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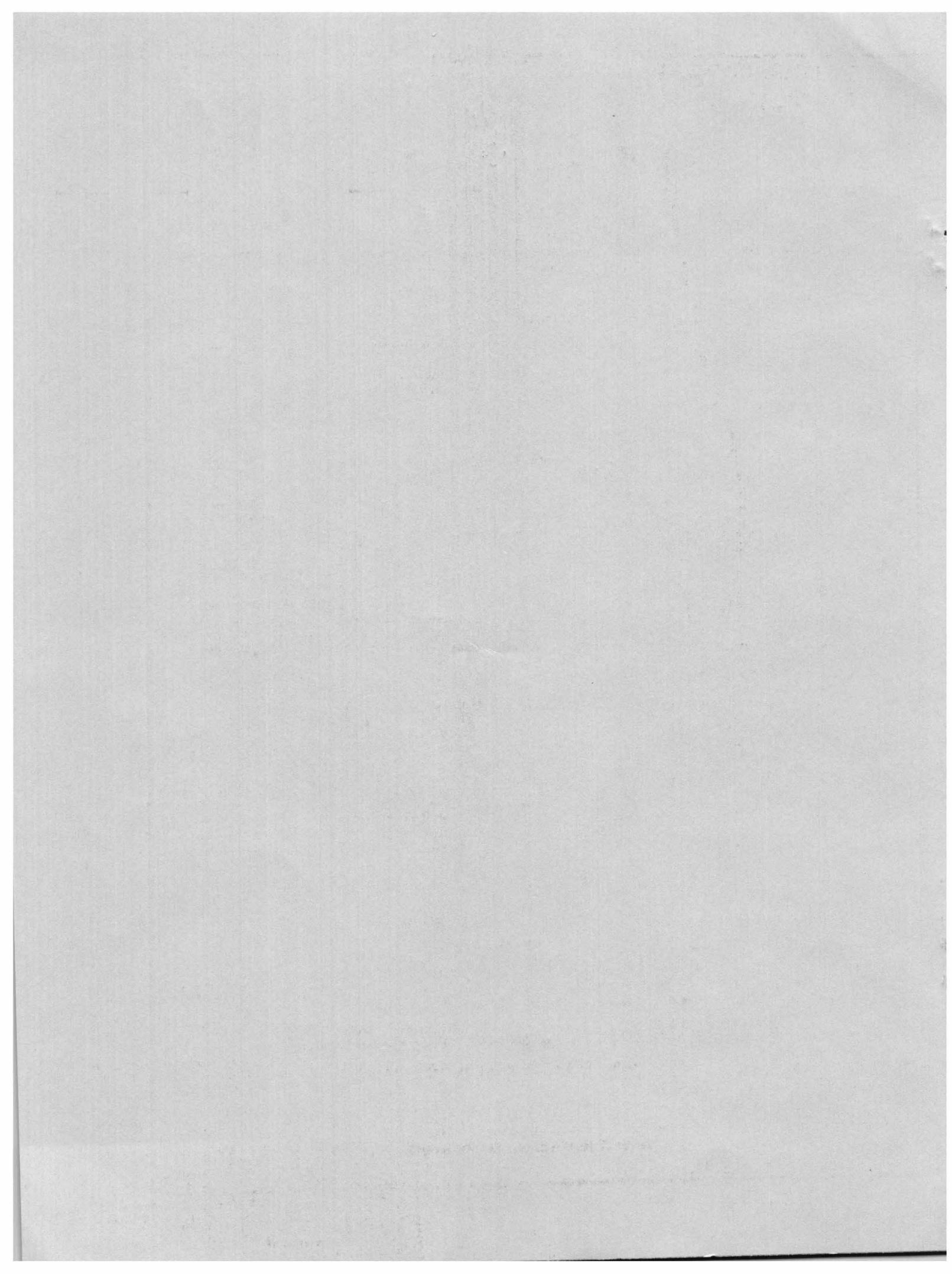
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Guatemalans flock to see lights they swear are UFOs

By Vicki Barker

Special to The Baltimore Sun

EL PROGRESO, Guatemala—Mysterious lights have been appearing in the sky nearly every night for the last month.

They have brought thousands of sightseers to this mountainous eastern Guatemala region, dominated the headlines of the country's newspapers and become the national preoccupation.

