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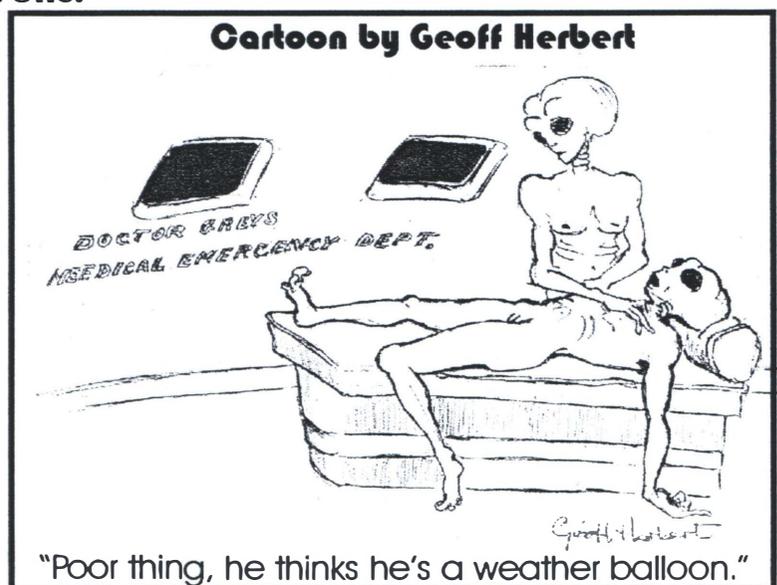
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# The Human Race: Selective Breeding Programme?

Report on a talk by Gill Harris  
Geoff Herbert

Gill Harris proposes that the entire human race is the product of a selective breeding program that commenced some fifty thousand years ago, possibly involving a degree of genetic engineering.

The clues to this conclusion lie in the Holy books of the world, the Pentateuch, the Talmud etc. The Old Testament story is generally taken to be mythology by most modern scholars, but if viewed from another perspective an embedded message can be discerned.

Consider first the difficulties faced by someone wishing to leave a permanent and continually accessible record of a breeding program such as this. Languages by their very nature are like living things themselves, changing from generation to generation, even dying. The message to be conveyed then must be expressed in a way that will endure despite the ravages of usage and time. It seems that they accomplished this by expressing genetic association in the syllables of the names of the bible characters. A comparison of biblical names, when scrutinised in this light will reveal a sort of "word picture" of human genetic progress.

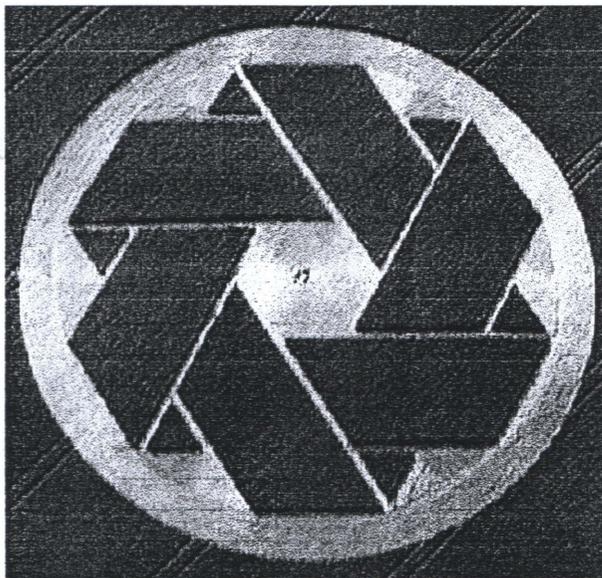
They then couched the whole thing, (the names), in a story, on the understanding that a good story will transcend language. The stories of Gilgamesh or Arthur are good examples of a story's enduring qualities.

FEMALE	MALE
LI LI TH	AD AM
HAV VAH	SE TH
AD AH	ENO CH
ZILL AH	LAME CH
NAAM AH	NO AH

A glance at the list of names on the right will show the genetic association. And the stories themselves give a clue to the progress of the breeding programme.

The story of Cain and Abel for example indicates a violent and destructive element in Cain's bloodline.

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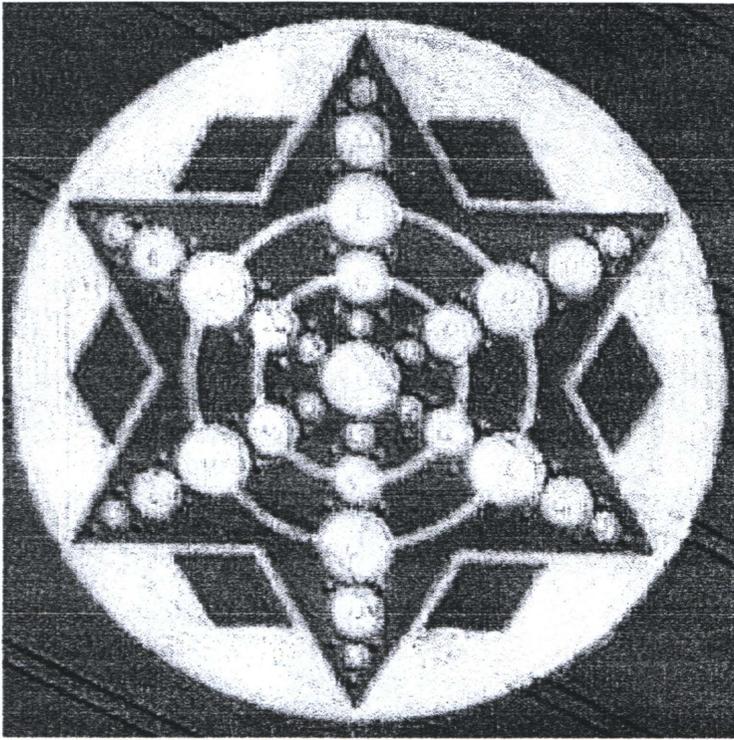
## Crop Circles And Reality: Ann Brocklehurst

Report By Geoff Herbert

During her talk Ann explored some of the less obvious effects that crop circles have on the surrounding environment. She made no attempt to promote a thesis nor provide any explanation for the reported anomalies, but left us to draw our own conclusions. In fact, in the beginning, she did not set out to be any kind of investigator. She was drawn into this enquiry by force of circumstance.

In 1987 her partner purchased an old chapel situated in rural Wiltshire, crop circle country. Indeed, there were crop circles in the fields adjacent to the property. After renovation and building work was completed converting the chapel into a residence, they moved in. It was then that the strange noises began to occur; a trilling noise that seemed to be a mixture of sounds.

At first they saw no connection between the crop circles and the strange and persistent noise. They looked for more obvious causes - electricity perhaps. Except there were no



pylons or transformer sub stations in the area. The noise was reported heard in the neighbouring dwellings. She noted also that there was a history of sickness and suicide in the immediate neighbourhood.

Then, on a visit to Hampshire the sound occurred again whilst she and a companion were actually within a crop circle. Then she made the connection between the circles and the phenomenon.

From this moment on she endeavoured to pursue the matter, to search out the mechanics of the thing. But found that objective quantifiable data was difficult to come by and results elusive.

An attempt to communicate with whatever causes the effect resulted in two instances of response. On one occasion the demand for silence brought an immediate cessation of the noise. On another occasion the spoken request for another crop circle resulted in one being produced in the specified place the following day as if in response to their demand.

This would seem to indicate a high degree of awareness and a measure of sympathy on the part of whatever causes these things. The sickness, nausea, depression and sometimes suicidal tendencies that have effected some who have close contact with crop circles is a more sobering issue. One that requires a great deal of serious study.

The noise has been recorded on numerous

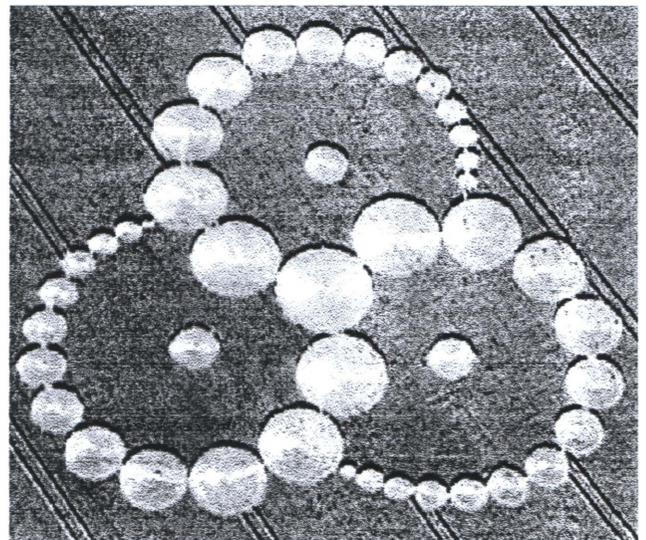
occasions and has been found to be in the 5-kilohertz range. It seems to be about a semitone above the note corresponding to the dimensions of the associated crop circle. Paul Viget of Enigma has incorporated crop circle sounds into his musical work.

Some people think that the sound resembles a bird call. Others wonder if the bodies acoustic emissions might have something to do with it, or maybe microwave technology is involved. Osiris and Isis of Egyptian mythology are presumed by some to be involved in crop circle production.

In 1995, when Charles Holderness, a prominent dowser, was invited to her home to pursue further investigations, an apparition was produced. This was indistinct and unidentifiable; it was also uncommunicative.

That same evening when she was alone the noise came again, annoyingly persistent and irritating. Finally, when she had endured about as much as she could take she shouted at the top of her voice "Bugger Off!" the noise immediately stopped and she hasn't heard it since.

Some crop circle hoaxers have reported anomalous lights pursuing them during the production of some hoax circles, causing them to rapidly evacuate the field.



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# SIGHTINGS

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## LOCAL SIGHTINGS

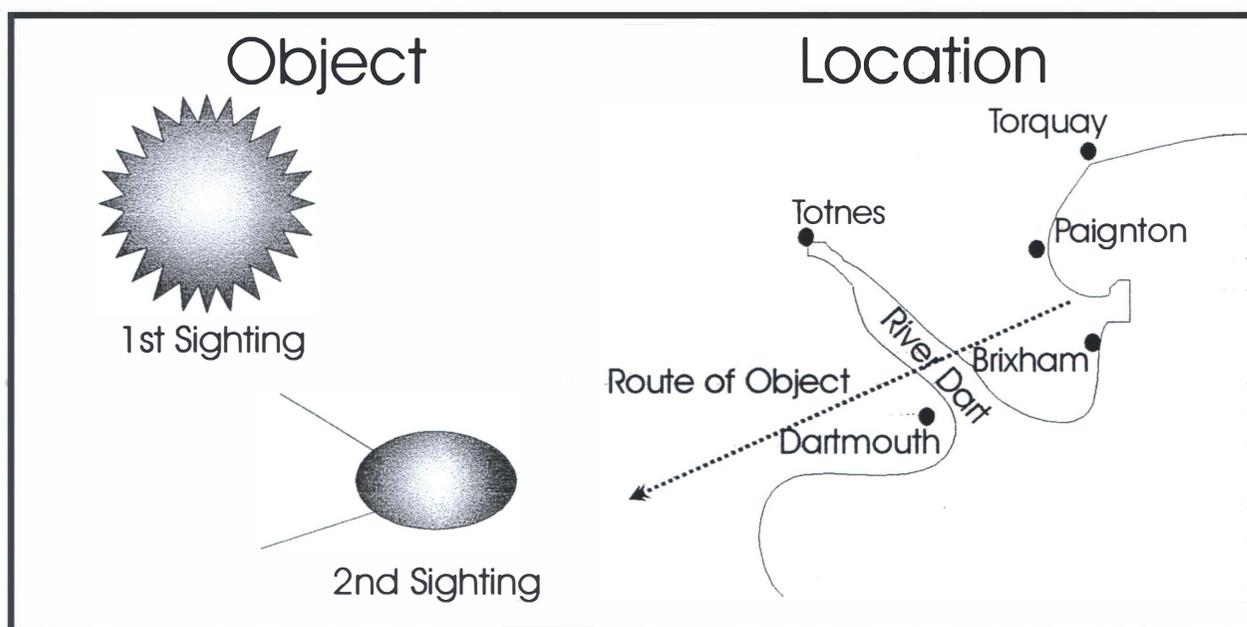
**Date:** 7/1/99  
**Time:** 6.05pm  
**Location:** Brixham, Devon  
**Witnesses:** 4  
**Number of Objects:** 1

### REPORT

A very bright, white light within the clear night sky - much larger than all the stars. It was motionless and silent for about two minutes, in which time we called out our neighbours.

Then, in the distance a plane appeared, heading in the direction of the light. The light then considerably dulled and shrank in size and started to move quickly away to the right in silence.

We could only hear the plane and as the light moved away we noticed two 'sticks' or 'legs', very thin and white from the left-hand-side or the back of the light. We then watched with our neighbours until it went out of sight.



