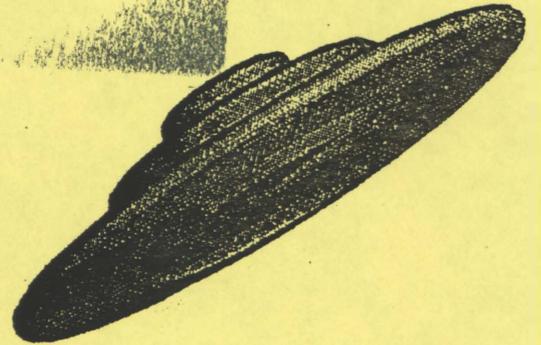
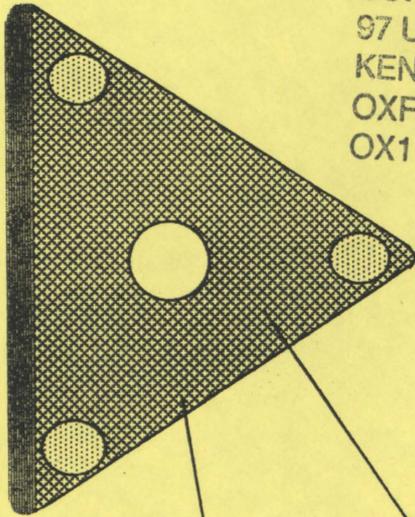


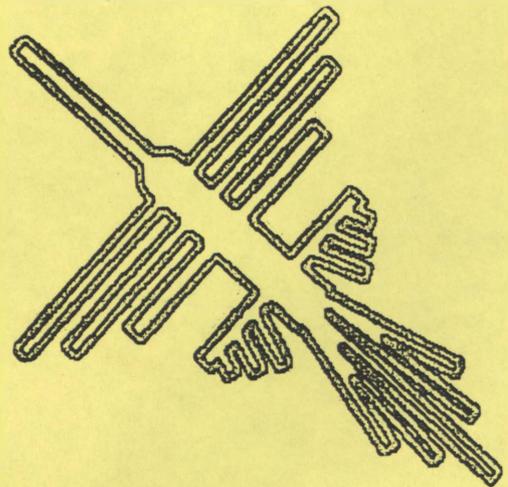
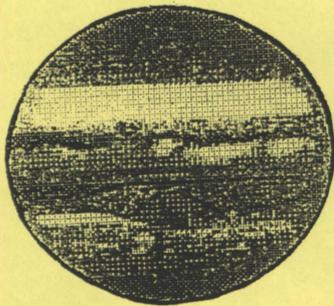
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DR. STEVEN GREER'S GREAT DISCLOSURE - BUT NOBODY WANTS TO KNOW!

Wednesday May 9th should have been a day to go down in World History, for this was the day that Dr. Steven M. Greer arranged a conference at the National Press Club, Washington DC to announce the results of 'The Campaign For Disclosure'. A time when nearly two dozen military, intelligence government and other witnesses to UFO and extraterrestrial events were willing to come forward for the first time as a group and to disclose the truth to the world.

The Disclosure Project is a non-profit research effort that has, since 1993, been identifying top-secret military, government and other witnesses to UFO and extraterrestrial events. To date, several hundred such witnesses have been identified throughout the world and spanning every branch of the armed services, the NRO, DIA, CIA, NASA, the former USSR and other agencies and countries. Over 100 have been videotaped, thus far 70 have been transcribed into edited testimony. A four hour videotape summary of testimony and an over 500 page briefing document is available and contains excerpts of this historic testimony.

The weight of this testimony, along with supporting government documents and other evidence, establishes beyond any doubt the reality of extraterrestrial life forms, UFO's or extraterrestrial vehicles and an advanced energy and propulsion technologies resulting from the study of these vehicles.

The testimony and evidence proves that these vehicles have been tracked on radar on many occasions, have landed and/or crashed on *terra firma* and have been retrieved and studied by specialised and compartmentalised projects. Advanced technologies which have been identified from the study of these vehicles, once disclosed, will replace currently used forms of energy generation and propulsion. These technologies will enable the earth to attain a sustainable civilisation, without pollution, energy or globalwarming. **These technologies are already fully operational and have been developed within super-secret, unacknowledged special access projects!**

The 'Disclosure Project' Press Conference on May 9th, was due to be followed by a day-long 'Disclosure Symposium' to be held at the Washington Hilton on May 12th. The meeting was due to open at 10am when numerous Government witnesses would present their testimony and the open discussion would continue until 9.30pm.

