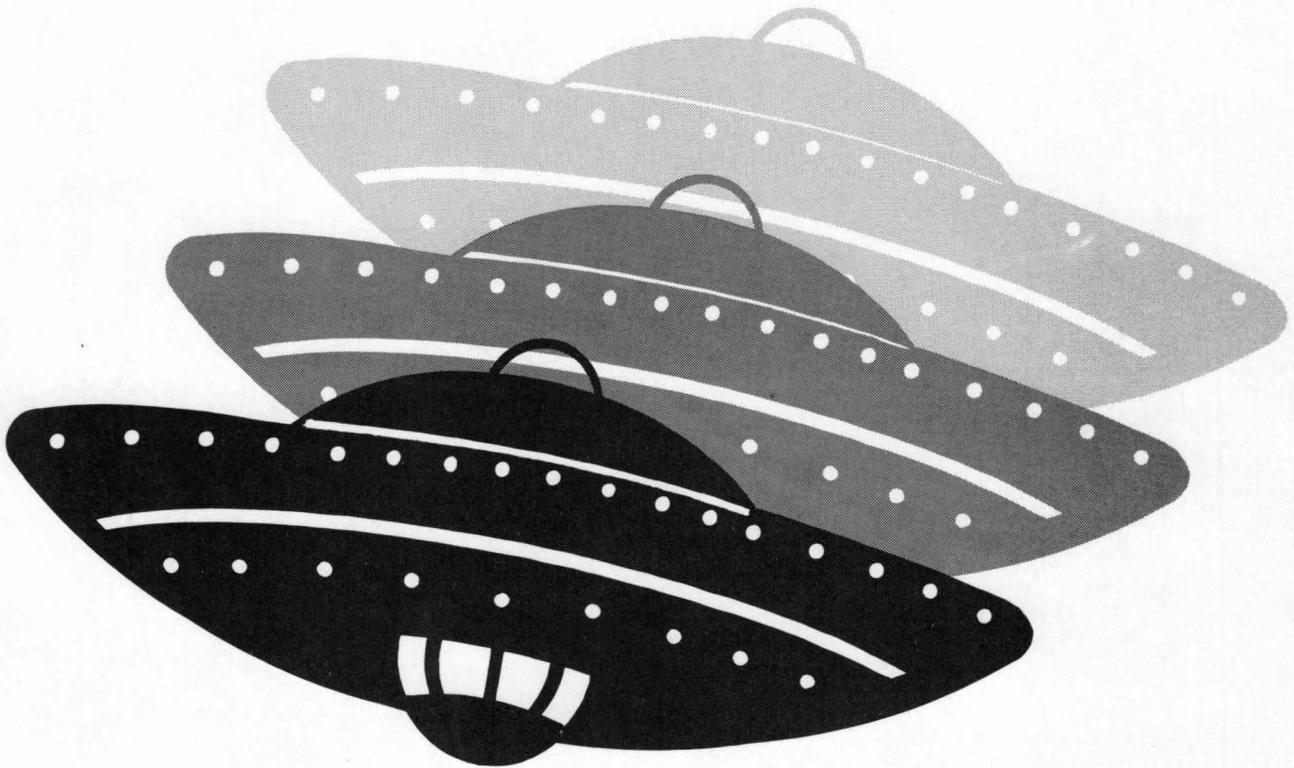


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People who claim they were abducted
by aliens are not 'crazy,' study shows

New UFO facts revealed



By Anita Lewis
News American Staff

AFTER THAT FATEFUL NIGHT 14 years ago, 20-year-old Steve Kilburn was overwhelmed by a sense of dread and foreboding each time he drove that stretch of Maryland's Route 40 that led to his girlfriend's home. He couldn't shake the feeling that something had happened to him along that road. He sensed only that it involved an unidentified flying object. The rest of story was locked deep in his subconscious. Under hypnosis, however, he told a tale of being abducted and taken aboard an alien spacecraft.

Virginia Horton (who, like Kilburn, insists her real name remain a secret) remembers watching a television documentary about Kilburn's abduction. She recalls things clinking into place, triggering something inside her. She contacted the psychologist who participated in the film, and for her, too, hypnosis released the memories.

Although tens of thousands of reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) have been filed since the first modern UFO sighting by U.S. private pilot Kenneth Arnold in June 1947, far fewer people come forward claiming they've been abducted by aliens. When they remember the terrifying episode, they're leery of talking about it, afraid they'll be labeled publicity-seekers or "crazies" who've seen "little green men." In fact, they're neither, claims a new study of nine UFO "abductees," including Kilburn and Horton, funded by the Fund for UFO Research Inc., a Mount Ranier, Md.-based non-profit organization.

New York psychologist Dr. Aphrodite Clamar and UFO researchers Ted Bloecher and Budd Hopkins (author of "Missing Time," an investigation of UFO abduction cases published in 1981 and called the most exhaustive work done on the topic) hired psychologist Dr. Elizabeth Slater to test the five men and four women. So as not to prejudice the findings, researchers kept Slater in the dark, didn't tell her that the people she was testing claimed to have been abducted by aliens. She was simply asked to test and evaluate the psychological profiles of the men and women. Although the study wouldn't prove the truth of the claims, it could pick up any mental illnesses that would explain the individuals' experiences.

Slater subjected the group to a barrage of standard psychological tests but found no evidence of any mental disorders, just what UFO researcher Hopkins calls "garden-variety neurotics" — highly intelligent, creative men and women who seemed a bit immature and cautious with people. A second psychologist "blindly" reviewed the test results and came to similar results. After being told the nature of the study, Slater said the nine's psychological characteristics were consistent with those she'd expect to find in people who had been subjected to a traumatic event, such as a kidnapping or abduction.

Horton, now a 42-year-old corporate lawyer, believes she's telling the truth but fears she'd lose her job were her identity known, says UFO investigator Hopkins. Under hypnosis, her story came out, a story typical of abductee reports. According to Hopkins, a W. Va.-born New York painter and writer who has been involved in UFO investigations for a decade, when Horton was about 7 she was playing on a hillside on her grandparents' Midwestern farm. The next thing she knew she was standing near a chicken coop or barn, with no knowledge of how she got there — what Hopkins calls "the standard kind of gap in recollection."

"She felt something on her leg," Hopkins relates, "and reached up underneath her blue jeans and when she took her hand out it had blood on it. She had a very deep cut, totally painless (but) there was no tear in her pants." Hopkins says he's seen 25 cases in the last decade with injuries in the same general area but without tears.

Years later, in the late 1950s, when Horton was 16 she was again abducted, an event her mother remembers as well. While the family was vacationing in Europe, they picnicked near a woods. With her brother, Horton wandered into the woods. The next thing she remembers she was emerging from the woods having had a conversation with a gray-furred deer — what Hopkins calls a "covering image" to protect her from the memory of seeing an alien.

Her mother, Hopkins says, remembers telling Horton she had little drops of blood on her blouse, "but she had no idea how she got it." Hopkins believes they came from "a needle which was put up her (Horton's) nostrils, implying an implant."

Johns Hopkins University astronomer Dr. Richard Henry, who with nine other scientists sits on the national board of the Fund for UFO Research, admits he's "sort of impressed" by the research project. But, he points out that "whether you should be impressed, whether experts should be impressed is another matter."

The 45-year-old scientist spends the bulk of his time working on Hopkins' new ultraviolet telescope, which will be launched aboard the space shuttle Columbia next March. But, occasionally, he's asked to review research proposals for the UFO fund, which is currently the only organization that systematically supports research into UFO phenomena. "No one is an expert, but we're as close to experts as we have," he notes.

Does Henry believe aliens could be visiting Earth? Or, are we just a living mote in an otherwise lifeless universe? "We know the universe is 15 billion years old. Our own technological society is only 100 years old — incredibly, incredibly young. There are 100 billion stars in our galaxy (yet) we imagine we are the only technological

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Dr. Richard Henry
JHU astronomer

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Hopkins says the pattern remembered by abductees while under hypnosis is remarkably similar: “Whether in cars, walking or in bedrooms, they feel paralyzed, extraordinarily terrified. They see figures but never feel they are deliberately menacing. . . They are taken into ship (which has) either landed or is hovering. Then, there's a blank period and the next thing they remember they are on a table in a circular bright room, very calm, almost anesthetized. Then there's a blank period. They are stripped — but with no sexual implication. Often they don't remember how they are returned, how they got out of the ship. There are some periods of unconsciousness.”

The aliens they see are also similar: usually 4½ to 5½ feet tall with over-large heads, quite slender, with whitish-gray skin like “a dead marshmallow or mushroom” and long thin arms. Their eyes or coverings over their eyes are extremely black, their mouths a slit that doesn't move. Two tiny openings make up a nose and they've no ears.

Hopkins, who has personally interviewed 95 “probable abductees” and has been in contact with another 200 “highly likely ones” through telephone calls and letters, says he has to assume the phenomenon is “extremely widespread.” It also tends to run in families. He's also traced abductions across three generations in two families — fathers and daughters, mothers and sons, all picked up at different times. “It seems they (aliens) are doing genetic sampling, taking sperm samples from men and ova from women. Children are first picked up when they are between 5 and 8 years old and are often picked up again in adolescence and in young adulthood.”

One Wisconsin woman who read his book wrote him her story. She had taken her two sons and neighbor boy for a ride to see a bear who had been raiding garbage cans. It was a long drive, and she had promised to be back by 9:30 that night, so her husband could use the family auto.

They saw the bear and started out on their long drive home. As they drove through the woods, suddenly a bright light shown down from above the car. Her foot was on the brake, but the car wasn't slowing or stopping. The next thing she knew, they were three miles further down the road. When she got home, her husband was angry that she was so late. She didn't believe it when he told her it was 11 p.m. and he had to turn on the television to prove he hadn't set the clocks forward. She had lost 90 minutes on that stretch of road.

Later, she went back to the scene with her husband. As they approached that stretch of road she panicked. She believes she and one boy were taken aboard a ship while the other two boys were kept in suspended animation.

Perhaps the most famous abductee case (recounted in “The Interrupted Journey” by John Fuller and made into a TV movie) is that of Barney and Betty Hill. Under

hypnosis, the New Hampshire couple claimed that on Sept. 19, 1961, as they were returning home from Montreal, they were abducted by six humanoids and taken aboard a spacecraft for two hours. The aliens stuck a six-inch needle through Betty's navel for what she was told was a pregnancy test.

Another case, widely reported at the time, occurred in Brazil in the fall of 1957. Antonio Villas Beas, 23, was out plowing his father's field at night to avoid the heat. Hopkins says that Beas, who is now a lawyer, stands by the story that he was abducted, stripped and forced to have sexual relations with an alien "woman" aboard a spacecraft while his brother looked on.

The after-effects for abductees aren't pleasant. According to Fund for UFO Research board member and professor of sociology at Eastern Michigan University Dr. Ronald Westrum, those kidnapped are left with unexplained fear, anxiety and phobias. They suffer nightmares, flashbacks and quasi-memories. In severe cases, personalities unravel, careers suffer and marriages break up. "Many of these cases display the symptoms of post-traumatic stress syndrome so common with Vietnam veterans," he says.

Westrum believes the reports should be taken seriously, "since at least some of them might actually provide some evidence of extraterrestrial (or some other kind of non-human) intelligence or of some heretofore unrealized factor of the human psyche."

