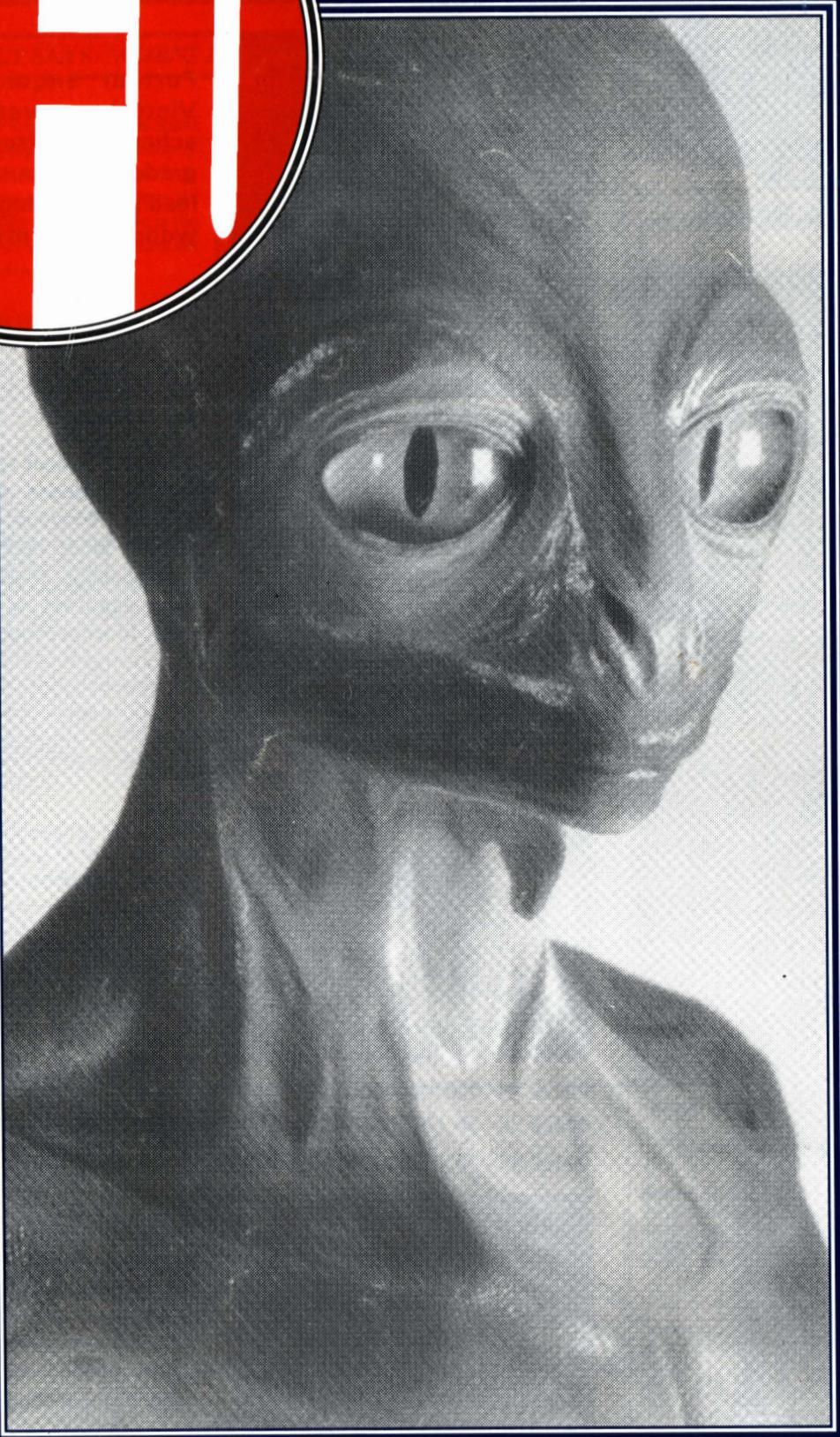




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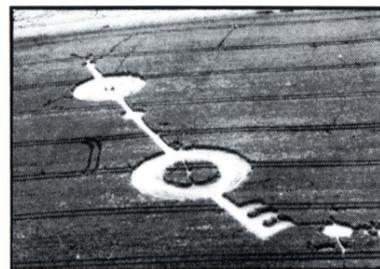
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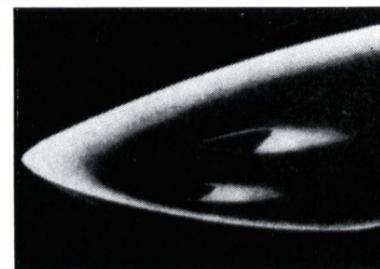
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A grisly series of killings has left the headless carcasses of more than thirty seals off beaches in the Orkneys, baffling police and animal welfare officers...

Letters to the Editor

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An extraordinary 'wave' of UFO sightings during the last three years has astonished Belgium government officials and scientists alike. Wim Van Utrecht casts a critical eye over a recent publication produced by the main investigating group, *SOBEPS*.

Mary Corr

EDITORIAL

COLONEL HALT SAYS: 'ALIENS DID LAND IN 1980'

Welcome to a brand new look Quest International *UFO magazine*. In keeping with our philosophy to bring readers the very best in UFO literature, we have invested in some of the most advanced desk-top publishing equipment available in the world today, which will see the organisation well into the next century.

As part of our continuing strategy and marketing aims, the appearance of the magazine has been enhanced significantly in order that British ufology has at last, a publication that can compare favourably with some of our larger American counterparts, and others around the world.

We hope to impress upon the public and media, not forgetting those in government, that our magazine represents a strong body of opinion in this country who believe that a sensible, professional approach and attitude to the UFO subject is the right and proper course to follow.

Speaking of the media, it now appears certain that Today newspaper played a substantial part in down-grading the seriousness of the crop circle phenomenon with its 'revelations' concerning Doug Bower and Dave Chorley on September 9th 1991.

The 'Simply Covert' article in the last issue of Quest International, Volume 10 No.6 by Armen Victorian, certainly pointed in that direction. His latest findings can leave little doubt that this was the case, and begs the question: who was behind this disinformation exercise and what were their motives? Cynics have often accused us, of being paranoid and conspiracy theorists in the past, but what say they now?

Ten years ago, newspapers like Today, and pranksters such as Doug and Dave, might have succeeded in pulling-the-wool over many people's eyes, but the investigator of the nineties is a different proposition to those of the past, as journalists on the Today newspaper have found to their chagrin. Their attempts to make gentlemen like Colin Andrews and Pat Delgado appear fatuous in the eyes of the world, was a disgraceful ploy, and I'm delighted that the characters of both men remain unblemished.

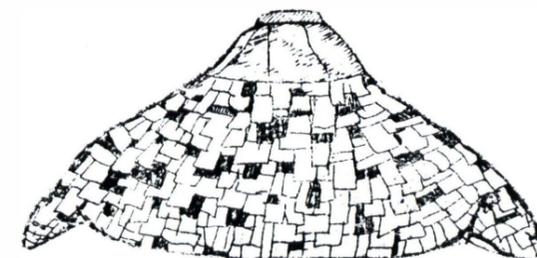
Just how much damage has been done to serious crop circle research remains to be seen, for the media have yet to fully expose the wrong doings of one of their brethren. However, I am fairly certain that over the next

twelve months, every available media opportunity that presents itself to 'cereologists' will see them denounce last years attempts at discrediting their subject.

Recent disclosures by the legendary Charles I. Halt, former Deputy Base Commander at the joint USAF complex at RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge in Suffolk, England, have sent shock waves around the world. On the 13th January 1981, he wrote an official memorandum describing fantastic events that took place outside the perimeters of RAF Woodbridge. Now, over a decade later, he has gone 'public' and disclosed on American television that an alien craft did indeed make a landing in December 1980, shortly after Christmas Day.

What are we to make of this? Why should he make such an announcement now? These and so many other questions are poised to be raised in the very near future by a somewhat battered and bruised UFO fraternity who, tired of deceit and disinformation afforded them in the past, will put his every word under the microscope.

Personally speaking, as I have argued time and time again, one should treat revelations pertaining to UFO matters issued by current and former military figures in the main with a pinch of salt, particularly those individuals who come out of the closet after years of absence, but we shall see. Negotiations are in hand to make this possible, and Quest International has been invited to play a lead role. If we learn of any developments, we shall announce them either in the magazine, or by means of a special circular to subscribers.



THE UNIDENTIFIED 'ALIEN VEHICLE'
WHICH ALLEGEDLY CRASHED
CARRYING SEVERAL OCCUPANTS

THE RENDLESHAM FOREST UFO CRASH



GRAHAM W. BIRDSALL

FACT FILE ON THE RENDLESHAM FOREST UFO CRASH - 1980

Whilst massive research by civilian UFO investigators undoubtedly gave rise to something extremely unusual occurring near RAF Woodbridge, no accurate date has been established, other than between Christmas Day and New Years Eve 1980.

According to both base personnel and local residents, numerous lights were seen between these dates, including several targets picked up by radar. On one of the nights, a luminous UFO was seen moving between trees in the nearby Forest of Rendlesham. USAF security guards left the confines of RAF Woodbridge in an attempt to identify the intruder. After locating the object, which, allegedly changed shape, unidentified figures were seen leaving the device.

'Deep throat sources' claim Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt actually conversed with the occupants, a charge consistently denied by the USAF authorities. Nevertheless, Halt did pen a most remarkable letter advising the British MoD of the event, and describing a UFO with a 'blue bank of lights'. Known today as the 'HALT MEMO' the MoD and USAF refuse to elaborate on the document.

Many researchers believe the meeting was pre-arranged, due to a malfunction within the UFO's propulsion system. An alleged cargo plane complete with components purportedly flew from Germany to the NATO related air base. There is however no firm evidence to suggest this occurred.

Many fine books recording the events of Britain's most famous UFO crash have been written, including 'SKYCRASH' by Brenda Butler, Dot Street, and Jenny Randles. (Grafton 1986).

UFO magazine has a complete package available relating to the case, including a fine tape recording made by Colonel Halt inside Rendlesham Forest, and surrounding area.

UFO WORLD

AN INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF ALL THE LATEST NEWS AND CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

VIVIENNE OLBISON

FAMOUS UFO INCIDENT IS 'OFFICIALLY' RECOGNISED

Unlike most UFO reports which often fade into obscurity, the 'Livingston Incident', has been 'officially' recognised by Livingston Development Corporation, Scotland, in 1991.

Bob Taylor, a local forester, stumbled across two circular UFO's whilst walking through woods in November 1979. The encounter received world-wide press coverage, partially due to the undeniable honesty of the witness, plus physical evidence on a scale previously unheard of in Britain.

Taylor, who has appeared on television and radio on numerous occasions described the UFO's in much clarity. Seen during daylight hours, he watched in horror as two objects a few feet in diameter, and displaying numerous 'spikes' rolled towards him. A strong smell of sulphur filled the air. Suddenly, Taylor collapsed and cannot recall what happened next. He managed to walk home, where his wife - on seeing his distressed face, was presented with a story which has subsequently baffled UFO research and science ever since.

Local police, convinced an incident-of-sorts did occur, found two strange 'tractor marks' at the scene; furthermore, the victims trousers had a large cut, unusual because of the sturdy material used in their construction. Now, after almost 13 years, Livingston Development Council, have erected a small memorial embedded into a rock at the scene (Dechmont Law Park). The plaque reads:

This is the site referred to in Arthur C. Clarke's 'Mysterious World' which he describes an encounter between a forestry worker out walking and what appeared to him as an unidentified flying object'.

Whilst no accurate cause for the incident has ever been established, sceptics claim Taylor encountered the phenomenon known as 'ball lightning', indicating that the smell of sulphur, the tear in his trousers, and the strange marks in the grass, are systematic of such occurrences. Nevertheless, Bob Taylor, now 73, still maintains he witnessed something beyond conventional science.

LDC, held no opening ceremony, and to our knowledge, the likable Scotsman has yet to see the brass plate that represents a most frightening experience.

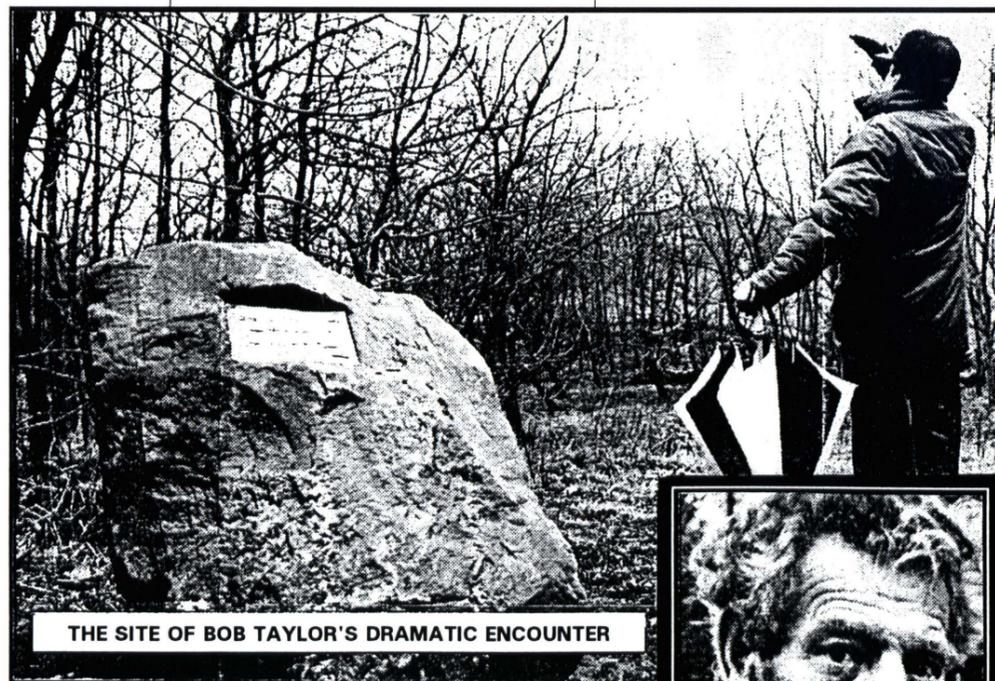
UFO RESEARCH - 'ONLY A FRINGE SCIENCE'

Very nice of our old friends in the Daily Telegraph to organise a meeting of scientists and the media to help the British public forget about anything which edges beyond

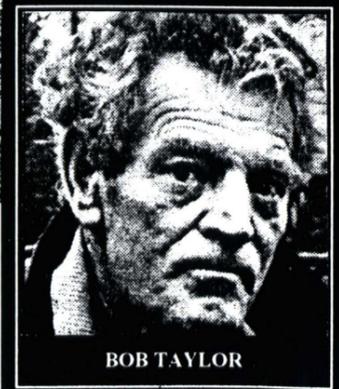
Sir Michael Atiyah, President of the Royal Society, and one of several guest speakers, claimed, 'press reporting of fringe science, ranging from corn circles to flying saucers can undermine people's faith in science.'

'Science funding depends on public support,' he said, such support could be threatened when there was 'a conflict between the news-value of a good story and scientific objectivity.'

The Telegraph claimed, 'bizarre subjects, such as flying saucers and corn-circles, or alternative medicine often make a good story'. Sir Michael, speaking to an audience at the Science Museum criticised the press and argued: 'It is an essential role of journalism to give unorthodox views a fair hearing. On occasions, totally cranky views are given such prominent treatment that the public can be misled into believing that they must at least contain a germ of truth.' This undermines public confidence and trust,' he said, after admitting crop-circle reporting might be fun.



THE SITE OF BOB TAYLOR'S DRAMATIC ENCOUNTER



BOB TAYLOR

conventional scientific research. The meeting held on the 30th January 1992, was also supported by the magazine 'Nature', and the Science Museum.



'Please remember and remind the public, that for every crank who turns out to be right, there are thousands who are utterly wrong.'

Both the Telegraph and Sir Michael Atiyah should also remember, that given, only one UFO report in the hundreds of thousands which have been keenly collected by groups, many who boast a network of selected scientific consultants, is indeed representative of a true incident, then science and the Telegraph, should give UFO's and all who participate in objective research, a fair hearing as well...

ALIEN COVER-UP? FORGET IT SAYS NASA

Advocates of the UFO cover-up are generally satisfied that some alien occupants, or extraterrestrials have been recovered. Given that is the case, why should NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration), under their programme of Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence, SETI, launch a \$100m project, lasting all of ten years, to discover if there really is LIFE OUT THERE?

One hundred scientists based in California will use some of the world's most sophisticated and expensive listening and tracking devices from the 12th October, 1992, to scan the Universe for alien life forms (ALF).

America's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena hope that special computerised radio receivers at NASA's Deep Space Network radio telescope complex near Bastow, California, will supply the answer. The search will begin, exactly 500 years after Christopher Columbus and 90 sailors, landed in the New World!

JOURNEY THROUGH THE HEAVENS

Many readers will recall the excitement caused by the unidentified space object which hurtled past Earth in early December 1991. Astronomers were convinced that the radar-tracked target was nothing more than a large 30ft rock. Passing at no more than 250,000 miles from our planet, (slightly more than Earth's distance from the moon), scientists were annoyed that no accurate data was secured. However, news has leaked-out that European astronomers based in Chile, South America, acquired remarkable information.

The interplanetary asteroid, showed dramatic variations in brightness, which scientists claim represents an irregular shaped, tumbling object

with great variations in its surface reflectivity, 'much more so than one would expect for a natural object like an asteroid,' said Brian Marsden, director of the Cambridge based International Astronomical Union's Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams and Minor Planet Center. According to Marsden, the brightness variation, means that the object is likely to be artificial.

During its closest approach, the object was far too south to be visible from anywhere in the northern hemisphere. Astronomers at the European Southern Observatory in Chile tried to photograph the object, but unfortunately the pictures show little of interest.

Richard West and Oliver Hainaut at the Chilean Andes complex, have continued to analyse the data.

'I was hoping it would be natural, because that would make it a very unusual type of asteroid

Colin Andrews, who has just returned from a visit to Australia, said, 'the probe would be more ambitious than the Japanese-backed Operation Blackbird' he organised at Westbury White Horse, in 1990. That attempt was of course plagued by misfortune and interference from a variety of authorities and individuals, not least some allege, the British Army.

Andrews said, 'we shall have the latest equipment to measure changes in magnetic fields, and back-up from laboratories to examine the effects of circles on crops.'

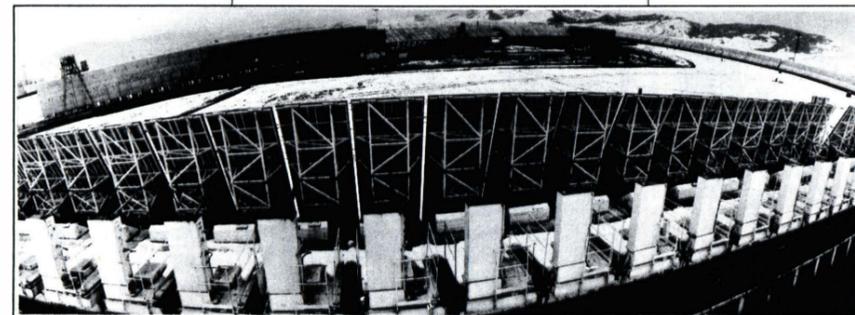
'There may even be some involvement from the United Nations, who are showing an increasing interest in the environmental aspects.'

The investigation which will cover an area including, Upton Scudamore, near the famous UFO site of Warminster, will last several weeks, between June and July.

Andrews who appeared at last years Quest International's UFO conference, believes the circles and unusual formations, represent the work of an unknown intelligence.

The 'Wiltshire Times' recently reported, the researcher believes, 'the Earth is suffering abuse and that a power from space could be trying to save it'.

17 circles have appeared in Australia, in areas virtually uninhabited.



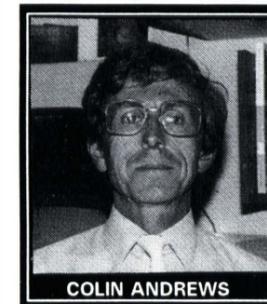
LIFE IN SPACE MAY FIRST APPEAR IN A RADIOTELESCOPE; THE USSR'S RATAN - 600 IS THE WORLD'S LARGEST, AMERICA HOPE TO FIND IT FIRST

and the smallest ever detected, therefore interesting to astronomers.' But because of the brightness changes seen, Marsden is now '90% sure,' that it is artificial.

Marsden joked, 'if it is artificial, but not any known rocket, that might explain the astronomers inability to locate it in their pictures. Maybe they landed.'

WORLD CROP CIRCLE PROJECT COSTING £1m PLANNED FOR 1992

Plans for crop circle research during the summer of 1992 have been revealed. Scientists from Germany, Japan, Australia and the USA, will assist U.K. based researchers in a research programme, probably costing £1,000,000.



COLIN ANDREWS

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CROP CIRCLE PHENOMENA: THE TRUTH

ARMEN VICTORIAN



IN THE LAST ISSUE OF UFO MAGAZINE, RESEARCHER ARMEN VICTORIAN EXPOSED AN ELABORATE SCHEME TO DISCREDIT TOP CROP CIRCLE INVESTIGATORS COLIN ANDREWS AND PAT DELGADO BY TWO HOAXERS AND THE TODAY NEWSPAPER. FURTHER ENQUIRES HAVE REVEALED THE DEPTH OF THAT DECEPTION, AND THE SERIOUSNESS NOW ATTACHED TO CROP CIRCLES BY WORLD GOVERNMENTS.

For over a decade researchers have been trying to unravel the truth behind the crop circle phenomena. In the course of this search, they have gazed at the stars and almost exhausted folklore and other attributed mysteries, not withstanding endless efforts and trials by modern scientific techniques.

Pioneers in the field have compiled statistical data based on each formation. As a result, several pictorial books and publications have been made available to an eager public, dominated by speculation. As yet, there is no clear-cut answer as to the cause of these formations.

