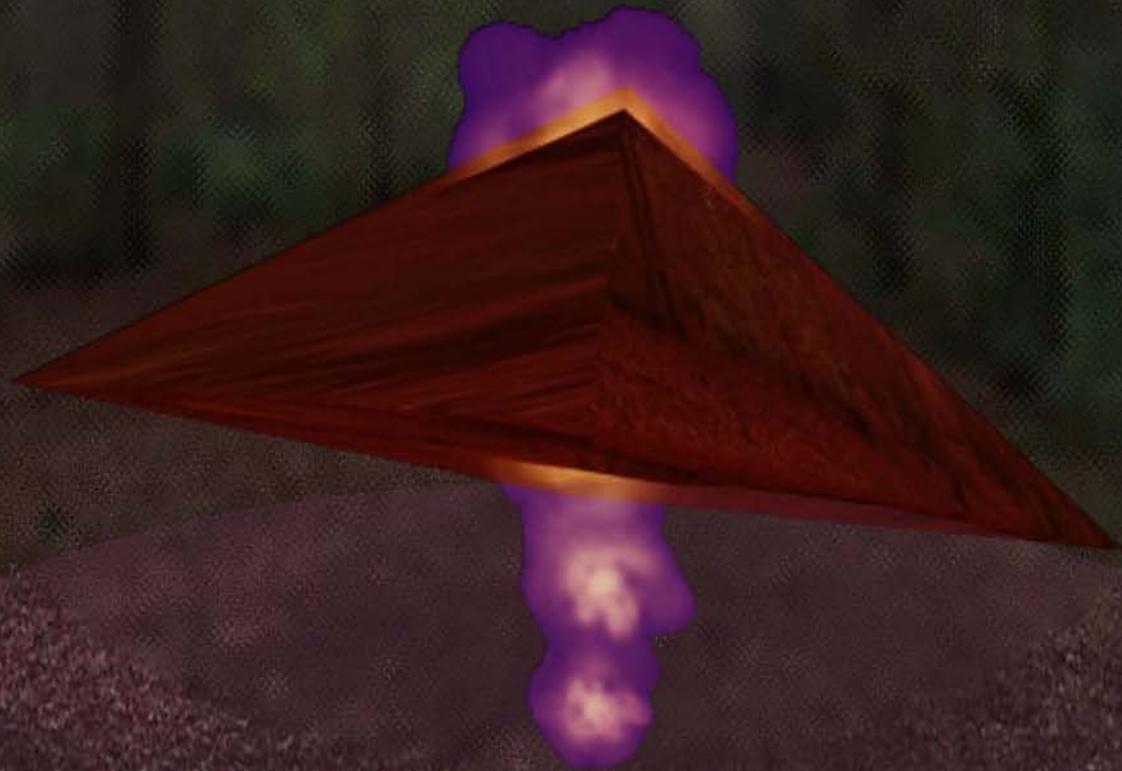


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Welcome to this our first printed publication brought to you from our website www.ufodata.co.uk.

It has been almost two years since the last specialised newsstand UFO Publication was available and I for one miss sitting at the desk of UFO Magazine more than anything else.

My late father-in-law Graham W. Birdsall along with his brother Mark founded UFO Magazine from nothing.

They slogged their way around UFO meetings, researching sightings and documenting case studies long before they being able to publish their research on the newsstands.

I am fully aware that there are internet based magazines out there, I helped Gary Heseltine launch his in March 2004. UFO Data does not aim to decry any other publication. I am sure there is room out there for everyone.

I along with my colleagues at UFO Data want the opportunity to put a printed version of our websites information out into the public domain so if an individual chooses to thumb through a magazine version of events he or she can do, it is simply about choices.

This first issue will concentrate on the events of Christmas 1980 when for a period of three nights UFOs where officially reported by the US Air Force based here in the UK. The events have become known as The Rendlesham Forest Incident and the rest is ufological history as they say.

Russel Callaghan
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Many countries are working on

'IONOSPHERE'
Will this be
the worlds
New theatre
of war?

the design and development of sub orbital capsules and crafts. That is where future major wars will be fought, experts say. Like in Iraq when America took control of the sky in a day or less, countries will race to take control of sub orbital space. Satellites can be destroyed from there.

Many countries are working on development of ultrasonic sub orbital capsules that can provide the superiority in the outermost strata in the earth's atmosphere. Controlling the ionosphere and the magnetosphere is essential in winning the war in the coming years, experts believe. The ionosphere and the magnetosphere can be manipulated from earth's surface. For example, a ballistic missile has to come through the ionosphere to the earth. The electronics in the missile can be fried making it blind and useless. That is why Russians came up with a new kind of missile that does not need to re-enter the ionosphere again.

But there are crafts in design and even some declassified that can hover around with speed exceeding Mach 10 in the sub orbit. The race right now is to take control of the zone below the ionosphere. The satellites and

the Air Force of an adversary can be made blind and useless if the atmosphere just below the ionosphere can be controlled. In designing such crafts, the biggest concern is navigation at high speed and of course the stealth. The race right now is to create non-conventional stealth that can make conventional stealth fighters and bombers obsolete.

One more area of active research all over the world is in the area of new energy seeking scanners. That technology also is reverse engineered from the extraterrestrials. The energy seeking scanners can scan the whole environment under the ionosphere to find any moving source of energy. That causes all the conventional stealth to fail.

The obvious challenge then is how to create an infrastructure to evade energy source. That is where extraterrestrial technologies come in handy. One of the reasons why night vision equipment miserably fail to capture the extraterrestrial air crafts is that they use stealth to hide the energy source. It is not that they do not use energy. As a matter of fact they use energy even for communication.

The race right now among is in development for a sub-orbital air force, unmanned, smart and ready to be in "near space" twenty four hours a day. Who ever controls the sub orbit wins the war because ballistic

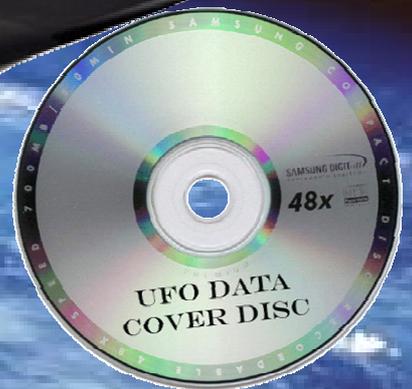
missiles are days of the past.

Cruise missiles that never cross the ionosphere can be taken out by these sub orbit capsules before they pose any threat.

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This might sound like the work of a highly imaginative reporter but I personally believe that during the making of UFO Magazines documentary The Secret NASA Transmissions I came across an interesting technology article on an Australian 'Tomorrows World type' programme. It featured the work of Seattle based 'Tethers Unlimited'.

On camera their people openly talked about a 'Terminator Tether' hardly a gentle description for what although was explained as a cheap method of clearing near space of tons of space junk, might well be conceived as a weapon of aggression.



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Laughlin resides at the southern most tip of the state of Nevada, the hotels are based on the banks of the mighty Colorado river which is the state line between Nevada and Arizona. Most if not all the staff who work in the hotels live on the other side of the river, a 1 minute boat ride but an hours time difference, you have to draw a line somewhere.

Laughlin is surrounded by mountains and desert and in a word the scenery is 'stunning'. Laughlin and Bullhead City across the river offer shopping opportunities and you are based in a great location for tripping out and exploring the mighty US of A.

The Convention is a wall to wall UFOfest and the hotel and casino open 24/7 so food and refreshments are always on hand. Not to mention the thousands of ways provided by the hotel for you to loose your shirt. The gambling is fun, it can be addictive and expensive if you do not exercise caution, you have been warned. Everything else is well subsidised by the Casinos

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The Investigation of Omniplan Corporation

'NASA's Fallen Star'

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On March 29, 1995, FBI Director Louis J. Freeh wrote a letter to me in my capacity as the case agent assigned with the job of leading and coordinating "the cooperative investigative efforts of a task force looking into the alleged fraud against NASA by a number of individuals doing business as the Omniplan Corporation in Texas and California." Mr. Freeh stated, "I know that this was the largest scheme to defraud ever committed against NASA, and I commend you in your leadership skills which resulted in a very complete and thorough investigation." That same year I was asked to brief Russian President Boris Yeltsin's economic advisors about this case and I followed that presentation up with presentations to the International Business Forum and to the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners. The following is a behind the scenes account on a case that resulted in the liquidation of 7 companies, the 179 count conviction of Omniplan CEO, Ralph Elias Montijo, Jr. and a case which led to a Federal lawsuit against three powerful corporations, and an unrelated spin-off case which led to an administrative settlement with a fourth.

In January 1992, I had just transferred from Kennedy Space Center

to Johnson Space Center. I was a Senior Special Agent in NASA's Office of Inspector General (OIG), charged with investigating complex white collar crimes. Cases I had worked on previously had included investigations of the Mafia, corporations, pilots, politicians and major public works projects, with convictions in seven states.

New agents at any duty station are not provided the best cases to work. When I came to work at Johnson Space Center I quickly found out that I would receive no special break predicated on my seniority, and in fact I only had one case in my in box, an anonymous NASA OIG hotline complaint on a subcontractor for Rockwell Space Operations Company (RSOC), named Omniplan Corporation. Now, I have always been able to find opportunity in anything which came my way, and I wasn't going to treat this hotline complaint any different. So on my first day at Johnson Space Center I grabbed the hotline with my left hand and with my right hand raised it as to say chow, to the OIG Office. I went to my favorite fishing hole of choice, the Defense Contract Audit Agency (DCAA), and used the hotline as my letter of introduction. There I met a superb team of auditors, from the Manager on down, who each had natural investigative instincts, though they worked under a historically poor bureaucracy which trapped their findings in administrative red tape.

Sitting in a half circle I pulled out the hotline and simply said the word Omniplan. At once the auditors leaped at me. Yes, they had been looking at Omniplan for years, but were stifled by Omniplan's inability to be cooperative with their audits. The first thing I discerned was their belief that it was Omniplan's CEO who should be the focus of my inquiry, a "Type A" personality by the name of Ralph Elias Montijo, Jr.

The auditors believed that Mr. Montijo might have a secret interest in the buildings he was leasing and billing NASA for through RSOC, but could not prove it. I discerned that Mr. Montijo had homes in Texas, Arizona, and California, and a busi-

ness presence in California and Texas. In Texas he represented that he leased three office buildings and a townhouse from two companies, Space Industries Properties (SIP) and Mercury Trust (MT). He further represented that he leased vehicles, furniture and equipment from Space Industries Leasing (SIL). Three businesses with three different business addresses (a P.O. box and two mail Boxes etc boxes, at different locations), using three different banks.

My first effort in this case was to discern what the Small Business Administration knew of Mr. Montijo, as Omniplan was a minority and woman owned business. Sure enough, they gave Mr. Montijo the money to buy one of the buildings and the records reflected that he still owned the property. Under a NASA Cost Plus Award Fee Contract, NASA would either reimburse a NASA contractor for the normal costs of ownership, or reasonable lease costs, which are usually much higher. If a corporation concealed actual ownership and falsified phony leases then it stood to gain millions from the deception. My finding proved there was a case of fraud, now the question was how much fraud was there?

My first mission was to organize a task force to investigate what proved to be approximately 10 years of perpetual fraud. From D.C.A.A. I wanted their best auditor, and I was given Ronald Marta, a Woodrow Wilson and Fulbright Scholar. I also brought in the Small Business Administration Office of Inspector General (OIG), U.S. Postal Inspectors, the IRS Criminal Investigation Division, Labor Racketeering, Labor Wage and Hour, Labor Pension and Welfare, the F.B.I. (under an agreement that they would never challenge NASA OIG leadership) and a Harris County Appraisal District Investigator. Ultimately 25 Agents, investigators, auditors and a financial analyst would be assigned to this case. I also did something unprecedented in this case, and placed an Auditor, Ronald Marta, as second in charge of this task force, and at one time he had seven auditors under him, working full time on this investigation.

The case was worked non-stop from 1992 to 1996 and a spin off case on RSOC and its successors in interest, Boeing North America and United Space Alliance was worked from 1996 to 2000. At the same time another leaseback scheme was being investigated by a separate task force I ran up until my retirement; this case was on Lockheed Martin, the successor in interest of yet another mis-charging company which the Government contended also perpetrated a lease fraud. In 2000, Boeing North America and United Space Alliance settled their case with the Department of Justice, and in 2003, Lockheed Martin settled their case with the United States Attorney's Office in Houston; both were multi-million dollar settlements.

My task force established that Omniplan had engaged in 40 documented schemes, and had falsely leased its own buildings, vehicles and equipment to itself, and passed the costs off to NASA. Mr. Montijo placed his personal secretary in charge of two of the shell companies (SIL and SIP) and placed a friend in charge of another (MT). Each bank account for these companies served as a pass through where money paid by NASA through Rockwell, went through Omniplan, then through the shell companies to additional companies Mr. Montijo owned, such as Papa Primo's of Houston, Papa Primo's of Texas, Papa Primo's of Arizona and Omnipoint Production Services. These findings were used to establish the numerous money laundering counts in this case. Each of these companies also used space in Montijo's buildings which they attempted to conceal, as the space was charged off to the Government.

In April 1993, the task force executed 4 search warrants against Omniplan, and in the process uncovered one of the most significant finds ever. In Mr. Montijo's office were different stacks of documents, going through various stages of alteration. These documents, hundreds in number, were being superbly cut, taped and copied, wherein Mr. Montijo's name was being removed and the signature of an innocent and unaware

third party was being inserted in his place. In some documents a notary stamp and signature were also being inserted. These documents included leases and quit claims deeds for the buildings, the vehicles, furniture and equipments which were under active investigation.

The day after the search warrants were executed RSOC terminated Omniplan's NASA Contracts to provide graphic arts designs and technical drawings for the Space Shuttle fleet. This termination caused the firing of hundreds of Omniplan employees, but working with the United States Attorney's Office I was able to help facilitate RSOC's emergency rehire of most of these employees within a matter of days.

The air conditioning in one of Montijo's office buildings was rerouted to a secret room where Papa Primo's pizza's and candy were kept. Key employees used a code system when pizza deliveries were made, so other employee's would not learn what Mr. Montijo was doing. When one employee voiced his concern that he was working on private ventures using furniture and equipment reimbursed by the Government, he found that his desk, chair and equipment were missing the next day, and no one would tell him where it went.

Mr. Montijo charge personal trips to different points around the world to his NASA contracts, such as scuba diving trips in Grand Cayman Island, skiing trips to in Europe and in the Rockies, and trips to such remote places as Nepal. Mr. Montijo, charged his NASA contract for his lodge in Mammoth Mountain, California, household expenses for his mansion in Arizona and his townhouse in Houston; as well as for jewels, exorbitant meals and even a massage. Montijo took money out of an employee Government financed account to purchase a pizza company. Costs associated with his production of a movie "Demons of the Dark", as made by his movie company, Omnipoint Production Services, were also passed on to his NASA contract.

In 1996, Mr. Montijo, once considered a rising star in NASA, plead guilty to 179 felonies, to include money laundering, false claims, mail fraud, embezzlement, obstruction of a Government audit, false statements, conspiracy, Interstate transportation of stolen money, etc.. His fines, penalties and costs exceeded 15 million dollars. All seven of his companies were ordered closed and their assets were forfeited to the Government. Five of his companies were convicted of felonies, and three of his employees and one associate were also convicted of various crimes.

To this day no NASA case has rivaled Omniplan, and it remains the largest count indictment and conviction in NASA history.

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The internet has opened many doors for individuals and companies and enabled them to gain world wide exposure for their products or interests. It's not like television advertising though but you would think that global access would deliver cheap and fast recognition for those who wish to achieve the same.

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The exposure though, goes back to the basic 'word of mouth'. It is the best form of advertising you can obtain, and over the last twelve months the UFO Data website has built up a loyal reader base of both new and regular returning visitors.

We try to update the site every other day or so and understand there is nothing worse than visiting a website that is untouched for months.

All of us involved with UFO Data do so because we are committed to finding the truth behind this subject.

We all have other employment and UFO Data is produced in our spare time.

One of the areas of the site that gets a lot of interest in our very own On-line Radio Station 'Talk UFO' the site is hosted via the Live 365 network and is accessible via the UFO Data website or via the 'ufogeezer' page on the live 365 site.

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NOT QUITE THE BBC BUT IT'S A LOT OF FUN...

THE RENDLESHAM FOREST INCIDENT DEC 29TH-29TH 1980

The Rendlesham Forest Incident.
December 27th – 29th 1980.

Twenty five years ago something amazing happened in the forests of Suffolk. Witnesses and researchers tell us that for three nights USAF servicemen observed, investigated and encountered what is possibly the best evidence for the existence of alien spacecraft not of this world.

The obvious likening to The Roswell Incident is unavoidable but where Roswell was confirmed and denied in the same day back in 1947 The Rendlesham incident was documented by the Deputy base commander Lt Col. Charles Halt on both an official memo and the actual events of one of the nights was recorded on a pocket 'Dictaphone' recorder.

These are not the claims of 'friends of friends or I heard he saw' incidents but hard evidence that is out there in the public domain. The document was acquired through the American freedom of information act and the tape came from an active serviceman of the time.

It was some three years after the events that Sunday tabloid newspaper The News of the World ran with the headline 'UFO LANDS IN SUFFOLK' and that's Official. and the events of Christmas week 1980 where jet propelled into the UFO history books.

Of course the UFO Community had knowledge of events long before the newspaper published its sensational headlines and some serious research and lobbying had been carried out. Researchers such as Brenda Butler and Dot Street along with Bufora big wig at the time Jenny Randles were hounding the MOD and Police amongst others for information.

The story is well known in UFO circles but the very basics of the claims are that on two possibly three nights between 26th-29th December 1980 Military security staff observed strange lights in the skies above Rendlesham Forest, The forest separated RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge, both very active bases during the heady days of the cold war. Greenham common well known for its peace campaigners and nuclear weapons is also not very far from this area.

After observing the lights on night one base staff were amazed to see similar activity on a second night. They informed Deputy Base Commander Halt that 'They were back' and permission was given to leave the base and investigate into the forest.

The 'Halt Tape' was recorded on this night by Halt using a small pocket memo recorder.

The dramatisations by television documentary makers report that jeeps and trucks towing 'Light Hauls' powerful mobile floodlights were deployed into the forest and we are told that these floodlights would not operate reliably, diesel generators would cut out etc.

The reports go on to describe a frightening encounter with something unknown and at one point something actually touched down in the forest just yards from the military personal.

This is described in chilling detail on the actual tape recording made that night.

Now encounters such as this are 'as rare as hens teeth' and take UFOlogy into area far above speculation and second hand tales and as such you would expect researchers to jump at such Holy grail of an opportunity. This they did and there are several good books and a handful of

documentaries produced about the case.

Of course the debunkers, the sceptics and others who would counter the claims also came out in full swing to play down the claims and generally ridicule those who believed in the ET Hypothesis.

When it comes down to numbers you will find many thousands in favour of this being an 'Unknown Event' and also happy to accept the testimony of those who were there and accept at face value official documentation that is on record.

But the debunking community is based around a handful of 'usual suspects' who go out of their way to knock and ridicule witness testimony and the integrity of all involved.

They should though be allowed their say.

It is up to researchers to present the evidence in a way that can't easily be countered and ensure that those who knock and ridicule are starved of the ammunition that gets fired at the negative. For instance.

It is on record that a Russian Cosmos satellite re-entered the earths atmosphere on the 26th Dec 1980. some sceptics use this as evidence that that is what was seen by the airmen on the ground.

Debris re-entering the atmosphere is governed by the laws of physics. As it enters the upper atmosphere it gets hot and starts to burn, leaving a fiery trail in its wake. It does this once quite quickly and it's gone.

So to claim this happened on three nights would be silly but it keeps the debunkers happy...

