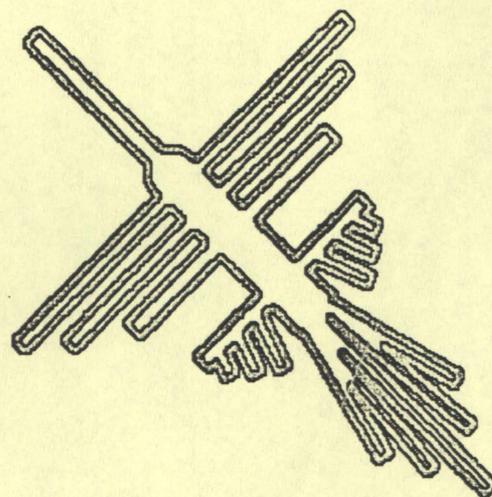
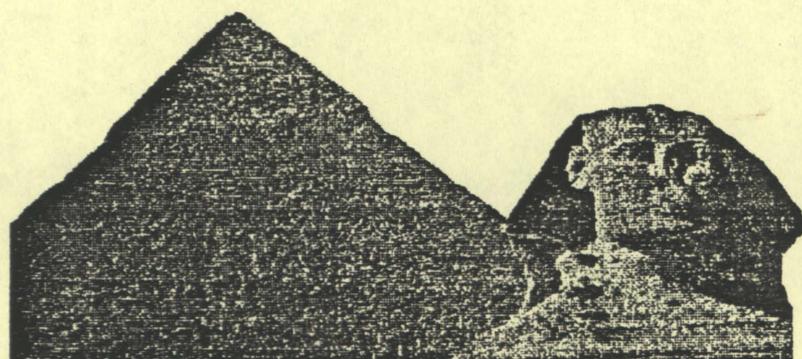
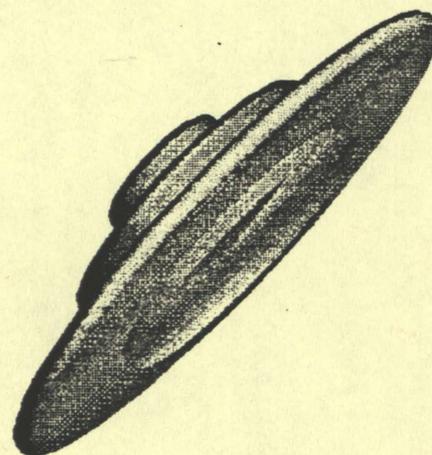
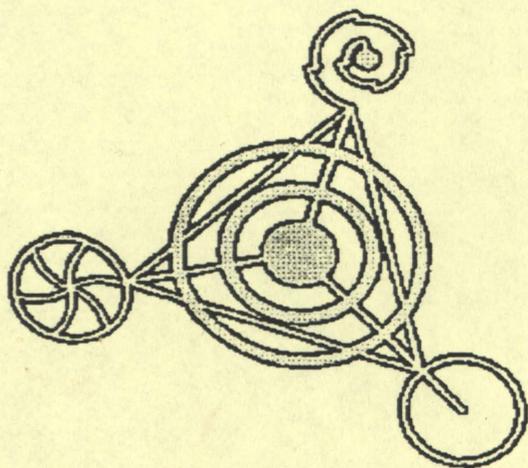

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1997 THE YEAR OF REVELATION?

This year, we have seen an increasing number of UFO and 'Flying Triangle' reports, not only from Great Britain, but particularly from the United States. There has been a steady rise in FT sightings since the early 80's and we have been expecting an increase in FT activity this year. In fact it was Bob Dean who told us in 1996, *"There will be an increasing number of Flying Triangle sightings in the coming months and they will start appearing in daylight."*

Together with some 30 other UFO investigation groups, we have been contributing to 'Project FT.' We have recently heard from Victor J.Kean (who is running the 'Project FT' database), that there has been a marked increase in Flying Triangle activity this year, particularly over Nuclear Power Stations. In some cases the increase in sightings has been judged to be a massive 100%. Certainly, reports have been coming in from UFO groups all over the country, informing us of many new FT incidents. The local press in each region has been having a field day, with each newspaper reporting that they are in the 'UFO Corridor,' not realising that they are only part of the overall 'big picture.'

In this issue, we have departed from our preference in not reproducing newspaper cuttings. We have recently received a whole news page from the June 18 1997 issue of 'USA Today,' sent to us by Gene Bauer of Dover Plains NY. Gene was one of the original witnesses of the New York State 'Boomerang and Flying Triangle' flap, that took place in 1983. He has told us that "They are back!"

The 'USA Today' report has been reproduced on pages 2 & 3 of this month's newsletter.

While we are always looking for a logical explanation to the UFO reports coming to our notice, we cannot think of any known craft that, while being the size of 'three football fields', would travel silently over the countryside.

One incident recently caused a 'flurry' over Lincolnshire, when a triangular craft was seen streaking between cloud cover and emitting a low roaring noise. We are indebted to Simon Lewis of the North Lancashire UFO Investigation Group, for informing us that a SAAB (Sweden) Griphon, Delta winged fighter aircraft, is currently undergoing trials from an RAF airfield in Lincolnshire. It should be remembered that the 'Eurofighter' also has a similar wing configuration and can often be seen, escorted by one or two Tornado aircraft. However, the racket such a trio would kick up, in no way resembles a 'silent and slowly moving' FT.

We have, as usual, included a current selection of the latest 'Flying Triangle' reports, together with other strange UFO shapes being reported by the general public.

Arizonans say the truth about UFO is out there

On March 13 hundreds of people reported an enormous object, or objects, in the night sky. It's the most confounding UFO report in 50 years.

So far there is no explanation, but the government is not investigating. Local and federal agencies disagree over who should pursue the report.

By Richard Price
USA TODAY

PHOENIX, Ariz. — Something happened in the skies over Arizona the night of March 13. No one is sure what it was, but thousands saw it, dozens videotaped it and people all over the state are haunted by it still. "I'll never be the same," Bill Greiner, 51, a cement truck driver, says. He was hauling a load down a mountain north of Phoenix when he saw two brilliantly lit orbs, shaped like spinning tops. "Before this, if anybody'd told me they saw a UFO, I would've said, 'Yeah, and I believe in the tooth fairy.'"