The prospect of real evidence, showing extraterrestrial intervention on our planet should have been treated as World shattering news indeed. One has only to recall the effect of Orson Welles 'War of the Worlds' broadcast on 30th October 1938, when the American radio audience, believing the presentation was a true event, panicked, causing "mass hysteria, with many people fleeing their homes" (*New York Times Monday October 31 1938*). But what went wrong?

A quick scan of the UK's national press on Thursday and Friday following the 'Disclosure' press conference, revealed nothing other than the opening of the coming election battle, further news on Ronnie Biggs the 'Great Train Robber' and the latest on the foot and mouth epidemic plus a few sundry items.

I had previously been asked how much coverage of the 'Disclosure Conference' I expected to see in the press. I had optimistically commented "About three column inches".....but there was nothing!

'Disclosure' contd.

One newspaper that did rise to the occasion and show an interest in the proceedings was 'The Washington Post'. Unfortunately, although we have now come to expect better things from the national press, journalist Joel Achenbach penned a sad, ill conceived article covering the 'Disclosure' meeting. However, he did not get away with it without rebukes from a number of prominent personalities.

Joel Achenbach's article 'Aliens and UFO's: The Likely Scenario' started off in the vein of 'A group of people who believe in UFO's held a press conference this morning that establishes beyond the shadow of a doubt - that reaches levels of credibility so high as to constitute actual proof - that there really do exist people who believe in UFO's.'

He continued; 'This was the big day for the Disclosure Project, an attempt to incite the government to admit that UFO's are piloted by creatures from another world. The organiser, a Virginia emergency room physician and Ufologist named Steven Greer, announced that this was a moment of historic, indeed planetary, significance. He had arranged an impressive venue, the main ballroom of the National Press Club. Upwards of a hundred people filled the room and a phalanx of more than a dozen TV cameras documented the proceedings. At the front of the room, in a line, sat the 20 witnesses, most of them grey-haired men who had retired years ago from the military.'

'If nothing else this was an interesting glimpse of human psychology and the corrosive side-effects of government secrecy. The witnesses were grave, in some cases emotional - they've carried these beliefs for decades. Collectively they've experienced centuries of suspicion. They've seen things that their superiors brushed aside or covered up.'

There followed a number of witnesses and brief details of their experience:

"Such things do exist, believe me," said retired Air Force Lt.Col. Charles L. Brown, who once analysed UFO sightings and saw, just two years ago, "two inexplicable objects."

Graham Bethune, a retired Navy pilot, told of seeing a glow near Iceland that turned into a circle of lights with a dome. This was 1951. He's ready to testify under oath.

Robert Salais, retired Air Force captain, said a "bright glowing red object" hovered outside the gate of a nuclear weapons site in Montana in 1967. The weapons suddenly went into a 'no-go' condition. Did the Aliens disable them?

The stories kept coming and were given cynical treatment by the journalist of the 'Washington Post'. However, there was a quick response to the attitude taken by Joel Achenbach.

A selection of E-mail messages follow:

Joel Achenbach
Washington Post
May 10, 2001

It's far easier when you're a journalist isn't it Joel to rubbish rather than investigate.

I'm a retired journe from the UK so I know what I'm talking about.

Did you for just one minute give it a single thought that what the sincere people were talking about at the Disclosure Press Conference could be REAL?

Did you consider getting off your butt to find out?

Or did you just assume, as you point out at the end of your pitiful piece, that it's all pretty unlikely therefore you won't bother. I think I know the answer.

And that's exactly why you won't be going down in history as a journo who did anything more than make people laugh - even if

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it is at the expense of a bunch of grey hairs who you can exploit.

You write "In the category of what a scientist would call evidence, the press conference presented little, if any".

It was a press conference Joel - not a laboratory.

If you go to a press conference after a crime do you get to look through the microscope at the pollen dust or examine the finger prints?

Steven Greer made it quite clear that he would provide all the evidence you require - all you have to do is ask.

Of course you won't, will you Joel?

It's far easier to just joke.

Except that I'm not laughing and neither are millions of others who know the truth that you refuse to write..... but history will.

