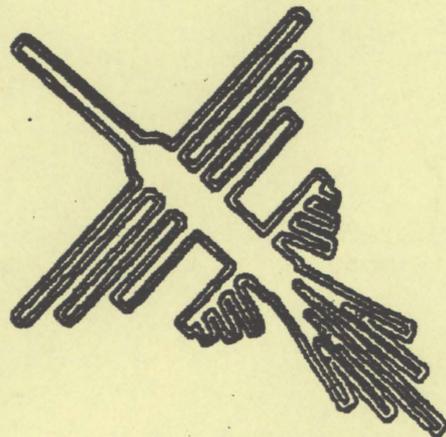
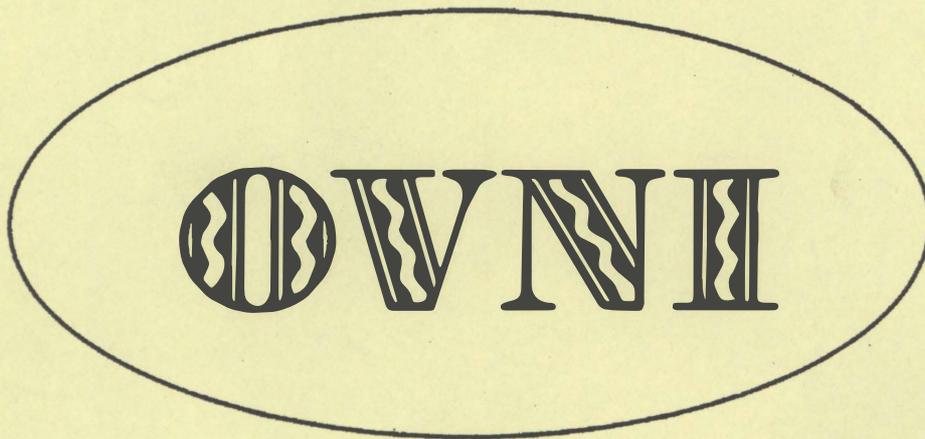
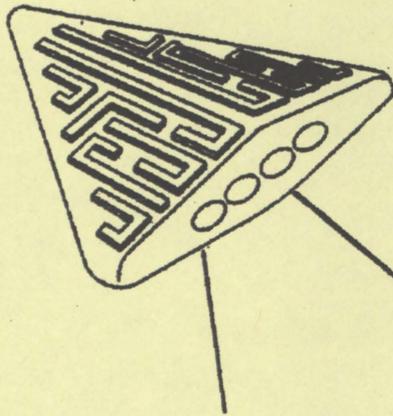


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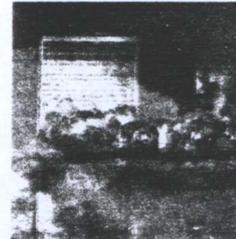
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**"YOU HAVE MORE TO FEAR FROM YOUR FELLOW-MAN,
THAN YOU HAVE THE ALIENS!"**

Professor John E. Mack, speaking on 28th August 1995



Dr. Mack's prophetic Warning

I feel sure that the majority of our readers will have heard by now about the tragic death of our friend and colleague Dr. John E. Mack who died as the result of a road accident in London, aged 74.

John Mack, professor of psychiatry at Harvard, died after being hit by a car in north London, allegedly driven by a drunken driver, on the 27th September 2004.

It was ironic that Dr. Mack had given a warning during his lecture at the Quest International Conference in Leeds on the 28th August 1995 stating **"You have more to fear from your fellow-man, than you have the Aliens!"**

John E. Mack was Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School at the Cambridge Hospital and Founding Director of the Center for Psychology and Social Change. His publications include 'A Prince of Our Disorder', a Pulitzer Prize-winning biography of T E Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia).

After meeting Budd Hopkins, he began to take a keen interest in the alien abduction phenomenon. He subsequently conducted thousands of hours interviewing and investigating 'abductees' and was convinced that the men, women and children involved in the eighty or more cases, were not making up their stories but were reporting authentic experiences.

He subsequently published a book on the subject 'Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens' in 1994 (Simon & Schuster ISBN 0 - 671 - 71181 - 4) that became a bestseller.

The book led to Harvard medical school, where he had been a faculty member since 1964 and a tenured professor of psychiatry since 1972, holding an inquiry into his methods, though he escaped censure.

A Statement From The John E. Mack Institute (*Edited*)

PASSING OF DR JOHN MACK: ANNOUNCEMENT TO FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES

Dr Mack was one of several speakers discussing British officer T.E. Lawrence ("Lawrence of Arabia") at the T. E. Lawrence Society Symposium, in Oxford on Sunday. Dr Mack's 1977 biography of T.E. Lawrence, *A Prince of Our Disorder*, received the Pulitzer Prize in biography (see complete bio below). Dr Mack's presentation at an afternoon panel was so warmly received that he was asked to stay and present an additional evening talk, which again met with positive response.