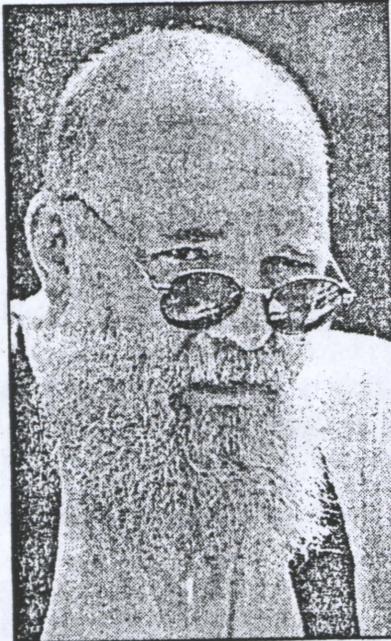
"Now I've got a whole new view. I may be just a dumb truck driver, but I've seen something that don't belong here."

So what did Greiner and everybody else see? That question has rattled around this state for three months. Officials at Luke Air Force Base in nearby Glendale are bombarded with calls for an investigation, even though the U.S. government is officially out of the UFO business.

The subject surfaces constantly on talk shows. And the army of people demanding answers has grown to the point that a Phoenix city councilwoman has launched an inquiry.

It could have been a hoax. It could have been an illusion. It could have been almost anything. But the events of March 13 may add up to the most contentious and confounding UFO report since the so-called UFO age was launched 50 years ago by the legendary crash of a "spaceship" outside Roswell, N.M.

The sightings come at a time when interest in UFOs borders on a national obsession, saturating the movie industry, television and literature. A poll this month by CNN and *Time* magazine found that 22% of adult Americans believe intelligent beings from other planets have been in contact with human beings.



'I'll never be the same': Says truck driver Bill Greiner, above, a skeptic before March 13. 'It was astonishing, and a little frightening,' says Tim Ley, right, with wife Roberta, son Hal, 8, and grandson Damien Turnidge, 13.

A Gallup poll last September found that 72% of Americans think there is life on other planets. And 71% said they think the U.S. government knows more about UFOs than it's telling.

"The fact is that more people are seriously interested in UFOs now than they ever have," Don Ecker, research director and news editor at *UFO Magazine*, says. "Convincing the government may be an exercise in futility, but it's not hard to find believers on the streets."

Huge, V-shaped object

Certainly, that's the case here these days.

"The incident over Arizona was the most dramatic I've seen," says Peter Davenport of the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash. He brands most UFO reports "hog-wash," but not this one. "What we have here," he says with conviction, "is the real thing. They are here."

Arizona authorities routinely refer UFO reports to Davenport's office. The first call that Thursday night came at 8:16 p.m. from a retired police officer in Paulden, 60 miles north of Phoenix. He reported a cluster of five red lights headed south.

Less than two minutes later, a call arrived from Prescott, 15 miles south of Paulden. The second report described one red and four white lights.

One minute after that, Davenport's phones exploded with calls from a succession of cities: Wickenburg, Glendale, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe. Police department phones were jammed. Callers flooded the lines to Luke Air Force Base and media outlets.

The event lasted 106 minutes. Some callers said they saw orbs in the sky. Others saw triangles. By far the most common description — and the one captured on videotapes — was that of a V-shaped object. It had seven lights — three on each prong of the V and a seventh "trailing light" set apart from the others. Occasionally, some of the lights blinked out.

Witnesses generally agree on three things. First, it was enormous. The most conservative estimate describes it as three football fields long. Computer analysis of the tapes puts it at 6,000 feet, or more than a mile.

Second, it made no sound.

Third, it moved slowly over Phoenix, cruising at 30 mph. Several times it hovered in place in the sky.

Pilots in the region asked air traffic controllers to identify the lights,

but the controllers couldn't help. Although controllers could see the lights, they say nothing showed up on their radar screens.

Down the road, Tim Ley had just come home and was climbing out of his car when he saw the lights. He ran in and snatched his wife, Roberta, in time to watch the formation slide silently above them.

"It was astonishing, and a little frightening," Ley, 54, a management consultant, says. "It was so big and so strange. You couldn't actually see the object. All you could see was the outline, as though something was blotting out the stars."

Like most witnesses, Ley found the lights extraordinary. "They weren't bulbs," he says. "They looked like gas. There was a distortion on the surface. Also, the light didn't spill out or shine. I've never seen a light like that."

Hundreds seek explanation

Neither has anybody else, according to Michael Tanner and Jim Diletto. They're two of four partners who own Village Labs, a Tempe, Ariz., firm that designs computerized special effects for Hollywood and supercomputers for the federal government. They moonlight as analysts of UFO tapes.

They ran a computer analysis of videos shot by amateur observers,

comparing the mysterious lights to every other light on the Phoenix skyline videotaped that night. The lights overhead were dramatically unique, they say — a perfectly uniform light with no variation from one edge to the other and no glow. They have ruled out lasers, flares, holograms and aircraft lights as sources.

"I have no idea what they were," Diletto says.

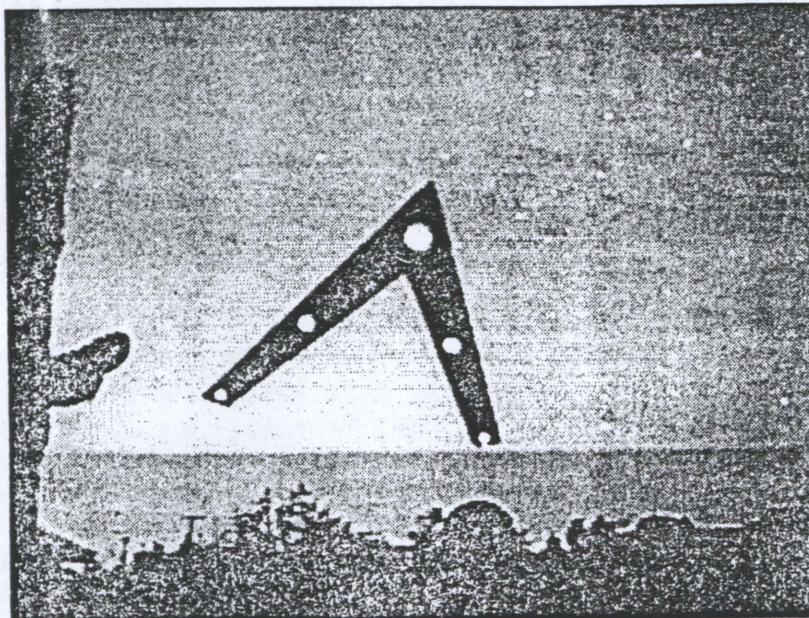
For his part, Tanner has been videotaping witnesses and sorting out the chronology. His present view: There were four objects, including the V formation, all arriving out of the north at about the same time and leaving the same way they came.