David Haith

**Washington Post-
Your UFO Disclosure Piece.**

Dear Joel

I am a professional engineer and former senior government official and consultant to Mr. Laurence Rockefeller, amongst others.

What is for certain is that UFOs are as real as the 21 witnesses who sat in front of you at The National Press Club in Washington yesterday. These people are highly trained observers and trustworthy enough to be given above top secret clearances by the US government. They are not crazy people and took great risks in coming forward at all. Just as well for those who want the truth that other media gave them more respect than your silly piece did.

It is appalling to me that journalists like yourself paint such an immature and frankly dishonest picture about a subject that is known to be one of the future challenges.

You do no service to anyone to perpetuate sneering ignorance onto readers who might have to come to terms ultimately with the fact that the biggest myth regarding UFO's is the out of touch media and government who take such deliberate negative positions. Can you not see how you have fallen for the mistake of going along with the silly season crowd, because it's the fashion to be a respectable and above it all with this subject. Governments have done a great job with you guys. They made it a laughable subject just for this reason and you fell for it.

Disclosure E-mails contd.

You were given a tremendous opportunity yesterday (and its not too late) to prove how crazy these witnesses are and the subject also - after all if that is what you are telling us

then PROVE it. Why would you not take up the challenge and do what journalists are expected to do and that is go after the evidence. Perhaps it is easier sitting on your bum in Washington, knocking those who went to so much trouble to give you honest

evidence. Thankfully many in the international media did get off their back sides and looked at the evidence offered.

It is never too late to look yourself in the mirror and ask yourself if you are being reasonable or even informative. It will take as much courage on your part to change your engrained old fashioned attitude as it did the fine human beings who stepped forward and broke sworn oaths of secrecy to simply inform us in Washington yesterday. The public deserve better and you should be ashamed of yourself.

Uncle Sam must be very proud of you.

An even easier day tomorrow - some basket ball star getting married or President Bush walking his dog round the White House lawn. Does anything ever change down there!

Colin Andrews, M.A.S.E.E, A.I.P.L.E.
Author/Broadcaster/Researcher - President C.P.R.
International.

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Date: 05/10 11:38 AM
Received: 05/10 5:17 PM
From: Lindy Tucker cboi06149.boi.micron.net
To: ron, ron@cropcircles.org

I listened to the 5/9/01 LIVE press conference given by Steven Greer, mainly out of curiosity.

Later in the day, i also listened AGAIN to Part 2 of the conference via the link provided.

Something jumped out at me that I cannot understand...

Disclosure E-mails contd.

During the live coverage, a reporter asked Greer something to the effect of, "So, who's profiting from this (coverup)?"

Greer responded with a short laundry list of govt and multinational companies.

Later that day, while listening to Part 2 of the the press conference, I again heard the reporter's question to Greer about who's profiting. There was a jerk in the realmedia video, Greer moved his head almost instantly, and I heard him say, "I am"; then, moved instantly into the short list of potential profiteers.

I couldn't believe what I heard !! So, I replayed it, again and again and again.

I wanted to go back to the Disclosure project page to re-visit the LIVE version but it's gone.

Did anyone else hear this?

The reason I mention this is because if Greer can be shown to be a profiteering book-seller, he can more easily be shot down re credibility.

So, who thinks he was - and IS - being set up?

Subj: **Fw: TOP PHYSICIST BACKS DISCLOSURE**
Date: 12/05/01 13:18:14 GMT Daylight Time
From: busty@circleflyer.fsnet.co.uk (Frederick Taylor)

I'm beginning to feel a little sorry for Joel Achenbach the journalist from the Washington Post who did a jokey piece about Disclosure. (Actually it contained some useful information too)
I (David Haith) wrote to him protesting, crop circle investigator Colin Andrews did the same.
And now I hear a top ranking US scientist Dr Jean-Noel Aubrun has added his criticism.
His letter to Achenbach - (permission has been given for its publication) -

Disclosure E-mails Contd.

Dear Mr. Achenbach:

Being a physicist, and having spent the last 30 years of my life in the aerospace industry, I must say that I found your article on the UFO

Disclosure conference quite entertaining and amusing, but sadly wrong and of great disservice to your readers.

