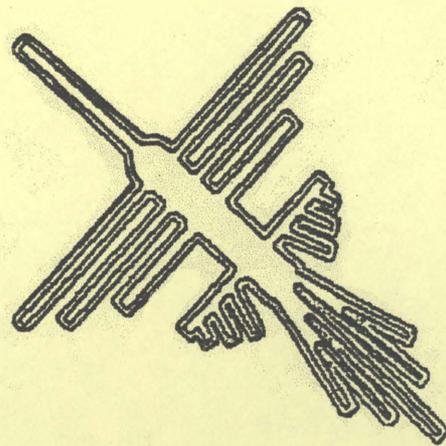
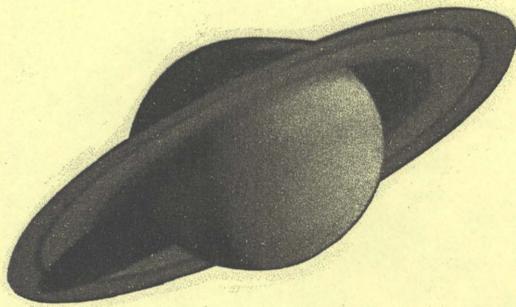
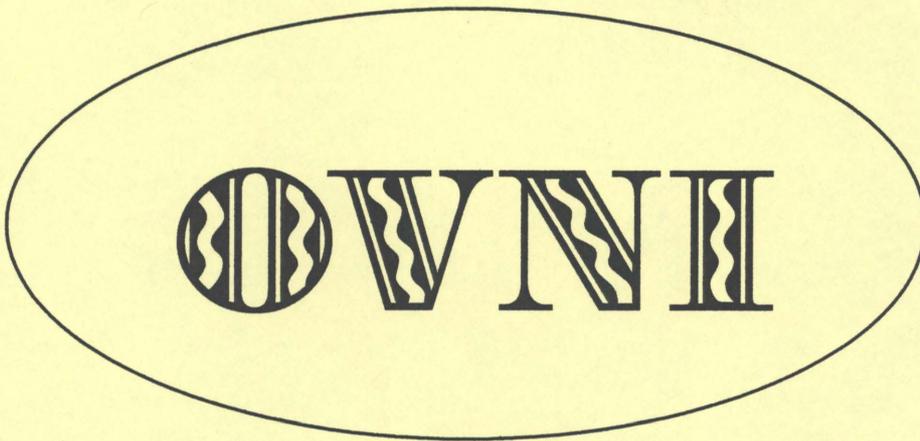
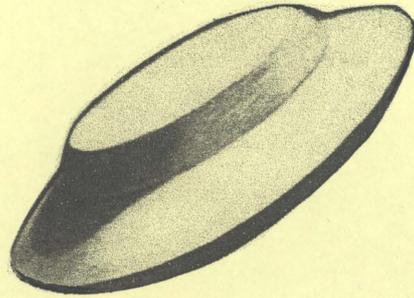
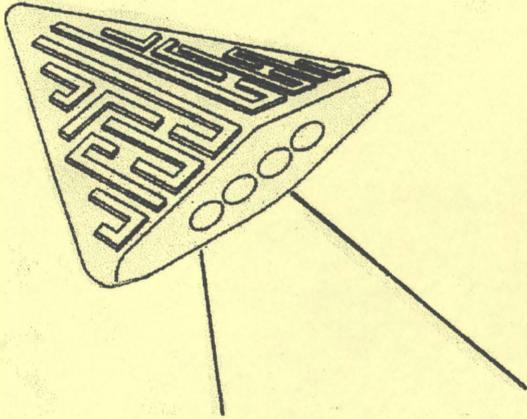


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## APOCALYPSE NOW

There is a scribbled notation on my 2005 wall chart for the 23rd August, it says '**Sun/Moon, high tides!**'

It was written several weeks ago as the result of warning given by an astronomical body, stating that the conjunction of the Sun and the Moon on the 23rd of August and the subsequent 'pull' of these two heavenly bodies, could trigger high tide surges, as well as other associated weather disturbances.

It is within the realms of possibility that the gravitational pull of the Sun and the Moon triggered the violent spiral in our atmosphere that gave birth to the deadly hurricane Katrina.

While Man bickers and fights on this planet with his fellow-man, he fails to realise that his existence is a mere speck in the scheme of our Galaxy and that the actions of Nature on 'Mother Earth' could overwhelm him at any time.

How often have we heard and read of the experiences undergone by abductees when they have been snatched from their beds (or wherever) to be transported onto an Alien craft. There they have often been allowed to question their abductors, who in turn show them, on a type of holographic display, scenes of horror and catastrophe on Earth, while starving thousands roam the planet seeking salvation.

It appears that we are now commencing the great 'Earth Changes' prophesied by ancient tribal people. The writings of the Maya's in particular have warned of the culmination of great Earth changes in the year 2012. It seems that with Global Warming and rising sea levels, we are well on the way to our ultimate test!

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From the Internet 9th September 05 by Mitch Battros – ECTVWatch

A new X-5 Flare has blasted off from sunspot region 789, now renamed 806. This does not fare well for current tropical storms and hurricanes. I would watch hurricane "Ophelia" very closely. Watch also for tornadoes, straight-line winds, micro-burst, and wind shears. Also watch for current tropical storms to escalate to hurricanes.

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As a Group, the PRA specialises in FT's (Flying Triangles) and this issue carries several reports covering this type of craft: The following report has been sent to us by Dave Gillham of the Cornish UFO Research Group of an incident on the 9th August at 22.00hrs. over Penzance, there were three witnesses. They observed two FT's estimated to be travelling at 1,000mph. A witness describes what they saw:

We have just seen two UFO's, two triangles in formation, flying erratically over St. Michaels Mount with bright strobe-like lights flashing at each point like triangles at 1/4 mile apart from each other. Then the craft joined and climbed together and flew silently over our house, heading West towards St. Just (Cornwall). I grabbed my digital camera and shot two pictures as the craft were flying in parallel together at an altitude of about 4,000ft. They then disappeared out of sight over the trees and I heard my camera 'beep' twice, indicating that two photos had been taken.

