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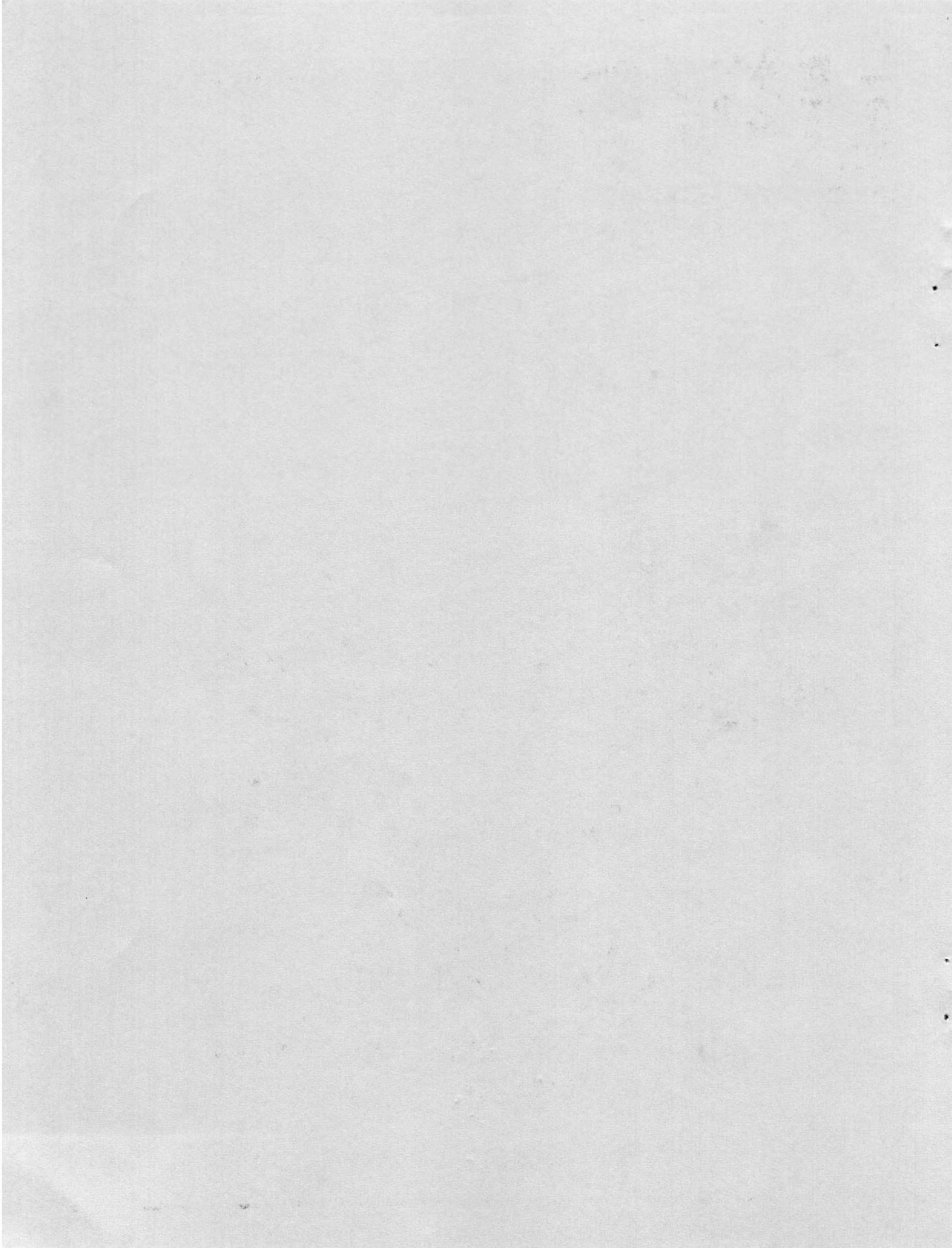
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'Flying
object'
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cover-up
alleged

REPORTS of a huge unidentified flying object the size of a football pitch led yesterday to allegations of a cover-up by the authorities.

Mr Dennis Harriman, the chief investigator of the National UFO Investigation Society, says he has met with a wall of silence from officialdom in spite of being contacted by more than 300 people claiming to have seen the same object.

The mystery UFO first made its appearance over Nottingham early last month but since then similar reports have come from Sussex, Humberside, Leicestershire, Yorkshire and Derbyshire.

Mr Harriman said yesterday: "The police are worried. They have seen these objects in the sky but are doing nothing about it and are being told to withhold information from the public.

"They have passed on three reports to me but kept back more than 300. I know they have had these reports, because people who contact me tell me they have also contacted the police."

One eye-witness, Mr Edward Fell, of Long Eaton, Derbyshire said: "The UFO had a bright white light at the front and a row of red lights down the side. It was 20 or 30 times the size of the planes that fly over here, and was only a few hundred feet above me. It made a deep throbbing sound and was several hundred yards long.

But a police spokesman said yesterday: "We have had only a handful of reports and there was no evidence of any planes being in the area at the time."

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UFO COVER-UP
CLAIM

by Barry Heafield

A DRAYCOTT Unidentified Flying Object investigator is accusing the authorities of a massive cover-up over widespread UFO sightings.

Mr Dennis Harriman, local coordinator of the National UFO Investigation Society, says he has met with a "wall of silence" from officialdom over recent sightings, which were reported all over the area.

"I had 90 calls on Wednesday and the tally is getting on for 300 now," said Mr Harriman.

"People phoning me are worried — there are so many of these things, but no one is doing anything about them. The police are being told to withhold information from the public.

"They say they have only had a handful of reports, but I know that to be a lie because more people have rung me up and said they have submitted reports.

Also, there were eight policemen, I am told, who saw the UFOs over Nottingham, but they have not come forward."

Mr Harriman said an informant told him the police had over 100 calls reporting UFO sightings earlier this month, but has passed only three on to him.

From Staffordshire across Leicestershire and Derbyshire into Nottinghamshire people reported strange lights in the sky on an object the size of a football pitch travelling very slowly and accompanied by a deep hum.



Dennis Harriman

In Long Eaton, Mr Edward Fell said he got out of his car on Bridge Street to watch the spectacle: "There was a very bright light coming towards me and five red lights along side.

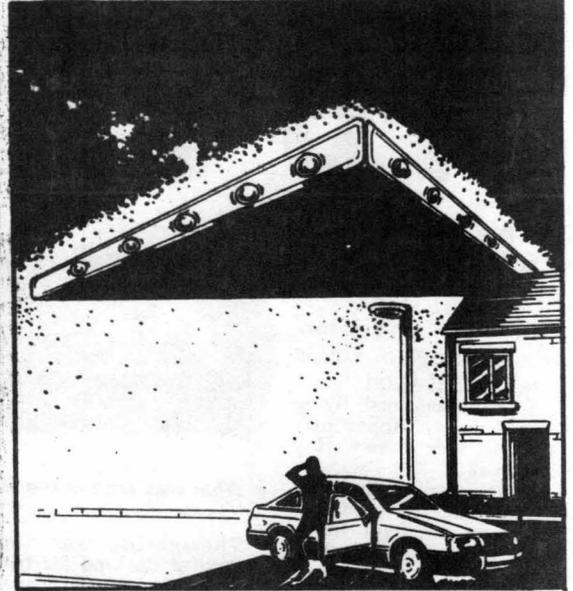
"The impression I got was that it was tremendous. I knew it was huge — 20 or 30 times the size of a normal aircraft and it made a distinctive deep throbbing noise."

But Nottinghamshire Police HQ denied they had received many reports and certainly not of any football pitch sized flying objects.

A spokesman said: "We had a handful of reports of lights in the sky, but certainly we heard nothing of anything else the size of a football pitch.

"There was a micra light aircraft in the area at the time — that might have been it."

Mr Harriman also said one of the UFOs had passed directly over the control tower at East Midlands International Airport at Castle Donington.



● Trader artist Paul Moran's impression of the UFO

But a spokesman for the RAF bases and even graveyards for some reasons."

Mr Harriman said another report from a woman in Chilwell gave details of a triangular shaped UFO landing on a school playing field.

"She said it came down vertically," said Mr Harriman, "and someone else heard the noise of crashing metal, but there were no car accidents.

"Reports are still coming in, the phone's ringing non-stop."

A great increase in the number of sightings has occurred since August 16, said Mr Harriman, and the colours on the UFOs vary from area to area, though they are always consistent.

"In Suffolk, they are always orange," he said, "here they are always red and white and they tend to appear over power stations,

Sitings have been of cigar-shaped objects with circular fronts and long strips of lights down the sides. They do not normally go over populated areas, according to Mr Harriman, but have been doing so since August.

The RAF try to intercept and follow the UFOs when they hear about them, but bullets shot at them have never harmed them, said Mr Harriman, and the UFOs are far faster and more manoeuvrable.

Most eye-witnesses to the recent UFOs say a jet aircraft was following the object. Anyone with a sighting to report should ring Mr Harriman on Draycott 4961.

PUZZLE OF BONEY HAY UFO PROBE

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by
LYNETTE LLOYD

Police are investigating sightings of UFOs over Burntwood.

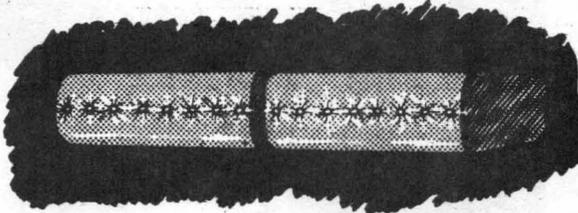
Two unidentified flying objects were apparently sighted over Boney Hay last week.

Four people witnessed the sightings, including former councillor Paul Atkins who lives in Longfellow Road.

He described the craft as looking like two railway carriages side on joined together.

"There were about 15 flashing lights on either side, and it was making like a turbo-winding sound and going quite fast.

"It was extremely large and there is no way it could have been mistaken for a plane. It was very frightening," he said.



• What was seen in the sky.

This sighting was the second of its kind for two local women, Mandy Shaw and Sandra Lishman who said they saw a similar craft 'fly' over the area shortly before the 'second' craft came over.

Mr Atkins saw the craft after he'd walked from his home to the Spinney Stores corner shop.

Proprietor Mrs Brenda Bardell also saw the craft.

"It was massive - nothing like a plane, more like a

really long strip, tubular in shape, in the sky with lots of lights.

"I really haven't a clue what it was - I've always had an open mind but I've never seen anything like this before."

Inspector Robert Langley of Chasetown Police confirmed that they were contacted by people in Longfellow Road who thought they had seen a UFO, and that the Air Traffic Control had been informed.

THE SKY

By SYLVIA JONES

A LAUGHING policeman's smirk turned to wide-eyed wonder when he answered a midnight call from a schoolgirl astronomer.

He found himself gazing at a saucer-shaped UFO, dazzling in colour and slowly changing shape "like a swimming jellyfish" as it moved across the sky. The astonished officer radioed in and TWO colleagues in Kensington, West London, arrived.

EXCLUSIVE

They took one look, radioed in and another FIVE coppers turned up.

The eight spent 40 minutes tracking the UFO through binoculars and a telescope which Zena Sfeir, 16, had mounted on her doorstep.

"When it turned round completely it seemed an electric blue colour with flashing lights. It was the most incredible sight I have ever seen."

Astronomer Patrick Moore reckons the Saturday night sighting was probably the planet Jupiter.

Blobs

Zena said: "They were all prepared to treat it as a joke, but you should have seen their faces when they all saw it. They were astounded.

"It was shimmering and first looked grey-green with pink blobs.

But the goggle-eyed policemen beg to differ.

And the object has been officially reported as a UFO at Kensington station, where a spokesman said: "The officers saw it long enough to be completely convinced."

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'Speak up' call by UFO men

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SPOTTERS of unidentified flying objects in Yorkshire are calling for an official statement on sightings, just days after a reported incident was confirmed by eight policemen.

During 1987 the number of sightings of UFOs continued to increase, according to the 300-member Yorkshire UFO Society.

And earlier this week — on the same day a London schoolgirl and eight policemen tracked a 'shimmering jellyfish' through the sky — six people reported sightings in the region.

The Yorkshire society contacted Leeds-Bradford Airport, Jodrell Bank, Cheshire, and RAF Finningley, but none could confirm the sighting.

Society president Graham Birdsall said: "Surely some minister should make a statement saying witnesses were mistaken or give a basic admission that they don't know what it is at this time."

Anyone who made sightings on Monday night or at other times are asked to contact the society on Leeds 622221.

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STARGAZERS' UFO RIDDLE

UFO's— 'more are sighted in area'

UNIDENTIFIED Flying Objects . . . are they mystery airships, dancing lights, flying saucers or just elaborate hoaxes?

Recently the Express ran a feature about a team of UFO experts who are carrying out a long-term anomaly research project on the Pennine Hills—where there have been more sightings of unexplained light phenomena over the past 100 years, than anywhere else in the country.

Among other things, the team are testing theories that the lights are caused by geological faulting, earth tremors or atmospheric phenomena.

And following the publication of the article, a number of people called the team to tell of their experiences with these lights.

Two particular events relate to this area and team member Andy Roberts has appealed to readers to get in touch with him if they also saw anything of these two recent sightings.

"The two events happened quite recently and I am certain other people must have seen them.

"If they did, I would urge them to get in contact with me as soon as they can so we can use the information in our project. All calls will be treated with the strictest confidence," he said.

HOLME VALLEY
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The first sighting was by a couple returning from Lancashire over the Isle of Sky road to Holmfirth on Wednesday, October 28.

The couple claim they saw a very bright light in the sky and when they got to within a mile or so of Holmfirth they stopped the car and were directly below the light.

The object had three bright lights at the front and two at the rear and it was almost circular. After a moment, it set off moving with a whooshing sound and moved off, gathering speed over the moors to the east.

At least three independent sets of witnesses claim they saw the second sighting at 6am on Monday, November 16.

They reported having seen a large object with searchlight-like beams approach Castle Hill. It stopped abruptly then moved off at high speed towards the Holme Moss area.

Its lights were very bright and there was a ring of red and white lights around its centre.