We are also told by a forestry worker who the BBC at the time used as their 'expert' that all that the servicemen saw was the light from Orford Ness lighthouse.

'Hello!!!'

These guys spent their days looking after Nuclear Weapons and had the welfare of the western world in their hands. They were highly trained, highly skilled people not someone who could fantasize over a Lighthouse who's light was visible every night of the year.

One television production 'Strange but true' hosted by veteran presenter Michael Aspel actually showed the revolving light of Orford Ness appear to be in sync with comments on the Halt Tape, something like 'There is its.... There it is again....' But on closer inspection of the programme it was obvious that the filmed footage of the lighthouse had been slowed down to sync up to the Halt Tape.

Once again the debunkers cry 'Told you so'. Please let's have a fair playing field.

Even if the light did happen to sync up with the tape don't forget the pocket recorder was battery operated, the tape would have been transferred at least a couple of times from the original micro cassette, different tape players vary in playback speed, only slightly but enough to drop the accurate sync claimed on the film.

The MOD have also been criticised for not taking the reports seriously. Having checked with military radar at RAF Neatishead to see if any unknown traffic was recorded on the nights in question they were told that Radar Cameras had been switched off on the nights of the events. This seems to have been accepted as OK. The fact that the Russians or anyone else could have paid a surprise visit to our Nuclear bases unannounced does not bear thinking about.



But this answer given to the MOD does not fit in with the comments of a RAF Radar operator who worked at RAF Neatishead at the time.

The interview was conducted by Graham W. Birdsall and myself for a production of UFOs Hard Evidence, you can download an MP3 version of that interview on our downloads page on the website. There many pages across the internet devoted to the events of December 1980 some are well researched professional pieces, some are not. There have also been several books written on the events.

Left at East Gate
Larry Warrens and Peter Robbins

You Can't Tell The People
Georgina Bruni

Skycrash
Jenny Randles, Brenda Butler, Dot Street

Open Skies Closed Minds
Nick Pope

Many of those involved in the UFO subject believe that The Rendlesham Forest Incident involved the 'Real McCoy', Nick Pope who fronted the MOD's UFO Desk in the early 1990's and still works

for the Ministry spent time during his Airstaff 2a tenure researching the incident remains convinced that something 'not of this earth' was involved at Rendlesham.

Having read the books, studied the players and chewed on the known facts I too remain convinced that something extremely important happened that Christmas in Suffolk England, something Extraterrestrial.

The story starts like all good UFO mysteries, in denial. As the truth trickles out it is still denied it took over 20 years but when the UK introduced it's 'Freedom of some information' Act the trickle began to flow but still we only see the tip of the iceberg in years to come

those brave souls who dare to poke and prod the corridors of power might just find the Holy Grail...



Such is the interest in the forest area these days that the forestry Commission has set up a a actual 'UFO walk' through the forest.

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THE RENDLESHAM FOREST INCIDENT DEC 26TH–29TH 1980

In the following article Richard Davies a forestry worker at Rendlesham is interviewed by BBC local radio reporter Mark Murphy.

What do you think happened at Rendlesham forest back in 1980 - a UFO sighting?

Report courtesy BBC News Online Where I Live

"I think the briefest way to put it and I must stress this is a personal opinion and not an official one, is that something fell off something. We don't know what. It is debatable whether we will ever know certainly in our lifetime, but I suspect there was some form of security alert directed in the line of military hardware of some kind or another, that had to be covered up," said Richard Davies.

Over the years there have been all sorts of stories and rumours - all sorts of different things have been said to have gone on here in the forest from aliens landing to crash landing, to bits falling off satellite's. It's prompted interest from around the world and still to this day.

"Yes it's not that long ago that we had a film crew from Japan over here recording this as one of the big 10 internationally and of course nowadays this is acknowledged as one of the big two, with Roswell being the other one," explained Richard.

Once a year you get guides out and have a troop through the forest - an opportunity for people to see where this thing is suppose to have happened. Also throughout the year enthusiasts come and have a look as well and just sit and watch to see if even today anything is going to happen.

"Yes there are quite a number of folk who come particularly at night time to see if there are re-visitations and we've had plenty of stories from them about alien interaction during the night hours," said forester Richard Davies.

This means that people are convinced that there are still things happening to this day.

"I've always held the point of view that I believe there is actually terrestrial life. I don't think this was a case of a visitation. It's even possible to accept the fact within what I've just said that there maybe other visitations here, but I don't think it has any direct relation to what happened on that night," said Richard.

We are just approaching the sight where the crash landing is supposed to have happened and it's just inside the trees here inside this little clearing, so we'll just walk through and see what we can find. Could it have been somebody messing about for instance with torches or flares or something?

"I think the consistency of what people have seen over here through the years does actually rule that out.

"The other thing you have to bear in mind is that the crop we're walking through at the moment is a young crop that was replanted after the proceeding crop had been felled, and that was starting with trees getting on 70 or 80 foot tall - whereas at the moment we're in a dense young plantation of stuff about 10 or 15 foot tall, so it would have been a very different atmosphere down here at the time.

"It would have been probably less peaceful than it is now because of the ability of the wind to blow through and the noise that would have been going on in the crowns of the trees would have destroyed that peace to a fair extent," continued Richard.

What about the people who use to serve here at the air base. Do you ever see those people coming back to revisit the scene of this incident?

"I think I've now twice known ex-USAf people come on these

walks and they've always got something interesting to say," noted Richard.

And what sort of people come on the walks - enthusiasts, people who just have a passing interest or real believers?

"Well strangely enough everything, you've more or less covered the range. Because we do have those people, especially the early walks we did, who were very much on the investigative side of looking into the UFO incidence. I think it's more those people who think well that's a nice thing to hang a walk onto.

"But I don't think I've done a single walk and we actually do them twice a year and I've been doing it for six or seven years now .

I don't think I've done a single walk where there hasn't been at least one person who passionately believes in this as being a genuine UFO sighting and at the same time one person who thoroughly and is heartily sceptical about it, which puts me in a difficult situation," explained Richard. What about you and your colleagues. You work the forest day in, day out - it's a big place. Have you seen anything out of the ordinary?

"Given the fact that personally, I am rarely out at night here, certainly during the daytime and in the evenings and in the early nights going home from work , I've never seen anything and I can also say that my wildlife ranger who does work in far more night time situations than I do, has never been back and reported anything but I wouldn't necessarily say that that excludes everything because you just don't know do you."

Close to the site where the UFO incident is meant to have happened is a tree which has markings that look like an alien face.

See the site and hear the tale!

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QUESTIONS IN THE HOUSE

To suggest such a case is of 'no defence significance' it has attracted the attention of many highly plausible individuals from within the corridors of power.

The late and sadly missed UFO truth campaigner 'Lord' Peter Hill-Norton was never shy of presenting the subject to ministers and government officials alike. Below is a transcript of questions posed partly on behalf of author Georgina Bruni after the release of her 2001 work on the Rendlesham Incident '*You can't tell the people*'

Georgina Bruni adds her comments to former Chief of Defence Staff, Admiral of the Fleet, The late Lord Hill-Norton's Questions in the House of Lords:

23 Jan 2001 : Column WA7
Blundeston Prison and Hollesley Bay YCC (now YOI - Young Offenders Institution): Possible Evacuation

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government: Whether staff at Blundeston Prison or Hollesley Bay Youth Correction Centre received any instructions to prepare for a possible evacuation at some time between 25 and 30 December 1980; and if so, why these instructions were issued.

[HL319]
23 Jan 2001 : Column WA8
The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State, Home Office (Lord Bassam of Brighton): We can find no record of any such instructions.

G.Bruni Comments: Lord Hill - Norton asked a similar Question a few years ago concerning Highpoint prison. The Answer was that the warden's log for that period was no longer available. The reason for these Questions was because a prison officer had claimed that Highpoint had been on alert for evacuation on 27 December 1980. Since then (see my book) I have learnt of two more local prisons that were said to be on alert (as above). I am not satisfied with the answer and hope that Lord Hill-Norton will ask it again in more detail. We need to know why they can find no records. Have these logs gone missing too and, if so, why?

25 Jan 2001 : Columns WA21/22
Rendlesham Forest Incident

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government: Whether they are aware of any involvement by Special Branch personnel in the investigation of the 1980 Rendlesham Forest incident.[HL303]
Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean: Special Branch officers may have been aware of the incident but would not have shown an interest unless there was evidence of a potential threat to national security. No such interest appears to have been shown.

G.Bruni Comments: According to the Deputy Base Commander of AFOSI RAF Bentwaters/ Woodbridge (at time of incident) Special Branch would have been alerted. My argument is that the incident was a threat to national security because these objects were intruding on British territory and could have been anything from Soviet craft to terrorists, therefore 'SB' Special Branch should have at least checked out the incident before passing it over to another agency. The commander actually offered

the names of the 'SB' officers that would have had this information. I did not publish their names for obvious reasons. If no interest was shown then we must question our security agencies.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether personnel from Porton Down visited Rendlesham Forest or the area surrounding RAF Walton in December 1980 or January 1981; and whether they are aware of any tests carried out in either of those two areas aimed at assessing any nuclear, biological or chemical hazard.[HL301]
Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean: The staff at the Defence Evaluation and Research Agency (DERA) Chemical and Biological Defence (CBD) laboratories at Porton Down have made a thorough search of their archives and have found no record of any such visits.

G.Bruni Comments: That should have been RAF "Watton" not Walton. According to my witness from RAF Watton, some agency, presumably from Porton Down, did visit Watton and investigate the area on the perimeter of the base. Then the question is, if they were not from Porton Down, which is the place one would expect it to be, where was the unit from? I expect like the first Answer, any reference to this event has been carefully logged elsewhere.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they are aware of any uncorrelated targets tracked on radar in November or December 1980; and whether they will give details of any such incidents.

[HL302]
Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean: Records dating from 1980 no longer exist. Paper records are retained for a period of three years before being destroyed. Recordings of radar data are retained for a period of thirty days prior to re-use of the recording medium.

are re-used but there should be paper records. If this is the case then why was researcher Nick Redfern able to get verbatim data (from the logs) in 1987.

Unidentified Flying Objects

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

What is the highest classification that has been applied to any Ministry of Defence document concerning Unidentified Flying Objects.

[HL304]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean: A limited search through available files has identified a number of documents graded Secret. The overall classification of the documents was not dictated by details of specific sightings of "UFOs".

G.Bruni Comments: I think that is very interesting and if the Rendlesham files are secret as I would expect them to be, we may never see them.

30 Jan 2001 : Column WA49 Rendlesham Forest/RAF Bentwaters Incident .

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they will detail the underground facilities at the former RAF Bentwaters installation; and what is the purpose of these facilities.

[HL320]

The Minister of State, Ministry of Defence (Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean):

There are no underground facilities at the former RAF Bentwaters.

G.Bruni Comments: Actually, there are underground facilities at Bentwaters but they are sealed. The security chief at the installation who gave me a guard and permission to investigate the buildings, told me the underground facilities were sealed when the MOD put the base up for sale. He had written several times to the MOD requesting details of these but although they promised to look into the matter, he received nothing. I also discovered a door in the main command post that was clearly an entrance to an underground facility because it could not lead to anywhere above ground. The guard had no keys for this very important door that was covered in warning signs. According to the chief of security there are still several parts of the installation that are sealed. So, the Answer is in essence is crafty be-

cause as the facilities are now sealed, one could surmise that there are none.

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they are aware of any involvement in the 1980 Rendlesham Forest incident by either Ministry of Defence Police or personnel from the Suffolk Constabulary.

[HL321]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean: The Minister of Defence is not aware of any involvement by the Ministry of Defence Police in the alleged incident. The Ministry of Defence's knowledge of involvement by the Suffolk Police is limited to a letter dated 28 July 1999 from the Suffolk Constabulary to Georgina Bruni that is contained in the recent book.

G.Bruni Comments: According to the Deputy Base Commander of AFOSI RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge (at time of incident), a member of the ARRS and two other commanders, the MOD police would have been informed immediately. If the MOD have to resort to my book for information then we must question why this is so. Where are these records?

Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

Whether they are aware of any investigation of the 1980 Rendlesham Forest incident carried out by the United States Air force, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations or any other United States agency.

[HL322]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean: The Ministry of Defence's knowledge of an investigation by the US authorities into the alleged incident in Rendlesham Forest in 1980 is limited to the information contained in the memorandum sent by Lt Col Halt USAF, Deputy Base Commander at RAF Woodbridge, to the RAF Liaison Officer at RAF Bentwaters on 13 January 1981.

G.Bruni Comments: Notice there is no mention of the covering note from Squadron Leader Donald Moreland which is titled "Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs)" Also no mention of the telephone calls he made concerning the incident, which really should have been logged considering they were from the British Liaison

Officer. What has happened with this case is that the MOD have not left a paper trail.



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Lord Hill-Norton asked Her Majesty's Government:

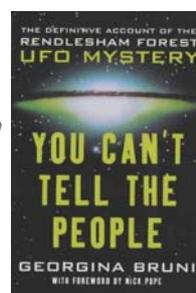
Whether, in the light of the new information contained in Georgina Bruni's book 'You Can't Tell the People', they will now launch an investigation into the Rendlesham Forest incident and the response to this incident by the United States Air Force and the Ministry of Defence.

[HL352]

Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean: No additional information has come to light over the last 20 years to call into question the original judgment by the Ministry of Defence that nothing of defence significance occurred in the location of Rendlesham Forest in 1980. Accordingly there is no reason to hold an investigation now.

G.Bruni Comments: This is the Answer that really annoys me (it's the standard line) because I am aware (from a memo that had my name on it) and has since been stamped "restricted" that certain high officials have read my book. Therefore the MOD must have all the new information. If the officials in office at this time are not aware of anything else due to the cover-up, then the information in my book alone should be enough to open an investigation.

'We are still awaiting such an Investigation'



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REPORT NO.
ATTN NO. CII

13 Jan 81

SUBJECT: Unexplained Lights

1. RAF/CC

1. Early in the morning of 27 Dec 80 (approximately 0100L), two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate. The on-duty flight chief responded and allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.

2. The next day, three depressions 1 1/2" deep and 3" in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 Dec 80) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions and near the center of the triangle formed by the depressions. A nearby tree had moderate (.05-.07) readings on the side of the tree toward the depressions.

3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared. Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10° off the horizon. The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed red, green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical through an 8-12 power lens. They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous individuals, including the undersigned, witnessed the activities in paragraphs 2 and 3.

CHARLES I. HALT, Lt Col, USAF
Deputy Base Commander

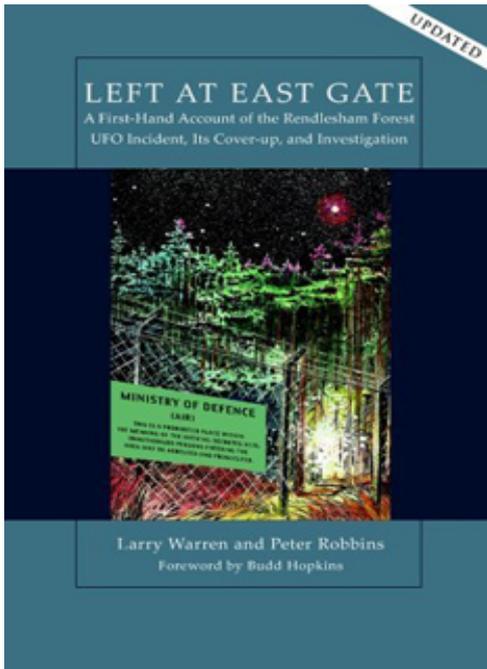


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Lt Col. C I. Halt (above)
The Halt Memo.
(insert left).

This is the official document and it is these three paragraphs of text that are possibly the most convincing 'on the record' proof that the UFO phenomena is a reality.

There is nothing within the document that for one moment suggests that those who witnessed events were merely observing the gentle rotating sweep of the Orford Ness lighthouse...



In December 1980, Larry Warren was a member of the Air Force security police stationed at RAF Bentwaters, a NATO base in Great Britain.

On the night of the 28th he was on guard duty when he was taken by truck to join other Air Force personnel to investigate a disturbance in Rendlesham Forest about five miles away, which turned out to be a landed UFO.

This was the third night of UFO activity in the area and by far the most profound. When the men were debriefed the next day, they were warned to tell no one about what they had seen-as "bullets are cheap." And so began what would turn out to be the best-documented and most significant military-UFO incident in history.

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UFOS: IT HAS BEGUN

For those who have studied the UFO subject for any length of time will I'm sure have high points in the subjects exposure and the coverage given to it by the press and Television media.

Anybody involved in the subject who has a three in front of their age will probably suggest that a presentation by ITV in 1992 as part of its late night documentary series 'First Tuesday' 'UFO' is one of the best and balanced explorations of the subject.

If you have a few more years behind you then you are more than likely aware of an American Television production that was first broadcast back in 1976. The documentary is the stuff of legends, true there are some iffy downloads available on the net and there are some VHS copies of it floating around on 'E Bay' but imaging my surprise the other afternoon whilst 'flicking' the SKY remote. I went past the usual movie listings looking for something to 'chill' and there on one of the 'watched by 15 people and a cat' channels I saw those three letters 'UFO' on hitting the information button I discovered it was the all time UFO Documentary Classic '*UFOS It Has Begun*'. A quick trip upstairs to my loft/office to grab a DVD for the recorder and Bobs your uncle.

Why do we rant and rave about this documentary?

Read below our regular 'reviewer' Steve Johnson's 'in depth scene by scene' breakdown and see for yourself.

UFOS: It Has Begun

In the mid-Seventies, a documentary appeared that to this day has yet to be rivalled in its scope or magnitude. *UFOS: It Has Begun* has become legendary, its contents becoming the stuff of myth. It even has its own conspiracy theory surrounding one particular segment.

Originally released in 1976 and hosted by the creator of *The Twilight*

Zone, Rod Serling, *UFOS: It Has Begun* is an almost two-hour exploration of the UFO phenomenon that takes us into the stark halls of the Pentagon, the subdued efficiency of air-traffic control towers, the bleak landscape of the American Mid-West and to Holloman Air Force Base for its puzzling climax. More on that later.

Assisting Serling were two Hollywood greats, Academy Award nominee, Burgess Meredith and Academy Award winner, Jose Ferrer. Also providing input were former officers of the US armed forces and ex-government spokesmen. Last, but not least, the legendary J Allen Hynek made a major contribution.

The film was re-released in 1979 with major segments added that were hosted by renowned French ufologist, Jacques Vallee, in which the US-centric slant of the film was softened by reports from around the world. The film had incredibly high production standards for the time and included some impressive effects to recreate the various cases it covered. We are also shown actual photographs and little-known footage of UFOs. I was lucky enough to pick up a copy of the video from a second-hand market a few years ago. It was the 1979 version and it is this that I shall now review.

Walking towards camera amid a swirling vortex of lights, Rod Serling queries the origins of man.

"Are we the product of natural evolution on Earth, or do we owe our existence to the intervention of beings from another world?"

November 2nd, 1967 – At 11pm, two Texans are driving in their pick-up truck when it suddenly stalls and the radio goes haywire. As they get out to investigate, a brilliant, dome-shaped UFO glides above them, casting them with its electric-blue glow.

They report their sighting, but the

US Air Force debunks the event as nothing more than globular lighting. So begins the documentary. The animated title fills the screen and we are off and running. Burgess Meredith reads from Ezekiel, recounting the prophet's vision of his famous 'wheel', generally agreed to be one of the earliest UFO encounters. Serling describes other reports from ancient times, from Rome through to Charlemagne.

Jose Ferrer tells of an event in Lyon, France in the 10th century in which several people are seen descending from some sort of flying vehicle. The townsfolk obviously want to burn them at the stake, but they are saved by the intervention of the bishop, who concludes that everybody is lying and that these people could not possibly have descended from a flying craft.