But neither man is a scientist by training. They're businessmen who rely on the sophisticated software of others. So while their work goes on, Phoenix Councilwoman Frances Barwood is leading the cry for an official probe.

She took on that role at a council meeting May 6 when she asked City Manager Frank Fairbanks whether anyone was investigating the incident. She was the first official to raise a question publicly, and local media jumped on it. Then the calls started pouring into her home and office from people who had seen it.

"There were 37 the first day," Barwood says. "After that, it climbed into the hundreds. I got calls from doctors, lawyers, celebrities.

"A Little League coach called to say both teams and their families had seen this.



Photos by Scott Troyance for USA TODAY

Composite: A computer-created image was superimposed on a video frame at Village Labs in Tempe, Ariz., to produce this image of the mysterious object.

No official investigation

Barwood's path to an official answer, however, has gone the usual route of UFO investigations, which is a road to nowhere.

Phoenix officials say the city can't investigate because "we have no air force," Scott Phelps, spokesman for Mayor Skip Rimsza says. "It's way beyond our resources to chase lights in the sky. We pick up trash. Call the governor."

Gov. Fife Symington's office isn't involved, either. When a caller to his regular weekly radio program asked him about it, Symington said it was the first he'd heard of it. No official action is planned.

Barwood wrote U.S. Sen. John McCain, and he referred the matter to the U.S. Air Force in Washington, D.C. The Air Force closed the case last week by announcing that it would do nothing.

That's because the U.S. government hasn't officially been involved with UFOs since 1969, when the Air Force shut down Project Blue Book, the UFO investigative service created after the Roswell incident. "This is a matter for local jurisdictions," Air Force spokeswoman Gloria Cales says.

In other words, the city says it's an Air Force matter, and the Air Force says it's a city matter. The upshot: No government agency is investigating.

One private organization has investigated, however. Arizona's state director of the Mutual UFO Network, a band of 5,000 investigators around the country, has proclaimed it a UFO. That's unusual. Only about 5% of UFO sightings earn that distinction from this group.

"I can't vouch for it being extraterrestrial," state director Tom Taylor says. "It could be military-related, although I find it difficult to believe the military would let it fly around like that."

At Luke Air Force Base, beleaguered Lt. Col. Mike Hauser says the calls keep coming. People are angry and demanding. They want an investigation. They allege a cover-up.

"They're calling us liars," he says. "I take great exception to that. I've answered every question. We have nothing to hide. But the fact is that we ... don't investigate UFOs."

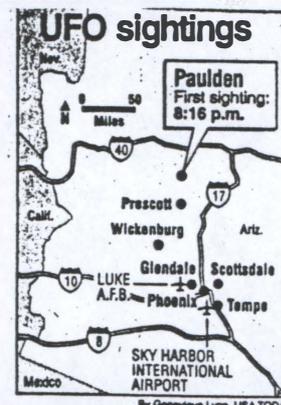
Hauser does acknowledge that F-16 fighter jets were in the air that night. He adds, however, that they had nothing to do with funny lights in the sky. The jets were on a routine training mission.

But Hauser will never convince the cement truck driver. The two brilliantly lit orbs that he saw were mostly white with orange perimeters and pulsating red centers.

Greiner's route took him within a mile of the base, and he says one of the orbs was over the base when three F-16s took off and veered right for it.

Then it shot straight up and disappeared "like a blink of an eye," Greiner says. "It was crazy. I know those pilots saw it. Hell, I'll take a lie detector test on national TV if that guy from the base does the same thing.

"I wish the government would just admit it. You know what it's like in this city right now? It's like having 50,000 people in a stadium watch a football game and then having someone tell us we weren't there."



By Genevieve Lynn, USA TODAY

A REPORT FROM BENFLEET, ESSEX.

The contributor of this report has not been able to refer to exact dates, but it is still of great interest, considering the continuing activity in this area of the country.

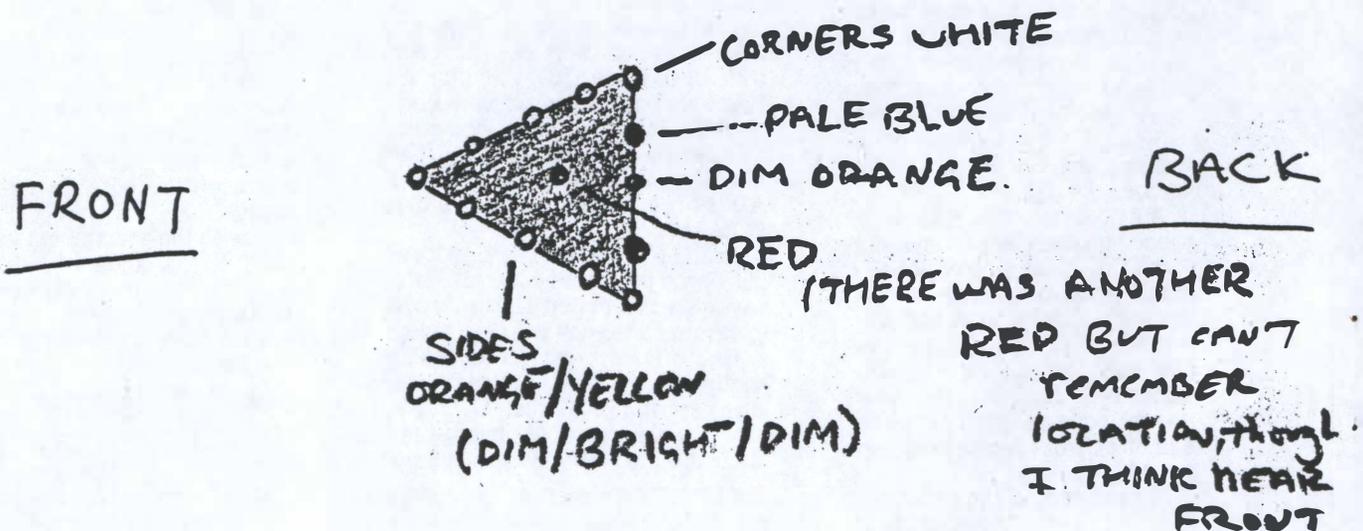
The first sighting was in June 1989, I was walking with a friend in a westerly direction, along the main road in my home town (Hadleigh, Benfleet, Essex). It was a clear night, the stars were out and then I noticed a group of moving lights at about the same altitude that a light aircraft would fly at (2 / 3,000ft). The lights were above a nearby field and moving parallel to the main road.