Anyone who saw either of these two sightings should contact Mr Roberts at 84 Elland Road, Brighouse, HD6 2QR or by telephoning Brighouse 721993.

Strange lights in the Newhall night sky have prompted a UFO alert.

Several people in the village have seen a flying object "as big as four large houses" light up the night sky.

And Mr Dennis Harriman of the UFO Society says it has been seen by scores of people in the East Midlands and as far away as Suffolk.

BY RICHARD WOOD

"What makes it remarkable is that lights were leaving the craft and then returning," he said.

"Three of the people who saw it got an instant tan from it as though they had been on a sun bed."

The unidentified flying object was spotted by Mr Henry Wood as he was walking his dog.

"It was massive he said — the biggest thing I've ever seen.

"It was long and had a string of lights," said Mr Wood, of Newhall Fish Shop, in High Street.

"I couldn't say what it was — but it was making a droning sound."

The object, described by some people as the size of a football pitch, moved away in the Nottingham direction.

Swadlincote police say they have had no reports of anything unusual.

One of the first of over 40 callers was Mr Alec Stones of Wellwood Road.

"It was as long as a football pitch and all lit up," he said. "I called my wife and we watched it. I only wish I had thought to take a picture."

A flash of ³¹²⁸mystery in the air

A GIANT UFO, said to be the 'size of a football pitch', is baffling a Hopton tractor driver and his teenage son.

The mystery craft was spotted hovering over RAF Stafford by Mike Johnson, 40, and his son Robert, 15, as they walked from Hopton Farm last week. Later scores of people in Nottingham reported seeing the Unidentified Flying Object.

"Its size was unbelievable. It had red and white lights along its length and it moved slowly across the sky," said Mr Johnson, of Bricklyn Cottages, Sandon Road. "I thought it was an airship at first but it wasn't. There was no sound. It was very eerie."

Mr Johnson was shutting a gate when Robert, a pupil at Weston Road High School, saw the UFO emerge from cloud, from the direction of Rugeley, about 5pm on Wednesday.

"It was very vivid. We watched it for about five minutes. It seemed to circle twice over the RAF base and then head northwards to vanish in the mist. I have never seen anything like it before in my life," said Mr Johnson.

Similar reports were later received by police in Nottingham where people said the UFO "moved slowly, flashed lights, and gave of a deep hum."

Police in Staffordshire said they had not received any calls. An RAF Stafford spokesman also said nothing had been reported but a woman had made a UFO sighting three weeks ago.

HINCKLEY
TIMES
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UFO experts ³¹²⁸probe Notts night sights

INVESTIGATORS from a national society are looking into the "spectacular" number of claimed UFO sightings in the Nottinghamshire area.

And from a huge number of independent reports, it is now possible to agree on a general description of the UFO — or UFOs — seen all over the region from Newark to Codnor last Wednesday.

Dozens of people have phoned the *Post* to say they saw strange lights in the sky.

And all are remarkably similar in description and all fit a probable time scale.

It would appear there were two identical UFOs — one following the other with a couple of minutes between them.

Attention

Most reports describe one brilliant white light

By IAN
STEWART

and other lights. The UFOs were low and flying very slowly.

It was obvious to all the witnesses that it was not a normal aircraft and it immediately drew their attention.

Most reports say there was a deep humming noise, faint but distinct.

All agree that the object was huge, much bigger than normal aircraft.

Most say a jet aircraft was seen shortly after the UFO.

Edward Fell, of Bridge Street, Long Eaton, was driving home when he saw lights in the sky.

"There was a very bright white light coming towards me and five red lights along the side.

"I knew it was huge, 20 or 30 times the size of a normal aircraft and it made a distinctive deep throbbing noise."

Anthony Heron, of Kimberley Road, Borrowash,

said: "There was one very bright white light with four red lights on its right hand side."

Workers in a Sawley yard also saw the UFO. "One went over, it had a row of four lights at the front," said Robin Howe, of Long Eaton.

Ben Maslin, 12, of Bramcote Road, Beeston, saw the first UFO at 5.02pm: "I went to tell my next door neighbour but when she came out, it had gone. We were looking up into the sky and the second one came over."

Spectacular

Denis Harriman, chief investigator of the National UFO Investigation Society, said: "This is very spectacular. We have even had sightings from an airman at RAF Newton."

Mr Harriman wants to speak to all witnesses and can be reached on 033 17 4961.

Police and traffic controllers at East Midlands Airport received a number of calls but have no explanation for the sightings.

UFO Identified?

³¹²⁸Following the report of a sighting of a UFO in the paper last week, several people have come forward with their own versions of the event.

Mr C Watson of Seaforth Drive, Hinckley remembered seeing an object that night that fitted the description given.

"I was putting our children to bed," he said, "when I heard the sound of a very low multi-propeller engine aircraft. I shot downstairs to see what kind of aircraft it was that could be flying so low.

"I saw what looked very much like a Hercules transport aircraft with its navigation lights in view and the high large tail fin sticking up vertically.

"Standing in the doorway looking out, I, too, could see how eerie this huge dark object looked moving no longer noisily and so low.

The aircraft was throttled back a lot and most of the propeller noise was moving forward ahead of the aircraft and so from the rear it was quite quiet, he said.

3128 UFO probe goes on as reports flood in

DRAYCOTT UFO spotter Mr Denis Harriman is still investigating mysterious objects seen in the district before Christmas. He has received so many reports about the objects that he is still studying the details before reaching a conclusion.

Article

He received more information after our recent article, but is having little joy from authorities.

Scores of people reported seeing two objects with a brilliant bright, white light and lesser lights behind. The objects were large and flying slowly, and giving off a droning sound.

"I am still looking into it because there is no clear explanation," said Mr Harriman, the chief investigator of the National UFO Investigation Society, recently.

"There are so many reports that something has happened worth looking into."

Objects

Claims that the objects were planes on an RAF training exercise have not yet found favour with Mr Harriman, who said: "I would not like to rule anything out just yet.

"The difficult thing is that I am getting no help from people like the police and the RAF and the airport at Castle Donington.

"You do wonder about a cover-up," he said.

Plane answer to UFO mystery



Astronomer's verdict - but expert unsure

● Flashback to our original article

NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST DEC 17 1987

UFO: THE SOUND TRACK

MY HOUSE faces eastward across the police sportsground at Carrington, and early in the evening, while writing, I heard the sound of an approaching aircraft.

Appropriately it did not sound like a jet, rather a multi-engined prop-driven machine, such as a Flying Fortress.

Very slowly the noise grew louder and the note deepened, until I was absolutely certain a squadron of planes of that kind was approaching. I thought they would make an interesting sight, but realised that before I could get out of the house they would be gone.

To my great surprise the sound persisted, and did not change in note or volume, and I could think of no explanation except a consider-

able number of helicopters; but the sound was not that of helicopters.

I opened the curtains, but could see only a small part of the sky, which was overcast, and the planes would be well above the cloud cover.

The noise continued for some time, remaining constant quite like the days of engine testing at Hucknall, only much louder. When it did diminish, it had gone within half a minute.

Had I gone to the other side of the house I might be writing an account of a visual encounter of a very interesting kind.

Is there any explanation?

G. B. SHAW
Mansfield Road, Nottingham.

Aircraft theory link in Hull 'big bang' mystery

3128 AMERICAN pilots refuelling over Hull earlier this month appear to have caused a bang which triggered a number of UFO sightings.

Initially, RAF Binbrook, in Lincolnshire denied any involvement with the bang, which spurred hundreds of worried householders into contacting the emergency services.

But in a reply to a letter

from the British UFO Research Association, they now say nine US planes were involved in an exercise over Hull at the time.

Two USAF KC-135 tanker aircraft with up to seven F111's in tow from Mildenhall were operating on December 1.

BUFORA member Mr Philip Mantle who operates a UFO 'hotline' for the north, said: "Around 30 people phoned in with re-

ports of lights in the sky and formation of lights.

"We phoned RAF Binbrook at the time, but they couldn't help us. It could be we just didn't get through to the right person.

The bang sparked a number of theories, with an expert from the Royal Greenwich Observatory saying it could have been caused by a piece of space debris hurtling towards the ground.

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3126 MoD man in strange encounter

A MINISTRY of Defence worker has thrown his weight behind mystery UFO sightings which have left South East Essex stargazers mystified.

Civil servant, Mr Reginald Tillbrook, who works at Shoebury's New Ranges, had a close encounter of the weird kind on the way back to his Foulness home.

Mr Tillbrook, 63, of Courtsend, said: "I was driving home over the Havengore bridge when I saw a very bright light in the sky.

"At first I thought it was a star but it was light and there were no other stars out.

"I drove about three miles along the road, looking at the light to my right hand side and it didn't move.

"When I got into Church End village I could see a large black mass with this huge light at more than 35,000 feet. Either side were two very bright green lights.

"It then gradually moved off in a north west direction towards Burnham."

Mr Tillbrook an ex-RAF man, said he was not superstitious but could offer no explanation for the mystery vision.

He put the incident to the back of his mind until reading of similar sightings in the Echo.

He said: "It was definitely not an aircraft. There was no sound or vapour clouds. It was something very odd.

"I read that someone heard a loud explosion. I didn't, but the noise could have been from this object moving off at high speed and making a crack as it broke the sound barrier."

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THREE CLAIM UFO SIGHTINGS IN NIGHT SKY



Andrew holding a drawing of the UFO he saw hovering above his home in Yaverland Drive, Bagshot.

by LINDY WARBURTON

A 16-year-old schoolboy plus a woman and her friend have joined the ranks of people who claim to have had a close encounter of the UFO-kind.

Andrew Findlay's sighting at Bagshot came just a day after eight policemen and a teenage girl reported seeing grey-green, pink-blobbed objects in the skies above Kensington, West London.

a gap in the clouds and out of it came a flying saucer shaped thing. It was bright white with green lights in the middle of it.

"It hovered for about seven to eight seconds, making no sound whatsoever. Then after I had looked down and then up again it shot across the sky very quickly and disappeared through another gap in the clouds.

"I could see the glow from its underside as it tracked across the sky. I am convinced that what I saw was a spacecraft from another world."

Lights

Andrew's brother Peter had only moments before gone back into the house, missing the sighting. Andrew rushed in to get his camera in the hope the object would return, but it did not.

He said: "It had a definite shape to it, a base and a top — like a flying saucer. In the middle it had a strip with green lights. There were other lights on it as well — I think some red ones.

"I couldn't see how big it was, but it looked bigger than an aeroplane."

He added: "I have always believed in UFOs, but I never thought I would actually see one. There is no doubt in my mind that that's what it was."

Mrs. Hodgson, of Old Pasture Road, Frimley, was a passenger in a car being driven by Mr. David Myers when she spotted three objects in the sky over the motorway. All appeared to be similar, but she paid particular attention to one which she described as "a big, bright light on the right of the sky, stationary."

The object had one green light and one silver light on its side and as Mrs. Hodgson watched, it moved off.

"On the back of it there was

a very large round area which was dark one minute then went pinky red, pulsating. It got brighter and brighter and then went dark again," she said.

Two of the objects were on the right hand side of the sky.

"After we had stopped to watch it, it started to move and we began to set off again. But as it went over the car I looked to my left and saw this very large, circular area of glowing pinky-red light. I asked David to stop and he stopped again.

"It was pulsating. It came from nothing, fading right out, then pinky red, then brighter — not really bright — then fading again. After about a second it began again."

Convinced

She could see a glow at the back of the third UFO.

"It could not have been an aeroplane. The glow at the back was the strangest thing. I was nothing like the rear of a jet aircraft. I couldn't hear any noise, but it was noisy by the motorway anyway," said Mrs. Hodgson, a mother of three.

The sighting was made on December 29. Mrs. Hodgson went away immediately afterwards and only on her return thought to contact the "News" to see if anyone else had reported lights in the sky.

A nurse, but at the moment concentrating on bringing up her three children, Mrs. Hodgson said: "There may be quite a few people like me who saw it and did not say anything."

Mr. Myers, who was visiting this area from his home in Bude, Cornwall, said: "It was one of those things where you don't know whether to say anything or not. People can think you are a bit daft, but we are convinced we saw something."

Andrew was in the garden of his home in Yaverland Drive on Wednesday at about 9.25 p.m. when he looked up and saw an object "like a flying saucer."

Nine days earlier, Mrs. Tricia Hodgson and a friend were travelling along the M3 at Lightwater towards London when they spotted unidentified flying objects in the night sky.

All three are convinced that what they saw were not aeroplanes.

Andrew, a pupil at Collingwood School, Camberley, said: "I was cleaning my rabbit's pen and looked up. There was

THREE CLAIM UFO
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He put the time of the sighting at 7.45 p.m. and said the objects — he only saw two of them — were stationary for about five minutes.

"Then they moved across the motorway and vanished altogether. They were very, very bright. Other people must have seen them; we can't be the only ones," he added.

Local UFO expert Mr. Rex Dutta said he had received a report of a third sighting in the area, this time in Blackwater the day before Mrs. Hodgson's sighting.

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The Gossiper

News, views and memories of Lincolnshire

Ted puts my scepticism to the test

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IS there something going on in the skies above Lincolnshire which we know nothing about? That's the question I am prompted to ask after the report of yet another tale of strange objects sighted over the Lincoln area.

I have to admit that when I recounted the story the other day, of the man who wrote to tell me that his daughter and her husband had seen a spherical object with blue, red, yellow and green lights hovering over Yarborough Sports Centre, I had in the back of my mind the thought that there was probably a perfectly simple and logical explanation for it.

I thought the same, a few days later, when a woman told me of the strange bright light she saw in the sky to the east of the Cathedral, at 8.40 in the morning.

But now I am not so sure, and the reason for my growing doubt is a call I had from Ted Veall of Exmoor Close, North Hykeham.

Ted (57) is a keen amateur radio enthusiast, with a special interest in tracking satellites and spacecraft.

He spends quite a bit of time studying the sky, and over the years you might think that Ted has seen just about everything there is to see in the night sky.