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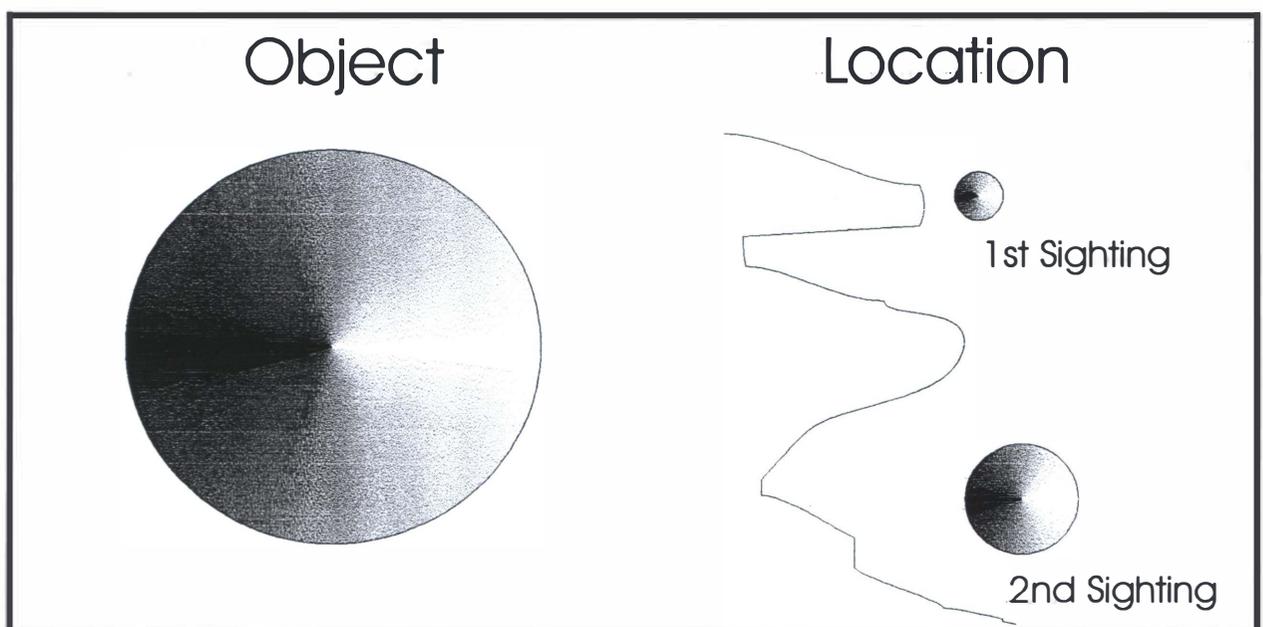
**Date:** July/August 1970  
**Time:** 2pm approx.  
**Location:** Falmouth, Cornwall  
**Witnesses:** 4  
**Number of Objects:** 1

## REPORT

It was a cloudless, sunny day; I was walking above the beach - a round sphere was above a distant rocky outline. Then immediately it was just ahead of me, hovering above the water. I just stared at the object; I was not frightened, just in awe. It was pale orange, with a pulsating, cloud-like centre.

A woman was in front of me pushing a pram with two small children, I asked her if she could see what I saw. She said, "My God, what is it?". Then I approached two men looking out to sea and asked them the same question, they gave the same response.

We watched for a few minutes then unbelievably, I said I must go as I had an appointment; I turned and left the area, stunned.



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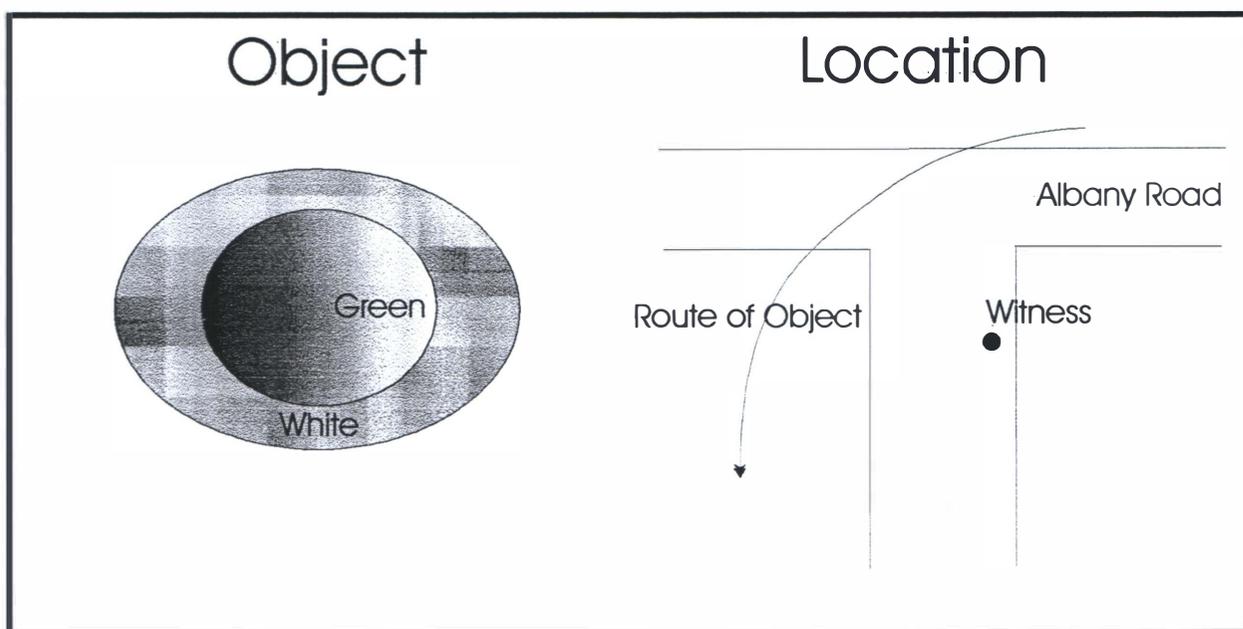
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**Date:** 5th February 1999  
**Time:** 7.45pm  
**Location:** Redruth, Cornwall  
**Witnesses:** 1  
**Number of Objects:** 1, coloured green with white glow

## REPORT

I was walking up Henton Villas, towards Albany Road. Something caught my eye, as I looked to my left, I saw an object which was green in colour with a white glow cross the sky at very high speed.

The sky was clear and I stooped and moved my head from left to right to follow the object. Although this took place in only a matter of seconds, I was able to assess that it was approximately three houses high and looked the size of a lamp shade - approximately 15" in diameter and had no sound.



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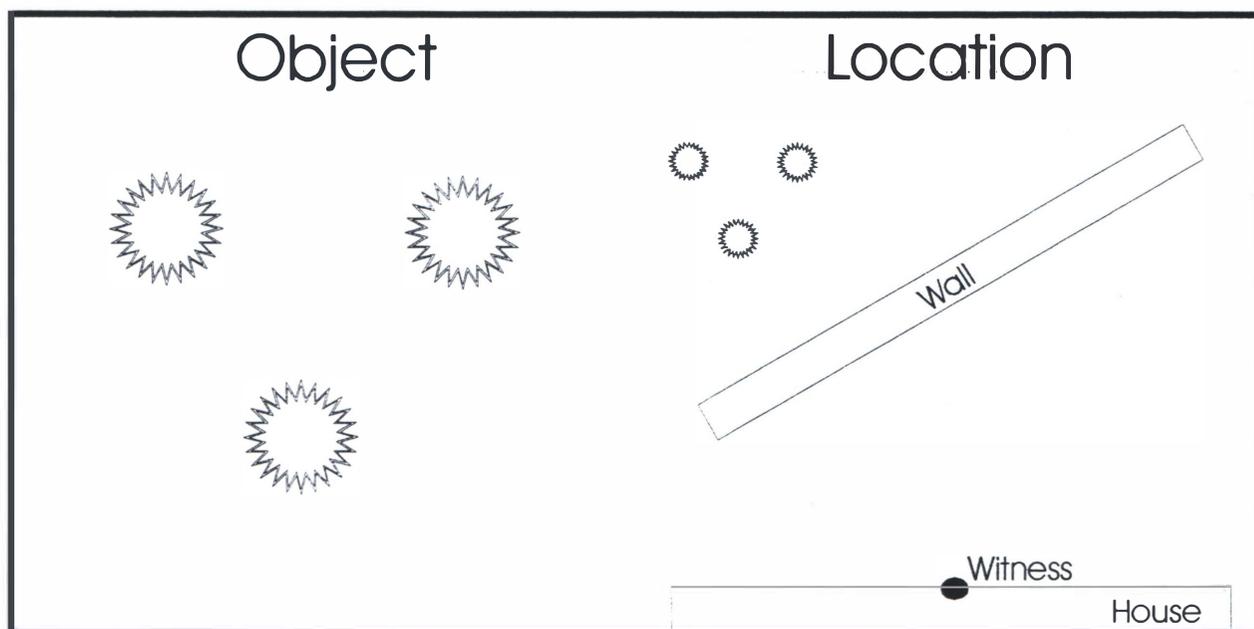
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**Date:** 15th April 1999  
**Time:** 5.15am  
**Location:** Portreath, Cornwall  
**Witnesses:** 1  
**Number of Objects:** 1, with three lights

## REPORT

I was standing at the back door after letting my cat out, when I looked up in the sky towards Redruth. I noticed three brilliant, yellow/white lights forming an equilateral triangle - it was stationary at this point with the front light pointing towards Redruth

I ran inside to get a better view of the lights, went upstairs to the bedroom, opened the window and looked out, but the lights had disappeared.



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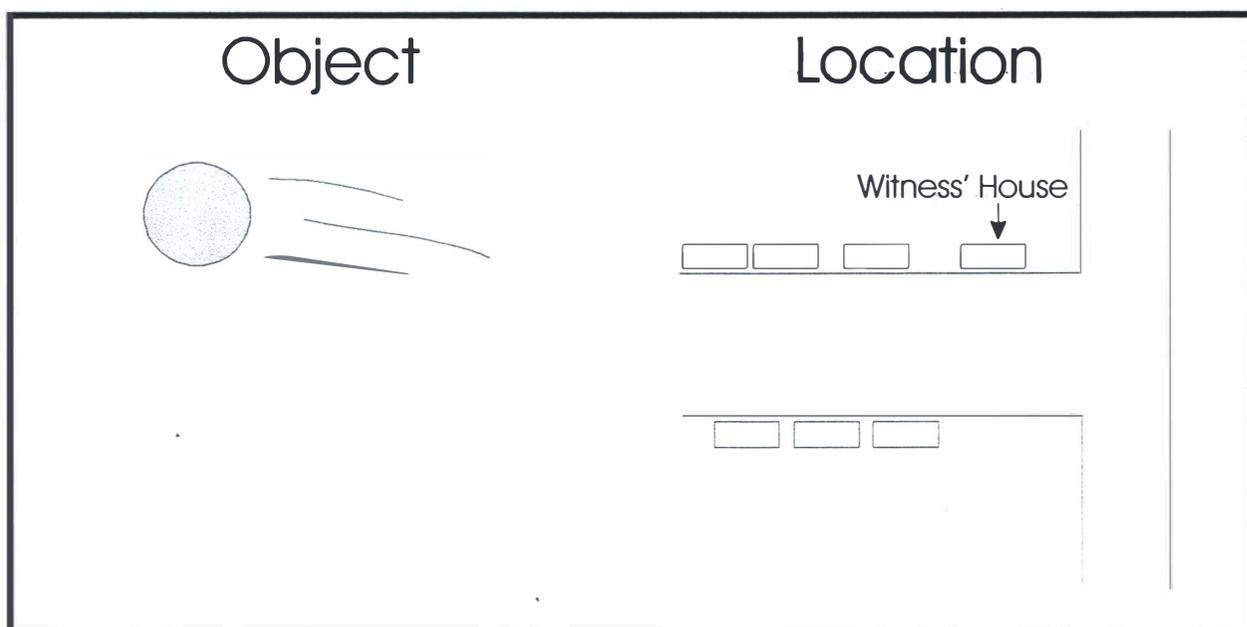
**Date:** 20th June 1999  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Location:** Goldsithney (nr. Penzance),  
Cornwall  
**Witnesses:** 1  
**Number of Objects:** 1

## REPORT

(Although this witness was just six years old, the object was also witnessed by a friend of the child's mother who lives across the road. This account is told by the mother.  
*Chairman*)

My daughter was in bed looking out of the skylight in the roof; she came downstairs a little worried and asked me to go outside and look for the circle in the sky. I asked her if she knew what colour the circle was; she told me it was white. It was definitely not a bird as she said when it moved it "zoomed" very fast.

It must have been immediately above the for her to have seen it. I went outside but saw nothing and forgot about it until my friend across the road mentioned her sighting. (See the following report).



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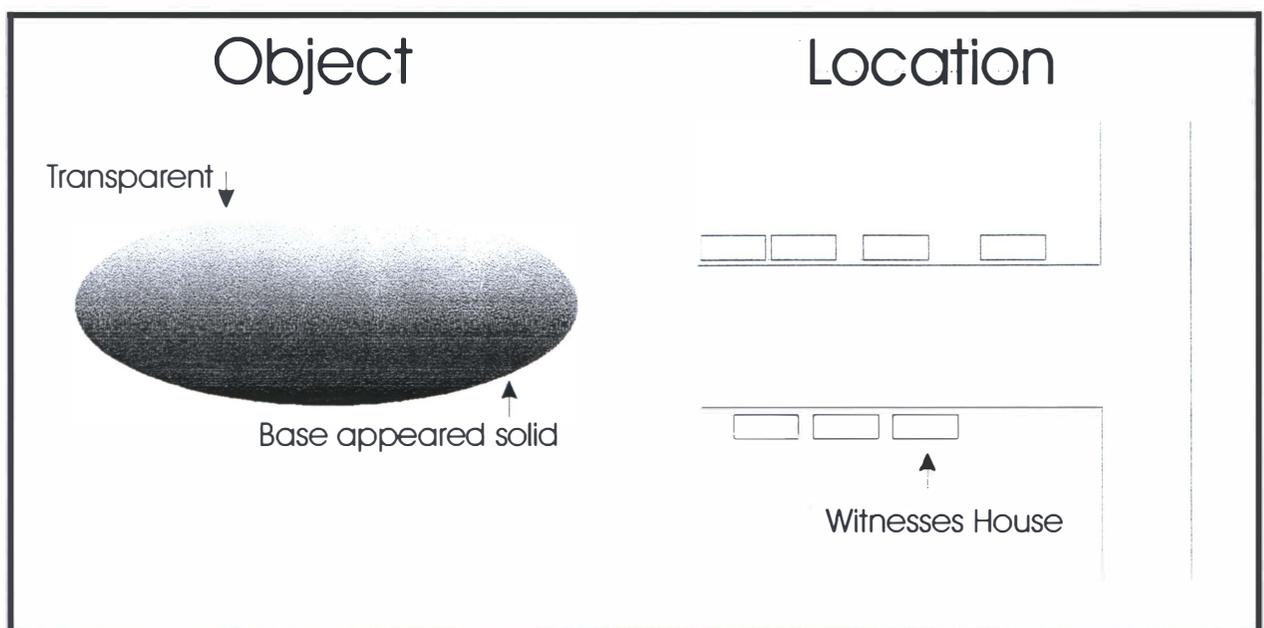
**Date:** 20th June 1999  
**Time:** 8pm  
**Location:** Goldsithney (nr. Penzance),  
Cornwall  
**Witnesses:** 2  
**Number of Objects:** 1

## REPORT

My husband was standing on our front porch when he called me outside, pointing to some cloud cover in the south west.