We were walking in the opposite direction to the way the lights were heading and within a moment, our paths crossed. I could make out the shape clearly against the night sky and stars. It was a perfect triangular shape, dark, with a lot of lights along the three sides, with one in the middle. The brightness varied, there were four colours, the lights were generally not as bright as an aircraft's navigation lights and there were no 'strobe' lights visible. It made no sound and moved quite slowly. After a couple of minutes, we continued on our way.....we were late.

The second encounter took place on a late evening in June 1990, I left a friends house on an estate and was heading home, when I saw a cluster of lights over to my right. I heard no sound and then as I looked closely, I made out the same object as I had seen the previous year. Once again, it was a warm clear night.

This time, it was moving a bit faster than before and flying in the same direction and parallel to me. I noticed that the sides seemed to be longer than the back, but this could have been due to the perspective. I became aware that there might be some significance in the 12 month time gap. I began to feel uncomfortable, it is hard to explain, without making it sound more than it was. I lost sight of it as it became obscured by some nearby buildings and when it was clearer, I looked again, but it had gone.

The witness referred to the fact that in both instances the FT had been travelling in the same direction i.e. East. He also considered that it was 'sinister' that he had seen the FT twice in the same area, up to then he had been sceptical about UFO's.



HUGE TRIANGULAR CRAFT SEEN NEAR BANBURY IN 1988

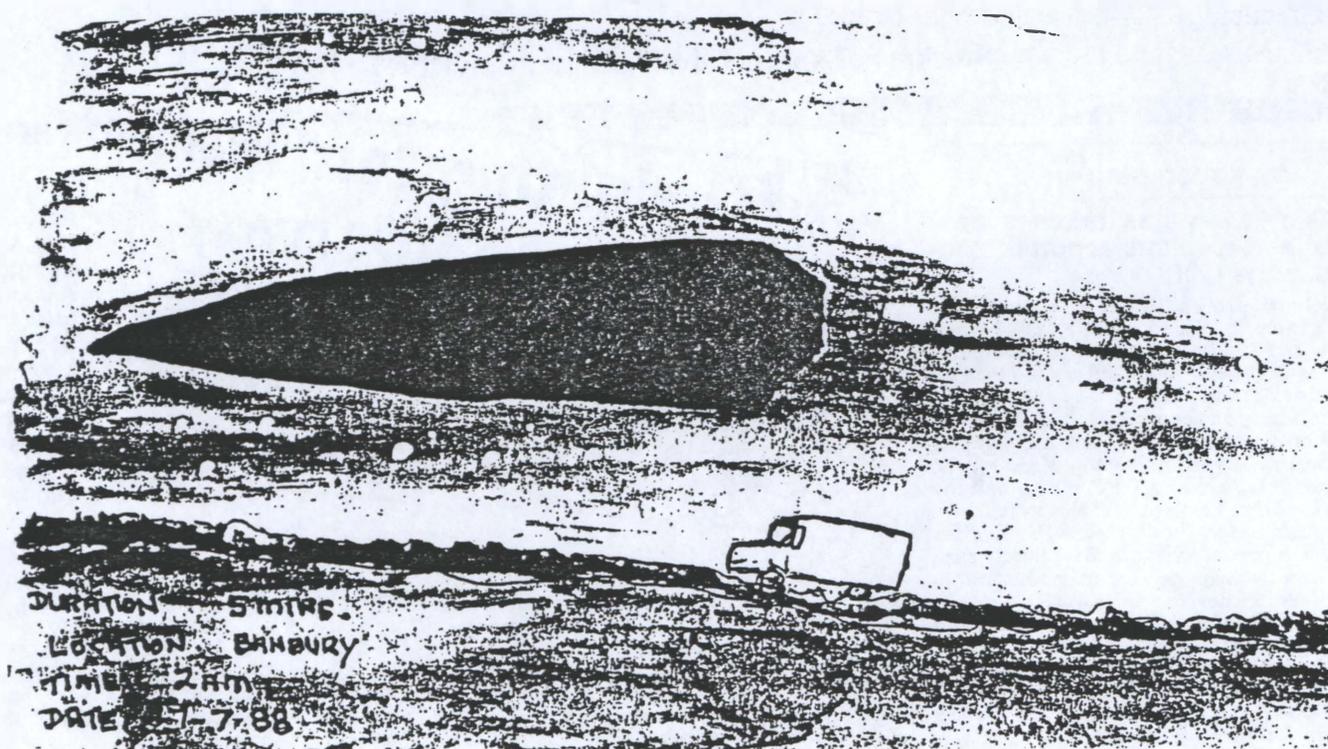
A long journey lay ahead for Mr Colin Harrison and his friend, as they set out from Manchester in their van. The night was clear, cloudless and starry as they headed towards Banbury (Oxfordshire). It was about 2am on the July 7 1988 and they were about three miles from Banbury, when both occupants of the van noticed a dark shape approaching them. It had first appeared low on the horizon, but there was something strange about it and they both sensed that it was something unusual.