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The lights, when they appear, invariably show up between 7:50 p.m. and 8:20 p.m. Every evening about that time, hundreds of people stream into this area, about an hour's drive from Guatemala City.

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Appeal as UFOs are seen over Worksop

YORKSHIRE'S UFO Society has sent out a plea to a number of Worksop residents who recently rang their telephone hotline to report sightings.

Notts Investigator James Moore is anxious to hear from witnesses

who rang the hotline. Including a woman who reported a sighting in day-

light on the A57 Worksop By-pass between Sandy Lane and the Newcastle

Avenue roundabout.

The woman claims to have seen a circular craft about 30-40 feet in diameter, and Mr Moore would like to investigate the sighting along with others reported in the Worksop area.

Another sighting in Worksop, reported to the Mansfield UFO Group in February, was at the Market Place at around 4.30pm.

A university student was walking with his girlfriend when they saw a 'long pencil-shaped craft, rocking around from side-to-side in the sky.'

Erratic

It glowed, they said, a bright blue colour, and had several small red lights underneath. After moving erratically around the sky for about five minutes, it stopped in mid-air.

The object was described as being twice the size of the moon in length, and no sound was heard.

Anyone with information should contact the Yorkshire UFO Society on 0756 752216, or the Mansfield UFO Group on Mansfield 651954.

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Close encounters of the Third World kind

by Vicki Barker

El Progreso, Guatemala

The mysterious lights have been appearing in the sky over eastern Guatemala nearly every night for the past month. They have brought thousands of sightseers to this mountainous region, dominated the headlines of the country's newspapers and become the national preoccupation in a land whose mysteries are usually more heartbreakingly earthbound.

Beside photographs of "disappeared" people, above articles about battered corpses lumped on rural roadsides, newspaper headlines ask, "What are the true facts about UFOs?" Grainy Rorschach pictures are displayed with captions such as, "UFO seen in the area of El Progreso last night." Day after day, Guatemalan newspaper readers used to more somber fare feast on the eyewitness accounts of doctors, lawyers, pilots, police officers, engineers and private citizens.

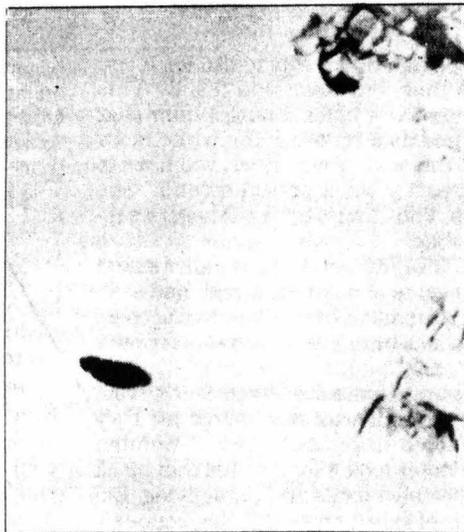
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"We came from the capital because we wanted to see for ourselves what these things might be," said Roderico Fretana, an

A LETTER FROM GUATEMALA



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A suspected 1969 UFO from the collection of a Guatemalan UFO investigator.

unemployed father of three. "Do I believe in visitors from other worlds? Yes, I believe the possibility exists."

"We've had other phenomena like this before here," said the Rev. Antonio Quinones, a Roman Catholic priest. He was sitting in the back of a pickup truck with some men from his village.

"Before the 1976 earthquake, the water level rose in this area, and lights appeared then, too."

But Father Quinones was agnostic on the subject of extraterrestrial tourists.

"It doesn't matter whether you believe or disbelieve," he shrugged. "The word says it all: They're unidentified flying objects."

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James Baillieu, a law student from Melbourne, Australia, had paid a Guatemala City cabdriver \$50 to take him to a spot about five miles farther down the road. From that vantage point, he said, he was able to get a closer look at the UFO.

"I was looking at it through binoculars," he said. "It had two bright lights, one red, and a wedge-shaped tail."

"It looked like an airplane, but it was much bigger than an airplane," Mr. Baillieu said.

Guatemala is a nation with a largely illiterate population. It has three active volcanoes, frequent earthquakes, an active guerrilla insurgency and a military with a well-earned reputation for random violence. This potent brew of man-made and natural calamities keeps a lively canon of modern folklore. The UFOs are being seen through the prism of that folklore.

