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No M-16s, give us ray guns

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WASHINGTON — The commander of U.S. special forces wants commandos to have ray guns, computer viruses and other high-tech weapons to create chaos in an enemy's communications and electronic weapons.

"I think there are great possibilities there for us in the future," Gen. Carl Stiner told the Senate

Armed Services Committee on Thursday. Stiner commands Army Green Berets, Navy Seals and other special forces that operate behind enemy lines to destroy crucial installations and create confusion.

Stiner said he also saw great potential in directed energy, which is focused into powerful beams or rays and is being developed for use in weapons.

Just A Coincidence?

In a recent article published in the *MUFON UFO Journal* for December 1991 ("Straight Lights Over Gulf Breeze"), author Bruce Maccabee said that he and 33 other people (some with binoculars, cameras, and video recorders) saw and photographed a beautiful object shaped like a ring and with eight or ten points of light. The ring-shaped object appeared over Gulf Breeze, Florida on Sept. 16, 1991. While reading this unusual article, I discovered that Sept. 16, 1991, plus exactly 100 days equals Dec. 25 or Christmas Day.

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Is this just a coincidence or is somebody up there trying to tell us something?

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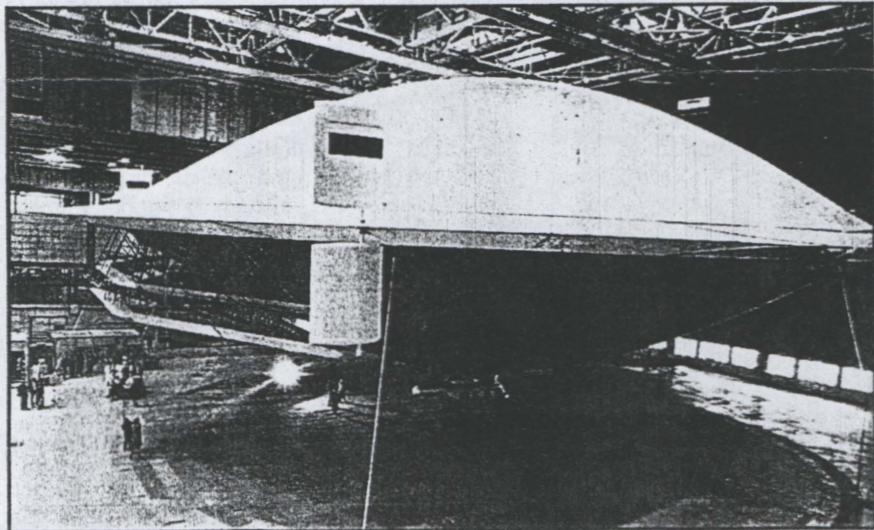
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Testing Under Way for Russian Thermoplane Heavylift Airship Prototype

The prototype of the Russian Thermoplane airship is shown during testing at the Ulyanovsk Aviation Industrial Complex.

Thermoplane is a concept of the Moscow Aviation Institute, and is proposed for a variety of heavylift airlift tasks in civil engineering, agricultural and transport applications. The prototype will serve as a proof-of-concept vehicle for the Thermoplane design (*AW&ST* Oct. 9, 1989, p. 127).

A Mil Mi-2 helicopter airframe without its main rotor and tail section is installed under the Thermoplane's disc-shaped envelope and houses flight crew and systems. Production Thermoplanes could have the disc-shaped envelope as large as 200 meters (656 ft.) in diameter. □



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Worst News for Aliens

From *The Daily Telegraph* of London:

If signs of life on other planets are ever detected, the news will not reach the mass of mankind until a complicated process of verification and approval is thoroughly exhausted. Under a set of guidelines drawn up by the world's scientists, the news must pass through a secret and Byzantine notification process before being announced by the United Nations. The Declaration of Principles Concerning Activities Following the Detection of Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence was thrashed out by the International Academy of Astronautics in Buenos Aires.

The first thing the radio-astronomer must do is to record the alien signals, then contact other scientists worldwide to verify them.

Then follows an approach to the International Astronomical Union, which will send out an official notification through the Central Bureau for Astronomical Telegrams.

After that, the Secretary General of the United Nations, the Institute for Space Law, and the International Telecommunications Union will also be told. The latter will ensure that the alien signal is cleared of all earthly radio traffic so it comes over loud and clear. Only then will the rest of the human race be privy to the news that ET may, after all, exist.

Patrick McDonnell



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"I strongly believe someday we will make contact with other civilizations."

— Jet Propulsion Laboratory official Mission NASA's \$100 million search for alien

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THE ISLANDER

UFO Is UFO And A Flare Is A Flare

Photos Prove Difference

By Bland Pugh

Research and testing by a MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) investigation team continues at a Gulf Breeze surveillance location overlooking Pensacola Beach.

Nightly, with cameras in hand, the curious and the skeptical gather with the Research Team at South Shoreline Park. Some of those present are local residents who tell of seeing the UFO many times while others have traveled from all over the United States and other countries in the hope of seeing the famous UFO.

Even though the dozens of video tapes and scores of photographs taken by the Research Team show a very unusual object, the local witnesses make no claim that the UFO is from "outer space" but they are quick to agree that "it just may be." Typically they report seeing a brilliant red ring of lights that suddenly appears and hovers in the sky for several minutes. Depending on the distance, the structural outline of the object is sometimes seen before the UFO emits a huge burst of pure white "energy" and then disappears.

In an effort to explain away the local UFO sightings, critics have promoted theories such as "advertising airplanes," and "top secret stealth helicopters," but their most frequent

explanation is that the witnesses are only seeing "emergency flares." When questioned, the witnesses are very sure that the flare theory is "ridiculous" and point out that the critics making such a claim have never bothered to go to one of the nightly "sky watches" and see the UFO for themselves.

In an effort to scientifically settle the "flare theory," the MUFON investigators prepared a diffraction lens test designed to split the light radiated from the UFO into its base spectrum. On February 7 the UFO appeared over Pensacola Beach and was photographed with the diffraction lens. Later that night, the Research Team then ignited a flare across the sound and over a mile away. They used the same camera mounted with the diffraction lens to photograph the light spectrum of the flare. Conclusion: The spectrum analysis of the flare and that of the UFO did not match. Speaking for the Research Team, Gary Watson, Chief Investigator, said, "We still have not identified the UFO but we have conclusively proven that the "flare theory" is false. The 'armchair' critics will have to come up with some other story while we continue to do the nightly field research necessary to solve this mystery."

Thank You Ed Walters for This Information

OUTER SPACE

ARE EXTRATERRESTRIALS sending us signals? NASA wants to know. It plans to launch a ten-year search for extraterrestrial intelligence—or SETI—in October 1992, 500 years after Christopher Columbus arrived in the New World. The SETI program will be the largest such investigation ever, involving scientists worldwide. Part of the search will focus on some 800 sun-like

stars, and another segment will scan the entire sky. Computers will tune in to as many as 30 million radio channels at once.

Scientists will try only to receive signals, not send them. Any extraterrestrials that are already communicating probably use methods more developed than ours. "We would be the technological infants," says NASA astronomer Michael Klein. "It makes more sense for us to listen."

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