On his return to the home at which he was staying while in London, traveling on foot on Tottenham Road, he was struck by a vehicle being driven by an intoxicated driver. Dr Mack was in a crosswalk. Dr Mack was pronounced dead on the scene by London police and is believed to have died on impact.

John Edward Mack, M.D. (October 4, 1929 - Sep 27, 2004), professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Pulitzer Prize-winning biographer, considered to be a leading authority on the spiritual or transformational affects of alleged alien encounter experiences.

Mack received his medical degree from the Harvard Medical School (Cum Laude, 1955) after undergraduate study at Oberlin (Phi Beta Kappa, 1951). He is a graduate of the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute and is Board certified in child and adult psychoanalysis.

The dominant theme of his life's work has been the exploration of how one's perceptions of the world affect one's relationships. He addressed this issue of "worldview" on the individual level in his early clinical explorations of dreams, nightmares and teen suicide, and in his biographical study of the life of British officer T. E. Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia), for which he received the Pulitzer Prize in biography in 1977.

Mack advocated that Western culture requires a shift away from a purely materialist worldview (which he feels is responsible for the Cold War, the global ecological crisis, ethnonationalism and regional conflict) towards a transpersonal worldview which embraces certain elements of Eastern spiritual and philosophical traditions.

Mack's interest in the spiritual aspect of human experience has been compared by the New York Times to that of fellow Harvard alum William James, and like James, Mack became a controversial figure for his efforts to bridge spirituality and psychiatry.

This theme was taken to a controversial extreme in the early 1990s when Mack commenced his decade-plus study of 200 men and women who claimed that recurrent alien encounter experiences had affected the way they regarded the world, including a heightened sense of spirituality and environmental concern. Mack's interest in the spiritual or transformational aspects of people's alien encounters, and his suggestion that the experience of alien contact itself may be more spiritual than physical in nature — yet nonetheless real — set him apart from many of his contemporaries such as Budd Hopkins, who advocated the physical reality of aliens.

In 1994 the Dean of Harvard Medical School appointed a committee of peers to review Mack's clinical care and clinical investigation of the people who had shared their alien encounters with him (some of their cases were written of in Mack's 1994 book *Abduction*). After fourteen months of inquiry and amid growing questions from the academic community (including Harvard Professor of Law Alan Dershowitz) regarding the validity of Harvard's investigation of a tenured professor, Harvard issued a statement stating that the Dean had "reaffirmed Dr. Mack's academic freedom to study what he wishes and to state his opinions without impediment," concluding "Dr. Mack remains a member in good standing of the Harvard Faculty of Medicine."

The John E. Mack Institute, recently dedicated in his name, is meant to honor his courageous examination of human experiences, and his landmark explorations of the ways in which perceptions and beliefs about reality shape the human condition: www.johnemackinstitute.org

THE DEATH OF GORDON COOPER



A shining example of 'The Right Stuff'

Leroy Gordon Cooper, one of America's first astronauts who once set a space endurance record by travelling more than 3.3 million miles aboard Gemini 5 in 1965, died on Monday 4th October at his home in Ventura, California, aged 77.

"As one of the original seven Mercury astronauts, Gordon Cooper was one of the faces of America's fledgling space program. He truly portrayed the right stuff, and he helped gain the backing and enthusiasm of the American public, so critical for the spirit of exploration," NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe said on the space agency's Web site.

Cooper, an Oklahoma native who entered the Marine Corps after graduating from high school in 1945, later became an elite Air Force test pilot at Edwards Air Force Base in California, where he became fascinated with the space program.

By April 1959, Cooper was named as one of the Project Mercury astronauts, following gruelling physical and mental tests each candidate had to endure.

On May 15 and 15, 1963, Cooper piloted the Faith 7 spacecraft on a 22-orbit mission that concluded the operational phase of Project Mercury.

Known as 'Gordo', he insisted "I do believe UFO's exist and that the truly unexplained ones are from some other civilisation. From my association with aircraft and spacecraft, I think I have a pretty good idea of what everyone on this planet has and their performance capabilities and I am sure that some of the UFO's at least are not from anywhere on Earth."

"People want to know what's going on in the world around them," he said "and I think they are prepared for the truth, whatever it is. A lot of people don't believe anything about UFO's because of the absurd treatment that have come out of the subject and a lot of people are afraid of the unknown. But the more we know, the greater the likelihood of treating UFO's in a friendly fashion."

Many researchers across the world who shared Cooper's views, but not his unassailable reputation welcomed his public pronouncement as a significant step forwards.

Cooper was immortalised in Tom Wolfe's book 'The Right Stuff,' which was made into a 1983 film starring Dennis Quaid as Cooper.

Nick Redfern stated "Whatever the answer to the UFO mystery may be, Cooper will have proved to have played an integral role in providing that answer."