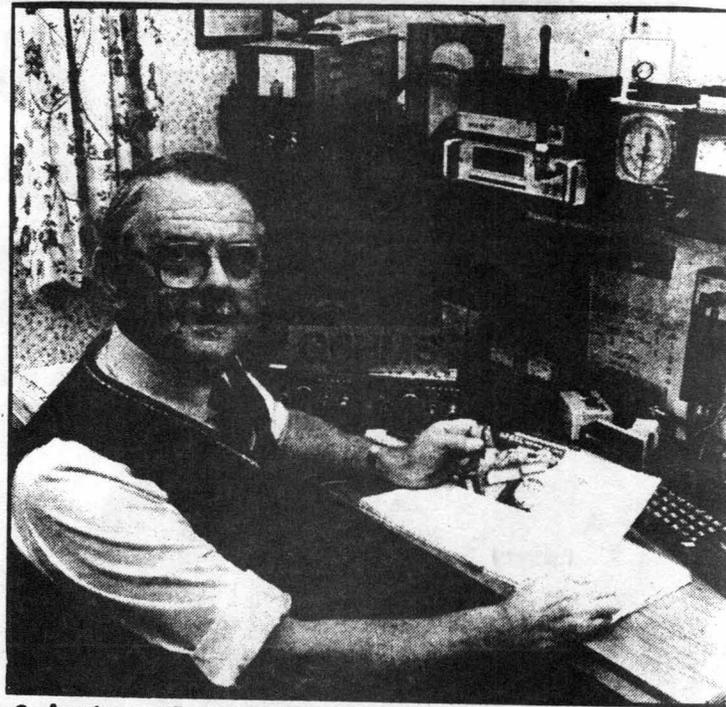
But a month or so ago he and a colleague, Dave Rowan from Newark, saw something that they just couldn't explain.

Ted has kept quiet about it before, but after seeing my previous item, he was prompted to give me a ring and tell me about it.

The time was between 5.30 and 6.00 pm on December 10. The sky was clear and as they gazed upwards they saw something they hadn't bargained for.

"There was a massive array of lights in the sky, moving from the Newark direction towards Lincoln, exactly above the line of the A46," he told me.

"It was probably less than 2,000 feet, and it must have been two or



● Amateur radio enthusiast Ted Veall — puzzled over two strange objects in the night sky. (See lead story on left).

three times the size of a jumbo jet. There should have been a deafening noise, but there wasn't, just a sound like a generator humming. It was like a massive arrow, with a sole white light behind."

The two men shook their heads in disbelief. But there was more to come. A couple of minutes later, another one came into view on a similar course.

"It wasn't a balloon or an airship," said Ted. But what was it?

That's the question a lot of people in the Nottingham area wanted to know as well, because some 30 of them rang their local paper to describe what they had seen — and it fitted in with Ted's description.

The objects were spotted first at Newark. Then they took a course over the centre of Nottingham, out to the edge of Derbyshire, before turning back over north Nottingham, Newark again and into Lincolnshire.

One explanation put forward was that it was an American tanker aircraft refuelling in mid-flight. But it seems the USAF at Mildenhall denied it, and it would have seemed a strange place to choose to refuel an aircraft anyway.

So what's the explanation?

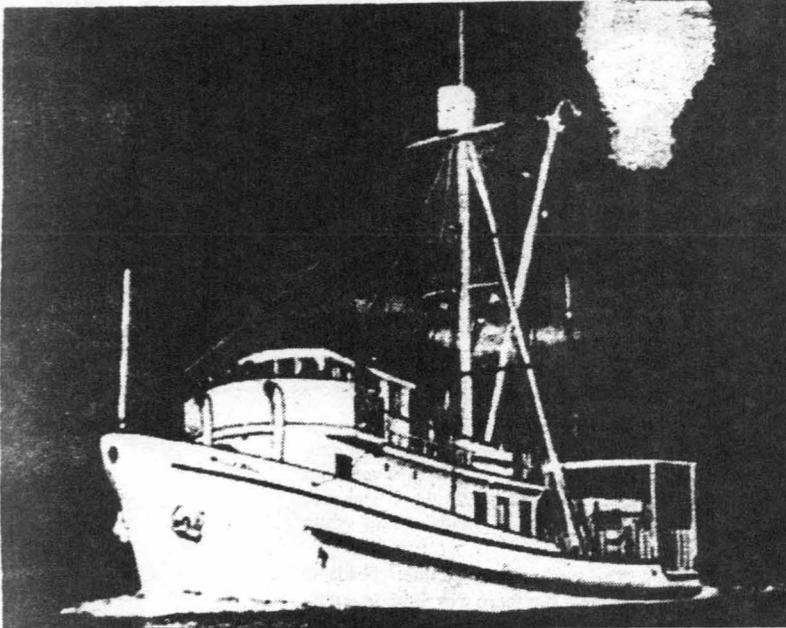
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Spy in the sky

AN object in the sky reported by dozens of people in Norfolk, may have been an F19, secret American spy plane, according to the British UFO Association.

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UFO DUST BAFFLES THE EGG-HEADS



LIGHT FANTASTIC: Artist's Impression of what the fishermen saw

THE UFO from the outback is still baffling scientists. They can't identify the dust left behind on a family's car which they say was picked up bodily by a giant eggcup-shaped glowing object in the wilds of Australia.

The ash-like substance was found on the roof and bonnet of the Knowles family car after they had what they described as a "frightening encounter" on the vast and lonely Nullarbor Plain shortly before dawn.

Police are taking it seriously but after a se

BOOKIES William Hill have cut UFO odds from 250-1 to 200-1, saying: "We've had so many inquiries we're making a special bet against a Government Minister confirming the existence of UFO's or intelligent, extraterrestrial life."

from **ISOBELLE GIDLEY**
in Sydney

ries of tests on the dust they can't pin it down and now it is being sent to the boffins at Adelaide University to try.

"It was put under the microscope and checked against known substances such as ash and soil particles," said a forensic science spokesman. "We do not know what it is."

Hypnotise

"If these guys can't find an answer, then it will be passed to more scientists until someone comes up with something... or until we can go no further."

Sydney UFO expert Frank Wilks wants to hypnotise the family. "Important details could be buried in their subconscious," he said.

"I'm sure they could tell us a lot more about the encounter."

US space agency NASA is understood to be monitoring the reports and may launch an inquiry. And a TV channel has signed up the family for a reconstruction.

Mr Walter Andrus, of Texas-based Mutual UFO Network said: "This is one of the most important cases we've had in a long time. Something major has happened. It did something physical to this car and left something to be analysed."

Mrs Faye Knowles was heading for Melbourne along a lonely Western Australia highway with her sons Patrick, 24, Sean, 21, and Wayne, 18. They say the "eggcup" chased them, attached itself to the roof of their car, lifted it up a few feet, then dropped it back on the road.

It chased them for several miles again after they were forced to stop to replace a tyre which burst when the vehicle was dropped.

The family also say that their own voices changed to a deep, throaty sound, with the words seeming to come out in slow motion.

A pilot also reported seeing the UFO hovering over a trawler off the Australian coast. The fishing crew reported seeing a bright light and said their speech became deeper and slower.

COVENTRY EVENING TELEGRAPH
JAN 22 1988

UFO was a storm - expert

AN Australian family who thought they saw an unidentified flying object may have seen a dry thunderstorm, a scientist said today.

Faye Knowles and her three sons, aged 18 to 24, said yesterday that a UFO lifted their car off the road, spun it and dropped it down again.

Professor Peter Schwerdtfeger, head of meteorology at Flinders University, in Adelaide, said the Knowles family's account would fit a dry thunderstorm.

In one of these, natural electricity charges the atmosphere and dust particles create a layer of light, he said.

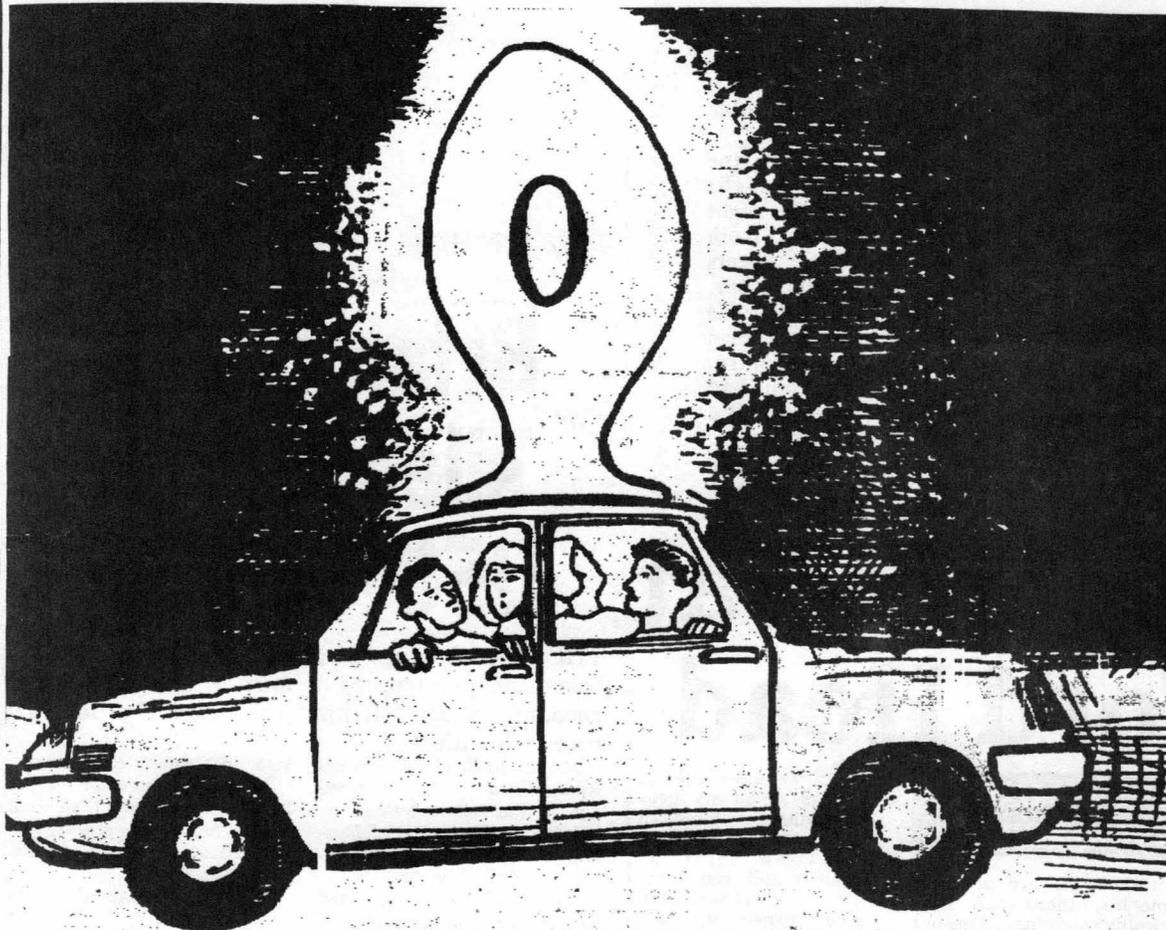
The fine ash covering the car could be a product of lightning and the violent shaking of the car a result of the storm.

"No doubt if you are in the middle of a fairly intense electric field, you're going to feel very strange."

Mike Manton, head of the Bureau of Meteorology research centre, in Melbourne, said there had been many reports of dry thunderstorms but not in that area at the time.

FAMILY HAS A CLOSE ENCOUNTER WITH UFO OF THE SPONGY KIND

TODAY
LONDON
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HITCH-HIKERS' GUIDE TO THE GALAXY: The Knowles drew this impression of their lift into space

A MOTHER and her three sons told yesterday how they were plucked from the Australian outback by an egg-shaped UFO with a hole in the middle.

The 12ft tall spaceship chased their car along desert roads at 120mph before clamping itself to the roof and lifting them into the air.

"I reached out and felt the thing, it was warm and spongy," said Mrs Faye Knowles.

Their Ford Telstar car was shaken violently as it filled with a choking black smoke and ash. "It smelled like dead bodies," said eldest son Patrick, 24.

Together with brothers Sean, 21, and Wayne, 18, they felt their voices slow down to a blur as they screamed in terror.

Cowered

The car was finally dropped back down with such force a tyre burst. The Knowles cowered in bushes by the roadside as the object hovered overhead. Then it disappeared as quickly as it came.

Police are taking the family's story seriously after a similar sighting by a boat-load of fisherman which they could not have known about.

Patrick relived the moment the bright object descended on them out of the early morning sky on the Perth to Melbourne road through the Nullarbor Plain.

"There was a humming sound and then the car started filling with this black mist," he said. "We started yelling and screaming but our voices had changed."

"They were deep voices and very slow, like when you are speaking slow motion in a dream."

He added: "The thing grabbed the car and picked it up and started shaking it. We had our dogs with us and they started to go crazy. Then the vehicle filled with smoke."

Waiting

His mother added: "We all thought we were dying. We didn't know what to do. I wound down the window and I said 'It's on the roof!'"

The family fled from the car after it was dropped back down to

from ISOBELLE GIDLEY in Sydney

earth. "It was still there, waiting for us, looking for us," recalled Mrs Knowles. "It was up the road a bit further from us. When we hopped into the car to take off again, it came after us again. It wouldn't leave us alone."

Mrs Knowles added: "There's definitely something out there. Something has got to be done or someone else is going to get really hurt."

The Knowles family drove 400 miles to a police station at Ceduna, near the West Australia-South Australia border.

That morning constable Gary O'Hagan and ser-

geant Jim Furnell had received a report from the crew of a tuna fishing.

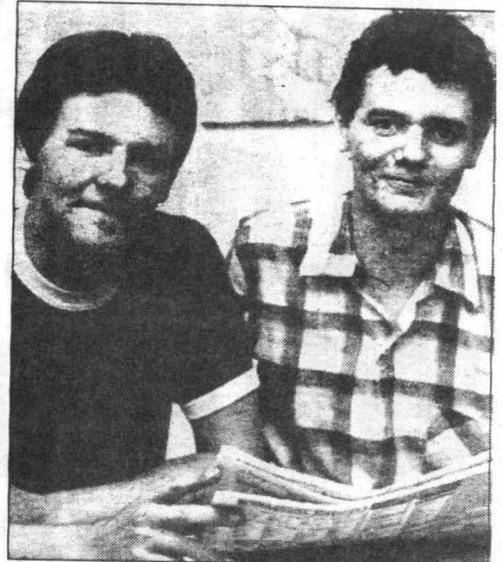
"I have always had reservations about UFOs," Sgt Furnell said last night, "but there are too many coincidences in this one."