A few meteorologists believe that at the grass-roots of this phenomenon lay some kind of freak weather condition. One attributed explanation (which has provided limited success in the laboratory) which first emerged in Japan, is the plasma vortex theory. However, the main advocates as yet have failed to find any known weather condition which would be similar or an extension to their laboratory created environment.

Our own enquiry with leading meteorologists in pursuit of discovering any possibilities or feasibilities which would give strength to the plasma vortex theory drew a blank. None of the leading scientists or pioneers in the field of meteorology agreed or accepted the existence of the plasma vortex. Their rejections were based on the grounds that present modern-day weather satellites would have been able to record them, and establish if such a 'natural phenomenon' existed.

Some followers of the vortex plasma theory argue that the evidence for crop circle formations date back to the stone-age and possibly beyond. They say that the discovery of circular burial grounds in England and Wales, as well as Australian Aboriginal folklore, might have been based on circular formations found in the grass or early agricultural/wastelands.

Man, being at his early stages of intellectual evolution, interpreted these formations as signs from the gods. He formulated part of his belief and rituals around these 'divine' signs. In some ways, this minority's interpretation falls into

line with other groups, such as Astrologers and New Age cultists. This manner of expression confirms man's ancient ties and bond with the natural elements, branches of which extend well into our times.

Crop formations have acted as a strong catalyst for the revival of a vast number of white-cult-groups, as well as black. It has also provided a fertile ground for con-men, hoaxers and publicity seekers that resort to shameful acts, constantly creating serious problems for



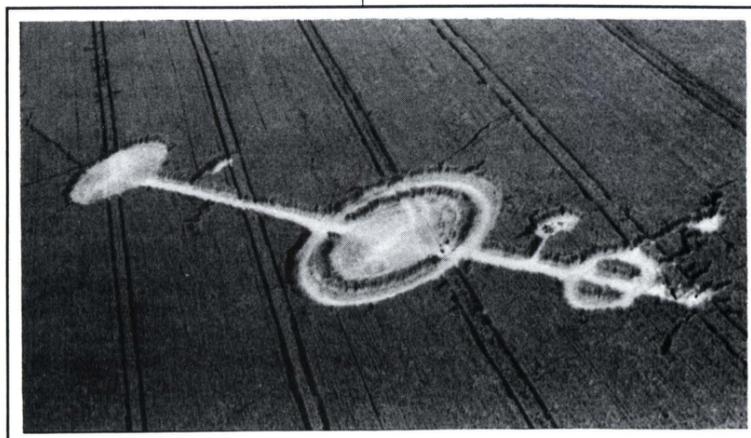
researchers. The most famous of them all were David Chorley and Douglas Bower who claimed to have created all complex crop formations in the space of the last thirteen years. In the course of our investigations into these allegations, which had captured the front pages of Today newspaper (9-10th September, 1991,) and was an important news item at the time, we discovered several anomalies. It became very clear that Today had fabricated parts of the report. As a result, we submitted a formal complaint to the Press Complaint

given seven days notice to the Editor of Today to respond and if they failed to do so, the PCC would proceed to process our complaint formally. As was expected Today failed to meet the deadline.

In the course of our investigations, it was established that Today had intentionally participated in an act of deception involving the 'two con-men'. After choosing a proper spot and with the agreement of a farmer, the two con-men had proceeded to create a hoax formation. Then, they were taken to a hiding place a few miles away on the instruction of Today's reporters, and were asked to wait.

In the meantime, Mr Graham Brough, the main reporter, had telephoned Mr Pat Delgado, to inform him of a new breathtaking formation. Re-questioning him to proceed to the site immediately, Mr Delgado, expecting the reporter to be serious and honest, travelled to the site. There, he met with Graham Brough who was the main brain in setting up the hoax. Without giving him any sufficient time to properly examine the formation, Mr Delgado was apparently bombarded by a string of questions from Brough. Later on, the two con-men called on the scene admitting that they had faked the formation.

The story captured the front pages of Today on September 9th, 1991, 'Men Who Conned the World' - 'How We Made the Circles and Fooled the World' and it continued on September



Commission. Recently, the Press Complaint Commission in a letter to us, said they had

10th, 1991, 'Come on Pat, Admit You Were Had' Today's article of September 9th, 1991,

was copyright of 'MBF Services'.

Mr Lloyd Turner (Deputy Editor of Today) responded to my inquiry about MBF by saying that it (MBF) is a freelance reporting agency (tape recorded conversation). Our comprehensive investigation into the list of such agencies bore no positive results. We also checked lists of similar names with the Companies Registration Office. There was only two firms listed under that name, none of which were remotely connected to what Mr Turner had suggested.

Our effort's to reach Graham Brough met with little success. He was on leave immediately after publication of the story! Later on, he rejected my invitation for an interview. Douglas Bower, one of the two hoaxers, in the course of a telephone conversation, had told me he was totally unaware about MBF Services (tape recorded conversation). His comments were in total contradiction with Mr Turner's earlier account to me that Today was put in touch with these two men through MBF Services, and in fact, it was MBF Services who had initially discovered the two hoaxers.

My inquiry to Rex Features, a publishing syndicate, yielded no positive outcome. I was told by Rex Features that despite their long relationship with Today, they too, prior to the publication of the articles on crop formations had never heard of MBF. Later on, when I questioned Mr Turner on the MBF copyright, and if I could reprint their text in its entirety, he had no objection. In fact, that by paying a reasonable amount, I could go ahead and reproduce Today's text.

On November 4th, 1991, the expected breakthrough came. In the course of a lecture given by Mr Pat Delgado at the Foreign Press Association Club, in which a host of twenty foreign press journalist were present, one of them asked him about MBF Services. By chance, Graham Brough, Today's reporter, was present. Mr Delgado tactfully redirected the question to Mr Brough. [Mr Brough in front of all his fellow colleagues admitted that "MBF was a JOKE which was cooked up by Today at that time," and that it never



existed in reality]. Later on, upon my request, three foreign journalists including the Chair-

woman of that meeting, wrote to me confirming what Mr Brough had said. Their first-hand witness accounts constitute a part of our joint-complaint affidavit submitted to the Press Complaint Commission currently under review.

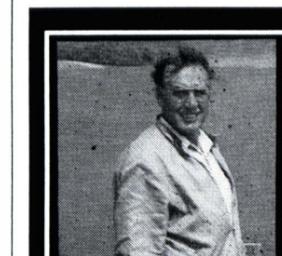
Crop Circle phenomena has been the subject of curiosity for several groups, including the royals. It is known that Prince Philip had asked Lord Zuckerman, who used to be Chief Scientific Advisor to the British Government in World War II, to keep a close eye on the phenomena and inform him of developments. In reply to my correspondence to Prince Philip as to whether he had made any financial contribution to research into this phenomena, Buckingham Palace, through a letter dated December 7th, 1990, informed me that "His Royal Highness has made no contribution to funding the research work into this subject".

It is known that in the course of a cabinet meeting held in London, consisting of Defence, Agriculture and Environment Topics, it was decided that the government would keep an open mind on the phenomena by trying to gather available data. In my inquiry made to former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who was in office at the time of that meeting, the Ministry of Defence replied after a long delay. My letter had been passed through several departments before Mrs N B Stone from the Ministry of Defence in her letter of January 21st, 1991, replied that the MoD has not participated in any research into this subject. This response was in line with other answers received from government departments when similar direct questions were put to them. It was correct that the MoD had not participated in any direct research into this phenomena at that time, but future events proved otherwise.

Dudley and Chorost's publication about their findings of a number of short-lived isotopes gave us new impetus to further our research in England [See Page 6]. I contacted Mrs Stone in the Ministry of Defence informing her about the new findings, expressing my concern about any implications that these results might

Defence Research Agency (DRA), and through them, was put through to the Atomic Energy Agency (AEA). A copy of Dudley-Chorost's findings was sent to the AEA for their analysis and reply. As yet we are waiting for their response. Another copy was sent to the National Radiological Protection Board, a watch-dog body which among other things, monitors levels of radioactivity in England.

On January 17th, 1992, the National Radiological



PAT DELGADO

Protection Board wrote back to say that the data provided was a: insufficient b: inconsistent. They further advised me to submit a copy of the report to Atomic Energy,

which I already had done of course. An unprecedented and unexpected development unravelled the truth about government involvement. Although the Ministry of Defence had previously denied any direct involvement in studying the crop circle phenomena to me, in the course of my enquires it was revealed that some members of the laboratory team which had conducted computer enhancement on film footage taken of a crop circle being formed by a BBC crew in 1991, were in fact members of a contracting firm for the Defence Research Agency. As a result of the new developments, the contractors have agreed to undertake a more detailed examination of the footage.

Our investigations also established that a particular department of the Ministry of Agriculture in Loughborough has been engaged in collection and study of soil and crop samples from the formations.

In 1991 one of the members of the BBC who had recorded the famous "sparrow noise" from a crop formation met with me in Nottingham and passed on a master audio-tape for further analysis. I was told that BBC technicians had failed to determine the nature or the cause of the noise. Copies of the tape were sent to Dr Robert Weiss who analysed the Watergate tapes, and another copy to a fellow colleague in the Jet Propulsion Laboratory. The reply from both parties was astonishing. It was determined that the signals were "artificial" and bore some similarities with signals used in weather detecting instruments. Both parties advised a safer method of securing and taping similar signals in future. It was also advised that these safe methods be used in the areas where formations were made in the winter. I have passed the advice to researchers in the front line.

We are also aware that other intelligence components from the US are actively engaged in collection of data on this phenomena. In correspondence, the CIA admitted to me they have compiled some files on this subject. Currently, the material is under review for declassification and release. We have reason to believe that the Oceans and International Environmental and

have from a health and security point of view Through the MoD I was directed to the

Scientific Affairs of the US Department of State has been collecting information on this subject. Appropriate inquiries to that department are currently underway.

For a long time, we had suspected the possible existence of microwave radiation in crop formations. Recent burn markings on samples taken from the formations and subsequent reports of DNA changes, as well as microscopic changes in the sheath size of the grain samples, further underlines this possibility. Additionally, there have been repeated reports about 'click' sounds and 'flashes' in the formations. A former senior microwave scientist from Kirtland Air Force Base suggested that these reports all point towards the existence of microwaves. Mr Omar Fowler a British researcher, has documented the burn marks on formations made in the East Midlands region: Mansfield, Sutton-on-Trent, Southwell and Husbands Bosworth.

In a brief study report, he states "During a seven year period of investigating crop circles and pictograms, one common denominator emerged. This was the discovery of single standing stems, with top sections bent over at a height of 55cm (22") in an otherwise flattened circle of wheat or barley. It has also been discovered that the single stems, apart from being bent at 55cm. Show a number of other common features. These are small "crease" and burn marks at similar points on the crop stems

"It is believed that the 55cm stem measurement is indicative of H/F wavelength in the lower GHZ order.

"The 'crease' marks and small burnt areas on the stems could be consistent with microwave action during the formation of a crop circle. It is common knowledge that microwaves in the low GHZ frequency can be beamed thousands of miles to within an accuracy of only a few millimetres. They can also be programmed to transmit a "footprint" of almost any required pattern to its destination. By this means a microwave beam programmed with either a pictogram or circular pattern could be directed to the target area."

It is equally interesting to note that these small burn marks repeat themselves in 27.5cm intervals along the stem. On average each such stem bears two to three burn marks on almost equidistant intervals.

I sent the geographical co-ordinates of over twenty crop formations to Mr Bruce Cathie in New Zealand. Bruce is well known for his Harmonic Calculations on the UFO phenomena. He also has a sizeable file with the Defence Intelligence Agency in the US for his work in Harmonic Equations. In a letter to me dated January 10th, 1992, he wrote: "I have found that in eight cases the positions are very close to grid harmonics. The slight variations

would be probably due to gravitational differences at the different points." By inserting the derived values from the given co-ordinates into the unified equation, the *Light Harmonic* value (26944444) was obtained. This is a significant figure - one which further confirms Cathie intends to include these new figures on crop formations in his forthcoming book.

In a sense, 1991 was a milestone in both the research and evolution of crop formations. It was a year in which researchers world-wide witnessed the further 'extension' of formations in countries where previously no reports existed. In a letter to me dated December 3rd, 1991, Dr Aleksei V Arkhipov from the Institute of Radio Astronomy, Academy of Science of the Ukraine, wrote that several crop formations, varying in size from 2m to 40m and shaped circular, oval, stretched and irregular, were found in the Ukraine. Similar formations have been reported in the USA, Germany, Japan, Canada, Italy so far.

There remains as yet a great deal of work to be done. In order to make progress, it is essential to set aside any existing differences amongst the researchers, share our knowledge, our findings, without jealously guarding data for any unsavoury reasons. The first step has already been taken. Willpower and determination will hopefully overcome any future obstacles in studying the phenomena. Speculators have had their fair say in the past. It's time to light our path with the tools science have given us.

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The Fund for UFO Research, based in Washington D.C., assists numerous projects, throughout the world.

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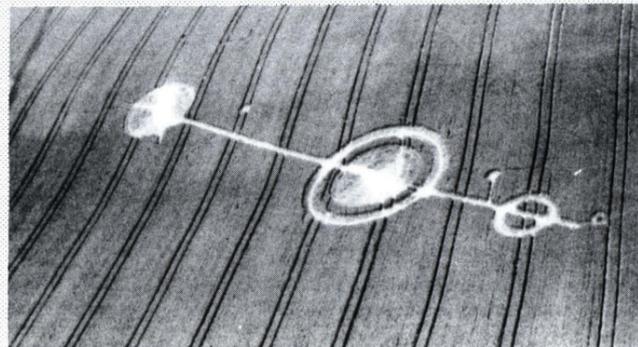
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Michael Chorost delivered a superb 70 page document pertaining to unusual readings of alpha and beta counts taken from English crop circles, to the American based Fund for UFO Research. The US researcher also concluded, that similar readings taken from circles known to be hoaxed, are almost entirely stable. Radio active corn circle formations are therefore, dangerous.

Chorost's analysis, has also proven that such readings are beyond normal soil variation, statistical or instrumental error. Growth nodes (the bulb-like swellings visible on wheat stalks) taken back to America for further investigation, have actually swelled, suggesting some form of energy input has affected them. Even under microscopic examination, tiny cells have swollen.



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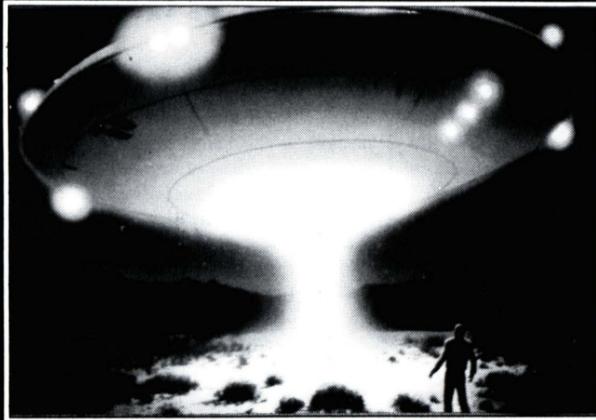
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UPDATE

UFO PANIC OVER HEREFORD

The events of 9th December 1991, stunned residents in areas of Wales, Gloucester, and Herefordshire. At 5.00pm, a fiery object crossed the sky travelling from the northwest to the southeast. As the object crossed towns and villages with a tremendous roar, buildings shook and residents dived for cover.

Many people were of the opinion that they were experiencing the shock waves of an earthquake. Other said they thought there had been a huge explosion at a nearby military base.

Calls poured in on the Quest International **UFO HOTLINE**, continuously for two days, as people rendered their accounts of what they had seen and heard. The following represent brief extracts of just a few reports received relating to the unidentified object.

#1. "I went out of the house to go to an out-building, and observed what I thought was a hot air balloon on fire. It moved across the sky at the speed of a small aircraft and made a loud whooshing noise."

#2. "I was at home when I heard a loud roar. I rushed outside and saw an object in the sky with long flames coming from the rear. This was not like the afterburners of a jet aircraft. The flames were a lot longer and brighter. Suddenly, the flames disappeared, leaving a red glow. This also disappeared... a red vapour trail however, remained."

#3. "I heard a sudden roar, and noticed a very bright light. Then I witnessed what appeared to be an oblong-shaped contrail, which was apparently solid. Then the object disappeared from view."

#4. "I was working on a building site when I heard this very loud deep rumbling noise which caused the buildings to shake. I looked up and noticed an orange-coloured vapour trail."

#5. "As a farmer, I was working outside when I observed this glowing ball of orange light approaching our position."

"The light was accompanied by a deep rumbling sound. The object was very high and moved at a fairly slow speed. As I watched, the light suddenly went - out, and the rumbling stopped. All that remained was an orange contrail."

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#6. "We live at the highest point in Hereford... suddenly we heard a tremendous roar and observed - what appeared to be, a large rocket in an arched trajectory rising all the time. It had tremendous flames coming from the rear, and left a red vapour trail. The nearest I can describe it, is that it resembled the launches of the huge rockets in America. It eventually disappeared into clouds as it climbed away. The roar was so loud, that it actually frightened us."

#7. "I heard a tremendous roar and looked up into the sky. I watched an object... which I initially thought was an aircraft, with a white nose light. There were flames coming from its rear. Suddenly, the flames went out and the noise just stopped."

RESEARCH PROVIDES EXPLANATION

Our enquiries regarding this multi-witness event went ahead in the normal manner. The RAF explained they were in no position to identify the cause, and ultimate panic, nevertheless, they revealed, 'no UFO reports were received from the counties concerned'.

Contacts at Manchester University - Jodrel Bank, stated there were no meteor showers entering the Earth's atmosphere during the period concerned, although the circumstances described by the witnesses could not have been caused by meteor activity.

The Ministry of Defence informed me, though they were aware of the reports, they could provide no explanation. They did however claim that they were 'looking into the matter'.

Eventually we were advised by the Ministry:

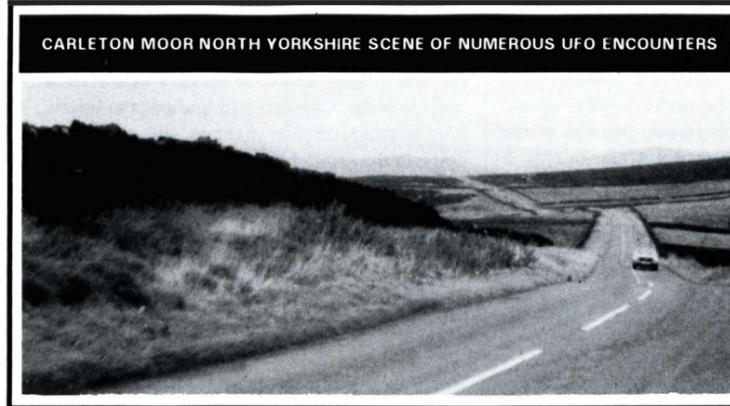
'You telephoned yesterday about a number of UFO sightings that occurred on Monday 9th December. As I stated, we had in fact heard about the sightings over Herefordshire/mid Wales.

'You will wish to know that this incident has now been explained; at approximately 4.45pm, an F-111 aircraft from RAF Upper Heyford was ordered to return to base because of deteriorating weather conditions. As a precaution, the pilot jettisoned some of his fuel, which was ignited by the after burners.'

There is very little doubt that this incident was caused by the solution given by the Ministry of Defence.

FORMER PILOT REPORTS MULTI-COLOURED UFO

Mr Roxham, a former military helicopter pilot from Norfolk, reported that at 6.00pm, on 4th December 1991, he observed a 'cigar-shaped' object whilst travelling along the Acle - Wrexam road at Hoveton, with his daughter. The object, which was estimated to be some 1500ft altitude, carried an intense white light at each end, and a row of yellow-coloured ports.



As they watched the phenomena, it suddenly moved instantly, to approximately 300 mph. Mr Roxham stopped the vehicle, opened the window, and switched off the engine. At this point, he decided to leave the vehicle to obtain a better view. The object then passed directly overhead, carrying small red, green, blue and white lights on its underside. After a few moments, the lights returned to his position, and once again passed overhead, eventually coming to a standstill, a short distance away.

The witness claimed: "We watched the object for 45 minutes. It was certainly not a helicopter or aeroplane as we know it. Its size was that of an A10 Airbus."

PEAR-SHAPED UFO SEEN IN YORKSHIRE

On the 5th January 1992, two witnesses travelling from Skipton to Blackburn, reported a UFO near the village of Broughton. Mr and

Mrs Bell were driving along the A59, Skipton to Broughton road, when they observed a very bright white light, shaped like a pear.

The glowing object was stationary above the road, several hundred yards away from their position. As they continued to drive towards the object, [it] suddenly 'shot upwards' at an 'amazing speed'. The incident occurred at the foot of **Carleton Moor**, an area renowned for its UFO history. (Photograph left)

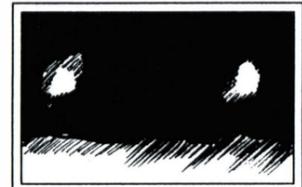
LIGHTS OVER MATLOCK

Mrs Broadbent, from Sheffield, claims that at 9.15pm, on 10th January 1992, she observed two flashing white lights over nearby farmland, in **Matlock, Derbyshire**. The lights were stationary, and a long distance apart, although both flashed in unison and appeared to be

attached to a very large hovering object. Between the lights, she noticed a dull red glow.

The witness, who was again driving a vehicle, stopped the car and watched the lights/object for a further ten minutes before continuing her journey.

Although Mrs Broadbent couldn't see the main object clearly, she reported that the position, curved'. No sound and the size of the approximately in diameter, at Shewton on to say: was, it was most certainly not an aircraft or helicopter.'



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Former **ISVESTIA** journalists Andrej and Jelena Illsech have written 'Death Flight KLO07', a new book which recounts the infamous shooting down by a Soviet fighter of a South Korean 747 airliner back in 1983, with the loss of 269 lives.