I noticed a transparent object that I can only describe as a jelly fish shape come out from behind the clouds. The object was not travelling exceptionally fast, but quick enough to make it difficult to track and focus in on with a pair of field binoculars (which my husband ran upstairs to get).

Eventually, after about ten minutes, the object disappeared travelling towards the east.



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**Date:** 12th July 1999  
**Time:** 1.30am  
**Location:** St. Ives, Cornwall  
**Witnesses:** 6  
**Number of Objects:** 12 approx.

## REPORT

I decided to go out into the front garden to have a smoke; it was a lovely evening, no clouds, very clear sky, loads of stars. While I was looking at the stars, all of a sudden one of them started to move very slowly at first and then speeded up as it came towards my house.

The object looked just like a spiky star - very bright with no noise. After about two minutes I rushed inside to tell my two sons and wife about what I had just seen. We all went out to the front of the house, but we could just see it go over our house so we rushed through to the back garden.

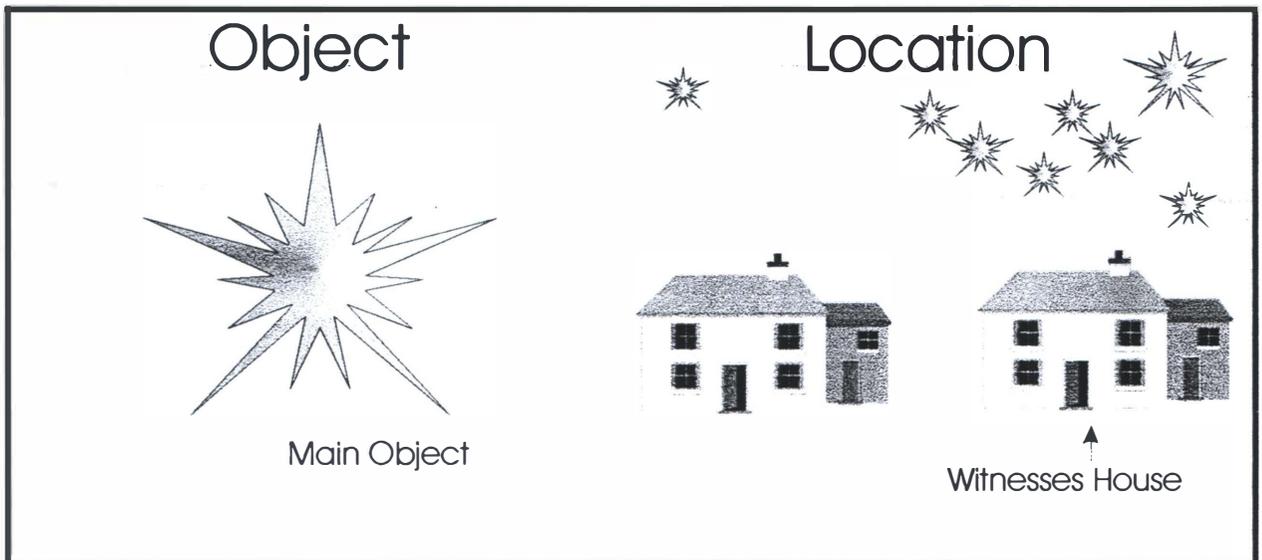
When we reached the back garden, we could see the object clearly - the star-like object was white with 'spikes'. All of a sudden from the main object came some more objects; I am not sure how many but there were quite a few. The main object seemed to go higher in the sky towards the Plough, then another one went out to sea, zig-zagging, then dispersed. Another one went towards Penzance and another went towards Hayle.

After about two minutes, we saw a helicopter going towards Hayle where the last object had gone; following all this activity we went inside and talked about what we had seen, but we could not explain it.

**Dave Gillham:** Although I went along to the witnesses house to interview them, I could not explain this sighting. They also agreed for me to film them. In July 1998 there was a similar sighting in Veryan on the Roseland Peninsula - the object had exactly the same star-like appearance.

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**Date:** 15th August 1999  
**Time:** 7pm  
**Location:** Mounts Bay, Cornwall  
**Witnesses:** 1  
**Number of Objects:** 1

## REPORT

I was standing on the beach at Perranuthnoe near St. Michael's Mount, Penzance looking out across the bay towards Mousehole. I noticed a round object coming from the direction of Lands End.

About two miles off shore from Mousehole the object stopped moving - I observed there was no basket under the object (as on a hot air balloon. *Editor.*) also I noted the colour was dark and its shape was round.

Then, while I was watching this event unfold the object dropped straight down into the sea. I could not believe what I was seeing!

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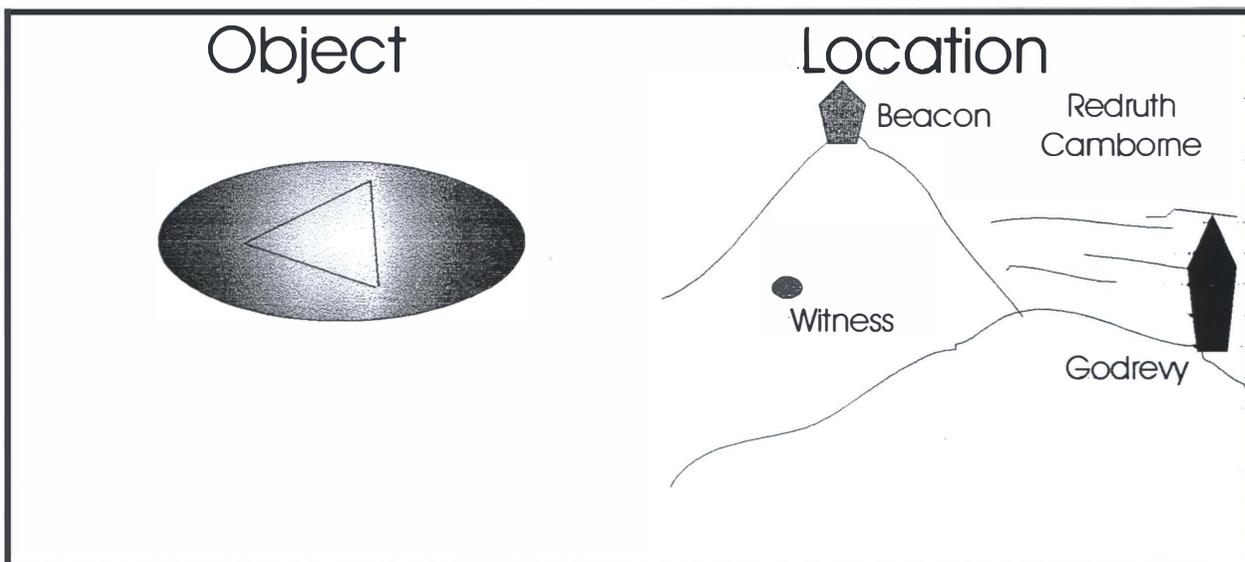
**Date:** 14th September 1999  
**Time:** 8.20pm  
**Location:** St. Agnes, Cornwall  
**Witnesses:** 1  
**Number of Objects:** 1

## REPORT

My husband and I were seated on a bench half way up St. Agnes Beacon, taking in the scenery, looking at ships out to sea, the moon, aircraft; when my attention was drawn to a white oval light moving towards us from a SSW direction.

I stood up and focussed my field glasses on the object/light and was surprised to see a green, triangular object in the centre of the oval light. I observed the triangle for about 20 seconds; whilst observing the object I noticed it had changed direction which suggested to me it was under some control. After changing direction the light went out as though a switch had been turned off; there was no sound or vapour trail detected. There was a large aircraft which had come in from the sea just prior to the sighting.

During the sighting there was a lot of animal disturbance (dogs howling); also after the sighting there was a lot of aircraft activity and animal disturbance that ensued for some time.



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**Date:** 14th September 1999  
**Time:** 1.00pm  
**Location:** Truro, Cornwall  
**Witnesses:** 1  
**Number of Objects:** 1

## REPORT

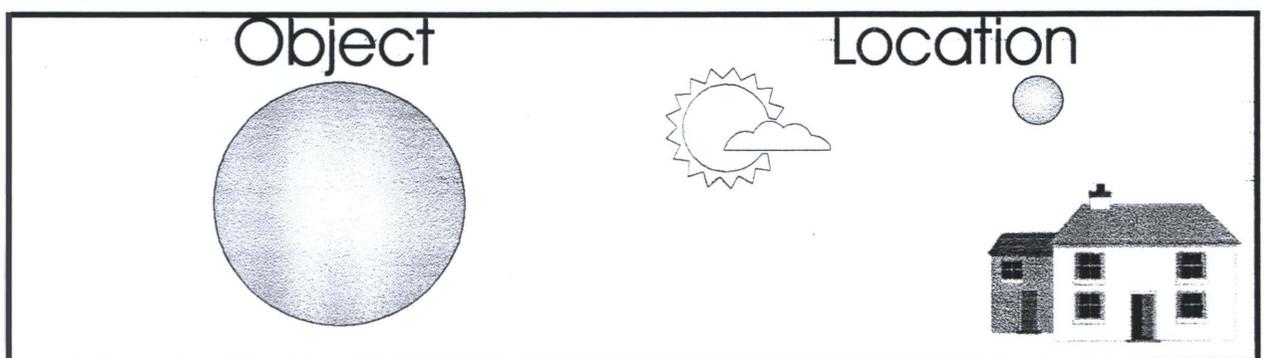
I was sitting on a bench in my back garden reading a book it was a lovely day with some scattered clouds. Out of the corner my eye I noticed something flashing in the sky, when I looked up in the direction of this flashing there was a round object floating across the sky towards me it was moving very steadily, at first I thought it was a weather balloon.

I decided to go indoors and get a pair of binoculars to see the object more clearly after fetching the binoculars I trained them on the object. I observed a large round object sort of grey drifting/floating I could not make out much detail of the object which was strange because the binoculars I was using were 16x50 very strong this puzzled me.

After watching for a few minutes it started to go in front of the sun so I put down my binoculars then a thought came to me "WHY HAVE I NOT GOT MY CAMCORDER?" For the life of me I could not understand why I did not get the camcorder instead of the binoculars. So then I rushed indoors again to fetch the camcorder; by the time it had taken me to come back out into the garden the object had gone into some clouds to my disappointment.

I decided to carry on reading my book no sooner than I had sat down a helicopter appeared so I was up like a shot, camcorder in my hand, and started to film it hoping the other object would appear again. No such luck, I now have five to ten minutes of film footage of a helicopter flying around in the area where the object had disappeared. Can any one explain this to me why I did not film the object but filmed the helicopter?

The above sighting was witnessed by no other than Dave Gillham - unbelievable - I have the film footage!



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## UK & WORLD SIGHTINGS

### HUGE UFO REPORTEDLY SEEN BY 22 WITNESSES IN YUKON

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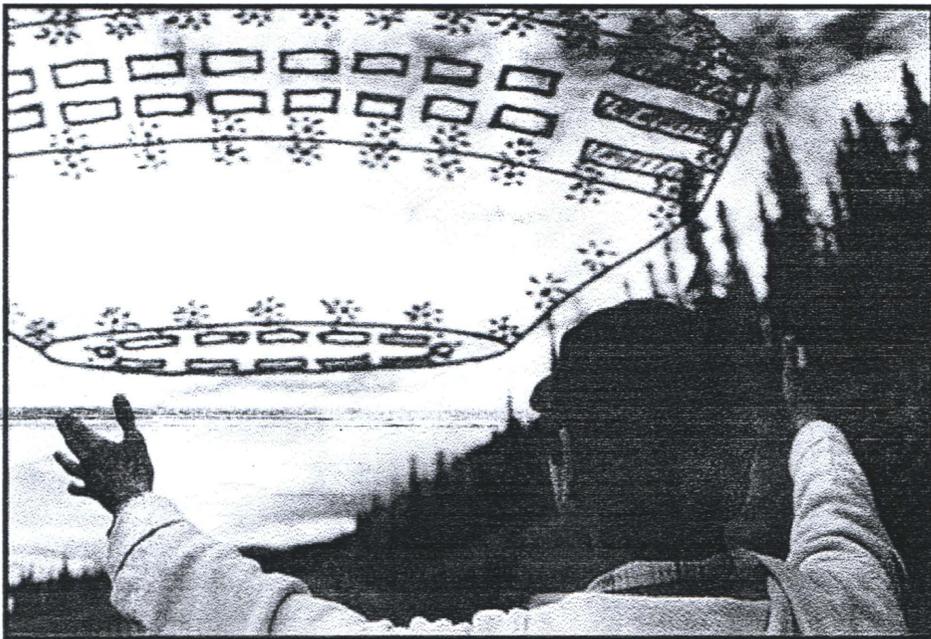
The following text is reproduced from an extensive report now posted at the website of UFO\*BC (<http://www.ufobc.org>). Additional eyewitness accounts, analysis and numerous graphics will be posted by October 6. CNI News thanks lead investigator Martin J a s e k (mjjasek@yknet.yk.ca) of Whitehorse, Yukon Territory, Canada for permission to run the following test.] by Martin Jasek, M.Sc., P.Eng.

The following is a summary [of] a complex 22-witness event. More detailed descriptions and vivid quotes from the witnesses can be found in the individual witness testimonies [see top story at <http://www.ufobc.org>].