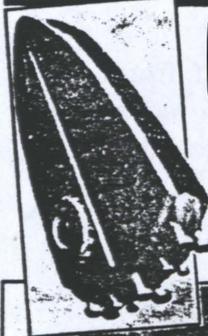
It was now only half a mile away and they could see that the object was not a plane, helicopter or any type of aircraft that they could recognise. By now Colin had stopped the van and switched off the lights. As the object drew closer, they could see that the craft showed no lights and there was no sign of any wings or helicopter blades.

It was soon within about 200yds of the van and at a height of 70ft above them, moving absolutely silently. "I knew this was a day that I wouldn't forget" remarked Colin. "By now I could see the front of the object, it was at least 60ft across, concave and had a matt black body, there were also three lighter coloured 'circles' on the front of it."

Colin was about to get out of the van for a better look, but his friend begged him to stay where he was. Both witnesses sat quietly in the van as the huge craft passed silently over the van at an estimated height of 70ft. There were no markings visible on the matt black craft, but they did notice 5 oblong 'hatches' underneath, lighter in colour than the main body. "By the time it had gone over, I realised that it must have been at least 300ft long," said Colin. "There was still no noise or any sign of lights." Colin then moved into the back of the van to watch the craft moving away. "It was about 600ft away and I was able to make out the shape of the object, it was tubular, tapering to a 'beaver' shaped tail." "The craft then did an 'impossible' manoeuvre on its own axis and shot off at great speed into the night sky", said Colin. "I was very excited, but my friend on the other hand was very nervous and scared, he just kept asking me to get going." Colin's final comment: "I have never forgotten that night!"

(Source: Skywatch UK)





UFO sighting terrifies family on motorway



SCARED: Peter and Wynn Seel with inset, a graphic of a similar object seen in Stockport

A UFO terrified a family from Heaton Moor, as they made their way home after a holiday.

Peter and Wynn Seel were on the M56 with sons Craig and Scott on June 1, after a holiday in North Wales, when they spotted the brightly lit object in the distance.

By the time the Seels reached the High Lee area, the mysterious triangle was directly above them, hovering in the air.

The family were then stunned when it suddenly zipped across the sky to the opposite side of the motorway at roughly 100mph before disappearing behind trees.

Frightened

The four were too frightened to stop and search for the object, which had red lights on each corner and a large white light in the middle. But on their return home, they contacted UFO expert David Cayton.

Mr Cayton and the Seel family returned to the scene over the weekend and spoke to farmers in the area. But so far they have been unable to find any other witnesses.

Peter, 47, a mature student, said:

"We were coming along the M56, when we saw a light in the sky to our left. We kept watching as we went along and thought nothing of it. As we got closer I expected to see some structure holding it up because it was that still. But then I realised it was just hovering in the sky.

"To be honest, we were very frightened. We just wanted to get away from it. I have always kept an open mind about UFOs. Even now I find it hard to believe. But I'm just saying what I saw. I want an explanation for what it was."

David Cayton said a number of objects fitting the Seel family's description had recently been spotted across the UK. He said: "I am convinced this is genuine. They were very frightened. They knew very little about the subject before, but now they are very interested.

"We would like people on the motorway that night to come forward if they saw anything."

Anyone who thinks they may have spotted the UFO, between junctions 7 and 9 of the M56, can contact David Cayton on 4834956 or 0831 594331.

Express Advertiser 'UFO' tale turns up second sighting on same day

Stockport Express Advertiser July 2nd 1997

by Robert Meakin

A UFO mystery has taken a new turn, after two pilots reported seeing a strange craft.

Malcolm Smith and his co-pilot, who does not wish to be identified, were startled when they saw the shadow of a strange triangular object race past below them, after they took off from Barton Aerodrome.

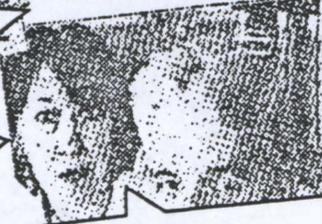
The incident, on the morning of June 1, was reported on the same day as another sighting by the Seel family, from Heaton Mersey, who spotted a delta-shaped UFO while driving through the High Leigh area of the M56.

Malcolm's sister, Pauline, saw the Express Advertiser report of what the Seel family saw, put two and two together and called her brother, who lives in Chorley.

Malcolm, 42, who is the director of a printing company, said: "We took off at about 11am, it was a beautiful day.

"My co-pilot was looking down at the ground when he saw this shadow going along the fields. Then we both watched it. It was very clearly defined and must have been at

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FLASH-BACK to our story on June 18, after the Seel family spotted the triangular object on the same day as the two pilots

about 150ft. We were worried, because it was obviously quite close to us. It couldn't have been too high up because of the sharpness of the shadow. It was astonishing.