You may not be familiar with scientific methods, and this may be excusable if you have not been trained this way. However it is expected from you, as a

journalist, to understand the procedures by which evidence is considered in

our courts of law. Just a small fraction of those

"gray-haired men who had

retired years ago from the military" would have been ample enough to send

someone to the electric chair. These are credible witnesses, with an

impeccable record, people you trusted to defend your life with theirs. If you

truly believe that these people are crazy or just fooled, I suggest that you

never fly in an airplane anymore, because there are large number of

commercial pilots that had close encounters with non-terrestrial crafts.

I frankly do not understand why you are writing with such a disrespect for

these people, and such a disregard for the facts. Is it because objects in

your newspaper must appear smaller than they

really are? There is a big Universe out there, and America does exist, and it

is 2001, not the Middle Ages any more.

You wrote about "the corrosive side-effects of government secrecy." Indeed.

And you wonder why so many Americans do not trust their Government anymore,

do not have any respect for the laws, and, I am sorry to say, are using

newspapers for wrapping or other unspeakable use?

I hope you reflect on what true journalism is about and its social

responsibility. Please do your homework and investigate all the facts. You

may be surprised.

Regards,

Dr. Jean-Noel Aubrun

A SUMMING UP OF THE 'DISCLOSURE PROJECT'

By George A. Filer: Director MUFON

DISCLOSURE PROJECT AN INITIAL SUCCESS

Dr. Greer and a dedicated unpaid staff have made a mighty first step towards the validation of UFOs and alien life forms. I consider it an honor to have participated with twenty former government employees who staked their reputations on the UFO concepts they expounded. Each of us had only a few minutes to describe what we knew about UFOs. Many had excellent evidence in their possession including FAA tapes and government documentation. I had an opportunity to talk to most of the witnesses and staff at great length. They are some of the finest and most knowledgeable people I have had the pleasure of meeting. Their information on UFOs far surpasses most other Ufologists. Dr. Steven Greer should be congratulated for finding these insiders and organizing the Disclosure Project. The press conference held at the National Press Club on May 9th was excellent. I talked with several reporters afterwards who were very impressed. They had never seen so many cameras and reporters at a press conference, at least not since President Reagan was there over twenty years ago. Furthermore, the two hundred reporters stayed for hours applauding until the very end. I was told that at most press conferences the reporters leave in a few minutes. I could see a major shift in their mindset as one after another of the witnesses testified. I felt many debunkers changed their minds about the reality of UFOs. They indicated it would be tough to get their editors to publish this material but they had a new respect for the subject. Judging by the questions and interest I personally received from the Dateline, Mexican TV, and BCC, the UFO Disclosure is gaining powerful allies. Let us be realistic, it is not easy to change the minds and the inherent paradigm shattering implications of this information. These very skeptical reporters were amazed to see credible proof of ETs and UFOs. We made valiant efforts after the press conference to reach every Senator and Representative in Congress! The congressmen are concerned about their jobs and it will be interesting to see if even one has the patriotism and courage of Gerald Ford who requested hearings as a congressman in 1966.

The Disclosure Project has fired its first cannon shot heard around the world by an estimated billion people. The main goal was not designed to reveal any "smoking gun" evidence, at this time but to request immunity for other witnesses and to obtain Congressional hearings. This is a major first step. I encourage all UFO organizations to hold similar press briefings, call radio talk shows, and contact their Congressmen. For information on the testimony and other events to follow, go to: www.disclosureproject.org

George A. Filer, Director
Mutual UFO Network Eastern May 15, 2001

A FURTHER REPORT ON THE CARDENAS FAMILY*

From Santiago Yturria * See *OVNI issue Jan/Feb. 2001*

My ongoing investigation of the Cardenas family's UFO experience has produced major and extraordinary developments. My continued research with the family has revealed certain surprising events and this has confirmed what I suspected early on - that some form of interaction may be taking place between a UFO and member of the family, Mrs Patricia Cardenas.

It was just a few months ago when the family from Washington State had a spectacular UFO encounter while travelling on the road to San Antonio, Texas, en-route to Mexico. On the night of December 17th 2000, Mr Juan Cardenas, Patricia Cardenas and their three sons, Jesus, Adrian and little Jonathan, confronted a huge, luminous tubular shaped UFO that approached them over a desolate section of the two-lane Texas road.