I have just tried to download the pictures but they are not there. I definitely took two pictures, but they have not registered in the camera memory. It has never failed me before. I have just tested it and it works fine!

## A FLYING TRIANGLE REPORT FROM N.IRELAND AUGUST 1982

With thanks to Gerry Gorman of the 'Northern Ireland Research Project'.

*Ed. It is refreshing to discover another early report of a 'Flying Triangle' before the advent of 'Stealth' aircraft that have supposedly accounted for the majority of 'FT' sightings. This report also pre-dates the 'Hudson Valley' (USA) sightings which commenced the following year*

This encounter took place over a campsite in the Glen River Valley, Mourne Mountains. N.Ireland.

The witness, Mr 'PS' describes the incident that took place on a Sunday in Mid-August 1982.

Whilst camping at the above location, August 1982, a large triangular object flew directly over the campsite, moving slowly and silently across the valley at an estimated height of 30ft.

The object approached from an Easterly direction, moving through a ravine between Slieve Donard and Thomas Mountain. It then banked to the 'Port' (left) side when cruising over the forest due West of the campsite, before disappearing from view some 20 seconds later.

In answer to the NIUFORP sighting report form, Mr 'PS' stated that "The object moved between mountains and over the trees."

It was viewed with normal eyesight (no visual aids).

It was visible for approx. 20 seconds only.

There was no sound heard from the craft at the time.

The 'FT' was dark slate grey in colour.

It appeared as a solid object.

It flew over at 'rooftop level'.

The speed was approx 50 mph.

It flew within a 1/4 mile of the witness, before passing overhead.

The angle of the craft varied as it flew over from 45—90—45 degrees.

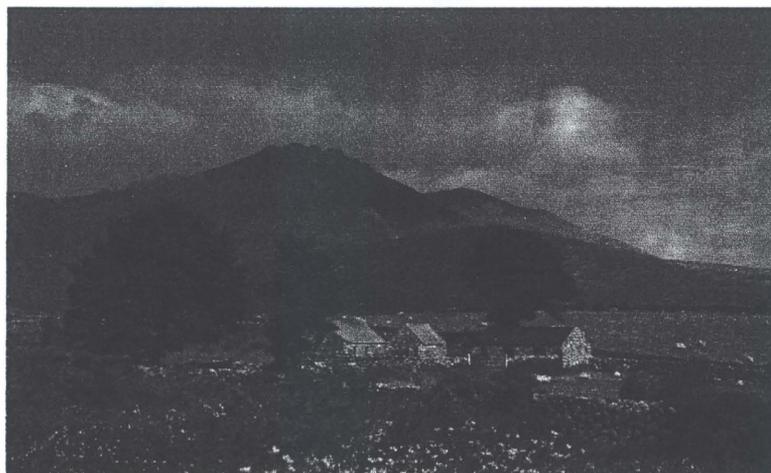
The craft had a large dim yellowish - white light under the centre.

It was quite large; possibly 30-40 feet wide (equilateral triangle).

The entire craft was very clear and the domed light appeared transparent.

There were a number of sheep grazing a short distance away, but I was not aware of any disturbance.

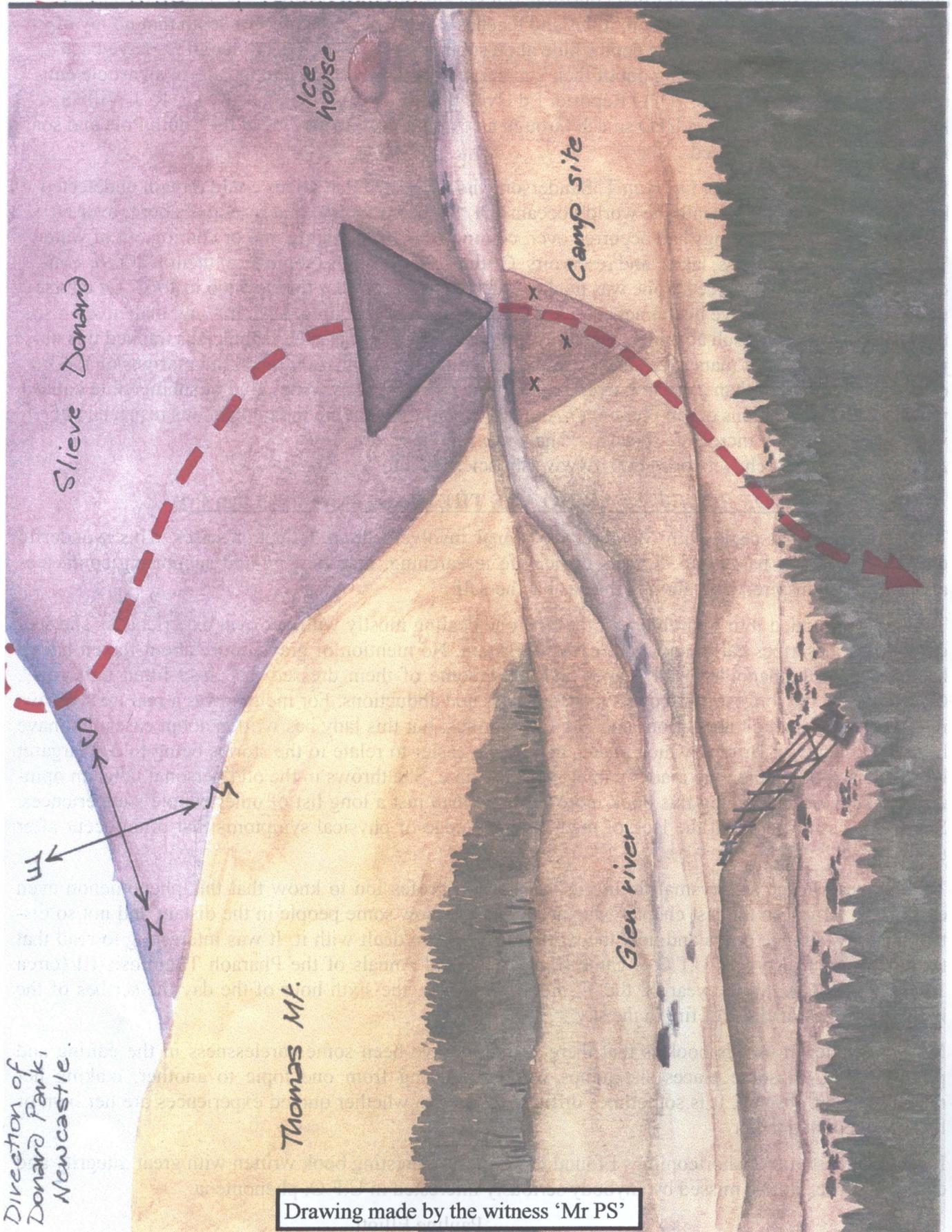
No physical effects were felt as a result of the encounter.