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Malcolm's

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search for ghosts and U.F.O.s

HAVE you ever seen a U.F.O.? Is your house haunted? At some time in your life have you had an unusual experience that couldn't be explained?

If so, Malcolm Robinson of Alloa would be delighted to hear from you. His spare time interest is investigating strange phenomena, certain aspects of the paranormal, and he travels throughout Britain in search of such stories.

In particular he is fascinated by the subject of unidentified flying objects (U.F.O.'s) and as president of the Scottish U.F.O. Network, he follows up reports of sightings and interviews witnesses.

"Ninety-five per cent. of U.F.O. sightings are all identifiable objects," he told me. "There are only a very small number of true U.F.O. sightings.

"These things have been tracked on radar throughout the world. They have sent jets up to inspect these objects and they have been well outpaced.

"What surprises me is that the governments of the world don't take this more seriously."

Orange object

Has he ever seen a U.F.O. himself? "I have seen something but I'm not sure it was a U.F.O.," he says.

"It was at Loch Ness back in 1979.

"It was late at night and I was down on the shore with some friends. I had my back to the loch when suddenly a lady in the party screamed out 'What is that?'

"By the time I turned round all I saw was a half-moon shaped, orange object rise and fall above the hills on the opposite side of the loch. It was throwing out light.

"There were no roads or houses at that point, and it wasn't search lights or torches. I have no explanation for it but I wouldn't call it a U.F.O."

Malcolm, who stays at 41 Leven Court, Mar Estate, Alloa, has heard many tales of U.F.O. sightings during his investigations.



Malcolm Robinson

MALCOLM CONT

"One of the better stories is the one that occurred near Livingstone in 1979," he said.

"Early one Friday morning a forestry worker called Bob Taylor was walking down a forestry path and approaching a clearing.

"In this clearing there was, he claims, a silvery grey object and two smaller objects came rushing out from underneath. They looked very similar to second world war sea mines (spherical objects with spikes sticking out).

"They projected these spikes to his trousers and, before he passed out, he felt a tugging sensation to his trousers.

"When he recovered, the object had gone but there were triangular and circular holes in the ground. His trousers were ripped and he had a terrible thirst.

"The police put a fence round the area and experts were sent up to take samples from the ground, but they were unable to give an explanation.

"I found Bob a very convinc-

ing chap. He himself has no explanation for what happened. He has no interest in U.F.O.'s and is very down to earth."

Along with Bill Gibbons, Malcolm has been co-writing a book for the past couple of years on U.F.O. sightings in Scotland. To some extent they have conflicting opinions on the matter.

"He believes that the U.F.O. problem is extra terrestrial but I'm not totally convinced," remarked 28-year-old Malcolm. "I am willing to believe that it may be other things."

At present Bill Gibbons is in the Congo with a party of twelve people in search of a particular dinosaur-type creature called mokele mbeys which natives claim they have seen.

Malcolm follows up newspaper reports of U.F.O. sightings, hauntings, and other paranormal phenomena by making contact with the people who have experienced them.

"I travel to various locations and interview witnesses to various kinds of phenomena.

Normally I do my interviews on cassette tape but I have now purchased a video camera and I hope to do interviews on video."

Has he encountered any spooks himself? "Although I have been in many haunted houses and have heard so many tales about ghosts, generally no, I haven't," he admits.

Among the ghost stories he has looked into recently is a haunted pub in Stirling called The King's Stables Inn.

Banging doors

"The proprietors have been seeing the ghost of a man. It has no distinct shape but is just a cloudy, shadowy thing. Incidents happen like doors banging for no reason and a hanging pot plant suddenly swinging violently to and fro.

"That was very interesting. One sensation I did feel there was that I was absolutely freezing and when I moved away to take photographs I was back to normal again."

Investigating out of the ordi-

nary incidents fascinates Malcolm.

As he says, "Man has not solved all the mysteries of the universe. There are many more mysteries still to be uncovered through people like myself throughout the world who are really interested in paranormal phenomena primarily to learn and understand."

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Olivia Newton-John: I have seen a UFO

SUPERSTAR OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN has kept her eyes on the skies ever since the time she saw a UFO.

Now she finds the subject of flying saucers fascinating, and eagerly devours any literature about extra-terrestrial travel.

Songbird Olivia was sweet sixteen and a struggling young singer at the time she experienced contact with another world.

Back home in Australia, she and a friend were driving out of Melbourne to a car rally one Sunday afternoon.

The road was lonely and deserted, with not another vehicle in sight.

Suddenly Olivia's skin started tingling.

"It was a needles and pins feeling — prickling — rather like static electricity," she says. "I had the eerie sensation that something was nearby."

Olivia looked around but could see nothing at first, until she glanced at the clear blue sky.

"I was speechless," she recalls. "A brilliant silver object was hurtling towards us, small at first but increasing in size.

Strange

"It looked triangular at first, then as I stared, it changed shape and became a ball with a glowing halo of different colors.

"It was able to change direction very suddenly, and stop and hover, like no plane I'd ever seen. Sometimes it seemed quite still, like a bright star, then it would veer rapidly across the sky again."

Olivia and her friend watched the strange object for some time, hoping that

someone else would chance along and share the experience, but no one did.

Next day they checked out the flights that had been in the area and also any weather balloons. There had been none.

Olivia says, "I tend to agree with the movie Close Encounters — we are not alone."

Olivia and her young hubby, handsome hunk Matt Lattanzi, won't be alone much longer either.

The happy couple lived together for six years before their wedding in December of last year, and in February their first baby is due.

"Livvy hopes it will arrive on St. Valentine's

day," says Matt, from their spacious Malibu ranch home which has been remodeled to include a nursery.

Proud Matt, 27, though 10 years younger than his youthful-looking wife, is ecstatic that he'll be a dad so soon after their first wedding anniversary.

The oldest of 10 children himself, Matt says his parents are thrilled too, as this will be the first grandchild to bear the name Lattanzi.

"We're toying with the names Jesse or Chloe, but don't want to know ahead of time if it's a boy or a girl," says the expectant mom. "We both want it to be a surprise."

— SHEILA O'DONOVAN

'UFO chased us at 50mph,' say couple

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By NEAL KEELING

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THE mystery of the Bolton UFO has taken on new twist with reports of two more sightings.

In one incident, a couple in a car claimed the object followed them at speeds of up to 50 m.p.h.

As revealed in the Evening News the terrified owner of a remote farm at Edgworth claims that he and his family were held under virtual siege for three hours by the object.

The strange white glow appeared low in the sky and seemed to get as close as 300 yards.

Britain's top UFO research expert, Jenny Randles, suggested at the weekend that the object could have been the planet Venus.

But now a Halliwell couple and two Farnworth teenagers have reported seeing UFO's.

And today, UFO expert Steve Balon of Leigh, who has quizzed seven witnesses who saw the object at the farm, slammed the 'Venus' explanation as 'rubbish'.

"Myself and another expert interviewed the family and their friends at length. We definitely think they saw something which cannot be explained.

"The object is totally unknown. It is not meteoric. To say it is astronomical is absolute rubbish. We gave the family a severe grilling and they all stuck to their story.

"It was travelling too fast to be anything like a star. I respect Jenny's work but this time I think she is barking up the wrong tree," said Steve.

The Halliwell couple telephoned the Evening News to say they saw the same white glowing object that loomed near the farm.

The couple spotted it while driving near Belmont. The man who does not wish to be named, said: "It was very clear and about 500 feet up. It was like a ball but fuzzy around the edges. It seemed to be over Egerton.

"It followed us down Darwen Road travelling at about 50mph. Then it went slow, started to hover, and went down by Delph Reservoir. It was like a helicopter in its movements but the light was far too big".

The two Farnworth teenagers who saw a strange object were Christopher Scott, aged 17, of Highfield Road and his friend Craig Horrocks, aged 14.

They saw two orange and gold coloured round objects appear to land in a field near Marsh Lane, Farnworth.

As they approached to investigate the objects shot away into the night sky.

Local astronomy lecturer, Mr William Cartwright, entered the controversy today.

Mr Cartwright who teaches at a Bolton college believes the Edgworth 'glow' was probably Jupiter.

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Family 'terrified by UFO'

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A FAMILY claims to have been terrified for three hours by a UFO.

The owner of a remote farm at Edgworth says he ran into his home when he saw the object and as it loomed near the farm his daughter became hysterical.

The mysterious white glow appeared low in the sky about five miles from the farm but at times it seemed to be within a few hundred yards.

The local businessman, who does not wish to be named, said: "I was driving home with my son from Darwen at about 5 p.m. on

By NEAL KEELING

Saturday when he saw something out of the car window and asked if it was Halley's Comet.

"When we arrived at the front of the farm I noticed my wife and daughter. I started to unload the car but they were calling me in. When I turned round and saw the object I shot inside.

"It was terrific — a white glow with no real shape. It was very bright. Without actually moving it seemed to get bigger and brighter. It was very strange."

He immediately phoned Air

Traffic Control at Manchester who told him nothing had been picked up in the area on radar.

He added: "My daughter was having hysterics. My wife was trying to keep me inside the house and stop me from looking at it. And my son went upstairs for his air rifle. It was very frightening."

Half an hour later the family heard the sound of high-altitude planes and the object disappeared. But it returned as the sound faded.

At 7.30 p.m. family friends arrived at the farm and also

bolted inside the building after seeing the object.

The man said: "By 8 p.m. the thing had disappeared completely. Then two lights came out from behind a hill criss-crossed over and then shot away. That was the finale.

The man added: "I do not want to be named because I do a lot of business in the Bolton area and do not want to be thought of as some kind of idiot."

The mystery is now being investigated by UFO expert Steve Balon of Leigh.

Recording of UFO sighting 'not hoax'



Two of the authors, Brenda Butler, left, and Dot Street, on the site of the alleged landing of the spaceship in Rendlesham Forest.

A DRAMATIC tape recording, allegedly made by panic-stricken American servicemen during a close encounter with an alien space craft in a Suffolk forest, is authentic, their former base commander has exclusively told the EADT.

The chilling 20-minute recording, a major new part of the evidence gathered by UFO investigators probing a claimed double landing in Rendlesham Forest, near Woodbridge airbase, was given to the researchers by former base commander Col. Sam Morgan.

The EADT has traced Col. Morgan to the space command headquarters linked to the Peterson Airbase, Colorado and in a frank transatlantic telephone conversation he said, "I do not think it is a hoax."

The tape recording is due to be played at a London Press conference today to launch "Sky Crash - A Cosmic Conspiracy," a book on the alleged incidents which took place on the nights of December 27 and 29/30, 1980.

Frightened

The incidents were first reported in the EADT and the book's authors, Dot Street, of Blackberry Way, Oulton Broad; Brenda Butler, of Mafeking Place, Leiston, and national UFO investigator Jenny Rendles, claim there has been a conspiracy to cover up the truth about what happened.

Col. Morgan told the EADT, "I think the men really were out there that night and they saw something which frightened them."