This amazing encounter was captured on video by Mrs Patricia Cardenas and is a unique moment in UFO history, rather than just a one strange and exciting encounter with the unknown. However, the story has now become a continuing and thoroughly documented , series of even more surprising events, with something appearing in the sky and apparently relating directly to Mrs Cardenas.

I had told the Cardenas family to be prepared for another possible UFO sighting, especially during their return trip to Washington on the same stretch of Texas road. I ,advised them that in some cases, for reasons unknown, these types of UFO events have a tendency to repeat themselves to certain persons. I said that the chances were minimal, but that they should have their video ready, to capture and strange events that may occur while travelling home. I told them that there was no reason to be alarmed.

In January, a few weeks after our last meeting, I contacted the Cardenas family again at their Washington home, to discuss details of their previous encounter. Juan than informed me that they had experienced another UFO sighting on the very same Texas road while on their way home, just as I had cautioned them about. This time there were more eyewitnesses, as there were two cars parked on the side of the road and several people were watching a big light moving in the sky. Unfortunately, they were unable to record this sighting as their camcorder was not properly recharged, so this encounter remains inconclusive.

Mr Cardenas then told me that subsequent to their return to Washington State, Mrs Cardenas had seen something above their home on two different occasions. When asked if she had video'd the object, she replied that it was so bright, she just kept on watching and it had all happened so quickly. I urged her to try and tape these events, as it was so important to critically important to substantiate what she was seeing.



March 7, 2001 - UFO sighting recreation

Mrs Patricia Cardenas not only followed my advice, but she asked her husband Juan for her own brand new video camera. He purchased her a new Compact-VHS camcorder with a tripod.

According to Mrs Cardenas, January was a peaceful, normal month and she spent a long time watching the night sky but nothing unusual appeared. "I began to think that nothing would happen and maybe it was useless to spend hours trying to see something that might never appear and I decided to forget the whole thing, but the day after thinking this, I was watching and looking up at the sky and had a strange feeling, an undefined restlessness came over me."

Mrs Cardenas continued: "It was February 20th, when I began to feel this restlessness and some ideas came into my mind. At approximately 7.10pm, I told Juan to go outside to the backyard, to see if we could catch a UFO, as I had a premonition that something would appear. He agreed and we went into the backyard with my camera and the tripod."

"After about twenty minutes, nothing happened and Juan went back into the house and told me - You stay if you want. I'm tired of waiting and nothing is going to happen. A few minutes later, suddenly there appeared a red oval light over a neighbours house roof. I grabbed the camera and began taping. I knew it! I began thinking while I was watching this big red light, as it moved from right to left and then backwards."

"The sighting lasted for about half an hour and then the UFO faded away. I went back into the house, very excited and Juan was watching the TV. I've got it Juan, I told you. Look at the video, it was a UFO. We watched the video several times and commented about it all that night."

From that day on Mrs Cardenas continued watching the sky for more sightings. "I had two more sightings in February and also taped them with my camera. In both cases, I felt similar unusual sensations and was able to see the objects at a certain distance. I followed your advice, trying to distinguish a real UFO from an aeroplane, a bright star, or any other known object, but I must tell you that when you confront a UFO everything is different. At least in my experience the mood in these moments is a mixture of different and undefined feelings."

Patricia began to experience nightly visitations by a huge kind of blue plasma UFO right above her home on a periodic basis, which suggests some kind of interaction. I felt it necessary to redefine their entire case and with these elements, their story has taken on entirely new and major proportions.



Patricia Cardenas continued her story:

“It was March when the ‘Blue One’ appeared. I remember the night of March 2nd, I was in our room with Juan. Shortly before 11pm, I felt that restlessness and I thought that maybe something was outside. I took my camera and went to the front entrance. I walked through the garage and saw a light in the sky at some distance. I began taping and realised that it had a blue luminosity, different to the others I have seen. I didn’t use my tripod this time but just kept on watching through the camera’s monitor. This object had something about it that made me feel relaxed.”

Santiago questioned her. “How close do you think it was?”

Mrs Cardenas :“It was some distance away, not close, but in some moments it increased its size and made some movements, then returned to the original size. I knew it was a UFO and the blue luminosity was beautiful, a blue colour like I’d never seen before.”

Santiago: “On the night of March 5th, you had a more impressive sighting,. Please tell me about it in your own words.”