Forensic scientists are to examine black ash found inside and outside the car and four marks on the roof.

More than 3,000 UFO sightings have been reported in Britain over the past 25 years.

But bookmakers William Hill are not convinced.

They are offering 200-1 against the Government announcing the existence of UFOs or intelligent life in outer space in the next year.



SPACED OUT: Brothers Sean and Wayne

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SOUTH CHESHIRE MAIL
JAN 15 1988

Farmer's son Jason Mottershead is puzzling over a possible UFO sighting.

Jason (17) saw the disc-shaped bright light on Saturday night at 11:15 p.m. from Hankelow. He swears he was totally sober, and has reported his sighting to the local UFO studies centre. Police have not had any reports of the object being seen.

FARNHAM MAIL SURREY
JAN 19 1988

Brian breaks silence over UFO sighting

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visor in a computer company.

His encounter came shortly before Christmas 1986 and apart from telling his wife, who laughed at the storey, he has kept it to himself.

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SEAFORD GAZETTE
SUSSEX
JAN 20 1988

UFO spotted at Seaford Head

DID Seaford have a visitor from outer space on Friday night?

A mysterious unidentified flying object was spotted silently hovering above Seaford Head just before 9pm and reported to Seaford police.

A display of red, blue, green and white lights apparently gave way to five red lights the size of footballs travelling just above house height.

Despite the huge number of UFOs reported each year to the British UFO Research Association, around 95 per cent of them can be identified.

Jenny Randles, director of investigations for the association, explained that

Report: SUE BAIRD

in the past two or three months, there had been similar sightings to the one seen in Seaford last week.

Bizarre

In fact, they turned out to be military exercises. A lot of NATO exercises including aircraft refuelling have been taking place at night, she explained.

But often sightings turn out to be slightly more amusing or bizarre in reality.

Said Jenny, 'At this time

of year, we sometimes get sightings which are geese flying south for winter. The lights from street lamps reflect on their underbellies and make them look mysterious. One sighting turned out to be an owl that had eaten diseased fungi which was giving it a strange colour.'

When the association receives news of a UFO, it usually reconstructs the sighting, which is then run through a computer programme.

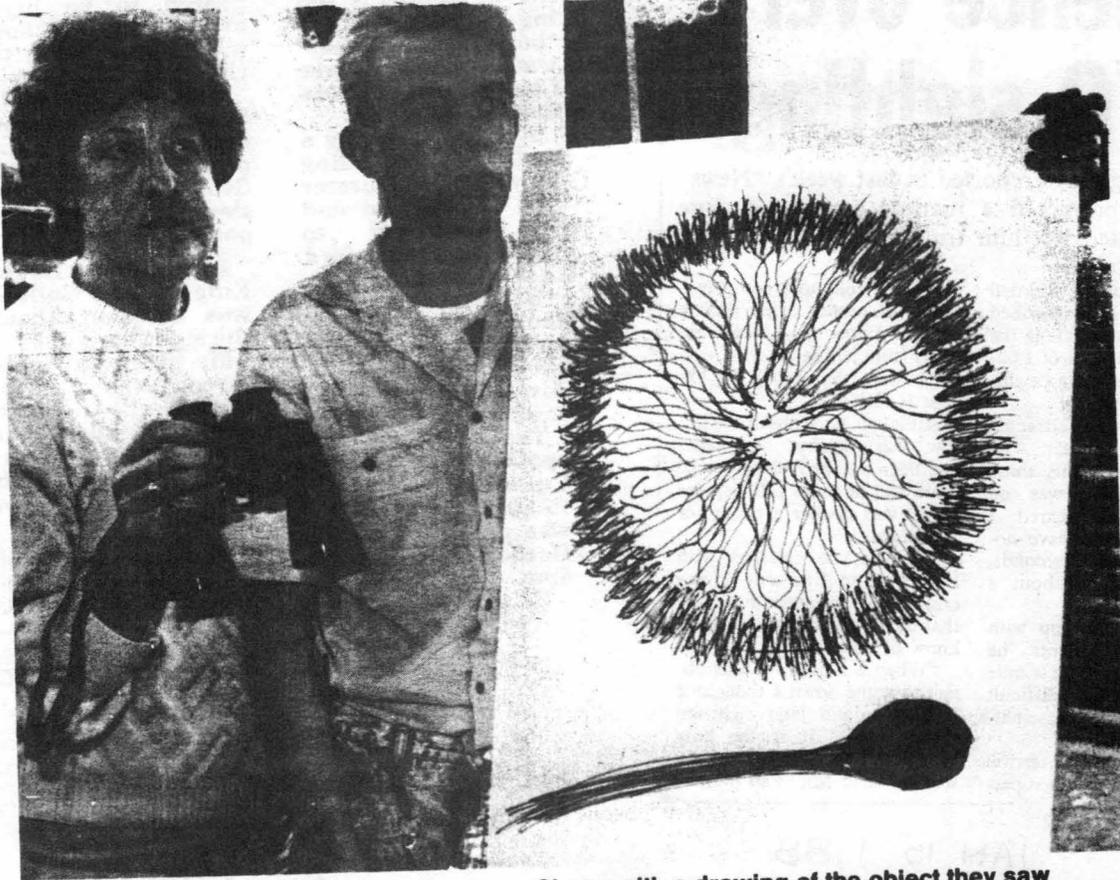
Regional investigator coordinator for the association, Mr Philip Taylor, said in the past few years there had been very few cases in the South-east area which could not be identified.

UFO SIGHTINGS AS MYSTERY BLAST

SOUTHEND EVENING ECHO
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JAN 7 1988

SHAKES A HOUSE



PUZZLED: Mrs Jean Williams and son Shaun with a drawing of the object they saw
Picture and drawing by RON CASE

A MYSTERY explosion rocked a South East Essex home as an unidentified flying object was sighted nearby.

The blast shook the windows of headteacher Mrs Jane Colby's Bellhill Close, Billericay home. Her shocked mother and son, who had been outside the house, also heard it. Then they noticed an eerie white glow on the skyline hovering above Basildon.

Meanwhile in Canvey Mrs Jean Wil-

liams and her son Shaun were watching a shimmering jellyfish-shaped UFO hovering over the Thames Estuary. They kept the mystery object in their sights for more than an hour.

The bizarre incidents happened the same night a London amateur astronomer sighted a jellyfish-shaped UFO. Her sighting was confirmed by several policemen.

Mrs Colby, head of Noak Bridge Primary School, Basildon, said: "As my son drove up to the house there was a sound like an explosion and the windows rattled.

"He said he saw what seemed to be a flash of lightning. We thought it might be something from Basildon as we saw a glow coming from part of the A127. It lasted about an hour."

Mrs Williams, 52, of Rayment Avenue, said: "I thought my eyes were playing me up. I looked up and the only thing in the sky was this pink shape whizzing round and round like a child's top. I couldn't believe my eyes."

Mrs Williams called her son, Shaun, 19, to look at it.

He watched the jellyfish-like shape through a pair of binoculars to get a better view. At one point a red dot whizzed past beneath the main object.

He said: "It was definitely rotating and kept changing shape. Each time there were circular points with lines leading from them. We were shaking, it was quite eerie."

A Billericay police spokesman said a traffic warden had reported hearing an explosion, but there had been no other calls.

The Echo's inquiries to the county's police, firemen, gas officials and Basildon Council could not solve the riddle.

A British Astronomical Association spokesman said: "Venus is very bright at the moment. Shining through night cloud it could produce a glowing effect."

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Motorist sees UFO burst into flames

AN unidentified flying object which "burst into flames" was seen over Chelmsford on Sunday.

It was spotted by a motorist travelling between Colchester and Chelmsford and was reported to police at Chelmsford that evening.

But a police check found no aviation activity to account for the sighting and the Air Ministry was informed.

The object was spotted by Rodney Cullum, of Chalks Road, Witham, as he was passing through Hatfield Peverel at 5pm.

He told police it ap-

peared to be high over Chelmsford and was flying left to right across the sky.

Mr Cullum said: "It lasted for about three seconds and appeared to burst into flames and then fizzled out leaving a vapour trail."

Inspector David King said Mr Cullum was adamant about the sighting.

Mr King said their investigations included checks with air controllers at Stansted and Southend airports and with the Air Ministry in London.

No other reports of a sighting were received at Chelmsford.

DAWLISH POST JAN 15 1988

Mother and daughter see UFO

A WOMAN and her five-year-old daughter from Christow saw what they believe to be a UFO flying over a field last week.

The sighting by Mrs Anne Ball and daughter Vicky has been passed on by Chudleigh police to a UFO investigation unit in Plymouth.

Mrs Ball, of Butt Lane, was in the kitchen of her home at about 8.40am on Thursday last week when she saw some bright flashing lights flying over a field about a mile away.

She said: "There were two very bright orange lights, which were pulsating and going on and off very rapidly. I didn't see a vehicle of any kind, and the more I looked at it, the more I thought it might be a UFO.

"My daughter saw these

lights as well, and another lady in the village thought she had seen the lights before."

Her friends persuaded her to ring the police to report the sighting, and though the police laughed at first, they decided to take the matter seriously.

PC Bob Bigland, of Chudleigh, said: "She is convinced that it was a UFO, and she seemed very genuine about it. We have notified the UFO investigation unit in Plymouth, and they are now dealing with the case."

The matter has now been passed on to the Ministry of Defence.

THE
GUARDIAN
LONDON
JAN 22 1988

UFO sighted

AN unidentified flying object stalked a family on Australia's desolate Nullarbor Plane, family members say. "It smelt really foul," Patrick Knowles, aged 24, said in a television interview yesterday, after his two brothers and his mother said they were pursued by the object. Authorities are taking the claims seriously after similar sightings by a truck driver and offshore fishermen in the Great Australian Bight. —
Reuter.

DAILY EXPRESS LONDON
JAN 23 1988

Lightning blamed for UFO

THE unidentified flying object that lifted a family car was identified as a "dry thunderstorm" by a leading meteorologist yesterday.

This followed claims on Australian TV by housewife Faye Knowles.

She said she and her three adult sons were stalked by the eggcup-shaped UFO for 90 minutes before it lifted their car with its suction cups, spun them round and dropped them.

Professor Peter Schwerdtfeger, head of meteorology at Flinders University in Adelaide, said the details were consistent with a dry thunderstorm in which charged dust-particles create a pall of lightning.

Many Australian bushfires were the result of the unusual natural phenomena, he said.

But Mike Manton, chief meteorological researcher in Melbourne, said there was no thunderstorm activity in the area at the time.

Flying saucer squad prompts

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THE INDEPENDENT, LONDON
JAN 8 1988

UFO dispute

A FLYING SAUCER has been witnessed by eight policemen over London, opening up old wounds between the promoters and debunkers of unidentified flying objects.

The UFO was seen in the early hours of Sunday morning by Zena Sfeir, 16, a Rugby School pupil who was raking the sky with her telescope looking for the full moon. Miss Sfeir, who lives in Kensington, London, said yesterday that the flat, saucer-shaped UFO, grey-green with pink blobs, looked like a "swimming jellyfish". When it spun round, it changed to electric blue.

After an hour's tracking the Sfeir household telephoned the local police. "One po-

By Peter Dunn

liceman came round, saw it and called in a few more," Miss Sfeir said. "They called in two more and they called in two more. In the end eight policemen were witnesses. The moment they saw it they were complete believers."

News of the sighting put the Aetherius Society on full alert at its headquarters, a converted shop in Fulham Road, London. The society, which is passionate about flying saucers, regards the Kensington spaceship as further vindication of its beliefs

and a well-earned rebuff for mockers like the astronomer, Patrick Moore.

"We're just literally on the phone to the police about it now," Dr Richard Laurence, the society's secretary, said. "There's a lot of police interest in flying saucers because they're always on duty looking at the sky. They get a lot of sightings and often feel frustrated because I think they're up against some sort of policy of no comment."

"For instance, my colleague's been shifted from department to department for 40 minutes and ended up at the same place three times. That's always a sign there's a bit of a panic on."

"Patrick Moore says it's just Jupiter. I know him of old. I've been on TV with him. As I said to him then, I wouldn't talk about astronomy because I don't know enough about it and he doesn't know anything about flying saucers and should keep quiet about them. Patrick Moore is one of those people who've set out to debunk the subject. Another one is the science correspondent of *The Daily Telegraph* whose name eludes me at the moment. None of them knows anything about it. They're all prejudiced. We don't think it's strange or eccentric to believe in flying saucers. On the contrary, we think it's eccentric to *disbelieve*."

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THE
INDEPENDENT
LONDON
JAN 14 1988

Message in the sky for sceptics

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Dear Sir,
You may be interested to hear that I too saw a curious flying object over Kensington a few years ago ("Flying Saucer squad prompts UFO dispute", 6 January).

Trained sceptics, such as scientists — or journalists — have difficulty believing anything they cannot see or explain rationally. But, although a sceptic from way back, I observed, at 1.30pm on a clear summer weekend, a round object in dull metal, seamless but shaped like *two deep frying pans joined together by the rims* (an admittedly impulsive, but precise description, which was received with predictable hilarity by the news editor of the paper for which I wrote at the time).

The RAF UFO-sighting official, to whom I reported what I had seen, seemed unsurprised and asked pertinent questions.

I have serious doubts that these things are operated by tiny men or elongated, ethereal (and adorable) beings, but having seen one, myself, in daylight over central London, I am certain they exist.

Sincerely yours,
GITA SERENY
London, W8
12 January

Housewife spots UFO over York

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AN UNIDENTIFIED flying object "the size and shape of a pumpkin" has been spotted over York.

Housewife Elizabeth Rogers of Hammerton Close, Chapelfields, York, says she was quietly watching TV with her son David, aged 8, when she noticed the night sky was getting lighter around 5.30pm yesterday.