The pilot who carried out the attack was Wing Commander (retired) Gennadi Ossipovitz. He now admits that he failed to carry out warning procedures before firing on the Boeing 747, which had breached Soviet air space near the Sea of Japan: "I was told to fire warning shots by the ground command," he said. "I fired four ordinary rounds, but it didn't do any good. You can barely see that."

"I needed fluorescent ammunition but there was none on board. Shortly after came that command: 'Destroy your target'. "I saw an invader to be shot down. It was a situation I'd always dreamed of, but I never suspected it was a passenger plane in front of me."

Ossopovitz has also confessed that the official Soviet version of events back in 1983 was a web of lies. Yet the authors insist he is still holding back on the truth, for the sake of his sanity. They say: "In all probability he shot flight KLO07 down outside Soviet air space. And he knew it was a passenger aircraft."

The following hitherto classified document makes it clear that other air forces have attempted to shoot first, and ask questions later: Readers should note that this document is but one of hundreds available in our 'official government UFO intelligence document' packages available through Quest International and featured in the **UFO DIRECTORY**.

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'BLUE NEON' LIGHT SEEN NEAR NSA STATION

An interesting report received from Bret Young, of Crosshills, once again shows that the strange occurrences around Carleton Moor, near Skipton, continue.

He was driving along the main moor road, at 10.00pm on 7th February 1992, which cuts across bleak terrain towards the town of Colne. At the time, he was approaching the micro-booster aerial, which is locally known as 'Big Ears'. The facility belongs to the **National Security Agency** (NSA) based at nearby **Menwith Hill**. It was a clear and cold night, with the stars clearly visible. As he



approached the aerial, a glowing ball of blue light flew in front of the windscreen of his vehicle. It maintained this position for a short time, despite the car travelling at approximately 30mph.

Mr Young stopped on the roadside, the phenomena meanwhile, also maintained its position, and then suddenly 'shot off' into the distance at a very fast speed. He has never experienced anything like this incident previously, and was somewhat frightened by the sighting.

The witness described the object as 'bone-shaped', surrounded by a blue neon-like glow which gave the impression that [it] was circular, until it was close enough to see through the glow. At one point during the event, the light was no further than three feet away from the witness, who estimated its size to be approximately 10 inches across, at arms length.

UFO CAUSES POWER FAILURE IN WALES

A telephone message from two security guards working at a sensitive establishment in Wales, afforded the following information.

The location of a major event, was in the area of **Llangerig and Llanidlos**, Powys, mid-Wales. At 5.00am on Sunday 9th February 1992, the two security guards first observed an object described as 'glowing bright blue' and of the classic 'saucer shape, with a dome on top'.

The witnesses stated that at the time of the observation, there had been a total power failure in the area as the object hovered nearby. Whilst they continued to observe the disc, both witnessed the device perform manoeuvres, first flying to their left at great speed, and then turning quickly to their right. The object was within a 1/4 mile, and visible for some 30 minutes.

Some five hours later, the object returned, this during our conversation. The gentlemen terminated the call, because they were afraid of being traced by the authorities.

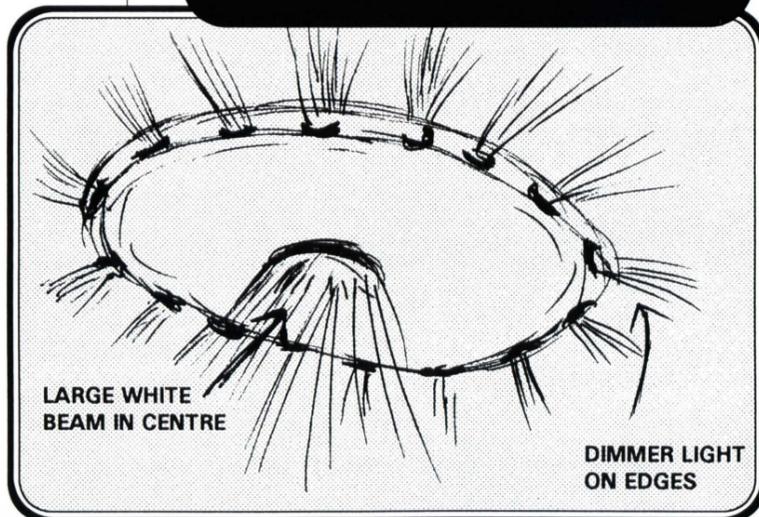
UFO WITH SEARCHLIGHT 'SCANS' SUFFOLK

At 8.15pm on the night of 28th January 1992, Mrs Wood was driving in her car accompanied by her six-year-old daughter, in the direction of Bramfield, Suffolk. It was very cold and clear; suddenly, Mrs Wood became aware of a very bright light moving low in the sky - towards her position. A few hundred yards further on, the witnesses decided to stop the car to obtain a better visual. She noticed several other vehicle occupants had 'pulled in to watch'. The phenomena was very large and circular in shape, with a powerful 'searchlight' pointing down to the ground from its underside. The object had smaller lights around its circumference which appeared to shine downwards.

On several occasions, the object, which was moving very slowly, stopped, and hovered for a few minutes, eventually moving over a nearby field and remained stationary again. She was startled to see that in the field, a large number of white lights were 'interweaving with each other' or 'blinking on and off'. During the incident, the main airborne lights moved away at high speed, only to return a few minutes later.

Although no sound could be heard from the object, Mrs Wood claimed she felt a vibrational-like 'hum', as if 'the sound was out of our hearing range'. For several minutes the witnesses watched the display, until she eventually continued her journey home.

THIS CLASSIC DIAGRAM WAS SUPPLIED BY MRS WOOD OF THE UFO WITNESSED IN SUFFOLK



THE LONDON UFO FLAP

On the 18th and 19th February, the Quest International 'UFO HOTLINE' was once again inundated with calls from London and the Home Counties. We were taking calls continuously over a 48 hour period, with dozens of people reporting 'UFOs'. The descriptions varied widely, from 'glowing balls of light', to 'cigar and saucer-shaped' craft. A spate of near hysteria prevailed.

We forwarded some calls to the *London UFO Study Group*, chaired by **Roy Lake**, who informed that he was also, receiving many reports. RAF West Drayton were aware of the reported incidents, but no explanation was forthcoming at that time.

calls, but nobody seemed to know what it really was."

Accountant Norman Cambell, of Dawlish Road, Leyton, was one of many people who had seen the strange 'craft'. He said: "It was orange with flashing lights. I saw it and then it disappeared in the space of two seconds."

A London woman who lives in Stepney, told how she had seen, "...a sparkly light with a glowing sausage shape round it." She added: "I know it sounds ridiculous, but I'm sure it was a UFO."

A Tottenham & Wood Green Journal newspaper photographer, Henry Jacobs, managed to capture the 'UFO' on film, and later remarked: "It definitely had me going - I thought I'd taken a £2 million picture!"

The Daily Star newspaper had not only succeeded in fooling hundreds of people

into mistakenly believing they had been looking at some form of unidentified flying object, but had received massive exposure from its well organised publicity stunt.

American UFO organisations have had to deal with this particular problem of 'mistaken identity' for decades, as well as entertain calls from anxious people, who, it later turns out, have observed brightly illuminated advertising aircraft late at night.

This ever-increasing airship 'phenomenon' is fairly new to Britain, but Quest International suggested such a scenario several years ago when the Civil Aviation Authority relaxed its rules governing airship movements.

As Europe's leading investigative body, we are in regular touch with the relevant authorities for matters of this kind, and usually have information to-hand for those people who dial our 'UFO

Hotline' - as well as the media, who were desperate on this occasion to discover our thoughts. In this case, many journalists expressed disappointment when told that the culprit was an airship flown by the Daily Star newspaper, but equally, they congratulated us for 'being in the know'.

It just goes to show however, how ordinary people, many of whom were highly qualified, were convinced they had witnessed a free extraterrestrial aerial display - and how difficult our task continues to be, in 'educating' the public and media alike to matters of this kind.

UFO'S REPORTED OVER ISRAEL

Numerous people throughout the State of Israel reported a UFO over many towns and cities, shortly after midnight on the 26th January 1992. The spherical-shaped object was first seen in the Safed area, and later over Eilat in the south.

Scientists, according to the *Jewish Chronicle*, said they could not explain the mystery object, but believed it was probably an astronomical phenomenon.

The report follows quickly on the heels of a major incident over the Israeli town of Beit She'an, in November, 1991.

A large shining object resembling a major planet was followed by local residents. No identification was forthcoming from the authorities.

We started our investigation through the normal channels, but then received a telephone call from Roy Lake who discovered the Daily Star newspaper had hired a £1 million airship from Richard Branson's **Virgin Lightship Company** which was circling the skies over London.

'UFO's were also reported over the Greater Manchester area a few days later, and it was no surprise to discover that the Daily Star airship was in the vicinity at the time!

Roy told the local London press: "We've had calls from people convinced we're being invaded."

Shocked Patricia Melmouth, who lives near Ealing Common, said: "I thought it was a flying saucer. It was floating at what seemed to be just above the hoses in Hollingbourne Gardens. I rang the police and Heathrow Airport. They said they had had several

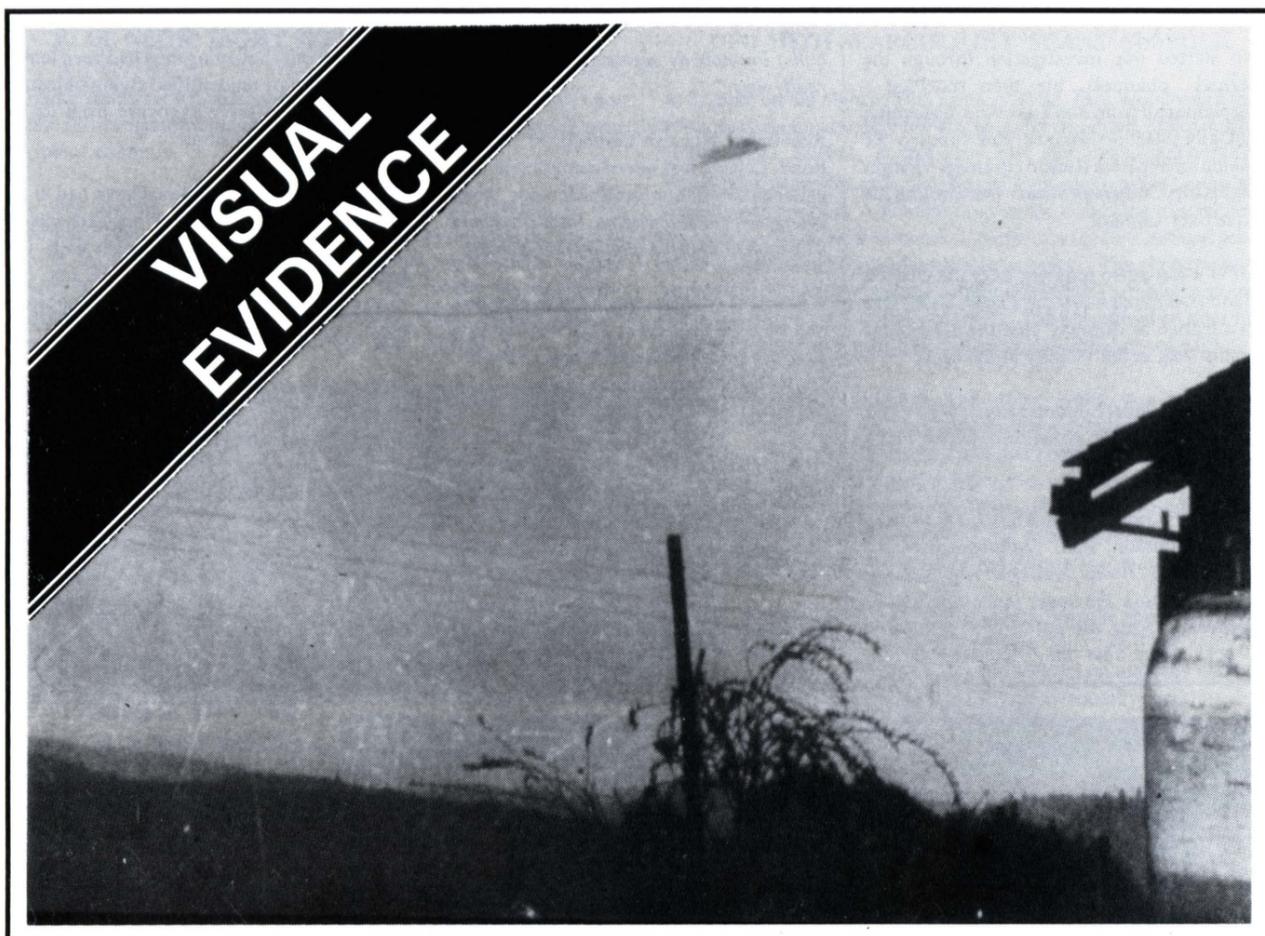
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UFO PHOTO FILE

The McMinnville photographs, of which one is reproduced above, have never been satisfactorily explained: The unidentified disc glided silently above the Trent's farm in the early evening, of May 11th 1950. Unusually, the farming couple decided to use the rest of the film roll, prior development.

The photographs remained unpublished, until a local newspaper heard of the event, since then, the photographs have undoubtedly become, the most famous UFO pictorial evidence in history.

Interestingly, this data was analysed by the University of Colorado's controversial 'Condon Committee', established by the USAF to finally sink the world's most famous official investigation of UFO's, 'PROJECT BLUE BOOK'. The Trent photographs were the only visual data not regarded as natural or hoaxed by the committee, thus we must presume, official recognition of the subject was indeed forthcoming.

One of Condon's field investigators, William K. Hartmann, said: "...that an extraordinary flying object, silvery, metallic, disc-shaped, tens of meters in diameter, and evidently artificial, flew within sight of two witnesses."

Further examination of the photographs, by civilian groups such as Ground Saucer Watch (GSW) of America, not only discovered the disc was in fact structured, but also identified several features,

including a curious off-set tower measuring several feet. Also on note was the underside of the vehicle, which appears to be of a higher heat signature. The base of the disc is almost flat, yet there is evidence of a flange around the devices circumference.

There is no suggestion of a fine wire holding a small object, which computer enhancement would have found, furthermore, shadows and near-camera features, such as buildings and overhead wires, enabled investigators to accurately pinpoint the altitude and distance of the UFO. GSW concluded the disc could measure an astonishing 100 feet in diameter.

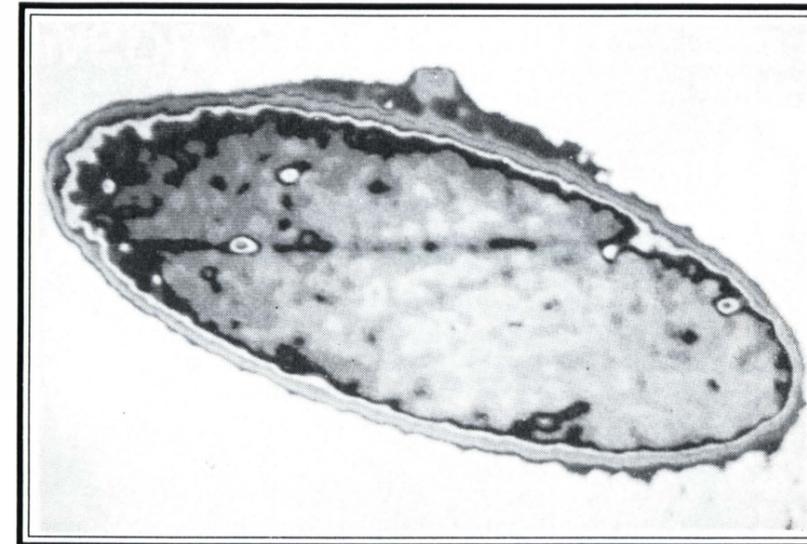
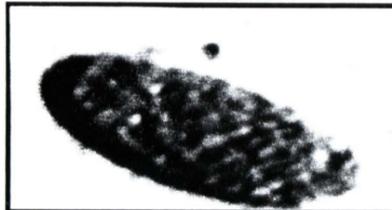
The USAF 'Blue Book' findings, are consistent with later-day analysis. Hartmann discovered a slight haze around the disc, combined with further statistical data, he proclaimed, "the disc is 1400 yards (1.3 kilometers) from the photographer."

The Trent photographs, do have their opponents: Sceptic Robert Sheaffer says the haze is nothing more than grease on the camera lens. Others allege the disc represents a man-made aircraft, noting attempts by the USAF to build a disc-shaped aeroplane as early as 1942.

The photographs however, remain unidentified, and probably one crucial piece of data to test scientists for years to come...

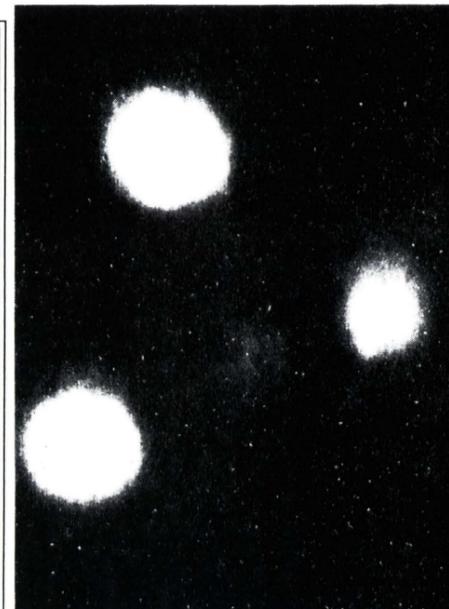
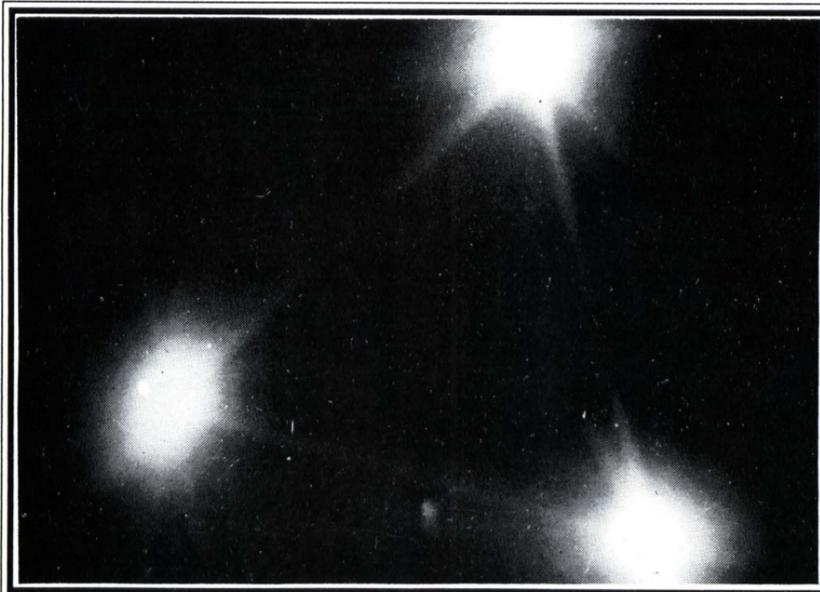
RIGHT: Ground Saucer Watch computerised enhancement of the McMinnville UFO photograph, showing the near flat base and unusual off-set tower.

BELOW: Another computer high resolution photograph of the disc. The light haze as noted by Hartmann is clearly visible in this picture, indicating possible heat. The grey and black shading of the object is consistent with all data indicating an object in the distance, rather than a small model relatively close to the camera.



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BELOW LEFT: THIS QUITE STARTLING PHOTOGRAPH WAS TAKEN OVER ZAGRESK IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION IN MARCH 1990. FEW DETAILS OVER ITS AUTHENTICITY ARE AVAILABLE. SOME RESEARCHERS HOWEVER, CONTEND THE DEVICE REPRESENTS A RUSSIAN VARIATION OF AMERICA'S B-2 STEALTH BOMBER, WHILST OTHERS NOTE THE TIME AND DESCRIPTION, BOTH RELEVANT TO THE ASTONISHING BELGIUM UFO TRIANGLES SEEN AROUND THAT PERIOD.



ABOVE FAR RIGHT: THIS IS A FRAME TAKEN FROM AN AMATEUR VIDEO FILM SHOWING UNIDENTIFIED LIGHT PHENOMENA HIGH OVER BELGIUM ON THE 31st MARCH 1990. COMPARISONS BETWEEN THIS FILM FOOTAGE AND THE REMARKABLE PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN OVER ZAGRESK, THAT SAME MONTH, HAS UNDOUBTEDLY LED TO SPECULATION THAT THEY ARE BOTH ONE AND THE SAME OBJECT.

UFO PHOTO FACT FILE

It's estimated that nearly 2000 purported photographs of UFO's have been taken since 1947. Of these, virtually 99% are either hoaxed, or the result of natural occurrences, such as camera faults, cloud formations, misidentification of aircraft lights, helicopters and balloons, etc. The McMinnville pictures are therefore very rare!

THE ALLEGED ROSWELL UFO ALIEN PHOTOGRAPH

HENNIKER HEATON CONDUCTS FURTHER ANALYSIS ON THE PURPORTED PHOTOGRAPH OF A RECOVERED ALIEN BODY

What does the picture represent? Some claim it is an unclear flash photograph of the body of an alien, recovered from the Roswell crash in 1947, clad in a 'G' or a diving suit, clamped onto a stainless steel table complete with a curved glass cover. The reflection on the stainless steel background causes the image to be even more confused - so my first task was to remove this reflection and hopefully make the photograph much clearer.

The apparent joints in the original image in the regions of the thigh, wrist and ankles are simply caused by some of the bands clamping the body.

The head is very indistinct indeed, even in the original photograph - but if we examine it closely, we can note that:

- 1.) It is very Simian (monkey-like).
- 2.) It does not seem to match the Rhesus monkey often used in early space experiments and the whole body seems of different proportions.
- 3.) The face could indicate the figure is still alive although damaged.
- 4.) The facial expression gives me the feeling of advanced intelligence.
- 5.) There seems to be a breathing or other tube inserted in its mouth with some form of a cross shaped weight or instrument at the other end through which the tube passes.
- 6.) The overall impression is of a wounded biological entity which we have tried to keep alive even against its will and maybe that is what the photograph is supposed to be.