Meredith: November 12th, 1887. The crew of the sailing ship, *Siberian* watch in amazement as a sphere of fire emerges from the ocean, approaches the ship and then zooms away. The event lasted five minutes.

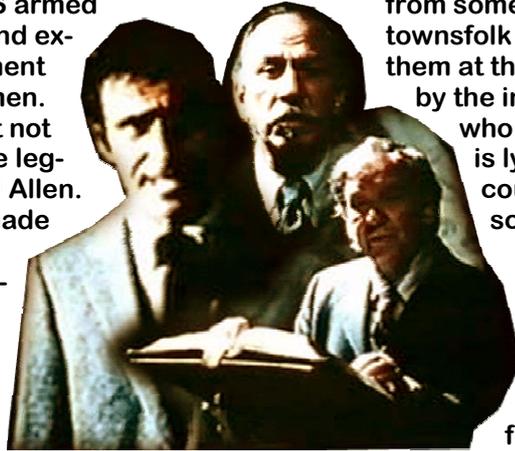
Serling then describes the Airship Invasion of the American Mid-West during 1896-1897 in which many sightings of these mysterious craft were reported. Jacques Vallee explains that UFOs are not just an American phenomenon. They have been sighted all over the world. In fact, the first major wave of modern times was in Scandinavia in 1946, the year before ufology was 'officially' born in the USA after Kenneth Arnold's famous sighting.

Other major waves have occurred in Africa, Latin America, Mexico, the Soviet Union, China, Australia and New Zealand and many other places.

May 1975 – Manitoba, Canada. UFOs had been reported near the town of Carman and on May 13th, a TV cameraman captures on film UFOs moving very fast across the sky.

Serling: On June 30th, 1973, A French Concorde was flying over Chad, Africa at 17,000 metres. A strange, disc-shaped, orange object is photographed.

Next we have a selection of NASA reports: Gemini 4: James McDivitt 14



sighted an object that he described as having 'arms and antennae'.

Gemini 5: This mission had a UFO pacing the capsule and was picked up on radar. The astronauts reported that it approached to two thousand metres before disappearing. **Gemini 10:** Michael Collins and John Young photographed a formation of three orange objects.

It has never been explained. **Gemini 11:** On the 18th orbit, some 27 hours and 47 minutes after lift-off on September 13th, 1966, a strange object



was photographed and, again, it has yet to

be explained.

Apollo 11: on July 11th, 1969 an object was photographed that could resemble Storey Musgrave's famous 'worm'. Like the other images, it has no explanation. **Skylab 3:** During the second manned flight of this mission on January 23rd, 1973, four photographs were taken of strange objects that NASA claimed were satellites.

The tragic tale of Captain Thomas Mantell is told, with a dramatic reconstruction. On January 7th, 1948, Kentucky police reported seeing a bright object in the sky. Mantell's flight of P51s was diverted to investigate. They followed the UFO and Mantell described it as travelling at half their speed. As his colleagues descended to land, Mantell climbed to 20,000 feet until radio contact was lost. The wreckage of his plane was found later, with Mantell's body inside.

Six months later, over an airbase in Georgia, an Eastern Airlines flight sighted a cylindrical object with no wings, travelling at 700mph. It was described as 100 feet long with flames at the rear. Two rows of windows were seen on the object. One of the passengers also witnessed this and he appears on film to recount his observations. In total, three aircraft, the passenger and people on the ground all saw this UFO, which to this day remains unidentified.

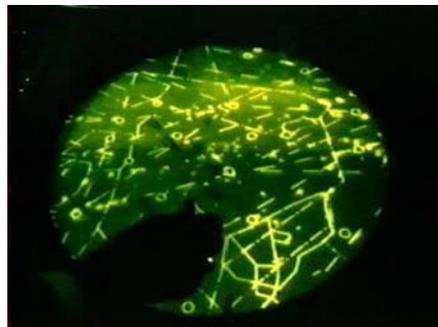
Speaking from inside the Pentagon, Colonel Bill Coleman, Chief of Public Information for the US Air Force from 1969-1974, recounts the formation of Project Sign, which would go on to spawn Project Grudge and Project Blue Book. He explained how the authorities at first accepted that



UFOs *might* be extra-terrestrial in origin, before later rejecting this notion completely.

In 1952, Washington DC was the centre of one of the most famous 'flaps' of UFO sightings. A spokesman for the US Air Force tells us

about what happened during that



time. They had definite radar fixes on many objects, with some travelling in excess of 7300mph. The UFOs also invaded the restricted airspace over the White House. A week later, the UFOs returned and F94 jets were scrambled to intercept. However, as soon as the jets approached the UFOs, all the unknown traffic on the scopes vanished. When the fighter planes turned to leave the area, the UFOs reappeared again.



Because of the public's interest, the largest and longest press conference since World War II was held at the Pentagon. This was the famous one in which General Samford said that he was happy in the knowledge that the UFOs seen on the radar scopes were nothing more than temperature inversions.

Despite the USAF downplaying the events, the CIA set up a panel of ex-

perts to investigate the UFO problem. One of the panel was astronomer J Allen Hynek. He explains how they were shown the Tremonton and Great Falls, Montana films and given the reports by the Air Force that concluded that the objects in the films were not birds, but self-luminous objects.

To Hynek's astonishment, the panel ignored the expert analysis and decided that the objects were, in fact, birds. Hynek felt that the panel intended to do nothing but debunk the footage without giving it the serious, scientific study it clearly deserved.

Rod Serling introduces L Michael Drummond, a man who filmed a UFO in San Francisco in 1965. Drummond explains how, after he reported his sighting (in which others witnessed the object as he filmed), the USAF asked to see his footage. He complied and sent them his 8mm cine film. He then received a letter explaining that the film had been sent to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base for further study. Several weeks later, his film was returned. Unfortunately, it was not his original film that he got back, but a poor quality copy. The object he filmed, which was clearly visible in the original, he says, is hardly discernible at all in the copy he got back.

Lt. Col. Robert Friend is a former head of Project Blue Book. In 1969, Friend attended a meeting in which an admiral claimed that a woman in Maine was in contact with alien beings. Two naval officers were despatched to see her. The woman went into a trance and the officers asked her technical questions that she should not know the answers to. She answered them easily, allegedly receiving telepathic assistance from the aliens.

The aliens were willing to communicate directly with one of the officers, a man with the rank of commander. He agreed and went into a trance-state too. He began answering questions about the future of the world and told them that there would be no World War III. When asked for proof, he told the others to go to the window. They did and saw a UFO outside in the sky. The local radar tower was contacted to see if they had a fix on the object, but they reported that that entire quadrant of the scope was 'blacked out'.

In the presence of Col. Friend, the commander did some automatic writing in a style that was not his usual handwriting. He named some of the aliens: CRLLL, ALOMAR and AFFA (who claimed to be from Uranus??!!) Serling claims that he has the actual report of the incident in which all of those present are named, but he does not go into the details.

Col. Coleman returns to explain more of Blue Book's methods. In 1966, an incident so profound occurred that future president, Gerald Ford, asked that a Congressional Hearing be conducted about the subject. Only three people are called to testify: the Secretary of the Air Force, J Allen Hynek and head of Project Blue Book, Major Hector Quintanilla.

The major describes the report in question in which a police officer reports a UFO near a swampy area in Michigan. This was the case in which Hynek suggested at a press conference that swamp gas *might* have been the culprit. The press pounced on this remark and Hynek has regretted it ever since.



Socorro, New Mexico – April 24th, 1964. In one of the most famous UFO cases ever, we hear from the actual people present, including the man who saw the UFO, Lonnie Zamora. The despatch officer explains how he received the radio calls from Zamora, while Zamora describes what happened. Hynek and Quintanilla review the evidence, with the major coming to the conclusion that what Zamora saw was some sort of NASA test.

Jacques Vallee returns to recount a tale from 1897. A Kansas farmer and his family are awoken by a commotion and go outside to see a bright airship descending on their farm. One of the farmer's cows is caught by 'a red cable coming from the airship'. The next day, he finds the cow's hide, legs and head many

miles away. This is one of the earliest recordings of cattle mutilations connected with a UFO sighting.



In over thirty states (at the time of filming), there have been hundreds of reports of cattle being found dead, with sexual organs, tongue and other organs removed with no signs of struggle. The animals are usually almost completely drained of blood, with none on the ground around the animal. Bill Jackson, a Colorado reporter, tells us of the cases he has covered and goes into grisly detail. Satanic cults, drug smugglers, UFOs and the government have all been blamed. Carl Whiteside, of the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI), claims that 99% of mutilation reports were caused by natural predators. Of the 203 reports he received, his office only got 45 tissue samples. Of those 45 samples, only 2 were found to have been mutilated with a sharp instrument.

Jackson refutes the CBI statement by saying that these ranchers and rural policemen know predator attacks when they see them. A local sheriff and another deputy agree with Jackson. In most cases, predators, such as coyotes, will not approach a mutilated carcass. We are shown in detail, a mutilated cow, with clear incisions and whole organs removed.

As the lights in the sky and mutilations of 1975 continued, the ranchers, dismayed at the lack of interest from officials, began arming themselves. When they saw lights in the sky near their herds, they began taking shots at them! Dr William Fitzgerald is one of the few vets who is willing to talk about the subject. He performed an autopsy on a mutilated bull and came to the conclusion that no natural predator was responsible for the condition of the animal. He says that the cuts to the carcass were likely done with a very sharp,

surgical blade. He describes how it is possible to drain blood from an animal by using a needle through the jugular vein. The animal's heart will then pump almost all of the blood from the beast, except for the most vital internal organs. He said this could be done if the animal was anaesthetised or restrained.

The animal he autopsied was restrained by something other than rope. It was washed completely clean. Dr Fitzgerald has no explanation.



In Dulce, New Mexico, state policeman, Gabe Valdez calls on the assistance of Howard Burgess, a scientist famous for the development of Kirlian photography, in regard to mutilation cases. When they got the first mutilation report in 1976, Burgess suggested that the cattle may have somehow been marked before the mutilation occurred. Marked with something that would show up in Ultra-Violet (UV) light. He and Valdez found that out of 80 cattle they inspected, 5 had been marked with a powdery, white substance that, indeed, only showed up under a UV light. They removed hair from the marked areas and also control samples from unmarked cattle. When analysed, it was found that the marked hairs contained high levels of potassium and magnesium.

Burgess didn't really know what to make of it until a UFO was seen over a town in New Mexico shedding what appeared to be an ash-like residue. This substance was also found to contain high levels of potassium and magnesium.

In 1975, deputy Tex Graves took his men out into the countryside around Sterling, Colorado. Bill Jackson went along as they tried to track down the lights in the sky that had been reported. They could not keep up with them, though and any photographs they took did not produce anything significant. Eighteen months later, the lights returned and the mutilations continued. Jackson loaned a Lentar lens from the Honeywell Corporation and coupled this with some high-speed Kodak film. This time they got some images of

the UFOs that defy explanation.

In 1974, Vallee recounts how he received a call from a woman in California. She had been travelling in her car towards Los Angeles when she saw a light in the sky. Thinking it was a helicopter, she and her passengers paid it scant attention. Then the light began moving very strangely. It darted around their car, affording them a closer look. The woman (going under the pseudonym of Helen) described it as being as wide as eight lanes of freeway, brilliant white and saucer-shaped. Four beams of light appeared, struck them and they felt as if they were being teleported out of the car. The next thing they knew, they were 'beamed' back into the car and the UFO had gone.

Years later, Helen underwent regressive hypnosis. She recalled seeing a human-looking man in a long robe. They were in a large, white room, with curved walls. She was shown data on various screens and felt very peaceful. The man spoke English, but she said that telepathic signals were used at the same time. He said he and his people were thousands of years old and had influenced many people through history. It was a typical contactee case.

Col. Coleman reported how that in 1969, the Condon Committee concluded that UFOs were of no defence significance and that no further study was warranted. Over twelve thousand case files were placed into storage and official investigations ended with the closure of Project Blue Book.

However, UFO reports continued to appear in the media. By early 1974, there were over one thousand unexplained UFO cases in the United States alone. Jose Ferrer and Burgess Meredith describe some of these cases, many of which are long-duration events and also multiple witness sightings. Jacques Vallee recounts the case of the Tasmanian pilot, Frederick Valentich, who reported a UFO over the Bass Strait in 1978 before disappearing.

He has never been heard from since and no trace of his plane has ever been found.

Vallee also recalls some other cases from 1978 and 1979, including the famous Wellington, New Zealand sighting, which made headlines around the world. He goes on to explain how NORAD and its counterparts cannot track all objects in the sky, as we are led to believe. They can only track objects, says Vallee, which they know about, such as aircraft, incoming missiles and conventional spacecraft.

In 1973, an army helicopter crew had just finished their annual physicals and were declared fit for duty. They took off from Port Columbus airfield in Ohio and a few minutes into the flight, they saw a red light on the eastern horizon. The light paced the chopper to their right. Then suddenly it began to head towards them. The pilot estimated it travelled fifteen miles in almost no time at all. They braced for impact and began to descend in an attempt to avoid the object. The UFO descended with them, still on a collision course. Then the cockpit was washed with a strange, green light for several seconds. They got a good look at the object, describing it as cigar-shaped with a dome and metallic in appearance. It reflected the lights around it. Somehow they found themselves ascending, even though their instruments were still set for descent. The helicopter went from an altitude of 1700 feet to 3800 feet. The men cannot explain their encounter, but filed a report as ordered.

Serling returns and suggests that we should consider that these objects are real, extra-terrestrial spacecraft. Humans have designed many different aircraft configurations in only a few years of powered flight. The same could be applied to UFOs, which are seen in all shapes and sizes. He then goes on to describe the aliens themselves, based on reports:



"Ashen skin, possible with a protective membrane. Large eyes with a wraparound appearance (a drawing is shown with cat-like pupils). Nose indefinite save for two, small breathing holes. A slit mouth, opening or no mouth at all. Behaviour cautious, curious, firm. Ability to paralyse on touch. Sounds emitted -mmm

- humming. Oohs in a foreign language or some accent. Buzzing as if electronic from their head and chest. Wearing head protection or overall body protection."

Lt. Col. Friend, Major Quintanilla, Dr Hynek and one other contributor, whose name I did not catch, appear together and muse about the nature of these alien beings. Where are they from? How does their intelligence differ from ours? Can we truly communicate with them? Will we ever find a logical explanation?

Serling asks how would the public react to an open admission about the existence of extra-terrestrials. He calls on an academic to explain. The professor tells us that research has shown that our populace might be worried about an advanced race visiting us, but they would not panic, unless given cause to, say if the race were hostile or threatening in some other way. In fact, such an admission might help unite the peoples of the Earth, *especially*, if the aliens were indeed an enemy.

Now we come to the climax of the show. The section that has caused the most discussion and controversy. Serling asks what of the future? It is likely that contact *will* be made.

Take the following scenario that might happen in the future *or may have already happened*. On a clear day at 5:32am, at Holloman Air Force Base, New Mexico. A recon plane is on the runway, ready for take-off. Sergeant Mann in the control tower receives a call that a UFO is approaching the base. We hear what sounds like control tower chatter about an approaching UFO, followed by a quick clip of a bright object descending.

More names are revealed as a Sergeant Whitmore reports to the base commander, Colonel Horner. He orders a red alert. Alarms blare and emergency vehicles are deployed. Two fighter jets are despatched to escort the UFO out of the area.

A helicopter, containing a tech sergeant and staff sergeant, on a routine photographic mission run off several feet of film of the three objects, one of which breaks from the group and begins to descend.

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A high-speed camera crew on the ground runs off about 600 feet of film. They continue to film the UFO as it approaches. It hovers about ten feet above the ground for about a minute, yawing like a ship at anchor. It then sets down on three extension pads. The commander, two officers and two base air force scientists arrive and wait apprehensively. A panel opens in the side of the craft and three beings emerge one at a time. They are wearing tight-fitting jumpsuits, are short and have a blue/grey complexion. Their eyes are set far apart and they have a large, pronounced nose. A head piece with a rope-like design is worn. The commander and the two scientists step forward to greet them. Arrangements are made 'by some sort of communication' and the group retires to an inner office in the King One area. A stunned group of military personnel are left behind. Who the visitors are, where they are from or what they want is unknown.



We are then shown a padlocked gate, as if to affirm the secrecy of the event. Serling concludes by saying that we have a responsibility to learn what we can about these visitors, as we may discover new energy sources or learn more about our place in the universe. So ends one of the most amazing documentary films recorded.

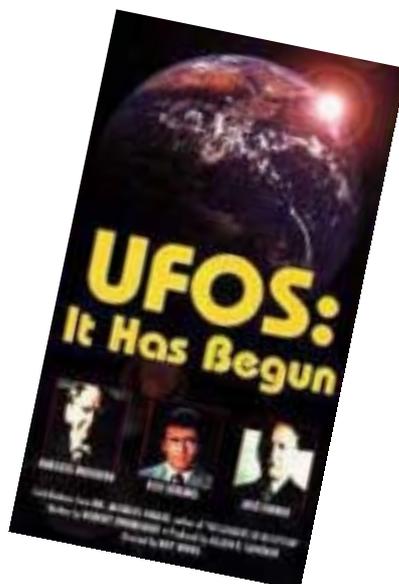
It is said that the producers of the film were promised unprecedented cooperation from the US military, and the inclusion of many military reports and interviews seems to confirm that suggestion. It is also said that actual footage from a real incident at Holloman AFB would be provided to them and that this would be used as the startling finale to the programme. Unfortunately, it seems the authorities got cold feet and we ended up with some hastily-prepared footage and artwork. But was it all a fiction? During the seg-

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ment, we are shown a bright light descending towards the desert. Is this a real UFO, or just an out-of-focus aircraft coming in to land?

Why are specific names used, exact times and usage of precise amounts of film? What is the King One area at Holloman AFB? Apparently, in the novelisation of the film, the King One area is described as being on Mars Street in Building 930. I have been unable as yet to find a plan of the AFB with Mars Street or Building 930 noted.

So, was *UFOs: It Has Begun* simply an impressive documentary about the subject, given incredible access by the authorities? Or was it an attempt at disclosure, hastily retracted before broadcast? We may never know, but it has certainly made for compelling viewing.



Steve Johnson - 2005

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RENDELESHAM FACT FILE

Rendlesham Forest has for centuries been associated with strange phenomena. It did not simply stop after the events of Christmas 1980. Surely the lighthouse theory does not explain 17th century accounts of strange lights in the forest (unless of course you are a debunker). Neither can the same lighthouse theory explain away the many 'weird events' that have been experienced by a lady who was one of the original civilian researchers into the 1980 event.



Brenda Butler still lives close by the Forest and researchers who have travelled to visit Brenda have on several occasions witnessed such straight events, some of which were caught on camera.



Images courtesy John Hanson

I'M ONLY IN IT FOR THE MONEY...

It has often been said that the only reason people get involved in this subject is to make a name for themselves and/or make money out of it.

Well just for the record The UFO subject has cost me thousands of pounds and tens of thousands of man hours but still I firmly believe that the subject is worthy of support and promotion so while ever I am able to report, research and promote the subject I will.

If ever I suspect anyone trying to make fools of the genuine and committed ufologists and enthusiasts I will make my reasons for that suspicion known. There is little room and no time for those who simply bring the subject into ridicule.

Hoaxing over the years has either been very dodgy film clips, out of focus or shaking like the cameraman was stood in the middle of an earthquake or computer generated additions to a still image. Evidence like this is simply unacceptable.

To accurately create a photo-realistic addition to a digital still is not as easy as one would think. That's why Hollywood pays big bucks to the artists and computer programmers who can create realism that would fool experts.