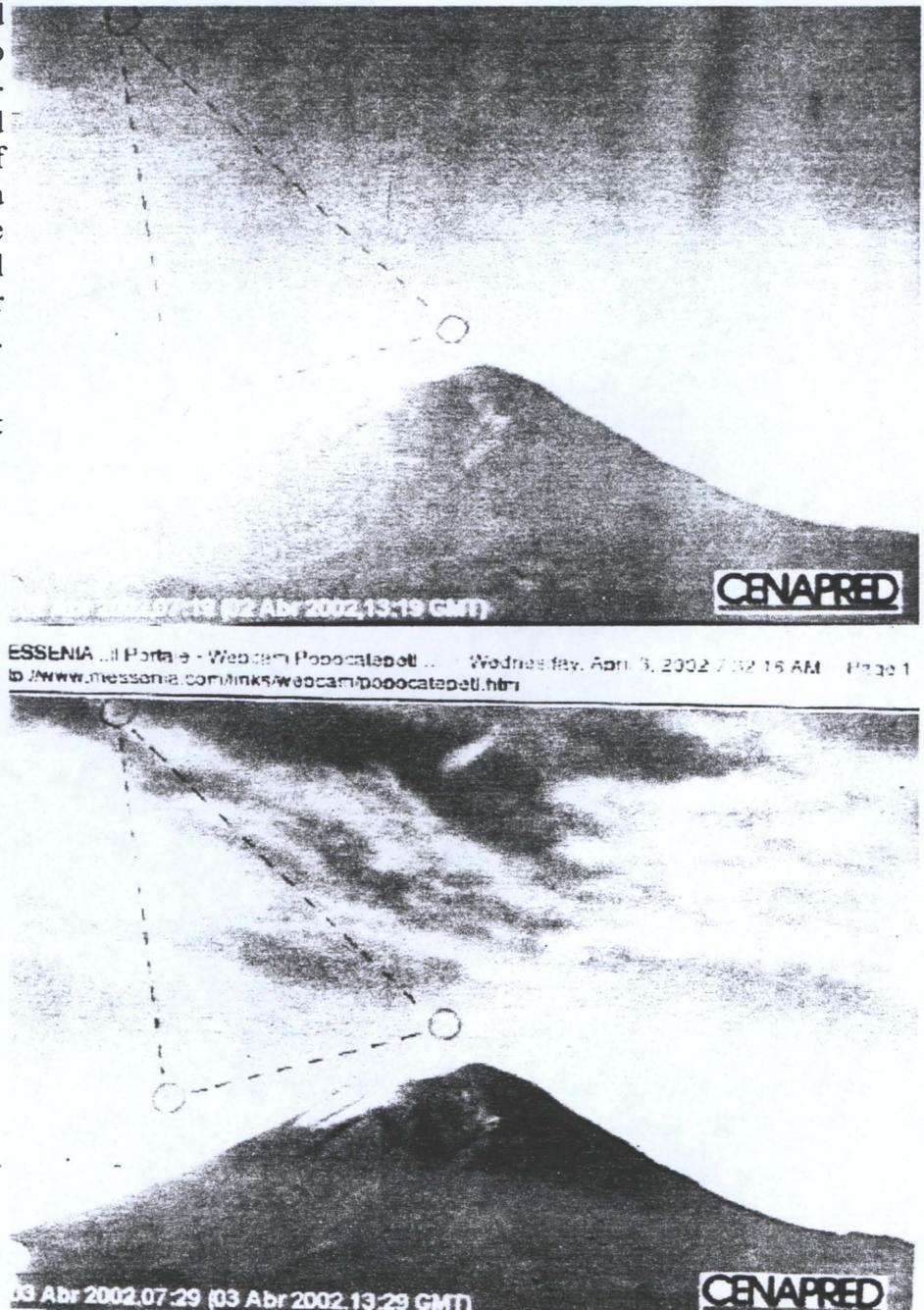
NEWS FROM MEXICO

POPOCATEPETL VOLCANO – Dr. Oren Swearingen writes, "For several years UFOs have had an unusual interest in observing Mexico's active volcano Popocatepetl. These appearances have been seen and recorded from the webcam set up by the Mexican government to observe the activity of the volcano in event of imminent eruption which might require the evacuation of a town on its lower slopes. The camera is positioned on the neighboring mountain, the extinct volcano, Ixtaccihuatl, and is usually set in the wide angle mode. The objects that hover over Popocatepetl are small and it is difficult to be certain of their identity. That issue may now have been settled by the discovery that these objects have been displaying intelligent actions! As an illustration of this claim, print-outs from the webcam transmissions in which three objects form a perfect triangular formation and then repeat the performance on the following day- occupying the exact same three spots in the sky. An astounding feat of navigation! In fact, when the two sheets of paper from April 2nd and 3rd of 2002, are held together against a bright light, they coincide perfectly.