On December 11, 1996, an incredible "UFO event" took place along a 216 km (134 mile) stretch of the Klondike Highway in the Yukon Territory, Canada. The sightings occurred in three major areas along the highway: Fox Lake, the village of Carmacks, and the village of Pelly Crossing, each having 6, 9 and 7 witnesses respectively. This total of 22 people is a minimum number and only includes those identified to the investigator by name. There were other witnesses (or vehicles) reported on scene. All but one of the witnesses wish to remain anonymous. Between the time period

of February 1999 and September 1999, 19 out of the 22 witnesses have been interviewed (only 2 of these were second hand accounts). This report documents the witnesses' descriptions resulting from these interviews. Fourteen of the witnesses have supplied drawings of the UFO.

A reasonably accurate estimate of the size of the UFO (or UFOs) was accomplished through a method based on geometry called



triangulation. Triangulation relies on the observation of an object (in this case a UFO) from different vantage points at the same time. This method was employed 6 times to obtain 6 estimates for the size of the UFO. All revealed staggering results; the UFO ranged anywhere from 0.88km (0.55miles) to 1.8km (1.1miles) in length. For comparison, the Toronto Skydome stadium is 0.21km (0.13miles) at its widest point.

In order to keep witness identities anonymous, "Code Names" were developed consisting of the following format. For those witnesses who observed the UFO near Fox Lake, the witness code names given were

FOX1, FOX2, FOX3x; for those near Carmacks: CRM1, CRM2, CRM3x; and for those near Pelly Crossing: PEL1, PEL2, PEL3x etc.

The following are some of the highlights from the event:

FOX2 and FOX3 were driving together from Whitehorse to Carmacks in two separate vehicles. As they were travelling northbound on the Klondike Highway adjacent to Fox Lake, they spotted a huge UFO out over the frozen lake. Fox Lake is on the west side of the highway. Both of them slammed on the brakes, stopping about 570 metres (1870 ft) apart from each other [note: maps identifying locations of the sightings, and drawings produced by these witnesses, are posted on the UFO\*BC website]. FOX2 got out of his vehicle for a better observation. The UFO proceeded to slowly drift towards FOX2 and after a few minutes he found himself almost directly underneath the object. FOX3 continued to observe his cousin FOX2; both men were in complete awe. The UFO continued to drift across the highway and out over the hill to the east and eventually disappeared behind it. FOX3 noted that the time was 8:30 pm.

At the same time that FOX2 and FOX3 were observing the UFO drift across the lake, FOX4 and FOX5 were approaching the southern tip of Fox Lake, also heading northbound. What they observed was a huge row, or rows, of lights slowly drifting across the lake. There were other lights on and around the UFO as well [see drawings by FOX3 and FOX4 on website]. Their first thought was that it was a large truck in the distance. But it couldn't be -- it was out over the lake. Their next thought was that a Boeing 747 was crash landing. But that couldn't be either -- it was moving much too slowly to be an aircraft. It took them about 2 seconds to realize that it must be a UFO. They got very concerned. They had a two-year-old son in the back seat and they were travelling toward this thing. After some debate, they decided to continue their journey. They could no longer see the UFO as they approached a hill that obscured their view; plus there was some traffic ahead of them.

FOX5 looked at the car clock. It was 8:23 pm. A few minutes later, when FOX4 and FOX5 were passing the Fox Lake campground, they passed by two vehicles that were pulled over with two men outside looking up at the sky. They turned around and pulled over to talk to

them. It was FOX2 and FOX3 carrying on a lively discussion -- "What the heck was that?" After a few minutes, FOX4 and FOX5 left and eventually stopped at Braeburn Lodge about 34 km (21 miles) further up the highway. FOX4 walked into the lodge and said to Steve Watson, the lodge owner, "Steve, I really need a coffee!" Steve replied "Oh, you must have seen what FOX1 saw." In fact, FOX4 recalled seeing FOX1 leaving Braeburn Lodge just as they got there.

About half an hour before the sighting described above (about 8:00 pm), FOX1 was driving along Fox Lake and had noticed a light in the distance which should not have been there. He did not think too much of it, but as he got closer to the light, he could tell that it was illuminating a long smooth curved surface. He then passed some traffic, and after his eyes readjusted to the darkness, the curved surface and the light were gone. However, his eye caught a group of rectangular lights drifting over and behind a hill to the east. At this point he got an "exhilarating feeling" and sped up in order to reach a less obscured location in the valley. He pulled over and got out of his vehicle but didn't see anything more. He continued his journey and pulled into Braeburn Lodge where he gave Steve a description of what he saw and also made drawings for him.

FOX2 and FOX3 eventually pulled into Braeburn Lodge and gave their description to Steve as well. None of the witnesses heard any sound coming from the object.

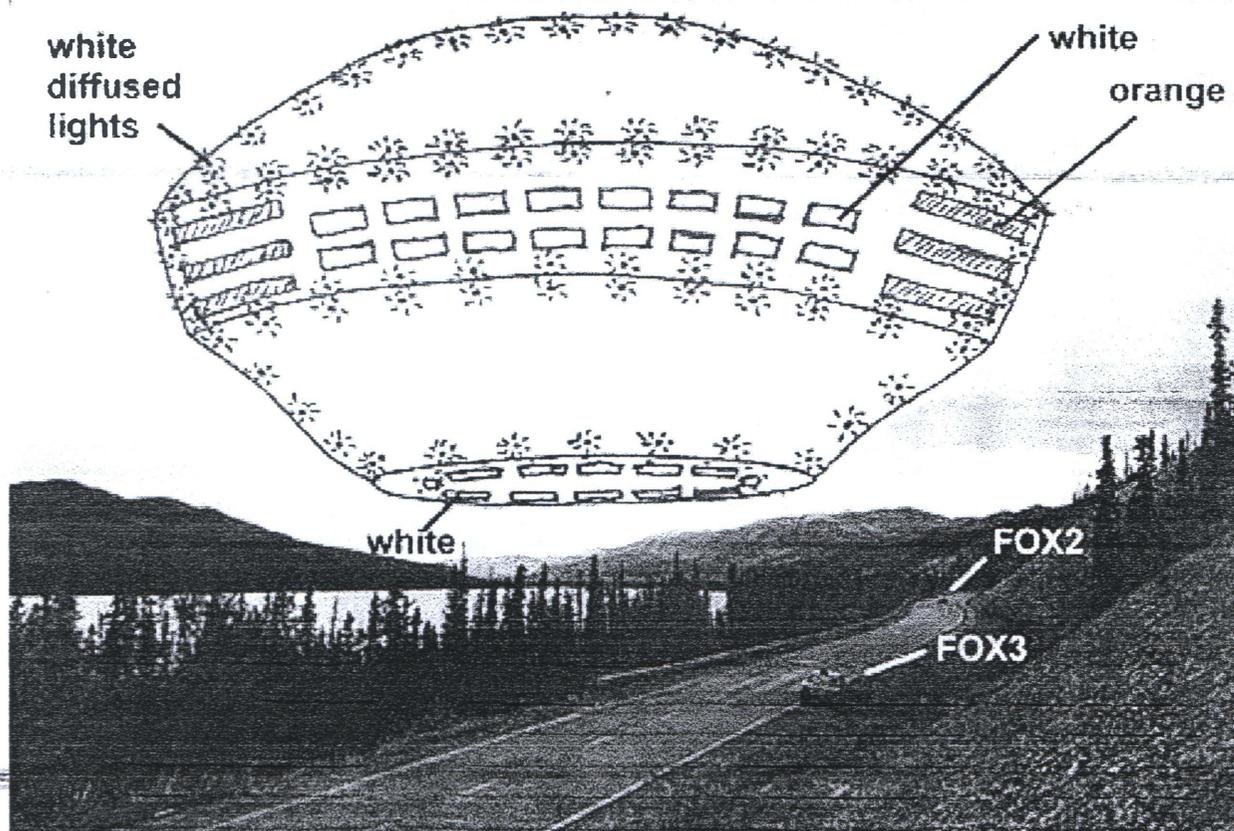
There was also a 6th witness to the Fox Lake sighting, but it is unclear what time she had driven through the area. FOX6 was driving in the vicinity of Fox Lake when she noticed a glow on her dashboard that could not be accounted for by the interior illumination of her vehicle. She leaned forward to look up through her windshield and observed a large arrangement of multi-colored lights. The interior lights in her car started to go dim and the music from her tape deck slowed down.

At around the same time, between 8:30 and 9:00 pm, the village of Pelly Crossing (about a 2 hour drive to the north of Fox Lake) was experiencing its own incredible UFO sighting. PEL1 was tending his trapline northeast of Pelly when he observed in the distance to the southwest a long row of lights slowly drifting over the hills. At first he thought it was a large aircraft coming down. But it was moving much too slowly. "It's a UFO!" With that thought, he instinctively cupped the end of his flashlight,

thinking that whatever it was would see him. As soon as he completed this gesture, the UFO sped towards him. In less than a second, it was hovering an estimated 300 yards (275 metres) in front of him. PEL1 had to turn his head from one side to the other to take it all in [see PEL1 graphics posted on web]. Again, there was no sound at all coming from the

length of the lights to the width of the Big Dipper. They were about the same length. This observation was important, since it established a well-referenced angular size of the UFO from PEL2 and PEL3's perspective.

The accounts of witnesses PEL1, 2 and 3 were enough to complete a calculation of UFO size. The observations of witnesses PEL4, 5, 6



object.

A beam of light emanating from the bottom of the UFO swooped the ground once directly underneath the object. The UFO then drifted slowly to the right. There were other beams emanating from the craft as well; a greenish phosphorescent beam shone horizontally out the front (right); two beams at the back (left) rotated slowly to a horizontal position. All the beams could be seen clearly as there were ice crystals in the air. PEL1 turned away from the UFO momentarily and ran across a small clearing. When he turned back to look at it, it was gone.

At about the same time, PEL2 and PEL3 were travelling northbound just south of Pelly Crossing. To the north they spotted a huge row of lights slowly moving from left to right. They pulled over at a gravel pit just south of the village to get a better look and got out of their vehicle. PEL2 noticed that the Big Dipper was just above the row of lights and compared the

and 7 about the same time provided a second triangulation. The four women were taking an evening course at a small community college in Pelly Crossing (a satellite school of Yukon College). They were out on a break on the front deck of the one story building looking toward the west when they too observed the row of lights travelling slowly almost toward them and slightly toward the north. They recall the object being huge, [and] there was no sound at all. It drifted slowly over the hill to the north and disappeared behind it.

Then there was the UFO sighting near the village of Carmacks, seen by 9 witnesses [in] two groups. CRM1, 2, 3 and 4 were on the highway northbound in a pickup truck just south of Carmacks; CRM5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 consisted of a husband, wife and their 3 children. They were watching television when they spotted the row of lights out their window.

The four men travelling together pulled over near a landfill at the southern edge of the

village to get a better look at the UFO. They watched the noiseless object drift slowly to the northeast, curve around them to the south and head up a valley adjacent to a microwave tower south of the village, where it just vanished. At one point the UFO was partially obscured behind a nearby hill, and one witness recalls the UFO slowly reappearing on the other side of it. He remembers waiting a long time for the last light to reappear from behind the hill; that's how slow and large the object was. The object took up about a 60 to 90 degree horizontal chunk of the sky. CRM1 recalls hearing about the Fox Lake UFO sighting on the radio the next day and surmised that they saw the UFO about an hour and a half earlier, about 7:00 pm.

The family is not exactly sure what time it was when they saw the UFO. They observed the row of lights just to the northwest of them, drifting slowly to the northeast. The lights were just over the treeline and there was no noise at all. The lights continued to drift until they disappeared one by one behind what appeared to be an invisible wall. There was no mountain in that direction that could account

for this. With the UFO sighting occurring just two weeks prior to Christmas, the three children thought that it was Santa Claus and his reindeer in the sky.

It was unclear whether both the family and the group of four men in the truck observed the UFO at the same time. Perhaps the UFO made more than one pass by [Carmacks] that night.

There is also some evidence to suggest that this "sighting event" encompassed an even larger area, as UFO reports were heard on CBC North radio the very next day, mentioning sightings in the communities of Dawson, Mayo and Watson Lake. No witnesses from these additional communities have thus far come forward or been identified.

[NOTE: Martin Jasek explained to CNI News that the well established times of the various sightings suggests there may have been two similar objects involved. This and other complexities of the case are described in far more detail in the UFO\*BC report, still under construction at <http://www.ufobc.org>. The complete report will be available on October 6.]

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## **USA Sightings**

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### **GIANT UFO OVER LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK AGAIN**

LEVITTOWN - Saturday night, October 2, 1999, Mike and friend were standing on the deck of his apartment, located not far from Kennedy airport. Mike states, "I lifted my head up and out of no where, I see this thing moving at an incredible rate of speed on an angle downward towards the tree line! It's huge and silent and looks like a giant baton with a very dimly lit sphere on each end. I watched it for at least five seconds as it headed west. At 8:45 PM, as it hit the tree line it made an exact 90 degree left turn heading south and then suddenly blinked out. I was really amazed.

It made a 90 degree sharp turn into the wind and the shape was out of this world? The UFO was at least the size of five jumbo jets in length and that might be a conservative estimation! I don't think words can describe how incredible this was! My friend and I ran across the street to my sisters to tell her and my wife what

happened. Thanks to Morgan Clements Director, World Wide UFO Reporting Center [www.ufosightings.net](http://www.ufosightings.net). Filer's Note: Nearby a large disc was reported on Long Island on July 14, by the owner of a taxi firm and his passengers. On September 1, a college educated family had a similar report. Swiss Air pilots reported a near collision of a UFO with their 747 in the same general area on August 9, 1998.

### **AUSTRALIAN JELLYFISH SIMILAR TO NEW HAMPSHIRE'S UFO**

GRAFTON - Australian Barry Taylor reports, "I got nine minutes of a great bit of UFO footage on September 15, 1999. At 10:55 AM, I saw an orange UFO trailing something under the object that looked like a shiny 'ribbon.' It was attached to a black thing under the silvery main object and rotating like a tadpole swimming. Joseph Haas writes that Filers Files #39 carried information on a strange dangling 'ribbon.'" "Where can I get a copy of the video?" I would like to give copies to the witnesses in Alexandria, New Hampshire USA who saw a similar UFO ten years ago. The

details are with Peter Geremiah of MUFON NH. The UFO with a ribbon was seen by a Deputy Clerk of the Plymouth District Court and her spouse. Thanks to Joseph Haas in NH and Barry Taylor in Australia stingray@nor.com.au. Filer's Note: I hope they can exchange data to determine if the witnesses saw similar UFOs?