You can get reasonable results

from lightwave or similar software but there is a lot involved to



make any image credible. But who's to say Hollywood is not responsible for some of the hoaxes we have seen out there,

In today's electronic, boys toys, gadget filled society you can just about record a half decent photograph with a toilet roll, well ok I'm being cynical but you get my drift.

Digital Camcorder cost less than £200 these days and you can get a 5 megapixel stills camera for under £60 and most contract mobile phones have a 1.3 megapixel camera and mpg4 video camera built in.



What I'm saying is that most of us have access to something that can take a half decent image if we need to do so in

a hurry. Occasionally images appear on cameras that are genuinely difficult to explain, these get me interested.

So you can imagine my frustration when I see a company advertising something that to me is an

absolute danger to both its operators and its surroundings.

Bin bag balloons have featured in many 'alleged' UFO films and photos for several years now. Even the Sussex Police Helicopter filmed something over a Brighton Beach a few years ago that was obviously a bin bag but News at Ten and other programmes thought it a great UFO story and put the subject to ridicule once again by promoting the film world-wide.

We are talking about taking a bin bag and suspending a small Tea light or bun tin with a paraffin soaked swab under or inside the liner, lighting it and watching the bin bag climb uncontrollably into the 'night' sky.

What's the harm, well most will die out shortly after take off but my concern is for a company based in the UK to be selling these things online or by mail order that are claimed to fly for up to 8 minutes and reach altitudes of a thousand feet or so. I'm sorry but an uncontrolled incendiary device that has a life of 8 or so minutes could cause an awful lot of damage, even life threatening damage.

UFO Data considers itself a responsible organisation and therefore would suggest that launching such devices be outlawed. I expect anyone caught releasing such devices that cause damage to land or property might find themselves facing criminal charges and large claims for compensation.

As for the company behind these 'Bin Bag balloons' irresponsible greedy and foolish are the kindest labels I can attach.

Searching for the Truth

'Always Telling the Truth Means Never
Having to Remember Anything'

"A Tribute to Walter Haut"



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During my affiliation with the International UFO Museum and Research Center here in Roswell, from 1996 until 1998, as a full time volunteer and as the UFO Investigator, I had the opportunity to meet many of the well-known researchers in this field of ufology. Since then I have developed close personal relationships with a few of those, and continue to do my research in conjunction with our desire to find the truth. That of course is not the case with a larger number of "researchers" I have met.

The same is true for witnesses of the 1947 Roswell Incident that I have met over the years. Several of the many witnesses I have met and/or interviewed, have elaborated on their testimonies, while some have presented hoaxes, and still others have not provided any validation for their claims.

Fortunately for those of us that continue to look for answers to the Roswell Incident, there are some witnesses that stand out, (at least to me), as being extremely credible.



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Walter Haut was one of those individuals that I've always had the utmost respect for, and who I will be missing since his passing on December 15th 2005.

As one who knew Walter fairly well, and had the opportunity to meet with daily for two and a half years, I felt a tribute to him was in order at this time.

In 1947, then Lt. Walter Haut, was a key figure in the Roswell Incident due to being the person that wrote the now famous press release of July 8, 1947,

"RAAF Captures Flying Saucer on Ranch in Roswell Region".

It was quite an honour for me to meet Walter in person when I began my affiliation with the UFO Museum in 1996. After all, nothing can be written about the Roswell Incident without including Walter in the events that took place almost 60 years ago. It was even more rewarding for me to be able to visit with him daily during my two and a half years with the museum.

During that time, Walter was at the museum almost every day, and would enjoy meeting the visitors that came by, always with a smile, a little kidding and explaining his involvement in the incident, as the public relations officer that wrote the newspaper article. Walter was always a gentleman, never looking for notoriety, enjoying life in his retirement years. If he wasn't occupied with visitors, I would walk into his office and we'd discuss a variety of topics, which always amazed me, because he had such an interesting life, and freely talked about it.

Walter was born in Chicago in 1922, and one of my favorite stories he shared with me sev-

eral times was that when he was young, he worked for a drug store in the Chicago area and made deliveries to local customers that ordered merchandise from the store.

One of those customers was the "Capone family". Walter remembered how most customers he made deliveries to would tip him 10 or 15 cents, while the Capone's would tip \$1.00, \$5.00, even \$10.00. He indicated that the Capone family was very generous, and always smiled when he shared that story with me.

I'm sure very few researchers, and particularly the general public knew much about Walter's military career, other than his involvement with the Roswell Incident as a young Lieutenant, who was the public relations officer for the Roswell Army Air Field in 1947.

During WWII, Walter (left) flew some 35 missions over Japan as a bombardier in B-29's. He received numerous medals for his service, but one of the experiences I enjoyed hearing from him the most, was his description of how those missions were accomplished.

He indicated that being a bombardier was a great job, because the missions were sometimes 18-20 hours flying time from their home base to the target, and back home. He said he would sleep on the way to the target and being located up front in the B-29, the pilot or co-pilot would kick him when they got close to the target to wake him up. He would then take over flying and when the target was in his bombsites, he would release the weapons. His job completed he would sleep again on the ride back to their home base.

Several times we talked about the 509th bomb wing's involvement in the dropping of the atomic bombs on Japan to end

the Second World War.

Walter also shared his involvement during the testing of an atomic bomb in the Pacific Ocean, during Operation Crossroads in 1946.

Walter was in an airplane that flew through the mushroom cloud the bomb created when tested in the ocean and he actually dropped the instruments in it. We would “kid” each other about him “glowing” afterwards, which he of course didn’t, but he did say it was a little “bumpy” flying that close to it.



Walter would often mention Colonel “Butch” Blanchard with much admiration and respect. Blanchard was in charge of the

509th bomb wing here in Ros-



B-29 bomber, “Enola Gay,” which dropped the first atomic bomb on Japan, August 6, 1945; shown at Roswell Army Air Field after the 509th Bomb Wing relocated to RAAF after World War II (Courtesy of Joe Davis).

well in 1947, when Walter was the public relations officer for the base. Blanchard was also the base commander. They had an exceptional relationship according to Walter, and Walter talked about that relationship many times. I remember sharing a similar relationship I had with a Warrant Officer Philpot when I was in the service, so I could relate to his feelings and the respect he had for Blanchard.

They were apparently quite a team, and Walter would talk about how “the old man” would call him into his office, where

Blanchard (a Colonel), would ask him, (a Lieutenant), for his thoughts about something that Blanchard was thinking about.

Walter was very active in many civic organizations in Roswell after he got out of the military and he and his wife decided to stay in Roswell. He often talked about how they enjoyed living in Roswell, even though the first time he was assigned here, he wondered where Roswell New Mexico was.

My life as a person and as a researcher of the Roswell Incident has been extremely enriched because I had the opportunity to meet and get to know a man named Walter Haut.

I will always treasure those times where he and I sat down and just visited with each other. He had a fascinating life in his childhood, being involved with WWII, the Roswell Incident, original founder of the UFO mu-

seum and the many civic accomplishments he achieved.

I will miss you Walter.

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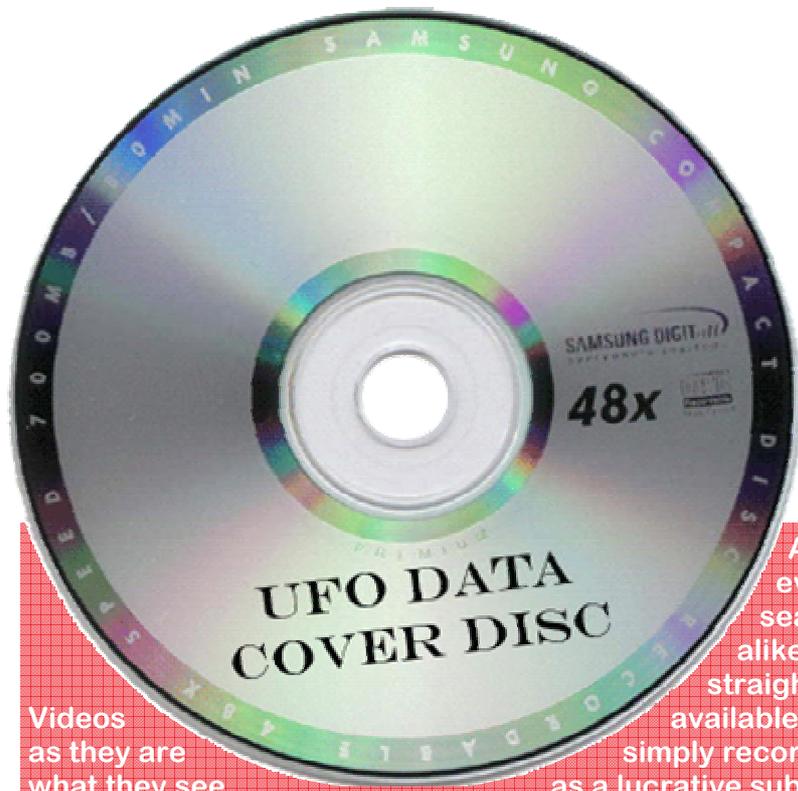
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A never before heard encounter from South America. A mother blessed with a new baby daughter soon realises something about her child is special, very special...

RENDLESHAM: 'A PERSONAL VIEW'

Andrew Pike, FRAS

Much as been said about 'The Rendlesham Forest Incident' and much more will follow I'm sure of that.

The majority of commentators are hard working 'ear to the ground' individuals that no matter how hard they try to convince those whose mind is already made up their research tends to fall on deaf ears and the 'UFO people' get labelled as 'cranks' or worse.

There are those men of science however who support those of us alienated out here in the world of ufology. One such 'man of science' is Astro Physicist and Fellow of the Royal Astronomy Society, Andrew Pike.

Here then are Andrews scientifically supported thoughts on what might or might not have happened back in December 1980...

Rendlesham is special to me in several ways. I first learnt of the incident in early 1981 shortly after Steve Roberts broke the news to Brenda Butler and Dot Street.

Oddly enough, astronomers were alerted to something happening at 9pm on the first of the two nights (25/26 December 1980). Many of those astronomical events have since been put forward as the definitive answer to Rendlesham. True there was a lot of astronomical activity and something did drop into the sea off the coast of Suffolk that night, but the stories of crashing satellites and meteors is not the whole story. The astronomical events at least alerted certain well informed astronomers and they were on the case from the start.

The scientific investigation into Rendlesham has gone largely unnoticed over the past 25 years,

but it has been an important part of my life in the astronomy/ufology world. In fact the scientific file, although still unpublished puts the MoD's file to shame. If the MoD really only have a dozen or so papers on the event then you might as well believe the Moon is made of green cheese! The scientific files are somewhat thicker to say the least.

On 21 July 1981, I attended a meeting of five individuals at a university department in London. That meeting resulted in two things: My involvement in ufology and a file on Rendlesham. I do not intend to say much here about that except to say the file has remained open for 25 Years and is still added to on an occasional basis. If it was not for that meeting I would not have taken such an active role in ufology, and only then because of the nature of the meeting and the threats therein. Only two of the five remain with us, myself and one other who is now an alcoholic!

Over the past 25 years astronomical explanations and the like have come and gone. Two years after that meeting in July 1983, I had another chance encounter of the Rendlesham kind at an astronomical meeting which resulted in the birth of the lighthouse theory. Present at the meeting was Ian Ridpath and a spook I refer to as the Third Astronomer. I will leave it up to you to fill in the rest!

Yes, Rendlesham has been a strange part of my life. If you believe the case is done and

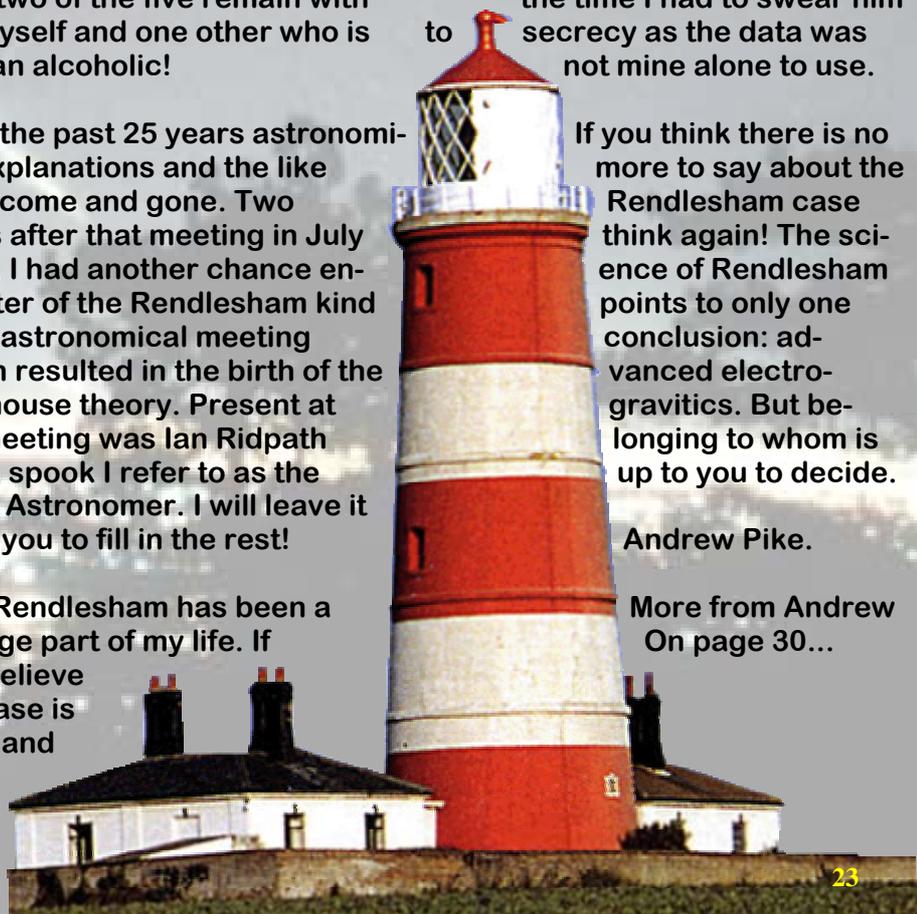
dusted think again. Over the years I have read a lot which has made me laugh out loud. Definitive guide after definitive guide has appeared over the years and yet the science remains absent. No doubt this is partly because astronomers remain silent and partly because too few ufologists understand science, certainly to the level required at Rendlesham: a good grounding in relativity, quantum theory and string theory are required, then and only then can you understand why the triangle was 'melting' why it affected the pine trees in the way it did, why a lady was heard to scream and a whole host of other events seen in the forest that Christmas week.

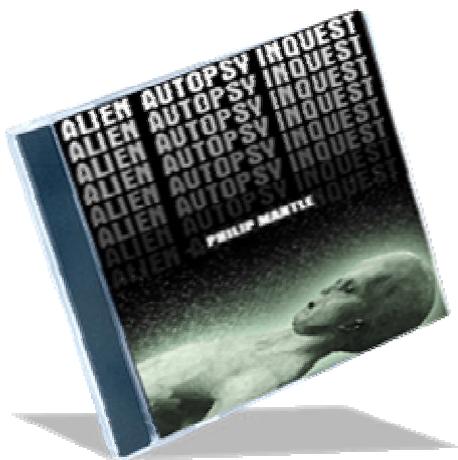
Before his untimely death in September 2003, Graham Birdsall asked me about writing a 'special book' (his words) on UFOs. He was aware the Rendlesham case might be a major part of it but at the time I had to swear him to secrecy as the data was not mine alone to use.

If you think there is no more to say about the Rendlesham case think again! The science of Rendlesham points to only one conclusion: advanced electro-gravitics. But belonging to whom is up to you to decide.

Andrew Pike.

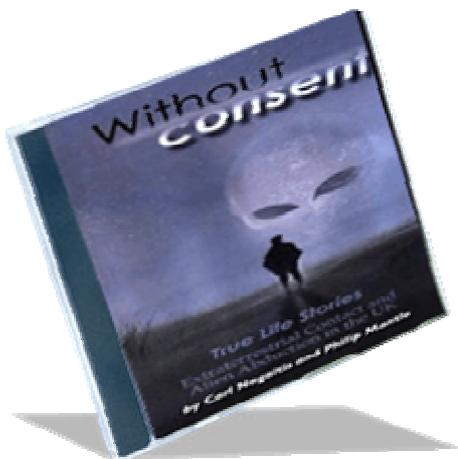
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The Alien Autopsy Inquest by Phil Mantle

The basic story is very simple and easy to understand. On June 1st, 1947, the person known as the “cameraman” was called to General McMullen’s office and told to prepare for a special assignment to be part of a team and film the recovery of a Russian “spy plane”. The team members flew that same day to Roswell and were then transported by truck to the crash site south west of Socorro, NM. When they arrived, the area was already under the Army’s control:



Without Consent by Phil Mantle

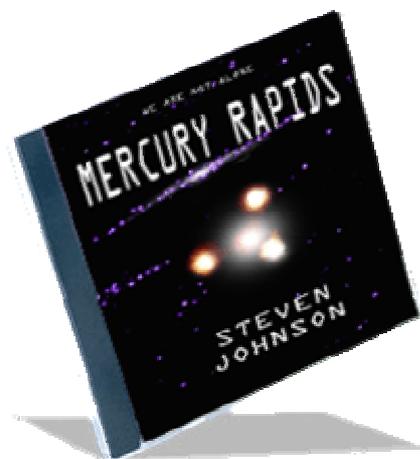
The authors approach the ‘alien abduction’ scenario in a ‘tell it like it is’ fashion. They make no

attempt to prove or disprove individual claims, but leave the reader to judge the cases reported on merit. Carl Nagaitis is an accomplished journalist and Philip Mantle a time served UFO researcher, lecturer and published author. The book covers several UFO standard cases and some that will be new to readers, all in all the book makes interesting reading and features case related photographs and diagrams.



**UFOUSSR
by Phil Mantle & Paul Stonehill**

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**Mercury Rapids Trilogy
by Steve Johnson**

Three Books compiled into one volume

In the tradition of The X-Files and Dark Skies, Steven Johnson’s debut novel is a masterful tale of government cover-ups, sinister conspiracies and intergalactic conflict. Told through the eyes of protagonist Bill Lewis, Mercury Rapids draws heavily on the influences of such science fiction giants as Asimov and Heinlein, and Steven Johnson’s ambitious storyline is executed to near perfection. He throws enough clever twists and subplots into the story to keep the reader fully engaged, and never lets up on the break-neck pace. From the protagonist himself to the aristocratic Sir Donald Quentin-Smythe, conspirator-in-chief, Johnson’s characterizations are believable and proficiently crafted. And the English setting makes for a pleasant change from the usual Midwestern backdrop for alien encounter stories. Mercury Rapids is a story that has been told by many a science fiction writer, but rarely with such skill and intelligence. There are enough __ Continued

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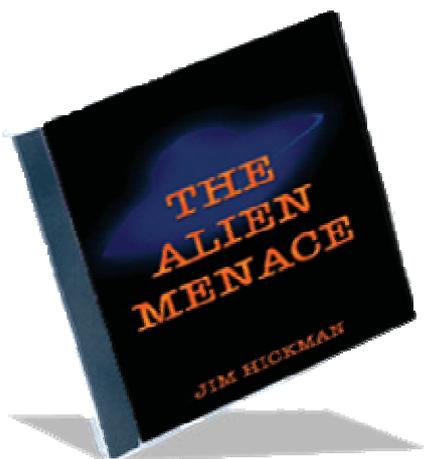
UFO buff, and the story is easily accessible even to readers who wouldn't ordinarily bother with this kind of book. Overall, what in lesser hands could have easily been a trite, clichéd tale, is a thrilling, hi-octane sci-fi adventure story replete with clever plot twists, great characters and a terrific ending that will leave you begging for more. Most of all, Mercury Rapids is fun. And what more could one ask for than that?



