activity) with changes in temperature on Earth. Solar brightness variation can explain most of the past record of terrestrial global temperature fluctuations.

December 21st marks the beginning of winter in the Northern Hemisphere when the Sun reaches the Solstice.

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

Barry Parkinson

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The Evening Sky on Christmas Eve 1996 at 7pm looking due East

There is no guiding star suspended in the sky this Christmas but there is a magnificent Full Moon. The Full Moon rises on Christmas Eve during the evening twilight and shines all evening, pursuing almost the highest arc it can ever trace across the Northern Hemisphere sky, and setting in the western twilight dawn on Christmas Day. The Moon presents a cold pale imitation of the Sun's high path across the sky in June.

The Earth is infinitely rich and beautiful, and can provide enough nourishment (mind - body - spirit) for all. There is no need for poverty, friction or disharmony and humanity, especially the Western world, could make a big difference if only we were more pure in our thoughts and in our deeds.

Ask, and it shall be given you;
 seek, and ye shall find;
 knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

For everyone that asketh, receiveth:
 and he that seeketh, findeth;
 and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Matthew 7:7,8

Merry Christmas and all the very best for the New Year

Barry Parkinson

11 Dec 96

Skywatch Diary

by Carole Baker

On Monday evening, December 2nd, 1996, I received a call from one of our regular skywatchers, Marie Arredondo, saying she had stopped by Shoreline Park early, at about 5:30 p.m. on her way home. She said there were very few people there and she walked along the beach for a few minutes. She saw one intense amber light appear in a totally clear, starry sky over Santa Rosa Island in the area of the Sans Souci Condominium. "It was only there for a few seconds, but it was quite large and bright," Marie told me.

So, my husband, daughter and I went out on Tuesday night, December 3rd, 1996 expecting to be cold, expecting there to be few companions at Shoreline Park, and not really expecting to have a sighting. Well, it was cold, but by about 7:30 p.m. there were a total of nine people braving the chill and we were well rewarded with a rather spectacular sighting!

Looking to the west along the shoreline towards Deer Point, there is a large house owned by a local lawyer. I was sitting in my lawn chair in conversation with a couple of other people when at 7:55 p.m. directly in my line of vision above the lawyer's house a large amber ball of light just appeared. Yelling the traditional "Yo! Bubba!", I alerted the rest of the group. The first light was about a quarter of an inch in diameter at arm's length and that intense amber color that we are familiar with. It was followed in rapid succession by two other, slightly smaller intense amber lights that appeared horizontally to the right of the first light. When all three were illuminated together, they formed a curved edge or what appeared to be one edge of a "ring". All except one of those watching was able to see the sighting.

The elevation was very low, probably between five and ten degrees, appearing about a thumb's width above the lawyer's house. The impression was that it was quite close, although we have found that this is particularly hard to gauge. With some previous sightings, after triangulation, what appeared to be very close to our position, in fact, turned out to be several miles distant. The duration of the sighting was around five and seven seconds.

The week's activity continued with another sighting on Wednesday evening, December 4th, 1996 at 6:55 p.m. A lone skywatcher, Bill, who is a trained MUFON investigator was watching the area of sky to the west of Shoreline Park where the sightings had occurred the previous evening. Bill described the events to me as follows: "I was out on the end of the dock and I decided to scan around the horizon and looked out over the water toward the hotels on the beach and I saw a single light to the east of Sans Souci, between Sans Souci and The Dunes Hotel. It was bright red, with some white in it and was quite low, maybe ten degrees or so above the horizon and I saw it for approximately five seconds. I continued to watch in this area, and at 7:05 p.m. another light appeared in the same position. I was able to observe this light for around ten seconds through my binoculars. It was perfectly round and just blinked out. There was absolutely no aircraft activity in that area of the sky at all. About ten minutes later, there was a loud and long, low rumbling sound. It made the dock vibrate. I believe it was a skyquake associated with the sighting I had just had."

Currently under investigation is a very interesting sighting which occurred on November 22nd, 1996 at approximately 5:50 p.m. involving an object hovering over a power sub-station in north Pensacola. There are multiple witnesses to this event, and once all the information has been gathered, it will be reported here.

TALE ENDERS

CARDIGAN BAY in Wales, has again been visited by strange flashing lights, according to the UFO investigator Richard Alexander. The local Police were inundated with reports of lights over the Bay on the night of 21st November. Bright flashes in the sky were also observed about 20 miles inland.

HEARING AID DETECTOR? On the night of Friday 13th December, Mr Paul Collins of Chaddesden, Derby, noticed a series of bright lights approaching him. The time was 1910hrs as the lights came closer and appeared as a Triangular shaped formation. Paul, who wears a hearing aid, observed the lights as they passed overhead. He turned up his hearing aid to full volume, but could not detect any noise from the object, only the distant rumble of traffic.

SOUTH AFRICAN 'FT' SURPRISES FISHERMEN. Two fishermen had a nasty surprise while they were fishing on a lake near the village of Sedgfield. It was in the early hours (2am) on 7th August 1995 when Dirk Jooste and his friend Fanie Kleyn saw a triangular object in the sky. "Larger than a passenger plane, it had three bright lights underneath on the base and smaller orange-red lights which extended to the highest point." "The FT hung in the sky for a short time, then it came closer, made a turn and in a fraction of a second disappeared." (*From UFO Afrinews No.14. Editor Cynthia Hind*)

BRAZILIAN ALIEN ENCOUNTER, which took place at Varginha on the 20th January 1996, was highlighted in a video shown to PRA members at the recent meeting held at the Allenton British Legion. The video, recently obtained by member Ken Potts, included an interview with witnesses and researchers Graham Birdsall (Editor of UFO Magazine), Stanton T. Friedman and John Carpenter. According to the Brazilian researcher Rodrigues e Pacaccini, an alien was captured in a net by the local town firecrew. It appears that the alien was then taken to the nearby military establishment. It is also believed that the C.I.A. then became involved in the retrieval of the alien. It is understood that Dr. John E. Mack has also been to the scene and interviewed the three girl witnesses involved in the initial encounter.

THE PARAMOUNT 'SIGHTINGS' PROGRAMME, which included an interview with your editor and local witnesses Tom Culleton and Robin Gibbard, was shown on Sky TV on the 12th November. We understand the programme was featured on American TV recently.

AN FT 'CRUISING SPEED' has been established by our colleague and fellow researcher Victor J. Kean (Berlin). As the result of a number of case studies from his FT Databank. Victor has established that on their journey across the country, the 'Flying Triangles' often slot into an average speed frame of 114 mph! (more details later).

TOTTON COLLEGE (SOUTHAMPTON) are running a ten week course commencing in January next year. They have asked for our assistance with information and video's.

DE FERRERS HIGH SCHOOL at Burton-on Trent have asked us to supply a speaker for their UFO project on 25th February next year.

THERE WILL BE NO PRA MEETING THIS MONTH.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO OUR READERS.

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