If these objects are insects, then they are the most intelligent bugs in Mexico. Although, the objects are in the same position the cloud cover is very different in the two photos. These objects have the uncanny ability to turn their lights on and off while leaving and returning to the very same location. Additionally, the objects hover and hold their position for long periods of time, a very difficult task for a bug. The conclusions, UFOs have a strange interest in Popocatepetl and have been observing it for quite some time. Thanks to Dr. Oren Swearingen

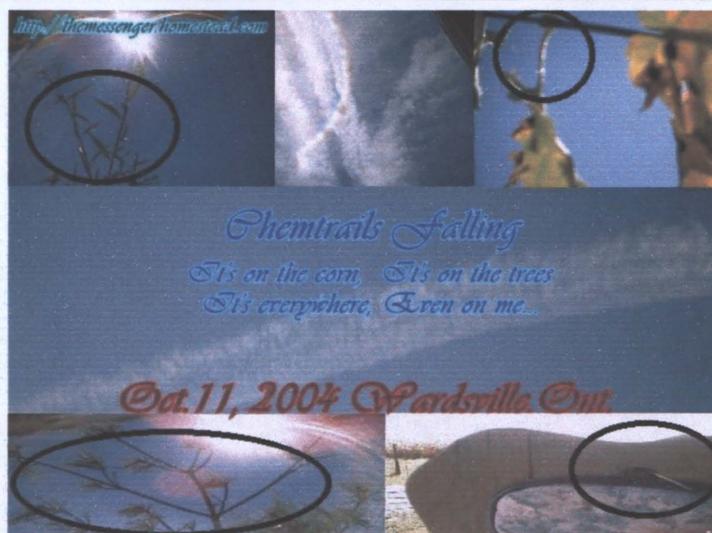
Editor's Note: Dr. Swearingen sent me dozens of printouts showing objects over the volcano. Early in the morning there are usually no UFOs in the images, minutes later an object will take up a position, later a second, and finally a third object will take up position. On succeeding days the UFOs will take up exactly the same positions. Later they will depart. He even has photos of insects landing on the window where the camera lens is aimed clearly shows a fly or similar insect. Objects frequently come and go to a particular hovering position in the upper right corner of the screen and these are often illuminated. It should be noted these Mexican government images are similar to George Ritter's in Ohio.

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MYSTERIOUS CONTRAILS/CHEMTRAILS IN ONTARIO, CANADA

A report from our colleague 'Al' in Ontario



Al has repeatedly told us of these strange contrails, which drift to the ground causing sickness and nausea. Al's comments follow:

Spiderwebs have tensile strength...this stuff dissolves into a paste upon instant contact.

Its a purple/blue in the sunlight and can only be seen by facing the direction of the sun, placing your hand out to block the sun, and then scan the tops of everything in your property....It drifts down from the sky-This pattern can clearly be seen.

Dead racoons were found after last years spraying...I am sending off the samples of residue to be tested. .I will let you know of the results...The cobwebs have no tensile strength ,useless for catching bugs...if they were from spiders..

They are purple cobweb-like, oily,& turn to paste when you touch them....everyone in the local area has a respiratory like flu...started only a few days after the spraying started from large white jumbos...dark red or black nose/tail..

Just what is going on? (Ed)

Triangle Passes Over Man In Bristol, Tennessee

Kim Shaffer MUFON Tn State Director <http://www.mufontennessee.org> (Report :October 9th 2004)

In the early morning hours of October 2nd, 2004 this witness reported that as he drove home from work on a rural road, he saw what appeared to be a fire between the trees and off some distance away. As he drove, he again noticed the "fire" which seemed somewhat brighter and appeared to be moving.

He neared an intersection near his home and exited his car to see if he could get a better look. As he stood in the road, he couldn't imagine what was about to take place. Slowly, from behind trees, emerged a huge triangle shaped craft. The witness started to run but realized that there was no where to run to, so he stood in awe and watched. The craft slowly came into full view, a perfect triangle which the witness estimated to be some 300 feet in length and width, and only a hundred feet or so high, blocking out all the sky. He noted three large domes, comparing each dome to twice the size of his car, burning brilliantly a reddish orange, lighting the treetops and illuminating the entire bottom of the craft. He also noted "rib-like" structures evenly spaced and running the width of the craft. As the object passed over the witnesses head, he stated his skin burned, tingled and felt really strange. he also noted that the sound seemed to emanate throughout his body and being a professional musician, assured me that he could never adequately reproduce the throbbing hum he heard.

The object passed over the witness, made a westward turn without banking and was gone from his sight.



The witness went home and tried all day to sleep but could not get the object off his mind. He reported to me on Sunday. He had managed some sleep early that morning and awoke to a nosebleed, metallic taste in his mouth and his skin feeling sunburned on his back and face. He also noted that when he brushed his hair, strands of it coming out in the brush. He also has been weak and nauseated since this encounter.

The subject of electromagnetic effects came up. He noted his car radio was on and he thought it was unaffected as was his cell phone and his car kept running. However his watch lost 15 minutes and he remembered having to reset it Saturday evening for the first time since he had owned it.