Mrs Cardenas: “It was a special day, I remember. I had been thinking all day about the blue UFO and I really wanted to see it again. When Juan arrived from work that evening, I already had the camera ready and invited him to our backyard for a skywatch. Nothing happened and we came back into the house, leaving the videocamera mounted on the tripod in the backyard. At about 7.30pm I felt this sensation, like a tickling in the stomach and I went out to the backyard. It was there, the ‘Blue One’, but this time very close and bright. I grabbed my camera and began taping. While I was taping and watching it, I felt the same relaxing sensation. Then it began to change its shape and grow into something different, moving slowly and increasing its luminosity. It was really big.”

We regret that owing to space restrictions, we are unable to reproduce Santiago Yturria’s report in full. However he did reveal that it was only Mrs Patricia Cardenas that seemed able to interact with the blue UFO, as it would not appear in the presence of Mr Cardenas.

Santiago Yturria concluded, noting “I consider the complex nature of events described by Mrs Patricia Cardenas do not yet permit me to reach a definitive conclusion.” Mr Yturria’s investigation continues.



SECRET PLANES BURIED AT AREA 51

As big as football fields and deep enough to bury aeroplanes, the graves at Groom Lake lie scattered around the government's secret installation, 90 miles Northwest of Las Vegas. There are no headstones or markers to denote the final resting place for such high tech aircraft as the predecessors to the F-117A Nighthawk stealth fighter and the SR71 Blackbird. But the people who worked there and researchers who track aviation history and the governments so called 'black budget' programs say some planes that crashed and other experiments that failed were hauled to the bottom of 40 foot deep holes and covered overnight with mounds of dirt. One former Groom Lake worker, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he watched while an earthmover spent a day in 1982 scraping out a burial site. It was a massive excavation, he said. "They didn't dig that hole and put Martians or moon men in it".

He said the wreckage of a classified plane that was buried at the base was for months in what's called a "Scoot-N-hide," a shed off a taxiway where secret planes are kept out of view of orbiting satellites. "They put it on a flatbed truck and put it in a hanger. Then one day, they scraped it off the flatbed into a hole and buried it. They attached a cable to the aircraft and just pulled it off. The thing was shattered like an egg".

According to aviation writer and historian Peter Merlin – who has obtained declassified flight documents and interviewed personnel involved with Groom Lake programs spanning a period since 1955, more than a dozen aircraft are buried around the installation. Combined, the craft were worth at least \$600 million and might be valued at as much as \$1 billion. This practice of disposing secret, high tech equipment continues today, he said. "We have no reason to believe it has stopped."

Because it is cloaked in secrecy by a presidential order, Air Force officials will not discuss what it acknowledges only as "the operating location near groom lake," which is widely know as Area 51, a 38,400 acre swath of desert along the dry lake bed.

Peter Merlin said the equipment that now lies 40 feet beneath the surface represents cutting-edge technology that in it's time, kept the U.S. military and the nations intelligence community ahead of foreign adversaries. For example, three generations of high flying spy planes, the U-2s, A-12s, and SR-71s, have been demonstrated at Groom Lake, each becoming progressively superior to foreign forces. "Nobody ever shot down an A-12," he noted. Even former Soviet bloc aircraft, such as the 1970s-vintage MiG-23, have been obtained by the U.S. intelligence community and tested at Groom Lake to see how the U.S. planes and radar stack up against it. Said Merlin, who writes for several aeronautical trade publications, including a newspaper for the NASA Dryden Flight Research Centre at Edwards Air Force base.

The 1982 burial site described by the former Groom Lake worker was near a gravel-pit road and a system of trenches where secret documents and materials, including drums of toxic coatings for stealth fighter jets were routinely burned for years. A lawsuit by former base workers alleged they had developed illnesses from toxic fumes, but the Air Force had declined to release documents regarding the disposal practice, citing national security concerns.

John Pike, director of Global Security .Org, a Washington DC area defence policy organisation, said, "The notion that the Air Force is burying mistakes at Groom Lake makes sense". Helicopters carrying machine guns patrol it.

The Groom lake graveyard, according to Peter Merlin, includes:

Several 1960s vintage A-12, predecessors of the SR-71 Blackbird, four U2s from the 1950s, an F-101 chase plane that crashed in 1965. Two Have Blue airframes that were used to demonstrate technology for the F-117A and wreckage of a MiG-23 that crashed in 1984.