"It just seemed to appear from the south west like a white light getting brighter. Then an orange thing in the sky appeared. It was about the size and shape of a pumpkin. It just shot across the sky and vanished," she said.

Hours later young David was still so frightened by the experience he would not go to sleep.

"I wasn't frightened, just shocked," said Mrs Rogers.

"It was close but I couldn't hear or smell anything. I opened the window to get a better look. It was definitely not a reflection.

Mrs Rogers said that two friends in her house at the time also saw the object

A check with RAF Linton-oose confirmed that there were no aircraft in the area at the time — all local airfields are closed for Christmas.

DERBY EVENING
TELEGRAPH

JAN 15 1988

UFO interest hotting up

MOTORIST Chris Triggs has renewed UFO enthusiasts' interest in Derbyshire.

Salesman Chris spotted a circular white, blue and green sparkling light in the sky on his way home.

The object, which he described as the size of a plate, was travelling at about 100mph from east to west.

Chris, from Leeds, was travelling on the A38 between Burton and Derby.

Now a UFO investigator is to look into a spate of sightings in the Derbyshire area.

Mrs Elsa Lee, assistant director of a UFO society based in Yorkshire, reckons Chris's bizarre experience could well be linked to another sighting.

Mr Geoffrey Thorneycroft also spotted what he thought was a mother ship and four smaller ones high in the sky above Chesterfield the same evening earlier this month.

YORKSHIRE
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JAN 11 1988

HERALD EXPRESS
TORQUAY DEVON
JAN 11 1988

BEDFORDSHIRE ON SUNDAY
JAN 10 1988

Seven ³¹²⁸ 'spotted a UFO'

A GIANT disc and three smaller ones were seen hovering by seven people, it was claimed.

Some of the observers watched it for more than an hour — and afterwards one them, a retired college lecturer, Mr Geoffrey Thorneycroft, said he was sure they had seen an unidentified flying object over Chesterfield.

He declared: "There have been so many sightings throughout the world, I firmly believe there is another technology, equal or superior to our own."

Police at Chesterfield yesterday said they had no record of any reports of UFOs. But Mr Thorneycroft said the sighting began on Thursday evening as he descended the stairs at his home in Old Road, Brampton.

"My wife pointed out a static illumination, glowing green, blue and red," he said, adding that she called in neighbours and they all saw the big disc-shaped "mother ship" as well as three smaller ones.

Mr Thorneycroft said: "Eventually, the angle of elevation of the big UFO changed a few degrees until it was lost behind the trees north of us."

Little ³¹²⁸ Vicky spots UFO

A YOUNG South Devon mum and her five-year-old daughter are convinced they saw a UFO flying over a field as they were washing up the breakfast dishes.

Mrs Anne Ball and little Vicky were looking out of their Teign Valley bungalow at 8.40am when they saw the extremely bright orange lights descend and swoop across a neighbouring field.

"I didn't used to believe in UFOs — but I am convinced now," said Mrs Ball, of Butt Lane, Christow.

"The lights were really, really bright and they were moving very fast in an erratic pattern."

"I thought I was seeing things at first but my daughter saw them as well and said 'What's that funny light?' I wish my husband had been home because he doesn't believe me."

Mrs Ball's neighbours talked her into telling the police.

Report

"When I phoned Chudleigh police I could hear them all falling about laughing," Mrs Ball said. "Although the officer I spoke to was very helpful."

Pc Bob Bignall, at Chudleigh, said: "There is not much we can do except report sightings of this sort to RAF Mountbatten at Plymouth and they pass on the information to a UFO investigation unit."

"She was at pains to point out that she wasn't a nutcase — and she sounded a very reasonable woman."

UFOs drop in ³¹²⁸ on the county

THERE has been a spate of UFO sightings in the county.

Strange objects in the sky were spotted in the south of the county while a Clapham woman was woken in the early hours on Monday when her terrified cat leapt on the bed and a blinding light passed across the room. "When I went downstairs, the light was dazzling and all the doors I know I had closed were open," said Patricia Bridges. "By this time the cat was cowering in the bathroom. It was very eerie."

A woman saw the bright light in the sky on Monday as she was closing the curtains in the bedroom at her Brickhill home. "It hovered there for some time and then slowly moved away," she said.

Bedford police say they received no reports of UFO sightings but Luton police had a number of calls.

THE STAR, SHEFFIELD
JAN 13 1988

UFO probe after ³¹²⁸ S Yorks sightings

FIVE UFOs have been spotted in the past few days above Rotherham, according to investigators from the Yorkshire UFO Society who are looking into the sightings.

UFO Society assistant director Elsa Lee said there had been a lot of unidentified flying objects spotted in the sky above Yorkshire last week, five of them above Rotherham.

"In the north of the town, three individual unidentified targets followed

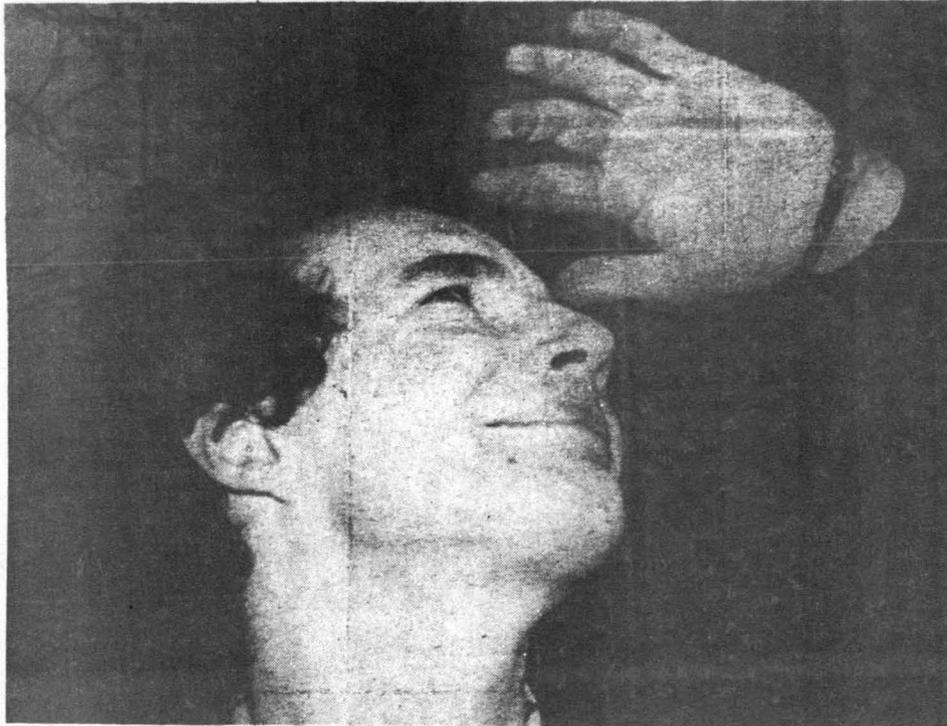
by military aircraft were seen flying above a residential area.

"And on the same night a brilliant white ball of light was seen travelling north and another formation in the shape of a cross of red and white light was seen."

Earlier in the week three distinct yellow balls of light hung above the west of the town, later a brilliant ball of orange coloured light hovered above the east of the town, said Mrs Lee.

Mysterious lights spark UFO alert

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● Watcher of the skies: Patrick Lyall.

MYSTERIOUS flashing objects, travelling silently at a high speed, have been sighted in the skies over Ampthill.

Witness Patrick Lyall said he saw 20 or 30 lights grouped over Ampthill and Stewartby, coloured orange, red and white and moving erratically.

And he has dismissed suggestions that they could simply be aircraft or stars.

"Two of them went right over my head," said Patrick, of Cornwell Road, Bedford. "I could see seven or eight different lights on them and the strange thing was that they made no noise whatsoever."

"There's no way I could have mistaken them for anything but UFOs."

Speed

The 21-year-old decorator first noticed the objects as he and his friend, Robert Finch, drove from Bedford to Ampthill.

"We watched them for about half an hour. Sometimes two would join into one and they would move off at high speed. We weren't frightened. It was fascinating."

Needless to say, nobody believed him when he arrived home.

The incident happened last Thursday night and although no sightings were reported to the police, a spokesman at Cranfield aerodrome air traffic control confirmed that there had been queries about similar sightings on the same night.

Nearby RAF Chicksands confirmed that they had no suspicious radar signals on that night.

INTERNATIONAL CUTTING BUREAU
ABINGDON HERALD

Identified Flying Object?

The mystery of the silent aerial traveller whose lights we noticed before dawn one morning two or three weeks ago, could well have a fairly simple explanation.

Since we remarked in this column about the sighting of this unidentified aircraft, we have been offered various theories, ranging from a possible UFO of the kind which has apparently been perplexing Midlands police officers recently, to a sighting of an American "Stealth" bomber.

Discounting both of these, we tend to go for the explanation put forward by our friend Mike Preston, town councillor and British Aerospace pilot, who suggests the aircraft we saw may well have been a BAe 146 on approach to RAF Benson — which was certainly in the direction it was travelling.

The 146, a four-engined feeder airliner of the kind used by the Queen's Flight based at that station, is remarkably quiet even on takeoff and at normal power settings. But on an approach, with its engines throttled back, it is quite conceivable that its descent would be almost noiseless.

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HULL DAILY MAIL
FEB 26 1988

U.F.O. alert in Hull's night sky

A STARTLED Hull taxi driver alerted police, saying he had spotted a UFO in the city sky early today.

His close encounter came near the Leads Road roundabout 4am when the driver, who has not been named, saw a reddish-orange spinning-top-shaped object.

He told police it was about the same size as a hot air balloon and made several changes of direction

WESTERN DAILY PRESS
MAR. 2 1988 BRISTOL

FIREBALL 3128 UFO IS SPOTTED BY NURSE

A NEW UFO sighting is puzzling police after night-nurse Eida Coretti told how she saw a mystery object over Bath.

She was about to finish duty at Bath's Royal United Hospital yesterday when she saw the cigar-shaped object about a mile away.

It was the latest in a recent series of bizarre reports of identified flying objects in the West.

Miss Coretti, of Hillcrest Drive, Bath, was working in a ward when she spotted a fireball in the sky above Bath University.

She told police she went outside to get a better look at the object.

"It looked like a ball of fire but then disappeared out of sight. I ran across to the other side of the building and it changed into a long cigar shape."

FEB 25 1988

Woman claims she saw hovering 'beachball'

UFO investigators put 'triple sighting' in record books

A UFO investigation group has logged the sightings of a Doncaster woman.

Cleaner Iris Blakeborough claims to have seen an unidentified flying object near her Cantley home three times in the past few weeks.

Now she has armed herself with a high-speed film in her camera to take a picture of the UFO if it should return.

by **RUSS NEWTON**

"I'm convinced it was an unidentified flying object. All the school playingfield was lit up for about an hour before it moved off."

Mrs Blakeborough, of Bardolf Road, first spotted it through her patio doors, hovering over the playingfields of nearby Hawthorn school.

The Blakeboroughs saw it again the following night and a few days later as she made her way to the college at Bessacarr where she works.

She likens it to a large beachball with a floodlight underneath.

Mrs Blakeborough says her brother also saw it on the second evening near the Dons' Tatters Field ground.

Her claim has now been logged by the Lancashire-based Direct Investigation Group of Aerial Phenomena.

Spokesman Steve Balon said: "We collate all reported sightings and then see if there is a connection between them.

"We would be interested to hear from anyone else in Doncaster who may have seen this UFO."

NOTTINGHAM EVENING POST

FEB 18 1988

'300 pilots saw UFOs'

UFO expert Tim Good claimed 300 pilots had encountered UFOs when he appeared as a member of the studio audience on Central TV's *The Time The Place* in Nottingham today. He claimed the Ministry of Defence regarded UFOs as the "most sensitive subject" of national security.

DAILY STAR LONDON MAR 2 1988

MY UFO ENCOUNTER—BY SHOCKED NURSE

NIGHT nurse Elda Coretti sparked a military alert yesterday after seeing a UFO. 3128

The glowing object— as big as a double-decker bus —soared across the sky before turning from circular to cigar shape.

Then it vanished over the horizon leaving Elda, 50, stunned and shocked.

Police and defence officials immediately launched a probe into the sighting, which happened at 6.35 a.m. as Elda was finishing her shift at Bath's Royal United Hospital.

STAR REPORTER

She said: "I watched it from the window as long as I could. It was yellow-orange.

"I ran in and told my colleagues, then rang the police."

Elda added: "I hadn't been drinking or dabbling in the medicine cupboard —I know what I saw."

At nearby RAF Lyneham, Squadron

Leader Ernie Dunsford said: "I don't think this lady should be knocked.

"We certainly had no planes up in the air. I've got to keep an open mind on this."

● A new organisation called Skyscan has been set up in Worcester to probe the recent flood of UFO sightings all over Britain.

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They came from Outer Space

If eagle-eyed earthlings across the world are to be believed, the skies have lately been littered with a host of weird and wonderful craft — more commonly referred to as unidentified flying objects (UFOs). 3128

But reports of similar mystery sightings can be traced back many centuries — and one particular event of 1233 in Worcestershire is recorded in the 1889 history compendium, *Worcestershire Nuggets*:

"There appeared four spurious

suns round the real sun of different colours, some of a semi-circular form and others round. These suns formed a wonderful spectacle and were seen by more than a thousand creditable persons; and some of them, in commemoration of this extraordinary phenomenon, painted suns and rings of various colours on parchment

"This was followed by a cruel war and terrible bloodshed and disturbances throughout England, Wales and Ireland."

Invasion?

Pensacola cites close encounters

By Michael Burke
FLORIDA TODAY

PENSACOLA — UFO investigators are making a serious attempt to corroborate a set of photographs that appear to show spaceships hovering over a Northwest Florida city.

"If it's a hoax, Steven Spielberg needs to hire this guy," said Gary Watson of Pensacola.

Watson is a member of a private group, the Mutual UFO Network, investigating dozens of UFO photographs submitted by a resident of Gulf Breeze, a coastal city southeast of Pensacola.

Since the initial publication of photographs in the local weekly newspaper Nov. 19, more than a dozen people have reported their own UFO sightings. The photographs and the newspaper's accounts of other witnesses have attracted researchers and reporters from across the country.