Having been in daily contact with this witness, we, Dr Melvin Redfern DCH and myself find him somewhat improved psychologically since the encounter. He, from our multiple interviews, is 100% sincere and truthful about this traumatic experience. This is a preliminary report and much remains of this most interesting case. Updates will be posted at the MUFON Tennessee web site.

More UFOs on Indian sky – what is happening on the Indian side of Himalayas? Are they planning to land? Close Encounters? Are they building a base?

Sumit Chatterjee, Special Correspondent (India Daily)

More Indian Military personnel and local natives are coming forward in Himalayas Tarai area (Indian side) and are reporting extremely unusual activities with many UFO sightings all around the day. Some Helicopter pilots are complaining about sophisticated jamming. A young boy in Nepal drew a picture of what seems to be a Extra terrestrial Flying Object. He saw it with many friends while playing in the ground. The boys report that these vehicles have no sound, can take off vertically and can float without effect of gravity. These vehicles can also disappear all on a sudden. Some of Indian Air Force pilots are secretly reporting seeing strange flying objects near Himalayas around the Chinese border. A Tibetan monk recently in India said that these activities are going on since 1998 Indian Nuke test and the number is growing every day.

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Monday, October 25, 2004

India on the verge of gaining military and civilian technologies from extraterrestrial visitors?

According to some UFO researchers and think-tanks all over the world, India's recent experiences with countless UFO near the Himalayas are significant. India is one of the nations in the world with largest number of technocrats and education is regarded as one of the major pride in every Indian family.

According some inner circles in the Government and the defense establishments, India is on the verge of gaining technologies for civilian and military purposes from the extra-terrestrial cultures. Some strongly feel India and America are the two champions of free speech and democracy. And that is why they may have chosen India to lead the world to the order of the Universe. According to many the order of the Universe is to live peacefully, share knowledge and be spiritually elevated. And India is just ready to lead the world towards that. Which other nation can gain futuristic technologies and not gobble up the world?

India's Air Force, Navy and Army will gain immensely from these technologies. The main theme of these technologies is anti-gravity driven vehicles and spatial motion control in 3D. Some say America thirty years back was offered vehicles and spacecraft that ran based on anti-gravity. America's biggest secret research is on that. The Stealth technology that makes a flying vehicle invisible to radar or similar electronic eyes is also from the extra-terrestrial know how, researchers say.

India may gain immensely from these technologies and become a super power. Indian technocrats and dedicated military personnel will be able to harness these technologies and bring peace to the world. India is probably the only country that spiritually inclined. That makes a big difference. Those who have a close encounter with extra-terrestrial being say they are spiritually elevated and the energy levels are very high from those beings. It is also said that final frontier of science and technology will come from integration of human spirituality and modern science and technologies.

Increased 'Flying Triangle' Activity Over Yorkshire.

By Omar Fowler

According to our PRA colleague and local investigator **Russell Kellett** who resides at Filey, North Yorkshire, the county has been subject to numerous 'FT' visitations in recent months. Details of two recent events are given below.

On the **5th October 04** at 9.55pm Mr & Mrs 'JM' were driving along the A64 (Selby to Scarborough) road on their way to pick up their daughter. They had just turned off towards the town of Norton when they were confronted by a moving mass of lights in the night sky.

Mr 'JM' described them as "bright white and bright red, there were so many and they were so close!" He quickly pulled the car over to the side of the road to have a closer look. Once stationary he lowered the window to watch as "four massive triangles flew overhead, passing from left to right and heading North towards Pickering."

He added "They had two red lights at the back and a white light at the front and there was no sound."

Mr 'JM' described the triangles as "massive" and although he could not see the actual craft, he deduced their shape from the pattern of lights.

The lights had soon passed out of sight and the couple drove off and continued on their journey.

The following morning, Mr 'JM' was disturbed to discover that he had developed a painful eye infection. He visited his doctor who was puzzled and could not identify the cause. He in turn referred him to the local hospital for a second opinion. (*Russell Kellett's investigation is continuing*)

More 'FT' Activity : 17th October 04.

Another couple (Jodi and his girlfriend) were driving in a car near Stillingfleet at about 5pm on Sunday **17th October 04**. Stillingfleet is situated approx. halfway between York and Selby on the B1222.

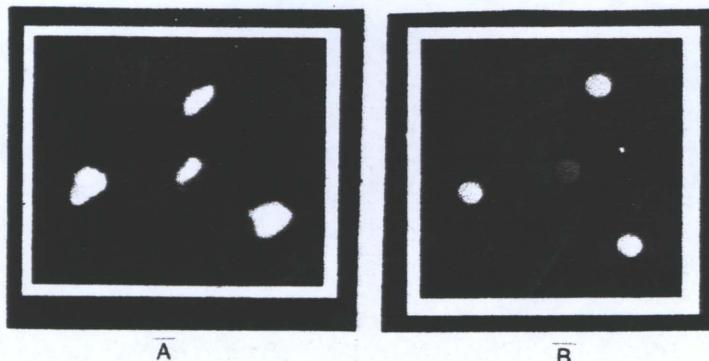
As the couple were driving along, the girlfriend, looking skyward and pointing said "look at those planes." Jodi glanced upwards "those are not planes, they are Flying Triangles" he said. He quickly looked for a 'pull-in', but the road was narrow and there was nowhere to stop.