#### **NEW HAMPSHIRE GREEN FIREBALL**

Douglas and Kathleen Blair write, "On Saturday, September 25, 1999, at approximately 11:25 PM, I was driving on Route 89 North, and suddenly observed in my left peripheral vision, a green fireball in the sky near Exit 13. The color was a startling neon green, or like the electric green color of a Christmas tree light! This was interspersed with a stream of an "electric blue" colored "tail." I definitely saw this fireball. Thanks to Douglas and Kathleen Blair fhdm@together.net

#### **CONNECTICUT**

**WEATHERSFIELD** - Larry Clark has been in contact with Dean Burgess who reports he was coming home from school on September 29, 1999. We were at a dead stop on I-91 South because of construction work at Exit 24. Dean stated, "I noticed two state police officers pointing at a triangle shaped craft around 100 feet off the ground." It made no noise and hovered for the five minutes. The craft had an intense light on it and a haze that seemed to enclose around it. There must have been thousands of people who passed by and saw it. Thanks to Dean Burgess and Larry Clark. lclark@ibm.net (Larry Clark)

#### **FLORIDA TRIANGLE**

**TAMPA** - Several persons have reviewed the FOX TV Channel 13 video taken on September 7, 1999. The video shows a colorful object moving across the sky rather slowly at night. Some observers feel they saw a triangle shaped craft, others claim it is a bolide. NORAD claims the object was a piece of space junk. Nick Balaskas wrote: "The visual evidence does not support Ignatius Graffeo's views that the object reentering the Earth's atmosphere was a UFO rather than a Russian booster. Ignatius responds, "The Fox TV Video tape will refute any ideas you have about the object being a spent rocket booster since it would be fiery, burning up, falling fast, and would not be displaying blinking red, green and amber colored lights in a controlled

slow moving flight." This object is characteristic of a triangular craft, origin unknown. Ignatius has taken a poll of people who have viewed the Fox video. The Poll results so far reveal? Rocket booster (3) 7%, Triangular craft (27) 61%, Bolide or meteor (2) 5%, Not sure what it was. (12) 27%. Thanks to Ignatius Graffeo. Decide for yourself at: <http://apps3.vantagenet.com/zpolls/count.asp?id=991103156>. Editor's Note: On my four inch viewing area, the object or objects do seem to be falling from space. It appears that the object probably is space junk hit by an unknown object causing it to disintegrate at an unusually massive rate. **ORLANDO** - On August 21, 1999, at 11:45 PM three of us were talking girl talk. My Mom looked up and said, "What is that?" The three witnesses saw glowing circular objects above their driveway. We stood up and observed two objects then another appeared out of no where, and now there were three. They were crisscrossing each other erratically in the sky very rapidly and disappeared after twenty minutes. Thanks to WWUFORC <http://www.uforeports.com>. e-mail [uforeports@aol.com](mailto:uforeports@aol.com)

#### **WISCONSIN CROP CIRCLE**

**VERONA** - Eric writes on October 3, 1999, that there is a crop circle just outside Madison on Highway 151 at Highway 69. Thanks to Eric EHARTZ4U

#### **INDIANA MANEUVERING LIGHTS**

**RIPLEY COUNTY** - Dan Mulford reports that a witness saw highly maneuverable lights in the western sky on September 21, 1999. Several lights, seemed like plane lights, but did not move in linear or straight lines. They maneuvered all over the sky at 8:45 PM. The witness called his wife, who counted ten lights to the north. So he phoned his Dad who lives farther north in Osgood. His Dad said, "They move many times faster than any aircraft and come to a complete stop." One clearly visible dove to the ground and flew back up very quickly without any sound. Their son, a high school senior, also saw the UFOs. All are familiar with fighter jets that frequent the area. Thanks to Dan Mulford danm@n2mail.com and Ken Young at UFO Fuse Net.

#### **ILLINOIS**

**DUNDEE** - On September 29, 1999, four witnesses saw a white saucer lit up almost like a crystal, but as big as a large house. My wife, two children and myself were driving westbound on Route 72 approaching Route

25. At 8:00 PM my wife said, "Guys do you see that?" I looked up and saw a huge lighted shape in the sky moving less than 10 mph. The craft appeared to rock, but was kind of stationary. We pulled off the road to try to understand what we were seeing. We all assumed it to be a blimp, but after observing it for at least ten minutes, we left because we could not believe what we were seeing. Later, my wife sister a teacher told us that a local school teacher had written an article for a local newspaper about a UFO sighting last night. Thanks to Morgan Clements, World Wide UFO Reporting Center

#### **NORTH DAKOTA UFO CIGAR SHAPE SIGHTING**

**FARGO** - On September 6, 1999, I saw a large cigar shaped object in the night sky at 10:30 PM. It was cigar shaped, and made no sound and had no lights as traveled north. I could see it the western sky, because it blocked out the last two stars of the handle of the big dipper. It traveled pretty fast and was out of view very quickly. Thanks to e-mail WWUFORC-. [www.ufosightings.net](http://www.ufosightings.net). [uforeports@aol.com](mailto:uforeports@aol.com)

#### **COLORADO**

**LOVELAND** - Morgan Clements Director, of the World Wide UFO Reporting Center writes, "We are working on a unique possible abduction case with an experiencer who has been branded with a special undeniable mark on her thigh." We hope to find someone who has seen this mark before. On September 21, 1999, the witness reported very strange dreams that were a little too real to be dreams. The witness states, "I'm not sure if there actually was missing time but I closed my eyes then I opened them-and then it was the morning already. Almost every night I get a very strange feeling that I'm going to get abducted, but have not ever been before to my knowledge. In my dream I am in a very dark place that looks like the field about one half of a mile from my house. I see a landed alien ship. I blink my eyes and the next thing I know I'm in a silver ship. An extremely bright light was pouring from it as if it were liquid-light. Inside there was a bunch of TV monitors that display images of what seemed to be various sections of the interior of the ship. The creepiest thing I saw was an alien with large oval shaped black eyes wearing a shiny blue suit. He seemed to paralyze me. He was lying on the floor and he didn't have eyelids so I couldn't tell if he was knocked out or just resting. I continued exploring the ship and saw

a TV monitor that showed the alien on the floor had disappeared. I saw some movement through the wall of the ship and realized that it was that same being! After everything is a freaked out blur. In the morning and I felt terrible and found two new scratches on my upper lip. Thanks to M. Clements [uforeports@aol.com](mailto:uforeports@aol.com)

#### **OREGON TRIANGLES**

**ROSEBUD** - Jerry Burgess reports that on September 22, 1999, my wife stepped out to the back patio for some fresh air at 10:30 PM. She saw something strange on top of the hill close to our home. At her plea I hurried out to see what was so urgent. In back of our home there is a six miles long ridge of hills with electrical transmission lines on towers. On top of the hill, close to one of towers there was a hovering set of brilliant lights. There seemed to be three small lights surrounding a center light that blinked in red and green less than a mile away. I got my binoculars and ran next door to show my neighbor the object. My spouse and neighbor say they had the impression the object was a truncated triangle. The object moved slowly along the hill top to the south without making any noise. Then suddenly it accelerated very fast and disappeared in a flash of light. On returning to the house our computers had shut down and some of the digital clocks needed to be reset. However the television sets remained on. I have now seen three UFO's, two in the last month. I saw the first one fifty years ago at the age of twelve. I am a member of MUFON and CAUS but a skeptical person. However, after the last two experiences my skepticism is shrinking rapidly. I noticed there was a moderate breeze that came up during the observation and died down on the departure of the UFO. Thanks to Jerry Burgess

#### **WASHINGTON AND OREGON LOOKOUTS FREQUENTLY SPOT UFOs!**

Jim Doerter a retired college professor writes that, I would be happy to send my collection of sightings from fire lookouts. They are mainly linked to US Forest Service (USFS) people. In 1959, I personally had two dramatic sightings on my tower in south central Washington. One fluorescent blue shape was seen over my tower. Later that year we saw a 300 foot long craft sail right past my tower near Mt. Adams. It came from the Mt. Hood area towards us. It was silent and ringed with red and white lights -- moving at high speed. At the end of the summer my family and I went to Penn State to

work on my doctorate. Four years ago, I told my experience to a meeting of lookouts and I was surprised when others told me of their own experiences. Since then I have collected 50 stories from USFS people mainly in the Northwest. It's difficult to find lookouts to talk to since many are afraid to tell their stories since they might lose their jobs. There are fewer lookout jobs now and they do not want to be left "off the list." The main reason I started my research was the naive idea that I would get the US Forest Service to encourage people to report their sightings. The USFS is not quite ready for all this so I got no help or encouragement. It's strange, I got your E mail recently and only today saw you on an old 'Sightings' television program. Up until today I never saw your face. This was a common situation as a lookout you would contact people every day but never actually meet them. Thank you for all your hard work. Thanks to: Jim Doerter, 80 -Scenic Drive, Ashland, Oregon 97520 PS- I am better looking than you :-)

#### **NEW MEXICO**

ALBUQUERQUE - Submedical writes, "I felt it necessary to come forward with my own 'encounter' in June of 1998. I was driving to work, when I noticed a saucer shaped disk hovering over the Manzano Mountains next to Kirtland Air Force Base. The 'odd' thing I noticed is that it had U.S.A.F. markings on the craft. Now I am an educated person with a bachelor's degree in business, so don't think I'm a 'nut.' I just wanted to tell someone who is in the UFO business that I saw one with American, Yes! American USAF on the side of the craft. The craft has great speed and was only there for a few seconds then, it just disappeared. I'm not sure if telling someone will get me into trouble or not, I just wanted to make the public aware that the US is now capable of building and flying saucers! Thanks to Submedical

#### **BRAZIL STRANGE DISAPPEARANCES**

I am an American who lives in Brazil and I have been doing research here for twenty years. I am always interested in statistics that have to do with disappearing people like the Falun Gong claim is happening in last weeks files. Here in Brazil, every three minutes a person disappears according to last year's statistics and this year its even more alarming. That's 175,000 missing people per year for Brazil alone! People disappear for various reasons to do with drugs, organ harvests, abandoning

family, etc. However, there is the possibility (and I say this because of ongoing research into the "UFO" scene) that aliens ARE kidnapping people! In Brazil, there are formal and informal groups trying to discover what is going on. People disappear in the most mundane ways: going to the corner for cigarettes, walking to and from work. These are ordinary people not involved in drugs or with any mental/emotional problems or other motives for disappearing. Some may be kidnapped to remove their vital organs for medical transplant purposes. There seems to be something else going on. I find that whole families, once there has been a UFO sighting, seem sensitized to all sorts of phenomena. One person I know went to a barbecue in a residential area and during the evening she thought someone was calling her from the garden. She walked to the gate and was hit with a strange light. That's all she remembers. She was suddenly missing and everyone rushed around trying to find her. Several hours later, she was found some distance away, totally dazed and traumatized curled up in the forest! I know this girl well. She is a teenager and a very sober person who is currently writing a complete report for me. She was returned, but how many people do? Her father has been abducted and even visited by strange men in black here in Brazil. I believe that the whole picture is very complicated and may involve dimensional shifts. I have a lot of data that points to that explanation. Um AbraÁo as we say here, Thanks to Cynthia Newby Luce [cynthia@compuland.com.br](mailto:cynthia@compuland.com.br)

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## **Sky At Night**

By Sue Herbert

### **The Far Reaches (part 2)**

It is at present thought that beyond a red shift of 5 e.g. during the first one billion years of the universes existence there are virtually no stars shining, an astronomical wilderness. This was the condition of the universe spanning a cosmic time, of about one billion years, during which large conglomerations of matter first began to form galaxies. The redshift scale is not straight foreword. The time difference redshift zero and 1 is about 10 billion years, however between redshift 1 and 2 the time difference dropped to 3 billion years.

At higher redshifts the time interval will have dropped even further, the reason being that the universe was smaller in the past. Now the universe is large, it takes many billions of years to double its size. So the rate at which an objects redshift increases has also slowed down.

The high redshift universe is a scientific frontier, just being opened up by astronomers. Powerful telescopes can act as time machines, allowing different parts of the universe to be observed, not as they are now, but as they were long ago. Distant objects have highly redshifted spectra, and the measurement of this redshift, tells us by how much the universe has expanded, in the time it has taken the light to travel to us, allowing us to determine the

distance of the source to be calculated. By the early 1990's highly efficient multi-object spectrographs were being used on existing 4m class telescopes. One was the MOS-SIS Spectrograph on the 3.6 Canada-France-Hawaii telescope sited at Mauna Kea Hawaii, allowing simultaneous observations of up to 80 faint galaxies. Then a group of astronomers undertook a survey of almost 1000 faint galaxies, where exposures of 8 hours are required to secure their redshifts. The survey was designed to study the universe when it was half its present age. The Hubble space telescope is playing a major role in this effort. The redshift of an object not only implies its distance, but also the universal age or epoch, in which it existed.