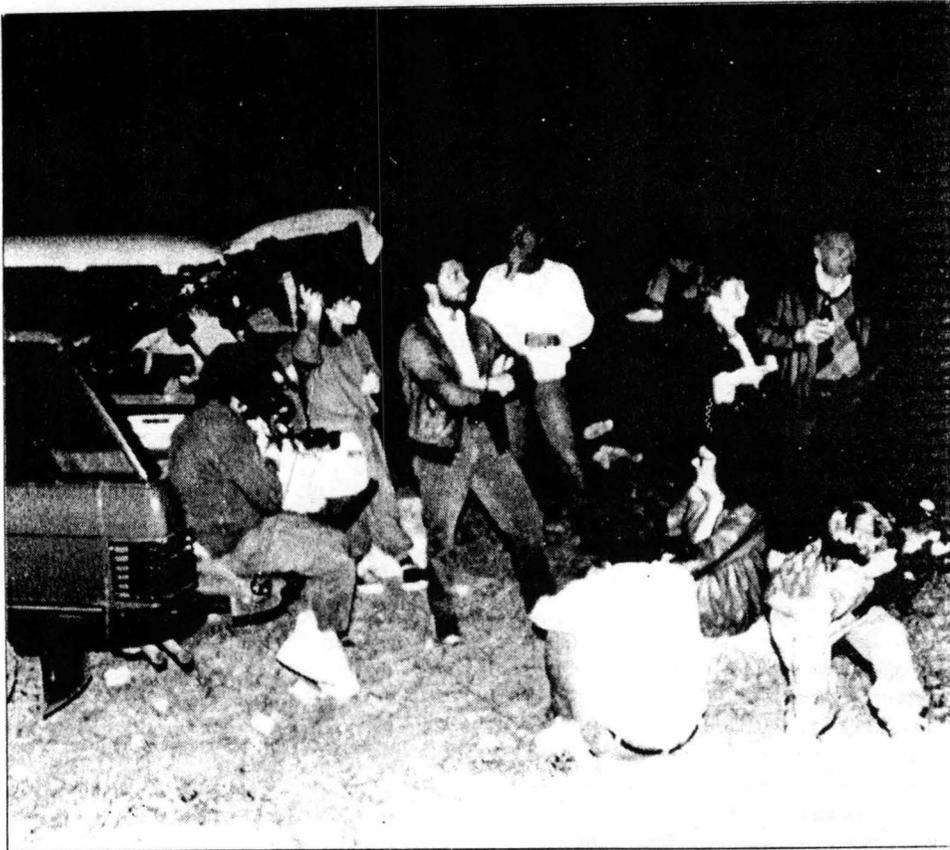
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"Guatemalan officials neither believe nor disbelieve," as one of them put it. The head of the national police has appealed, somewhat unnecessarily, for calm. He points out, truthfully, that "up to now, the UFOs haven't caused anyone any problems."

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Vicki Barker is a correspondent for the UPI Radio Network.



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People gather in the evening near El Progreso, hoping to catch a glimpse of a UFO.

Officially, the United States has no position on the UFOs, although one embassy spokesman said the reports aren't being taken very seriously.

"Every time it's come up around here, it's kind of 'ha, ha,'" he said. "I suppose if we get a request, we'll cable NASA or something."

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that they've been observed flying parallel to the Sierra de las Minas mountain range on a northeast to southwesterly course, at an altitude of about one thousand meters," he said patiently.

"The truth is that here at the institute we only believe what we can see. People are saying all kinds of different things about these machines, but that doesn't mean they're true."

However, an institute technician who had been working quietly during the interview took a reporter aside after Mr. Velasquez left the room.

"I saw the UFOs myself," he said. "The one I saw had a bright white light in front, and three or four little windows with a reddish glow inside."

"You should go out and see for yourself," he said. "They won't hurt you. I think they're here to help us."

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Kent UFO sightings were probably hobbyists' ultralight aircraft, police say

By Thomas P. Balazs
 Staff Writer

UFO sightings reported Thursday night by residents in two Putnam County towns were like ultralight aircraft, police said.

About 20 Southeast residents reported flashing lights and hovering noises in the sky about 9:30 p.m., said state Trooper Kevin Harris of the Brewster barracks.

Most of the sightings occurred in the neighborhood of Fieldstone Pond Condominiums off Putnam Lake Road, Harris said. Kent police also said they received reports of sightings.