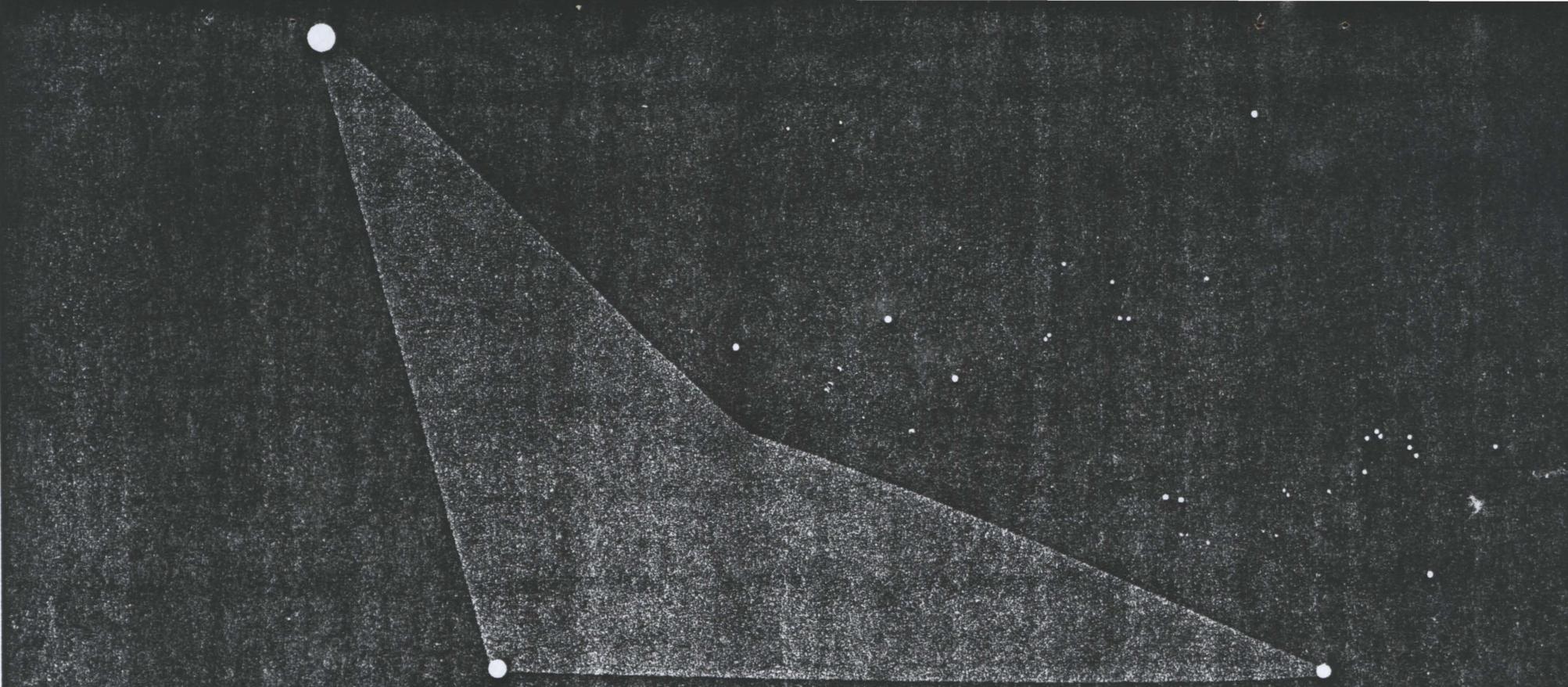
"I told my sister, Pauline, about it, who lives in Hazel Grove. And she showed me the story about the UFO in the Express Advertiser. I then realised it was the same date and started to think."

He added: "I do believe these things exist. There is no explanation for this and both of us saw it."

UFO expert David Cayton said: "There have been 20 to 30 sightings of this object across the country in the last year, but this is the first time someone has seen just the shadow and not the craft.

"It's a real mystery."

Contributed by David Pritchard of Cheadle Hulme, Cheshire.



March 13, 1997, Thursday approximately 10:45 pm
Looking up to the sky over head home on N. 12 th Street
East of N. 7th Street and North of Thunderbird Road
The UFO was sighted as the shape above, wide wings
with white-yellow lights on wing tips and one at the front,
total of 3 lights. The object was heading eastward from
the west. It was large in comparison to planes. It had a
sound like some kind of engine but not like a jet sound.
It appeared larger than passenger jets but not as high in
the sky as jets appear. It also did not move as fast as other
planes, but seemed to be a very large object smoothly sailing
through the sky. I watched it move eastwardly until it disappeared
out of sight. It did not change directions or change speed (it
seemed very consistent in its speed and direction.)

*"At the time I thought that this seemed very unusual
with such a large object going directly overhead - had
never noticed any plane doing that before."*

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INTENSE 'FT' ACTIVITY ON THE NIGHT OF 22/23 NOVEMBER 1996

We have received reports from as far as Wales that there was extensive FT activity on the night of the 22nd November 96. We have recently received this report from a witness, who while travelling in a car with several other people, saw an FT in the early hours of the morning on the 23rd November 96. No doubt the 'Project FT' Databank will ultimately show this to be the same craft.

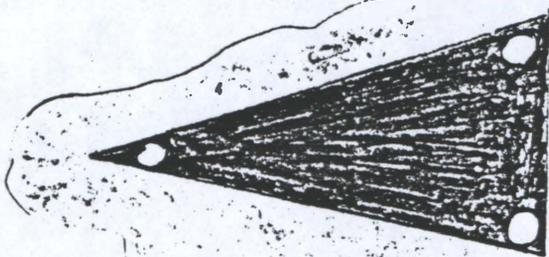
Mr Nick Tilney (28) was travelling in a car with three other witnesses, returning from Liverpool and travelling on the A47 Peterborough by-pass, when at 2.45am, they noticed something close to them, in the night sky.

"We noticed to the right of us, a dark triangular object, it had lights on each point of the triangle and it had a strange pink haze all around it," commented Mr Tilney. "It had a hazy trail following it and it seemed to be shadowing us at the same speed etc." "We all noticed it, it was quite low and at no time could we hear a noise or sound coming from it." "It shadowed us up to the roundabout, where stopped the car and turned my engine off. We noticed that as soon as we stopped, the object stopped dead still, on the right of us."

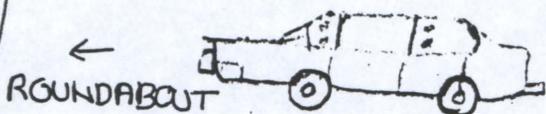
"We wound down the windows and there was no sound whatsoever, no animal noises, nothing. It was eerie, we could have dropped a pin out of the window and we would have heard it hit the road," said Nick.

"While we were stopped, the object was kind of hovering in the air, we could see it more clearly, the lights on each point were very bright, they were white coloured lights." "The object was definitely triangular shape and the strangest thing was, the glowing 'haze' around it." "Anyway, in the time we were observing it, my girlfriend and her mum were getting quite scared, I wanted to get out of the car to get a better look, but they were shouting at me to speed off." "When I started my engine again, the object seemed to move slowly almost over us, we could see it through the front windscreen and then it seemed to simply vanish!" "It was the most bizarre thing that we have ever seen." "I can promise you, that this is 100% true!"