#### Astronomical Terms

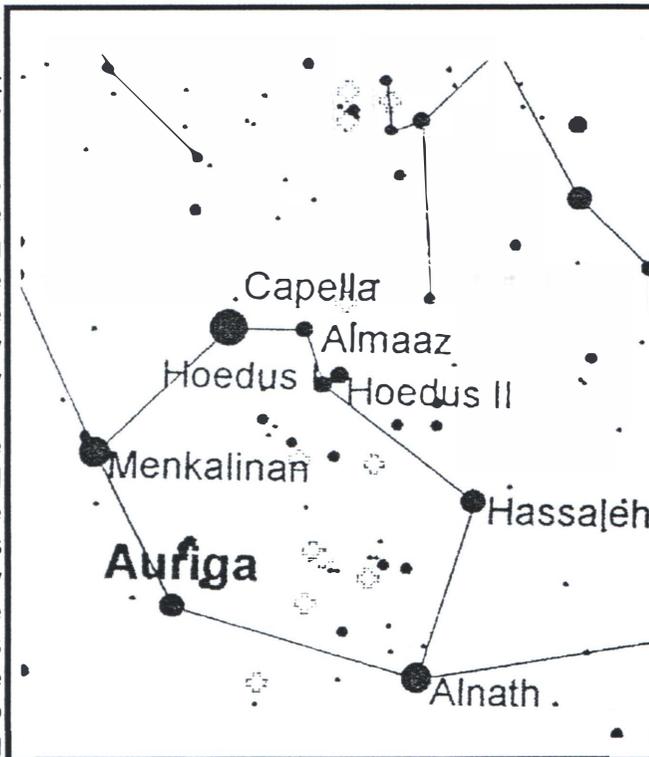
M - shorthand way of referring to a celestial object listed in the Messier Catalogue of 1774. The numbers assigned are still in common use today, alongside the numbers in the new general catalogue 1888 by Dreyer referred to as NGC. E.g. the Crab Nebula is M1 and NGC-1952.

#### News Update

Latest observation, hydrocarbon seas discovered on Titan, Saturn/s mysterious moon.

#### Giant Planet in Earth-Like Orbit

One of the latest finds is a giant planet orbiting the star Iota Hor located 56 light years away. in the southern constellation of Horologium (The Pendulum Clock) The new planet orbits the star every 320 days. However the orbit seems to be more elliptical than our planet. Iota Hor seems to be at least 720 times more massive than the earth, making it more than twice as heavy as Jupiter.



#### Sky Diary

**October.** The planets

Jupiter and Saturn rise in the night sky, before midnight and are well placed for observing. Meteor shower the Orionids is at maximum activity on the 21st, maximum hourly rate 25.

**November.** 3rd, Meteor shower Taurids hourly rate 10.

November 17th. maximum of the Leonid Meteor shower, rates do vary, and this is the shower, that has delivered, a meteor storm!

**December.** 13th. Meteor shower the Geminids maximum. Active between 7-16th December. Maximum rates of 100 per hour! 22nd of December. the winter solstice.

#### Constellation for Autumn Auriga.

Auriga is a large Constellation in the Northern Hemisphere. Dominated by the Star Capella which is the 6th brightest star in the entire sky, a yellow giant. Distance 42 light years away from us. M36 is a star cluster of 60 stars. M37 is the richest of the clusters in Auriga containing 150 stars. M38 is a large scattered cluster of about 100 stars. All can be observed with binoculars.

# Challenging UFO Secrecy: But Do We Want The Truth?

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**B**ritish newspapers on September 15, 1999 reported statements made the previous day by Dr. Jacqueline Mitton, an astronomer and press officer for the British Royal Astronomical Society. Announcing the release of "A Debunker's Guide to UFOs," Dr. Mitton declared that



there is no evidence whatsoever that Earth has ever been visited by beings from elsewhere. Moreover, she said, the persistent misguided belief in UFOs as alien spacecraft was having a negative effect upon those scientists who might wish to pursue a legitimate search for extraterrestrial life.

"There is very clear public support for such research," Dr. Mitton said, "but it is not supported by governments, who have been frightened off" -- presumably by the stigma associated with "little green men." Dr. Mitton made her public anti-UFO remarks in the company of an inflatable alien.

That respected scientists representing major scientific institutions can still offer such assurances at the turn of the millennium is testament to a very different myth than the one Dr. Mitton thinks is operative. For her and countless others like her, UFOs represent nothing more than a myth based on an accumulation of misperceptions, pseudo-science and the willingness of weak-minded, ignorant people to believe the absurd. But in point of fact, she is the one victimized by a myth -- the unexamined myth of "No Evidence." For it is hardly likely that Dr. Mitton has deeply examined and pondered the best UFO cases. Why should she, when her predisposition to declare UFOs absurd is the de facto correct attitude for a person of her station?

The myth of No Evidence is no accident. On the contrary, it is a Big Lie purposely created and assiduously cultivated over many decades. This is no longer the opinion of a

mere handful of conspiracy nuts, but a dawning recognition among leading thinkers in many fields. It is quietly discussed around the boardroom tables of giant corporations, out of earshot of the rank and file. It haunts the dreams of numerous scientists, military officers and politicians who have not yet figured out how to "come out of the closet" with their concerns. It is the boldly stated message of the ground-breaking UFO assessment issued in July 1999 by COMETA, a committee of leading French military figures and scientists who declare that some UFOs are not only real,

technological and likely of non-Earth origin, but also pose a serious challenge to international security and should be openly treated as such. (See story now posted at <http://www.cninews.com/1999/09/15/1999091501.htm>)

There is undoubtedly public momentum toward greater acceptance of the reality and importance of UFOs, and with it a growing boldness among some UFO activists to demand official disclosure. But in this regard, two important questions must be asked: 1) Can disclosure be forced by any reasonable means? and 2) If the unvarnished truth were told, would we the people be glad, or find ourselves wishing for a return to blissful ignorance?

Attorney Peter Gersten, through his organization Citizens Against UFO Secrecy, is testing the limits of the law and the courts to force disclosure of UFO secrets. Over the last 20 years, he has probably filed more lawsuits directly related to UFO secrecy than any other person in the United States.

As recently as September 14, 1999, he has filed a "Plaintiff's Memorandum of Law" defending his request that a judge in Phoenix, Arizona deny a motion by the U.S. Department of Defense for summary judgment (i.e. dismissal) of Gersten's previous request for release of documents that might shed light upon "the existence of triangular aerial object(s) with certain specific performance characteristics, in our skies for at least the last twenty years." Gersten argues that he has presented 33 eyewitness affidavits attesting to

such craft, spanning a period of 23 years up to and including 1999, and that such a body of affidavits "creates a Triable Issue as to the Reasonableness of the Search" allegedly conducted by the Department of Defense into this matter -- a search which the DoD says turned up nothing of note.

Based on the assumption that such flying objects undoubtedly exist, Gersten says, "an inference can be drawn that no matter what the object(s) origin or identity, the OJCS [Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff], because of its 'intelligence and security' responsibility... must have information about it. Not only must the defendant have information about the object(s), but due to its unusual appearance and highly sophisticated performance characteristics, the information should be easily retrievable. The fact that the defendant maintains there is no information about an object that is so apparently within the defendant's jurisdiction, is evidence of the unreasonableness of its search, notwithstanding the 'good faith' accorded the affidavits included with its Motion."

Gersten knows the law and is aggressive in pursuit of such remedies as the law can provide. If the legal playing field were a level one -- as those who put their faith in the rule of law must believe -- then the efforts of Peter Gersten, and others like him, should bear fruit.

But is the playing field level in this instance? Probably not. There is an impediment to "blind justice" -- and it can be called "Policy." That is what journalist Frank Rain calls it. The first installment of Rain's multi-part article titled "Kissing Through Glass: The Uneasy Relationship Between A Free Society and Its Secret-Keeper" appears in the current September 1999 issue of UFO Magazine (<http://www.ufomag.com>). In it, Rain points out that policy plays a special role in the handling of matters deemed significant to the national security. Setting up his argument, he writes: "Why is a discussion about something as decidedly unsexy as policy relevant to a magazine about UFOs? Because one cannot effectively understand the management of proprietary information inside government without first understanding that the single, determining factor for any transfer of that information beyond government is not reason, conscience or happenstance, but policy."

If policy is to not release information, then no amount of public action, legal or otherwise, will cause information to be released. What must

be recognized, Rain says, is that the UFO subject is not unique in this regard. He offers a stunning parallel, now historically certified, regarding president Franklin Roosevelt's handling of the fact that German submarines were sinking literally hundreds of ships with complete impunity just off the U.S. east coast during 1942. Rain writes:

"The White House was desperately concerned for a number of reasons: The war had come to within binocular distance of America, but we were still almost a year away from having adequate numbers of ships and planes available to protect our eastern waters. Further, the Roosevelt Administration feared that if word of the number and severity of the U-boat incursions were to become widely known, there was risk of a national panic.... Thus, lacking any course of corrective action, a policy of denial was enacted.

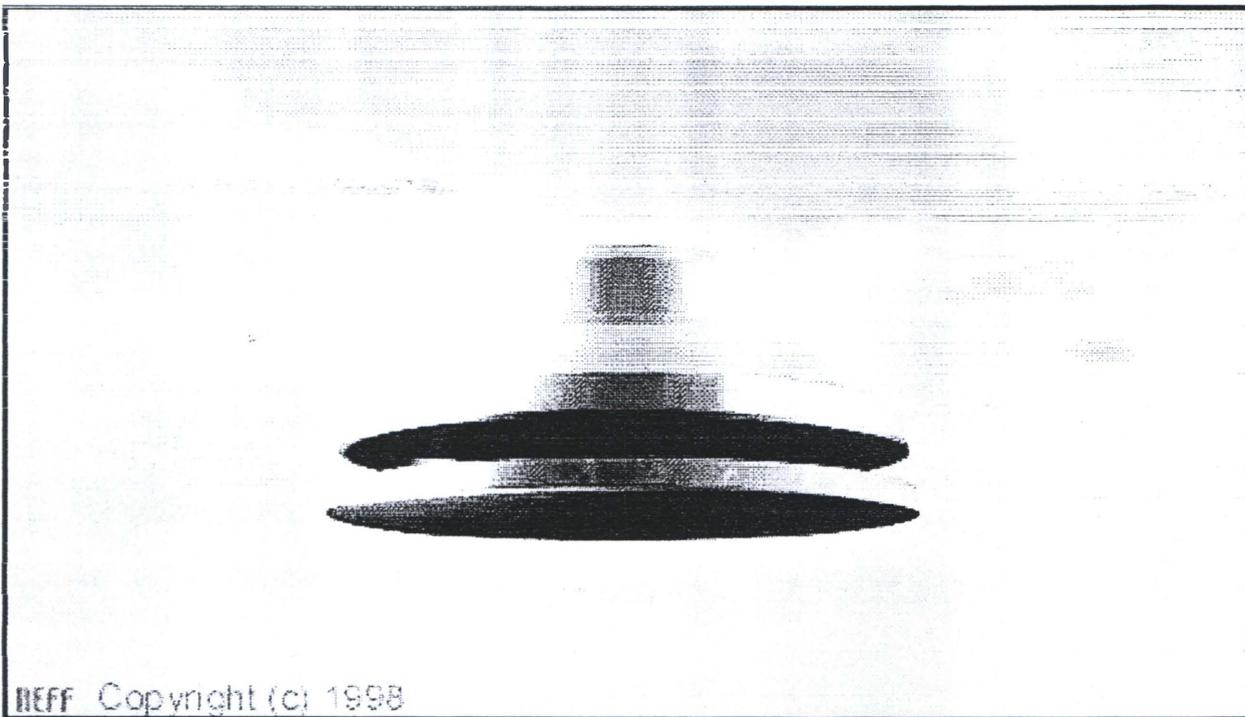
"First, an older admiral with no public profile, Adolphus Andrews, was put in charge of our eastern coastal defenses. Second, despite Andrews' repeated urgings for Washington to order coastal blackouts thereby making cargo ships more difficult to be seen against the shoreline, his requests were ignored so that the public's suspicions would not be raised. Third, certain trusted members of the eastern press were briefed about the situation and asked to refrain from reporting stories about it, which they agreed to do. Fourth, any report of German U-boat activity near the American coast was met with official skepticism or the reliability of the source questioned. Fifth, all evidence of torpedoed ships (wreckage and bodies) that washed up on shore was immediately impounded and disposed of by the military, while the local population was told that it was the result of a storm at sea and warned not to speak to anyone about it. And sixth, those who were in the government information loop on this policy were strongly informed that any breach of security would be considered treason, a crime punishable by execution....

"Today few Americans have even the slightest notion that between December, 1941 and September, 1942, 292 vessels were torpedoed and hundreds of merchant seamen lost, most within sight of American beaches." [For more information on this "hidden war," see Homer Hickam's "Torpedo Junction: U-Boat War Off America's East Coast, 1942" (Naval Institute Press, 1989; currently in Dell paperback, 1999)].

Anyone familiar with the general suppositions about the so-called UFO cover-up cannot help but notice the parallels with Roosevelt's campaign to dissuade the public from recognizing and reacting adversely to the very real peril of German submarine attacks. The submarines were real, they were seen by countless civilians along the eastern

change the policy, reasons arising among those secretive persons and agencies in whose hands the policies reside.

In attempting to assess the prospect that the policies themselves may change, allowing for disclosure of UFO-related information, we must ask: What might be the



seaboard, they sank nearly 300 ships with thousands of casualties -- and they were successfully denied. It was policy. It worked.

Examples like this are important, because without them (and perhaps even with them), most reasonable people would not believe such things are actually done by governments -- or if attempted, that they could succeed. But they are done, and they do succeed. That is the shocking truth.

Here at CNI News, we are absolutely convinced that some UFOs represent technological artifacts of non-human intelligence. We are absolutely convinced that non-human intelligent beings are present on and around planet Earth in significant numbers and are interacting with significant numbers of innocent civilians as well as various other of Earth's life forms, including livestock. And we are absolutely convinced that policies are in place to enforce the sequestering and denial of these facts, and that no amount of legal maneuvering is likely to overcome these policies any time soon -- unless, that is, there are compelling reasons to

operative suppositions behind the origin of the policies in the first place? Perhaps the U-Boat example is instructive again.

The U-Boats represented a covert alien force capable of doing much mischief with impunity. During the period 1941-42 at least, the United States had no effective military rejoinder to this threat. Thus, Roosevelt chose to act not upon the U-Boats but upon the perceptions and beliefs of the American people. There seems good reason to believe that a similar situation pertains with respect to UFOs -- with the difference that, in regard to the U-Boats, the Allies found remedies fairly quickly, but regarding UFOs, no such remedies are at hand. At least, we may entertain this as a reasonable possibility.