Jodi watched as best he could as the two "very big Flying Triangles" disappeared out of sight, heading northeast in the direction of the Drax Power Station, near Hull.

At present Russell Kellett is following up this sighting with a view to obtaining more information about the mysterious 'FT's'

In recent months Russell has reported numerous 'LITS' (Lights In The Sky) along the East Coast of Yorkshire and has taken extensive video footage of some of the strange happenings along this stretch of coast.

Russell will be remembered for his amazing 'falling wing' video footage taken on the 27th August 2000 near Bradford and examples of his previous 'FT' footage (A original & B enhanced) are shown below.



A

B

From Col. Donald Ware, U.S. Air Force (ret)

27 years ago it appears ET took over a British television program and broadcasted an important message for the people of Earth.

The transmission occurred on 26 Nov 1977 at 5:12 p.m. when a strange unknown voice overrode, took over, or super-modulated the TV signals from five transmitters that were monitored by the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA) in England. IBA did not detect the intrusion. The 5+1/2-minute message overrode a scheduled newscast read by Ivor Mills on Southern ITV, England, and was heard by listeners as far away as Andover, London, Newbury, Oxford, Reading, Southampton, and Winchester.

IBA engineers at Croydon, Surrey did not hear the override, and at the main transmitter at Southampton, Hants monitoring system, there was also no evidence of the takeover. A police spokesman told AP and UPI that the message was taken seriously; "They were frightened and generally scared." The voice spoke slowly and deliberately, with a strange inward authority, calm, serene, never scolding. It said:

[Star Visitor] "This is the voice of GRAMAHA, the representative of the Asta Galactic Command, speaking to you. For many years now you have seen us as lights in the skies. We speak to you now in peace and wisdom as we have done to your brothers and sisters all over this, your planet earth

"We come to warn you of the destiny of your race and your worlds so that you may communicate to your fellow beings the course you must take to avoid the disasters which threaten your worlds, and the beings on our worlds around you. This is in order that you may share in the great awakening, as the planet passes into the new Age of Aquarius. The new age can be a time of great peace and evolution for your race, but only if your rulers are made aware of the evil forces that overshadow their judgments.

"Be still now and listen, for your chance may not come again. For many years your scientists, governments and generals have not heeded our warnings; they have continued to experiment with the evil forces of what you call nuclear energy.

Atomic bombs can destroy the earth, and the beings of your sister worlds, in a moment.

The wastes from atomic power systems will poison your planet for many thousands of your years to come.

"We, who have followed the path of evolution for far longer than you, have long since realized this - that atomic energy

is always directed against life. It has had no peaceful application. Its use, and research into its use, must be ceased at once, or you all risk destruction. All weapons of evil must be removed.

The time of conflict is now past. The race of which you are a part may proceed to the highest planes of evolution if you show yourselves worthy to do this. You have but a short time to learn to live together in peace and goodwill. "Small groups all over the planet are learning this, and exist to pass on the light of the dawning new age to you all. You are free to accept or reject their teachings, but only those who learn to live in peace will pass to the higher realms of spiritual evolution.

"Hear now the voice of GRAMAHA, the representative of the Asta Galactic Command, speaking to you. Be aware also that there are many false prophets and guides operating in your world. They will suck the energy from you - the energy you call money and will put it to evil ends giving you worthless dross in return.

"Your inner divine self will protect you from this. You must learn to be sensitive to the voice within that can tell you what is truth, and what is confusion, chaos and untruth. Learn to listen to the voice of truth which is within you and you will lead yourselves on to the path of evolution.

"This is our message to our dear friends. We have watched you growing for many years as you too have watched our lights in your skies. You know now that we are here, and that there are more beings on and around your earth than your scientists admit.

"We are deeply concerned about you and your path towards the light and will do all we can to help you. Have no fear, seek only to know yourselves, and live in harmony with the ways of your planet earth. We of the Asta Galactic Command thank you for your attention. We are now leaving the planes of your existence. May you be blessed by the supreme love and truth of the cosmos."

"The only way for you to truly know is to find out for yourself."

With thanks to Busy Taylor and Robert Monroe. Ed.

'Hobbit' Welcomed Into the Human Race

A 3ft female 'hobbit' discovered on a remote Indonesian island has been identified as a completely new member of the human race.

Although she lived 18,000 years ago, scientists believe her relatives survived for thousands more years on the island of Flores.

And experts have not ruled out the possibility of her descendants, or other unknown human species, still hiding in the impenetrable forests and cave systems of South-East Asia.