Angels of Heaven and Hell by Brian Allen

When I began researching the subject of mystical phenomena, I did not for one moment suspect where my enquiries would lead. The range of occurrences falling within this field covers everything from angels, stigmata, and religious ecstasy, plus their incredible attendant phenomena, to miracles of spirit and the Eucharist. Pseudo religions and fringe belief systems offer astonishing claims that angels still walk among us. From the same source comes alleged biblical evidence for both 'The Nephilim', a race of supposedly demonic / human hybrids, and the existence here on Earth of a species of extra-

terrestrial, shape-shifting, reptilian beings.



Alien Menace by Jim Hickman

In The Alien Menace, Jim Hickman establishes Ufology as a legitimate field of science. He outlines guidelines for "conducting a scientific investigation of UFO and UFO-related phenomena." He develops an elaborate terminology, adapted from the J. Hynek UFO Classification System, to lend scientific validity to sightings. These terms include, "IFO," "Nocturnal Lights," as well as "CE-I" through "CE-III," degrees of close encounters. He also prescribes a detailed methodology for conducting field research.



The Barriers of Belief by Brian Allen

The following case files and related essays and commentaries are taken from the files of P-E-G (Paranormal Encounters Groups) There can be few ex-

periences more disturbing and alarming than alien abduction. The unfortunate victim is taken against their will to an unknown destination by entities with whom they can neither communicate nor control. The methods by which these alleged abductions take place vary, but the end results are often similar and frequently culminate in unwarranted surgical procedures where individuals may be 'tagged' by the surgical insertion of monitoring devices, usually referred to as 'implants', into their body. Intrusive medical examinations, the artificial insemination of women and removal of tissue from the abductees are also regularly reported.



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length." Lowery said that the thing also had "wheels at the side like the side wheels on Fulton's old steam boat."

The story was in the newspapers the next day:

The title "airship" soon stuck.

Other papers were more reserved and reported a "mysterious light" or "wandering apparition." A few ridiculed the stories suggesting that the whole thing had been a hoax or the result of a natural effect like glowing swamp gas. (Could this be where Blue Book got its ideas?) Nothing changes there then.

The story soon faded. Then, five days after its first appearance, the "airship" came back. It was Sunday night and weather conditions were as before: dark and overcast. The light appeared from the northwest and when

This is one of the classic American UFO enigmas that appears to have been blown out of all proportion from the dependency of a single name tag.

Mystery Airships have featured many times to describe what American Citizens experienced right across their continent in the closing years of the 1800's. Reports of weird lights and strange sounds filled the newspapers of the day and so was born a 'Men from Mars' culture.

UFO believers sight the fact that as these reports were coming two and three years before the first Zeppelin type aircraft were flown in Europe and from the fantastic reports logged what was being observed could not be primitive flying machines. So here are the historical accounts surrounding the events of the American 1890's.

Eighteen ninety-six was marked by a strange occurrence, an amazing phenomenon that those that saw it probably never forgot. People, by the thousands, living across North America, from San Francisco to Chicago, observed strange lights in the sky. The lights, reportedly an airship, crossed the continent from west to east while the country watched.

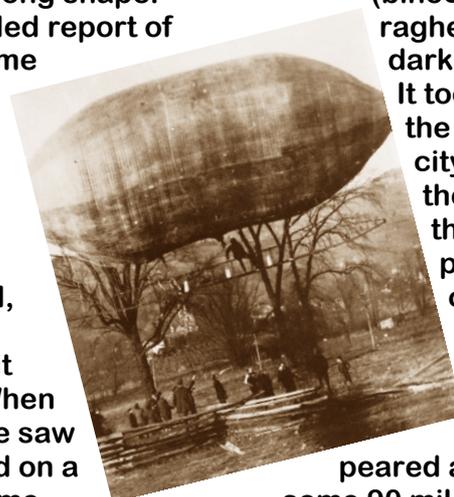
The excitement started on November 17, 1896 in Sacramento, California. It was a rainy, dismal night. Then, through the dark clouds, appeared a bright light. It moved slowly west appearing to be about a thousand feet above the rooftops. Hundreds of people saw the light including George Scott, an assistant to the Secretary of State of California. Scott persuaded some friends to join him on the observation deck above the capitol dome and from there they thought they could see three lights, not one. Above the lights was a dark, oblong shape. The most detailed report of the evening came from one R.L. Lowery, a former street railway employee who said he heard a voice from above call, "Throw her up higher; she'll hit the steeple." When he looked up he saw two men seated on a bicycle-like frame, peddling. Above them was a "cigar-shaped body of some



straight over the town, running against the wind. One witness, Jacob Zeman sky, had a small telescope and reported the lamp was "an electric arc light of intense power." He also observed

that the light didn't move in a straight line, but seemed to bob in the wind up and down. Another witness with field glasses

(binoculars), Edward Caragher, reported seeing a dark body above the light. It took thirty minutes for the thing to cross the city and disappear to the southwest. During this time thousands of people observed it including the city's deputy sheriff and a district attorney. That same night the "airship" also ap-



peared above San Francisco some 90 miles away. There it was observed by hundreds, including ... (cont)

the towns Mayor. It cruised as far as the Pacific Ocean, above the famous Cliff House, where its searchlight, a beam that stretched out over 500 feet, reportedly frightened the seals on Seal Rock sending them plunging into the safety of the sea.

Over the next few days airship sightings were made not just in California, but from as far away as Washington State and Canada. The newspapers went wild, some supporting the idea of an airship, some ridiculing it. Stories began to suggest that the airship was the work of a mysterious inventor who was testing his device at night just in case someone might steal the idea. This didn't seem outrageous to most people. Balloons capable of carrying people had been around for almost a hundred years and it seemed that the key to powered flight might soon be discovered. One San Francisco attorney, nicknamed "Airship" Collins, claimed that he was representing the eccentric and wealthy inventor who had constructed the thing at a secret location in Oroville, just sixty miles north of Sacramento. According to Collins the airship was 150 feet long, and could carry 15 passengers. "It was built on the aeroplane system and has two canvas wings 18 feet wide and a rudder shaped like a bird's tail," he told people, "I saw the thing ascend about 90 feet under perfect control." When the mysterious inventor never appeared Collins found himself the object of ridicule and he backed off his earlier claims.

Another San Francisco attorney took his place, though, claiming that there was not one airship, but two, and they would be used to bomb Havana. William Henry Hart, a former attorney general, stated, "From what I have seen of it I have not the least doubt that it will carry four men and 1,000 pounds of dynamite." Hart's airship never was made public either and by early December the lawyer, as well as the lights in the sky, had disappeared from the

scene.

Everything was quiet for two months. Then, on February 2, 1897, the "airship" showed itself over the town of Hastings, Nebraska. On February 5th it was seen forty miles further south near the town of Invale. Reports started to flow in from all over the state. On February 16th it was sighted over Omaha. More stories appeared. A farmer claimed he'd encountered the airship on the ground, under repair. "It is cigar shaped, about 200 feet long and 50 feet across at the widest point, gradually narrowing to a point at both ends," the farmer said. Soon the airship had been sighted all over the mid-west including in Texas, Kansas, Iowa and Missouri. More stories about encounters with the crew on the ground appeared. Finally in April the excitement reached it's zenith when the "airship" arrived in Chicago.

On April 11th a photograph of the thing was reportedly taken, probably the first UFO photo in existence. Some experts pronounced the photo to be fake. On April 15, near Kalamazoo, Michigan, there were reports that the airship had crashed and exploded. "They declare the report to have been like that of heavy ordnance and to have been immediately succeeded by a distant sound of projectiles flying through the air," a newspaper story proclaimed.

Despite this, airship sightings continued for a few more days. Some expected the thing to continue on to the east coast, but instead reports about it suddenly faded and by the end of April the flap was over.

So what was it? What was this thing that had apparently been seen by thousands of people across the west and mid-west? There were no airplanes then. The Wight Brothers didn't make their first, short flight till 1903. Neither did a working model of a

powered dirigible which airship descriptions most closely resemble, exist.

One likely culprit is the planet Venus. At the time the sightings started it was prominent in the sky. When the sightings stopped it was becoming increasingly less visible. Venus is the brightest object in the sky, except for the Sun and Moon, and under unusual atmospheric conditions can appear to move, blink, or look like multiple coloured lights. It well may have been responsible for many of the reports.

What about the many stories with people meeting the crew or seeing the airship crash? It's hard for us to imagine, in our day and age of radio and television, how much a part of 19th century entertainment centred on the tall tale and the hoax. even in the largest newspapers, hoaxes were standard fare. Readers were expected to guess about which stories were true and which were fictional. Almost every small town had a "lair club" where tall tales were swapped. (Alexander Hamilton's famous 'Cowpatting Story' came out of the airship flap). As a result of these two institutions almost any unusual tale in a 19th century newspaper can be in doubt.

In addition, as today, practical jokers did not hesitate to send balloons lighted with candles into the sky, or kites with lanterns, if they thought they could put one over on the public. Others may have created "crash" sites complete with debris. One newspaper, the Peoria *Transcript*, sent up lighted, coloured, paper balloons to "test" people's imaginations. A number of "airship" sightings was the result.

So if we remove the misidentifications and hoaxes from the airship phenomenon is there anything left? Could it have been an extra-terrestrial spaceship? One of the most striking things about the airship flap was that almost none of the stories surrounding it

have anything to do with extraterrestrial beings. (The story of a crash of a Martian airship at Aurora, Texas, was an exception).

The airship was piloted by "plain" Americans and designed by the human mystery inventor.

So what about the final possibility? Was there really a mysterious inventor who secretly built an airship and flew it around the country? Certainly the public had been primed to accept such a story. Science fiction in this era often used the "mystery inventor" as a character. Jules Verne's *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* featured a mystery inventor, Captain Nemo, who constructed a submarine. Verne's later book, *Robur the Conqueror*, featured a mystery inventor that built an airship and the similarities between the book and some of the airship stories are uncanny. *Robur* was published about ten years before the wave of airship sightings.

If there was a real airship genius why didn't he ever make his invention public? Could he have really kept the construction of a flying machine out of the press? Was he really ten years ahead of his contemporary inventors?

If he did exist he certainly was successful in hiding his secret. It remains unknown even today. (Just like the governments of today).

The historical information of this article can be found at www.unmuseum.org
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We must take into account one or two relevant points here.

No Television, No Radio and Cinema was just a side show at the fairground, so again like many UFO researchers would suggest where did the affected population get the idea that these things could be spaceships.

Jules Verne's writings are mentioned in the above article, but you can bet your house that many of the observers who re-

ported these 'Airships' would not be able to write down any description. Many of the witnesses came from remote farming communities, Cowboys and ranchers etc for whom working the land came a long way up the priority list before going to school.

There was however a vintage version of the *sci-fi channel* available in the form of Tabloid press and Pulp Fiction that was available across the USA, these were printed early comic style highly illustrated booklet/magazines.

Known as the Penny Dreadfuls because you guessed they cost just 1 cent and the content compared to novels of the day was perceived by some to be dreadful. (Mills and Boon of the era).

These were printed by the thousand and runs of almost half a million copies were not uncommon.

One ever popular Penny Dreadful series told of the exploits and adventures of one Frank Reade Jr. One publication from 1893 was entitled Frank Reade and his Queen clipper of the clouds.

These were the adventures of an engineer who built amazing flying airships, Steam driven men (early robots) and much more besides. His creators wrote the stories with real names such as Edison etc involved in the stories. You can see how easily the public could be confused.

The mixture of fact fiction and

pure fantasy was intermingled and to some the idea of Aluminium clad helicopter clipper ships soaring through the skies was not hard to conceive.

In reality however, just because the Zeppelin type airships had not been invented it could not be used as absolute proof that controlled lighter than air balloons did not take to the skies, of course they did. But due to the fact that a non rigid balloon is not by its nature easily controlled it is not easy to accept that what was observed over the States during stormy nights and proving capable of long distance and speedy travel (The big Airships of the 20's and 30's cruised at around 60mph, hardly high speed travel) was a Heath Robinson type invention.

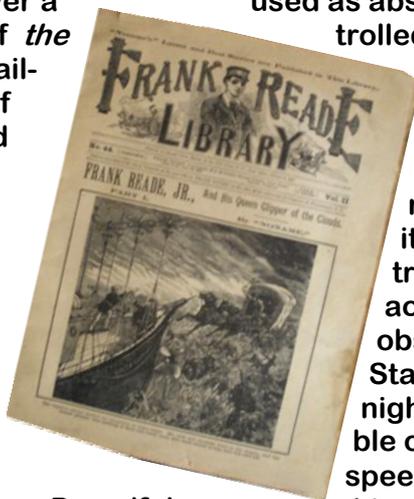
The power required to drive the thing forward would be heavy on its own but to also be able to lift and control a machine with both passengers and batteries or generators that could illuminate the sky in the ways described by the witnesses beggars belief.

Just what was observed over the United States in the closing years of the 19th Century may never be disclosed.

But to suggest the modern era of UFO sightings started in 1947 is a definite misnomer. The population of The areas involved in some cases where scared half to

death by something we can confidently label UFOs.

Russel Callaghan



October 1st 2005 was a date chosen by the publishers of www.ufodata.co.uk to bring back UFO Conferences to the city of Leeds. The last major conference was held in the city back in 2002 and organised by the then news-stand publication UFO Magazine.

The decision to hold a conference was not an easy one. Let's not forget those *grand scale events* organised by Graham W. Birdsall and UFO Magazine had the magazine and the business behind them not to mention that 21 years of conferences had made the annual trip to Leeds a fixture in many enthusiasts and researchers diaries.

The first Great British UFO Show was totally funded by the sponsors Russel Callaghan and Michael Buckley and any financial losses had to be covered by them.

Any event that has guests travelling and staying overnight incurs expenses and along with room hire and staff the costs can be quite considerable.

However I am glad to report that the event was a success and the decision was made there and then to bring back another conference to Leeds the following year.

We hoped a larger venue would have been available to enable certain things to happen, unfortunately no affordable venue could be found.



The Leeds Rugby supporters Club made all our guests and speakers extremely welcome last year and we have decided that the venue will be home to our second Great British UFO Show.

Philip Mantle chats with Tony Barker

There is one major difference to the next event it will be held over two days, Saturday and Sunday with entertainment in the club on the Saturday night.

The social atmosphere created in the club concert room was enjoyed by all our guests and speakers. The licensed bar was also a great favourite.



Russel Callaghan Hosts the show

A separate smoking lounge will be available this year so we can keep the main auditorium a smoke free zone at the request of last years visitors.

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RENDLESHAM
'THE UNTOLD SCIENCE'
By Astro Physicist Andrew Pike FRAS

This first issue of UFO Data Report has many of its pages dedicated to the events of December 1980, when American Military Security Forces encountered something very 'Nuts & Bolts' in woodlands separating the twin military bases of Woodbridge and Bentwaters. Much has been published about the case and many claims have been made, some very frightening and some very silly.

For those involved on the three nights through December 1980 the events are very real indeed, for the debunking community all that was seen was a lighthouse some five miles away at Orford Ness.

There has been much research done regarding the personal involved and there is some documentation to back up some of the claims of those involved available in the public domain.

Andrew Pike is an Astro Physicist who is known to the UFO Community as one of the few men of science who openly support the UFO subject. Andrew has a book due for release in the summer of 2006 which is a scientists view of the UFO phenomenon. Andrew's interest in Rendlesham leads him to believe that there is much more 'evidence' that should be considered regarding the Rendlesham Forest Incident and the following article presents some of Andrews research.

Rendlesham: The Untold Science

Andrew Pike, FRAS

What follows is by no means the full story of the scientific investigation into the Rendlesham Forest incident at RAF Woodbridge and Bentwaters in December 1980. Even in sum-

Forest in December 1980 have become established fact.

It was not so long ago that debunkers would have you believe there was no solid nuts and bolts craft involved. They would maintain all the phenomena of the encounters could be explained by lights in the sky and a lighthouse five miles away. In the case of the latter, the effect is no more than a faint light in the distance, certainly not the searchlight depicted in reconstructions for TV. Moreover, if you actually stood in the forest as the Rendlesham encounter developed through the years rather than just read about it, lighthouse is not impressive, in the early 1980s before the great storm of 1987 thinned the forest the effect was even less impressive. The trouble with many accounts of Rendlesham is many claiming little, if anything, happened do not get out of their armchairs to look and investigate the possibilities. I have even read one recent account which states the UFO seen was only induced later into airmen's memories by hypnosis.

Today we know that on the first main night of 25/26 December 1980 an airman by the name of Jim Penniston encountered a solid, triangular, craft he was actually able to touch. That is in the original statements made on the morning of 26 December complete with

many form that document runs to more than a quarter of a million words and links the event back through history to the 1930s. However, I hope this taster will interest readers nevertheless.

During the past 25 years certain facts about the UFO encounter at Rendlesham

diagrams. Moreover we now know a similar, larger craft was seen on the second, main night of 27/28 December. On both occasions the USAF airmen reported an electrified feel to the atmosphere such that their hair was standing on end. It was the fact a nuts and bolt craft together with electric effects were present that convinced some scientist of the time to go out and look at the evidence, all the more so when astronomers had been alerted of strange activity at 9pm on 25 December, several hours before Penniston, and Burroughs encountered a downed craft.

The amount of data available about the Rendlesham case is considerable especially when we look at the science and check out reports of earthquakes, radiation leaks at the Sizewell reactor and many other claims over the years. In a brief overview of this kind I can only give a brief taste of what the scientists actually found by getting off their backsides and not listening to the rubbish spoken about the event over the years. However, that encounter and the science therein was enough to lead me and others



A young Vince Thurkettle appearing on Breakfast TV Orford Ness light can be seen in the background (Picture Courtesy Ian Ridpath)

back through history and link the event with many UFO encounters and official disinformation and manipulation by the powers-that-be as far back as 1932, or the 1880s if we follow the science trail. As I say, the final summary report amounted to a quarter of a million words, and even then only touched on the extent of the investigation. So, as you will appreciate what follows is but the tip of a very interesting iceberg!

When I started investigating Rendlesham the two facts involving static electricity and a solid nuts and bolts craft told me we must be dealing with what most people know as electro gravitation, or electro-gravitics. This is a form of technology which involves using high strength electric and magnetic fields, or electromagnetism around a craft to achieve various tasks. One common use is stealth technology, others claim it can also manipulate mass and allow a craft to fly as an anti-gravity machine. It was that latter claim which resulted in several interesting links back

through history.

If this electrogravitic connection is correct, then the effects at Rendlesham should be the smoking gun evidence that at least some of this technology was at play then.

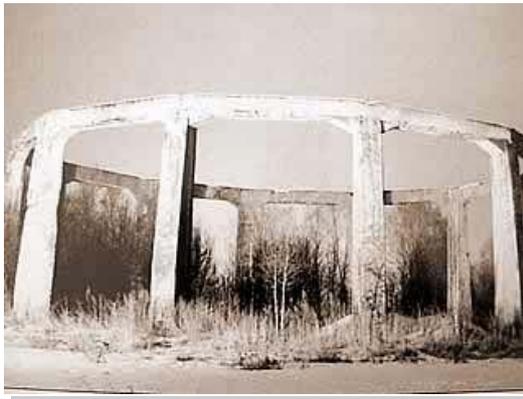
We are in an unique position with Rendlesham because despite the powers-that-be and their efforts to hide the facts, many people, both military and civilian, have come forward to report the facts as they saw them. For many they were reporting strange phenom-

ena without any idea of what was happening. Even today reports, articles and books about Rendlesham put forward these strange events without the science, yet it is the missing science which is all telling. To the scientists who have looked into this event the smoking gun evidence is in those mysterious details reported for the past 25 years without explanation. What follows is a taster of that explanation.