"You can hear their excited conversations and references to frightening strange lights. The only opinion I have is,

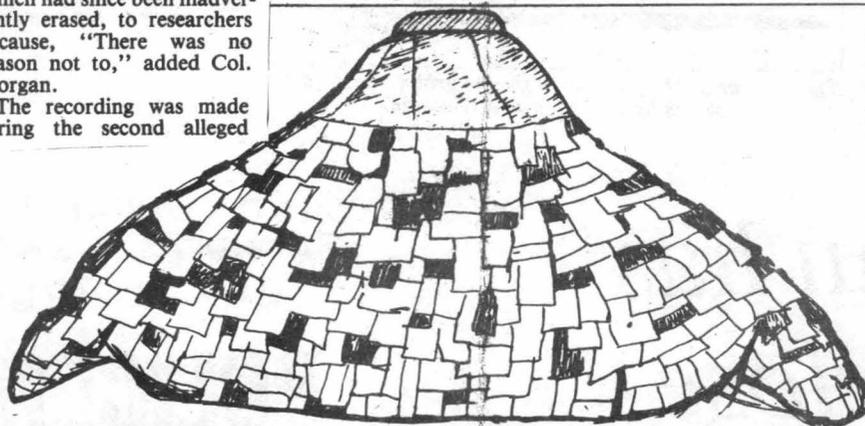
that based on the evidence available, those guys definitely saw something which cannot be explained.

Erased

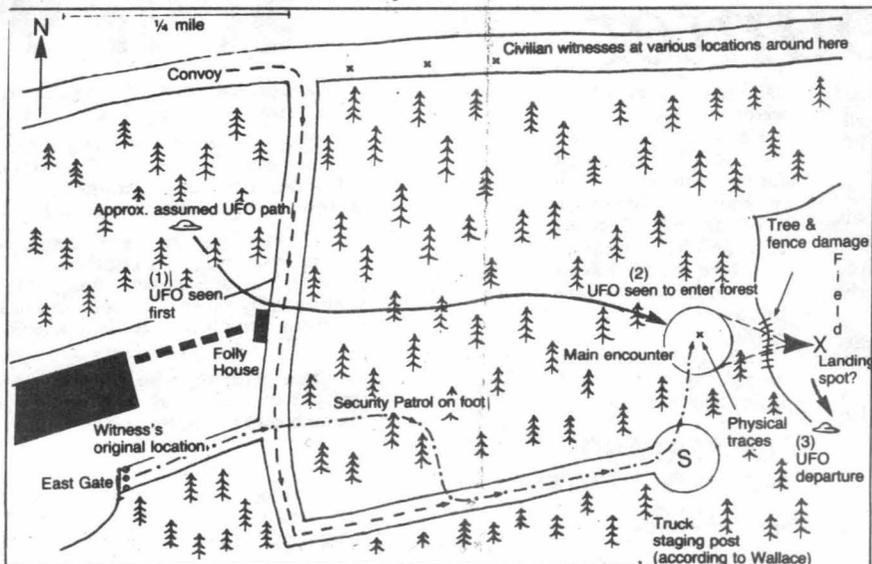
"As for them fabricating it all and putting on an act, I do not think they could have pulled it off."

He gave the tape, part of which had since been inadvertently erased, to researchers because, "There was no reason not to," added Col. Morgan.

The recording was made during the second alleged



The craft which appeared after the alleged light explosion on December 30, 1980, as described by an American airman.



Map of the path taken from USAF Woodbridge to the site of the alleged encounter with the space craft.

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fied location" and was un-
available for comment.

The book was written
before the investigators heard

several possible explana-
tions if the UFO landing
claims are untrue.

Included among the
authors' suggestions is the
alleged possibility that the
UFO story might be a blind to
cover-up tests on weaponry
which went wrong.

Inquiry

Or, they say, the Ameri-
cans might even have
recovered by helicopter part
of the Russian satellite Cos-
mos 749 under cover of dark-
ness when it was accidentally
dropped into the forest.

In any event, they are call-
ing for a full public inquiry
and say they are fully pre-
pared to make all their evi-
dence available to one.

The book is published by
Neville Spearman Ltd, of
Friars Street, Sudbury, and
costs £7.50.

Brenda Butler,
Dot Street &
Jenny Randles

A Cosmic Conspiracy



The cover of the new book which claims UFOs landed in
Suffolk.

Reports by John Grant

close encounter by the then
deputy base commander Lt.
Col. Charles Halt. His
report to the Ministry of
Defence on both incidents
gave the book's authors a
major breakthrough when it
was leaked.

Stricken

As previously reported by
the EADT, it was the first
time there had been official
confirmation that unusual
lights and objects had been
seen, and traces of radiation
had been found in imprints on
the ground and on a tree at the
site.

the Halt tape but they had
heard from witnesses about
passages in it. They claim it
tells of a "red, sun-like
light" which flies through
the forest and silently ex-
plodes into multiple
coloured lights.

A small craft, similar to
the one in the first alleged en-
counter, was seen on or close
to the ground.

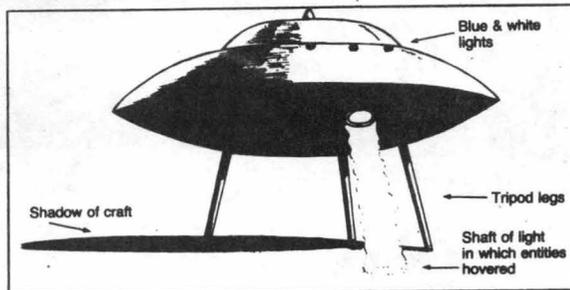
Col. Halt and a small
number of men with him
quickly retreat amid panic
and shouting.

The book concludes that
incidents undoubtedly did
take place and puts forward

Shouting

In subsequent evidence
given to the investigators,
witnesses claimed that in the
first encounter three silver-
suited "entities" were seen
repairing their stricken space
craft and some witnesses
claimed that contact was
established with them.

When his base in
Oklahoma was contacted by
the EADT, Col. Halt was
said to be on duty at a "classi-



The December 27, 1980, UFO on the ground based on a
sketch by an American serviceman.

Stan has a close encounter

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A COUNTY pensioner
has had a close en-
counter of the UFO
kind.

Stan Hebson, 71,
was gazing from his
window at Trinity
Drive, Northside,
when he saw a bright
light in the sky.

"I saw a large, cigar-
shaped UFO facing
over the Solway
towards the Scottish
side.

LOOKED

"It was about 7.15 a.m.
and it was above the level
of the street lights."

Retired fork lift truck
driver Stan says it was a

dark morning and there
were no stars showing.

He said: "It didn't
move at all. I watched it
for three minutes through
my binoculars. I put them
down, and when I looked
up again it had vanished.

"There is no way it
could have been a plane
because it wasn't
moving."

Stan says he will report
his sighting to the British
Flying Saucer Bureau.

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POLICEMEN SPOT UFO

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LOCAL police were investigating the sighting of a
UFO reported by two of their own officers.

The officers, Sergeant Jimmy Begg and P.C.
Tommy Murphy, stationed at Armadale, saw the
UFO, described as a "luminous flying clothes pole"
in the sky above the town on Monday evening.

"I glanced up to the sky and saw an orange-red
object travelling at around 60 m.p.h. falling to the
ground," said Sergeant Begg. "It looked like a
luminous flying clothes pole and didn't burn out. It
continued to glow as it disappeared into a housing
estate."

The officers, who saw the object from their
patrol car from nearly a mile away, described it as
six inches in diameter and three feet long. Sergeant
Begg saw the object for around five seconds, P.C.
Murphy for two.

The policemen later scoured the Avondale
Drive area but could find no sign of the object. No
residents in the area reported anything strange.

Terror hovers in the sky

LANCASHIRE EVENING TELEGRAPH BLACKBURN
JAN 8 1986

By TONY DONNELLY

THERE was a comforting message today for the Darwen businessman who spotted a UFO—you are not alone.

The well-known businessman asked the Evening Telegraph not to identify him in our story yesterday to avoid embarrassment.

But he claims that he and his family were terrorised for three hours by a UFO in their remote farmhouse at Edgworth.

The close encounter happened on December 28 and following publicity about the sighting, a couple from Bolton also claimed to have seen the white glow in the sky on the same evening.

They spotted the object as they were driving near Belmont and claimed that it seemed to follow their car at about 50 mph.

UFOs over East Lancs

The Edgworth encounter is just the latest in a long series of sightings in East Lancashire. In 1980, Todmorden policeman Alan Godfrey stopped his patrol car in front of a bright, luminous glow.

PC Godfrey "lost" 15 minutes of his life and returned to the police station unable to recall what had happened.

But under hypnosis he said that he had been "interrogated" on board a space ship.

In the same year, Polish-born Zygmunt Adamski was found dead on a coal heap in Todmorden with burns to his head and neck caused by a substance unknown to science.

Eighteen months ago, a spate of sightings in the Rossendale Valley led to questions in the House of Commons.

And there have been dozens of other re-

ports of mystery lights in the sky over the past few years.

There were so many sightings that two local groups were set up to investigate the phenomena.

One of the groups even looked into the bizarre case of an Accrington woman who claimed she had made love to an alien by telepathy.

But not all the reports are so way-out and many sightings have been made by people who had no obvious reason for making things up.

Mr Stephen Brown, of Burnley, is the director of the Lancashire centre for UFO studies.

He said: "I am very interested by the reports of this latest sighting. I can well understand the man being reluctant to reveal his name."



■ Policeman Alan Godfrey, who 'lost' 15 minutes of his life in an encounter with a UFO.



■ Stephen Brown—"If you say you have seen a UFO, most people poke fun at you . . ."

"If you say you have seen a UFO, most people poke fun at you. But our organisation has more than 30 members and we investigate things seriously.

"The trouble is that people think you mean that UFOs are space ships. All we are saying is that people see things in the sky that have no obvious explanation.

"I have got used to the mickey-taking over the years, but many people who have seen UFOs are reluctant to come forward because they are frightened others will laugh at them.

"All I can say to them is that we have had many reports from genuine people who have seen something that cannot just be dismissed.

"The most convincing cases we had last year were from the Burnley area in January. The witnesses saw an object heading over from Nelson and there were independent reports from many people under its path."

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'Sober' witness describes UFO

A 29-year-old Madison woman, who police describe as "sober, rational and stable," reported seeing an unidentified flying object Tuesday hovering over a house on the city's east side.

The woman, whose name police did not release, told authorities she saw the UFO hovering 12 to 15 feet above a house at Milwaukee Street and Meadow Lark Drive at about 11 p.m. on Nov. 19. When she first spotted the craft, she said, she saw three bright white lights.

The woman described the object as black, triangular in shape, with saucer edges and a silver streak.

'Like the one that got away...'

THE Rendlesham Forest "Sky Crash" incident has been entered in the files of officialdom as "unexplained."

USAF and Ministry of Defence officials accept that something took place... but both say they have no interest in the matter.

The "Sky Crash" story is like the fisherman's tale of the one that got away... it gets bigger each time it is told.

That is the view of Capt. Victor Warzinski, in command of the USAF public affairs department on the Bentwaters/Woodbridge twin airbase.

He told the EADT, "I do not think there was ever any doubt that something happened which we cannot explain."

Off-base incident

But, he said, there was "not the slightest shred of documentation" beyond the report by Col. Halt which is headed "unexplained lights."

Any incident which took place off-base did not come under the jurisdiction of the USAF. The Halt report was therefore sent to the Ministry of Defence and the matter was left to them to handle "as they felt most appropriate."

The USAF had no other course of action open to it beyond making the report available "as a matter of courtesy." Any other action would have been "like sending out our cops to enforce British law," he said.

Asked specifically about the traces of radiation allegedly found at the site, he said that these were "only normal background counts — the sort you or I would get if we went out anywhere and took readings."

The readings were not officially taken. They were obtained by

off-duty personnel. Asked why they went to the site unofficially and at night he said, "Your guess is as good as mine."