Mythical tales abound in the region of a race of little people that dwells on the islands of Indonesia.

Dutch explorers, who colonised Flores 100 years ago, were told colourful stories of a human-like creature local inhabitants called 'ebu gogo'.

Like the hominid, whose skeletal remains have excited scientists around the world, they stood about 3ft tall.

BBC NEWS

- Q&A : 'Human hobbit' find

Dr Henry Gee, senior editor of the leading scientific journal Nature, said the scientists who made the new discovery were now having to think again about the source of these stories.

"Until they found this creature they would have dismissed them as tales of hobbits and leprechauns, but no longer," he told a news conference in London.

The new human, named *Homo floresiensis*, is a dwarf-sized descendent of another primitive species that left Africa about two million years ago.

A grapefruit-sized skull and partial skeleton of a female specimen was unearthed at a cave site called Liang Bua.



Small fry: An artist's impression of what the 'little people' may have looked like

The tales described how they could be heard 'murmuring' to one another, and how, parrot-fashion, they repeated back words spoken to them.



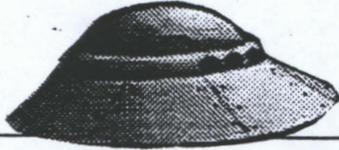
Downsized: The newly found skull seen next to a modern human one

The Australian team, led by Dr Peter Brown from the University of New England in Armidale, has now found several other specimens at the same site.

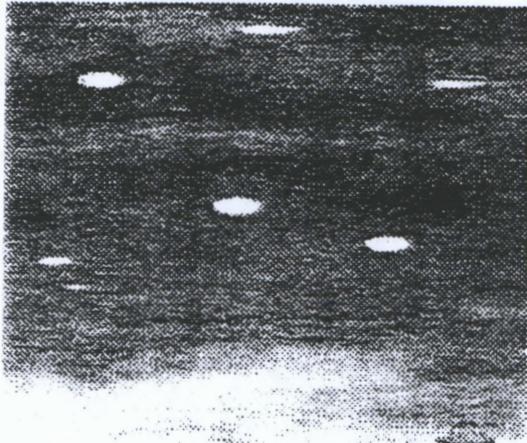
"In terms of the bigger questions of human evolution as a whole, and how complex it was and how much we still have to learn, I cannot underestimate its importance."

Together with the bones, the researchers uncovered a number of delicate stone tools thought to have been used by *Homo floresiensis*.

The creatures were not the only unusual inhabitants of the island. Besides 'hobbits', elephants the size of ponies and rats as big as dogs roamed the island and were probably hunted by *Homo floresiensis*.

MARGARET FRY

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for Contact International U.K founded in 1967

**Who are they?**

By Margaret-Ellen Fry

Foreword by Desmond Leslie
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Who are they?

The book is about investigations into UFO alien abductions and Paranormal events. *On a sunny, hot summer's day in the 'Garden of England, Kent' the proof of extraterrestrial life came to Margaret and numerous other witnesses all over the district of North Kent in July 1955. In 1965 Margaret embarked on a one woman investigation and research to prove that not only herself, but people the world over are having contact with extraterrestrial life.*

The book is about Margaret's personal involvement in abduction cases, not re-hashed 3rd and 4th hand inaccurate stories that frequently go round the world by Internet, and which most books on UFOs are based.

In the early 1970s Margaret and a colleague in Kent physiotherapist/professional hypnotist/air pilot Alan Hilton founded the first Victim Support Team for people who believed they had the experience of Alien abduction. She relates the earliest abduction case in the Llyn Peninsular in North Wales in the 1870s, 100 years later Willie's gt.gt.nephew lost several hours of time after a UFO hovered over the pick-up lorry he was in. Does the UFO phenomena latch on to certain families for generations?

Who are these Alien beings? Where do they come from? Are they in our reality? Few people can accept this can be a reality. For the victims it is a lonely frightening experience that changes people forever. Margaret matter-of-factly relates numerous cases that pose all these questions. When you consider these incidents are taking place all over the world, you have to believe these improbable abductions are taking place. Read this book and realise it could happen to you.

The Evening Sky November 2004

November brings clear weather, crisp nights and sparkling skies. The westerlies clean the air and we have deep blue skies by day and near perfect observing conditions for surveying the heavens by night. It is a lucky coincidence that large, mostly dim star constellations span the zodiac and southern sky at this time.

All of the star constellations in the south-western sky have an aquatic connection and represent characters from the best-known Greek myths. The region is referred to as 'The Great Celestial Sea' and includes the star constellations of Capricorn the Sea Goat, Aquarius the Water Bearer and Pisces the Fish.

If you gaze skyward late into the hours of darkness, remember to wrap up. You will soon feel the cold of the night especially if you are motionless. If you are spending more than an hour observing, lie on a sun-bed or sit in a reclining chair so that your eyes are facing the firmament. This position will afford an ideal view of the cosmos and also avoids straining your neck. There is nothing worse than an avoidable pain in the neck. I wear arctic winter clothing and you must do the same if you wish to be comfortable.