Roosevelt was afraid the American people would panic. The CIA, in its Robertson Panel report of 1953, drew the same conclusion regarding public response to UFOs. Some skeptics continue to doubt that the invocation of public panic is sufficient to justify a UFO cover-up, but their doubts are frankly absurd. If more proof were needed, we have been

shown this year in the public pronouncements of the Clinton administration regarding the possible effects of Y2K -- that our national leadership is far more concerned to quell potential panic (in the form of "hoarding food" or "running on the banks") than they are to tell the unvarnished truth about Y2K. Indeed, we the

people seem to be The Government's biggest problem. Our presumed proclivity to become irrational, unpredictable and potentially destructive at the first sign of trouble is THE problem which official policies of denial are designed to treat.

Whether "the aliens" are actually benign or malevolent is a moot point if, as officially supposed, the tendency of most humans would be to "shoot first and ask questions later." It is not at all clear that such a response would really occur under all variations of alien disclosure. But a conservative policy, based on the precedence of national security above all other values, might assume as much.

More to the point, it cannot be ignored that the "reality" of alien activity on planet Earth might not be entirely benign. Even if not actually hostile, the methods and motives of some non-human entities might have the net effect of terrorizing most humans if directly perceived. In that case, would it be wise and good to tell us all "the truth"?

Linda Moulton Howe is one investigator who has specialized in the seeming dark side of non-human intelligent activities, especially with regard to "unusual animal deaths" or surgical livestock mutilations. Explanations aside, such events occur with alarming regularity on the ranches and farms of America, and in many other countries. Occasional efforts to explain away the grotesquely precise excisions on these animals as predator attacks, disease, lightning strikes or even cult activity are pitifully, laughably inadequate. Overwhelming evidence shows that these animals are operated upon in a highly intelligent and methodical way, for purposes unknown, by an agency that comes and goes with absolute stealth, leaving no sign of its presence or identity save the marks on the animals themselves. And, very often, it is obvious that the animal's corpse came to its final resting spot after being lowered from the air -- as, for example, a huge bull found recently on a ranch in South Dakota, draped neatly over a barbed-wire fence. (Linda Howe's most recent

investigations of unusual animal deaths are posted at her website: [www.earthfiles.com/cornh048.htm](http://www.earthfiles.com/cornh048.htm).)

It is Linda Howe's belief, expressed in a recent conversation with this writer, that "People want the government to tell the truth, but they don't want to know the truth if it's bad."

Is she right? I dare say yes, based on attitudes expressed to me by readers of my own publications. One example: a man who recently sampled my Global Situation Report, which factually tracks environmental trends, global conflicts and similar issues, offered this reason for not subscribing: "Who needs this grief? Head in the sand? No, not quite. But I am not going to wallow in possible disasters." In the face of admittedly uncomfortable facts, this man willfully chooses denial. He is hardly alone.

Let's conclude with a quick speculative scorecard:

- 1) Do The People "need to know" about UFOs? Probably not.
- 2) Would The People actually be happier knowing the whole truth about UFOs? Possibly not.
- 4) Does The Government have any compelling reason at this time to change its presumed policy of denial regarding UFOs? Probably not.
- 5) Can civil actions provoke The Government to make UFO disclosures in the absence of a change in policy? Probably not.
- 6) Shall we therefore despair of ever learning the truth about UFOs?

Perhaps surprisingly to some, my answer to this last question is: Certainly not. CNI News is predicated on the perception that our collective understanding of matters relating to the existence and nature of extraterrestrial life is growing today at an unprecedented rate. At the same time, various political, social and environmental pressures are also building rapidly. These are pre-conditions for potentially massive and sudden changes in social attitudes and even government behavior. Even if the truth is not forthcoming, we are well justified in pursuing it. At any moment, something unexpected might occur. But, again, we must prepare (as best we can) for the possibility that "the truth" might not be exactly as we'd like it.

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# 'EXTRATERRESTRIAL CONTACT: THE EVIDENCE AND IMPLICATIONS'

AN INTRODUCTION  
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On December 13 1993, my wife and I flew to Washington DC to meet with President Clinton's first CIA Director, James Woolsey. The cover story for this meeting was simply a small dinner party consisting of CIA Director Woolsey and his wife, Dr. Sue Woolsey (Chief Operating Officer of the National Academy of Sciences) and our host and his wife. Shortly before the meeting, we learned that I was to be the first person to brief the Director of Central Intelligence on the subject of UFOs and extraterrestrial intelligence: Woolsey had made inquiries but had received no information on the subject from any official government channels.



Naturally, I came prepared with a large brief case filled with case evidence, witness testimony, photographs and video footage of UFOs, government documents and the like. After a few introductions and pleasantries, we got right to business.

I learned that the CIA Director and his wife had actually seen one of these UFOs in New Hampshire in the late 1960s, in broad daylight. So after about 10 or 15 minutes of presenting the evidence, Mr. Woolsey said, in effect, 'Yes, I know they exist. Now talk to me about what all of this means'.

This book is all about what does all of this mean. While this book certainly presents some compelling case evidence, smoking gun government documents and photographs, the core of this book is really about meaning. Any open minded person can peruse a handful of these cases, government documents and authenticated photographs and conclude, as Mr. Woolsey did, that there is something very real going on here. But now for the interesting part: Why are they here, how has the secrecy

been maintained, what are the implications to our society, and what will disclosure of these facts mean. How do these devices travel through interstellar space and get someplace in a life form's natural life time and how can you communicate in real time through many light years of space, and....

Presented here, then, are a collection of papers which attempt to elucidate these and many other critical issues. The evidence is really the easy part: making some sense of it is what is truly challenging. This book is just such an attempt, one which I offer with the caveat that this is only an initial attempt to unravel one of the greatest mysteries of all time. It is a work in progress. And as we stand on the eve of the next millennium, we can only peer dimly into a reality that is showing us our future.

And so it was that on that night in December 1993, we spent two and a half hours with the CIA Director and the Chief Operating Officer of the National Academy of Sciences discussing the meaning behind the mysteries. I remember

discussing geo-political implications of disclosing this matter fully to the public. I remember elucidating the implications of disclosing extraterrestrial technologies which could replace all of the sources of pollution in the world. I remember discussing how religious figures might react to such a disclosure. But one of my fondest memories is of Dr. Sue Woolsey asking, "But how do they communicate through the great distances of space?" I swallowed hard and for an instance contemplated not telling her the truth. But then quickly I realized that if she was perceptive enough to ask the question, perhaps she was ready for the answer. Whereupon I said to her: "Their communications systems are

technologies which interfaces with aspects of reality closely associated with what we would call mind and thought, and this spectrum of reality bypasses linear time and space totally...". And to my astonishment, Dr. Woolsey smiled and said, "I thought it had to be something like that."

She got it. And I am sure that you will too.

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## Greer Blasts Former CIA Director Woolsey Over UFO Meeting

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**T**onight I was asked by the editor of a small UFO newsletter (CNI News) to comment on a recent letter signed by former CIA Director R. James Woolsey et al regarding my meeting with him on December 13, 1993. Apparently, this letter was sent to Michael Lindemann for publication in the September 30 edition of the CNI newsletter.

Mr. Woolsey and the others question the accuracy ( or manners) of my depiction of this meeting in the introduction of my new book "Extraterrestrial Intelligence: The Evidence and Implications" ([www.DrGreer.com](http://www.DrGreer.com)). You can read this introduction on the website for yourself. Mr. Woolsey et al have a very selective memory of this nearly 3 hour briefing of a sitting CIA Director. If anything, and my wife who was present can attest to this, my description of the meeting is incredibly understated.

In his letter, Mr. Woolsey (now apparently a lobbyist in Washington) implies that this was

not a briefing but only a dinner party, and that the dinner party was not a cover story for the briefing, etc.

It must be understood that it was a friend of the CIA Director, Mr. Petersen - not myself - who characterized the dinner party as a cover story for the meeting with the CIA Director. Indeed, Mr. Petersen made the arrangements for this meeting and hosted it at his home in Arlington VA . He told me and my wife that even his wife did not know Mr. Woolsey was coming to their home for dinner until the morning of the briefing.

They claim my characterization and specific references describing the meeting were inaccurate. Not at all.

Quoting from a sensitive memo FedEx'ed to my home from Mr. Petersen, who made all of the arrangements with the CIA Director:

"I talked to Woolsey this morning and he (underlined in the original) suggested getting together over dinner. He was not aware of your organization or that anyone was planning such an announcement {regarding UFOs/smg}. This almost certainly means that, 1)there is an active attempt being made at lower levels of government to sabotage Project Starlight {the CSETI UFO disclosure effort/smg}, 2) this group almost certainly has

tapped your phones and is aware of most of the details of your plans..."

"If we do have dinner with Jim (Woolsey), we will have moved this whole thing to a much , much higher plane and in doing so raised significant red flags for those who don't want to see this succeed. Operation Starlight will become a serious (underlined) threat to the status quo."

"Meetings with people like Woolsey must be kept very closely guarded. I have not even told Diane {Mr. Petersen's wife/smg} about it."

"You must understand that great principalities and powers will oppose your

plans..."

Then, all in bold: " Remember: the most powerful people in the world will have a deep,



compelling interest in our activities and will use everything (in italics) at their disposal to effect their objectives."

And so forth.

Mr. Petersen, who heads up a national security think tank called The Arlington Institute, was working very closely with me during those days and had substantial experience in national security and military matters.

From the above quotes it is obvious that this was no mere dinner party! The dinner party was only the cover - and the stakes were and are every bit what Mr. Petersen describes.

As for other information contested in Mr. Woolsey's letter, I stand by the account. Regarding Mr. Woolsey's UFO sighting: This was first conveyed to me by his long-time friend Mr. Petersen and was later confirmed at the briefing.

In my new book, I reproduce the document handed to Mr. Woolsey during the briefing. In this document, which I handed personally to him, we recommend that Mr. Woolsey and the President move decisively towards a near-term disclosure of the UFO/ETI matter. Just a dinner party?

I am certain that Mr. Woolsey knew the UFOs were real and that a very deep cover project was running that area - a project which had kept the CIA Director himself in the dark.

Later in their letter, Mr. Woolsey et al complain that my conduct "contravenes ... simple manners". Manners? I was on Larry King Live over 9 months after the meeting with the CIA Director. But this meeting was not disclosed, because Mr. Woolsey was still in office and I felt decorum necessitated silence regarding such meetings. I have behaved with the utmost restraint and have disclosed such matters only after very careful consideration. Indeed, I would not be writing this letter except that Lindemann at CNI plans to publish Mr. Woolsey's 'sanitized' account of the briefing and has compelled me to write. (Why Mr. Woolsey et al would make such a letter available to Lindemann is beyond me.) I made no pact of silence regarding such meetings. And since disclosing this meeting, I have always portrayed Mr. Woolsey and his wife as people seeking the truth of such matters and as people who wanted excessive secrecy ended. Perhaps I was wrong...

Manners? Indeed - if anything, perhaps I have been too restrained.

Good 'manners' as it pertains to this subject

means speaking the truth - and being willing to stand up for it. Good manners would be public servants such as Mr. Woolsey, Dr. Woolsey and others doing the right thing and working ardently for the truth to be told regarding UFOs and ETI. Good manners should mean being more concerned for the health of our democracy and the constitution than covering-up the import and purpose of such a briefing. And good manners would be joining in the effort to disclose a matter which, once made public, would allow earth-saving technologies to be revealed which would halt the wholesale destruction of our eco-system.

As a very busy emergency doctor in NC, with 4 young daughters, I assure you that we did not make that brief trip to Washington DC on December 13, 1993 to sight-see or just to have dinner. But rather, we made that journey to plead for the end of super - secret projects which are being withheld from the people so that our democracy could be made whole and our children's future made sustainable.

The current attempt to minimize, obfuscate or cover-up the purpose and details of this briefing with the CIA Director is quite disconcerting - and strange. Why Mr. Woolsey and the others would write such a letter is unknown to me. We can only speculate. I stand by my account. But now, perhaps the time has come for "we the people" to demand that current and former officials such as CIA Director Woolsey and the President be held responsible for the the lack of action on resolving this most pressing problem. After all, we pay their salaries, provide their perks - and they represent us. It is not I who needs defense. My actions over these long years have spoken my commitment. But we still await action from our elected and appointed officials. As the earth groans under the weight of the erosive and corrupting influences of big money and special interests, I wonder just how much longer we shall have to wait...

I think it is time that the American people demand that the waiting time be over.

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# Latest Experiences of Whitley Strieber

By Whitley Strieber

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A couple of months ago, I quit putting material up on (the) website. The reason was that I was so overwhelmed with work that something had to go. Art and I were finishing our book, I was learning how

to host a radio program, a lot of personal things were happening, and I was having the most intense series of contact experiences that have come my way in years.

It is these experiences that I want to talk about now. One would have thought that, after all these years, they would have changed their structure somewhat, becoming more focused and defined. If you'd asked me in 1989 what my contact experiences would be like in 1999, I would probably have predicted that they would be more direct and "normal" than they were then.

What has actually happened is very different. I went through a period from 1989 through 1994 where my encounters were indeed becoming more clear and defined. It got to a point that I was interacting with one particular individual on an almost daily basis. We hardly ever saw him, but his presence in our cabin was so obvious that even my wife Anne's resolute skepticism was broken.

He and I used to meet in a room in a quiet part of the house. He would never get near me, except from behind. Sometimes he would lay his hands on my shoulders. But if I even thought about turning around, he would be gone. Other times, he would appear across the room, and disappear if I moved toward him. His primary interest was in working on meditation with me. He taught me to open my mind in such a way that ideas could come into it from the outside.

He was highly moral and extremely interested in my moral life. He was extremely concerned that I be faithful in my marriage, and the least suggestion that I might not be-for which he



was always digging-would elicit the most appalling rage. I've been loyal to Anne and very much in love with her ever since we met, so this never went anywhere. But I cannot really imagine what his wrath would have been like if I had in any way besmirched my marriage vow. In fact, the only two times I have ever really felt threatened by the visitors, it was over this issue.