The USAF would not comment on any of the speculation in the "Sky Crash" book. But of the incidents in general, he said, "I do not get the feeling that there has been any cover-up in any sense of the words."

Remembered

He added, "It is like the old fisherman's tale of the one that got away... it gets bigger each time it is told. The fish in reality does not get any bigger but the story sure as hell does."

The case was instantly remembered by both Ministry of Defence officials contacted by the EADT yesterday.

Spokesman Mr. Dermot Hill said the Ministry's DS8 department had investigated the incidents and had found no defence or military significance or implication and had therefore taken no further action.

'Reasonable people'

"It was looked into and there being no military explanation we lost interest in it.

"I can see perfectly well that reasonable people who are interested in such things would find it very interesting. I am not in any way saying that these people must be crankish or anything of that sort... I am simply saying that the MoD was satisfied there was no military significance."

Col. Halt's report was "thorough" and it was "basically all we have on our files about it."

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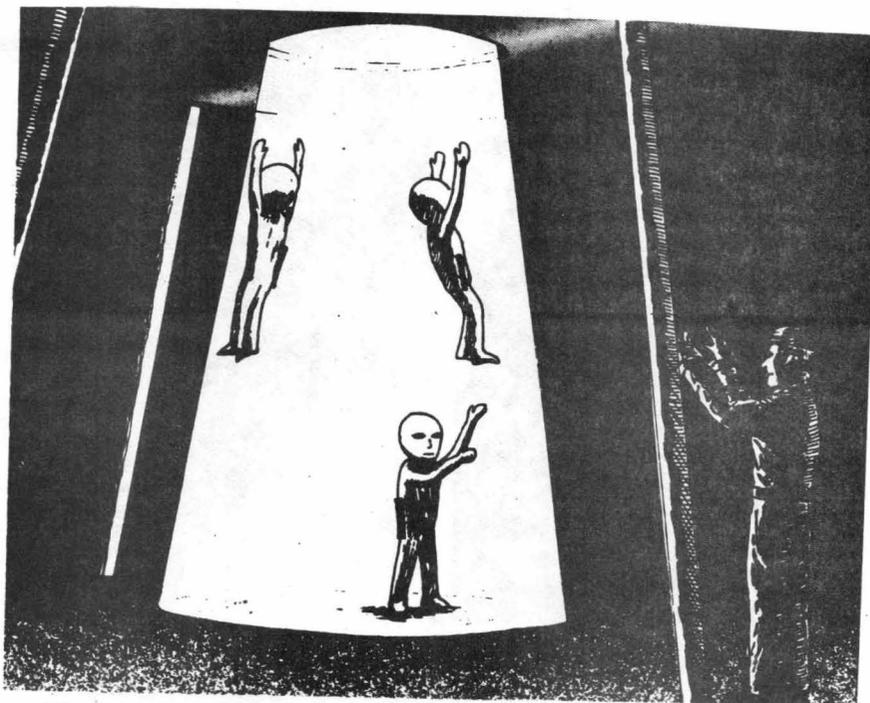
Close encounter?

A greenish ball of fire streaked across the sky and struck the ground somewhere in central Newfoundland on Sunday, lighting up the night and startling people as far away as Cape Breton.

An RCMP spokesman in St. John's, Nfld., said the sighting occurred at about 7:30 p.m. local time and appeared to be a meteorite. There was no confirmation of where the object landed.

Search and Rescue officials in Halifax and various RCMP detachments were deluged with calls from southern Labrador, central Newfoundland and northern Nova Scotia.

Several witnesses reported hearing a rumbling explosion as the flaming ball descended.



The American serviceman's view of the alien contact with the base commander.

These close encounters of the absurd kind

The wise men of old
scanned the sky for
the Star of David:
today's wise man
should be more
interested in
Voyager 2 than in
illusory UFOs
says a critical
Dr David Whitehouse



Blast-off: into the unknown

We are due for a flap any time now. It will probably start in an isolated region such as a remote sheep-farm in Australia. Someone sees a strange light in the sky and will get no convincing explanation of it from the local observatory or university, but will find a local reporter with a sympathetic ear. It is featured on national TV and then the international news agencies get hold of it. It starts to snowball and another UFO flap is under way.

It becomes even more predictable. Astronomers and meteorologists offer conflicting explanations of the sightings and a host of representatives of societies with strange names appear to proclaim that it's "just another landing" and that the governments of the world are concealing the truth about UFOs. Others will say it cannot be explained by conventional science and invoke time-warps or beings from another dimension. After a few days interest fades as the media move on to another story - but by this time it hardly seems to matter what the original sighting was. The public is left with the vague feeling that something alien *did* land and the full story didn't come out.

There have been many polls of what the public thinks about UFOs. They reveal that a surprising number believe

UFOs are alien spacecraft, that our ancestors were visited by astronauts from another world or that there is something supernatural happening in the Bermuda Triangle.

Why do large numbers of people believe all this? The evidence for alien starships and ancient astronauts is very thin to say the least. Perhaps it is because they are attractive, almost romantic, ideas and if true would make our universe a more interesting place.

'I'll believe in aliens when David Frost interviews one'

A UFO is no proof for any hypothesis of alien visitation. UFOs are probably telling us that we don't fully understand the full variety of phenomena that can occur in our atmosphere. There is no hard evidence whatever which stands up to any degree of critical analysis that some UFOs can be identified with starships.

Examine the collection of UFO photographs, they are dismal. There are also events called close encounters; where people claim to have confronted aliens or even to have been taken for a ride in their spaceships. Sounds fascinating;

I wish it had happened to me. But in order to believe something so amazing we must have harder evidence than the mere words that exist at the moment.

There are people who deliberately deceive and those who are deceived. Psychologists know how easy it is to believe you have seen one thing and not another. I shall feel more confident that aliens have landed when I see David Frost interview one or see a spaceship parked on the lawn outside the White House. As a subject for study UFOs are massively disappointing. But the rituals of cults and organizations that have grown up around UFOs and other areas of hazy science are interesting.

They usually work on the principle that if science hasn't yet found an explanation for something it means that the explanation is supernatural. For example, there is one group, with a large membership, that believes its founder is in contact with an intelligent entity on Venus.

Venus is a horrible place. In the 1950s, when communication was first claimed, we had no real idea of what it was like. We just knew that it was covered in a thick cloud layer. Today we know that its surface is hotter than the hottest household oven, and it has an atmospheric pressure equal to that more than half a mile beneath the surface of the seas. There are also violent volcanoes and massive lightning bolts. I wonder had this been known in the 1950s if a world other than Venus would not have seemed more desirable as a residence for an "intelligent entity".

At this moment a tiny man-made spacecraft called Voyager 2 is heading silently towards the mysterious planet Uranus. Uranus is a giant world of which we have had only distant, fuzzy glimpses. Next January Voyager will flash past, taking photographs of the planet and its retinue of tiny dark moons.

It is sure to bring unexpected surprises.

When Voyager passed Jupiter and Saturn it astounded us. Why didn't any of these cosmic megabrain give us the tip off? If they had said: "On Io you will find cold sulphur volcanoes," for example, those few words would have established their credibility. Their silence spoke volumes.

Part of the problem is that science generally gets a poor Press, and accounts of alien spaceships, ancient astronauts and suchlike are frequently the only examples of scientific popularization available. These philosophies trade on a vast untapped public interest in the deepest scientific questions but, instead of approaching this with an open mind, they peddle prejudice, sloppy scholarship and outrageous wishful thinking.

There is a distinction to be made between those who originate and promote such ideas and those who follow them. Those who follow are often impressed by the grandeur of such philosophies and the knowledge and insight they give. In fact, this is a remarkably scientific attitude, but distorted by the "anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about" school of thought.

It is time we started pouring tough criticism on these shoddy ill-thought out doctrines and let real science, infinitely more interesting, shine through. We are searching for life in space and could find it any time. But if we are alone, that is a truth worth knowing. At present there is no evidence that anyone has found any form of life in space unless someone can tell me unambiguously what Voyager 2 will find at Uranus in January.

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'Sun' spooks readers with Wales' tale

By Bill Bair
 The Ledger

LAKE WALES — If this story was on television, the music you would be hearing would be the theme to "The Twilight Zone."

Welcome to Lake Wales, a place where gravity has lost its grip, people become strangely disoriented and unidentified flying objects routinely light up the night sky.

You have just entered "Florida's tiny Devil's Triangle."

This is for real. It says so right there on page 13 of this week's Sun, a national tabloid sold in supermarkets.

It's the same issue as the stories about the man who uses alligators for guard dogs and the woman whose dead husband talks to her through her pet parrot.

While city officials say they don't recall events reported in the story, they have not exactly refuted it. "I'm not going to say it's not true," says Police Chief John Busbee.

But Busbee adds that it has been at least 15 years since UFOs were reported to his department. Those calls, it was later learned, were from motorists driving on State Road 60 east of town who had seen flares being dropped at the Avon Park Bombing Range.



File photo

Tourists stop to investigate legendary Spook Hill.

But the Sun quotes a Lake Wales police officer, who asked to remain anonymous because "no one would trust my credibility."

The officer said he had seen UFOs in the area of Spook Hill, adding that many people become "light-headed" while walking on the hill.

"It ain't me," said one officer Wednesday. Other officers also denied having seen any UFOs in the area.

"I haven't even heard any squad-room gossip," Busbee said.

"There are forces at work here that

nobody understands," says the Sun of Lake Wales.

"I've never seen one yet," says Chamber Manager Carl Durso. "The only UFOs I've seen were in Star Wars."

The article includes Spook Hill, where cars appear to roll uphill, as an unusual phenomenon. It says the hill has drawn "psychic investigators and the just-plain curious from around the globe" and that the "laws of gravity don't apply."

Local residents say anyone with a level can figure out for themselves that the Please see Spook on page 10A

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Spook Hill makes 'Sun'

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 hill is an optical illusion.

But the Sun says the hill amazes tourists "and some are frightened." Others, the article claims, become disoriented and lightheaded around the hill.

"Now I know why I get light-headed," City Manager Ron Russell said.

"I haven't disappeared lately," Russell added.

Meanwhile, the article says one resident of Lake Wales regularly sees UFOs late at night. "The objects are round, with flashing colored lights, and they have what appear to be windows," resident Jamie Townsend is quoted.

The story says Lake Wales residents "accept these strange phenomena as a natural part of growing up."

Welcome to Lake Wales: "Cars roll uphill, defying the

Florida's tiny Devil's Triangle

CARS ROLL uphill, defying the laws of gravity. UFOs appear regularly and people have bizarre psychic experiences in Florida's little Devil's Triangle. Lake Wales, FL, and its infamous 'Spook Hill' are drawing psychic investigators and the best-plate-outlets from around the globe. How the laws of gravity don't apply. Banishes, cars, and other objects roll uphill, strange things happen in the air, and people become disoriented on the ground.

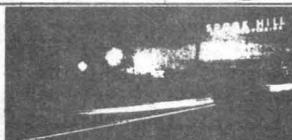
...where objects reverse gravity

Amazed

Spook Hill looks like an ordinary hill, but that's where the resemblance ends.

Motorists driving along see the uphill grade, and a sign that challenges them to "Stop on white line, take your car out of gear, and let it roll back."

Those who do are amazed—and some are



MYSTERIOUS SPOOK HILL draws only objects roll uphill here, what causes psychic researchers & the curious from people to find strangely disoriented, see many UFO sightings in the area.