A businessman whose reports launched the story fears public ridicule if he is identified. He says his photos were shot during a series of 16 UFO sightings between Nov. 11, 1987, and Feb. 26, 1988.

One photo, reportedly taken Dec. 23, shows three disc-shaped objects glowing above a line of silhouetted trees.

Another photograph published by the Gulf Breeze Sentinel, allegedly taken Jan. 12, shows the outline of a spaceship hovering above a road. Bright light from the bottom of the

See ENCOUNTERS, 7B

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Investigators seek to explain close encounters in Pensacola

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craft illuminates the road.

The businessman said the spaceship, which appeared to be the size of a house, hovered in the sky for several minutes "before it shot straight up and disappeared. It glowed from the bottom as if that may be the power source."

He also told investigators from the Mutual UFO Network he used a Sony Camcorder to shoot more than a minute of videotape of the spaceship Dec. 28.

In a seven-page report based on interviews with the businessman, MUFON investigators Charles Flannigan of Pensacola and Donald Ware of Fort Walton Beach said the videotape shows a UFO moving across the screen before disappearing behind a tree.

The businessman also detailed a series of unusual experiences, including:

- Seeing a short, shielded creature outside his window.
- Being struck by a blue beam from a spaceship that temporarily immobilized him and lifted him off the ground. The businessman said he smelled like cinnamon and ammonia after he dropped about three feet to the ground.
- Hearing a humming sound that occurred sometimes before an appearance of a spaceship. He also heard a voice talking "through his head, not his ears," MUFON investigators said.

As part of their investigation, MUFON members conducted an intensive stakeout of the businessman's house but did not see a UFO. In a further attempt to establish

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whether the photographs were fake, MUFON provided the businessman with a special, four-lens camera that was sealed to prevent tampering.

Investigators asked him to use the sealed camera when he witnessed the UFO again, as he said he did Feb. 26.

MUFON investigators opened the sealed camera Friday before members of the news media. The developed film showed a small object that on enlarged photos appeared to have a light source at the base.

The photographs have aroused interest from researchers outside MUFON.

Bruce Maccabee, an optical physicist and chairman of the Fund for UFO Research Inc., said he came to Gulf Breeze from Maryland to examine the photographs and the businessman's videotape.

"It's either a hoax on a massive photographic and acting scale, or it's the real thing," Maccabee said.

Using one of the businessman's photos showing a spacecraft above a road, Maccabee estimated the UFO was 10 to 15 feet wide and 8 to 10 feet high.

Walter Andrus Jr., international director of MUFON, came from Texas to Gulf Breeze to join the investigation.

"This is one of the most amazing UFO cases that I have investigated in the past 30 years in the United States," Andrus said.

If the businessman's photos are a hoax, Sentinel publisher and editor Duane Cook also stands to lose credibility. On Feb. 11, the Sentinel carried a story by Cook that detailed circumstances behind a photo.

Cook reported that on Jan. 24, he and the businessman were driving on Highway 98 when the businessman began to feel stabs of pain. They pulled off the road, Cook said, and the man got out of the car and looked to the sky for a spacecraft.

Cook reported that while he was inside the car, the man shouted, "There it is!" and took a picture. Before Cook could get out of the truck, the UFO was gone.

However, when looking at the camera's film, Cook wrote that he "... carefully peeled the film apart to reveal the now familiar object with a brightly lit ring on the bottom and small portholes around its midsection."

According to MUFON's report, the businessman said his closest encounter with an alien creature came on Dec. 2.

He said he got out of bed at 3:30 a.m. Pulling up the blinds on a window, he said, he saw a creature peering at him.

He told investigators the creature was about 4 feet high, with large almond-shaped eyes and a shield over its head, chest and lower body.

The businessman reported the creature ran when he unlocked the door. When the businessman gave chase, the MUFON report said, "he was hit with a blue beam."

According to the report, the businessman fell to the ground, trying to escape the beam. When he did, he said he ran back to the house, retrieved his camera and took a photograph.

'Huge, With Lights'

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Witnesses Recount UFO Sighting

By RICK MURRAY
Press Staff Writer

Detailed descriptions of a UFO sighting over southern New Jersey were given by several witnesses Wednesday, including a radio reporter.

According to their accounts, at least one such object hovered and darted over the area late Tuesday and early Wednesday.

"I have no doubt it was a UFO. It was going maybe 30 miles an hour, slower than my car. It was definitely not like any aircraft I

ever saw. It was elliptical in shape and it was enormous," reported Mary Burckmyer, a reporter for WCMC-AM in Wildwood.

A staffer with the National UFO Reporting Center in Seattle, Wash. — to which press inquiries about UFOs are routinely referred by federal authorities — said Burckmyer's account is "100 percent" credible.

"I believe her story 100 percent. I'm sure she saw what she said she saw. It was probably another one of those UFOs. The

description she gave has been repeated many times in the past," said Robert Gribble.

Burckmyer, noting that as a journalist it would be unethical for her to lie, said she observed

the object about 12:30 a.m. Wednesday while on the Garden State Parkway.

"I was driving up the parkway northward, going home to Vine-land from work," she said, "when

'I have no doubt it was a UFO. It was going maybe 30 miles an hour, slower than my car. It was definitely not like any aircraft I ever saw. It was elliptical in shape and it was enormous.'

— Mary Burckmyer

I looked up and saw two very bright lights on a flying object. I had not been drinking and was not tired.

"The object was moving from north to south at a very steady speed and, as I traveled northward, I was driving underneath it. It was gray, metallic in color," she said. "I'd say it was about 150 to 200 yards above me. It was like 10 times bigger than my car. The diameter was approximately 80 to 100 feet."

It had two large headlights that glowed white, she said, and several smaller white and green lights underneath that blinked intermittently. She said it made no sound.

"I swear to God I saw this," Burckmyer said. "Maybe there's a logical explanation, I don't know, but I swear to you I saw it. When I saw the article in this morning's paper, I said, 'My God, I saw that.'"

She said the object ultimately veered to the east and disap-

peared.

Gribble said he received no other calls about UFO sightings Wednesday besides that of the 22-year-old radio reporter. Several reporters, however, had called from this area to inquire about sightings reported to them by area residents, he said.

Paul Matthews, WCMC production manager, said the station fielded at least a dozen calls Wednesday from people who reported observing strange lights hovering over area skies.

Most of the callers, he said, referred to an article in Wednesday's Press, describing such a sighting the night before in the Egg Harbor Township/Hamilton Township area.

The article was based on authorities' accounts of observations made by the family of Lee and Kathy Milner between 8 and 9 p.m., near the Milner home at Adler and Seventh avenues, a heavily wooded area in Egg Harbor Township.

"It went real fast over the road, and in the front of it was like two dark areas. My son thought they were windows. When it got to our treeline it disappeared," Kathy Milner, a preschool teacher, told The Press Wednesday.

"I believe it was a UFO," said Milner, the mother of two. "I'm a believer in UFOs."

The Milner home is in proximity to a small private airport and is not far from the Federal Aviation Administration Technical Center and adjacent Atlantic City International Airport.

However, Kathy Milner said she was sure what she saw was not a plane.

"It went higher than most of

the planes that go past our house," she said. "And it was faster than planes go. It wasn't a shooting star, either. I know what they look like."

A township police officer who was called to the Milner house ultimately filed a report noting the strange lights were probably that of an airplane, according to police.

Tony Willett, spokesman for the tech center, also in Egg Harbor Township, said Wednesday the FAA doesn't investigate UFO sightings. He acknowledged the federal agency contacted local police about the Milner sighting after the family reported it by phone to the tech center.

Willett repeated his statement of Tuesday that radar at Atlantic City International Airport had detected nothing unusual on the night in question. He referred inquiries about the sightings to the UFO center, a non-profit organization comprised of volunteer workers who believe UFOs are real.

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Gribble, a volunteer staffer for the center, initially told a Press reporter Wednesday that the sightings could be distorted observations of the planets Venus and Jupiter. The two, he explained, have been especially prominent lately in westerly night skies.

"They would appear as two brilliant spotlights. The planets show up in different positions every year," said Gribble, noting there was a full moon Tuesday night. "They'll be out there for several weeks. Jupiter would be slightly higher and to the left."

That description matches what Kathy Milner's husband, Lee, said he originally saw before summoning his family out to the front lawn Tuesday night.

He said he watched as the two spotlights — one above the other on a diagonal — took nearly an

hour to meander half way across the sky before descending below the horizon.

But the 39-year-old mechanic said the "spotlights" seemed to change color as they fell from view. He said he then drove his son Graham, 12, and a few of his son's friends to a clearing at the end of the street so they could all get a better look.

Graham and one of the friends, Charles Freeman, 12, who lives down the street, said they then saw a single glowing object dart across the sky and disappear.

"It looked like two bowls on top of one another," Graham Milner said, describing the object's shape.

He said it moved in quick zig-zag patterns. "One time it was going straight across and then it was coming straight toward us," he explained. "It looked like it almost did a U-turn."

Freeman said the object glowed in different colors — white, green and pink. Kathy Milner, who saw it later from the Milner house, described the object as red.

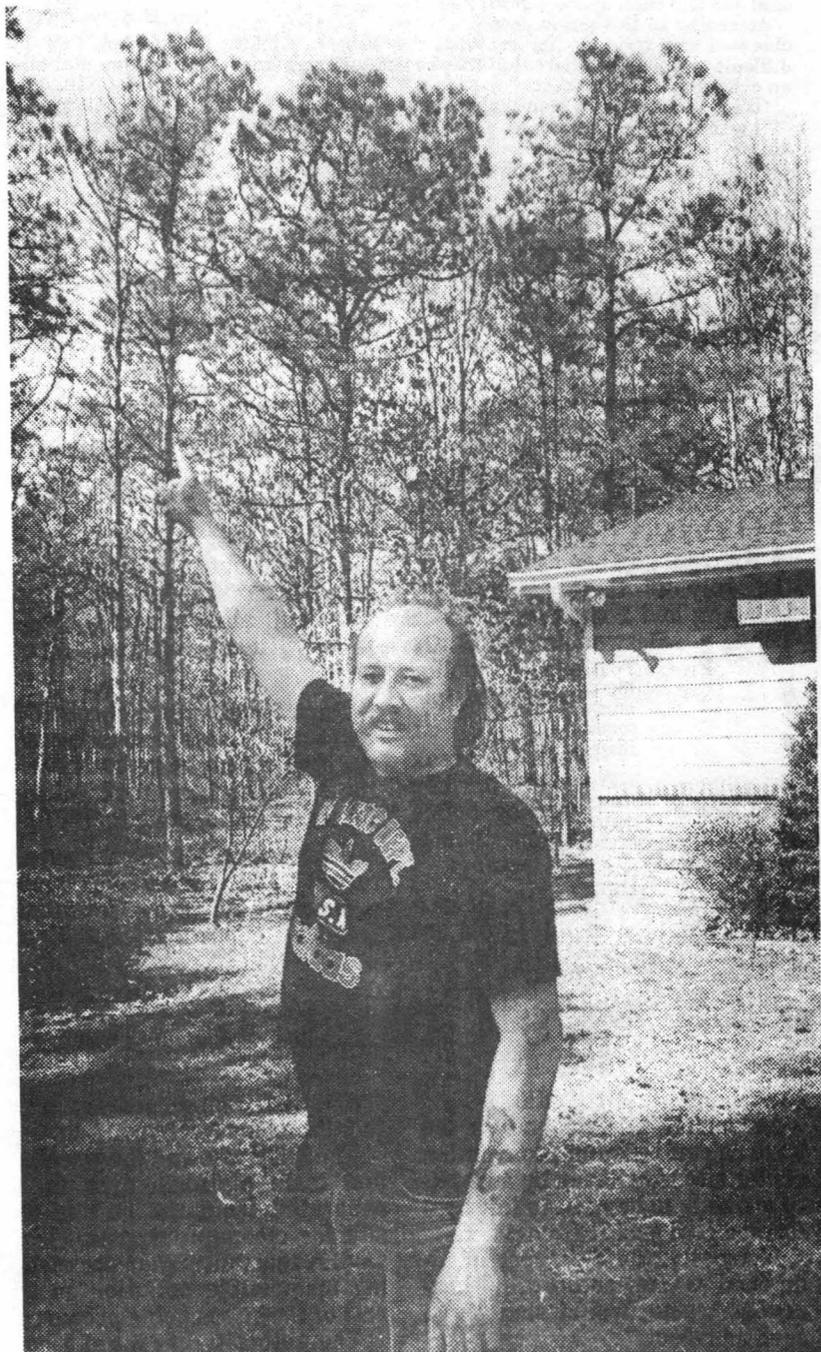
Lee Milner explained that he himself did not see the object dart at the clearing because he was looking the wrong way, and he said he had gone back inside by the time his wife saw it in front of the house.

Gribble acknowledged the incongruity of the FAA referring press inquiries to an organization like his, whose members believe UFOs represent an important phenomenon.

"They (FAA officials) cooperate in a public relations effort to give out our number as a public service," he said.

Despite sightings by many military pilots, engineers and astronomers, he said, the government refuses to acknowledge UFOs exist.

"It's bizarre," he said.



Staff photo by Rick Murray

Milner points to where he saw two lights meandering across the sky //

Alien spotter bid for a UFO group

A DIBDEN Purlieu woman's life changed when she saw a giant gleaming, oval object streak across the sky.

Now UFO spotter Dot Street is hoping to set up a group for local people who have had close encounters.

Ex-British UFO Association investigator Dot Street claims that many people keep quiet about their sightings of aliens and their spacecraft for fear of being ridiculed.

According to Dot many people who see UFO's become obsessed with trying to find out what they saw and find it difficult to convince others that they're not suffering from an over-active imagination.

"It's led to divorce in many cases," said Dot.

"I want to set up a group for people to share their experiences," said Dot who has had two further sightings since

her first at Great Yarmouth in 1978.

Dot believes that Alien lifeforms are slowly introducing themselves to earth - that's why they have yet to appear to more than a few people.