But what is it really? Further examination of the magnified image opens up an even greater mystery! Nothing is what it appears to be! An eye is not an eye and a tooth is not a tooth. In fact the organic parts of the picture are composed of the background, but also dictate the shapes of some parts of the G-suit. Composed of other images? ,but what images? Images of such complexity that no one would take the time and trouble to paint it all in order to make a double photographic exposure just in order to produce one fake picture.

These clear and complex images seem to be composed of two types, some form of pictogram writing symbols and an overall scene which could only be described as a landscape with architecture as might be dreamed up by a madman - or - the product of a real alien culture.

Well, we can all find symbols in complex pictures and the imagination of the human brain is powerful. Yet here we do seem to have symbols which do not require much imagination, although changes of focus can cause images to resolve into other component shapes.

I might add that another talent of the brain is the ability to augment ones recognition of something by continual observation. That which was not clear at the start, now becomes always very obvious. It is the brains equivalent of computer enhanced images.

To sum up - at this point, I don't know what to suggest. On the one hand many reports of alien contact seem to have a paranormal side (to me, paranormal means that we don't know how to do it, yet!). If this picture is just a flash photograph with no human 'hankey-pankey', then we should really think about what the camera has picked up here, because even if we misinterpret what we see, it is no less strange.

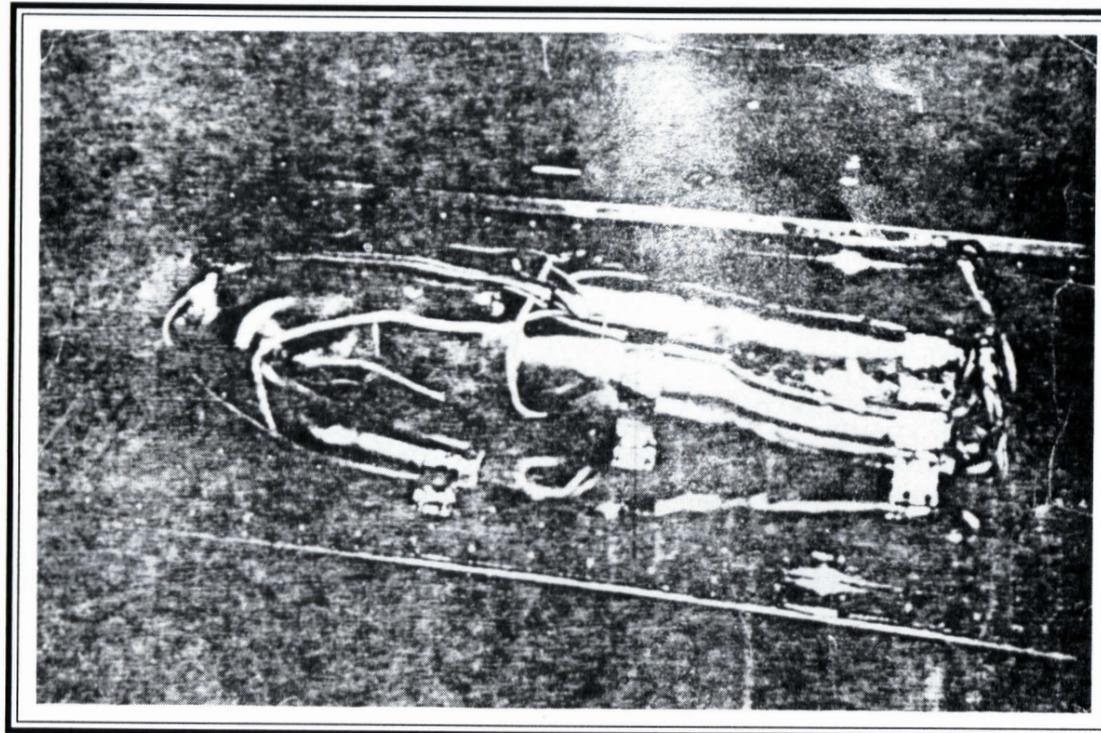
In Vol. 10 No.2 of UFO Magazine, Quest International reproduced several graphic photographs of a purported alien entity recovered at the site of a famous UFO incident in Roswell, New Mexico, 1947.

Since then, three colour prints have been identified as a model. One black and white picture however, was supplied to former Soviet test pilot and Cosmonaut, Marina Popovich, who claims this photograph was released by a leading USA scientist, of the 'real alien' suggesting the model was based upon this picture.

Henniker Heaton of Monaco has conducted further researches on the picture, and concludes that some previously unknown data has now been found in the form of symbols.



FIG 1



THE CONTROVERSIAL PHOTOGRAPH WHICH SOME RESEARCHERS BELIEVE IS AN ACTUAL USAF FRAME OF ONE OCCUPANT OF THE FALLEN ROSWELL UFO

FIG 2



Fig. 1) Original photograph.

Fig. 2) Touched up less reflections.

Fig. 3) Diagramatic.

Fig 4) Rhesus Monkey.

FIG 4



FIG 3

THE ABOVE PHOTOGRAPH ACCORDING TO HEATON, SHOWS SYMBOLS, FOUND ON BANDS USED TO HOLD DOWN THE FIGURE. THE DIAGRAM (ENHANCED) IDENTIFIES THESE FURTHER

COMMENT

As a result of the photographic research undertaken by Henniker Heaton on the photograph supplied by Popovich, we have been informed, that the former test pilot and member of the Russian Academy of Science, actually acquired this picture from Professor Felix Yurevich Zigel, shortly before his death.

Zigel obtained the frame whilst attending a high-level scientific conference in Canada; Zigel was advised the photograph was the entity recovered at the scene of the Roswell, New Mexico UFO crash.

Due to the findings of Heaton, we forwarded copies of the strange symbols to several universities for possible interpretation. All responded in a similar manner, claiming they were unable to either identify or interpret the data.

After considerable research, we established the symbols did relate to ancient hieroglyphics found on Easter Island. Unfortunately, nobody has yet been able to translate the Islands hieroglyphics. The transcript has now been despatched to a world authority on Easter Island, thus we await his findings.

THE SECRET OF ILKLEY MOOR

ARTHUR TOMLINSON

ON THE 1st DECEMBER 1988, AT APPROXIMATELY 7.15am, A FORMER POLICE OFFICER ALLEGEDLY ENCOUNTERED AN UNIDENTIFIED HUMANOID FIGURE AND A UFO ON THE BLEAK MOORS HIGH ABOVE ILKLEY, WEST YORKSHIRE. HIS STORY SUBSEQUENTLY MADE HEADLINE NEWS, POSSIBLY DUE TO A SOMEWHAT CONTROVERSIAL PHOTOGRAPH, WHICH SHOWS A DISTORTED FIGURE, OF THE 'ALIEN'.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON AND STEVE BALON LED THE INVESTIGATION, WHICH UNCOVERED SOME HIGHLY UNUSUAL INFORMATION. THE WITNESS, WHO PREFERS CONFIDENTIALITY WAS EVENTUALLY HYPNOTICALLY REGRESSED, REVEALING A PURPORTED ENCOUNTER WITH OCCUPANTS OF A UFO. THE TRANSCRIPT, PLUS FURTHER HITHERTO UNKNOWN DATA IS EXCLUSIVELY PUBLISHED, IN THIS THOUGHT PROVOKING REPORT.

GREAT BRITISH CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

THE ILKLEY MOOR CASE

On 5th January 1988, I received a telephone call from a man in Ilkley who said that on 1st December 1987, he set out at about 7.15am to cross the moor to go to his Father-in-Law in East Morton where he works part-time, carrying a camera and compass hung from his neck.

After passing the White Wells Museum he carried on to a clump of trees, when he noticed something 'moving out of the corner of his eye.' He turned and saw a small green creature some 4ft tall, he shouted, "Hey what's that?," and managed to take one photograph.

The figure scurried off round the spur of a hill; he gave chase and was amazed to see a silver saucer-shaped craft about 25-30ft in diameter resting in a hollow.

He described an apparatus which looked like a box being dropped into the top of the craft, which suddenly rose straight up into the sky. He then decided to go back to Ilkley.

On his arrival, he noticed it was 10.00am by the Town Hall clock. This baffled him as it had only taken about an hour to climb up the hill (1000ft.) and back... he had lost nearly two hours!

He caught the bus to Keighley to get his film developed in a 1 hour service shop, thankfully the film showed the creature. Whilst putting his camera and compass away, he found his compass pointing south instead of north.

A few days later he was visited by two men who allegedly produced MoD identity cards and asked him about the

UFO and photograph. He did not know *how they had found out about the incident* or his address, both of which were given to me over the telephone. The only other person who I am aware knew of these details was author Jenny Randles, since he had written to her before calling me.

The gentlemen gave their names as Mr David Forrester and Mr Davis, the above information is from a recorded interview at the witnesses' house. Present at the interview were Steve Balon, Arthur Tomlinson and Peter Hough.

The story appeared in the *Daily Star* newspaper on 27th June 1988, together with a photograph



DUE TO A BRITISH RESEARCHER HOLDING COPYRIGHT OF THE ALLEGED 'ALIEN PHOTOGRAPH' WE ARE UNABLE TO REPRODUCE THE PICTURE. HOWEVER, THIS DRAWING IS VIRTUALLY IDENTICAL TO THE ILKLEY MOOR FIGURE.

of a man who claimed that he was an insurance salesman for Prudential at their Otley office, and that the photograph was really a Mr Jack McHale, carrying a brief case as he visited the farms on Rombalds Moor.

The following is information originally acquired regarding the sighting:

- A) The witness does not know where the photograph was taken.
- B) There are no farms within four miles of where the photograph was taken.
- C) The creature is only 4ft tall scaled from another photograph of A. Tomlinson in the same location.

The witness eventually consented to undergo regression hypnosis by Dr. Singleton from Preston to find out what had happened in the missing time. A transcript is appended.

The photograph was authenticated by P. Sutherland of Kodak.

Experiments were conducted on an identical compass to try and duplicate the north-south reversal, as shown on the witnesses' compass. This took place at U.M.I.S.T. in Manchester under the auspices of Dr. Spooner.

The compass was initially placed in a D.C. coil with a magnetic field of 0.4 Tesla finally reduced to 0.1, which just about managed to reverse the compass. The compass was also reversed by placing it inside a coil of several turns of copper wire and then applying A.C. mains to it.

TAPE TRANSCRIPT OF HYPNOTIC REGRESSION BY MR JIM SINGLETON

Due to the interesting nature of the case, and an apparent loss of time, it was thought relevant to pursue further information by use of hypnotic regression.

This was conducted on 19th March 1988, at the home of Mr A Tomlinson, in the presence of Mr Mathew Hill.

Session started at 3.38pm. Mr Jim Singleton, the hypnotherapist, abbreviated J.S. Witness abbreviated A.N.

J. S. *I want you now to cast your mind back to the 1st December last year. When you set off across the moor. I want you to cast your mind back to it, and I want you to re-experience; that. I want you to tell me what you experienced.*

A.N. "I'm walking along the moor, Oh! It's quite windy. There's a lot of cloud, walking up towards some trees, I see this little something, can't tell but he's green. It's moving towards me. Oh! I can't move I'm stuck! and everything gone fuzzy I'm floating along in the air! I want to get down, and this green things walking ahead of me, I don't like it! I still can't move, I'm going round the corner and this green things in front of me, Oh god! I want to get down! (long pause-breathing faster) there's a, there's a big silver like saucer thing, and there's a door in it, I don't want to go in there! (worried sound in his voice-sigh!) Everything's gone black now." (Pause)

J.S. *You say everything's gone black?*

A.N. "Mmm! I can't see anything like I'm asleep, can't hear anything, (short pause) there's a bright light now, can't see where it's coming from. I'm in a funny sort of room, I can hear this voice saying don't be afraid. I don't feel afraid anymore I can still see this green thing, but I'm not frightened of it anymore.

"I'm being put onto a table. I can move now if I want to, but I don't feel frightened, and there's a beam like a pole it's above me; its moving up toward me it's got a light in it like a fluorescent tube it's coming up from my feet. I can hear that voice again saying 'We don't mean to harm you and don't be afraid'.

"Makes me feel warm as it moves up. It's coming up, towards my stomach... towards my head, close my eyes, I don't want to look at it, in case it hurts my eyes. Its gone (pause). There's something... my nose feels uncomfortable (shows movement of nose) that's gone as well. I'm standing up now, I don't know how I managed to stand. I can see a door, there is one of these green creatures motioning for me to come with him. Don't really want to go with him, I'd rather stay here. I don't feel afraid in here." (Pause).

J.S. *Can you tell me what's happening now?*

A.N. "I'm walking towards a door, there is still a bright light, can't see where its coming from, there is light all around... want to know where the light is. It's just bright, it's just light.. walking down a corridor, there is a window. Oh! God (sounds shocked), is that real? (Deep sigh and pause). Don't want to be up here, I want to be down there. I can hear that voice saying, 'you've got nothing to fear'. It's pretty though, didn't realise it looks so pretty. I've gone past the window now, I'm walking down a corridor."

J.S. *What's happening now?*

A.N. "I've come to the end of the corridor, there is a hole opened-up in it, so I can walk through... I'm in a big round room, I'm on a raised platform against the wall. My camera and my compass are trying to get away from me, going towards the ball... it's difficult to pull them down again, and this ball's moving round, with things in it.

"It looks strange, its got some blocks on it, he says we can't stay here long, he want us to go out again. The hole is closed in the wall (pause) its gone strange... says I've nothing to fear, but I would like to go home, its got such big hands. (Long pause).

J.S. *What's happening now?*

A.N. "I'm going down a corridor again, it's very bright still, I wish I knew where the light was coming from... and there's another door. Going through a door, it's an empty room, two of those green creatures have come with me, there is a picture... it's starting to move on the wall (pause), wonder how they get the pictures.

J.S. *Can you tell me what is happening at this point?*

A.N. "I'm looking at the pictures on the wall." (Pause)

J.S. *Pictures on the wall?*

A.N. "Mmmm! Creatures seem concerned... damage that it's doing. Pictures changing now. There's another picture, another film. He is asking me a question, he says, 'do you understand?' I said, 'yes'. (Pause)

"It's time to go, everything's gone black.. I'm walking up the moor again, now. I'm walking up near some trees, some movement, I can see something, a green creature. I've shouted to it, its turned around, I don't know what it is, I'll photograph it. Its turned around now, its moving quick... want to know what it is... running after it. Its gone around a corner. I can't see it now. There's a saucer! (Laughingly). Big silver saucer. It's disappeared. (Pause) I'm walking on down, I've gone past the trees. (Long pause)

J.S. *What's happening now?*

A..N. "I'm going home, it's is 10.00am by the town hall clock, can't really understand it. It was only 8.00am." (Pause)

J.S. *Now, is there anything else you want to say about this last event?*

A.N. "No."

J.S. *Would you mind if I ask you one or two questions?*

A.N. "No."

J.S. *You mentioned some green creatures, would you try to describe one of them to me?*

A.N. "It's quite small, he has got big pointed ears... its got big eyes, they're quite dark. (Laughingly remarks) He hasn't got a nose, he's only got a little mouth, and his hands are enormous. His arms are long, and he has funny feet."

J.S. *Funny feet?*

A.N. "They are like a 'V'-shape... like two big toes. (Short pause) Must be difficult to walk like that. He shuffles rather than walks. I don't feel afraid of him, although he looks odd."

J.S. *You mentioned 'big hands'. Can you say anything more about the hands?*

A.N. "Its got three big fingers, like sausages... big sausages, they're just very big, bigger than my hands."

J.S. *About how tall, would you say these creatures are roughly?*

A.N. "It's about four feet... comes to the lump on my stomach... about as high as my... just a bit bigger than my stomach."

J.S. *Is there anything else you would like to say about this creature?*

A.N. "I don't think so."

J.S. *No? Okay. Now I wonder if I could ask you another question?*

A.N. "Mmm."

J.S. *You mentioned watching a film?*

A.N. "Mmm."

J.S. *Could you say anything more about the film, you didn't say to me at the time? What the content of the film was... can you elaborate?*

A.N. "There was two films."

J.S. *Two films?*

A.N. "One was lots of scenes of destruction... like on the news. I can see lots of waste going into the river, and people like Ethiopians who are starving, its not very good... its not very nice."

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THE WETHERBY INCIDENT

FAMOUS POLICE UFO CHASE

There are over 100 authorised Quest International UFO investigators at home and abroad. Basic investigation of a phenomenon which is deemed by many to be the product of the imagination can be exceptionally difficult at times, but it can also be very rewarding. In this, and future issues, Quest International researchers delve into our massive archive material to bring you selected UFO cases, many of which have rarely been published in full, if at all.

Sifting through hundreds of case files which our organisation has built up over many years, we recently came across a report which brought back many memories, and would like to detail an incident which involved several West Yorkshire police officers during the month of September 1980. This particular case has been chosen because it demonstrates the importance we attach to detail. UFO investigation can be a frustrating and time-consuming business, but it is often those minor details, that second or third telephone enquiry, which separates the good report from the average.

Hopefully, would-be UFO investigators will learn something from this new series as they develop their talents! The investigator was Graham W. Birdsall, current editor of Quest International. He offers helpful advice alongside an asterisk marked thus *

"ITS SPEED WAS PHENOMENAL"

As co-ordinator of UFO investigation in Yorkshire throughout the seventies and much of the eighties, I had obtained permission through several police press enquiry offices to regularly telephone them to discover if there had been any UFO reports submitted. Often, I would receive a telephone call directly from the police press office themselves, enabling me to make immediate enquires, sometimes ahead of journalists.

* Quest International co-ordinators of investigative research are recommended to particular police authorities by the Director of Research, Tony Dodd, himself a former police officer of 25 years. Establishing links with a local or regional force is very important, and crucial to forging a good working relationship that will assist all parties when liaising on matters pertaining to UFOs. A responsible and professional attitude is an absolute requirement in this important role.

During one of my routine enquires, I learned that a PC Warner and WPC Firth, both stationed at Gipton police station, Leeds, had responded to an anonymous phone call received at 03.41hrs, 11th September 1980.

The caller claimed to have seen a UFO north of the city. Both officers travelled north along the A64 York Road in search of the UFO, and shortly they observed a very bright light in the sky which was moving in an easterly direction towards the village of Scholes.

Suddenly, it stopped and hovered for ten minutes. As it remained stationary, it throbbed and flickered in brightness. Then without warning, the officers were staggered to see the object rise vertically to a height of 1,000ft in just one second. The officers lost sight of it, possibly due to sparsely scattered clouds, but it then reappeared moving quickly southwards. They gave chase, but lost sight of it once more as they headed down York Road towards the centre of Leeds.

Two more local police officers reported witnessing a very bright object over Garforth Golf Club around the same time. They described it as being very bright, giving off red, white and blue bursts of colour. They had observed it for ten minutes then saw it go straight up in a mere second and was gone. They said its speed was phenomenal.

"THE UFO WAS SEEN ON RADAR"

Unquestionably all four police officers had observed the same object, but what was it, where had it come from and where was it going?

And then, in the early hours of Saturday 13th September, several police officers stationed at Wetherby, West Yorkshire, observed a bright moving light in the sky. Four officers gave chase, and two of them finally finished up at Fulford, near York, some 13 miles away.

The object was subsequently photographed by a police photographer, and initial reports suggested it had been recorded on radar in three separate locations. The reference to radar came from a senior police officer who had handed me the initial information. He told me: "The UFO was seen on radar, and my source of information to that effect is impeccable."

* The sooner an investigator seeks permission to interview witnesses to an alleged UFO sighting, the better. To save you time, and the witnesses themselves, try and make sure all the relevant parties are assembled under one roof so that interviews can take place. Remember the golden rules; keep the witnesses apart, ask open-ended questions, and be in control throughout. Don't be put off simply because

the people you are questioning are police officers, they are just as keen as you are to discover the truth about what it is they have encountered! Keep the interviews short, and to the point.

During an investigators seminar a few years ago, I delivered a paper on how best to identify the characteristics of witnesses before and during an interview.

The techniques of placing a witness into the following categories are essential reading, and will save investigators a great deal of time

The Actor - The Friend - The Thinker - The Doer

I spent the evening of Wednesday 17th September 1980 interviewing the relevant police officers at Wetherby under the watchful eye of their senior officer, Inspector Darnton.

First police officer to be interviewed was Sgt. Craig, who told me he was in the Wetherby police station forecourt at 03.15hrs on Saturday 13th September, alongside him was PC Bowe. At this time they were joined by WPC Cranidge and PC Quinn who entered the forecourt in their panda car.

Sgt. Craig said that the two officers informed him of a bright unusual light in the sky, which they felt needed further investigation. The two officers pointed out to Sgt. Craig the light in question from the yard, and although it did look unusual, he felt caution was the watchword as he wished to avoid any possible ridicule should he and the officers go off and investigate, only to find nothing worthy of such an unprecedented course of action.

PC BOWE CONTINUED THE CHASE

However, Sgt. Craig and PC Bowe set off in a patrol car followed by PC Quinn and WPC Cranidge. They went down the A1 trunk road

towards the York Road, observing the light as they travelled. The direction of the light appeared to be in the northwest, but they reported it, then changed direction towards the east heading for York.

Both cars followed the light, but at Tockwith, near York, Leeds Central police control which had been monitoring events, recalled WPC Cranidge and PC Quinn back to Wetherby. Sgt. Craig and PC Bowe continued the chase towards York.

Sgt. Craig told me they made two stops; one of these was at a garage forecourt, the other at a small village they came to before reaching York itself. This was in order to leave their car and see if they could hear any engine noise coming from the light - they could not. Sgt. Craig felt the absence of any noise from the light might have been because the wind was in the wrong direction.