THE MOUNTAINS OF MOURNE, CO. DOWN

FLYING TRIANGLE ENCOUNTER IN THE MOURNE MOUNTAINS, N. IRELAND

AUGUST 1982



### Underwater UFOs

Bill Hamilton writes "What secrets lurk in ocean depths? Are there alien forms of intelligent life that occupy the vast volumes of water that constitute our oceans, seas, and lakes?" The largest of our oceans, the Pacific, covers 64,000,000 square miles and reaches a depth of 36,198 feet, a depth that no ray of sunlight ever reaches. Could these depths hide alien submarine bases? Underwater UFOs have been sighted on many occasions lifting out of their submerged depths and taking to the air. In an article entitled "UFOs - at 450 Fathoms," UFO Reporter Ed Hyde told of the sighting made by Dr. R. J. Villela, a Brazilian scientist, who saw a UFO smash through an estimated 40 feet of ice at the South Pole and soar into the sky at amazing speed.

It was author and researcher Dr. Ivan T. Sanderson who suggested that aliens could remain undetected by building their bases beneath the world's oceans. Dr. Sanderson found that by actual count, over 50 percent of the UFO sightings had occurred over, coming from, or plunging into or coming out of water. This includes oceans, seas, lakes, and reservoirs. Of the oceanic UFOs (some term them USOs or Unidentified Submersible Objects), one was tracked by the U.S. Navy near Puerto Rico in 1963. Of course many of these objects have been tracked over Puerto Rico since that time. On a training maneuver, a sonar operator detected a sub aqueous object traveling at over 150 knots! The technicians tracked this object for four days and it maneuvered down to the incredible depth of 27,000 feet. Submarines of 1963 could not dive further than a fraction over a mile into the ocean deeps. What kind of submersible could withstand the tremendous ocean pressures? And how could it overcome the tremendous resistance of water moving at such incredible speeds? Thanks to Bill Hamilton  
AstroScience Research Network <http://www.astrosciences.info/>

### BOOK REVIEW "WHO ARE THEY? By Margaret Ellen Fry.

This is a book that deals with Margaret's personal involvement in abduction cases. This wonderful down to earth lady has spent 38 years of her life researching, interviewing and supporting contactees and abductees, inspired by sightings she has had herself.

The book is divided into four chapters, the first one dealing mostly with her own experiences. The second chapter describes early humanoid cases in Britain. No mention of grays, more about flaxen haired beautiful men, humanoids in all shapes and sizes, some of them dressed in "close fitted uniforms". Chapter three, the longest one, covers missing times and abductions. For me this was a real treat. I have read many books about abductions and U.F.O. sightings, but this lady has written about cases that have happened mainly in Britain, which makes it so much easier to relate to the stories being told. Margaret has the knack of keeping the reader's interest all the time. She throws in the odd personal note, an opinion or a suggestion, making this book more readable than just a long list of other people's experiences. She feels passionate about the lack of medical knowledge of physical symptoms that often occur after alien contact."

There appears to be an abysmal failure in the medical profession to know that this phenomenon even exists" she writes. In the last chapter Margaret describes how some people in the distant and not so distant past saw strange crafts and how the world around them dealt with it. It was interesting to read that the first known record of U.F.O.'s came from The Royal Annals of the Pharaoh Thutmosis III (circa 1504 -1450 B.C.). "In the year 22 the 3<sup>rd</sup> month of winter, the sixth hour of the day the scribes of the house of life saw a circle of fire in the sky.....".

My only criticism of this book is that there seems to have been some carelessness in the editing and proof reading. In some places she jumps without warning from one topic to another, making her meaning rather obscure. It is sometimes difficult to be sure whether quoted experiences are her own or had been reported to her.

In spite of these minor shortcomings I found this a most interesting book written with great integrity and common sense. Not be missed by anybody seriously interested in U.F.O. phenomena.

Pauline Elliott.

## LINCOLNSHIRE 'FLYING TRIANGLE' SIGHTINGS: JULY 05

Unidentified lights have been reported to the Coastguards in the Sutton-on-Sea (Lincolnshire) during the month of August. They have been described as multi-coloured orbs, flickering in the sky like flares. However, local observers are convinced that they are not flares nor can they be accounted for by 'aircraft afterburners', an explanation put out by the local coastguards.

An accredited witness, known to the PRA has stated that there have been a series of 'Flying Triangle' sightings over the area during the month of July, witnessed by himself and friends. His brief report is given below.