One of the strange effects which struck me was the report that at times the triangle appeared to melt. It was seen to drip what was described by the military and civilian observers as molten metal. Now, we know that this object was not actually melting because no molten metal was found, so the effect had to be due to something else, that something else was an electromagnetic effects. An effect not known by many scientists because of its obscure nature and its appearance in only certain specialised reports and journals.

Indeed this line of thinking takes us back some years to reports originating in 1895, but first I want to tell you of a report from 26 July 1929. In a 1930 copy of The Marine Observer an interesting report appears. The incident occurred in Balboa Channel, Panama. A flash of lightning was seen entering the water about 100 yards off the port side of a ship. It appeared to the observers not as a standard bolt of lightning discharge but as a "stream" slowly fal-

ling as if, in the words of the crew, the lightning was dripping "molten metal" which dripped into the sea. As it "poured" from the sky it made a shattering sound as if a china plate had been smashed onto a stone floor and was followed by the



NAZI Germany experimented with Electrogravitics at this facility 'The Bell'

sound of sizzling, like fat on a fire or frying bacon. This strange sight, together with the sound effects was to give clues to the Rendlesham encounter some fifty years later.

The effect of electric discharges in the form of lightning appearing as molten metal is not common, but it does occur from time to time and is reported in the scientific press on rare occasions. Another report appears in the science journal Nature as far back as 1895. On that occasion the effect was reported as looking like linked blobs similar to a chain pouring slowly to the ground as golden yellow elliptical links. Little did Nature know at the time but it was providing a clue to support UFOs, something it would not touch with a barge pole today.

This type of lightning, as I have said, is not common but under certain levels of electric strength it can be observed. Could this be a clue to the Rendlesham UFO and the way it worked. Might it have had an electrified hull or a strong electromagnetic field around it, just like a large thundercloud? Might that also explain the beams of light seen by Lt Col Halt being shot down to the ground only feet away from him. Could this have been a form of discharge just like an electrified thundercloud?

Thunderstorm discharges over the years have become better understood and these discoveries

have opened up a whole source of explanations for Rendlesham. It is no longer the case of having just fork and sheet lightning, we now understand these molten blob effects, ball lightning and even new types of lightning called Sprites, ELVES, TROLLS and Pixies all of which play a role.

One type of electrical effect associated with charged thunderclouds (and UFOs?) is St Elmo's fire. This explains another effect reported by Lt. Col. Halt during his chase through the forest. At one point Halt reported a house on fire and was not sure whether to call at the house to alert the household. Again a look at the data available in past journals, especially meteorological, show examples of discharge building up under thunderstorm conditions on houses and even animals and humans standing in fields (the golf course is the common location for human encounters with St Elmo's fire). It seems this causes no ill effects and goes largely unnoticed by the animals suggesting a static build up impressive to the eye but not dangerous to well being. In these cases the object is described as on fire when viewed at a distance.

At one point in the encounter, the airmen say they heard a woman scream. Strange to say the least. Had a woman been struck by one of these electrical discharges? No, she was, in fact, an electrical discharge! If we continue with this line of investigation involving lightning discharges we find that over the past century or so, lightning discharges have had all types of sounds associated with them. We have seen the example of a china plate smashed on a stone floor, and sizzling fat or bacon. Other reported discharge sounds include sonic booms, wood splintering, buzzing bees, squeaking, footsteps and, of course, a woman screaming!



Thomas Townsend Brown

These are just a few examples, but strange effects like these soon linked the science to other events in history. Before long the science was leading to people like Thomas Townsend Brown, Nikola Tesla and even John Hutchison. All these names have been linked with electromagnetic effects involving flying

flying saucers and UFO technology. So, maybe there was something to their ideas, and maybe that is why the powers-that-be have made a career of debunking this idea of electrogravitics through the decades?

story of alien UFOs and flying saucers, or was it because they had developed such anti-gravity technology?

Over the decades there has been

One interesting link involving electricity and strange anti-gravity effects was found in Nazi Germany. The Nazi Germany experiments took on an interesting twist when an experiment was conducted in 2002 which had an amazing similarity to one in Nazi Germany and attracted interest



from all the usual names and establishments ufologists connect with flying saucer technology, especially in the USA. The experiment involved a strange device which produced an artificial black hole. Suddenly there was a link with relativity and quantum theory. Had the Nazis stumbled upon a device which was later captured by the Allies and developed into stealth technology today, maybe even anti-gravity? This device was the so-called Bell or 'engine' as the Nazis called it. A device which gave out so much radiation several scientists and concentration camp POWs were killed in minutes. Maybe they had gone further and produced electrogravitic effects now used by the US? The clues for that lie in quantum theory, relativity and string theory, all looked at with regard to Rendlesham, and all producing interesting links and possibilities, too complex to explain here.

Many of these scientific trails back through history led to the 1950s and in particular 1956 and 1957. It was 1956 that the announcement was made that anti-gravity aircraft were to soon become reality. There were press reports and great excitement, then all went quiet. By 1960 it was as if the breakthrough had never been announced. But why? Was it down to the spy plane developments and the need for the CIA and Pentagon to hide their planes behind a cover

much talk of exotic anti-gravity craft developed since World War Two, certainly there is much evidence to suggest something involving electromagnetic fields is being researched. Many date back to work in 1932 to degauss battleships which resulted in the so-called Philadelphia Experiment, something also covered in the scientific investigation. Rendlesham has a lot of these effects at play, but were we so advanced in 1980 to have such technology assuming it works. Maybe so, after all 1932 to 1980 is almost fifty years.

Of all the strange things surrounding the Rendlesham case, one sticks in my mind more than any other. It involves one of the secretaries at the



twin bases of RAF Woodbridge and Bentwaters at the time. During a conversation with Georgina Bruni for her book You Can't Tell The People, the secretary hinted that whoever (aliens?) was responsible for the Christmas encounter, they do it

by understanding electricity in a way we have not yet mastered. That has stuck in my mind as a strange thing for a secretary to say, especially as she was so closely involved in the Rendlesham encounter and the official communications which followed.

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Every issue of UFO Data Report will include a free CD-Rom containing relevant files, audio/video associated to features in the issue.

This issues CD Rom features the full 17 minute Halt micro cassette Recording along with a revealing interview with Gary Baker a radar operator based at RAF Neatishead at the time of The Rendlesham Forest Incident.

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How strange this world can be...

When Gary Heseltine and I founded 'UFO Monthly' (I have not been involved since June 2004) one of the feature stories in our first issue was a report regarding the loss of the UK's Mar mission. There has been quite a bit going on around the Red Planet since Christmas 2003 and we are now hearing reports that the missing craft Beagle2 might have been spotted on the planets surface.



As reported by the BBC

Beagle 2 probe 'spotted' on Mars

The scientist behind the British Beagle 2 mission to the Red Planet says the craft may have been found in pictures of the Martian surface.

Colin Pillinger says the images suggest the mission very nearly worked, but Beagle somehow failed to contact Earth.

He thinks the craft may have hit the ground too hard as the atmosphere was thinner than usual because of dust storms in that region of Mars. This may have damaged onboard instruments, preventing the call home.

The Beagle 2 lead scientist has been painstakingly studying images of the landing site in search of his spacecraft ever since it was lost on Christmas Day two years ago.

Now, he says, specially processed pictures from the camera on the US space agency's (Nasa) Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft show that it came down in a crater close to the planned landing site.

Life search

The robotic laboratory was designed to search Mars for signs of past or present life. The last contact was an image of Beagle taken by its mother ship, the Mars Express orbiter, on 19 December 2003.

The £45m lander was scheduled to put down in a near-equatorial region of the planet known as Isidis Planitia. But despite many attempts to locate it - using over flying spacecraft and Earth-based telescopes - no sign of it, not even any wreckage, has been detected.

Professor Colin Pillinger accepts the sceptics will say Beagle 2 is too small to be seen from space.

And when taken in isolation, each of the "objects" in the crater bowl could be explained by other phenomena. However, he argues, it is unlikely to be mere coincidence that so many unusual features are to be found "within 20m of each other".

"We've had the pessimists round saying 'we've already seen something like that'. But they haven't seen them all together," he told the BBC.

Crater bounce

Based on the features found in the crater, members of the Beagle 2 team have reconstructed what might have happened to Beagle as it touched down on the Red Planet.

"There is a lot of disturbance in this crater, particularly a big patch on the north crater wall which we think is the primary impact site," Professor Pillinger explains.

"There are then other features around the crater consistent with the airbags bouncing around and finally falling down into the middle. Then, when you cut the lace, the airbags fall apart giving three very symmetrical triangles."

Four roughly circular features to the right of the "airbags" could conceivably be Beagle's unfolded solar

panels.

Professor Pillinger claims the images show Beagle 2 came very close to being the first spacecraft to mount a concerted search for life on the Martian surface.

And so, he says, it would have been common sense for British and European governments to have backed another attempt.

Nasa's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter spacecraft, which will photograph Mars in unprecedented detail once it reaches the planet next year, could confirm the tentative identification.

Story from BBC NEWS:

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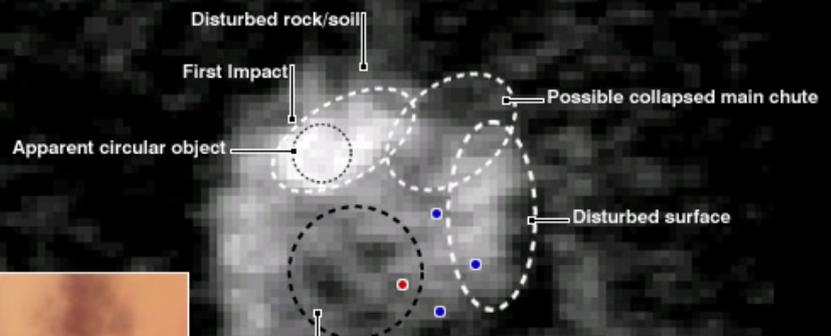
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Further information on the possible discovery of the missing Beagle 2 probe can be accessed at the website below.

<http://beagle2.open.ac.uk/index.htm>

POSSIBLE BEAGLE 2 CRASH SITE



Artist's impression of how Beagle 2 should have landed

● Possible Beagle lander

● Solar panels

SOURCE: Beagle 2/MSSS

UFO Photographed Over Crop Circle Field

Having studied around the UFO subject for the best part of my life and having been one of the very fortunate few to have actually been employed to work with the subject I have always considered it a privilege when individuals choose to approach me with their stories of UFO and alien encounters.

I have to say though that some of the contact has indeed been with strange people, I don't know if they were aliens but some were seriously 'off the planet'.

However the majority of individuals and families I have met over the years strike me as serious individuals whose lives have been touched in some way by this fascinating subject.

I will be honest here and tell you that during my time at UFO Magazine (10 years) and whilst editing UFOdata I have been sent many photographic and video images, the majority easily explained away, mostly mistaken identity but very few deliberate hoaxes.

A lot of the time I have found that new ownership of a camcorder or digital camera seems to convince the users of such equipment that they have taken an anomalous image or film, when in fact it is the camera and wrongly adjusted settings that tend to produce such images or effects.

Occasionally there is an image or film presented to me that does not tick the boxes like those mentioned above.

This article features one of two photographs taken in the summer of 2005 by UFO and Crop circle enthusiast and researcher Ellis C. Taylor.



Ellis sent the two images to me along with an explanation of how the photographs came about.

hedge-bordered Toot Baldon Hill heading towards the latest crop circle in this enigmatic corner of the Oxfordshire countryside. It was just after 5am on the 12th June 2005. As I neared the Watlington Road I could see the formation a few hundred yards ahead of me; only the second known grass formation to have appeared in the county, the first having been found in the same



Ellis C. Taylor

The sky was a silvery grey as I steered my car down the twisting

pasture on the 27th May 2005. At the junction I parked up and walked across the road to take a quick couple of long-distance photographs. As I got to the grass verge on the other side of the

the road I noticed a very dark and unusual shaped and coloured portion of the sky and gave it no more thought. Apart from this there was nothing else in the sky but clouds and occasionally a small bird, but they were busying themselves in the lower levels gathering their breakfast in the hedges.

I took two photographs in quick succession - probably about 2 seconds in total at the most. I then got in my car turned right and drove about 100 yards down the road to where the Dragon formation lay last year.

I stood on the roof of the car and surveyed the area just in case there were any other circles nearby. I couldn't see anything. It was a beautiful morning the only sounds the whispering wind and chirping birds.

I got back in the car and drove to Garsington Church car park. I saw no aeroplanes, hang gliders, helicopters or any other aircraft at this time. So what is this object that has shown up in the first of the photographs mentioned above yet is absent from the next one taken a second or two later? It is a UFO to me - It's in the air, and I don't know what it is. Does anyone else?

UFO Data.

I have always been an objective type of person when analysing alleged UFO imagery be it video or photographic, you have to be or the debunking community will have you for lunch.

So when first seeing the images presented here I thought of Kites, Hang Gliders and the like. but the fact that Ellis is seasoned researcher encouraged me to dig a little deeper into this sighting.

Many of the beautiful Crop Formations seen along the southern fields of England are filmed and



photographed by private pilots and a lot of these photographs are taken from Micro-light and other small aircraft.

Tony Hughes owns Wiltshire Micro-lights and is also interested in the UFO phenomena. I approached Tony on the chance that flight logs might show a small aircraft in the area on the date in question.



Response from Tony Hughes.

I have just studied the object in question and there appears to be a slight lightening of the immediate area around the object.

I can confirm that it is certainly NOT a fixed or flex-wing micro light aircraft, nor do I think it is a small light aircraft, however without image enhancement it is not easy to establish the exact shape and whether there is anything suspended below.



Has the photo been doctored or enhanced in any way?

My opinion, for what it is worth is that the object is a paraglider canopy or possibly a large kite but I would need exact location coordinates to see if it coincides with any powered paragliding event taking place in the area. 5.00am does seem a little early though.

Can you tell me if any noise was heard and where was the observer in relation to the wind.

Feel free to contact me any time as this is a subject I am Interested in.

Regards
Tony Hughes
www.wiltsmicrolights.com

I am grateful to Tony for taking the time out of his busy schedule and agree with him that the object does look like a foil of some description and the time of the sighting is very early for social or competition flying.

Ellis is sure there was nothing visible either under the shape or on the ground controlling another suspect such as a stunt

Kite. Anyone who has ever flown or attempted to fly a stunt kite will tell you it is not uncommon for such a kite to be airborne 1 second and grounded the next.

So if all the information is correct and by that I refer to the witness statement.

I have no doubt that Ellis recalls the times etc but these will be recorded on the digital photos anyway.

(So long as the time is set up on the camera)

Our aviation expert is pretty sure that this is no small powered craft. In answer to Tony's question of sound Ellis does not report hearing anything and again remember Ellis is aware of the UFO and related Phenomena and would probably never taken the photographs anyway if he had heard the buzz of a high revving Microlite engine.

Ellis was photographing the formation in the field and did not notice the airborne object until reviewing his pictures.

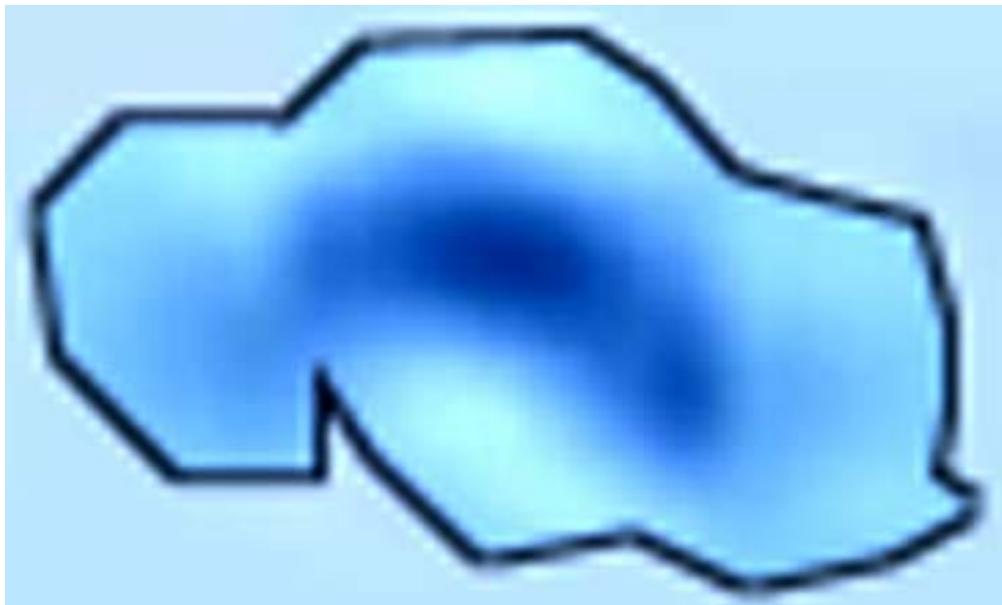
Having noted that Ellis took the photos on a Sony stills camera I questioned the resolution of the photos because I use a Sony 5 Mega pixel model and the resolution and focus is always impressive.

Ellis's response

The camera is set to high quality but it's probable (but not definite) that I had the camera on digital zoom. I fully understand your method and I fully appreciate and welcome the Integrity of your analytical procedure.

I would bet my life that there were no aircraft of any kind, I certainly would have seen and heard it.

It is difficult to enhance any image to reveal more detail than in its original form and it is impossible to gain a higher resolution than the original image but you



can lift contrast etc and isolate the pixels of the area of interest to give you more of an idea to what might be going on.

The image above is made up of the isolated pixels in the image. The photo resolution was 28ppi so there was not much to go on, to enable me to enlarge the image I increased the print resolution to 144ppi thus smoothing out the harsh edges to the original image.

What I see is the curved shape I would expect from a foil suspending a person or being flown on a line such as a kite. But I also see light spots above and below the curved surface and there is also a suggestion of light reflecting off something at 3 o'clock and 9 o'clock.

This could be mere reflection but the sun if any visible would have been low in the sky at 5am even at midsummer.

Could this suggest illumination from the object.

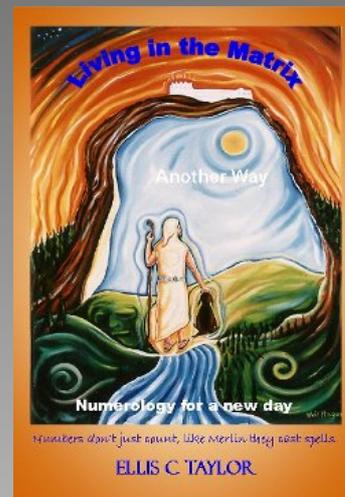
The answer has to be a precarious yes.

Leaving me with one final option, the object is unidentified for all intents and purpose a UFO.

Russel Callaghan
UFO Data



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**Prophetic UFO 'Fleet' Signs
Precede Hurricane Katrina**

By Ed Sherwood

In the early hours of August 29th 2005 Hurricane Katrina made landfall, after passing through the Gulf of Mexico, and devastated the city of New Orleans, and 90,000 square miles of the state of Mississippi and coastal Louisiana before dissipating.

Forming in the Caribbean and declared a tropical storm on August 23rd, it became a monstrous Hurricane, a Category 5, within three days, after first striking the tip of Florida and diverting into the Gulf of Mexico. Described by many as 'Biblical' and 'Apocalyptic' in scale and destructive force, it wrought incalculable damage upon the lives of hundreds of thousands of people living in its path, and continues to be an historic tragedy.

Hurricane Katrina revealed how vulnerable modern civilization can be in the wake of a massive and devastating hurricane, a fact that was foreseen not only by people living on and off the Gulf coast, aware of the potential for disaster in New Orleans, but also by Extraterrestrial 'Intelligences' above, that gave prophetic and alerting 'Signs' in the sky, weeks and days before the approaching Hurricane. These were witnessed and filmed on both sides of the Gulf coast, in Mexico and the US!