Mercury is the only early evening planet and it is not easy to see. During the second half of November, look for Mercury very low in the south-western sky about half-an-hour after the Sun has set, yet while twilight is still quite bright. Saturn rises in the north-eastern sky around 10 p.m. and rises as early as 8 p.m. by the month's end.

The two brightest planets are Venus and Jupiter. These two worlds have a majestic dawn conjunction (closeness) on the 4th and 5th in the eastern sky. The perceived distance between these two planetary spheres is less than the width of your little finger at arm's length.

For the rest of November, Venus moves lower and Jupiter moves higher. A breathtaking mystical apparition occurs on the 9th when a crescent Moon dramatically poses just above Jupiter. Dim Mars glimmers to Venus's lower left but is climbing high as Venus falls. A crescent Moon hangs low in the sky between bright Venus and Dim Mars on the 10th.

Full Moon occurs on the 26th.

It is no coincidence that shortly after November 1st (a Celtic cross-quarter day and a fire festival) we celebrate Guy Fawkes' Day on November 5th. This commemoration invokes memories of the vegetable wicker-man, suggesting that far from triggering these fiery festivals, Mr. Fawkes' plot was a coincidental, additional excuse for them.

Once we scrutinise our festival dates we will discover they are connected to the patterns, rhythms, circles and cycles of nature and the cosmos. I do enjoy November 5th especially the fare: jacket potatoes, treacle toffee, parkin cake, toffee apples and, of course, Guy Fawkes Punch made with lashings of brandy. Good Health!

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

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TALE ENDERS

BETTY HILL of Portsmouth (USA), who along with her late husband in 1961, had the first publicized and best documented UFO experience in the White Mountains, died in her sleep on Sunday 17th October 04. She was 85 and had been battling with lung cancer for some time.

On a return trip from Canada, the Hills said they were abducted for two hours by a UFO on Sept. 19 1961. After going public with their story, the two gained worldwide notoriety. Their story became the subject of a book and later, a made-for-TV movie. Bernie Hill died in 1969.

ANDOVER UFO. 'Kay' was driving towards Monxton (SW of Andover) at 3.45pm on Sunday 26 September 04, when she looked up and saw a huge 'soap bubble' between cloud layers at approx. 1,000ft. The object appeared about an inch across from my viewpoint and had two black dots north and south on its circumference. The 'bubble' turned slightly and vanished, leaving the two black dots flying towards Andover. The 'bubble' had been totally transparent, with a slight rainbow effect.

UFO OVER SHELTON LOCK, DERBY. 'Judy' lives in Shelton Lock, Derby and on the 23rd of September 2002. "I walked into my garden with my dog, I thought there was a very large full moon overhead. I then realised that this was not the moon, but a bright white circular light."

"I sat down on the grass to watch it and after about two minutes it started to shrink in size as if moving at high speed vertically up and within a short time it was the same size as the stars in the night sky. It then started moving in an outward spiral pattern forming larger and larger circles. I ran indoors to get my boyfriend, but by the time we came out again, it had gone." (*Uform report*)

MYSTERIOUS STEALTH AIRCRAFT (in the last issue) has been the subject of much discussion. Several readers have pointed out that the aircraft shown, had its wings in the folded position. The type of aircraft has not been identified, but is now believed to be a fictitious jet aircraft featured in the upcoming Columbia Tri-Star movie 'Stealth'. The movie was filmed on the USS Abraham Lincoln.

It looks pretty good to me...Ed.

MEXICAN UFO'S MYSTERY. An unnamed 'source' has stated that the well publicised interception of UFO's over Mexico were at first thought to be drug smuggling aircraft. Their interception was not carried out by an aircraft that happened to be in the area on a routine mission but by a Mexican aircraft alerted after the American authorities had passed information to the Mexican Government. The 'plots' had apparently indicated that the UFO's were aircraft. It is interesting that the U.S.A. carried out the initial tracking of the 'invisible' (to the naked eye) craft. The Mexican aircraft later photographed the UFO's with infra-red cameras as shown widely throughout the media recently.

CANADIAN FT REPORT. On Dec. 4, 1975 two triangular objects were seen for 55 minutes at approx. 500ft. near North Bay, Ontario. North Bay has had many UFO sightings over the years and is the home of a Air Force Base directly tied to NORAD, Cheyenne Mountain, Colorado. (*Source: Daniel Wilson, USA*)

NEXT PRA MEETING (Last one this year)

Will be held at the Royal British Legion, Allenton, Derby, at 8pm on Tuesday 30 November 04.

Omar Fowler will give a 35mm slide/audio presentation.

'UFO's Past & Present'

This will cover UFO's and abductions, with witnesses describing their experiences.

Plus a selection of free UFO videos and a free UFO Book raffle*.

***Timothy Good's 'Above Top Secret'**

Non-members welcome: £1 on the night.

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