**Place Sutton On Sea Lincolnshire.  
Date beginning of July 2005.**

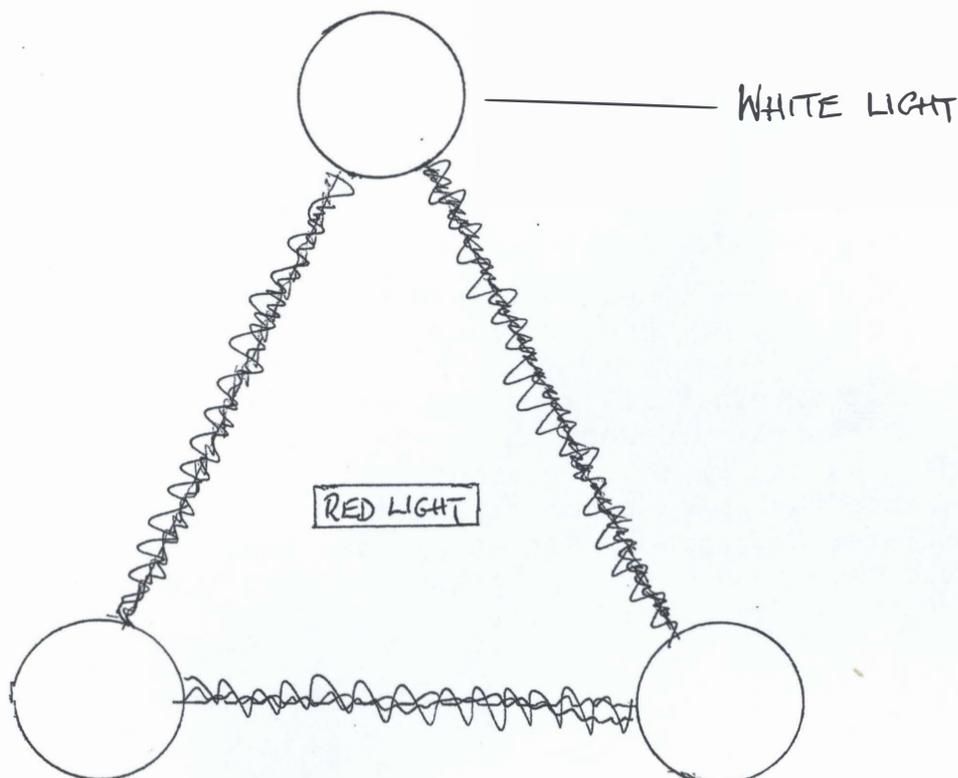
**The sighting of FTs was over a period of eight days at the beginning of July. (I'm not sure of the dates.)**

**I was outside my bungalow at Sutton On Sea smoking a cigarette, the time was approximately 1-30am.**

**It was a clear night. I noticed three white lights in the form of a large triangle travelling from the North. It made no sound as it passed overhead. The FT turned west and then east and flew off over the sea.**

**This happened twice more at approximately the same time of the morning. The other FTs followed the same flight path as the first one.**

**I couldn't see the outline of the craft it looked very hazy, but I could see clearly the large white lights and a long red one.**



**FLYING TRIANGLE SEEN OVER WAKEFIELD, W.YORKSHIRE****9th AUGUST 1995**

(With thanks to David Sankey BUFORA investigator)

**Incident Date & Time:** August 9th 1995 Approx. 21.45hrs. (9.45pm)**Location:** Cross Lane, Horbury Road, Wakefield, W. Yorkshire.**Weather Conditions:** Clear, mild and dry, with a slight breeze.**Witness:** Mr 'LN' aged 54

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**Sighting Details**

On Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> 1995 at approx 21:45pm Mr. L N. ——— had just finished locking his dog up in the kennel enclosure at the bottom of his garden, after first clearing away the remainder of the garden furniture he often sits upon throughout the warm summer nights. As he walked back towards the house along the garden path, he was momentarily distracted by a singular non-pulsating 'red' light in the night sky, at approximately 100ft altitude which appeared to be approaching from the vicinity of the Thornes Park Athletics Stadium on a 120° degree South Easterly approach.

Mr. N. ——— then ran to the rear of the house to attract his wife's attention to the object and gain further confirmation, unfortunately Mrs. N. ——— decided to remain indoors for the duration of the event. After first returning to the location of the initial sighting, Mr. N. ——— now noticed that the light was on a steady course which would take the object directly over his present position. When the object did finally pass overhead, Mr. N. ——— was immediately aware of the complete absence of sound from the object, which now appeared to be a large 'Triangular' structure of 'dark' colouration, which almost blended with the surrounding sky. Within this structure was contained the 'red' light Mr. N. ——— had earlier been alerted to. At this point I should inform the reader, that Mr. N. ——— could not remember if the 'red' light was centrally aligned or offset.

No other external illumination was noticed on the structure other than the mid-section 'red' illumination. As the object passed silently overhead Mr. N. ——— was able to estimate the speed to be within 10 to 15 knots. In fact it was later discussed, that at a reasonable walking pace it would have been possible to keep up with the object throughout its leveled flight.