**A UFO 'FLEET' IS FILMED ON THE
SAME MORNING
OVER TWO STATE CAPITALS IN
MEXICO**

Reported by well known UFOlogist Santiago Yturria, on Rense.com, the first two aerial signs occurred on the morning of June 24th 2005 over two state capitals in Mexico; San Luis Potosi, in the state of San Luis Potosi; and Xalapa, in the state of Veracruz (Ref. 1 & 2).



*Fig. 1 UFOs Filmed Over San Luis Potosi
on the Day of the UFO Conference
Video Still (C)2005 Rosario Oviedo/Courtesy Santiago Yturria*

Synchronously, on the same day that the well known UFOlogist and TV journalist, Jaime Maussan, gave a media attended conference in San Luis Potosi, drawing further public attention to the increasing UFO presence in Mexico, an unprecedented UFO 'Fleet' sighting occurred over the city!

Filmed by Rosario Oviedo close to her home in San Luis Potosi, and witnessed by some of her neighbours, the sighting lasted for several minutes, and included more than fifty, luminous, unidentified flying 'spheres', arranged in a loose cluster type formation, clearly visible against the morning sky. See above (Fig. 1 & Ref. 1).

Additional sightings above the city were also reported to Jaime Maussan during the conference, including mysterious spheres witnessed on two consecutive days before the conference, and early the following morning (Ref. 1).

Curiously, on the same morning that Rosario Oviedo filmed the UFO fleet above San Luis Potosi, another 'unprecedented' UFO event and sign also occurred above Xalapa, and very significantly, Casa Veracruz; the official house of government and home of the Governor of Xalapa,

Fidel Herrera Beltran (Ref. 2).

Witnessed at 10:30AM during an official ceremony by the Governor, numerous police officers, newspaper and television reporters, who photographed and filmed the event, and many local residents, the sighting involved 'at least 14 unknown flying objects', that made no discernable sound, and 'remained almost static in the sky in formation describing a triangle pattern in perfect alignment for almost 30 minutes.' (Ref. 2)

Reported three days later by Santiago Yturria on Rense.com, the Casa Veracruz UFO fleet sighting was treated as a major incident and received National Television news time the same night in Mexico (TV Azteca)! It was also reported as the headline news of various newspapers of Xalapa (Ref. 2).

After giving a Crop Circle slide presentation, at the 42nd Annual National UFO Conference in Hollywood, California, on September 2nd, 2005, Kris, my research partner and wife, and myself, met with Santiago Yturria, to discuss the Casa Veracruz sighting, and to share much of what is contained in this article. Afterwards, we had an opportunity to view some of the TV camera footage recorded shortly before,

and during, the Casa Veracruz sighting, and were very impressed.

The UFOs were filmed on broadcast quality equipment and against a clear blue morning sky. The TV news camera clips we saw were brief, but clear, and very interesting in many respects. One TV news cameraman recorded the Governor beginning his outdoor speech into a microphone, only to halt moments later to people shouting "OVNIs!", "OVNIs!" ("UFOs!", "UFOs!"), and join an increasing number of people looking up at an amazing sight; a fleet of UFOs, of identical looking 'metallic discs', maintaining a 'silent', 'fixed' position, formation, and apparent sign in the sky above Casa Veracruz, and the city of Xalapa (Ref. 2 & 3).

The Casa Veracruz UFO fleet sighting was an unprecedented incident, as Santiago Yturria reported on Rense.com on June 27th 2005. It was also a prophetic event, and sign, of what I had conveyed to Santiago three weeks earlier! (Ref. 4)

For some years, I have been anticipating an increase in UFO fleet sightings to occur in Mexico, as a precursor to similar sightings occurring in other parts of the world, and in the not too distant future, as a worldwide event (Ref. 5). On June 3rd 2005 I replied to an e-mail from Santiago Yturria and wrote 'Many thanks for the news about the recent UFO 'fleets' over Mexico. Very interesting indeed! Between you and us, if my 'translation' of a Biblical prophecy is correct, a lot more is on the very near horizon too!' I finished my e-mail by saying 'thank you again for news of the UFO 'fleets' and 'mass clusters' filmed above Mexico, that's a very good sign J J' (Ref. 4 & 6)

Anticipating, in early June 2005, a lot more UFO fleet sightings

and signs to follow in fulfilment of a Biblical prophecy, I communicated the following to Jaime Maussan. On July 3rd 2005 I replied to a personal e-mail from Jaime Maussan and wrote, 'If some of the humanoid beings appearing over Mexico (and possibly other areas) are potentially hostile to humankind, why are they flying around so brazenly? Are they indifferent visitors? Or could it be that the more advanced ET Civilizations fulfilling the July 11th 1991 Eclipse prophecy intend to reveal *THEMSELVES* more often soon, and that some would like humankind to be afraid, and to think they are coming here to control us, when in truth they are coming here to help us?' (Ref. 5, 6 & 7).

On July 10th 2005 in an e-mail to Santiago Yturria I added, 'My feeling about the unidentified flying humanoids being seen and filmed over Mexico, and a few other locations however is, that they are NOT the same 'beings' behind the 'UFO Fleets', the July 11th 1991 Eclipse sightings event, and much of the UFO activity seen since that historic day in Mexico. I strongly suspect instead, that there is more than one ET Civilization making itself more 'visible' over Mexico at this prophesised time of Cosmic unveiling and expanded human Collective Consciousness, and they do not all have our best interests at heart. Some, a minority, visiting this planet are perhaps really coming here only for themselves, or for others who would otherwise come here primarily for themselves, and not to help humankind or the Earth. I also suspect a deception, in that the 'selfish' ETs are appearing more because they know the more advanced 'un-selfish' ETs are also appearing more and will soon do so globally. They would like us perhaps to accept them along with those who truly come to help us. They may also have a more sinister aim: to generate fear, distrust, and doubt in us of those ET Civilizations who can

truly help humanity and the Earth.' (Ref. 8)

The UFO fleet sighting above Casa Veracruz was a sign and affirmation of prophecy being fulfilled, in my understanding, and more was to follow. Since communicating with Santiago on June 3rd there had been an increase in UFO sightings in Mexico, including UFO fleets above two major cities on the same morning, and above the 'White House' equivalent of one, Casa Veracruz, three of the unidentified flying 'disks' had remained 'static', forming a large triangle in the sky for half an hour, allowing it to be witnessed by many credible observers, and to be filmed! (Ref. 2) Was it a sign, a visual symbol, and form of 'communication'? Were certain ET Intelligences trying to alert people to three UFO fleet sightings; San Luis Potosi, Xalapa, and a third? Was it meant to be a spiritual sign, to represent 'three-as-one', the metaphysical concept and principle of 'a trinity', and 'The Trinity'? 'Casa Veracruz', translated from Spanish means 'House' of the 'True Cross', a very apt name for the principle location of a prophetic UFO incident (Ref. 9). Is Biblical prophecy (like Maya, Aztec, and other prophecies), being fulfilled through an increase in UFO sightings in the skies over Mexico, and elsewhere? (Ref. 5 & 6)

On August 19th 2005, I received news from Santiago Yturria of another unprecedented UFO fleet sighting and sign that had been filmed on the opposite side of the Gulf coast, in Florida, a few days earlier. I wrote back to Santiago after looking at the report and said 'Now there's a sign!' (Ref. 10) It was in my view another 'sign of affirmation' of a Biblical prophecy being fulfilled, and a major ALERT for people living along the Gulf Coast (Ref. 5 & 6).

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Fig. 2 Seven UFOs Arranged in the Form of a 'Latin Cross' Video Still (c) 2005 Steve Burns/ Courtesy UFOtheatre.com

The UFO fleet sighting and sign was reportedly filmed by Steve Burns on August 14th 2005, at 10:15pm (Central time), and was posted on the internet on UFOtheatre.com, with a video still image, and mpeg the next day (Ref. 11).

The exact location of the sighting was not given, but the fact it was reported over Florida couldn't have been more timely, and pertinent. Now, the pieces of a UFO puzzle and prophesy were falling into place, and the 'dots' of the UFO fleet signs could be connected, linking the sightings over San Luis Potosi, Xalapa, and Florida.

The instant I saw the 'flying cross' image many things came to mind, including the feeling it was a premonitory sign of an impending disaster, foreseen by certain ET Intelligences concerned for the Earth and Human-kind. I wasn't sure how portentous the sign would be until Hur-

ricane Katrina began to approach Florida on August 24th 2005.

The following day Katrina became a Category 1 Hurricane and side swiped the tip of Florida killing eleven people. Moving on into the Gulf of Mexico, and warmer water, it increased in strength to a Category 5 Hurricane (Fig. 3) and to a 4 just before making landfall on August 29th, causing immense damage and loss to this day.



Fig. 3 Hurricane Katrina Satellite Photo (C) 2005 NASA

On September 2nd 2005 I conveyed much of what is contained in this article to Santiago Yturria, and to several other respected UFOlogists attending the 42nd Annual National UFO Conference in Hollywood, including Steven Bassett, Richard Dolan, Nick Red-

fern, and Farah Yurdozu, as well as Larry Newnam (CircleSpeak), and Lisa Davis (organizer of the [NUFOC Conference](#)). I also disseminated much of the same information to a small audience, as the last part of a slide presentation by Kris and I, entitled 'Crop Circle Answers: 'Who' and 'What' Has Been Creating the World-wide Crop Circle Phenomenon, and Why?'

Over the next two months I tried to obtain further information concerning Steve Burn's sighting, through UFOTheatre.com, but to no avail. This admittedly did make me suspicious of the report, despite the immaculate timing of the sighting, and the previous UFO fleet signs apparently associated with it. However, another witness would soon step forward and provide additional information and an affirming account of what must have been a truly awe-inspiring and historic UFO sighting! (Ref. 12)

A SECOND WITNESS REPORTS THE 'FLYING CROSS' OVER SAINT PETERSBERG, FLORIDA!

On November 2nd 2005, Kris (Sherwood) and I were guests of George Noory, on his internationally broadcast radio program, and while discussing the subject of UFOs, I briefly mentioned the Gulf Coast sightings that had preceded Hurricane Katrina, including the Flying Cross above Florida.

Two days later I received a very interesting e-mail from Eric Watson, a resident of Florida, reporting that he, with his sixteen year old son Jeff, had also witnessed the UFO cross directly above his house in St Petersburg (Ref. 12).

Eric Watson wrote that one night, at about 10pm (15 minutes earlier than Steve Burns sighting) in early Summer (possibly June) 2005, he felt 'compelled' to go outside with his two sons (Jeff, and Matt, aged 13)

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and look up at a certain part of the night sky. He wrote 'We were looking right up at the spot.' A couple of minutes later, against a clear sky, the UFOs began to appear. 'We saw a white cross that lit up one by one, about 4 down and 3 over, it may have been five down, no more than 3 over for sure!' The UFOs were described as 'huge', each being approximately the size of a thumbnail held at arms length, and 'awesome' to look at (Ref. 12 & 13).

The UFOs were 'perfect white round orbs very bright and defined. They popped on one at a time, and waited until our eyes were locked on that spot.' Observed directly over the city, above 83rd Avenue, Eric Watson added that the UFO cross 'was not lit for more than 4 seconds when we saw a silent flash, like an explosion, the same colour white, about three fingers away arm extended, and the cross went out one by one twice as fast as it lit up. It was like something in space took a picture of it with an old-fashioned flashcube square. The flash was as big as your thumb nail.' (Ref. 12 & 13)

'The cross I feel was meant to show me something, maybe spiritual?' Eric Watson wrote. Reporting that the entire sighting lasted about ten seconds, he added 'I really believe it was meant for us to see. What are the chances you walk outside with a feeling and look up and two minutes later get treated to a light show?' (Ref. 13)

FURTHER OBSERVATIONS AND QUESTIONS

Did ET Intelligences foresee Hurricane Katrina and give alerting and premonitory signs of an approaching disaster?

A UFO fleet sign had been witnessed above Xalapa, and the 'House of the True Cross', and across the Gulf of Mexico from Xalapa, a 'cross' of similar looking UFOs had been witnessed above St Petersburg, both

shortly before the Hurricane.

Before the UFO cross sign appeared over Florida it was clear that visiting ET Intelligences were wishing their existence to be known and acknowledged above San Luis Potosi and Xalapa, but why? Why had a UFO fleet sign appeared over two capital cities on the same morning, on June 24th 2005? Was there something significant (even symbolic) about the date and location of the two sightings? Why were certain ET Intelligences trying to draw the attention of UFO investigators, government representatives and officers, media reporters and the public, to their existence, and why above San Luis Potosi, and Xalapa?

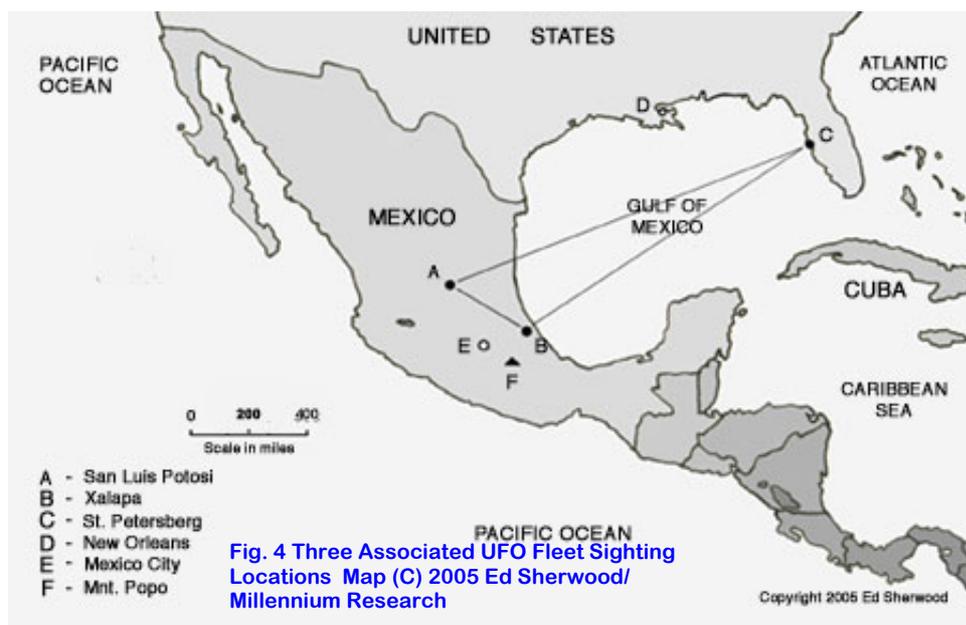
I think, the UFO fleet appeared over San Luis Potosi because Jaime Maussan was scheduled to give, and gave, a media attended

contemporary UFO investigator.

In my view, benevolent ET Intelligences gave an acknowledgment, and a major 'sign of support' to 'UFO Disclosure' in Mexico, by affirming, and emphasizing their existence on the day of the conference. They were also encouraging the watchful, perhaps, to look to the sky for recognizable signs of their presence, and to be on 'alert' for news of another unprecedented UFO fleet sighting above a state capital, witnessed and filmed on the same morning above Xalapa, and Casa Veracruz! (Ref. 2)

Why did a UFO fleet appear above Xalapa, and Casa Veracruz?

I think a UFO fleet appeared over the city of Xalapa because it is the capital of Veracruz, and above Veracruz because it is lo-



conference in the city on that date, about recent UFO activity in Mexico. Certain spiritually advanced ET civilizations visiting Earth, wishing their existence to be peacefully acknowledged, and safely known, acknowledged Jaime Maussan's conference, I think, because he openly and publicly acknowledges their existence, and has done more to raise public awareness of the UFO/ET presence in Mexico through the mass media of television and radio than any other

cated on the Gulf coast. In my view, certain ET Intelligences were trying to draw our attention, not only to their existence, but also to ours, and to the Gulf coast. Opposite Xalapa, for example, across the Gulf of Mexico is, and was, New Orleans, and the coastline of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida! (Fig. 4)

The UFO fleet appeared above Casa Veracruz on the morning of June 24th 2005, I think,

because of the outdoor official ceremony being held there, the many and type of people gathered, and because it is the White House of Xalapa! The name of the location, Casa Veracruz, as mentioned previously, was also significant I think, by its association with the Cross of Christ, and because of the aerial sign that would soon follow it above Florida.

By making a brief appearance over the primary government building of Xalapa, at the start of an official ceremony attended by the media, and lead by the Governor, at 10:30AM, when many people would also be going about their daily business in the city, certain ET Intelligences were clearly wishing their presence and sign to be known. (Ref. 2)

Why did a UFO fleet appear over two state capitals on the same morning?

By appearing above Xalapa and Casa Veracruz on the same day as the UFO conference in San Luis Potosi, certain ET Intelligences were, I think, trying to draw the attention of many people, particularly Jaime Maussan, Fidel Herrera Beltran, and Television and Newspaper reporters, to the UFO fleet sightings over both cities, and to stimulate many to ask what the UFOs were, and why they might be appearing?

On July 11th 1991, an historic UFO sighting occurred during a Total Solar Eclipse above Mexico City (the world's largest city), and simultaneously over several other cities around Mexico. Witnessed by thousands of people looking skyward, and filmed from multiple vantage points, this UFO event was, in my view the most significant mass witnessed UFO sighting of the last century prophesized by the Maya more than 1200 years ago to usher in a new era of 'cosmic awareness', including the return of, and awareness of,

our brethren 'from the Stars', the Eclipse of 1991 was also predicted to be the harbinger of great upheavals, including 'Earth changes' (Ref. 14). Why then, had two major cities in Mexico received synchronous sightings, including a sign in the sky, on the morning of June 24th 2005? Was another prophesy (in addition to Mayan) being fulfilled?

While a UFO fleet sighting had occurred above San Luis Potosi and Xalapa on the same day, the timing of both was more closely associated with the official ceremony being held at Casa Veracruz, than the UFO conference at San Luis Potosi. This, in my view, was to emphasize the main purpose of the synchronized sightings: to draw mass attention to Xalapa, a sign above Casa Veracruz, and the Gulf Coast.

Why did seven UFOs form the sign of a Latin Cross above Florida, including St Petersburg?

I think, seven UFOs formed the sign of a Latin Cross above Florida to fulfil a Biblical prophesy contained in the book of 'Revelation' (Ref. 5 & 6), and to be an alerting sign in prophetic times. Certain ET Intelligences evidently knew and cared that the worst natural disaster in US history was soon to strike the Gulf Coast, including Florida.

The number seven is greatly associated with prophesy. For example, 'seven' is referenced 54 times in the book of Revelation, the prophetic last book of the Bible, and referenced in the form of 18 seven-fold symbols: 'seven churches', 'seven spirits', 'seven golden candlesticks', 'seven stars', 'seven lamps', 'seven horns', 'seven eyes', 'seven seals', 'seven angels', 'seven trumpets', 'seven thunders', 'seven heads', 'seven crowns', 'seven plagues', 'seven golden vials', 'seven mountains', 'seven kings', and 'seven thou-

sand slain men' (Ref. 6).

While there are many iconographic variations of a 'cross' with similar and different meanings, relating to Christian and pre-Christian religious traditions, the cross that the seven static UFOs most resembled was a 'Latin Cross'; the most common and recognizable symbol of Christianity.

The Latin Cross has been the pre-eminent symbol of Western civilization for centuries, symbolizing to millions of people, Christ, the highest good, crucifixion, death (especially in Latin speaking countries, including Mexico), sin, guilt, sorrow, burial, resurrection, salvation, heaven, and God.

'At that time the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and all the nations of the earth will mourn. They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.'

And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of the heavens to the other.'
(Matthew 24:30-31)

'The sign of the Son of Man' (Christ) is a Latin Cross, and 'the nations' did mourn soon after this UFO fleet sign appeared in the sky above Florida, after Katrina struck New Orleans and the Gulf Coast. Witnessed directly above St. Petersburg the UFO fleet sign was, in my view, a double affirmation of Biblical prophesy being fulfilled in modern times.