They made one more stop however, only this time it was an enforced one. East of York, they found themselves lost down a dimly lit track of sorts. It was not long before they had been joined by North Yorkshire police officers PC Roy Allen and PC Richard Gordon who had been made aware of the 'chase' having been alerted by their own forces radio. They had been dispatched to the scene by the Inspector in charge of traffic at York traffic office, Inspector Blanchard.

* Often during an investigation, different names to those present will be mentioned. Before continuing the dialogue, discover more if you can about those names, where they reside, how they can be contacted. It will save you time in the long run, and add substance to your eventual report. Most investigators take tape recorders with them, as well as a camera. Obtain permission beforehand to use either. Ordnance survey maps can be purchased from most good stationary outlets, it helps to pinpoint events with the witnesses alongside, and of course remember the golden rule - never lead the witness!

Later, when I spoke with Inspector Blanchard, he said that he too had seen the light in question at 03.30hrs by the Grimstone roundabout on the A166 road, with Dunnington village to the east, and had no second thoughts that the 'object' was the planet Venus. He later criticised misleading media accounts that were to appear in the local press.

We now had four police officers staring into the night sky at the brilliant light, which was stationary overhead. One of the North Yorkshire officers declared the light to be the planet Venus.

"ABSOLUTELY TERRIFIED"

Sometime later, Sgt. Craig and PC Bowe returned to Wetherby police station and found they could still make out the light. At 05.00hrs, DC Hall, a police photographer, set up his

camera and tripod at the station forecourt and took a sequence of pictures, some on time exposure setting, of the object in question. Sgt. Craig said that the object had been much brighter than the full moon, silver white in colour, and looked like shining diamonds. He had no idea what the object was or might have been, but submitted a report to his Wakefield police headquarters.

When WPC Cranidge had been recalled to Wetherby police station, she obtained a pair of 7x50 binoculars and observed the light through an open window. She told me that she had not been able to see a shape with the naked eye, but using the binoculars and with room light off, it was a definite cone-shape. There were some trees in the foreground, but she

saw the 'object' move to the left; make a right-angle manoeuvre, with the tip of the cone changing direction - first pointing downwards, then sideways.

She added that at 05.00hrs, a smaller light separated from the main body at the top, and together they both hovered silently. Unusually, she admitted to me that despite the presence of a senior officer in attendance, she was "absolutely terrified" at the time.

PC Quinn told me that he had "never seen anything like it," and back at the station also viewed the 'object' through binoculars. He said it was "cone-shaped," and added that "it pointed upwards, then down, then to the left."

BOOK REVIEW

THE UFO REPORT 1992

The third 'UFO REPORT' edited by Timothy Good contains a rich diet of interesting material submitted by researchers and organisations throughout the globe.

Those people newly acquainted to the subjects of UFO's and Crop Circles, should instantly approve of the fascinating new evidence brought to light in what is becoming a regular 'must buy - must read' annual edition by one of the world's leading authorities on the UFO subject.

Leading crop circle researcher, George Wingfield has compiled an authoritative look back at some of the major happenings over the last eighteen months, and cites highly interesting involvement by the military in ultimately suggesting they took part in a disinformation exercise.

In conjunction with British Circle research, the North American Institute for Crop Circle Research publish tables and accounts of their own findings, leaving the reader in no doubt this is a truly international enigma.

Quest International researcher Nicholas Redfern presents a unique insight into British Official UFO reports from the 1950's. By sifting through documentation on both sides of the Atlantic, Nicholas has shown his pedigree as one of this country's up-and-coming researchers. A superb effort.

Plenty of interest too from the Soviet Union, with contributions by Richard Haines and Nikolai Lebedev; Gulf Breeze, Florida, with an excellent report from American researcher Bob Oechsler; a lengthy account of strange happenings in and around Puerto Rico by Jorge Martin, plus a look at UFO's in China by researcher Paul Dong.

Concluded by a world round-up of selected reports, several of which come from Quest International, Timothy Good has once again whet the appetite for thousands of people who enjoyed discovering more about UFO's and Crop Circles.

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P.C. Quinn also remarked that he was a glider pilot, with 46 hours flying time, in powered aircraft. He conclude: "No way was that an aircraft - we would have been able to hear it."

I began questioning separately the officers concerned at 19.17 hrs and ended the interviews shortly after 22.00hrs. All those present had been most cordial and very open in their responses, whilst feeling somewhat uncomfortable having to explain their experience to a civilian UFO investigator. I'd already ascertained through one source who didn't wish to be named that radar contact had been made of an object at the time. Intriguingly, before leaving Wetherby police station, Inspector Darnton remarked that radar sighting had been made of the object during the sightings, and that, "confirmation was given by the authorities concerned."

I had left a standard UFO sighting report form with each of the officers, inviting them to fill in all the relevant details and to let me have them back as soon as possible.

***Some investigators prefer to question witnesses using the UFO report form as a means of extracting information. Whilst the report form is a useful tool, the sooner an investigator appreciates what sort of questions to ask of a person themselves, the better. Leave the report form with the witness, compare later the answers they give with those you have obtained during the interview. Some telling points can often be discovered through such means. By providing a stamped addressed envelope with the forms, you have a reasonable chance of getting them back fairly quickly! All newly appointed Quest International investigators will obtain a healthy supply of our current sighting report form.**

Some days later, I received two of the report forms in the post, one from PC Quinn and the other from WPC Cranidge. There are a total of 37 questions in the standard report form, and answers to question number 29 proved the most interesting of the lot.

It asks: 'Did you report to any official, or to the press, that you had seen the object? Please give detail...' PC Quinn wrote 'no'.

*I had failed to ask this question during the interviews, a notable 'gaffe' on my part. Another good reason for leaving sighting report forms with witnesses.

WPC Cranidge wrote: 'Police Control, Air Traffic Control Manchester, Staxton Wold Early Warning Station.'

Clearly, by a stroke of good fortune, I had been given two prime candidates who might have been responsible for Inspector Darnton's remarks about radar sightings.

MORE WITNESSES - THE SAME UFO?

In the *Daily Express* of 15th September 1980, was reported that the object had been 'tracked by radar, a similar account appeared in the *Daily Mirror* on that same day.

The *Yorkshire Post* newspaper reported that police checks made with local RAF Fylingdales, the early warning listening station, did not produce a satisfactory reply. The paper quoted a senior police officer at York as saying, "there is nothing more we can do. It has been logged as a UFO."

The *Yorkshire Evening Post* quoted an account by a 79 year-old woman from Leeds, a Mrs Kathleen Lyons, who said she had seen "a magnificent, blazing cigar-shaped light. It was motionless, but slightly above it were thinner lights, flashing as if signalling."

*It's always good research policy to stretch the field of investigation to cover regions which

This procedure is the 'bread and butter' stuff of UFO research which often results in very little information surfacing and can be very frustrating indeed. Nonetheless, any legitimate UFO investigation of an incident of this nature has to include official comments, if it doesn't no matter how 'negative' the response to ones queries, the report is simply incomplete in my opinion.

The meteorological office at RAF Bawtry (new headquarters are in Leeds) gave me the weather details for the Wetherby and York areas for the night and following morning in question:

"From 19.00hrs 13th September - partly cloudy - half cover of cloud - half increasing to midnight. Similar throughout night. Wind, fresh, west to southwest. Temperature at midnight, 13C, rising to 14C by 03.00hrs."

*These days, obtaining such information can be costly, as you are likely to be charged by the Met. office. Good investigators will cut out and keep local weather charts from their newspapers. One can always seek out past editions at the reference library - weather information is important!

For astronomical information, I turned to Dr **Jakeways**, professor of astro physics at the University of Leeds.

He told me that Venus is more or less prominent at this time of the year, but that it would be hard to see through rain-giving cloud. At 03.30hrs, the planet Venus was 20 degrees north of east, and 10 degrees above the horizon. To be in a

position of 60 or 70 degrees above the horizon, would mean you were watching the planet at approximately 07.00hrs in the morning, when, at this time of year, it would be extremely doubtful if you were able to see it because of the daylight.

This was important, because WPC Cranidge reported that the angle of elevation above the horizon of the object when first seen in the south was 20-25 degrees, when last seen in the northeast, 30-35 degrees.

PC Quinn said that the object when last seen was at an elevation of 60 degrees.

Inspector Blanchard, who was convinced all along that the object in question was Venus, gave its elevation at 60-70 degrees at 03.30hrs, with the object in the east, a massive 40-50 higher than where Venus was supposed to be according to Dr Jakeways.

***If an investigator has some basic astronomical experience, it does help. Knowing where certain stars or planets can be found in the skies,**

whether at night or early dawn, can prove to be invaluable in determining the cause of a particular sighting. Try and seek out a good handbook which is available at most bookshops.

It was now time to turn detective at the various locations which might have recorded something on radar. I spoke with the watch supervisor at Manchester Airport and asked if they had received a query regarding a UFO report on the 13th/14th September and if it had been recorded in the watch log. Also I enquired if anything unusual had been seen on their radar screens.

I was told: "There have been no reports of a UFO at all in the watch log, and if a UFO had been reported to Manchester, this information would have been sent to London."

Later that same evening (Monday 15th September) I contacted RAF Leeming in North Yorkshire to ask a similar question. They said nothing had been reported to them about any UFO. Leeds and Bradford Airport responded similarly.

*Being able to communicate with local RAF station personnel and civilian airport officials in connection with a UFO sighting is something that all would-be investigators of the phenomena have to deal with from time to time. It was not particularly difficult during the seventies and early eighties, but with heightened tension brought about as a result of campaigns by anti-nuclear groups and the ever rising threat of terrorism, it was to become more tricky in later years. Enquires should be directed to the duty officer, but in such cases, I would recommend you seek advice from Tony Dodd, who had a vast number of sources who can provide him with accurate and sometimes, extraordinary information!

Even so, when communicating with early warning establishments such as RAF Staxton Wold and RAF Fylingdales, it was pretty obvious that having got through to them by telephone, long delays in awaiting a particular response suggested they were tracing the call. These days, I offer my telephone number as well as other personal details at the outset to offset such understandable caution. It seems to work.

Certain telephone numbers cannot be obtained through 'normal' channels, hence my suggestion earlier that these enquires be routed through the Research Director.

THE 'PLOT' THICKENS

At 20.48hrs that same Monday, I spoke with Flt/Lt David Hulme at RAF Staxton Wold. He confirmed for me that at 03.30hrs, they had received a report from West Yorkshire police of a possible UFO. The log showed that "one object, with four bright lights" had been observed. Interestingly, he added that Manchester Airport had instructed the police to ring them.

An official report of the incident had been forwarded to the Ministry of Defence in London by his staff, but Staxton Wold themselves had recorded nothing on the radar screens.

I later rang RAF Fylingdales and spoke with the duty watch officer. He listened to what I had to say, and then suggested that I call back the following morning. When I did as he suggested, I spoke with Squ. Leader Ian Rogers, the administration O.C. He confirmed that the police had rang the station in respect of the 13th September UFO incident, the enquiry had been noted, details recorded, and dispatched to the Ministry of Defence in London. He concluded, "... there is nothing else to report. Nothing was picked up on radar."

To satisfy my curiosity as to why Manchester Airport had earlier told me they know nothing of the sighting, when this clearly contradicted later testimony, I sought an explanation from them. Surely a police enquiry must have been entered in the log?

There was many a long pause before a gentleman at air traffic control said they had suggested the police contact Staxton Wold because Manchester radar wouldn't have been able to detect anything that low down so far away. When I asked the man to offer me his name for use in my report, he refused, because it was "official business."

***Sometimes it helps if you offer to keep a persons name and background confidential because you never know when you might have to make further enquires of them in the future. If they are willing to impart information provided you keep their name out of things, then that is the price you sometimes have to pay if any further progress is to be made.**

It goes without saying that if a witness requires confidentiality, then they must have it. In this particular case, all the names, including ranks that appear in the report are 100% genuine.

THE CAMERA DOESN'T LIE

Later still, I managed to obtain three prints of the mysterious object taken by D.C. Hall outside Wetherby police station, thanks to the kind assistance of Mr Baxter, head of the press office at West Yorkshire police headquarters in Wakefield.

Three black and white time exposure photographs revealed a tell-tale white streak of light that arched across a generally black mass of darkened surround. It was a planetary movement, to that, there was little doubt. To be absolutely sure of my findings, I consulted once again with Professor Jackways. This is what he wrote in a written reply:

Dear Mr Birdsall,

I am replying in response to your letter enclosing the photographs of a "Flying Saucer".

From technical information given to me by the police photographer it is quite clear that these are nothing other than "trail photographs" of Venus. The exposures were a few minutes long and, in that time any star or planet will move sufficiently to leave a short trail on the picture.

It is quite disgraceful that police time and public money has been wasted on this entirely futile exercise and I suggest that, before you go flying saucer hunting again, you learn a little elementary astronomy!

Yours faithfully,

Dr R. Jakeways

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RAF LOW-LEVEL FLYING CUT

Thanks to the ending of the 'Cold War', the Royal Air Force has announced that it will be cutting back on its low-level training flying by some 30% over the next three years. Good news you may think for all those people who are fed up with the deafening noise these aircraft make as they shatter the peaceful countryside, but wait for it...

In 1988, the RAF flew 151,000 low-level sorties, which means that people can still expect a fair amount of noise in the years to come. In UFO terms, low-flying exercises have prompted a number of sightings over the years, particularly near coastlines, where the afterburners of many jet aircraft can be visible for many miles as they head out to sea and several 'live' target practise areas. Strobe lights ahead of the aircraft, both military and civilian can be seen up to 30 miles away in some cases!

The final report, together with Professor Jakeways comments, was dispatched as promised to the Inspector concerned. That was the end of the matter, or so I thought. Some weeks later, the findings of the report appeared in the Yorkshire Post newspaper, and particular emphasis was placed on Jakeways references to 'a waste of taxpayers money'. It was not an ideal postscript, for it seemed to serve notice on the entire West Yorkshire police force to be more careful in future when dealing with UFO sightings and not to rush into hasty judgements.

Of course, Dr Jakeways knew perfectly well that my own suspicions centred around the planet Venus, which is why I requested the planetary movement details from him sometime beforehand. I needed his proven academic background to give authority to the findings of the report, regardless of what he thought of me and the UFO subject in general.

I sent another copy of my final report (not a letter) on the matter to the Ministry of Defence in London, which sought their comment. Mr S.A. Weeden of Defence Staff 8 (DS8) responded. It was dated 21st November 1980.

Dear Mr Birdsall,

Thank you for your letter of 15th November about unidentified flying objects.

I should first like to say that the sole interest of the Ministry of Defence with regard to UFO reports is to establish whether they have any bearing on the defence of this country. Reports of this incident have reached the MoD through the normal channels.

There is no organisation in the Ministry of Defence appointed solely for the purpose of studying UFOs and no staff are engaged on the subject on a full-time basis. Reports are referred to the appropriate staff within the department directly responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom, who examine the reports as part of their normal duties. Such staff have access to all information available at the Ministry of Defence and can call on the full scientific and professional resources of the Department.

Finally, the Ministry of Defence has no evidence which suggests either that UFOs are of extra-terrestrial origin, or that the phenomena are a threat to the defence to the United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, **Mr S.A. Weeden**

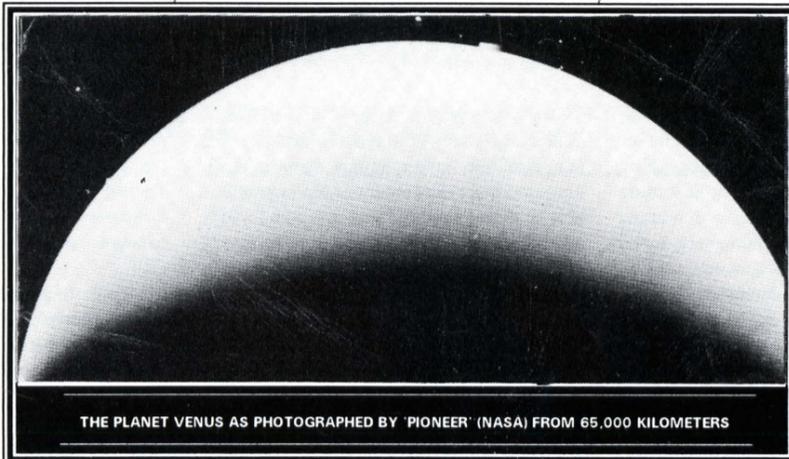
Mr Weeden's letter is the standard sort of response which has been issued by the Ministry of Defence on thousands of occasions like this, and of course we have many more like it on our

files. He does acknowledge the MoD have received a report of the incident through normal channels, but little else.

***We now know of course that the report will have been dispatched to several other departments, most notably DI55 (Defence Intelligence 55). The Ministry of Defence are up to their eyeballs in UFO matters, make no mistake about that! I would recommend that investigators always seek out their comments, you can do so by writing to AS2 (Air Staff 2), at the MoD in Whitehall, London.**

WHAT DOES THIS REPORT TELL US?

The sighting of a strange object seen by fellow police officers based at Gipton, in Leeds, will have unquestionably been in the minds of those Wetherby officers when they first viewed the bright object just two days later.



THE PLANET VENUS AS PHOTOGRAPHED BY 'PIONEER' (NASA) FROM 65,000 KILOMETERS

Having little or no understanding of basic astronomy, they assumed that what they were looking at had to be a UFO. It sounds incredible that professional men and women can reach that sort of conclusion, but reach it they did. Their convictions were strengthened once they set off by car in pursuit of the object, for it appeared to move with them and change direction. Common sense should have told them that once their vehicles were stationary, and the object appeared to hover, meant they were probably observing a planet.

They were convinced they were watching a cone-shaped object move through binoculars later in the night, but repeat the exercise for yourselves for five or ten minutes at a stationary distant planet or bright star, and your eyes will convince you there is definite movement.

The only remaining mystery is why the police should remain adamant they were told an object had been located on radar? Was this an excuse to justify the time and effort (and ratepayers money) that went into the exercise? I very much doubt it, and to suggest as much would probably be taken with great exception by Inspector Darton.

It's also plausible that either RAF Staxton Wold or Fylingdales recorded the radar returns of an aircraft in the area at that time and reported they had a target signal.

What the case illustrates is how easy it is for even experienced observers to mistake something as ordinary as the planet Venus for a UFO.

Consider then, what problems await the inexperienced UFO investigator, who interviews a witness with no observational experience whatsoever, has no knowledge of astronomy or aviation matters, and who might for example, observe a top-secret aerial craft flying covertly!

There is no substitute for experience, but in the field of UFO investigation, as in all walks of life, one has to start somewhere.

Mistakes do happen. Errors of judgement occur, no-one is perfect. I've made my fair share of 'bloomers' in the past, but happily have learned from those experiences and tried not to repeat them.

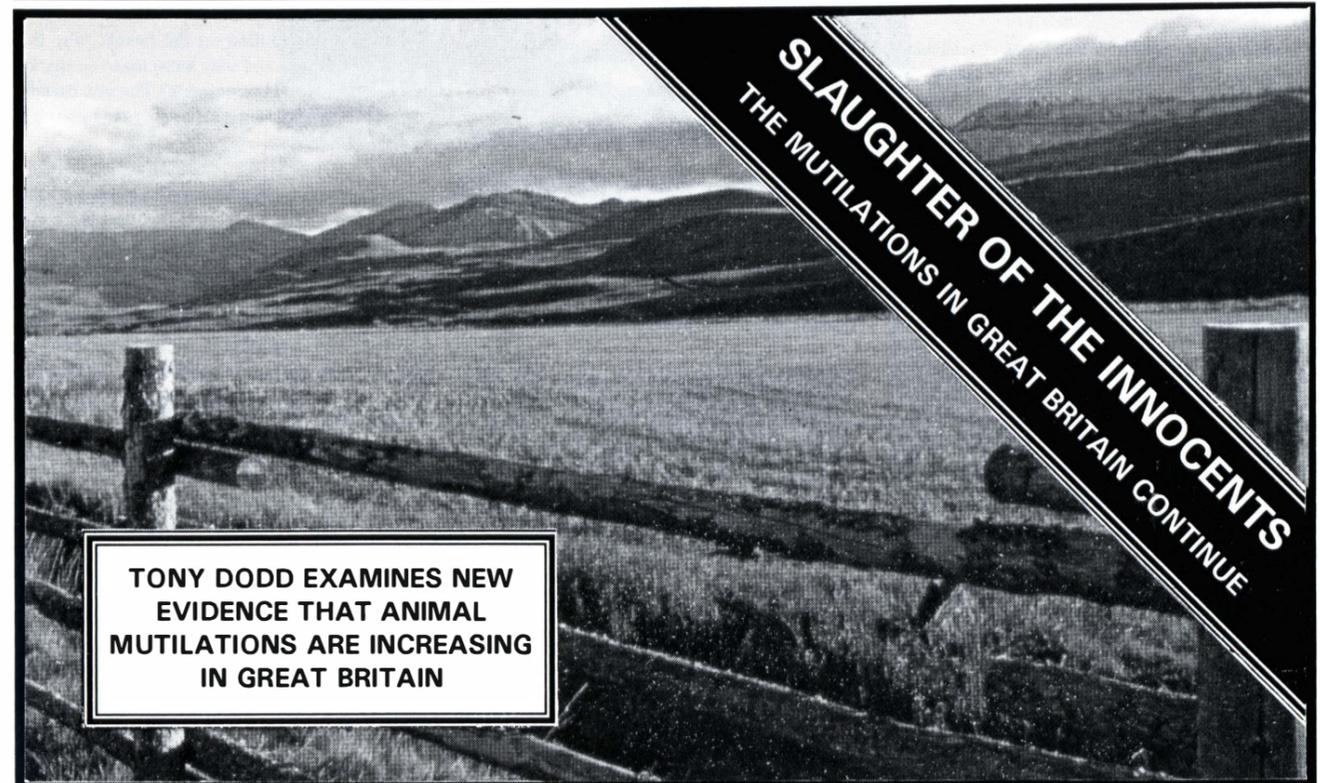
I'm sure there are many people reading this column who have considered becoming a UFO investigator, but for reasons best known to them, have resisted the temptation. It could be because you may not like to see your telephone number appearing in the local press in response to a surge in sightings; you might find it embarrassing if your photograph appears alongside the article; you might not feel confident about tackling a radio or television spot if called upon to offer your expertise; you might not wish to answer the telephone in the middle of your favourite television show; your wife/husband/children/family and friends might not approve.