Does now glue broken bones

SCIENTISTS HAVE discovered a new natural cement that will let doctors glue

When the finely ground compound is mixed with water or a dilute acid, the material sets in 10 to 15 minutes.

Dental Association can give the cement, works without any toxicity. The material may be used on fill cavities and

AP photo

Inside the 'Sun,' Lake Wales' Spook Hill.

laws of gravity, UFOs appear regularly and people have bizarre psychic experiences in Florida's little Devil's Triangle."

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UFO Sighting Sends Theories Flying

By TRACY GORDON
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Courant Staff Writers

TORRINGTON — More than 200 people saw it hovering over Highland Lake Thursday night, a narrow bar of lights illuminating the clear January sky. Some stopped their cars in hope — or fear — that they were witnessing a close encounter, while others called police.

Authorities offered different explanations for the sightings over the lake, just west of Route 8 in Winsted, which were reported between 8 p.m.

and 8:30 p.m. Small planes flying in formation was the most common theory, and one police officer said he thought they were ultra-light aircraft.

And although those who spotted the lights offered differing descriptions of what they saw, they agreed on one point — it did not look like airplanes.

"It looks like a cigar with square windows," said Winsted Building Inspector Joanne Williams, who drew a sketch of the sighting to show her co-workers Friday morning. "This thing of it being aircraft flying in formation is a lot of crap."

Philip Imbrogno of Fairfield, who is a field investigator for the Center for UFO Research in Phoenix, Ariz., said Friday that similar sightings have been reported at cities and towns on the East Coast by thousands of viewers since 1983.

"I received calls last night from very excited residents who said they saw things that were not of this world. I've heard this over and over again for the past three years. No one has ever identified it," Imbrogno said.

He disputed the theory of small aircraft flying in formation because "it would be almost impossible; de-

scriptions that we were getting said the planes would have to be flying six inches away from each other."

"It's a UFO. I don't know what it is. It could be an experimental aircraft," he said Friday.

Witnesses said they watched the object hover over the area for 15 minutes. Descriptions of the craft ranged from a long object with brilliant white lights to a vehicle with flashing green and red lights.

"It is a boomerang-shaped pattern of lights es slowly and hovered red, white

and green. It makes a humming sound. It is quiet," Im

Williams said she had been driving over a road near Bradley International Airport in Hartford for the past decade.

She made it her hobby to watch aircraft approach the airport.

Although the airport is not visible from the hill — which is about 1,100 feet about sea level — many of the planes are, she said.

When she saw the object Thursday night, she pulled her car to the side of the road to watch it because it looked nothing like the commercial aircraft that she usually sees descending to the runways.

"I was going to call the police to see if anyone else saw it and I was afraid to. They'll think this lady's missing a marble," Williams said, adding that she was relieved to find out she was not alone.

The Torrington Police Department reported it had received more than 200 phone calls from puzzled residents.

One Torrington police officer, who asked not to be identified, said he saw the object while standing on top of the hill in Harwinton.

"I got up on the top of the hill in Harwinton and I could see this V formation like a bat. I thought at

first it was a big airplane, but it looked like it was standing still," the officer said.

Paul Johnston, control tower chief at Bradley International Airport, said there were no indications of anything unusual on radar. But witnesses said the aircraft was hovering at about 1,000 feet, a level that would not be picked up by the airport's radar in the Torrington area.

One explanation was that a formation of small planes has been flying out of Dutchess County Airport in Dutchess County, N.Y.

"There has been a rumor floating around for a couple of years that small, light aircraft have been flying over the area in formation," Larry Graber, director of the airport, said. "That has not been an uncommon report. They make themselves look like a UFO."

Michael O. Ciccarelli, spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration in Boston, said that about a year ago, planes flying in formation were spotted in the Connecticut area.

"We went through this before in Connecticut. It could just be sort of a club that flies. As long as they are flying safely and they are following visual flight rules," he said. Flying in formation is not against FAA regulations, Ciccarelli said.

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Was strange light Sunday a plane, comet or UFO?

Several people in Iowa County — including the sheriff — have reported seeing a strange light in the sky Sunday night. But it may have been only an airplane landing light.

Jean and Bob Ellarson of rural Barneveld, both experienced outdoor observers, said they saw the light while driving west on Zwetler Road in the town of Vermont at about 9:45 p.m. The light, Jean Ellarson said, didn't seem to be moving at all.

They stopped their car and rolled down a window.

"All of a sudden, the thing started coming toward us — and I mean fast," she said. "It was like a big bright star. There were no blinking lights, no red and green — like you might see on a plane — and there was no noise. It moved very fast, then swung off toward Highway 14.

"It has to be a UFO, whatever that means," she said.

"I just think it was an airplane with the landing light on," said Sheriff Nick Basting, who spotted it from his patrol car south of Mineral Point. "I wouldn't swear to it, but that's what I think it was."

Basting said he spotted the light not long after seeing some flashing lights. He didn't hear any noise and reported that the light traveled in a straight line.

Basting said he suspects it might have been someone up in a plane looking for a Madison woman who

was reported lost while skiing in Blue Mound State Park. The woman, reported missing at 7 p.m., was found at about 11 p.m. at a farmhouse near the park.

Basting said he has not received any reports of anyone using a plane in the search.

A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Administration at the Dane County Regional Airport control tower said he could not say whether controllers knew of an airplane involved in the search.

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UFO, man tells police

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A FURNACE Green resident has told police he saw an unidentified flying object over Tilgate Park on Sunday night.

He said it was a big red star, which turned white, became smaller and then disappeared, at about 11 pm.

"It was not reported to us until the following day, so we could not get out and check it," said a police spokesman. "There have been no other reported sightings."

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Unidentified flying objects are thriving in Italy, whatever their fortunes elsewhere. Since the phenomenon was first observed, in the form of a flying saucer, in 1947, there have been 450 recorded instances of UFOs in the peninsula. A congress of "ufologists" here recently took stock of current circumstances and reviewed a voluminous chronology of UFO sightings, as yet unpublished, by prominent ufologist Maurizio Verga. Just the other day there were two such sightings, although the word could properly be applied to only one of them: The other was invisible to the naked eye and only appeared as a blip on a radar screen in Padua. Most of the recorded instances come under the heading of "close encounters," that is, they have rational settings, and only a few cases defy any kind of explanation, technical or scientific. As for actual contact with extraterrestrial beings, Verga is cautious and says there is no substantiated case, while Dr. Massimo Cantoni, another ufologist, averred forthrightly that anyone who claims to have such contacts is "experiencing a psychic disturbance." Meanwhile, Verga says that those cases which have no apparent explanation, which are "mysteries," are the ones "which excite our passion."

Passion

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RETIRED Hartlepool newsagent Jack Kramer (left) could not believe his eyes when he glanced out of his window of his Hart Lane home.

For he saw what he thinks was an Unidentified Flying Object sinking to the ground.

But Mr Kramer who used to own a newsagent's shop in

Murray Street, was not the only person to witness the strange phenomena — the lights were also seen by his wife Joyce, daughter-in-law Karen and grandson Paul.

"I just happened to look out of the window and saw this peculiar arrangement of lights sinking down towards

the ground, somewhere over the Grayfields area," he said.

"There were four of us in the house at the time and we all saw it."

Mr Kramer said the U.F.O., which was made up of a circle of white lights, disappeared from sight despite his efforts to keep it in view.

"Where it went to and what it was I don't know, but there is no way we imagined it," added Mr Kramer.

The family had their close encounter at about 4.30 p.m. on Saturday.

A spokesman for Hartlepool police said he had not heard of any similar sightings for that time.

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UFOs

Is Michigan a prime landing site for travelers from other worlds?

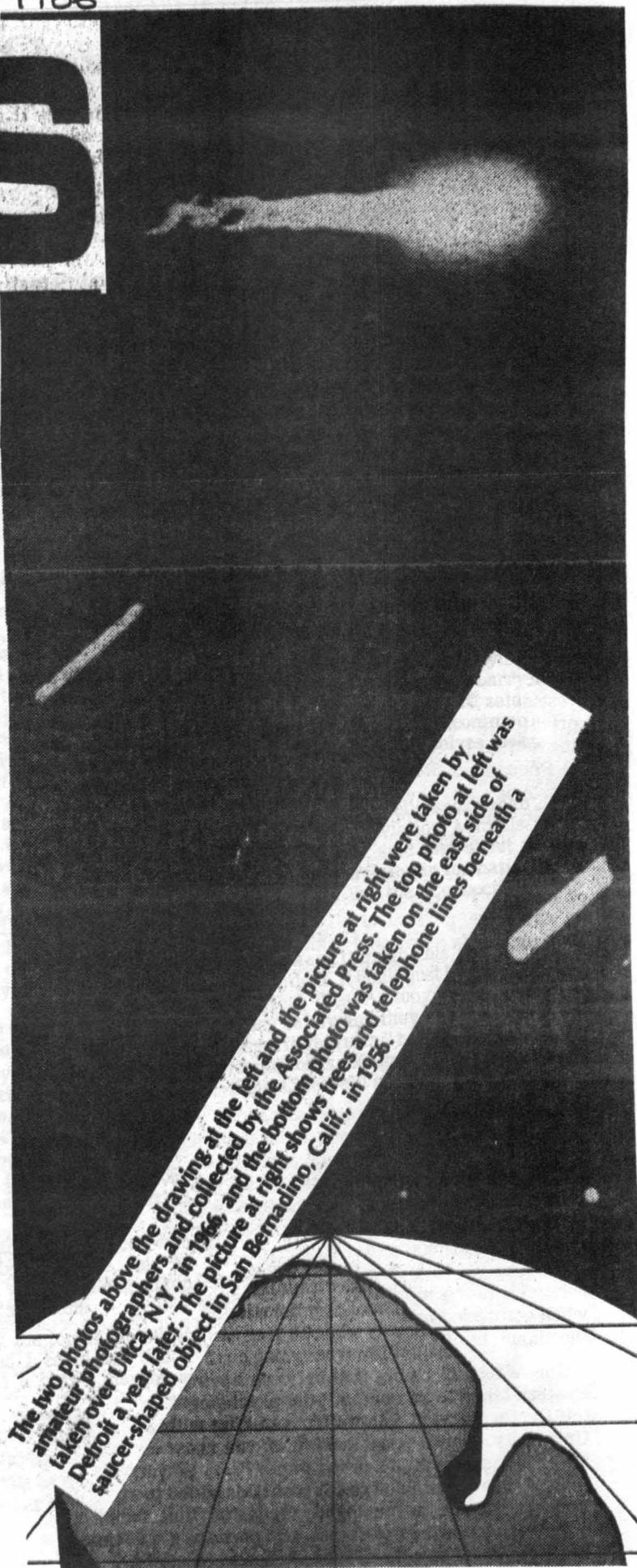
STORIES By ANNE BEEBE
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NEWS SPECIAL WRITER, STAFF ARTIST

How do you say, 'Say-leen'?" Charles Silva appealed in a soft Spanish accent to his audience, "Saline," answered several voices on the other side of the footlights at the Marquis Theatre in Northville.

With that question of pronunciation answered, Silva calmly explained that a base for extraterrestrial craft may be located on the outskirts of the upscale Washtenaw County town just five miles southwest of Ann Arbor. Silva is "David," the psychic and spiritual mentor to actress Shirley MacLaine in her best-selling book, "Out on a Limb."