A major city on the US Gulf Coast was about to be inundated by a natural and man caused catastrophe that would claim many lives, devastate thousands of square miles, and greatly impact the consciousness of millions of people around the world. A Latin Cross, a sign of Christ and 'the highest good' had preceded the

disaster, silently affirming that certain ET Intelligences are well aware of Biblical prophesy, had foreseen the coming storm, and were giving us prophesized signs.

Just over seven weeks earlier, across the Gulf of Mexico from St. Petersburg, a UFO fleet sign had appeared above Xalapa, and the House of the True Cross, in Mexico, a Latin speaking country. Were certain ET Intelligences, behind both sightings, also saying THEY are of the highest good, recognize Jehovah, and can help humanity? I think so. By their actions you will know them.

On June 3rd 2005 I wrote to Santiago Yturria '...if my 'translation' of a Biblical prophesy is correct, a lot more is on the very near horizon too!', and more had happened, including UFO fleet signs reflecting a 'Biblical' theme.

Since July 11th 1991, Mexico has been experiencing a 'dress rehearsal', in my view, of what has been prophesized to occur globally in the very near future: an unmistakable sign, that we are NOT alone in the Universe, involving a mass externalization of ET vehicles, and beings (a major aspect of the prophesized 'Second Coming') witnessed around the world 'over a period of nine days' (Ref. 5). This event, will affect the Collective Mind of humanity like none before it, that is, not since 'God Consciousness' last walked on the Earth, through Jesus.

'And when he had opened the Seventh seal, there was silence in heaven about the space of half an hour.' (Revelation, Chapter 8, verse 1, Ref. 6 & 5)

It IS time for humanity to really come out of the darkness of not knowing if we are alone or not, and to realize that there are many highly advanced and spiritual (as well as some not so spiritual) ET Civilizations out there, coming here. The seventh seal

has not been opened yet, but signs that the time is drawing very near is coming to pass (Ref. 5).

'And it shall come to pass in the last days, sayeth God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:'

(*'The Acts of the Apostles' Chapter 2:17*)

The night before Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans I experienced a prophetic dream. I dreamt I descended a steep coastal cliff trail at night, in a brooding storm, to a thickly wooded pit with near vertical sides, descending to an old brick well, and an ivy covered sign that read 'Worm'. Partially covered by foliage I brushed aside the ivy to read 'Wormwood', and realized I was standing next to an open symbolic 'bottomless pit', and at a place where the land meets the sea! After I awoke I understood my dream to mean that New Orleans was about to be poisoned by the water of Hurricane Katrina, and that the 'Wormwood' of Revelation would be remembered (Revelation, Chapter 8, verse 11, Ref. 6).

After Katrina struck New Orleans I learned while watching a television documentary that the inundation and contamination of the city by a massive Hurricane had, in 2001, been foreseen by FEMA (The Federal Emergency Management Agency) to be one of the three likeliest natural and/or

other disasters to occur in the US. Another had been an attack on the Two Trade Towers (foretold in Revelation, Chapter 18, verse 1-24, Ref. 6) prior to 9:11.

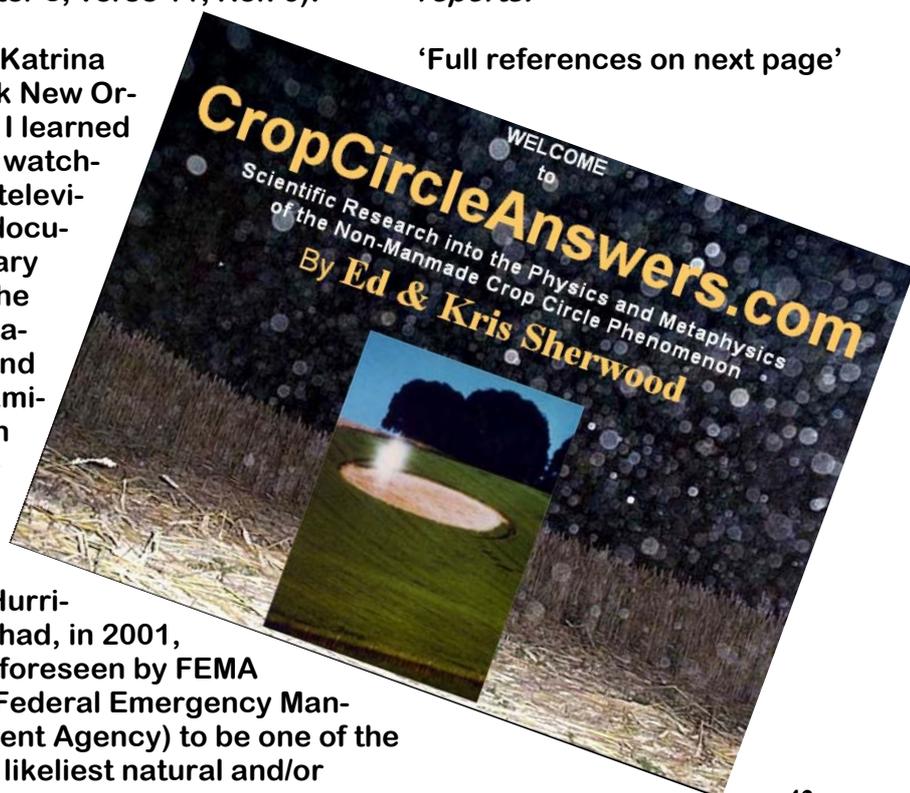
The third is thought to be a powerful earthquake devastating San Francisco. I might be biased living in Santa Monica, but rather than 'Frisco', I would be more concerned about the city of 'The Angels', Los Angeles, and Hollywood, *'which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.'* (Revelation, Chapter 11, verse 8, Ref. 6) 'Our Lord', Jesus, was also 'crucified' in Hollywood in films and television, including recently and most graphically in 'The Passion of Christ', by actor and director Mel Gibson, a film that has reportedly earned nearly a billion dollars!

Ed Sherwood – August 2005/January 2006

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It has been mentioned elsewhere in this issue that the ability to capture photographs and moving images is become far more abundant than ever before with cameras being integrated into many every day items. It is almost akin to the days when digital watches were so cheap to produce the Chinese manufacturers inserted them almost all its novelty and gift production items.

Well the quality of digital cameras does vary, like all good products you pay for what you get.

It doesn't really matter if the latest digital camera offered by Argos and the like only costs £39.00 and claims 5 megapixel resolution because compared with a 3 megapixel 'Canon' or any other branded model at five times the price the image comparison will warrant the price difference. The CCD can only resolve what light hits it through the lens and the basic rule of thumb will mean cheap camera means cheap plastic lens as opposed to quality photographic multi element glass lenses used by the more expensive models.

Mobile phones suffer in similar ways but worse, the lens on the back of most camera phones has no protection from coins or keys in your pocket, where inevitably your super-duper Nokia ends up.

So yes we can capture images in a flash with our phones and cheap digital recorders but don't expect anything other than basic quality stills and dial up webcam video quality from your recordings.

We have here a report of strange lights caught on our witnesses camera phone.

The report came to me via Chris Rolfe from UFO Monitors East Kent (UFOMEK).

Chris called me to say he had sent me a short film clip he had received, the film was shot on a camera phone and showed some strange lights darting across the daylight sky.

I am always happy to review footage and pass on any comments as to what we might be seeing.

Our witness lives on farm land in the Chart-Sutton area of Maidstone, Kent.

It was the 3rd January this year just after 08:00, our witness was in bed and wanted to check if the farmer opposite had opened up a gate that had been locked over the Holidays so he set his camera phone to record and stuck it up to the window, 'lazy I know but he was on holiday' On playing back the film the two lights could be seen streaking across the sky.

After watching the sequences a couple of times both Chris and I suspect that what we are seeing a stray reflection from either a car or an internal light source, though the witness says there was no light on in the bedroom at the time.

Another possibility is illumination from the actual phone itself.

Maybe not a UFO this time but keep watching the skies.



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DAVID CAYTON. UK: Investigator: David Served 10 Years in the Royal Air Force as a photographer. Joined BAE & Worked in the Design Dept/Engineering Test Laboratories for 22 years as head of Non-Destructive Testing. He was responsible for the application/ Rigious Scientific test procedures, inspecting over 20 different civil/military aircraft types for which BAE held 'Design Authority' status, approved by CAA & MoD. In 1993 became **UFO** investigator for Quest International, reporting to Tony Dodd. Today, along with his companion Robert Hulse, Crop Circle Investigator/Photographer will present '**Circles of Confusion**'- Real or Hoaxed?

Video footage will be shown

MARK OLLY. UK: Archaeologist. Founder of the Celtic Warrington Project. Author, Historian, Artist, Musician & TV. Presenter.

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Presentation Talk '**God's Snowflake**' A Frozen Miracle.

Slides to be shown

DAVID SHAYLER: UK: Journalist, and Author. EX - M15. False Flag Terrorism - Black Ops - 9/11 '**INSIDE JOB?**' Other Issues. - Cover Ups/Intrigue. David's' Presentation today: '**Conspiracies**' A Talk Not to be missed!

SUNDAY SPEAKERS

MALCOLM ROBINSON: Scotland now living in London. Founder of the SPI. London. Today's Presentation: The '**Loch Ness Enigma**' This Updated Presentation will also include many photographs taken whilst in a submarine at Loch Ness. We are always certain of a fascinating programme with Malcolm's prolific investigations. **Footage to be shown**

JANE McCARTHY. Wales: Paranormal/ Psychic Investigating Researcher, & Author. It all started with what she has learnt in the past from '**Merlin**'. Her talk includes that she was told 'to go to a certain mountain where she was to capture a photograph of a UFO, She took the photograph not only of the UFO but there appeared - 'Blue Energy Line' and also 'Orbs.' In respect of the Energy line photos- Jane is in touch with a group of scientists in the USA who confirm that the energy line photos they got, they believe that she is getting the same thing- They Do Exist. **Slides will be shown.**

JASON ANDREWS. UK: Author/ Worldwide International Speaker, Jason has appeared in Interviews / Chat Shows/Conferences with his (special) Authoress Mother, Ann Andrews. Jason is very Special Person, An Alien Contactee.

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STEVEN GERRARD: Southampton. UK. Steven has been interested in Ufology since he was 15, & set up the Southampton UFO group in 1991. He was a Special Constable for 12 years for Hampstead Police & has been employed within Hampshire Police for 18 yrs to date. Steven believes, we have or are being **Visited** by some form of **Higher Intelligence!** He has seen many unknown objects (UFOs') with an unknown object only a few hundred feet above his **head!** He has investigated many incidents from Alien Abductions, Animal Mutilations & believes that we are being **Nurtured** for some reason as yet unknown! **Photos** taken over **Portsmouth Naval Base of 'UFOs'** towards the end of 2005, an overview will be given of them

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5th January 2006

New Scientist magazine reports that the US military are showing interest in a theory that dates back to the 1950s that of a hyperdrive. Using intense magnetic fields created by rotating rings above a superconducting core, scientists at the University of Applied Sciences in Salzgitter, Germany and at Sandia National Laboratory in New Mexico may pool their knowledge and test the theory that an engine can be created that can propel a craft across vast distances of space at incredible speeds.

While there are still doubts about the theory, which necessitates opening up a corridor in 'multidimensional hyperspace', and everybody agrees that this may take a very long time to work out, the scientists are quietly optimistic that they may begin testing once the mathematics have been ironed out.

If feasible, the engine could make it possible to reach Mars in less than 3 hours and a star 11 light years away in only 80 days.



6th January 2006

Ramona Bell, wife of popular radio show host, Art Bell, has died in Laughlin, Nevada, where the couple were enjoying a brief vacation. She was 47. Ramona had suffered from asthma for many years and that night it appears she had a massive attack from which, unfortunately, she was unable to recover.

8th January 2006

The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has revealed plans to carefully screen future space tourists for terrorism threats.

While the move is similar to the practises currently undertaken on conventional airplane flights, there are fears the new regulations could hit companies like Richard Branson's fledgling Virgin Galactic, because the proposals also include screening passengers through the Department of Homeland Security's 'global no-fly' list.

Branson, using the record-breaking designs of Burt Rutan, hopes to be launching fare-paying passengers into low orbit from their New Mexico spaceport by the end of the decade. Tickets cost a measly \$200,000.

9th January 2006

A rash of UFO reports from Bonnyrigg, Scotland was found to be nothing more than a laser light show from a wedding party at a nearby hotel. Lothian and Border Police said that they received many reports of strange lights and shapes in the sky.

"We were a bit excited for a while, but it turned out to be a laser show at a wedding reception. I think people were more curious than anything else," said a spokeswoman.



12th January, 2006

Norway is planning to create a huge 'seed bank' on the Arctic island of Spitsbergen. Work begins next year on hollowing out a large, sandstone cave into which will be placed seeds from all known varieties of the world's crops.

It is hoped that in the event of a global catastrophe that might wipe out our food supply, these seeds could be used to help save mankind. The 'Doomsday vault' is one of over a thousand in the world, but the others tend to be in areas that are unstable either politically or naturally. The Norwegian government's aim is to create a backup for these other seed banks.

11th January, 2006

It has been reported that the man who broadcast the very first radio report about the famed Roswell Incident of 1947, George Walsh, has died. He was 88.

After leaving Roswell, New Mexico, he worked at KNX-AM radio in Los Angeles, from 1952 to 1986, providing news and sports reports, interviews and announcing such famed radio shows as *Gun-smoke* before it moved to television.

He died of congestive heart failure at the Garfield Medical Centre in Monterey Park, California.

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Luminous Spheres over Tepexpan, State of Mexico, Mexico

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The Journal of Hispanic Ufology
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In the recent months of November and December 2005, renowned skywatcher Víctor Gabriel González González, reported on a number of occasions the sighting and recording of luminous spheres over the skies of Tepexpan in the State of Mexico.

On the video from December 18th it is possible to see how smaller spheres emerge from a smaller one and appear to “disintegrate” in the atmosphere with an approximate two minute lapse between each ejection.

Full story:
<http://frankwarren.blogspot.com>



10th January, 2006
Santiago Yturria reports through

rense.com that in March of 2005, two boys in the Mexican city of Merida had an encounter with an alien life form while they were playing soccer.

When David Espada went to retrieve his ball, he claims an alien with a very long arm reached out and grabbed him while his friend, José Alonso Herrera, recorded the incident on his mobile phone. Renowned Mexican UFO pundit, Jaime Maussan, released the video of the incident on national television and investigations into the event are ongoing.



It must be something in the Tequila that brings out the best in South American UFO and Alien images or is it the absolute need for Mexican UFO celebrities to give their regular paying conference audiences something to Oooh and Arghh about.

When the image of the boy is highlighted his arm can be seen

pulled towards his chest, quite normal when turning on a football. The so claimed elongated arm does not exist it is either a barrier or the curb of a crossing street.

Stop scraping the bottom of the barrel you so called Mexican researchers. Take a look at some

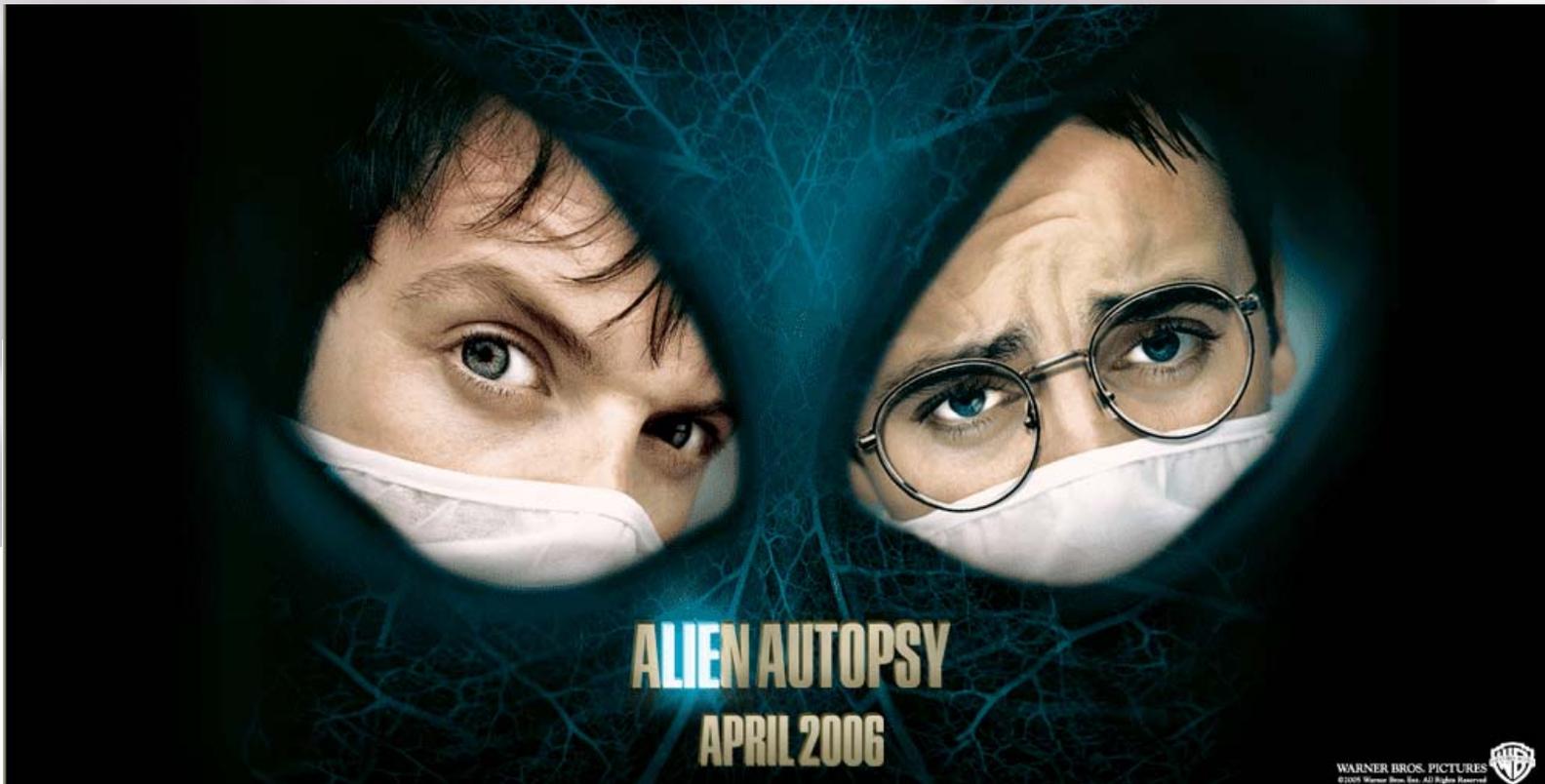
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www.alien-autopsy.com
(on-line trailer)

'Oh no' I hear the ufologists crying, 'not another send up of the UFO phenomenon'. Well the guy behind the Alien Autopsy movie was responsible for such (*aimed at an American 'no real sense of humour'*) cinematic delights as 'Johnny English', not impressed, well Warner Bros have pumped £15,000,000 into the project, probably thought it was dollars they were spending which in all fairness by Hollywood standards might just get you the trailer for King Kong but don't despair just yet.

Our dynamic 'Geordie' duo are accomplished actors and the storyline is well known to most ufologists who are not the best critics to aim a film like this at. Take a look at the trailer, I enjoyed what I saw.

If the end result has the media jackals (who jumped in feet first when Ray Santilli offered the 'alleged' film to all bidders back in 1995) breaking out into a hot sweat and realising what 99% of the rest of the world had always suspected, that this was not even an expensive hoax then the world of ufology has it's result. I can't wait...