She also believes the Ministry of Defence have information on UFO's which they refuse to publish. In 1984 Dot and two co-authors brought out the book Sky Crash concerning the biggest mass sighting of a UFO in the UK, at RAF Bentwaters in Suffolk's Rendlesham Forest.

The book contains interviews with several American servicemen stationed at Bentwaters who claimed that a space ship landed at the airbase and that silver-suited aliens communicated with US Airforce Officers.

Dot is currently working on a follow-up book and tape: The Rendlesham Forest Mystery Cover-Up.

"I believe the military do not release all the information because they do not want to cause panic but I think they could do it in such a way as to avoid frightening people.

"They admit that they are not a threat to our defence so why not tell us more," said Dot.

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UFO? No, it's Venus, love!

ACTRESS Selena Gilbert is convinced she has seen a UFO.

She told police that a strange, cigar-shaped object hovered above Henfield before disappearing over the horizon.

Selena, 54, of Horn Lane, Henfield, was backed by theatre director husband Terry, 55, and a couple of friends from London.

But police say they had over-vivid imaginations and suggested it was the planet Venus.

They were backed by the Royal Observatory, Herstmonceux, which praised Steyning PCs John Hughes and Peter Smith for their inter-stellar detective skills.

Spokesman Dr Peter Andrews, who is plagued by similar calls at this time of year, said: "Good for them.

"They are almost certainly right. Venus is very bright at the moment, low down in the south west night sky. Because of the atmosphere it starts to twinkle and go funny colours."

But Selena is sure it was an extra-terrestrial encounter.

She said: "We are not mad. We saw what looked like an incredibly bright star, but much closer and brighter. It seemed cigar-shaped and blue shafts of light came out of it."

A Steyning police spokesman said: "I have never come across a sighting that hasn't been explained."

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Reports on UFO sightings

THERE have been requests in the Press lately from national groups seeking UFO reports from the Plymouth area. We feel that this may be due to a major report that PUFORG printed and distributed last year, to interested bodies throughout England.

Could we just remind your readers that the Plymouth UFO Research Group is still very active, and do want to hear of any UFO reports from Plymouth, Devon and Cornwall.

PUFORG is now one of the longest established UFO research groups (being founded by Des Weeks in 1965) and have investigated hundreds of local UFO sightings.

Our reports have also been quoted in a number of books and periodicals. The latest being "Above Top Secret" by Timothy Good and "Modern English Mysteries" by Janet and Colin Bord.

So if you see what you think is a UFO do please contact us. All reports are treated confidentially and seriously. We are temporarily without a telephone number in Plymouth but urgent reports can be phoned to Joan Amos, Lucy Cottage, Peter Tavy, Nr. Tavistock (9681)233, and others written to the Plymouth address.

Bob Boyd,
(Chairman Plymouth Reports),

30 Camperdown Street,
Stoke,
Plymouth

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Steve's plea on UFO

LOCAL UFO investigator Steve Balon is appealing for more information on the sighting of an unidentified flying object in Westleigh.

Mr Balon received a cryptic message about the Thursday's sighting during a very brief telephone conversation. The caller described himself as a relative of one of the two women who saw the object.

The man, who did not give his name, said that the women had been walking in the area when suddenly a huge orange triangular object swooped down from the sky at them before disappearing. The two were apparently very shaken by the incident.

Mr Balon, the North-west investigator for the Direct Investigation Group on Aerial Phenomena, said that

he had received no other reports of similar sightings in the area at that time.

He has, he says, investigated and researched unidentified flying objects for about 25 years and although the sighting of a triangular object is unusual it is not unique. Several years ago he received reports of similar shaped objects in the Atherton and Wigan areas.

Anyone wishing to contact Mr Balon with information on sightings should write to him at: 10, Woodlands Avenue, Pennington, Leigh, WN7 3HL.

Eerie light lit up the park

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With reference to the two ladies who had a strange encounter with a UFO on Wednesday morning last week.

I was in the bathroom at 5.35am. I looked out of the window, which was only half open, and saw a brilliant blue-white light which illuminated all of the park field between Chinnbrook Road and Glas-tonbury Road, plus all the roofs and gardens surrounding.

By the time I could get the win-dow wide open the light had gone.

I heard no sound at all, and I saw no object, only the brilliant light.

The sky was perfectly clear. It was as if someone had switched a searchlight on and off in the space of about two seconds. The silence made it more eerie.

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Yardley Wood.

● I, too, saw this light from my bedroom window.

At first I thought it was moon-light but then was amazed to see

this block of light descending.

As it appeared to get level with the rooftops of houses in a direct line with my house, on the 62 bus route, the light went out.

I sat on the edge of the bed waiting for an explosion, but nothing happened

I was quite excited at having seen it.

(Mrs) M. Shaw

Lickey Road,
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Tea-hee... how the teabag UFO might look

Teabag UFO zaps Pauline

SCHOOLGIRL Pauline Emerson was stirred up yesterday—after a close encounter with a teabag-shaped UFO.

Pauline, 14, was feeding animals in her garden when the smelly spaceship—black with little perforations—zoomed within five yards of her.

Now she is off school and taking tranquillisers to get over the shock.

Yesterday she said: "It was like a teabag. It was so black it shone out. The smell was really disgusting.

"Charlie, my horse,

was trembling and my radio went off."

Her mum Barbara was inside their home near Godmanchester, Cambs, at the time and remembers it shaking and the sensation of oxygen being sucked from it.

An education welfare officer who interviewed Pauline afterwards said: "She is a truthful kid, she wouldn't make this up."

Earlier this week a school dinner lady reported UFOs shaped like oranges flying over Beeston, Notts.

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Nazis blamed for UFOs!

by Fergus Kelly

NAZIS could be responsible for UFOs sighted in the skies over North Yorkshire.

That is the startling theory of Yorkshire UFO Society who were holding their annual conference in Rotherham today.

They claim that both the Americans and Russians have aircraft, or flying discs, originally designed by the Nazis in the Second World War.

Mick Hanson, the Director of Overseas Research for the society, insists that he and his colleagues are serious in their claim.

"Our research over the last few years shows that these craft were being manufactured by the Nazis during the war," said Mr Hanson.

"The Americans and the Russians overran their secret factories when they invaded Germany and came across the flying discs the Germans had built."

Mr Hanson, who says he also believes in extra-terrestrial life, claims that it is very possible the superpowers have been building their own versions of the Nazi flying discs since the end of the war.

Pumpkin

Among the sightings to be discussed at the conference will be a "large pumpkin object with several cocktail sticks coming out of it," seen over York on December 30, said Mr Hanson.

The object was seen by housewife Elizabeth Rogers, of Ham-merton Close, Chapelfields and, as reported in the Evening Press at the time, RAF Linton-on-Ouse confirmed there were no aircraft then in the air.

Mr Hanson said the society dealt with about 15 to 20 sightings a year over Yorkshire.

"We do not subscribe to any one theory. Some of these sightings are natural and explainable, but we are interested in the ones we cannot explain," he added.

About 400 enthusiasts, from as far afield as Newcastle and Blackpool, and including York, are expected at the weekend conference.

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Ring road for UFOs?

STRANGE markings on a country road which puzzled police have led to a flying saucer alert.

Two rings, 12ft in diameter, have been found in the road surface at Farley near Matlock in Derbyshire.

Police are baffled but a spokesman for local UFO spotters said: "They could be linked with a UFO landing.

"Over the past few months we have had many sightings reported in Derbyshire."

RAF man sees craft

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**UFOs OVER
CHASE-90
SIGHTINGS!**

The number of UFOs spotted over the Chase has officially rocketed to 90 in the last month, it has been confirmed.

Among the sightings have been one by a man who has for ten years served in the RAF.

The man, who works as a jet engine technician, spotted the craft in Boney Hay and says he has never seen anything like it before. A radar operator has also confirmed some 'unusual sightings' but cannot say any more.

And a security man at Birmingham Airport is among those who spotted a craft over the area on Saturday.

Most of the sightings came before any publicity

By **LYNETTE LLOYD**

was given - but most people said they hesitated to report them for fear of being mocked.

What is baffling the experts is that the sightings are all happening within a ten mile radius of Burntwood and seem to be concentrating on the Chase area.

A UFO was spotted over the Cavan's Wood area by a villager and three women out canvassing - and a Burntwood couple, Mr and Mrs Misters, reported seeing the same object although neither of them knew about the other sighting.

The RAF man's sighting was of a brilliant white 'smoke-ring' over Boney

Hay at nine o'clock in the morning. Above it was an object with a small rotating blue light. It hovered at the spot for a full minute before moving off at great speed leaving what looked like a vapour trail coming from the object's left side. Within a second or two it had disappeared completely.

Also in Boney Hay a Mr Perry Jones saw an object flying at a fast rate across the sky at an estimated 5/6000 feet. It was closely followed by two fighter jets.

The RAF Strike Command are this week studying all the reported sightings.

Photographs of a craft hovering before landing and then taking off again in Bentley, Walsall, are being scrutinised to see if they are genuine.

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**Riddle of
lost girl
'in kidnap
by UFO'**

By **SUN REPORTER**

SECRETARY Jackie Smith has gone missing after telling workmates how UFO aliens tried to kidnap her.

Jackie, 39, described a close encounter with beings from outer space who materialised in her car.

Boss Andy Egan said: "She turned up at the office in a panic. She said she was driving along in her Toyota when it was whisked into the air."

"The next thing she remembered was waking up in the car six hours later with blue dots on her ankles and neck."

Sign

Jackie said the car had been mysteriously transported to a different place.

Colleague Sally Warren, 19, said: "Jackie claimed these strange beings were suddenly in the car—without her opening the door."

Jackie, of Warrington, Cheshire, vanished next day.

She has been missing for two weeks and Mr Egan has called in top UFO investigator Jenny Randles.

Jenny said: "The blue dots are a classic sign of alien presence. Jackie may be hiding, terrified they'll come back and get her."

Police say they are baffled by Jackie's disappearance.

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**Missing UFO
girl is back**

SECRETARY Jackie Smith—who went missing after telling how she was captured by aliens in a UFO—turned up safe yesterday.

Divorcee Jackie, 39, of Warrington, Cheshire, vanished two weeks ago.

But she rang boss Andy Egan after reading reports of her disappearance and said she had suffered a blackout.

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**B-LIMEY! IT'S
UFO LEMONS**

UFO hunters searching the skies for Unidentified Flying Oranges should keep their eyes peeled—for flying LEMONS.

Alien expert Dennis Harriman says the extra-terrestrial Jaffas can change colour to yellow.

Dennis, head of the National UFO Investigation Society, has been inundated with dozens of sightings in the Midlands.

He said yesterday: "We don't want people just looking for orange objects."

"There's evidence that they change colour. We've reports of yellow objects which look more like lemons."

The society claims police are withholding reports of the sightings.

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⁽¹³⁸⁾ Symposium will explore UFOs, close encounters

A daylong program on UFOs and a possible UFO landing site at Elmwood, Wis., will be held Saturday at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

The program will feature a series of discussions on whether extraterrestrial life is possible. Donald Schmitt, co-director of the Center for UFO Studies in Evanston, Ill., will present evidence from reports of UFO sightings. The center was founded by Dr. Alan J. Hynek, who was an original UFO investigator for the U.S. Air Force and coined the phrase "close encounters of the third kind." Hynek was technical director to Stephen Spielberg on the movie of the same name.

Jack Bostrack, UW-River Falls biology professor, and Earl Blodgett, an assistant physics professor, will take a scientific ap-

proach to the possibility of life on other planets.

Dave Martinek, a Chippewa Falls businessman who was one of the founders of the UFO Site Center Corp. of Chippewa Falls, will tell of his hopes to build a large UFO landing site at Elmwood.

Elmwood, a small town about 20 miles southwest of Menomonie, holds an annual UFO Days festival that was started after a number of reported UFO sightings in the Elmwood area.

Martinek said the organization hopes to buy two square miles of land at Elmwood and establish a center that would draw scientists from throughout the world to conduct a dialogue with extraterrestrials.

The session will begin at 9 a.m. Saturday at the North Hall auditorium. There is a \$10 fee for adults and a \$5 fee for students. //

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Spotter Dot delivers a UFO plea

HAVE you had a close encounter of any kind? If so, Dot Street would like to talk about it.

Dot, 40, an investigator of Unidentified Flying Objects, has moved to the South and has brought her fascination for UFO's with her.

And it's an obsession that she says has cost her her marriage.

After spending a lot of time investigating sightings and co-writing a paperback, *Sky Crash*, Dot has moved to Dibden, Hythe, to be with her children.

She first spotted a UFO in 1978 when she was living in Great Yarmouth with her

family. As she was putting her son to bed she saw what she described as "a full moon, but oval shaped".

She explained: "I ran down the stairs to tell my husband but I couldn't speak; he had to slap my face."

The sighting had such an effect on her that she studied the subject and became a regional investigator for the British UFO Research Association. "It's very important that people who have seen UFOs have someone to talk to," said Dot.

She would like to hear from people who have seen UFOs, especially military personnel, past and present. You should write to Dot at 66 Drapers Copse, Claypitts Lane, Dibden, Hythe.

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Mystery fireball

RAF EXPERTS are probing the mystery of a "fireball" which floated down in front of a car driver and disappeared before his eyes...

The football sized object was spotted flying low over Sunnyside Road, at Rotherham before coming in to land.

JCB driver Jimmy Wilson, was scraping ice from his car when he spotted the apparently white hot ball coming in to land.

But as he walked towards it it started to fizzle and disappeared,

says the 40-year-old father of two of Larch

"It was the oddest thing I've ever seen and I must admit it was certainly frightening at first," he said.

Local UFO investigators say several eye witnesses had backed Mr. Wilson's sighting.

Mystery of UF... Oranges!

A FLEET OF giant flying oranges is being probed by UFO experts.

They're the size of a house and leave people who spot them with a dose of sunburn.

They glow bright orange and have been sighted throughout the Midlands in recent weeks, according to Dennis Harriman, coordinator for the UFO Investigation Society.

Checks

He has received reports of the strange shapes being seen as far afield as Nottingham and Lichfield, Staffs.

People have claimed the giant jaffa lookalikes hover just above the ground.