After a relentless assault on my finances that lasted three years, which I am going to write about in detail soon, I was forced to leave my cabin forever. I also left my teacher behind, which was a hard thing to do, because I had come to love him and to value his interest in me very highly. I remember our last night together, I begged him to help me and somehow get me the money so I could stay, but he would not help.

So I left, and since then I have not had a teacher. I have been on my own. Worse, after I moved to Texas, my contacts immediately diminished. I was heartbroken, but I tried to put as brave a face on it as possible. Still, consider what I had lost. I'd had a teacher literally from another world or a higher level of reality. What an incredible, wonderful privilege. And what hideous agony to have to give it up.

Even though I haven't had a teacher, my work has progressed explosively here in San Antonio. I have been able to advance implant research, for example, in ways that never would have been possible in upstate New York.

And my contact experiences have changed, also... which gets me to recent events. In April, I had a rather crazy and astonishing thing happen. I woke up, and there was a small man standing beside my bed, who appeared to be southeast Asian. He was wearing shorts and a white t-shirt, and he was absolutely terrified. I sat up in bed. Understand, he was no hallucination. There wasn't any question about this at all. He was a real, physically solid human being. The poor guy was so terrified that I took his hand in mine. I tried to reassure him, but all I could do was look into those frozen eyes. That was, I believe, the most awful terror I have ever seen. I had not seen them and I did not see them now, but when I

took his hand, a young-sounding voice said from the dark of the hall: "he always does that."

The next thing I knew, everything was black. I was lying back in the bed, and I had the impression that this man was being taught to do something to me. There was no physical sensation. I did not feel alarmed, and while the event was happening, I found myself thinking, 'he's a student.'

What he may have been learning, though, I have no idea.

About a month later, three dark figures entered the bedroom and began trying to force me out of the bed. I struggled and fought, awakening Anne, who proceeded to get up and go to the bathroom. The next morning, she vaguely remembered the battle, but could add nothing more. I eventually blacked out in this case, too. The visitors had withdrawn when she awoke, only to return again later, despite the fact that I had told her what had happened: she had actually waked up in the middle of an abduction and interrupted it. After hearing me say, 'the visitors are still in the house,' she promptly fell asleep again!

This commenced what appears to have been a period of communication

s, but I cannot say in a completely clear way what it has all meant. It proceeds along the lines of a grammar that is unfamiliar to me.

However, I have come away from it all with a growing conviction that things are changing between us and the visitors. My impression is that there is going to be an environmental break of some kind soon that is going to stun the world, followed by an increase both in contacts between us and the visitors and in the richness of communication.

I have always sensed that two things are necessary for us to increase our communications with them, and ultimately to achieve a cosmic presence for mankind. The

first of these is to close the gap between us. To do that, we must develop our own propulsion system that is capable of transporting large numbers of us across the vast distances of space cheaply and easily; we must also come to understand and use the same means of communication that the visitors use, so that we can make ourselves heard on their level.

The second thing that has to happen is that we have to see the need. The only thing I can think of that might work is an environmental break that sends us a message that we cannot deny, that is, I believe, also the message of the visitors: unless we make it off the planet and into the higher world, our future is to decline and die as we use the earth up.

We're on a spaceship that is running out of supplies. Time to broaden our horizons. So, even though I can hardly manage to describe the nature of the communications I am now having with the visitors, the message could not be more clear.

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## **Whitley Strieber Rallies UFO Faithful - Rails Against 'Denial'**

By Robert Scott Martin  
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After being honored as "UFOlogist of the Year" at this year's National UFO Conference, horror novelist turned contactee Whitley Strieber took advantage of the spotlight to berate unbelievers and captivate an audience of UFO faithful.

Strieber, who rarely makes public appearances, accepted the commemorative plaque from conference chairman Jim Moseley on Saturday night. In particular, Moseley -- a veteran of a half-century in the UFO field -- praised Strieber's role in bringing UFO phenomena to a new generation of readers.

Strieber had earned the honor -- the highest and only award given out by the National UFO Conference, or NUFOC -- "for bringing the UFO enigma to the public awareness and expanding public understanding of the Gray aliens -- such as it is -- in a tremendously enhanced way," Moseley said.

Previous winners of the award, which is bestowed annually at the national conference,

include such luminaries as J. Allan Hynek, Karl Pflock, John Keel and Jenny Randles.

Strieber received the praise with a mixture of gratitude toward the UFO community and rancor toward cultural forces that have abandoned the phenomena of flying saucers and alien abduction stories to the scientific ghetto.

He noted that the last such honor he had received was a Caldecott award in 1985, and that his career had swerved quite far from the "awards track" soon thereafter as he suffered the experiences that would later become the book *Communion*.

Describing the UFOlogical field as "rejected knowledge," he lulled a crowd of more than 200 people -- many of whom had come to the conference solely to see him, and had ignored other speakers -- with the nuanced vowels and punched delivery of his recent radio training with UFO-radio kingpin Art Bell, on whose syndicated "Dreamland" program he now serves as permanent guest host.

Rejected knowledge

"I am a missionary for rejected knowledge," he said. "Our interest marks us as a little less well-educated a little more primitive."

"I've gone beyond the edge. I've received 300,000 letters from people with similar experiences" of being contacted, abducted and manipulated by alien "visitors," he said.

"Somebody's having a close encounter right now. Somebody's seeing a UFO right now, in this very area. Somebody's getting abducted." Strieber likened the fact that these encounters rarely reach the media mainstream except as objects of derision to a society-wide act of "denial."

"We are a culture in denial," he told the spellbound housewives, retirees and teenagers who thronged the crowd. "There is no place to fit this in the socio-emotional construct (but) the silence is becoming a desperate one. Something's going on here."

The seminal abduction case

More than any UFO encounter in the last four decades, Strieber's experience with the uncanny visitors that lurk behind the impassive masks of the now-ubiquitous "Gray aliens" has transformed the way we think about aliens and flying saucers, what they are and what they want from us.

With his 1985 work *Communion*, Strieber began an increasingly hermetic literary journey into mythic autobiography, relating his UFO experiences -- often harrowing,

grotesque or just plain inexplicable -- to an audience that multiplied with each best-selling volume.

Taken together, the books blend existing alien lore with new wrinkles of

degradation and longing for the security of metaphysical truth to paint an epic canvas of the alien as capricious, dimension-traveling scientist-trickster, slipping into windows late at night to play with the monstrous toys of human lives.

The image of the alien abductor became one of the enduring myths of the already apocalyptic 1990s, and Strieber insists that it's all true.

"The French have what they consider incontrovertible evidence of something unknown in the atmosphere flying around," he told his San Antonio audience. "There's no question the United States keeps something secret about this. I think it's the biggest secret they're keeping, and it's something wrong."

Once again, he narrated the 1985 encounter with the alien that had at first caused him to doubt his sanity, then launched into a videotape presentation of evidence accumulated since then.

"Why Do We Deny It?"

The presentation, titled "Why Do We Deny It?", began with footage that may have looked almost commonplace to an audience hungry for the spectacle and bloodletting of one more alien autopsy, one more story of sexual experimentation from beyond.

A glowing sphere lopes across the night sky over Camarillo, CA, on Thanksgiving, 1998. With a long rigid projection fixed at a skewed angle and tipped with a smaller spherical projection, it is unlikely to be a weather



balloon. It teases the camera, then explodes in a blast of flaming debris.

Space shuttle video taken aboard STS-80 in 1986 reveals a bright, comet-like flash leaping from the ground near Sao Paulo into space. Later, lights and flares dance in the sky over the Amazon during a thunderstorm. None of these phenomena, Strieber said, have been identified.

A will-o-the-wisp wanders through the streets of a Latin American city in a rooftop video allegedly taken by a 9-year-old boy. "Is this a flock of geese?" Strieber asked the crowd. "I always liked that explanation."

A glowing shape in the dark that Strieber said was an alien captured on film in someone's backyard turns, then hunches away from the camera.

In an urban medical facility, a doctor digs into an ear that Strieber identified as his own in search of an implant left there by persons unknown. The object retreats from the doctor's tools, forcing the attempt to remove it to end in failure and disbelief.

After this, there was nothing left but for the screen to go black. Whether we buy into Strieber's rather sketchily introduced "evidence" or not, it certainly made for good theater -- the audience clearly bought into the rhythm, flash and mystery of the presentation. The question of whether they were watching a tent-revival miracle or a reel of saucer porn seemed somehow beside the point.

#### Where It Ends Up

At the end, right before the fans rose up to share a few words with the primal abductee and perhaps get an autograph or see the implant scar, Strieber explained the structure of the film.

"It starts at a distance," he said, with the lights in the sky that simply float without connection to human beings or anything else -- this is their power and their chief allure.

Then, the camera pulls in closer and closer, into the streets and backyards and doctors' offices we know.

"Closer to you, because that's where this ends up," Strieber said, adding that it should come as no surprise that the aliens now seem fascinated with the inner workings of human bodies.

"If we went to another planet and found another intelligent species," he said, "what would be our highest level of interest? Us, unless there's a higher intelligence on this planet."

#### Hall of mirrors

That said, it's interesting that Strieber's tour from the cosmic to the personal -- perhaps unconsciously, perhaps deliberately -- mirrored the history of UFO contact in this century.

Like Strieber's aliens, the UFO story began with sightings from afar, fleeting glimpses of distant ships and glowing objects in the sky. In the 1940s and early 1950s, researchers paid little heed to stories of landings, and not even the Air Force would consider reports of abductions as valid cases.

Then, as the years wore on and the body of UFO literature grew, the saucers themselves receded to the background of the stories, to be replaced first by landings, then by sightings of the actual aliens themselves -- the proximity of our encounters narrowed as we became accustomed to the aliens (or they became bored with us).

In time, witnesses became bold enough to engage the aliens -- which we had previously only watched from behind trees and rocks -- in increasingly extensive conversation.

And then the reports of humans being brought aboard UFOs for experimentation or picked out for long-term manipulation began to gather momentum. Simultaneously, the "alien autopsy" ascended to glory as the most visceral evidence that we are not alone in the universe.

To sum up his opinion on the aliens' motivations for toying with humans in increasingly intimate ways, Strieber said the UFO entities were most likely trying to preserve the novelty of an encounter with another intelligent race -- humanity -- as long as possible.

"If aliens were to come to this planet, they would be extremely secretive," he said. "Any race with the power to travel on such a scale would of necessity be completely knowledgeable. They would be searching the cosmos for the new, and the newest experience imaginable would be that provided by other intelligence."

No matter what the aliens are -- social constructs of millennial angst, uncanny visitors from elsewhere, extraterrestrials -- our relationship works both ways.

Who is experimenting on whom? Who is growing bored with whom?

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# Arthur C. Clarke's Vision of The Future: Part One

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**D**espite all claims to the contrary, no one can predict the future, and I have always resisted all attempts to label me a "prophet." I prefer "extrapolator." What I have tried to do, at least in my non-fiction, is outline possible "futures" - at the same time pointing out that totally unexpected inventions or events can make any forecasts absurd after a very few years. The classic example is the statement in the late 1940s by the chairman of IBM then that the world market for computers was about five. I have more in my own office, and they are still breeding like rabbits . . .

But perhaps I'm in no position to criticize Thomas Watson Sr. In *Transit of Earth* (1971), I put the first Mars landing in 1994: now we'll be lucky if we make it by 2010. On the other hand, when *Prelude to Space* was published in 1951, I thought I was being wildly optimistic by suggesting a moon mission in 1978. Neil and Buzz beat me by almost a decade.

Still, I take a modest pride in the fact that communications satellites are placed exactly where I suggested in 1945, and that the name "Clarke Orbit" is now often used, if only because it's easier to say than "geostationary orbit." And the chapter "The Century Syndrome" in my 1990 novel *The Ghost from the Grand Banks*, may well have been the first account, outside the technical literature, of the now-dreaded Millennium Bug - its cause and its cure.

Even so, the chronology that follows should be given with a "health warning." Some of the events listed (particularly the space missions) are already scheduled, and will occur on the actual dates given. I believe all the other events could happen, although several, I hope, will not.

In spite of the temptation, I have omitted many interesting and all-too-possible disasters, because optimism about the future is always desirable; it may help to create a self-fulfilling prophecy.

Check me for accuracy - on December 31, 2100.

2001 Jan. 1 The next millennium and century begin.

- Cassini spaceprobe (launched October 1997; arrives Saturn July 2000) begins exploration of the planet's moons and rings.

- Galileo probe (launched October 1989) continues surveying Jupiter and its moons. Life beneath the ice-covered oceans of Europa appears increasingly likely.

2002 The first commercial device producing clean, safe power by low-temperature nuclear reactions goes on the market, heralding the end of the Fossil-Fuel Age. Economic and geopolitical earthquakes follow, and, for their discovery of so-called "Cold Fusion" in 1989, Pons and Fleischmann receive the Nobel Prize for Physics.

2003 The motor industry is given five years to replace all fuel-burning engines by the new energy device.

- NASA's robot Mars Surveyor (carrying Lander and Rover) is launched.

2004 The first (publicly admitted) human clone.

2007 NASA's Next Generation Space Telescope (successor to the Hubble) launched.

- President Chandrika Kumaratunga gets the Nobel Prize for restoring peace to Sri Lanka.

2009 A city in North Korea is devastated by the accidental explosion of an A-bomb. After a brief debate in the U.N., all nuclear weapons are destroyed. 2019 A major meteor impact occurs on the North Polar icecap. There is no loss of human life, but the resulting tsunamis cause considerable damage along the coasts of Greenland and Canada. The long-discussed Project Spaceguard, to identify and deflect any potentially dangerous comets or asteroids, is finally activated

2010 The first Quantum Generators (tapping space energy) are developed. Available in portable and household units from a few kilowatts upward, they can produce electricity indefinitely. Central power stations close down; the age of pylons ends as grid systems are dismantled.

- In spite of protests against "Big Brother" government, electronic monitoring virtually removes professional criminals from society.

2011 Largest living animal filmed: a 75-meter octopus in the Mariana Trench. By a curious coincidence, later that same year even larger marine creatures are discovered when the first robot probes drill through the ice of Europa, and an entire new biota is revealed.



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