Still determined to go-ahead? Still wanting to play an active role in the research and investigation of a subject which could make you a laughing stock? If the answer is yes, then Tony Dodd would like to hear from you.

Observing my first UFO back in 1967, deciding to play an active part as a researcher, changed my life forever. I have never regretted that decision, and am proud to be associated with a great movement and very special friends.

Graham William Birdsall

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In the small Scottish village of **Kinlochewe**, Western Ross, the residents were extremely worried. Reports circulated the area about increasing numbers of sheep being found dead in very strange circumstances. It was mid-March, 1991 and the lambing season was just beginning.

Superstition, which is inherent in the Scottish Islands became rife as farmers closed ranks to find the cause of the sheep deaths. Villagers refused to go out in the dark, after talk of 'vampires' circulated the neighbourhood. Newspapers carried the story, including the *Sunday Mail*, which proclaimed, 'Vampire Beast on the Loose'.

The story read: 'A killer beast which is terrorising a remote highland village has baffled experts. The beast which attacks at night has killed nine sheep leaving a puncture wound under the ear. When the bodies were found the crofters called in a vet from 50 miles away. He stated, "I have never seen anything like this before, there was a puncture wound under each ear. The wounds were so definite that we thought the sheep had been shot at first, but this was not the case." Mr Vincent from the nearby hotel said, "... my son Joss and myself could hardly believe our eyes, we were walking on a nature reserve above the snowline when we saw a large cat-like footprint. The print measured at least two and a half inches across." One crofter suggested that it could have been a 'vampire fox' which had no teeth due to age and would have to exist on blood. But the vets said, "we cannot suggest any animal which could have been responsible for the wounds of this nature, and the total blood loss."

INVESTIGATION

Our researches into this case started with a long conversation with the vets concerned. They informed that they were totally in the dark as to what could have happened to the sheep. Each sheep had a very small hole below each ear and all blood had been drained from their bodies. There was no sign of any blood on the animals, or on the ground where they had been found. Furthermore, we were advised there was no indication of a struggle. No marks were found in the fields, although this could have been due to the surface of the land.

When we asked the vets if they could put forward any suggestion in respect of which animal could have killed the sheep, we were informed; "We have never experienced anything like this before, we cannot begin to guess at what caused the deaths, it's very strange indeed."

During a conversation with Mr Vincent, the hotel owner, who had found the large footprint some three miles away, he remarked, "I don't know what caused the footprint, but it is the biggest I have ever seen in this area, it looked like it could have come from a big cat."

Many suggestions were put forward, and conversations with the SSPCA proved they were equally as baffled by the occurrences. A spokesperson said, "we have no idea what caused the death of the sheep, or what kind of animal could have inflicted these wounds."

MYSTERIOUS SHEEP DEATHS IN NORTH YORKSHIRE

This was the headline carried in local newspapers in August 1991, when over forty five dead sheep were discovered overnight in a field in **Kettlewell**, North Yorkshire. The police attending the scene said that the animals were piled on top of each other next to a dry stone wall; they believed the sheep had suffocated by jumping on top of each other, indicating something had terrorised them. There were no visible injuries to the bodies and nobody in this small village had reported anything unusual. The deaths were eventually put down to a stray dog, because in the same field, a single paw print had been found.

I have attended the scenes of dog attacks on sheep several times, and the pattern is always the same. Dogs always single out one or perhaps two sheep to attack. They then systematically chase the sheep, biting at its rear end causing tearing wounds, sometimes of a very serious nature. When the sheep falls to the ground, the dog will attack other parts of the body.

I have spoken to local farmers about this case, and all say that they have never heard of a dog attack causing this number of deaths in one night, particularly when no wounds were evident. Unfortunately, no post mortem was carried out on the sheep, as it was assumed all had suffocated.

Another unusual case from the dales area happened a few years ago, when 400 sheep disappeared from a field during the night. Although there is always a possibility that rustlers were responsible, it would have been a difficult task to perform,

requiring a large animal transporter being taken into the field, although it is very likely this movement would have been witnessed. However, there were no vehicle tracks in the field, nor were the sheep ever found.

A recent television programme, 'Wildlife on One', narrated by David Attenborough was based on the mink which was brought into this country in 1929 to be farmed for its prized fur. The documentary referred to these small ferret-like animals as being 'ferocious', and escaping mink had bred and established themselves along river banks to prey on moles, rabbits and fish.

During this film, interviews were conducted with farmers who stated that dozens of lambs had been found dead with small puncture wounds on the neck, and in some instances, a small neat hole had been made in the top of the head. Although mink are not much bigger than rats, they were blamed. The film also claimed that mink were responsible for swimming three miles to a small island where they subsequently killed 129 Tern overnight, found later minus their heads.

Was mink the culprit who killed and removed the heads of 180 gulls, found dead in a bird sanctuary in the Scilly Isles, on land owned by Prince Charles? Perhaps the mink swam to the isles to perform this dastardly deed.

HUNT FOR KILLERS IN ISLAND MYSTERY OF HEADLESS SEALS

The media recently focused its attention of mystery mutilations which occurred on the beaches of the Orkney Islands, however, on this occasion, seals were targeted.

One newspaper remarked: 'A grisly series of killings has left the headless carcasses of more than thirty seals on beaches in the Orkneys, baffling police and animal welfare officers.'

'Mike Lynch, an inspector with the Scottish Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals said, "We're at a loss. I've never seen anything like this before. A postmortem examination of one of the carcasses showed that the heads had been cut-off almost surgically. Whoever did this must have used a very sharp knife. The heads had not been hacked off, yet there is no sign of serrations, which rules out sharks or killer whales.'

"There is no evidence of how the animals have died and the seals' bodies show every sign of them being in good health. I may be wrong, but the evidence points to there having been a massacre. Without a clue as to *who is killing the seals, there is nothing we can do,*" said Mr Lynch.

'A member of the Orkney Seal Rescue said, "what is baffling, is that in a small community where people usually know what is going on, nobody has come forward with a clue."

COMMENT: It is interesting to note, that

A memorandum served on the United States 99th Congress by the American group ICUFON (Intercontinental Galactic Spacecraft [UFO] Research and Analytic Network), headed by Major (Retired) Colman S. VonKeviczky, MMSE, reads as follows.

To the 99th Congress of the United States, Defence Appropriation Committees' (25th April 1985), on the problem of endangered national/international security pertaining to the illegal operation of forces, that have been verified by the Pentagon as being extraterrestrial and of galactic origin.

The memorandum was headed, 'Unidentifiable Alien Forces, Livestock Mutilation Wave over the United States'.

A further paragraph read:

It is our honour to present to you the enclosed supplement regarding the Unidentifiable Alien Forces Livestock Mutilation Wave as further substantial evidence of our memorandum submitted to you on 25th April 1955, requesting its priority on the agenda of the 99th Congress.

Namely this memorandum is an integral part of the SDI (Strategic Defence Initiative) permanently on the floor of the Congress. It has proved the potential threat, of Alien (UFO) forces, and urged a parallel action for the security of the United States, and the problem's solution, before it is too late.

The memorandum continued with many pages of documented evidence of animal mutilations which have been occurring in other parts of the world, including reports from veterinarian establishments who quote that the injuries inflicted on all manner of animals and the removal of organs from them, is being done in a manner which is beyond the skills of our current science.

A quote by Captain Keith Wolverton, Cascade County Deputy Sheriff, Chief Co-ordinating investigator of cattle mutilations, Great Falls, Montana: "I am no longer eager to find out who is doing it, as I am to discover why."

Our thanks go to Major (Retired) Colman VonKeviczky for using quotes from his memorandum to the 99th United States Congress.

Residents of certain Scottish islands have reported UFOs in the days just prior to the discovery of the seal bodies.

Quest investigations of this case led us to the Chief of Police in the area concerned. He said that normally, the police would not be involved in this type of case, as it was not within the range of police jurisdiction; due to the strange circumstances however, they have been called in to assist. A disagreement had been going on between the conservationists, the vets and police. Some thought that the bloodless bodies of the seals had been killed on the beaches where they had been found; others believed the seals were washed ashore after death. There was no evidence to support either theory.

If they had been killed on the beach, why the absence of blood, and why were there no marks in the sand around the animals? The one certain point which is apparent, seal bodies are still being found.

Our conversation with the vet who conducted the postmortem on the seals, revealed they were at a loss as to what caused the injuries. Another vet said, "... we cannot guess what killed these animals, but whatever it was had a knowledge of seal anatomy by the way the heads had been removed. The cuts were precise, clean and had gone between the bones of the vertebrae without actually damaging the bones. It has got us totally baffled, although there was a total blood loss, this would be expected in these circumstances. If they were killed on the beach, why were there no signs of blood."

Enquiries with the Orkney Seal Rescue organisation revealed they too were at a loss, as were police officers and the veterinary surgeons. An OSR officer said, "it is possible that these deaths have been caused by fishermen, protecting their fish stocks, but why remove the seal heads, it does not make sense."

Contact was established with the National Farmers Union Headquarters who were asked about the growing number of strange animal deaths being reported in the British Isles. Their reply was predictable, "luckily we have not heard of any strange animal deaths." [How can this possibly be, when they are consistently paying out insurance claims in these cases?]

A similar attitude was adopted when I approached the National Veterinary College. They responded by claiming: "We have never heard of any animal or bird mutilation deaths. Sorry, we can't help you."

Their curt reply is consistent with the government's secrecy policy...keep the public ignorant.

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FROM: DENNY DENSHAM, SOUTH WALES

THE MOD & UFO PHOTOGRAPHS

Dear Sir

Having just received Volume 10 No.6 of your magazine, I was interested to read Jean Sider's letter and his remarks about the famous Adamski photograph of a flying saucer.

While for a time I also believed this was a fake because unless it was shot by a gigantic telephoto lens both the front and rear should have been pin sharp, but the photograph had front and rear blurred which make it look more likely to be a model which had been shot at fairly close range.

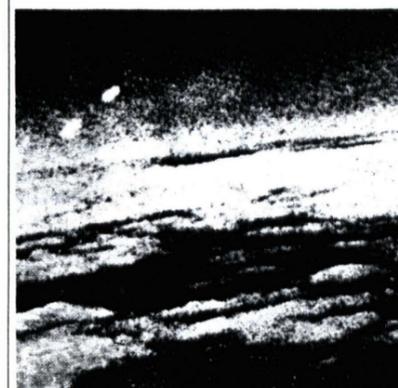


Adamski's infamous 'Scoutship' UFO, genuine or deliberate hoax?

However, in 1954 I was attached to the Ministry of Supply as their advisor on films; one afternoon a security man turned up with a roll of 16mm film and asked me to project it and then give my opinion on the content.

The film was shot by a scientist who was a member of a team who were to fly north from a base in Norway to view and photograph an eclipse of the sun. The film started with shots of the *boffins* boarding a Constellation aircraft, then there were other photographs out of the window during the flight of both the ground and the clouds. Quite suddenly, this man switched his camera on - at his lap, and panned it around to the window, and to my utter astonishment, he photographed two flying saucers which crossed from starboard to port only a few feet above the aircraft. They flew in line along the wing and then shot off ahead and out of picture at a great speed. The remainder of the roll of film contained shots of the actual eclipse.

What astounded me was that these machines were identical to the one shown in the Adamski photograph (see photo above), they had a sort



of conning tower on top, there were port holes and they had half spherical ball-like things underneath which may have been landing devices. The machines were rotating as they flew along.

The full story of this event was published in Volume 36 No.2 of Flying Saucer Review.

Kodak confirmed that the roll of Kodachrome was genuine and could not have been tampered with. As the camera was hand held and panned up from the scientist's knees, it would have been impossible for anybody to fake such a shot with models. I sent the film to the R.A.F. at Farnborough where scientists examined it, and they noticed something I had missed, and that was that a scratch in the window's perspex obliterated a fraction of the machines as they flew over, proving they were outside the aircraft.

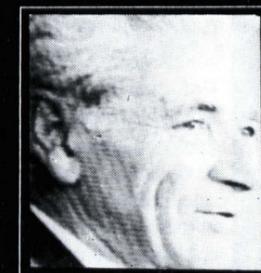
The film was later released to the newsreels but apart from Universal News, nobody bothered to use it. But the BBC did have a 35mm black and white copy which included an optical step print which gave a jerky sort of slow motion effect which showed up the rotation as the machines flew over.

Gordon Creighton (editor FSR) has informed me that researchers have since found the tin containing this film in the BBC archives, but it was sealed and had a label attached which read, 'Restricted - Do Not Use'. It transpired that mine was not the only motion picture film shot on that occasion although the two machines were seen at a distance in these. Then as we may expect, a quite strong effort was made to hush up the event by disinformation.

It could well be, that Adamski had actually seen one of these craft and had a model made as a replica which he photographed in order to attempt to boost his story.

N.B. It would be of real value if any of your readers could tell me what happened to the Universal News material, who owns it, and where it is stored. It could be that they have a copy of this event which offers proof these machines really do exist.

FACT FILE ON GEORGE ADAMSKI 1891-1965



George Adamski is undoubtedly the most famous contactee known within the confines of the UFO phenomenon.

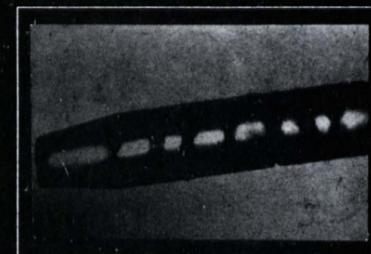
Adamski was an early pioneer of the alien/contact scenario, and perplexed science with his regular comments, that he himself had liaised with extraterrestrials. His photographs depict something, although it is generally agreed that they are probably hoaxed.

Nevertheless, such was his standing, that he allegedly met with Queen Juliana of the Netherlands, and Pope John XXII.

Adamski lectured throughout the world, and penned several UFO books, detailing his contacts and message. His claims however became more outrageous, until his credibility with major UFO research groups disappeared. Perhaps his most controversial comment came, when he claimed life prevailed on all planets in the Solar System, and that he himself had visited these worlds.

The very fact that numerous UFO's have been reported carrying the 'three globes', does give rise to the fact, that Adamski may well have witnessed a genuine UFO at some stage of his researches.

His work and photographs, remain a great topic of conversation within ufology, and several books have been written identifying his work, including 'George Adamski - The Untold Story', authored by Timothy Good and Lou Zinsstag, which offered some support. CETI Publications.



Another of Adamski's famous photographs, showing an alleged 'Mothership', 1951

HELP FROM OUTERSPACE?

Sheep and rabbits stumble into one another, blinded by the harmful effects of severe ozone depletion in the southern hemisphere. Millions forced to wear protective clothing and sunglasses. A scene from a new science fiction movie? Unfortunately not. The 'frightening' developments in Chile to which we refer should serve notice on governments that ozone depletion, and all its effects, has arrived. Worse still, NASA's total ozone spectrometer (TOMS) aboard the NIMBUS 7 satellite has detected a dramatic decline in the ozone layer here in the northern hemisphere. Scientists warn that this summer could provide the most harmful effects ever recorded, leading to a huge rise in the number of people suffering from skin cancers and eye problems. Australians now think twice before stepping outdoors to do a spot of sunbathing, will we be thinking along similar lines before too long?

The Mount Pinatubo Volcanic eruption in the Philippines on June 15th 1991 has almost certainly damaged the ozone layer even further, and scientists are now warning that the numbers of people contracting the AIDS virus will rise as a result. It's scary stuff.

However, there could yet be 'salvation' thank's to an almost forgotten piece of space hardware which is still travelling away from Earth at a fare rate of knots.

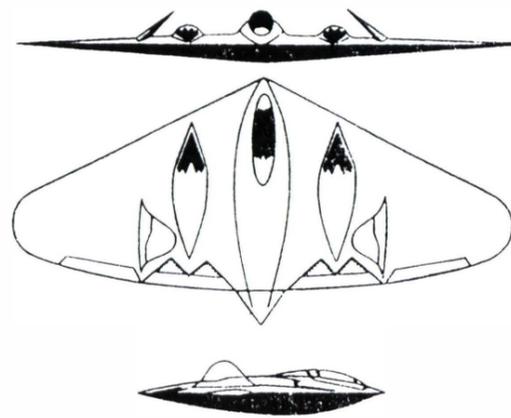
Data from the NASA Voyager 1 spacecraft, which flew by the planet Saturn and many of its moons in November 1980 (was it really that long ago?) has revealed an "anti-greenhouse effect" on the moon Titan. The temperature model of the organically rich, thick atmosphere on Saturn's largest moon, may help in basic studies of the Earth's greenhouse effect, say NASA.

Titan's mainly nitrogen, methane and hydrogen atmosphere - with a pressure only one and-a-half times greater than the Earth's - absorbs solar light but transmits reflected infra-red radiation, an anti-greenhouse effect which reduces the surface temperature by 9 degrees centigrade.

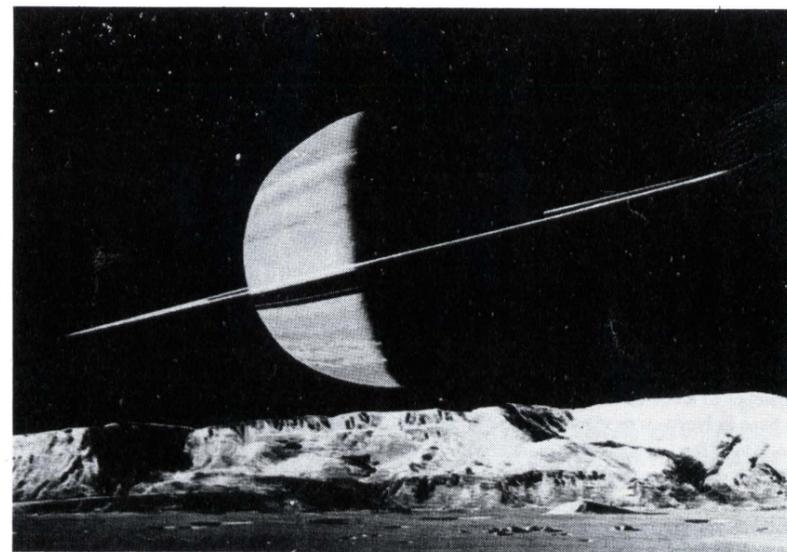
FLYING-WING RESEARCH SCALED DOWN

President Bush has announced that further development of the Northrop B-2 'flying wing' aircraft is to be stopped, leaving just 20 aircraft to enter service (eventually) with the United States Air Force. Quest International has long maintained that the B-2 bomber programme has been nothing more than a sham, protecting a radical and covert 'black budget' operation which has seen the development of advanced aircraft as yet unseen by the public.

In the American magazine 'Popular Mechanics' (December 1991) the Northrop TR-3A, alleged to have flown alongside the Lockheed Stealth F117-A fighter during the Gulf War, is



THE ALLEGED NORTHROP TR-3A



ARTISTS' IMPRESSION OF SATURN FROM ITS MYSTERIOUS MOON TITAN

featured for the first time. The magazine reports that witnesses have not only seen this 60-65ft wide aircraft, but two other top-secret clandestine craft, performing in and around secret test ranges in California and Nevada.

One is alleged to be triangular in shape, capable of performing extraordinary manoeuvres, the other is shaped like a boomerang. Interestingly, some of the sightings have been reported near

Groom Lake, or *AREA 51*, which is supposed to house captured or recovered alien spacecraft. Back in October 1991, USAF Chief of Staff, General Merrill McPeak said that the then Soviet Union could probably detect the B-2 on radar after all:

"I expect that certain parts of their (Soviet) air defence set-up would be able to detect the B-2 today.

"Nobody's ever argued that the B-2 is invisible or immortal. What we've argued is that it is a very hard target to shoot down. I expect that will still be true in ten years."

'Black Programmes' involving Lockheed, centre around the celebrated 'Skunk Works' near Burbank, California. However, chief rivals, Northrop, have now established a 'Skunk Works' of their own at Pico Rivera close-by.

Northrop have an order backlog of \$7.1 billion, the third biggest in its history. Strange, you may think, when so many commentators insist arms reductions are the order of the day...

Some 200 scientific, technical and engineering personnel are now employed at the top secret location. Interestingly, many of the staff have been switched from the B-2 and aircraft divisions of the company.

Details of the exact aircraft programmes, "both manned and unmanned," are not available. "We're talking mostly black at the moment," said a company spokesman.

BRILLIANT PEBBLES

'Brilliant Pebbles' is the highly distributed, space ballistic missile tracking, identification and destruction system that is a key element of SDI [Strategic Defence Initiative] defence shield. Despite cutbacks in the US defence budget, despite the break-up of the Soviet Union, the United States intends to go ahead and position over a thousand of these awesome craft in orbit high above the earth.

They are designed to intercept and destroy incoming ballistic missiles, but they can just as easily be turned around to detect and destroy incoming alien craft if required. Curiously, the European Space Agency's [ESA] Meteosat 2 satellite has just been moved from its operational geostationary orbit [GEO] into a 'graveyard', 700km higher. The satellite was launched in 1981 and served later as a back-up to Meteosat 3. Nothing strange in that you may think, except that two other GEO satellites have also been moved out of position by the ESA, GEOS 4 and OTS.

As you read this column, three satellites are actively studying not the greenhouse effect, but the dangers caused by space-debris above the earth. It is well known that there are tens of thousands of pieces of space debris orbiting the earth, and some can represent a danger to operational satellites and manned craft, but do we need this study now? NASA has cut-back on Shuttle launches, and the Russian Space Programme appears on permanent hold. Why do we still need a defence shield in space, and how come three sophisticated satellites are turning their attention to space debris for heavens sake? *Are we expecting visitors?*

STARLITE

Over the years, how often have we heard or read of some new discovery or invention which taken on face value, appears remarkable to say the least, only to never hear of the inventor or subject matter again?