Both police agencies attribute the reports to ultralight planes, a type of light aircraft operated by non-licensed hobbyists. In the past, ultralight planes have been identified by police agencies as the source of many UFO sightings in Putnam and Dutchess counties.

The ultralight theory was disputed by Philip Imbrogno, a Bethel, Conn. resident and co-author of "Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings." He said it is unlikely anyone would attempt to fly an ultralight at night, and said the planes are not equipped with lights.

Imbrogno said some of the sightings may be due to small airplanes and government experimental aircraft. Or, he suggested, the UFOs may be "something that not one of ours."

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UFO illusion

● EXPERTS now believe that a UFO sighting by passengers on a British jet was the Northern Lights.

Witnesses saw a huge multi-coloured, cloud-like object close by at 31,000ft.

Moments later the British Island Airways plane dipped sharply as it passed over Sardinia.

But yesterday a spokesman for the Ministry of Defence, which investigates UFO sightings, said: "As far as we are concerned it was the Northern Lights."

The lights are caused by unusual atmospheric conditions.

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Invasion of the Mind Snatchers

BY ELIZABETH BIRD

The triangular, bug-eyed face of the alien stares from the cover of Whitley Strieber's *Communion*, a "true story" of extra-terrestrial abduction that topped best-seller lists for more than a year.

No lovable ET here. Former horror-novelist Strieber tells in gruesome detail precisely how "the visitors" operated on his brain and raped him with enormous, scaly objects.

In the New Age climate of the 1980s, *Communion* and other best-sellers such as Bud Hopkins's *Intruders* have given alien abduction accounts a credibility that extends beyond tabloid headlines to the mainstream world of the morning talk shows and shopping-mall bookstores.

Readers may be impressed by Strieber's eye-witness account, or by the apparently scientific tone of Hopkins's work, which centers on interviews with hypnotized "abductees." But most psychologists agree that such tales spring not from the alien world of extra-terrestrials but from the dark interior world of the human psyche.

The simplest psychological mechanism fueling UFO accounts is confabulation, something we all do in storing our vast array of memories. Think of those events you remember as if they happened yesterday—that perfect summer, that train ride when you were five years old. They may well be confabulations, tapestries stitched together from actual experience, the stories of others who were there, events that have happened since, and perhaps a dash of wishful thinking. People who have experienced something together—even a recent event—may have strikingly different memories due to confabulation.

And while confabulation is normal, psychologists recognize that some of us are fantasy-prone personalities, people who are highly suggestible and can confabulate in vivid detail. Given the right cues—and existing knowledge of "alien abductions"—their imaginations may soar.

But Hopkins and other investigators use hypnosis to help people recall their abduc-

tions. Isn't memory uncannily accurate under hypnosis?

Unfortunately for UFO buffs, no. Countless experiments have shown that, while hypnosis may elicit remarkably detailed accounts, they are no more accurate than normal memories. Indeed, suggestible people may produce notably less accurate accounts under hypnosis. In psychologist Robert Baker's experiments, hypnotized subjects recalled details of objects in the laboratory that were not there and remembered imaginary events that Baker had discussed just before hypnotizing them.

Baker, professor of psychology at the University of Kentucky, doesn't say "abductees" are lying. Rather, they may read something that reminds them of an experience they believe they've had. Once they contact a UFO investigator, the attention makes them feel important. "And the

more the volunteer is observed and interrogated, the greater the motivation to come up with a cracking good story," he says. An abductee who has been written about once, for example, seems remarkably prone to being abducted again. Each successive story becomes more elaborate.

Baker points out that individuals who believe in hypnotism unearth deeper truths come to believe the tale more completely each time they retell it. Moreover, people who are not consciously lying will, like Whitley Strieber, easily pass a polygraph test. Baker points out that in *Communion*, Strieber

shows the classic symptoms of a fantasy-prone individual: "He is easily hypnotized; he is amnesiac; he has vivid memories of his early life; body immobility and rigidity; a religious background; a very active fantasy life; he is a writer of occult and highly imaginative novels."

*UFO abductions—
why are the tales so
consistent and the
abductees so
convinced of their
truth that even
polygraphs don't trip
them up?*

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• Body rigidity and immobility represent another, fairly common psychological phenomenon that may have triggered many abduction tales. Many of us have had the disorienting experience of a hypnogogic (when falling asleep) or hypnopompic (when waking up) hallucination. We suddenly find ourselves wide awake, but unable to move. We open our eyes and are confronted with something bizarre—a dead relative or friend, a ghost, an unrecognizable being. We may feel very happy or very afraid, but we quickly fall asleep again. Later we recall the incident as remarkably real.