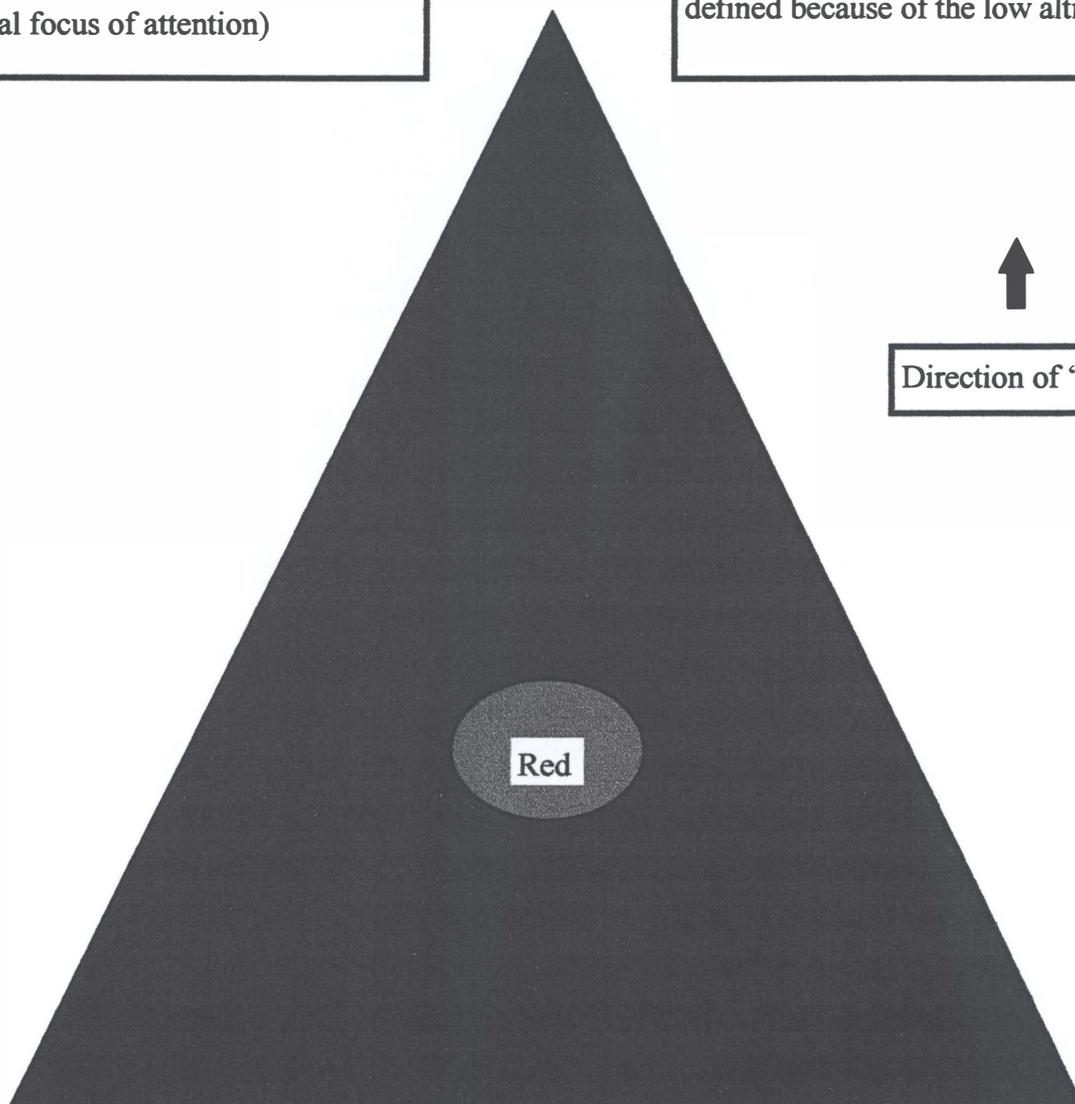
**THE 'FLYING TRIANGLE' SEEN BY MR 'N' ON 9TH AUGUST 1995**

(Wakefield, W. Yorkshire U.K. Details supplied by David Sankey)

The only source of illumination was 'one' non-pulsating 'red' light of limited magnitude and intensity.

(The initial focus of attention)

The craft appeared to be covered in a non-reflective coating that blended with the surrounding sky. The shape was defined because of the low altitude



Direction of 'flight'

The view from underneath the object as it passed silently overhead on a South Easterly heading.

Altitude approx. 100ft. Speed estimated at 10—15 knts.

Observed for approx. 3 minutes

**Wakefield FT Contd..**

As the object passed and continued along its 120° degree South Easterly heading for approximately 100 yards, it suddenly changed direction to a 250° degree South Westerly heading in the direction of Esther Avenue/Cobb Avenue

At this point Mr. N. ——— expressed concern, that if the 'object' continued upon its present heading and altitude it would eventually collide with the housing estate situated on the steep gradient in the direction of its present course, no sooner had Mr. N. ——— thought this, when the object suddenly gained altitude and dispelled this fear. The object remained in vision for a further short period of time until disappearing completely from view.

**Sighting Duration**

I had Mr. N. ——— repeat his exact movements from beginning to end of the sighting while I timed his actions. We had originally estimated the duration of the sighting to be approximately three minutes, from first sighting the 'red' light, to the complete disappearance from sight of the object and light. This conclusion was reached by estimating the distance to the Thornes Park Athletic Stadium and the distance the object traveled while in view, approximately 700 yards at a steady 10 knots. The timed calculation came out at 2 minutes 50 seconds, which was a reasonable estimate.

**Observational Data/Altitude & Object Dimensions**

Mr. N. ——— has a series of poplar trees situated at the bottom of his garden approximately 32 ft tall. The object when passing directly overhead appeared to be at least another 68ft above these trees, making it a reasonable estimate that the objects altitude was approximately 100ft.

When the object was directly overhead it was contained within the boundaries of a series of paving slabs which make up Mr. N. ——— garden path, there are approximately twelve slabs measuring 24"X 24" giving a total width of 24 feet, there is also a ten to twelve feet clearance that remains from the trees to the right of Mr. N. ——— position that contains a glass greenhouse and a polythene framed structure.

Although the object was estimated to be approximately 24ft at the rear, after passing directly overhead, Mr. N. ——— felt that the overall appearance of the object was not, one of an equilateral triangle, and that perhaps the remaining two sides were slightly more elongated, possibly by a further estimated six feet? This is of course a speculative guess and should be evaluated with the remaining data.

**Wakefield FT Contd..****Observational Evaluation**

Mr. N. \_\_\_\_\_ related that when he had initially recounted details of the event to fellow colleagues at work, their initial reactions were mainly that there was a logical explanation to the sighting and perhaps it was a 'stealth' aircraft of some sort.

It is also my expressed opinion that we are indeed dealing with a number of covert terrestrial reconnaissance and surveillance craft, both manned and un-manned. These drones, RPV's (Remotely Piloted Vehicles) are designed for evasive radar detection, through ECM (Electronic Counter Measures) and stealth surveillance employing a variety of covert operational techniques such as full night vision capabilities, light absorbent paint coatings, giving a 'chameleon' camouflaging, cloaking or screening effect. New supercomputer systems have undoubtedly made it possible to predict the radar response behaviour of much more complex design features. Another important feature is RAM (Radar Absorbent Materials) most likely now developed to full effective use.

In 1975 the engineers at Lockheed's 'Skunk' works designed an aircraft with minimal curvature. The simple concept was that a sharp edge reflects much less radiation than a rounded surface. The task was then in predicting every possible path of reflected radiation from its source to the aircraft to its final direction, and this was only possible with the new computer technology becoming available in the late 1970s. This basic concept design was to pave the way for 'stealth' technology today.