In fact, Silva explained in a later interview with The Ann Arbor News, extraterrestrials tend to gravitate to the Great Lakes region. Not that gravity, literally, has anything to do with it. Some who believe that unidentified flying objects (UFOs) are craft from another world say water may be the attraction that brings alien sojourners to Michigan.

The two photos above the drawing at the left and the picture at right were taken by amateur photographers and collected by the Associated Press. The top photo at left was taken over Ujica, N.Y., in 1966, and the bottom photo was taken on the east side of Detroit a year later. The picture at right shows trees and telephone lines beneath a saucer-shaped object in San Bernardino, Calif., in 1956.



Silva spoke to about 150 persons at a fall workshop sponsored by the Gilchrist Group, a metaphysical research organization based in New York and Detroit. It was the first time he had revealed himself publicly as the mysterious "David" from MacLaine's book, the guide who taught the actress about visitors from other worlds and introduced her to other metaphysical phenomena.

Silva said his reference to a possible UFO base in Saline was predicated on information passed on to him by a town resident, who requested that his name not be used in a News article. One ufology theory is that spacecraft return to previous landing sites via established energy shafts or channels, which are invisible to the casual observer. Silva told the News that he thinks there are several such potential locations in the Ann Arbor vicinity.

The psychic said he has received confirma-

tion of Michigan's receptivity to ETI based on his continued communication with other entities on what he calls the "astral plane" through deep meditation. For the layperson, Silva likened astral communication to "controlled dreaming." In psychic circles, astral projection is also referred to as "out-of-body" travel.

The U.S. government no longer officially investigates UFOs, so The News contacted three private organizations, the Michigan chapter of the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization in Tucson, Ariz., and the Advanced Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., for an appraisal of Michigan's ranking in the UFO-sightings poll.

The UFO statistics are elusive, according to all three private, volunteer organizations. Given that 85-90 percent of all reported sightings are eventually attributed to known natural phenomena, "We're not interested so much in the numbers as the content of a sighting," explained Bob Marsland, spokesperson for the Tucson group.

"From time to time, various parts of the U.S. become hot" in terms of sightings, he added.

Local ufologists — persons who study UFOs — differ in their impressions about the intensity of contact in Michigan and specifically the southeastern portion of the state. Dan Wright, regional and state director of the international MUFON, says Michigan is about par for reported UFO sightings and extraterrestrial contacts. The Western Hemisphere, however, has relatively heavy numbers of reported sightings when compared to the Eastern Hemisphere of the planet, he observes.

Ron Westrum, a professor of sociology at Eastern Michigan University and consultant to the Center for UFO Studies at Northwestern University, says the Bermuda Triangle is "dull" compared to the UFO sightings and related phenomena in Michigan.

Independent of each other, Wright is investi-

gating a possible correlation between UFOs and Michigan topography, while Gilchrist director Robert Flower is writing a book, grounded in mathematics, that proposes that energy meridians ("lay lines" in Gilchrist metaphysics) are the major determinants of levels of anomalous or "irregular" activities. Water, as a conducting agent for that energy, may affect its levels logarithmically, he proposes.

Wright emphasizes that he is not a student of metaphysics, but approaches ufology as the examination of physical, natural phenomena.

If not by the numbers, Michigan definitely is on the charts in terms of the quality of reported contacts, Wright indicates. One of the most highly publicized incidents in Michigan ufology took place March 20, 1966, at the Frank Mannor farm just north of Dexter. Mannor and his son saw what they described as a brown sphere with a "quilted effect" on its surface and with winking colored lights. The craft, hovering above the Mannor's land, disappeared and then reappeared some 500 feet from Mannor and his son Ronald, then 18.

The Mannor sighting was confirmed by a neighbor, Robert Wagner. At nearby locations that night, two Washtenaw County sheriff's deputies, two detectives and police from Dexter and Chelsea also reported seeing a UFO.

Six days prior to the Mannor incident, Washtenaw County sheriff's deputies reported four UFOs flying in "tight formation" over Waters Road in Lima Township, west of Ann Arbor. Sighting of a lone object was corroborated by five other police agencies. On the same night, a cluster of four UFOs was seen with the naked eye, but not on radar, by Air Force personnel at the Selfridge Air Force Base in Mt. Clemens, northeast of Detroit.

A spokesperson for the base told The News that no Air Force craft were flying over the area at the time of the sightings.

Three days before the Mannor farm incident, police had filed another UFO report, this time consisting of three alleged craft. The News described an Air Force spokesperson as "shrugging off the 'flying saucer' reports," saying, "We know only there have been no unfriendly objects in the skies over this area" and reiterating the statement that no Air Force vehicles were involved. No reference was made to the four UFOs spotted by base personnel.

The day after the Mannor sighting, William Van Horn, civil defense director at Hillsdale College, reported that he and a group of coeds watched an "object from the northeast, flashing by their window, disappearing to the south of them and reappearing over the area and descending to where we observed it," The News said.

Van Horn later contended that his report was distorted by the Air Force to consist only of "lights that seemed to move." Van Horn said he told the military investigator that "at one time I could make out a convex surface between the two lights which I estimated at 25 feet between," according to The News.

The sightings of that period including detailed descriptions of objects by approximately 40 law enforcement officials in southeastern Michigan and northern Ohio, according to a News summary.

Wright says that an astrophysicist was recruited by the military and charged with "finding an explanation" for the supposed invasion. The astrophysicist, J. Alan Hynek of Northwestern University, dismissed

the flap with his now-famous "swamp gas" theory — that the illusion of spaceships was created by the light emitted in a natural chemical reaction produced above swampland under certain conditions.

Hynek later retracted his statement, claiming the media had mistakenly applied it to the Mannon case. He said he couldn't explain that particular incident. A ufology convert, Hynek went on to become director of the Evanston, Ill., study center for UFOs.

Despite what Hynek called a climate of public "hysteria," the elder Mannon was unswerving: "I spent time on army maneuvers in the swamps of Louisiana during World War II," he was quoted in The News as saying. "I've seen plenty of swamp gas. This wasn't it. We saw what we saw, all right."

After the sighting, the Mannors were subjected to the scrutiny of the military and academia, as well as the glare of international media. People gawked and threw trash at their home. Ronald Mannon declined a News request for an interview for this story.

At the time of the Mannon sighting, News reporter William B. Trembl noted in his story that "The original point of last night's sighting was at almost exactly the spot where Charles Wiedman of . . . Dexter Township reported a flying object more than five years ago."

In a separate statement, ufologist Wright said his research indicates that UFO flaps tend to occur in waves spaced about five years apart.

Then-Congressman Gerald R. Ford of Grand Rapids requested that the Air Force study the rash of sightings. That study was incorporated into Project Blue Book, the third phase of the military's examination

of the UFO phenomenon since 1948.

Formerly called Project Sign and then Project Grudge, Project Blue Book concluded: "No UFO reported, investigated and evaluated by the Air Force has ever given any indication of threat to our national security. There has been no evidence submitted or discovered by the Air Force that sightings categorized as 'unidentified' are extraterrestrial vehicles."

Of 12,618 sightings examined by the study, 710 remained unexplained.

Despite the Air Force's public dismissal of ufology in 1969, Wright says the government has continued classified investigations of the phenomenon. Under the Freedom of Information Act, ufology organizations have been able to obtain some 6,000 pages of "UFO-related" material from military and intelligence sources, he says.

All UFO records were transferred to the National Archives, a Pentagon source told the News this fall. "Since the termination of the project, the policy's been pretty much 'Don't discuss UFOs,'" he said, "... I don't think anybody will discuss it. In fact, there's no office to go to. I'm saying more about it than I usually do."

Silva, however, believes the question of the origin of UFOs is passe. "The most interesting thing is the message, not the polemics of whether UFOs or ETI (extraterrestrial intelligence) exists," he said.

That message, imparted to him by the alien Rama — called "Maya" in MacLaine's book — goes something like this, Silva said: "We live in a world of turmoil. We are living out the apocalyptic moments of

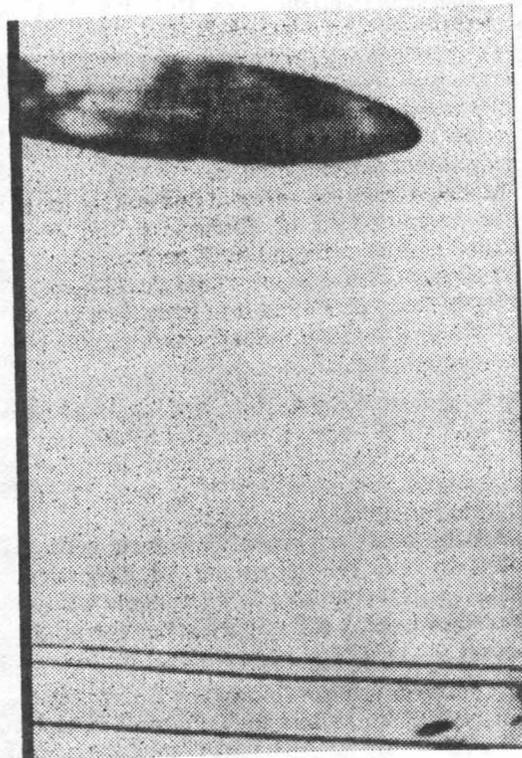
earth. But, in the midst of this gloom is a patch of blue, and that is for us to look inside ourselves to understand what God really is . . . within ourselves, and then to love our fellow human beings with clarity of thought and coherence of action, applying this philosophy every moment of our lives."

The alien Rama, who Silva said appeared to him in human form, also showed him how to distinguish between his physical body and his spiritual or energetic body, he claimed. That demonstration, the psychic said, was reminiscent of both resurrection and reincarnation.

Silva also explained the overlap between the metaphysical and physical aspects of ETI in terms of their capacity to transcend the normal space-time constraints of Earth. In essence, he said, ETI is both extraterrestrial and extra-dimensional.

Silva stressed to The News that he was only a guest of the Gilchrist Group, which sponsored his recent lecture in Northville. He explained that although confident in their own perceptions, neither he nor MacLaine wishes to be associated with any institution. MacLaine currently is shooting a television mini-series of her spiritual odysseys, including a trek through the Andes Mountains with Silva as her guide. The show is slated for television broadcast this spring.

Silva also told The News that, three months after his arrival in the United States, he is contemplating retirement from the American lecture circuit. "It's just too hard on me," he said. "I'm basically a shy person."



'UFO' SIGHTINGS EXPLAINED

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Report by Maurice Smith

THE "UFO" sighted in by two Armadale policemen last week was more likely to be a meteorite falling from space, the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh said this week.

Spokesman Mr Russell Eberst said that gases given off by a fireball as it approaches the earth would account for the bright orange image spotted by Sergeant Jim Begg and PC Tom Murphy as they sat in their patrol car last Monday night.

STRANGE

Two similar sightings on different evenings have been made locally. One man who saw the strange object in the sky, Mr Fraser Mitchell, promptly took a snapshot (pictured right).

And unemployed Seafield teenager Howard Kelly reported a similar sighting on December 30 — one week before the two policemen's encounter at Armadale.

Howard (16), 20 Cousland Terrace, was returning home from Bathgate on his motorcycle at around 8.30 p.m. when he saw a bright orange pole-shaped light in the sky to the east of Seafield.

Howard was so excited he dashed home and reported his experience to the Royal Observatory. "I really got a good look at the shape, which was travelling very quickly before disappearing into the ground," he said.