PINKY GLOW AND HAZE
↙ SURROUNDING OBJECT



LANDFILL SITE



A47 BYPASS FROM PETERBOROUGH (VIA EYE)
WE WERE TRAVELLING TO WISBECH

The Evening Sky

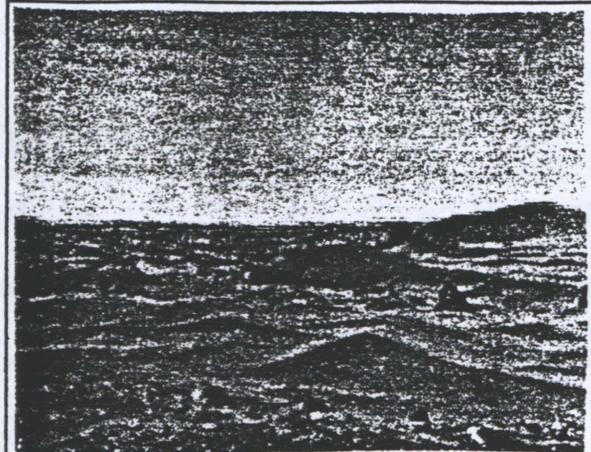
July 1997

The beauty of the evening sky has been lost to many young people living in urban areas because of light pollution. You cannot enjoy the wonders of the heavens under blighted viewing conditions and for many city folk, seeking the soul of the night means a trip into the countryside.

Venus is visible low in the northwestern sky as the Sun slips below the horizon. After the 10th, Mercury joins Venus for about two weeks and the two worlds can be seen side by side. Jupiter shines very brightly in the eastern horizon, rising around midnight.

Mars remains visible in the southwestern sky at dusk. On July 4th, NASA's Mars pathfinder spacecraft arrives at the red planet and will land in the Chryse Planitia region. Panoramic views of the Martian landscape will be sent back to Earth and a small six wheeled Mars explorer vehicle will set off to look at the surrounding rocks and soil.

The Sun's power is awesome and predicting solar eruptions, where powerful gusts of solar wind buffet the Earth, is difficult. These eruptions create havoc with radio, satellite communications and power transmission. On January 6th 1997, a solar flare cloud ejected particles into the solar wind. 3 days later, the cloud reached the Earth energising the Earth's magnetosphere for 24 hours. The power surge disabled the \$200 million Telstar 401 television relay satellite. The next Sun-spot maximum is expected around 2000 or 2001. Our society has become more reliant on electronic products which are



Mars: meteorite bears microscopic fossils

prone to solar disruption.

The European Cluster spacecraft which were lost in 1996 when the Ariane 5 rocket catastrophically exploded seconds after launch, will be replaced. The Cluster spacecraft will be launched in pairs by two Russian Soyuz rockets in the year 2000.

The Solar System may have been and possibly still is teeming with life. Venus once resembled the primordial Earth with oceans of water that allowed a foothold for life. Mars had oceans of water and the debate regarding a meteorite containing fossilised remains of Martian microbes is still not resolved. Europa, a moon of Jupiter has deep oceans where life may reside. In October 1997 a spacecraft blasts off for Titan, a large moon of Saturn which has an atmosphere similar to the Earth's primordial atmosphere and scientists are searching for life there.

We are not alone and what science told us yesterday (there is no life in the solar system) is very different for what science tells us today. Orthodox science works within a paradigm which changes from year to year.

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

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'The Islander' Gulf Breeze, Florida, USA.