The majority of UFO Triangular-shaped craft often reported, almost always reach the prerequisites of today's known stealth design technology, more than likely employing other unclassified design features which are currently being field tested before being publicly announced or revealed. These exotic propulsion systems and electronic counter warfare and surveillance techniques are well within our current scope of technological achievements and appear so advanced that they are 'alien' by design.

**Conclusion**

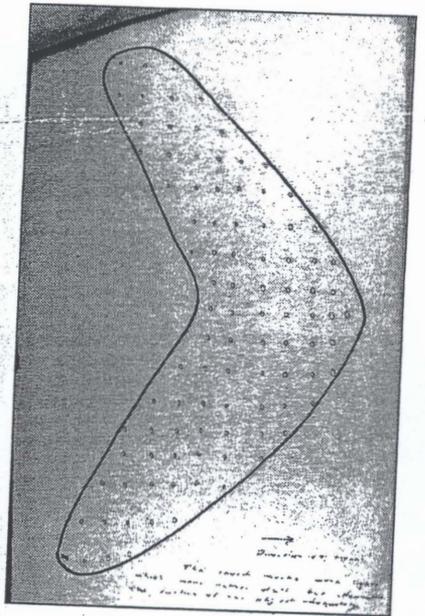
In my previous observational analysis, I have postulated a 'possible' hypothesis for the unexplained sighting of Mr. N. \_\_\_\_\_, this evaluation is my own, based on the current facts and limited results from my investigation. I can safely rule out a number of other possible explanations such as kites, hang gliders, micro-light aircraft and meteorological phenomenon for obvious reasons. The complete absence of sound in my opinion completely rules out conventional aircraft, particularly at such low altitude.

## AN AUSTRALIAN REPORT

From our colleague Harvey Cooke in New Zealand

## Top-secret Queensland UFO sightings

THE SUNDAY MAIL August 7, 2005



**SEEING IS BELIEVING:** A scene from *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* (top); Leslie Gray, with children Robyn and Stewart and former wife Elva; and Mr Gray's drawing

By KATE PATTERSON

HIDDEN files, cover-ups and pressure on witnesses to "forget" the UFOs they say they saw — these are the Queensland X-Files.

Australian UFO Research Centre investigator Dominic McNamara has spent the past two years uncovering restricted files from the Federal Government's top-secret national archives.

For the first time, *The Sunday Mail* is able to disclose three sightings previously marked classified and deemed to be a matter of national security.

Mr McNamara said there was little doubt the files — detailing UFO sightings between 1950 and 1970 — were deliberately hidden or made difficult to find.

"We are under the impression that some files are yet to be found or they are in something deeper that we are never going to get a look at," he said.

Mr McNamara said Queensland had a spate of sightings for which there did not seem to be much explanation.

"It's a bit of a hot spot," he said.

"The bureaucratic solution is to contain it, especially if your mandate is to be able to explain what goes on in the sky.

"There were a number of sightings in that time, where there was something really strange going on in Queensland.

"The best evidence we have are the witnesses who have risked their social lives, their career and their sanity to come forward at a time when it was extremely difficult to do so and make a report."

The engineer said there was too much unexplained activity to simply discount extra-terrestrial life.

He said sightings tended to peak around the time humans extended their push into the skies, with events such as rocket launches or nuclear bombs.

## UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT

**W**ITNESSED by Harold Jackwitz at Wulkuraka, west of Ipswich, on July 14, 1958, at 1.45pm. The object was seen by 12 members of a construction gang employed at the partly built electric shunting and marshalling yards.

Mr Jackwitz, of North Ipswich, described the object as round, silent and cloud-like, giving off light reflection, solid in construction, but emitting no sound or any obvious means of propulsion.

When seen, it was to the northwest and apart from one period where it appeared to hover, the direction remained constant until visual contact was lost.

Bruce Stephens, of Auch-enflower in Brisbane, who was at the location, made observations of the phenomenon through his theodolite for about eight minutes.

He drew a detailed sketch. Interrogators reported, "the possibility of it being an aircraft is most unlikely ... the observers gave straightforward information, showed no tendency to embellish and their details were identical".

No RAAF or civil aircraft was airborne or operating within these confines at the time.

## UNUSUAL SIGHTING

**R**OLAND Roberts, witnessed a UFO at Daunia Station, via Nebo, near Mackay, on June 24, 1965, at 6.45pm.

"Saucer shape with silver dome top and black underneath ... with lights around the side of it brilliant bluish white," Mr Roberts wrote.

He included a sketch of his sighting. He described the object moving from southwest until it vanished in a northeast direction.

"It had a constant red jet tail or slip stream at the rear the colour did not vary," the report read. "Never seen anything move as fast as the object observed."

Mr Roberts was a grazier at his homestead when he saw

the object, which he said "would have been between 30 to 50 feet (9m to 15m) across, could see no legs or landing gear under the object".

Mr McNamara said there was great interest in this sighting because there was a boat which made a similar UFO report in Darwin.

## FLYING OBJECT

**P**OLICE officer Leslie Gray witnessed a UFO from his address at Kedron in Brisbane on November 12, 1966, at 7.55pm.

Mr Gray, then 36, said he was watching Russian satellites from his back yard with his family when a slightly illuminated boomerang-shaped object travelled overhead.

"I said to the children, come and look and try and remember what you've seen because no one will ever believe you," he told *The Sunday Mail* this week.

The sighting was confirmed by his then-wife Elva and two children Robyn, then 13, and Stewart, then 5.

Mr Gray said lights in straight lines covered the object and there was a faint glow outlining the whole object, giving the impression of a brighter light above it.

"I thought no one's going to believe me, but I would like to get it recorded," he said.

No aircraft were reported as being in the area.

"Being a policeman I knew that you don't ring the police and talk about things like that, so I called a friend in the air force," he said.

Mr Gray said he was interviewed soon after he reported it, but "he was the most uninterested person I have ever met and thought I was crazy," he said.