SHAPE

"I have seen shooting stars before, but this was nothing like that. It was a clear night and the moon was out, and I saw the shape just as I passed Redhouse School going towards Seafield."

News of last week's sighting by the two policemen prompted Pol-

both man Fraser Mitchell to report a similar experience he and his girlfriend, Jill Totten, had one night before Christmas.

COUPLE

The young couple were returning home from the cinema when they saw a bright orange object.

The couple sat in Fraser's car for around 30 seconds watching the object before he dashed into his home at Chapelton cottage and returned with his camera to take this shot.

HORIZON

"The object stayed on the horizon above Seafield, about one-and-a-half miles away for about five minutes, before dropping below the trees and out of sight," said Fraser.

The incident took place on December 14, at around 10 p.m.

Mr Eberst said that meteorites, or "fireballs", begin to vapourise, giving off a brightly-coloured trail, after they enter the atmosphere.

REPORTS

The Royal Observatory receive similar reports each month, and record all incidents. Mr Eberst added that man-made satellites falling back to earth can give a similar impression.

"Often people may think the object has landed nearby but it can, in fact, be many miles away. It is very important for people to record exact times and details of the direction and speed that an object is travelling," said Mr Eberst.

The UFO spotted over Seafield by Courier reader Mr Fraser Mitchell.



UFO

Was it Venus?

By NEAL KEELING

BRITAIN'S top UFO expert has shed light on the Edgworth "white glow" mystery.

The "extra-terrestrial" that held a family under virtual siege for three hours could have been the planet Venus or a bright star.

As reported in the Evening News on New Year's Eve, the owner of a remote farm ran terrified into his home and his daughter became hysterical when the

object loomed near the farm.

The shapeless white glow appeared low in the sky about five miles from the farm but at times it seemed to be within a few hundred yards.

The man phoned Air Traffic Control at Manchester who told him nothing had been picked up in the area on radar.

But Jenny Randles, director of investigations for the National British UFO Association, believes the mystery can be explained.

She said today: "Any bright

light low in the sky or on the horizon will give a distortion effect which can produce a very strange optical illusion.

"If it is against a completely black sky it can be interpreted by the mind in a strange way. The moon can give the same effect when it is low.

"The chances of any sighting being a UFO are remote. But the odds are even larger — about 9,000-1 — if the object remains in the area for three hours.

"Without speaking to the

people involved I do not want to be too specific about this particular case. But it is almost certain that there is an astronomical explanation. It could have been a bright star or Venus."

Jenny added that her association received reports of carbon-copy sightings several times a year.

"We had a case in September in Blackpool when a woman had reported being followed in her car by a white light for three hours. But that turned out to be Venus."

Jenny, who is the only full-time UFO expert in the country, and a professional writer on the subject, also revealed a possible explanation for the dramatic movement of the object.

"The object appears to be moving but in fact it is the person's eyes which are moving — a phenomena which scientists call auto-kinesis," she said.

The family who saw the object do not wish to be named. But they are now being quizzed by UFO experts.

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UFO sighting reports aren't so far-fetched

By George Hesselberg
Of The State Journal

I know the sister of a woman who saw a flying object, in Madison.

The woman doesn't call it a "UFO" because she certainly identified it as a flying object.

The woman I know is a quiet, somber, serious sort of person — traits she says she shares with her sister, the FO sighter. She is certainly not, to put it bluntly, a crackpot.

But the media have implied as much, sort of, in reporting her sighting. In this newspaper, for example, the brief story of her sighting was coupled with a headline that read: "Oh, oh, UFO: Two are sighted here." And the first line of the story was "Fade in with the tune from Twilight Zone."

So. Not because her sister knows me, but because the story is indeed strange and so detailed, here is the woman's own account of what she

Street Scenes

"It is after 11 p.m. on Nov. 19. The streets are deserted and all the houses dark. The only light comes from my car's headlights and a street light.

"Three lights above a row of trees, next to the East Madison Baptist Church (on Milwaukee Street), catch my eye. I assume they are the lights on a helicopter. The craft is descending towards a house on the north side of the street, and is now 10 feet above the road.

"I was curious, because if the craft continued on its present course it would crash into the house. So I decided to pull over to the curb, never taking my eyes off the lights.

"Surprisingly, it makes a sharp and graceful 90-degree turn just short of the curb. Now moving towards me, it rises slightly in the middle of the block. Ascending straight in several

feet in front of my car, the craft avoids hitting the powerlines.

"The street light illuminates one side and I can now make out its shape and color.

"The craft is triangular, about 12 feet in length and black. A light shines from the narrow nose. The body gradually widens but remains trim. Too trim for a person to be comfortably seated. A wide silver streak extends from the nose to the tail. The view is partially obstructed by a light. There are no wings, propellers or visible engines, and the craft moves in complete silence.

"It is not an aircraft and I continue to watch in complete fascination.

"Sweeping north, the craft hovers 12 to 15 feet above a house. The rear of the craft, about half the width of

the roof, now faces me.

"Two white lights flank the rear and a small red light is near the light on the right. Rectangular white lights flash on near the top and are blinking in rapid succession. The lights are moving in a seemingly circular motion. The bottom is slightly convex. The motion of the lights and the shape of the craft give it a 'flying saucer' appearance.

"I was frightened, so I left and called the Madison Police Department.

"After giving the description to the officer, he mentioned he had seen something similar about 12 years ago, and he asked me to draw what I had seen.

"A check was made to see if anything had been picked up by radar at

the Dane County Airport. Radar was not in operation at the time of the sighting, and I was told that radar would not have picked up anything at that height and it can easily be avoided."

The woman's story might have ended there, had not a fellow named John, a state employee, been driving on Highway CV near Chase Lumber at about 5 p.m. Nov. 22, three nights later. This is in the same general area where the woman had sighted the FO.

The man saw three white lights hovering 20 to 30 feet above a farmhouse, and he, too, thought he was watching a helicopter.

"Then I realized I didn't know what it was," he said, and described a craft that was roughly triangular, with its bottom sloped into contours.

He said it was noiseless and disappeared when he got out of his car to investigate.

A more thorough description he later provided included details that the woman also saw.

Sgt. Ray Warner, who calls himself a "born skeptic," and who saw a UFO 10 years ago, talked to the woman.

"She was real rational. She definitely saw something, I don't know what, but she saw something," said Warner.

None of the three, the woman, the man or the sergeant, is a crackpot. And the two FO sighters wanted to remain unidentified.

Fade out, to the tune of "Something happening here, just what it is, ain't exactly clear . . ."

Strange sightings?

UFO believers ban together

By PATRICK PETERSON
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Barbara Neilsen has a strong suspicion she would feel at home on another planet. Nearly certain UFOs have tried to contact her, she is ready to jump aboard if they return.

Sometimes people laugh, but Mrs. Neilsen doesn't care. "I just let them laugh. I've seen things other people wish they could see."

The 59-year-old housewife has four children and two grandchildren. Her husband works for the Navy and runs a lawnmower repair business. They live in a normal house in a normal neighborhood in a normal part of Virginia Beach.

Mrs. Neilsen says she is a normal person. It hurts when people laugh and insist she is wrong about UFOs. Most people would buckle under that kind of pressure. They

would change their minds and say they must have imagined the flying spaceships.

The Neilsen children have "outgrown their interest" in watching for UFOs, and Mrs. Neilsen's husband never showed any interest. The last time she spotted UFOs, in 1978, Neilsen wouldn't even get out of bed to go outside to see them.

But a small organization supports Mrs. Neilsen's convictions and doesn't laugh when she talks about UFOs — the UFO Contact Center International.

The organization was founded in 1981 to help the "untold thousands of men and women worldwide (who) have not only seen UFOs at close range but have had apparent direct contact with the occupants and pilots of such objects."

Say the founders, Dan and Aileen Edwards of Seattle, Wash.: "Most often these people are emotionally distressed over their unusual situations and turn to police, clergy and doctors who unsympathetically ridicule them and suggest psychiatric examination." Edwards says that, after being contacted by a UFO, people ask themselves, "Am I alone, and am I crazy?" Spouses, parents and loved ones who were not present generally do not understand the emotional turmoil caused by the contact.

Too many people have seen UFOs under similar circumstances for the sightings to be blamed on mental imbalance, says Edwards, who claims to have been contacted himself. Edwards says 22 chapters have been formed in the United States but has no total membership figure.

Last year, Mrs. Neilsen began a local chapter of the contact center. So far, about 10 people have joined. Several say they have come face to face with aliens.

Mrs. Neilsen sympathizes

with those who may be reluctant to talk about such experiences.

Though she's never seen an extraterrestrial being, one appeared in her subconscious mind. Later, her children saw the face she painted from that vision as a ghostly image on her television screen during a showing of "Planet of the Apes."

After they called her to the television, Mrs. Neilsen telephoned a former neighbor, who also reported seeing the image.

The image on the canvas has been seen by others who have confronted UFOs, she adds. "Since that time, people have been abducted (by extraterrestrial beings), and this is what they describe them looking like."

The creatures wear a tight collar, a double row of buttons and a sash across their coats. They have large, hairless heads with huge eyes and faces that taper to small noses, mouths and jaws.

Mrs. Neilsen does not think she was born of alien parents, but she often has felt out of place on Earth. "I have felt like an actress playing a role."

This displaced feeling is not the only thing that persuades her she has a connection with the people who fly UFOs. After sighting a UFO in her back yard Dec. 2, 1975, Ms. Neilsen suddenly realized two hours had disappeared without her being aware of how the time had passed.

She frequently has a ringing in her head. And minor wounds appear on her body — as though her skin had been punctured by some alien medical probe.

Others who have seen UFOs report similar experiences, says Edwards.

Ms. Neilsen says her closest encounter with UFOs was in November 1975. One evening during that time, her children spotted a light in the sky that looked like a round spacecraft with a tail. She sighted several more UFOs in her neighborhood that month.