We now have a 'gut feeling' that the same could happen to former hairdresser **Maurice Ward**. 'Maurice who?' you may ask. During the build-up to the Christmas holidays, a brief snippet of news appeared in the *Daily Express* last December. It was written by the paper's Defence Correspondent, John Ingham, under the headline, 'A-bomb proof plastic' The story ran as follows:

Former hairdresser Maurice Ward has amazed British defence chiefs by inventing a revolutionary plastic which can withstand atomic blasts.

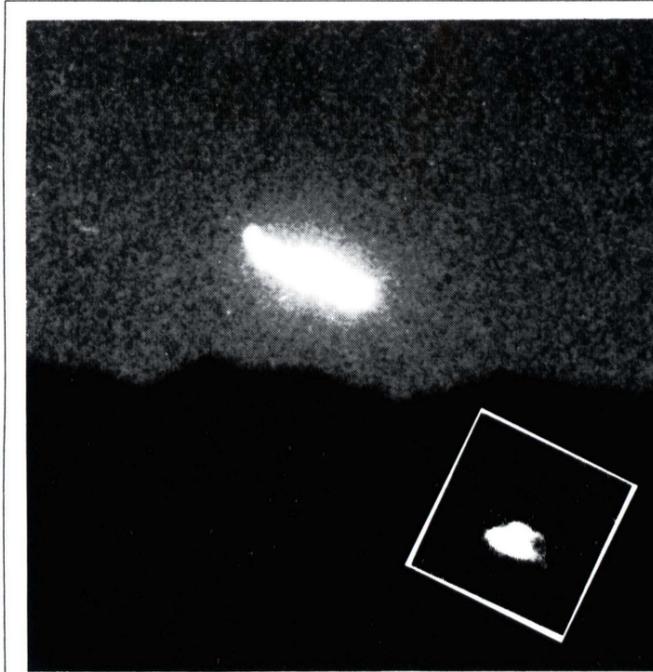
The material, called STARLITE, survived a simulated nuclear flash and explosion in New Mexico [USA] which left a crater 270ft across by 70ft deep, turned trees into saw dust and tossed tanks through the air

Starlite can also absorb temperatures equivalent to the surface of the sun - up to 10,000 degrees centigrade.

Mr Ward, 59, has run a successful family plastics firm in Hartlepool for the past 15 years. He said yesterday: "Starlite is linked technically with formulas I developed over 20 years in hairdressing.

"Scientists have been trying for decades to create material like this."

Will STARLITE replace outer-shells of probes to places like Venus and the Sun in future? Will gas and electrical 'plastic' ovens soon start appearing in showrooms around the world? It's possible, but more likely we shall never hear of it again, now that Defence agencies are involved...



MAIN PICTURE: UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT PHOTOGRAPHED ABOVE GROOM MOUNTAINS, ON 6 DECEMBER 1990, BY ISSURO ISOKAWA.

INSET: DISC-SHAPED PHENOMENA PHOTOGRAPHED OVER AREA 51, BY GARY SCHULTZ, ON 28 FEBRUARY 1990.

THE SCIENCE CORRESPONDENT OF THE DAILY TELEGRAPH - ADRIAN BERRY, IS FAST BECOMING BRITISH UFOLOGY'S STERNEST CRITIC - UFO MAGAZINE EXAMINE SOME OF HIS LATEST COMMENTS

Adrian Berry questioned the intelligence of thousands of Belgians who witnessed UFO sightings over a period of twelve months - insisting they were looking at the planet Venus.

He has called **'ABOVE TOP SECRET - THE WORLDWIDE COVER-UP'**, by author Timothy Good, "an evil book," and has continuously derided everything the author has said and written ever since.

Berry's personal views on the UFO subject hit an all-time-low on November 16th 1991, when he launched another verbal assault on Good's latest work.

"It is painful to turn from this to the shrill yappings of Timothy Good's **'Alien Liaison: the Ultimate Secret'** (Century - £14.99). The thesis, which he shouts rather than argues, is that aliens are continually visiting Earth and that the U.S. government is 'covering them up'. Really?

"A press which so easily unravelled Watergate could surely penetrate so sensational a 'secret' as this. Only mentally subnormal people could believe in it.

"But the profusion of books of this kind demonstrates depressingly how numerous they must be."

Here at Quest International, we always thought that 'mentally subnormal people' (terminology which we are loath to use) are those who create biological and chemical weapons, and just about every other form of material harmful to life on our planet, but we must have been wrong - scientists, and those who report on them, are perfectly normal and respectable people, are they not?

Presumably, Adrian Berry had lunched with a colleague at the Daily Telegraph, Martin Cropper, who just seven days later on the 23rd November 1991, awarded his 'Warp Factor' to the best and battiest of the years paranormal titles'.

He writes: "In another dimension, uncannily like our own, dozens of creatures with eight fingers and three brains sit at eerily glowing machines producing 'books' about the paranormal.

"These works typically set out with claims to sceptical inquiry, but rapidly escalate

through hucksterich appeals to large-mindedness all the way up to sober expressions of weapons-grade gibberish. The authors employ freshly harvested anecdotes as a way of firming up the existing database - and then vice versa. Read enough of them and it becomes apparent that everyone is quoting everyone else as corroborating evidence that 'alternative dimensions' are different in many ways. Only the credulous lack real imagination.

"Not all my chosen books are loony toons. I have awarded each a Warp Factor mark out

"ONLY MENTALLY SUBNORMAL PEOPLE COULD BELIEVE IN IT"

ADRIAN BERRY ON ALIEN LIAISON

10: the higher the score, the less I would care to spend Christmas stuck in a lift with [its] author.

"The UFO Report 1992' (edited by Timothy Good; Sidgwick & Jackson, £17.50) is the third such annual wrap-up of 'sightings' from Puerto Rico to Clacton-on-Sea. The most intriguing mystery is the title: no object from 1992 can yet be reported on, whatever its provenance. The sinisterly silent saucers (or perhaps tea-pots) continue to beam their pretty lights down on blameless cits who, 'unfortunately', can never quite get their camera out in time.

"The one decipherable snap resembles a luminous sex-aid hovering over a country lane. Although the police are required to alert the MoD, nothing ever comes of it because, naturally, there is a government conspiracy in the train. We learn nothing useful about the witnesses, such as their movie-going habits.

"The psychology of perception is a more exciting topic than phosphorescent aerial-heads who will keep leaving these 'Call me' messages in the alien corn.

('Cereologists' find crop-circle hoaxers 'cruel'.) The fact remains that no-one ever saw a flying saucer before the advent of the Cold War. Warp Factor: 8."

Quest International awarded their annual 'wish you were shut-in-a-lift-Xmas award' to... surprise surprise! There were joint winners for last year folks! Adrian Berry and Martin Cropper. In the opinion of the judges, Adrian won due to his extremely loud 'gooseberries' aimed over many years at Timothy Good... and Martin, because he came a 'cropper' when he attempted to act as an historian on pre-Cold War UFO matters.

For the record, 'ALIEN LIAISON' has received a pretty fair hearing from the British media:

"The author is at pains to prepare his readers chapter-by-chapter with considerable literary skill. If nothing else, he has written a wonderful suspense narrative. Only on arriving at the concluding chapters is one led into evidence that what this book claims, COULD well be true. I suspect 'Alien Liaison' will be dismissed by many people as the product of a man who is a 'crank' about UFO's. Readers of the book will, however, doubt this, as it is quite clear Mr Good is openly sceptical about many aspects of the issue... I urge all who are interested in arguments about UFO's to read this book at the earliest opportunity. It might just be the most telling to have been published to date." **Brian Grist, Clifton Digest**

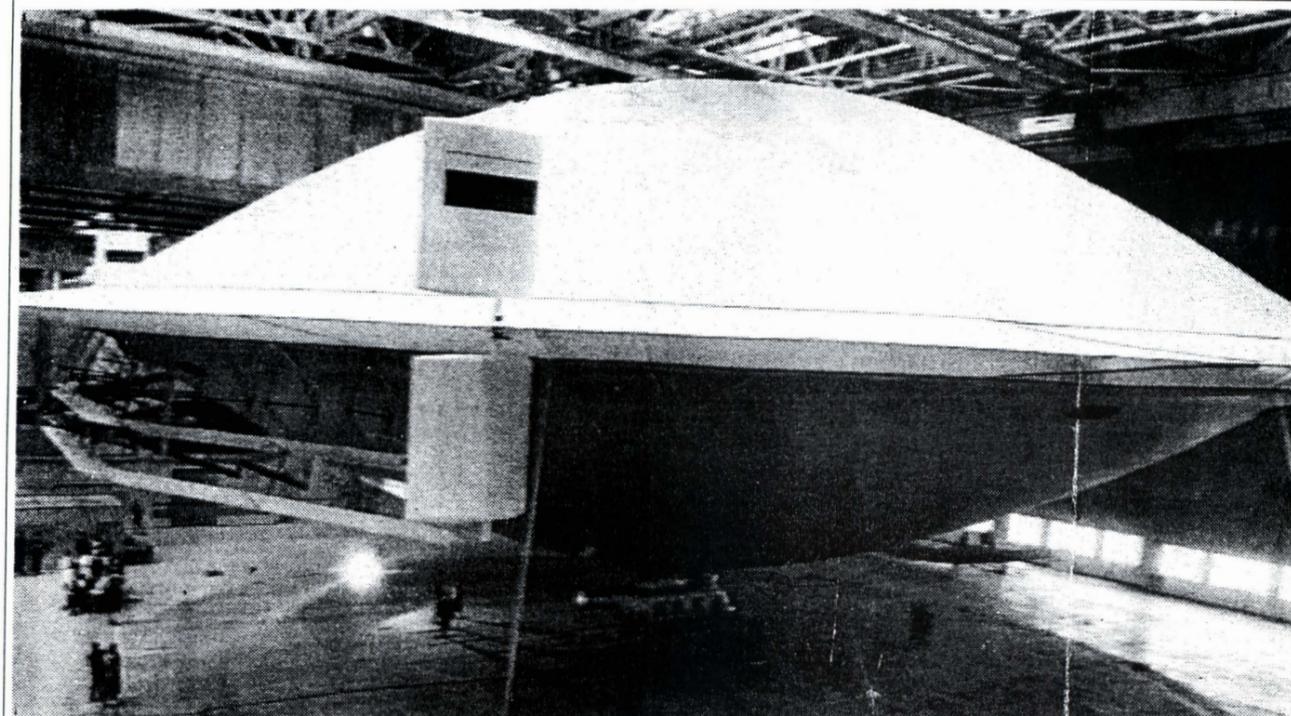
"This book is a tour-de-force of determined ferreting, checking, cross-checking; didactic but not dictatorial..." **Alastair Phillips, Glasgow Herald**

"Writing about visitors from another planet is a dangerous task for any author because it is easy to be made to look a fool as our minds have been conditioned by endless hoaxes and ludicrous portrayals on film and television. But Timothy Good - who has already written one authoritative and best-selling account on the subject - avoids these pitfalls by virtue of his own objectiveness, clearness of writing and prodigious research... the author is a far-seeking, sensible expert investigator who presents his case based on sound research..." **James Rusbridger, Western Morning News**

"This is no poorly documented tabloid report - each chapter is heavily footnoted as to source, which is absolutely essential for a book that claims alien contact is an accomplished fact and has been for years... In the end, we are left with nothing confirmed absolutely, but a lot of suspicions that something extraordinary is going on behind the scenes... Good has delivered an enthralling balanced treatment that leaves you feeling decidedly uneasy after you have read it. Not to be missed." **Ritchie Benedict, MUFON UFO Journal**

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TRIANGLES OVER BELGIUM

THE SOBEPS REPORT

Belgium has been experiencing an extraordinary wave of UFO sightings over the last three years, which will come as a surprise to the vast majority of British people, since the media in this country have virtually ignored it - UFO publications aside. Even the prestigious Wall Street Journal thought the events important enough to carry what was for them, their first-ever coverage story on UFOs during 1991. This latest update provides a critical appraisal of the events, and current thinking as to their probable cause.

**SPECIAL REPORT
BY
WIM VAN UTRECHT**

On November 29th, 1989, hundreds of people living in and near the small city of Eupen, Belgium, witnessed the passage of huge, triangular aircraft equipped with bright spotlights. The event marked the beginning of one of Europe's biggest 'UFO flaps' ever. In the early stages, most of the reports emanated from the eastern regions of Belgium, but in the course of the months that followed, other parts of the country, especially the areas around Brussels and Liege, also became the seat of unusual observations.

Because of certain sensational aspects, the flap caught the attention of news agencies in all corners of the world. Journalists were impressed by the fact that there had been several occasions on which jet-fighters had taken off in an attempt to identify inexplicable lights. Equally exceptional was that policemen, military personnel and scientists claimed to have seen the unknown objects manoeuvring through the sky. Furthermore, almost all witnesses unanimously spoke of triangular platforms with bright-white lights in each corner, and a red pulsating light in the middle.

As for physical evidence, the sky-watches had produced dozens of photographs and approximately 30 video-films. Aside from this, a handful of radar tapes had been made available for analysis. By the Spring of 1990, the situation was such that, many Belgians spent long hours outdoors, hoping to catch a glimpse of the bizarre craft. Perhaps the most unique aspect of all, was the collaboration that had been set up between the national Royal Air Force and a Brussels-based UFO group named SOBEPS.

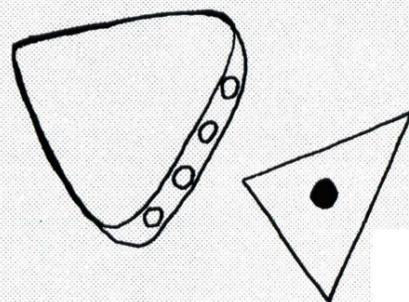
As UFO reports kept pouring in for more than a year and-a-half, the popularity of SOBEPS increased at an equivalent pace. Interviews with members of the group were published in almost every journal and magazine in the country.

Unusually the group's address and phone-number were given in case readers wanted to report a personal experience. On radio and television, ufologists answered questions about the possibility of an alien presence in our skies. The U.S. Air Force had assured the Ministry of Defence that Stealth aircraft had never operated over Belgian territory. All this time the scientific

Twenty years ago, a similar situation had occurred when publicity following the creation of SOBEPS, ignited an outburst of UFO reports. Probably the wave of sightings now flooding the country, would never have the same magnitude if the group had not been promoting it so vigorously.

By the Spring of 1991, things had slowed down a little, and the group announced that a detailed report pertaining to the events would be published. On October 17th 1991, a book consisting of more than 500 pages, was presented to the press. Titled, *Vague d'OVNI sur la Belgique - Un dossier exceptionnel* [UFO FLAP OVER BELGIUM - An Exceptional File]. The book was sold out in no time.

The introduction to the book is written by Doctor Jean-Pierre Petit, Director of a



EXAMPLES OF THE 'UFOs' SEEN OVER BELGIUM

community kept silent, with the exception of some weather-prophets, who tried to calm down the situation by speaking of inversion layers and sea-plankton...

Under these circumstances, speculation and suggestion were given free play and it did not take long before almost any light in the sky which could not be readily identified, was labelled as UFO. People who had never made a habit of looking skywards were now surprised by the variety of luminous phenomena that can be seen in the course of a single night. As months went by it became clear that the popularity of SOBEPS had strongly influenced the course of events.



Sergeant Hubert Von Montigny, observed UFOs on at least two occasions in the vicinity of Eupen, Belgium, on the 29th November 1989. (Copyright: Patrick Van Tuyne)

research division at the French 'Centre National de Recherche Spatial' [CNRS - National Centre for Space Studies]. Further scientific contributions include papers by Auguste Meesen, professor in physics at the Universite Catholique Libre de Bruxelles. SOBEPS associates, Bougard Clerebaut, Vertongen and Ferryn, authored most of the other chapters and text. Major General Wilfried De Brouwer penned the preface. As an aviator, De Brouwer co-ordinated a skywatch; for the first time in history, UFO researchers and airforce officers joined together. The authors almost unanimously conclude, that in view of the evidence, the extraterrestrial hypothesis seems the most likely solution to the Belgium overflights. This was too much to swallow for the scientific community in our country.

On October 26th 1991, the newspaper 'La Wallonie' announced: "... at the instance of astrophysicist Andre Lausberg, ten Belgium scientists have signed a declaration in which the SOBEPS report was heavily criticized. Especially professor Meesen and Doctor Petit who were reprimanded for their rash statements and pseudo-scientific approach. In a way, the scientific community had set up a tribunal that would deal with members who were feeding pseudo-scientific information to the public."

Highly respected by European ufologists, the names of Meesen and Petit may not sound familiar to overseas readers. Therefore, some background information may be welcome.

Before he launched himself into the investigation of the Belgium UFO flap, Meesen had already written theoretical and technical papers on UFOs for 'INFORSPACE' - the journal edited by SOBEPS. Although written in an academic style, his work is almost entirely based on unverified accounts published in dubious magazines. A second reproach that can be made is that the professor is a fierce defender of the ETH (Extraterrestrial Hypothesis). This is known to have affected his evaluations in the past. In 1988 for example, an analysis of a sound recording made by a ten-year-old in France, led Meesen to speculate about the propulsion systems that UFO's use.

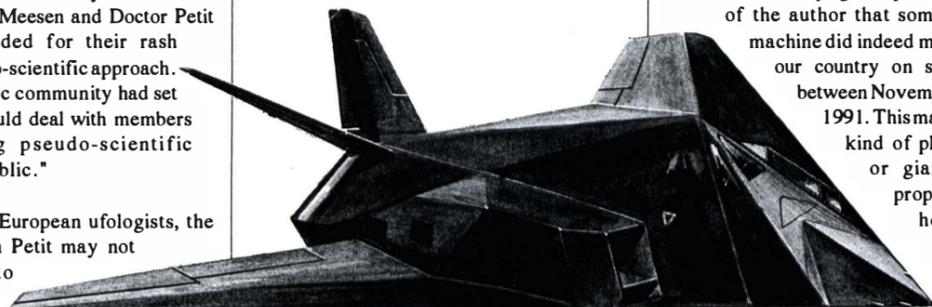
Unfortunately, it was later established that the recorded 'beeping' sound originated from a trans-horizontal radar transmitter, an interference phenomena well-known to French radio amateurs.

One wonders if Meesen's personal convictions may have influenced his analysis of the Belgium radar tapes as well? As a matter of fact, the unexplained radar images acted so spooky (impossible acceleration and sudden changes in altitude) that they remind one of false radar returns (due to meteorological conditions) or of distorted echoes from real targets (i.e. aircraft equipped with stealth technology [such as the Lockheed F-117A]). To Meesen, "the only reasonable hypothesis is that we are dealing

with... UFOs, of which the performances clearly indicate a non-terrestrial origin."

As for Doctor Petit, it was he who introduced magneto-hydro-dynamics into ufology in the 1970's. Now, with the publication of his latest book 'Enquete sur des extraterrestres qui sont parmi nous - Le mystere des Ummites' (In Search of Extraterrestrials who are among us - The Mystery of the Ummites), Petit has lost his last grain of credibility. In this book Petit reveals that his scientific work at the CNRS was in reality dictated to him by the inhabitants of Ummo, a planet far beyond our own Solar System. Well-read Ufologists will remember that, since 1965, the Ummites are held responsible for a series of mysterious letters that were sent to UFO researchers and scientists around the world.

In fact, the Ummo-virus seem to have affected other scientists at the space centre as well and rumours have it that the entire



question will soon lead to some sort of purification. Now, another incident is bound to discredit the centre's reputation even further. Last year two journalists of a local French newspaper visited the headquarters of the Raelian movement in Alibi, southern France. This UFO sect is led by a man who claims to have travelled to distant planets and to have been at tables with personalities such as Moses, Jesus, and Budha. During their visit to the sect, the journalists ran into four research members of CNRS. The men had just ordered Pizza and ice-cream in the love cave of the premises...

Returning to the Belgium flap, it should be emphasised that the evidence gathered is impressive in quantity, but not very convincing when considered as proof of unearthly manifestations. In fact, the photographic evidence yielded only one good slide, a copy of which is printed on the front cover of the SOBEPS book. On page 418 we are told that an in depth investigation of the slide had yet to take place, but the absence of background details in the picture, together with the facts that the young photographer threw away a second photograph which he had taken during the sighting, create doubt about the authenticity of the evidence.

Stimuli for most of the remaining documents varied from aircraft lights to reflections of sunlight in distant windows, and from bright stars and planets to xenon-lamps. These

explanations came from the ufologists themselves, SOBEPS members included. As for the eye-witness accounts that are not backed up with physical evidence, they number several thousands, and mainly describe incidents which occurred with an area of 200kms long and 100kms wide. About 5 to 10% of these cases are featured in some detail. Examination reveals that there is much less coherence in the descriptions that SOBEPS would like us to believe.

Position and colour of the lights are rarely identical. Features, such as protrusions, windows, domes, and hatches always appear to be positioned at different sides of the object. Furthermore, not only triangles, but also rectangles, trapezium-shaped, diamond and boomerang shaped objects have been reported. In short, those shapes match exactly what designers' describe aircraft of the future should look like. Apparently, the old flying saucer myth has put on a new face, perfectly in line with modern trends in design. Also worthy of note, is that only one or two witnesses mentioned daylight objects. It is the opinion of the author that some kind of flying machine did indeed manifest itself over our country on several occasions between November 1989 and June 1991. This may have been some kind of platform, balloon, or giant glider (self-propelled or carried by helicopter), but also an experimental aircraft,

LOCKHEED STEALTH F-117A
Codename: SENIOR TREND

such as the F-117A stealth fighter, the A-12 Avenger and the TR3-A Black Manta. To try and find out the exact origin and motive of these apparitions will be extremely difficult because of the extensive media coverage that seems to have influenced the reporting process immensely.