"I haven't heard a thing since."

## UNEARTHLY ENCOUNTER

By Peter Gregory

In 1989 a man and his wife from Nottingham had a strange encounter with something unearthly, while on a midnight walk along the beach at Mablethorpe.

The couple that were staying with friends in Wellington road at the time had just returned from an evening in the town, when they decided to take the family dog for a walk.

The night was fine and warm with a full moon and ten minutes later they were walking down the steps that led from Seaview car park to the open beach.

They strolled along the sands towards north end, chattering about their plans for the rest of the holiday, enjoying the stillness of the deserted beach.

Every so often they would stop and glance back at the receding lights on the main pullover, aware they were totally alone in a place that a few hours before had been crowded with holidaymakers.

They were almost at the point of turning back when they both noticed what looked like a bright star low in the sky over the sea.

They stood watching it for a few seconds, thinking it was probably a star or even a planet, not at all concerned by its presence.

Then to their surprise and terror it shot towards them at incredible speed, growing in size and brightness as it came. Suddenly it was hovering above them, a large electric blue sphere with multicoloured flashing lights at its centre, which were so bright they almost blinded them.

They stood paralysed with fright, the hair on their heads stood upright and they felt a terrific surge of electricity pulse through their bodies.

At the same time there was a strong smell of ozone and a continuous high-pitched buzzing sound that seemed to grow louder and louder.

They were held in the grip of the UFO for several minutes, neither able to move or speak, both convinced they were going to die.

Then the lights on the mysterious ball suddenly turned a brilliant white, the buzzing sound increased and it shot straight upwards to disappear in the blackness of the night sky.

Their ordeal over the couple collapsed on the sand completely exhausted and extremely confused.

It was nearly half an hour before they were able to sit up and even longer before they could stand.

They both felt nauseous and found it painful and difficult to walk, but helping each other, they made their way slowly back to Wellington road.

When they arrived there, they were surprised to see their dog, which had vanished at the start of their nightmare, sitting outside waiting for them.

Neither suffered any permanent ill effects from their bizarre encounter, except slight headaches, which lasted for a few days.

But they were so badly shaken by what happened they never discussed it with anyone, not until two years later when they finally told friends.

Their story seems totally unbelievable, but they aren't the first people to encounter strange flying objects near Mablethorpe.

There's been numerous sighting of such phenomenon over the years by people walking along the beach at Saltfleetby and Donna Nook. RAF pilots have also seen flashing lights and large exotic craft flying near the bombing range at various times.

There's not doubt these things exist and that occasionally they interact with us in some way, but what they are and where they come from is still a mystery.

Peter Gregory

January 2005.

## From the 'News Of The World' 10th April 1870

*(With thanks to Trevor Watson who found this article in a paper at the bottom of an old drawer!)*

*Trevor comments: I was clearing an old set of drawers recently which I had bought second hand some 30 years ago. I discovered in the bottom of one of the drawers an old newspaper, The News of the World dated April 10th 1870.*

*On page 3 there was an article, which if true, is quite amazing, but I wonder if it might have owed its origin to an over generous tot of rum or a belated April Fool . Nevertheless I enclose a copy, since it might be listed under UFO (Unidentified Floating Object) and as such will no doubt be of some interest. One assumes from the headline that this was not the first appearance of a 'Serpent'!*

### THE SEA SERPENT AGAIN

Of all the disagreeable sea serpents that have appeared to ancient or modern mariners, not one can compare for general repulsiveness with that which on the 12th inst. Was seen by Captain Slocum and the crew of the schooner Saladin on her voyage from Jacmel, Hayti, with a cargo of copper, to New York.

According to the account given in the *New York Herald*, on the morning of that day the captain saw what he thought was a wreck, on the starboard beam, about five miles distant, bearing E.N.E.

**On nearing the object it was discovered to be an enormous fish, larger than a ship.**

At 7.30am the schooner hove-to with the monster 20ft. distant on her starboard quarter. It is described as being 100ft. in length, its body measuring 40 and its tail 60ft.

The most curious feature about it was an immense body of hard gristly matter, 12ft. in height and 40ft. in width, with the same length, entirely void within, forming a large bladder-shaped balloon, which, , which, filled with air, buoyed the serpent on the water.

This oval buoy had regular ridges, running from the apex or head (for this bladder preceded the body of the fish) to where it joined the main body. These ridges extended fore and aft at intervals of four inches, with a regular height of two inches and gave the surface the appearance of the network of a balloon.

The bladder portion was elastic and yielded to the movement of the sea; it was two inches thick, but of a hard, dense, impenetrable character and would resist knife or bullet.

On each side of this floating dome were two heavy paddles, each five feet long, by which the monster made progress. The fish proper, was an appendage tailed onto this blown-up bladder, consisted of a heavy fishy substance, with brown sides: and about ten feet from the dome were two eyes, one on either side of a large horn. From this point the fish tapered on to a forked tail, of a material as heavy and hard as iron.

Captain Slocum declares that the tail would weigh 100lb.to the cubic foot and the forks of the tail stood horizontally in the water, but submerged 4ft., the rest of the monster "sitting lightly on the ocean wave." He feared to fire or upset her in any way, as one movement on her part would have sunk the Saladin.

He believes that she has some internal engine by which she fills her balloon with air and discharges it at pleasure, then sinking out of sight.

"Her touch is poison and her contact dangerous." How this latter point was discovered is not stated.

## The Evening Sky September 2005

The wheel of the year turns and the autumn equinox approaches with rapidly increasing hours of darkness. Luckily for stargazers, good dark- sky viewing is possible from around 8 p.m. by the end of the month.

At the start of September, Venus and Jupiter are close together in the evening twilight, setting around one hour after the Sun. Although both planets are extremely bright they make a poor apparition due to their low altitude. Mercury, the closest planet to the Sun is lost from view throughout the month.

The red planet, Mars rises around 10 p.m. and is becoming quite prominent against the background stars of Aries - Taurus by the end of September. Saturn rises in the early hours (around 2am) amongst the stars of Cancer.