Merlin and three other sources that worked at the base said officials wanted to retrieve one of the Have Blue airframes buried somewhere near the Groom Lake installation but were unable to find it. He said there was also a plan to bury a unique surveillance aircraft, Tactic Blue, a white plane equipped with sensors and radar that could survive flying close to war zones, but it was rescued and placed in the USAF museum in Ohio instead. Tactic Blue was tested at Groom Lake from 1982 to 1985, he said.

Not all once-secret planes from Groom Lake that crashed have been buried there, including the first production F-117A, tail No 785, according to Merlin and others who worked at the base at the time. On April 20, 1982, Lockheed test pilot Robert Riedenaue was at the controls of that plane when it cartwheeled wing over wing attempting to take off from a Groom Lake runway.

To this day, neither Riedenaue nor Air Force officials can say where the ill fated takeoff occurred, but other sources who worked at the base as well as Merlin, say that the crash was indeed at the Groom lake installation. While Riedenaue can't talk about the crash location, he spoke openly about how he escaped death that day, when mis-wired controls caused the craft to go down instead of up. "I had four seconds to think about it," Riedenaue explained in an interview about his ride aboard the jet. He said he spent the first two seconds trying to get the craft under control. "The third was used reaching for the handles to bail out, and the fourth was, I realised the aircraft was inverted so it didn't make sense to bail out, so I started to shut down the engine and throttle." Rescuers managed to save Riedenaue from the fire that flared up. They spent 20 minutes cutting him out of the cockpit. He would spend months in hospital.

The wings of the \$46 million plane were shattered. The plane was to have been the first of 59 stealth F-117A's delivered to the USAF. Much of it however, was salvaged and spared from burial, according to Merlin. The damaged aircraft was returned to Palmdale, Calif., where it now sits on a pylon on display. The first reproduction F-117A's have also been converted to displays. One of them, tail No. 780 is at Freedom Park at Nellis Air Force Base.

Bob Pepper, a spokesman for the F-117A stealth fighter jet unit at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico, said the policy for disposing of wrecked stealth's is to store them temporarily at Holloman and then to follow the procedure for disposing other military aircraft. The current procedure for disposing of Air Force planes developed from unclassified technology, according to Pike, is to take them to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base near Tucson, Arizona, where they are kept for parts, chopped up and melted down to recycle their aluminium and other metals. A stealth composite aeroplane is not the sort of thing that can be melted down to make pots and pans. You would want to dispose of them so they don't come back to haunt you," he said, explaining that the government's intention is to keep secret materials and components in a secure location so other countries can't obtain them.

One former base worker described the 1984 crash of a MiG-23 that ultimately ended up in the Groom Lake graveyard. "I saw that thing explode," he said, "I was looking up at the sky, I thought, God, these guys are going fast, then it was just like it disappeared. The plane came apart. The wings came off it and he punched out," he said, referring to the pilot's fatal bail out.

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The Evening Sky

May 2001

We can observe all of the naked eye planets during May. Mercury is the first planet visible, suspended near to and above the Sun at evening twilight. You will need a clear unobstructed horizon to spot this hot, little world. Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun.

Jupiter, king of the planets shines in the northwestern sky about forty minutes after sunset. Saturn lies just to the lower right of colossal Jupiter (1,400 times the size of the Earth). Both worlds are disappearing from view as they move behind the Sun, becoming lost in its glare.

After Mercury, Jupiter and Saturn leave the evening sky, Mars becomes the main attraction. The red planet rises around midnight in the southeastern sky. Mars is truly spectacular, outshining all other stars with its fiery, orange hue. By the 11th of the month the Earth catches up with Mars and the planet appears to be stationary in the sky. This is an ideal time for observing Mars through a pair of binoculars or a telescope.

Venus is the bright, spring morning star shining low in the eastern sky before the Sun rises. Venus moves from a crescent to 'half-Venus' by the end of the month. Full Moon occurs on May 7th.

Our Sun and the solar system formed around 4.5 billion years ago, after the

Milky Way galaxy had already existed for a comparable amount of time. Galaxies collided and merged, though these events had little effect on individual stars within the galaxies involved. The Milky Way is currently swallowing up a dwarf galaxy opposite to our own spiral arm.

The Great Galaxy in Andromeda is twice the size of the Milky Way and is moving towards us. In about six billion years time they will collide. Even if they do not merge on this passing, their fate is sealed. The two galaxies are gravitationally bound and it is only a matter of time before they merge and settle into one large super-galaxy.