Skywatch Diary

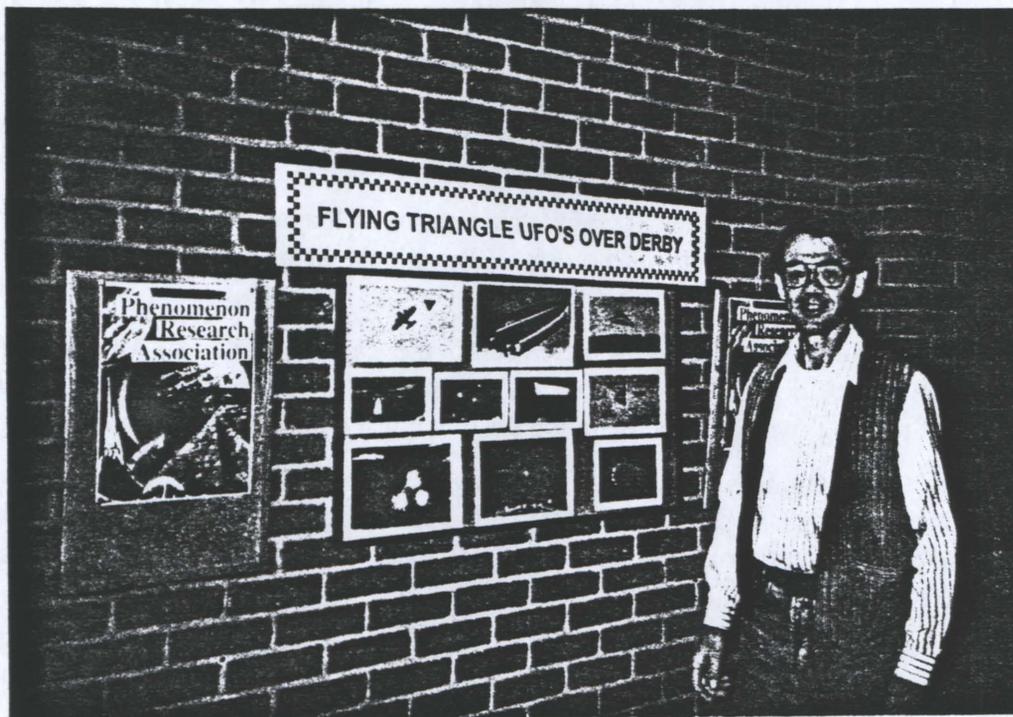
by Carole Baker

Locally, we had an interesting sighting reported on Thursday evening, June 19th, 1997 which was followed by some unusual helicopter activity at Shoreline Park which seems to have involved an unidentifiable object. The sighting was reported to skywatchers at Shoreline Park at 9:45 p.m. The witness had just returned from a meeting in Gulf Breeze where there was discussion of trying to change the image of the City of Gulf Breeze from the "UFO Capital of the World". (Sorry guys, I think it's too late for that!) Anyway, the witness had returned home and was on the telephone when a very loud, low helicopter flew over the house. The witness lives in the area of Gulf Breeze which is between the High School and Shoreline Park. The witness rushed outside to see what was going on, and reports seeing clearly a "white helicopter chasing a saucer with three green luminous portholes on the side". The witness states that the helicopter and the saucer were clearly visible because of illumination from the lights on the local ballfield and street lights and that the helicopter and the saucer flew very low over the house, making a sharp turn toward Shoreline Park. "That helicopter was really on the saucer's butt" the witness reports "there was no doubt that the helicopter was chasing the saucer.... I always thought this stuff was all to do with the military in the area until now.....there is no way that what this helicopter was chasing was man made - this event has really changed my mind and made me eat a lot of words," the witness told me. Driving directly to Shoreline Park the witness reported the sighting to skywatchers there.

That evening there was a group of seven people skywatching at the time. Some twenty five minutes later at 10:10 p.m. the skywatchers at Shoreline Park (including the witness to the earlier event) reported seeing two helicopters apparently escorting a third unidentifiable object across the Sound toward Santa Rosa Island and then east along the beach toward the bridge. All of the witness accounts detail two helicopters escorting a third object which appeared anomalous. It has been described as an oblong object "like the fusilage of a small plane" with a small white light on one end and either portholes or luminous blue circles along it's flank. The manner in which this object exited the area is of particular interest and has been described in several different ways. Another witness who has come forward, lives across the Sound from Shoreline Park on the north shore of Santa Rosa Island. He reports that at the stated time he was outside and observed three helicopters flying over, very low, one without any lights on at all. This situation is still under investigation and further details will be forthcoming in the near future. Two of the witnesses at Shoreline Park were visiting from the Nashville, TN area and one of these witnesses has had several UFO sightings in the past, one of which lasted over four hours while he chased a craft through four counties in Tennessee.

On Friday evening, June 20th, 1997 a witness reported seeing a strange object hovering over the fishing pier that runs parallel with the three mile bridge from Pensacola to Gulf Breeze. It was at approximately 11:15 p.m. when he spotted a strange square shaped object that appeared to be covered with small lights "the size of ping pong balls" that flashed on and off in different colors, red, green, yellow and white. The object was estimated to be approximately five hundred feet above the fishing pier and approximately 1500 feet out from it over the bay. The witness was obviously not able to stop on the bridge although he reports that he "slowed right down to get a really good look" and then pulled off at the Gulf Breeze end of the bridge on the east side, but by then the object had disappeared.

THE 'SCI-TECH' WEEK-END, DERBY EXHIBITION 5-6 JULY.



Jonathan Franklin, one of the PRA 'volunteers' manning our stand



A few of the interested spectators

TALE ENDERS

'FLYING TRIANGLES-THE CONTINUING STORY' By Omar Fowler, the sequel to the best selling *'Flying Triangle Mystery'* and carrying some of the very latest 'FT' incidents, has just been completed and is about to go into print. A few preview copies are available. The booklet will be on sale at £3.50 (plus 50p postage).

A 50P PIECE BLACK UFO was recently sighted by Mr Steven Dyche, while driving his van near Middleton, near Matlock, Derbys. at 2.30pm on the 3rd June 97.

EILEEN FLETCHER is giving up her Scandinavian translated magazine 'Trans-UFO'. Eileen has said that there is so much competition now from the 'glossy magazines' and this, with the lack of assistance is making production too difficult.

EVENING SKY feature has now been transferred to the capable hands of **Walter Berg**. Walter's first article is included in this month's OVNI. **Barry Parkinson** has given us many interesting hours of reading over the years and we wish him good luck in his new venture.

PC TEXT, a new service for UFO researchers is being launched by Michael Hudson, Linden Trees, 70 High Street, Wingham, Kent. CT3 1BJ. PC TEXT has over 5,000 text based files and 300 images are available. (Word for Windows 6.0). Send £3.00 for a disk or £5.00 for a printed copy. Make cheques payable to 'Orion Trading.'

THE ALIENS ARE ONE STEP AHEAD in breeding hybrid human/alien beings in glass containers, according to a number of 'abductees'. The half human/alien foetus baby's can be seen growing in glass containers containing liquid and tubes, say the unfortunate witnesses.

According to the Daily Mail (July 18) Japanese scientists have now bred a goat, using a similar 'artificial placenta' method. The front page photo shows one small goat, plus liquid and tubes....'humans are next', the scientists speculate.

SKYWATCH INTERNATIONAL is now back in business! The group, which went into temporary retirement, has now been re-instated by Peter Gregory of The Hollies, Grange Farm, Main Road, Keal Cotes, Lincolnshire RE23 4AQ. Currently the group is investigating reports of 'Triangles' seen over Mablethorpe and being followed by two Tornado aircraft.

NOTTINGHAM CITY HOSPITAL (Children's Wards) is to be assisted by a 'Smiles Better' appeal to be run by the Broadmarsh Shopping Centre. The PRA will participate by holding a small exhibition of UFO related material, at the centre during the afternoon of Saturday August 2nd .

CONTACT INTERNATIONAL UFO RESEARCH, are holding a conference on the 26th October 97, at the Exeter Hall, Kidlington, Nr.Oxford. Speakers include Graham Birdsall, Ananda Sirisena, Busty Taylor and Edward Ashpole. Tickets £8 at the door.

MANSFIELD UFO GROUP are holding a meeting in the central library at 7.30pm on Tuesday July 29th. Guest speaker will be your Editor, Omar Fowler speaking on 'UFO's Past And Present' (a talk with slides and witness recordings). *Any PRA members who would like a lift to the meeting from Derby, ring the Editor.*

DOES ANYONE HAVE a copy of 'The Addington Photographs' article, published in the Yorkshire UFO Network's newsletter '**Frontier**', during the summer of 1987? (\$35 Cash payment offered from Jan Eric Herr).

NO PRA MEETING THIS MONTH, partly due to holidays and other commitments.