And a 35-year-old woman from Beeston, Notts, reported: "I was totally amazed. My husband didn't believe me, but I'm not given to hallucinations."

Checks with the RAF and the Ministry of Defence have failed to link the weird sightings with aircraft.

Mr. Harriman said: "I am not saying they are from another planet but you cannot rule out the possibility."

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'Silpho saucer' secrets revealed

By Iain Meekley 3128

The 31-year-old mystery of the "Silpho Saucer" has given up some of its secrets.

The Evening News has traced what is believed to be the last surviving member of the three-man group involved in the UFO controversy.

And the 75-year-old retired Scarborough businessman — who does not want to be named — now says of the object he saw on the moors after a strange red light swooped from the sky: "I think it was man-made."

The eyewitness to the event, in December 1957, added: "I don't know if

there was a deliberate hoax involved. But I don't believe the object came from space."

The discovery, disappearance, and later recovery of the "saucer" — 18 in in diameter, and said to contain copper scrolls inscribed with mysterious heiroglyphics — earned the derision of the press, but excited UFO buffs.

One enthusiast even claimed to have deciphered part of the "message", and announced: "The disc from which these samples were taken originated in Mercury, was launched from a scout ship, which then went on to Yeovil."

But the eyewitness, who was in the car near the scene of the "landing", said: "All I saw was a red sort of orb, which seemed to descend in an arc. When I got out of the car to have a look,

there was this object nestling in the heather.

"There was a young man and a woman near it, and by the time my companions had got out of the car, both it and the couple had gone."

The smartly-suited former businessman said he told local solicitor Anthony Parker — a member of a society interested in space travel — about his experience.

Mr Parker, who, when the story came out, used the pen-name "Antony Avendel", was "immediately interested", and suggested placing an ad in the Evening News, offering a reward to the finders of the object.

The ad was answered, and after one abortive attempt, a handover of the "saucer" was arranged.

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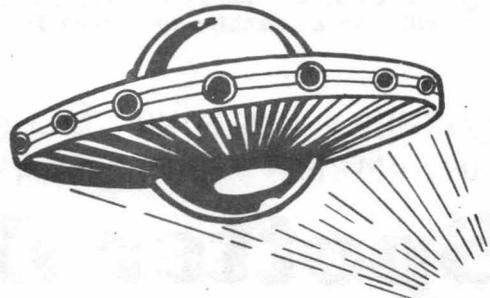
Sir,
I, too, saw the UFO or UFOs come from the north, move across Box Hill, over Dorking Station proceeding southerly. They or it turned left and entering a fuzzy cloud disappeared.

Venus and Jupiter had nothing to do with this sighting, thy were hanging westward, extremely bright and certainly had nothing to do with my sighting as I observed them as well.

I was a member of Contact International for many years and take sightings seriously.

Audrey Enright (Mrs)
Lincoln Road,
Dorking.

The globes were of a deep rose colour, soundless and quite large: time; approximately 6-7pm
Monday, March 7.



"I arranged to meet the people who answered, and Mr Parker gave me the money," said the eyewitness. "It wasn't a bad sum, quite tempting at that time."

At the meeting, he was given the object — wrapped in a lentil sack.

"It was the object I had seen on the moor," he said.

Mysterious

The ex-businessman said he did not see the object opened, and knew nothing of the mysterious scrolls said to be contained inside.

"After Mr Parker collected it, I never saw it again, and I've no idea where it might be now.

"Wherever it came from, I'd say that it was something that had been fashioned by human hands."

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Unidentified Flying Oranges

A FLEET of giant ORANGES has been sighted flying over the Midlands.

Witnesses claim the oversize Outspans give off an orange glow that has left some people with sunburn.

A woman from Beeston, Nottingham, said the oranges were about the size of a house. They hovered just above the ground and gave off a humming noise.

The UFO Investigation Society said: "We have had dozens of reports about these oranges."

UFO tales out of this world?

By KEN BREKKE
Of the Tribune staff

RIVER FALLS, Wis. — You can choose to believe in unidentified flying objects, or decide the stories are all hoaxes. But don't try to change Fred Mattson's mind.

He believes.

He claims to have seen about 25 unidentified flying objects, but the two he remembers best are the ones that chased him along the interstate highway from Tomah to Black River Falls.

"They were playing with me," Mattson said of the glowing balls he estimated were up to 8 feet in diameter.

Mattson, who said he is called Pat by his friends, was returning to his Elmwood home from a business trip in 1975 when he said the glowing balls appeared above his car. They matched their speed to his, despite his alarmed attempts at evasion. They danced merrily around his auto, he said, even though at times he was driving 90 mph.

That has been his most vivid experience with UFOs, but like many of the residents of Elmwood, which bills itself as the

UFO capital of the world, he has seen other strange things in the skies.

"I know how to watch for them," said the 75-year-old Mattson. They move up and down in the night sky, he said, while planes and comets and most everything else move horizontally.

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About 200 believers, non-believers and just plain curious folks gathered at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on Saturday to listen to a seminar on extraterrestrials. The speakers offered little proof that UFOs exist, but they strongly suggested the existence of those mysterious flying things is possible.

For instance, Donald Schmitt charged that the U.S. government has been concealing evidence about UFOs for more than 40 years. Schmitt, co-director of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, said the cover-up began in 1947 shortly after the alleged crash of an unidentified flying object in New Mexico. Schmitt and his Chicago-based center say the object may have been an unmanned drone made by aliens, but the Air Force's official report said it was a downed weather balloon.

Government agencies "are part of the debunking procedure," according to Schmitt. They have spawned "a ridicule factor," he said, that makes us reluctant to report sightings because of the accompanying mockery about "flying saucers and little green men."

Schmitt said the center has files on 50,000 cases, "and 10 percent remain unexplained." The center is now concentrating on abduction accounts, according to Schmitt, who said that abduction reports seem to be increasing.

The center is concentrating on abductions, which mainly deal with humans taken aboard a craft for medical-style examinations, because in those cases "we have something to analyze," Schmitt said. Purported victims are hypnotized and examined, and yield more information than typical sightings of UFOs. "Those old lights in the sky are less exciting," he said.

Schmitt predicted researchers "will come up with some answers within our lifetimes."

Earl Blodgett, an assistant professor of physics at UW-River Falls, suggested it is entirely possi-

ble, and even probable, that life has developed elsewhere in the universe. Scientists once thought planets were rare, "but we now believe planets form routinely around many stars."

Jack Bostrack, professor of biology at UW-River Falls, said the same chemical and biological evolutions that occurred on our planet could have happened elsewhere. In fact, he said life may have arisen earlier on other planets, or developed more rapidly. He suggested it is easily conceivable that there could be 100,000 civilizations more advanced than ours.

"Science suggests that we are not alone in the universe," Blodgett agreed. The problem, he noted, "is that it is very difficult to get there from here."

The prime barriers to space travel are a combination of incredible distances and a seemingly unbreakable speed limit, Blodgett said. Star travelers apparently could not exceed the speed of light, given our present knowledge of the laws of physics, and that means it would take us more than four years to reach the nearest star, even if we could travel at nearly the speed of light.

Other problems also abound. For instance, "we haven't the foggiest notion of how to build such a spaceship," Blodgett said. And today's scientists don't know how to protect a ship from collisions with space dust, which would be deadly at the enormous speeds required for travel between the stars.

Until scientists can find a way to circumvent what we believe are the laws of physics, Blodgett and Bostrack said the best way to communicate with extraterrestrials may be through radio waves. Radio telescopes and other equipment are being used. We are listening and sending messages already, but without results so far, Bostrack said.

That remark prompted a question from the audience.

Should we be announcing our presence, the questioner asked, since our history shows that more advanced civilizations tend to dominate.

"Races that are more advanced tend to be more responsible," Blodgett responded. "Moral and ethical responsibilities grow as civilizations grow," he said. Besides,

he noted, most scientists believe that even if the residents of another planet were hostile, it could take them hundreds of years to get here.

But don't bring that theory to Fred Mattson either. He remembers that wild ride along the interstate, and he thinks they're already here.

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CHIPPEWA FALLS, Wis. — Tom Weber's feet are planted firmly in the soil of Chippewa County, but his head is in the stars and his heart is set on building a landing site for flying saucers.

Weber isn't a particularly big man, but he has a big dream: the creation of a multi-million-dollar landing site and scientific community that could lead to mankind's first contact with beings from another planet.

A skeptic would be quick to point out that Weber's UFO Site Center Corp. has its headquarters in a convenient location. The second-floor office, in Chippewa Falls, is located directly across the hall from a financial services business. Fortunately, since the corporation's most pressing problem is how to raise the estimated \$50 million Weber thinks will be necessary to do his project right.

The idea of raising that kind of money, and the very notion of trying to contact passengers in flying saucers, leads skeptics to note that just down the hall from the corporation's office is a psychiatric clinic.

Maps of the area around Elmwood, a Dunn County community of slightly more than 900 residents noted for its multiple reports of UFO sightings, are posted on one wall of the corporation's office at 705 Bay St.

"We're looking at some areas," Weber said. "We are asking landowners if they'd be interested in selling, or donating, or a combination."

Weber said he hopes to raise \$50 million because he wants to construct "a full-fledged operation, not some backyard effort." That would require \$25 million to create the landing site, and another \$25 million "so we can stay in business."

Besides the landing site, Weber envisions a complex that would house and employ 100 full-time scientists, plus their support staff.

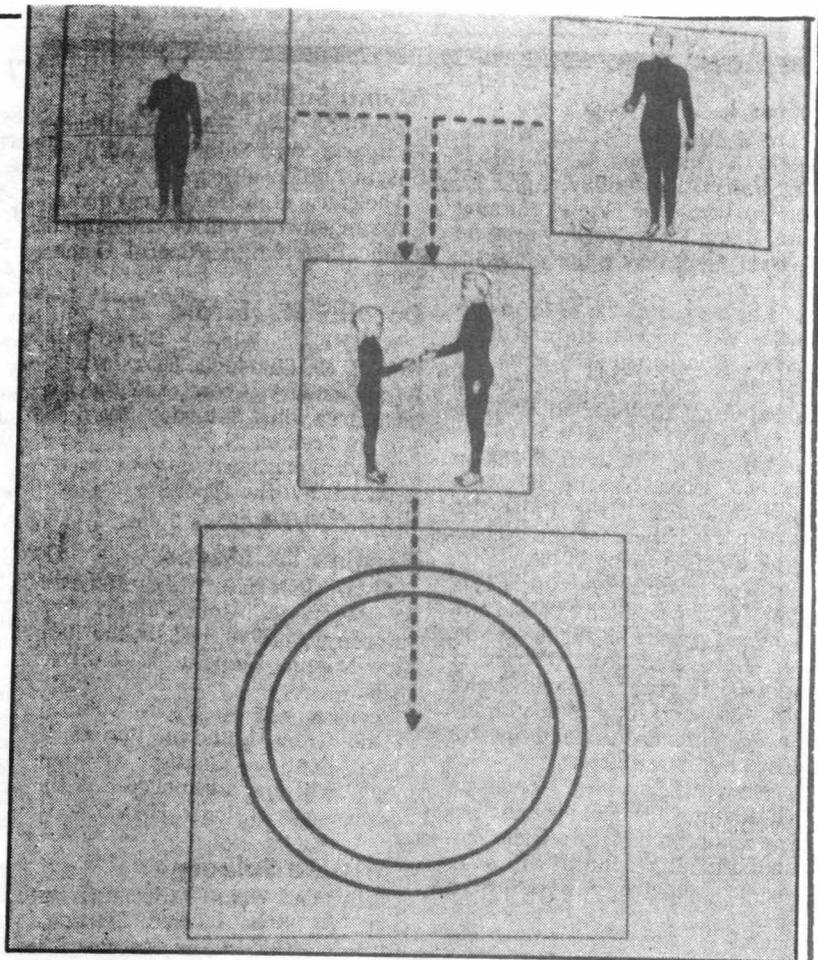
Weber, who founded the UFO Site Center Corp., a non-profit organization, is investing some of his own money in the project.

"If I were a very wealthy man I would go ahead and finance the whole thing myself," he said.

He said he hopes some well-known figures will lend their support, and perhaps contribute toward that \$50 million goal. "It isn't that much when you consider the budgets of a lot of other operations," he said.

Weber predicted "enormous benefits to humanity from achieving contact" with an advanced civilization. "There is no event in man's past ... that can compare with the impact" of contact with aliens, Weber said.

Welcome mat put out for UFOs



Steve Noffke of the Tribune staff

This illustration depicts a proposed landing site for unidentified flying objects. A Chippewa Falls group wishes to build the site near Elmwood. Two square miles would be bordered by lights, making the site easily visible from the air. The human figure would be a quarter of a mile in length, and rippling lights would indicate the landing site. The pictorial message simply urges humans and aliens to meet, and shows where.

Though he has never seen an unidentified flying object himself, Weber said he has no doubts that they exist. There are "endless reports" from "highly credible individuals" supporting the existence of UFOs, according to Weber. "And there is solid evidence of the government concealing facts."

Weber said he believes extraterrestrials are here and slowly making the planet aware of their presence. They are hoping for "a collective response, an invitation" to make contact, according to Weber.

The proposed Elmwood site would be a positive step instead of just collecting data, Weber said. "It's reasonable to expect they'll respond to the invitation. The potential for gain is so much we feel it's well worth the effort."

Weber admitted some of the citizens of Elmwood may be thinking of making money instead of making contact when they claim to support the landing site project. After all, the site could become an enormous tourist attraction, and Elmwood al-

ready has an annual festival called UFO Days.

"All that meant to us was how acclimated that community is" to reports of unidentified flying objects.

Weber said most of his friends have been supportive of his bid to create a landing site, though he admitted that at first his wife, Colleen, "wasn't real happy with the situation." She was worried about her husband "being whispered about in the supermarket, or the children being teased," he said.

But Weber's wife, and others, are getting interested. Corporation officials have been on numerous TV shows and been interviewed by many newspaper reporters. Though Chippewa Falls "has been kind of blasé about it all," radio interviews have been broadcast from there to Great Britain, Australia, South Africa and Canada. "And Japanese TV is coming next month." //