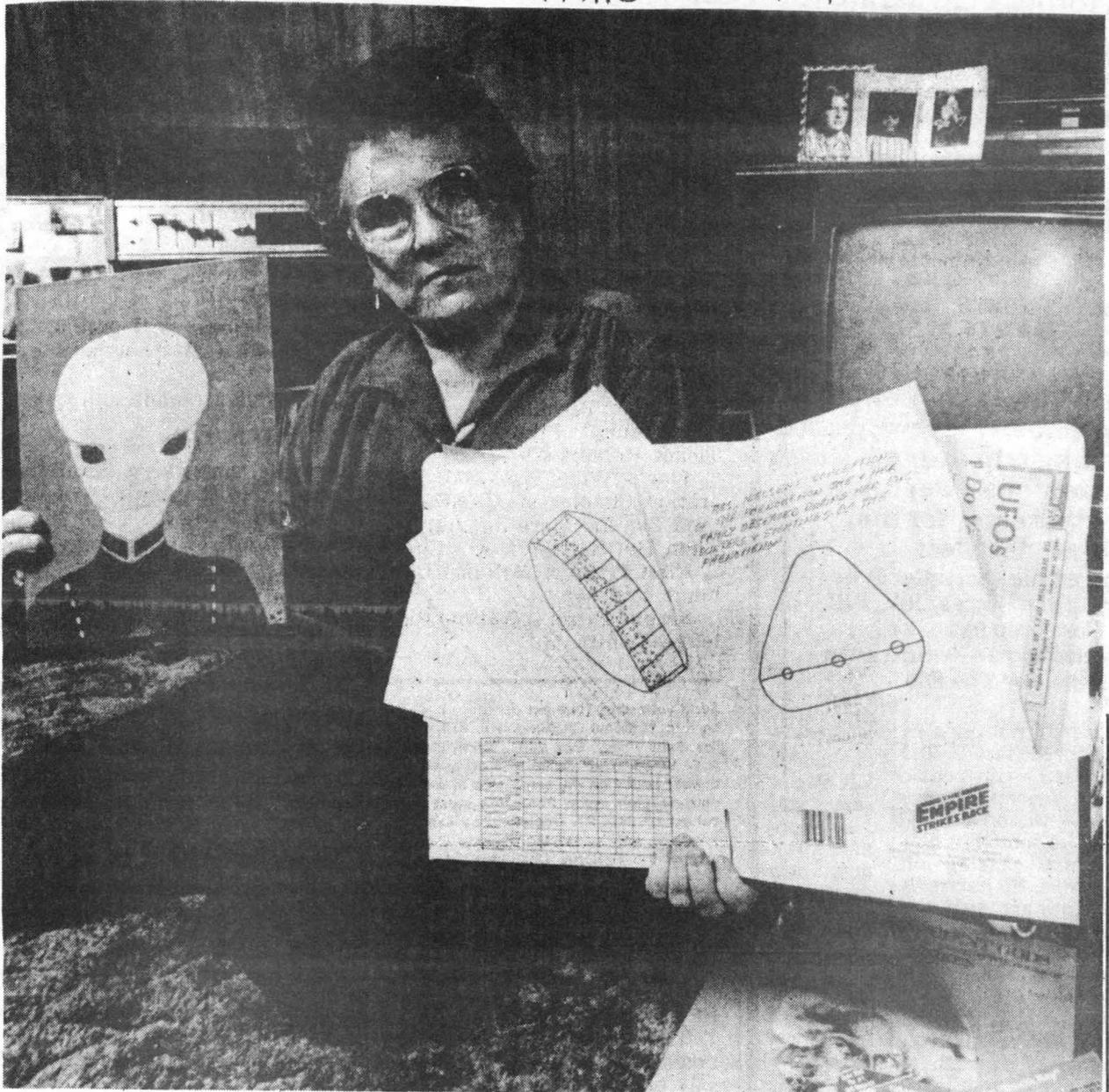
Her husband was away on a military assignment. Though she was questioned by police about the sightings, no conclusive evidence to prove them was found.

"It was like a whole fleet was in here. It got so after awhile we didn't even go out to see 'em. I said, 'Ho-Hum. There's another one.' It was like we had stepped into another dimension."

She says that on the evening of Nov. 6, 1975, a glowing, bell-shaped object hovered near the edge of her yard. It was about 6 feet long and had the word "local" written on it in lights, like an advertisement. Nothing appeared to be inside. "It had to be remote control," she says.

Mrs. Neilsen and her children watched the object but did not approach it. She now realizes it could have been trying to contact her. What the object tried to accomplish in her yard was not clear, but whoever sent it knows a great deal about the

STRANGER SIGHTINGS CON'T



Staff photo by MICHAEL DILLARD

Mrs. Neilsen displays sketches of UFO sightings, along with a painting she made of a UFO crew member she saw superimposed on TV while she was watching "Planet of the Apes."

Earth and is very cautious when dealing with humans, she says.

"They've been around for years. They're probably watching to see if we're going to blow ourselves to pieces. Why not? It may sound funny. But they've been seen by too many people noted for having good sense."

Mrs. Neilsen says the next time she comes close to a UFO, she will attempt to approach it and communicate. "I'm going to go out and talk."

Mrs. Neilsen does not deny the possibility she might be someone UFOs have chosen to take into space. "I wish," she says. "I'd feel a whole lot safer up there in a UFO than down here with all the rape, robbery, corruption and politics.

"Yes, indeedy."

Secret Govt. Reports Reveal:

Top U.S. Senator Saw Two UFOs

One of the most powerful U.S. senators in modern history actually eyewitnessed two UFOs while on a fact-finding trip through Russia in 1955 — and the U.S. government has kept the sightings a secret for more than three decades!

The incredible encounter is detailed in 12 top secret CIA, FBI and Air Force reports — only recently declassified — which have been obtained by The ENQUIRER.

Those startling reports reveal that Sen. Richard B. Russell Jr. (D-Ga.) — then chairman of the Armed Services Committee — was on a Soviet train when he spotted a disc-shaped aircraft taking off near the tracks. He hurriedly called his military aide and interpreter to the window — and they saw the UFO plus another one that appeared a minute later.

The astonished trio reported the sightings to the U.S. Air Force as soon as they were out of Russia.

"The three observers were firmly convinced that they saw a genuine flying saucer or flying disc," says an Air Force Intelligence report dated Oct. 14, 1955, and classified top secret at the time.

Sen. Russell served 38 years in the Senate. He was its senior member and one of the most influential senators at the time of his death in 1971. He was chairman of the Armed Services Committee from 1951 to 1969, and unsuccessfully sought the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1952.

Washington Kept It Under Wraps For 30 Years

The mind-boggling documents detailing his UFO encounter were made available exclusively to The ENQUIRER by the Fund for UFO Research and its chairman, U.S. Navy physicist Dr. Bruce Maccabee. Several key documents were obtained by the group through the Freedom of Information Act.

"These long-secret documents are of major importance because they show for the first time that one of the most powerful U.S. senators witnessed and reported a UFO," said Dr. Maccabee.

"This case is also unique because the CIA took the sighting seriously."

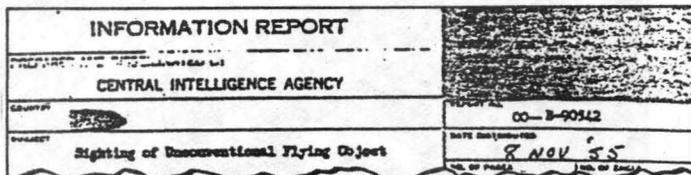
The Air Force Intelligence report says Russell and his two traveling companions spotted the UFOs on Oct. 4, 1955, while traveling by rail across Russia's Transcaucasian region.

"One disc aircraft ascended almost vertically, at a relatively slow speed, with its outer surface revolving slowly to the right, to an altitude of about 6,000 feet where its speed then increased sharply as it headed north," the report states.

"The second flying disc was seen performing the



RESPECTED Sen. Russell never publicly revealed what he had seen.



CIA report on "unconventional flying object."

same actions about one minute later. The take-off area was about 1-2 miles south of the rail line ..."

Russell "saw the first flying saucer or flying disc ascend and pass over the train" and went "rushing in to get Mr. Efron (Ruben Efron, his interpreter) and Col. Hathaway (E.U. Hathaway, his aide) to see it," the report said.

"Col. Hathaway stated that he got to the window with the Senator in time to see the first (UFO) while Mr. Efron said that he got only a short glimpse of the first. However, all three saw the second disc and all agreed that they saw the same round, disc-shaped aircraft ... as the first."

The Air Force report was written by Lieut. Col. Thomas Ryan, who interviewed Sen. Russell's companions in Prague, Czechoslovakia, on October 13 after they arrived there from Russia shortly after the sighting.

In his report, Col. Ryan called the sightings "an eyewitness account of the ascent and flight of an unconventional aircraft ... by three highly reliable United States observers."

He added that Col. Hathaway led off his account of the sightings by saying: "I doubt if you're going to believe this, but we all saw it. Sen. Russell was the first to see this flying saucer ... we've been told for years that there isn't such a thing but all of us saw it ..."

CIA documents show that the agency later interviewed the three eyewitnesses in the Russell party — and also a fourth person, unidentified in the reports, who had seen the UFOs.

An eyewitness — whose name was blacked out on the

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EYEWITNESSES in Stalingrad with an unidentified Russian woman.
L. to r.: Aide Ruben Efron, Senator Russell and Col. Hathaway.

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Lt Col. Hathaway proved to be an excellent observer and Mr. Efron had kept detailed notes which he referred to for times and places. Hathaway led off with "I doubt if you're going to believe this but we all saw it. Sen. Russell was the first to see this flying saucer and he called us to the window, and we both saw the second one (pointing to EFRON who nodded yes). We've been told for years that there isn't such a thing but all of us saw it, including Sen Russell. (It was emphasized that Sen. Russell saw the first flying saucer or flying disc ascend and pass over the train on a northerly course, taking off from the left side of the train's direction, which places the take-off area on the south side

CLASSIFIED report details Russell's sightings.

CIA report prior to its declassification — said one of the UFOs "had a slight dome on top" and also a "white light on top." The edge of the disc was glowing pinkish-white, he added.

The UFO rose "vertically with the glow moving slowly around the perimeter in a clockwise direction, giving the appearance of a pinwheel."

Interpreter Ruben Efron told the CIA that visibility was excellent. As one UFO approached the train, he said, "the object gave the impression of gliding. No noise was heard and no exhaust glow or trail was seen by me."

After the encounter, Sen.

Russell told the men with him: "We saw a flying saucer. I wanted you boys to see it so that I would have witnesses," according to the CIA documents.

And an FBI memo dated Nov. 4, 1955, also discusses the sighting — and admitted Col. Hathaway's testimony "would support existence of a flying saucer ..."

Dr. Maccabee of the Fund for UFO Research believes that Sen. Russell and his group never publicly revealed their incredible sightings "because they were no doubt advised not to talk.

"These documents provide startling new evidence that UFOs exist."

— DAN SCHWARTZ



Checking out close encounters of an alien kind

■ Watch out for those close encounters when you take a walk across Palmer Park.

By CHRIS EARY

A READING man claims to have had a close encounter of the third kind — meeting an alien, according to Berkshire UFO researcher Stephen Chetwynd.

Stephen, from Old Windsor, has investigated two close encounters, one in Reading and one in Bracknell.

British UFO Research Association member Stephen said: "The witness had been out walking in a park when he was approached by beings and taken to a ship, given an examination and the next minute was back in the park, having lost two hours."

The witness later saw images in his room at night, and felt that a "higher intelligence" was trying to make contact.

Mystery

Although many would scoff, Stephen keeps an open mind on the subject. "I didn't feel the witness was lying to me. They felt they had seen something, whether it was a hallucination or something external to them I can't say," he said.

He has been investigating UFO sightings for almost ten years, and says that although 95 to 97 per cent of

sightings can be explained, there are still several incidents that remain a mystery.

"Actual evidence of alien visitation is very difficult to see," he said. "I don't think there's any definite evidence that we have been visited."

"We could speculate about what people see. People are seeing strange and inexplicable things in the sky, but it's hard to prove what they are."

Lights in the sky are not a lot of use he says, because they are so intangible and hard to draw any conclusions from.

He believes the worlds of UFO's and psychic phenomena overlap, and is interested in the state of mind that may produce feelings like a close encounter experience.

"We tend to be left with 5-10 per cent of incidents which we find very difficult to explain under normal circumstances or in a normal way," he said.

Next time you are in Palmer Park, keep your eyes open, just in case.



■ Stephen Chetwynd — UFO researcher.

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Identified objects

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THREE recent UFO sightings in West Lothian can probably be attributed to falling meteorites, the Royal Observatory said yesterday. The reports, made on separate occasions over the past month by two policemen, a young couple, and an unemployed teenager, involved very similar sightings of a long, narrow, bright-orange object speeding towards the ground.