The only thing that remains certain, is that in this UFO flap, it has proved impossible to solidify eye-witness accounts with substantial evidence.

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QUEST INTERNATIONAL COMMENT

Vim Van Utrecht has offered his thoughts and opinions on the Belgium UFO sightings, SOBEPS, and some of the contributors to the new book. His is a highly critical viewpoint, but we are happy to publish his article nonetheless because it can only enrich the debate on what has been, a spectacular series of events.

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Given that SOBEPS highlighted the growing number of UFO sightings through an appreciative and interested media, it should not surprise anyone that an increase in public reporting of the phenomena should occur, and that some of these new 'witnesses' could easily misinterpret conventional objects such as satellites and aircraft for UFO's. We sense that Van Utrecht is suggesting SOBEPS could have taken another course of action, but he fails to suggest it, thus negating his argument.

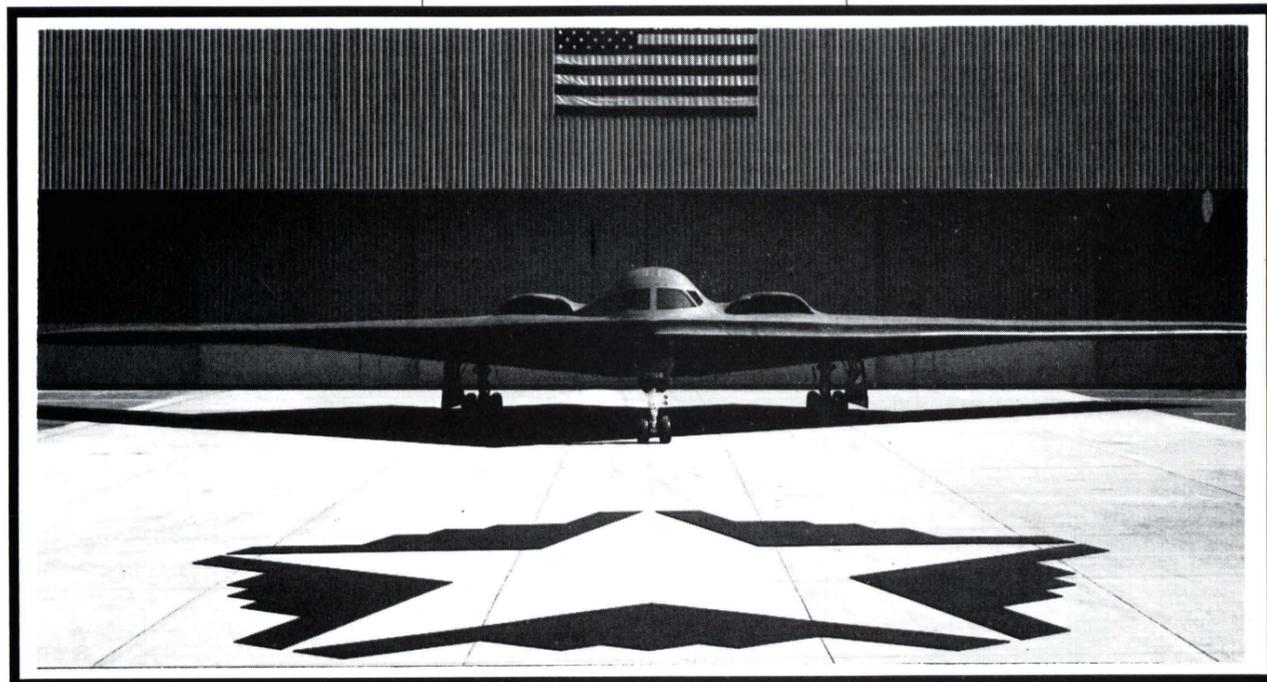
In fact, SOBEPS sought and received co-operation from the Belgian Ministry of Defence, as well as technical advice from other quarters, and they should be commended for this. *It's a bit rich* for Andre Lausberg and his fellow Belgian scientists to pass judgement on the books conclusions.

Van Utrecht questions the credibility of Professor Meessen and Dr Petit. Meessen is made to appear as if he alone analysed the radar images, when the opposite is the case. Air Force officials examined the evidence for themselves, and couldn't explain the images away as Van Utrecht has attempted to do. Van Utrecht is no radar expert, and how he can claim that stealth aircraft could be involved when he and no-one else outside the United States has a clue what they do or do not show on radar screens is beyond us.

Dr Petit may not be the most ideal candidate to pass judgement on the Belgium sightings, but his opinions were sought and given honestly. What of Major General Wilfried De Brouwer, the military head who led the official investigation? Van Utrecht totally ignores his

get more than one witness who reports such features is favourable to any UFO report, to get hundreds doing so is nothing short of remarkable. To have each feature positioned exactly by each witness is asking a lot; perhaps if all the witnesses were stood in the same location one might have the accuracy which Van Utrecht appears to be demanding.

All the relevant authorities, including the United States, have insisted throughout that no covert or top secret aircraft such as the **Northrop B2 stealth bomber** (pictured) are responsible for these events. It's plausible to a point that one or two flights by stealth-type aircraft may have been involved at the outset, but given the publicity, would the United States have continued with such operations, risking public exposure of something they wish to hide?



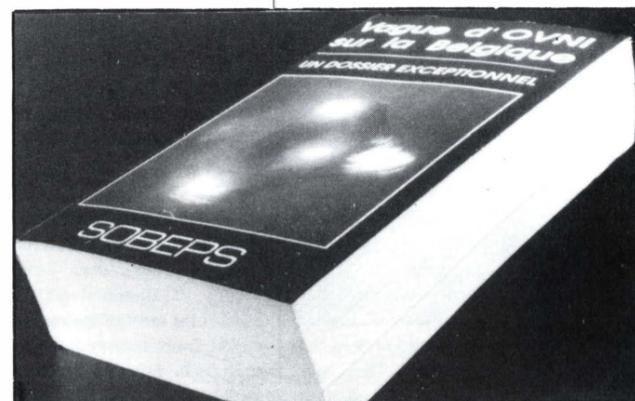
Why didn't Lausberg and his colleagues participate in the study in the first place? Have they seen the reports, the video footage, the radar tracks, have they spoken with any of the many witnesses? Or is Lausberg & Co assuming the role of 'armchair ufologists'?

belief that the unidentified objects seen over Belgium airspace were not conventional aircraft. The fact that witnesses reported "protrusions, windows, domes, and hatches" that "always appear to be positioned at different sides of the object" should not be so easily dismissed. To

Tens of millions of people throughout the rest of Europe, and in other parts of the world, have followed events in Belgium with fascination. Where were the British media whilst all this was going on? You may well ask...

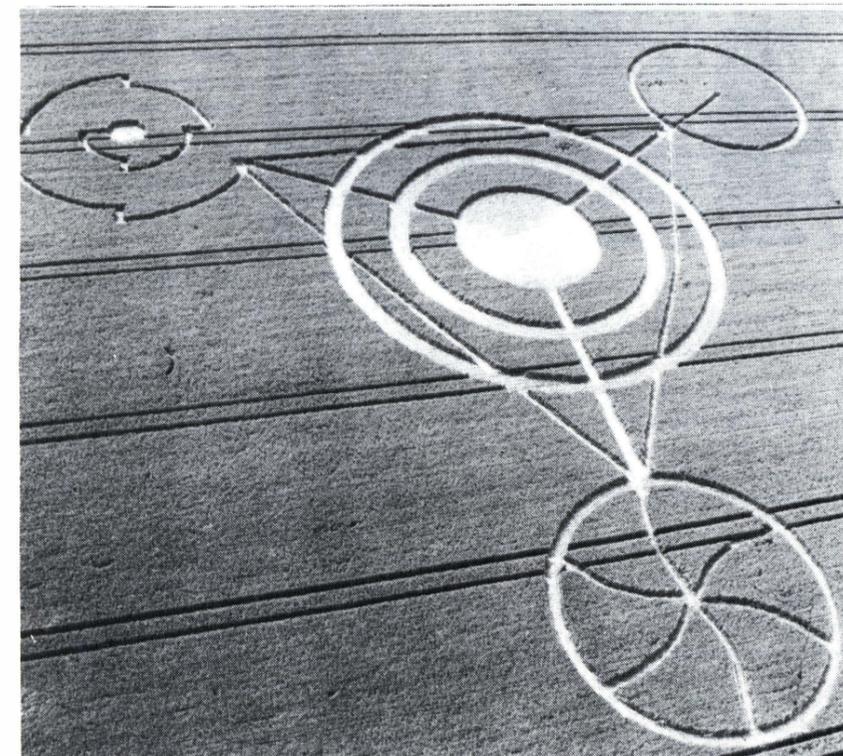
MAIN PICTURE: THE REMARKABLE B2 STEALTH BOMBER, WHICH SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE ACCOUNTED FOR A SMALL NUMBER OF UFO REPORTS DURING THE GREAT BELGIUM WAVE OF THE LATE 1980'S AND EARLY 1990'S. THE AIRCRAFT HOWEVER, HAS NOT FLOWN IN EUROPE

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CIRCLES IN NEW ZEALAND

Freak winds have been ruled out as the cause of wheat circles found on Antipodean farms during the first week in February this year.

The first one, on a Methven farm in central Canterbury, on New Zealand's South Island, measuring 20 metres in diameter and surrounded by an outer ring of 1 metre wide, was discovered by the farmer, Mr. Graham Robertson, who was checking the crop for frost damage.

Because there had been a recent period of westerly winds, flattened sweeps across the top of the wheat-heads were not unusual and regarded as a normal consequence of the weather, but, when Mr. Robertson suddenly came across the circle, so neat and precisely cut, with wheat-heads flattened in an anti-clockwise direction, he was completely bewildered, and then very angry to think that he must have been made the victim of a cruel joke.

News of the strange event soon spread and was brought to the attention of a Christchurch meteorologist, Dr. Neil Cherry, who dismissed tornadoes as a possible cause. "These, when they touched down, tended to leave a haphazard track across the countryside, and never an isolated clear-cut circle." As far as he knew, there was no known phenomenon that would produce such a distinct shape. This conclusion left the hoax theory as the probable answer, but that was before a second crop circle appeared a few days later in another part of Canterbury to add frustration and a sense of urgency to resolve what was becoming a most disconcerting situation.

This new circle appeared overnight in a paddock near the east coast town of Ashburton. The central circle, 20 metres across, had two outer rings, each approximately 2 metres wide with gaps of the same measurement in between, making the overall diameter about 26 metres. This progression from one, to two outer rings may lead on to the more elaborate designs that has raised so much controversy in English corn circle fields of research, particularly in 1991.

If these New Zealand circles were made by pranksters, what are they trying to prove? Quite apart from wilful trespass and destruction of crops, is their nocturnal meddling intended to throw scientific study into a state of confusion and disarray?

NOTE: A recent news item has stated that two agricultural contractors, David Harrison and Randall Hanrahan, have publicly admitted

to the hoax after reporters were introduced to the men by a local newspaper. They claimed to have made three circles in all, one in each of the first three weeks of February 1992, but only two have been found.

What they didn't say, or had any knowledge of, was a fourth circle found in a field of silage oats on land above Methven. Even so, although they say this is one they didn't make, they are quite adamant that the fourth one is a copycat.

ANCIENT FOSSILS

The *BIG MELT* is forcing Antarctica to yield up secrets she has guarded so well since her ancient past. A scientific research team led by Margaret Bradshaw who is Curator of the Earth Sciences Museum in Canterbury, has just returned from that vast continent laden with some of the most spectacular finds.

During the nine weeks of exploration travelling on mobile sleds, the team covered 700 miles, making their way through previously untrodden territory in the Cook Mountains.

Searching along the Darwin Glacier to the Lashley Mountains, they discovered evidence of trails made by animals from as far back in time to 380 million years, in what is known as the Devonian Era. One such trackway, about 1 metre wide, was thought to have been made by an eight-legged scorpion-like creature, and giant burrows gave some indication of the size of animals that used these habitats in that period.

Fresh-water sharks and a peculiar 'bony' fish with arms, were also found. Since their return, the team will make a more detailed study of the fossils and rocks that will add a new dimension of interest to New Zealand's Earth Sciences Museum.

DEFENCE OF PLANET EARTH?

Concern for the Earth's environment seems to be at an all-time low, in spite of innumerable Conferences held since the early eighties in major countries worldwide.

Although the Summits were well attended, interest was, at best, lukewarm, with little or nothing being done except to get decision-making deferred to a later date. The later - the better, and then having those same proposals put off time and again, whilst attention has been very cleverly drawn away from this most crucial dilemma, as though it didn't exist.

Never mind that our planet is being slowly poisoned and choked to death, we are now informed that the most imminent and deadly threat facing Mankind is not something we can get to grips with straight away, such as eliminating the burning of fossil fuels, or indeed, taking on a more tangible opponent like a newly-appointed 'evil empire'.

METEORS, so they tell us, are on a collision course with Earth!

We have had a few near-misses this century, in-as-much as you can call a few million miles a near miss. In 1988, a Soviet astronomer, Alexander Voitsekhovskiy, discovered a 50-billion-ton chunk of ice hurtling through space. He calculated that, by as early as 2015, our planet could be hit with a force equivalent to 100,000 megatons of dynamite. This theory was discounted at the time by astronomer Brian Marsden of Harvard University, who said it would probably happen in thousands, if not millions of years hence, and then again, it might not.

A more up-to-date report concedes that the menace is real and, at this moment a RED ALERT situation stands! Is that why scientists at the Pentagon and Nasa are jumping around like scalded cats trying to work out ways on how best to intercept and repel unwelcome visitors from the outer reaches of space, be they

In January this year, at a closed meeting held in a research facility in Los Alamos, New Mexico, scientists, astrophysicists and weapons experts including Dr. Edward Teller - who master-minded the hydrogen bomb - gathered to discuss what would be the most effective weapons needed to defend our planet, and to finalize plans which will be presented to the US Congress very shortly.

For the past decade or more, scientists have begun to realize just how vulnerable our world is. They seem to be concerned that over the entire surface of the Earth, there are more than a hundred impact craters of up to 100 miles across, with 12 of them being the most recent, that is within the past 50 million years - the last of which fell in Siberia in 1908 to explode just before ground-impact and devastate an area of 400 square miles.

At that rate, one would think that we were not due another 'strike' for a few million years at least. Some scientists are certain that it was the impact of a six-mile-wide comet 65 million years ago that caused the extinction of the dinosaurs, but, just hold it right there!

That was 65 million years ago and, more to the point, do we need to be reminded of that 'guff', or is it the only viable reason they can come up with to justify a long-term RED ALERT situation for the defence of our planet?

Why, you might ask, should we not minister welfare to our sick planet as a first priority so there is something left living on it for a meteor to hit if and when the time comes?

According to a Sunday Telegraph news item, the key to success of our planet's defence is to detect incoming objects twenty years before they are due to strike by using an array of sensitive telescopes acting as sentinels to transmit an early warning. Conventional rockets carrying neutron warheads would be sent on an intercept course to 'gently' deflect the hostile object onto another trajectory.

This costly detection network is estimated to be £150M spread over the next 20 years and shared by all. According to one astrophysicist, who agreed that the cost should be met by every country in the world, he said: "It seems a low price to pay for a world-wide defence system."

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NOTE: Readers may draw a connection between this final article and the 'Brilliant Pebbles' information on page twenty-seven - Editor.

The Secret of Ilkley Moor

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J.S. Do you want to say anything more about that film?

A.N. "It's much the same thing, only different."

J.S. What about the other film? Do you want to tell me about that?

A.N. "I'm not supposed to."

J.S. I'll leave that up to you entirely.

J.S. Do you want to say anything about that?

A.N. "I'm not supposed to tell anybody about the other man."

J.S. Your not supposed to tell anyone about the other film?

A.N. "No." (Whispered)

J.S. Do you want to tell anyone about the other film or not?

A.N. "No, it's not for them to know."

J.S. Ok.

J.S. Now is there anything else that you would like to add to what you've already told me?

A.N. "I don't think so."

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"I'm writing to tell you how much I enjoyed the 1991 UFO & Crop Circle conference in Leeds. I took six people along with me who had a faint interest in UFOs, and they all thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and aren't as sceptical as they were before they went." Tania Long - Bristol.

"My purpose in writing is to thank you very much indeed for your outstanding courtesy during our weekend with you all at Quest. Please be good enough to pass these most sincere sentiments to all your members who were tremendous to a man and woman. It would be great to meet all again." Colin Andrews - Hampshire, England.

"It was really great. Very good. I'm happy I made the trip." Sven Granger - Germany.

LAST WORD

A series of fascinating letters have been released to Quest International which shed new light on the continuing controversy surrounding crop circle hoaxers Doug Bower, Dave Chorley and the Today newspaper.

As regular readers will already know, a formal complaint about the conduct of Today newspaper in setting-up the hoax was sent to the Press Complaints Commission by Armen Victorian, a Nottinghamshire-based researcher.

A letter to the Press Council by Martin Dunn, editor of Today, reads as follows:

This letter is in response to Dr. Armen Victorian's complaints regarding our article on corn circles.

I find the Dr. Victorian expressing the typical complaints of people who firmly believe in the existence of psychic phenomenon, and do not want to believe that any other course of action is responsible for creating corn circles.

Yes, we set-up the circles, yes we invited Britain's leading expert to check their authenticity; yes, we exposed his answers; and, yes we set up a shelter company to protect our identity.

What concerns our actions are, of these gentlemen, is quite beyond me, and I have to say I feel it is nothing but sour grapes from people who do not want to believe anything but their own views.

Tony Evans of the Press Complaints Commission sent a copy of Martin Dunn's letter to Armen Victorian, and in his covering letter said:

I must admit that I agree with Mr. Dunn that there is no apparent breach of the industry's Code of Practise upon which the Commission could adjudicate.

Tony Evans is not a member of the Press Complaints Commission...

In a written response to Mr. Evans, Armen Victorian reminds him that "...the complaints against Today newspaper relate to the breach of the industry's code of practise and not to anything which I may or may not believe."

Victorian repeats his allegations that "...Today newspaper deliberately entrapped Mr. Delgado by commissioning a confidence trick. Mr. Dun admits that in his letter to you.

"Today newspaper then mounted a full-scale campaign to discredit all crop circle research and the researchers based upon the success of this confidence trick."

Victorian has re-stated his position in no uncertain terms as his letter of reply to Mr. Evans makes clear in later columns. However, Victorian has now received a letter from Lloyd Turner, Deputy Editor of Today in which he makes it clear that a similar exercise will be conducted later this Summer!

He has also admitted creating 'MBF Services' by using the initials of his own private farm - which contradicts a previous statement made by him that 'MBF Services' was an ordinary 'press agency.'

We can now disclose that the Press Complaints Commission is, after all, preparing to examine the entire matter in full. We can only hope that commission members treat the complaint seriously. A very important principle is at stake here...

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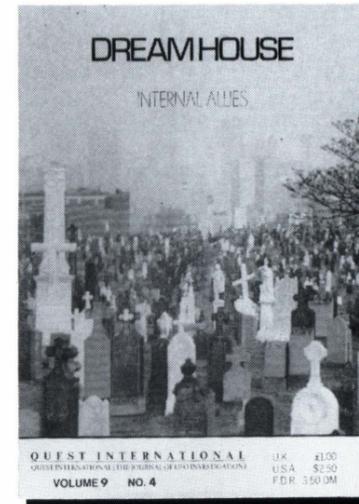
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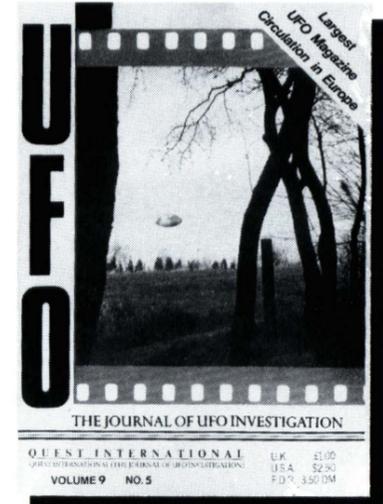
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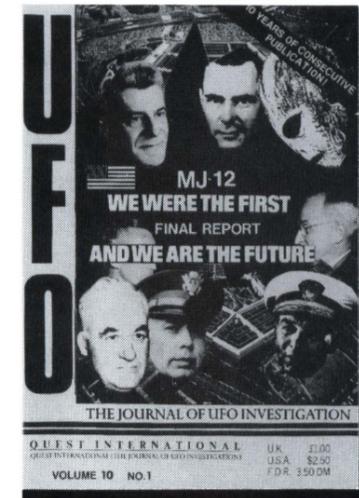
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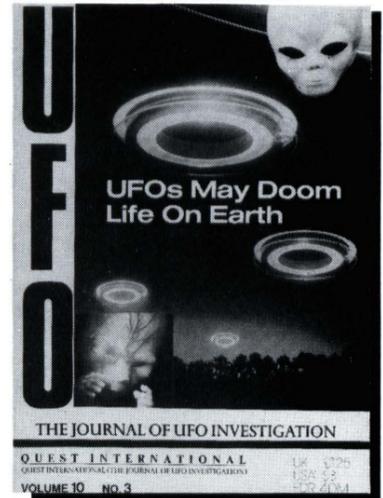
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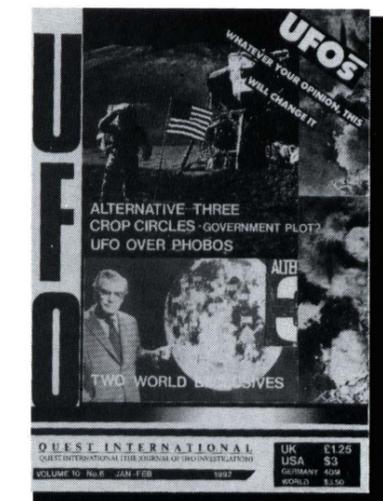
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