If you know exactly where to look you can actually see the two distant gas giant planets, Uranus and Neptune through a good pair of binoculars, at this time. Uranus has 27 moons while Neptune has 13 moons!

The September equinox occurs on the 22nd of the month. At precisely 11.24 a.m. the Sun passes over the celestial equator moving from the northern to the southern celestial sphere, and marking the start of autumn in the northern hemisphere.

Our Pagan ancestors called this period Mabon which was considered a time of Mysteries and marked the end of the second of three Pagan harvest festivals when the majority of crops had been gathered.

It was considered a time of balance, a time of darkness overtaking light, a time of celebration of the second harvest. It was a time to honor the aging deities and the spirit world, and the principal purpose of Mabon was to give thanks. Activities included the making of wine and the adorning of graves.

A traditional practice was to walk in wild places and forests, gathering seed pods and dried plants. Some of these were used to decorate the home; others saved for herbal remedies.

The autumn equinox is a wonderful time to stop, relax and be happy. While we may not have toiled the fields from sunrise to sunset every day since spring as our ancestors did, most of us do work hard at what we do.

At this time of year we should stop and survey the 'harvest' each of us has brought in over the season. For us, like our ancestors this becomes a time of giving thanks for the success of what we have achieved.

Enjoy Your Evening Sky.      Walter Berg - [walterberg@theeveningsky.co.uk](mailto:walterberg@theeveningsky.co.uk)

*The new look website has been released, with lots of great new features including forums for you to discuss the latest edition of The Evening Sky, please visit the new website at <http://www.theeveningsky.co.uk> and take a look for yourself!*

## TALE ENDERS

### NASA SCIENCE NEWS for September 8, 2005

Astronauts on the Moon will be exposed to cosmic rays and solar flares--and that's not all: the Moon itself can be a source of radiation. NASA is sending a robotship to the Moon to measure exactly how much radiation awaits human explorers.

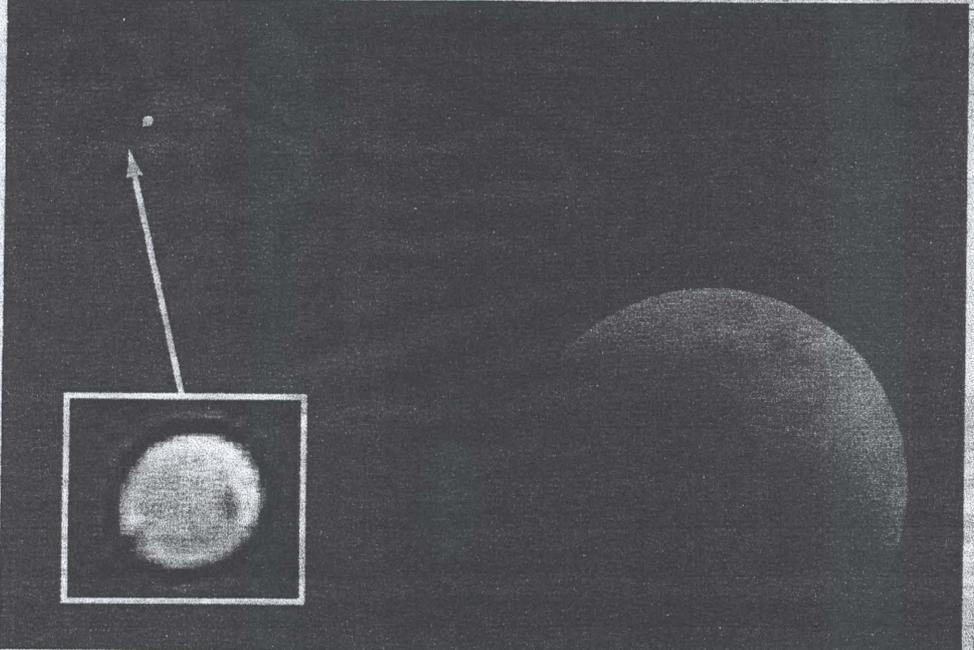
### SPACE WEATHER NEWS for September 7, 2005

Today, Earth-orbiting satellites detected a major X-class solar flare coming from the sun's eastern limb. The source of the explosion is probably returning sunspot 798, which sparked strong geomagnetic storms in August. Although today's flare was not Earth-directed, explosions later this week could be as the active region turns more and more toward our planet. September, could turn into a good month for auroras.

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### Is this speck a visitor from outer space?

IS IT a bird? Is it a plane? Or could it be the Death Star hurtling towards Earth? This UFO blazed a trail across the skies in broad daylight just days before Star Wars fever gripped the nation. Visible for just 20 seconds, the silver object moved across the heavens before disappearing behind the Moon. The pictures were snapped by Lewis Whyld, who was busy taking photographs at an athletics event in Manchester, when the object appeared in the skies. The 28-year-old from Bristol, said: 'Something caught my eye. I looked up and a huge silver disc was moving across the top of the Moon, at quite a speed. It started out as a dot but got bigger and bigger. It vanished behind the Moon and was gone. I'm not sure if it was dropping off or picking up.'



Star struck: Is this UFO the Death Star flying in for the premiere of the latest Star Wars movie?

### FAMED UFO DEBUNKER AND SKEPTIC PHILIP J KLOSS PASSES AWAY

Philip J. Klass passed away on 10th August 2005. An award winning technical journalist, he had a bulldog persistence in digging into stories most journalists considered too technical, too difficult or even too un-researchable, in military and civilian aviation & space systems and in his pastime of 'UFO stories'.

**WHO ARE THEY?** Margaret Fry's latest book is available now at £12.00 plus £1.50 p&p. UK

### NEXT PRA MEETING

Will be held at the Royal British Legion, Allenton, Derby, at 8pm on Tuesday 27th September 05.

Omar Fowler will give a slide/audio presentation of an intriguing contactee incident.

**'The Mc Murray Case (Farnborough, Hants.) 15 September 1985'**

plus a free book raffle, 'Who Are They?' By Margaret-Ellen Fry

Non-members welcome: £1 on the night.

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