A similar fate lies in store for all galaxies. Over the next few thousand billion years, galaxies will coalesce and give way to large amorphous galactic systems.

Our pagan ancestors began the summertime season on May 1st. The year is naturally divided into four equinox and solstice days called quarter-days. Four other days intersect these quarter-days falling at the mid point of each and are called cross-quarter-days.

The pagan Celts believed events reach their greatest strength, their moment of peak energy at their midpoint. In observing a human life a person is usually at the apex of health and vitality at a point about halfway through their mortality. It is the same in nature. The cross-quarter-days were seen as the four 'power points' of the year, a turning of the seasons.

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

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TALE ENDERS

BONSALL IN THE NEWS AGAIN (Well almost). The village of Bonsall, Derbyshire (UFO Hot-Spot) was the subject of a visit by your editor recently. During the BBC Radio Derby broadcast on the subject of UFO's (3rd May), a Mr 'Joe' Elkes rang in to say that he believed he had caught a UFO on video, while filming a friends model aircraft flying locally. Omar Fowler subsequently arranged to visit 'Joe' an ex-RAF member from WW2. Travelling through pouring rain, Joe's house was eventually found and the video clip was seen. The video showed a model aircraft performing and then a classic 'diamond' shape appeared on the left hand side of the screen. Unfortunately, this was almost certainly caused by a light reflection in the lens and not a passing UFO. A colour print is available for any interested members.

CALIFORNIAN FLYING TRIANGLE: Alpine- On 27 April 2001 at about 11pm a witness saw what he at first thought was a shooting star, but it did not fade or move downward and continued in a horizontal movement across the sky. The witness made out the shape of a three sided object, dark as the night sky itself, but the sides were just barely visible as it passed in front of the stars. There was no sound and it moved at tremendous speed and passed overhead and disappeared over the mountains in the east in about 5 seconds. The mountains are 10 miles away. The size was described as being half the size of a hand at arms length. A digital image can be viewed at <http://www.ufocenter.com> (Source: MUFON 15 May 2001)

JUPITER'S MOON GANYMEDE MAY HARBOUR LIFE! According to the journal Nature, NASA's Galileo spacecraft has picked up evidence of large lakes just under the surface of Ganymede - the solar systems biggest moon, which circles Jupiter. Experts believe its ocean floor has hydro-thermal vents, like those on Earth, which gush hot water and minerals, possibly providing energy and food for primitive forms of life. UK scientists are devising an underwater robot for a mission in 15 to 20 years time, to search for life in the oceans of Ganymede. (Source: Daily Mail, March 1st 2001)

ICE PICTOGRAM FOUND IN MARYLAND USA. Another ice ring has been reported to CCCRN; this one found in Churchville, Maryland, USA in February 2001. A circle with a short rectangular extension coming off the main circle was spotted by witness Lyn Winer. The ring formed on thin ice on a small pond and was estimated to be 30 feet in diameter. (Source CCCRN-Canadian Crop Circle Research Network).

A NUCLEAR CONNECTION? Residents of Crich, Derbyshire have become increasingly concerned over the dumping of Nuclear waste in their area by the Rolls-Royce company based in Derby. According to the 'Derby Telegraph' of April 23 2001, it has now been disclosed that Rolls-Royce have been dumping depleted Uranium waste in Hilts Quarry on the outskirts of Crich, for the last 35 years! The depleted Uranium comes from the manufacturing and development of Rolls-Royce's reactor cores for nuclear submarines at its Raynesway (Derby) site. This has recently been the subject of widespread alarm in the area, when it was alleged that no precautionary evacuation programme had been drawn up in the event of a nuclear accident. There has been some speculation that the dumping of nuclear waste could account for the number of UFO sightings in the Crich area.

SCIENTISTS REPORT ALIEN LIFE: Scientists in Wales said that they have discovered what may be a tiny form of primitive alien life that a passing comet may have dropped into the Earth's atmosphere. According to the Daily Mail, 22 November 2000, researchers said that in the filter of a high flying balloon operated by the Indian Space research Organisation, they found a strain of bacteria unlike anything on Earth.

NEXT MEETING

Will take place at the Royal British Legion, Allenton, Derby at 8pm on Tuesday 29th May.

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