Baker sees Strieber's alien encounters as "classic, textbook . . . hypnopompic hallucination." On one occasion, Strieber reports waking and finding the roof of his house on fire, yet goes back to sleep—"clear evidence of a hypnopompic dream," says Baker.

These hallucinations are not symptoms of mental instability or psychosis, Baker says, but examples of anomalous psychological events that can happen to perfectly normal people. Fantasy-prone people, however, may report them more often than others.

• But if abduction tales are individual hallucinations, why are they so similar? The aliens are almost always humanoid, two-eyed and gray, white or green. They travel in saucer-shaped craft, and they transport their victims aboard for medical and sexual experimentation.

This consistency is no surprise to anthropologists. They know that individual hallucinatory experiences conform to cultural patterns. Even under the influence of drugs, people hallucinate phenomena that their culture recognizes.

During the witch persecutions in Europe and America, for example, many people, pressured by inquisitors, believed they had flown to sabbaths, taken part in weird rituals and been seduced by demons. Twentieth-century counterparts talk of flying in UFOs, being subjected to medical tests and being raped by lustful ETs.

Folklorist Bill Ellis, assistant professor of English and American Studies at Pennsylvania State University, compares alien abductions with a Newfoundland phenomenon known as the Old Hag: "A person who

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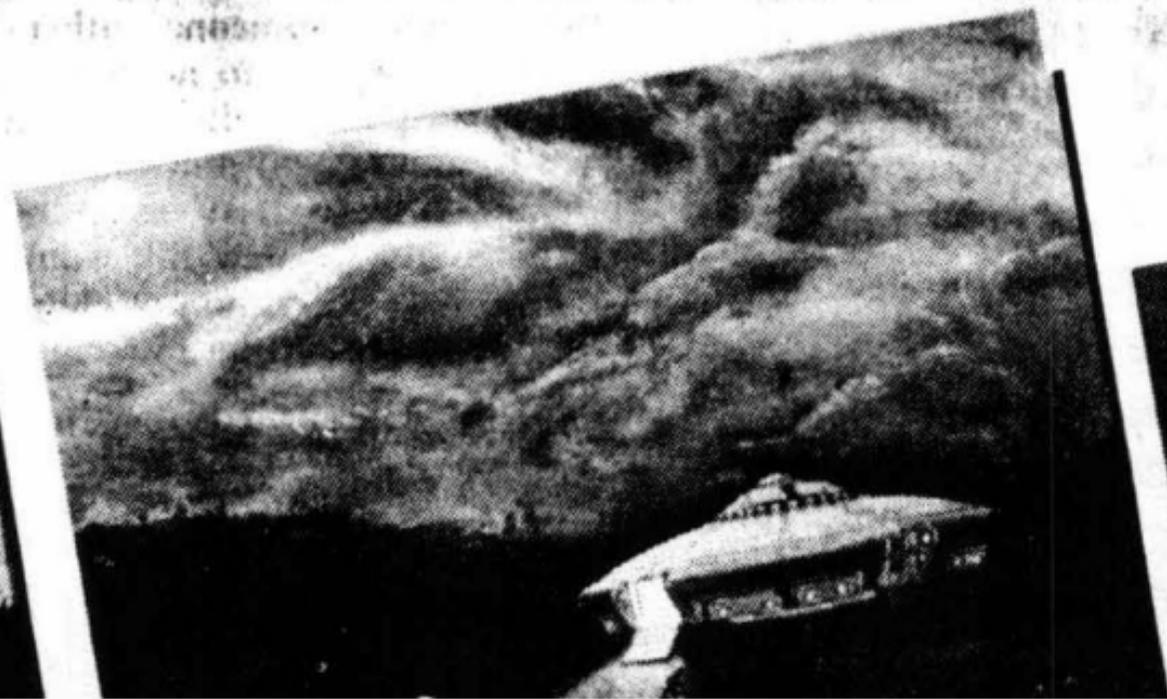
is relaxed but apparently awake," he explains, "suddenly finds himself paralyzed in the presence of some nonhuman entity. Often, the sensation is accompanied by terrifying hallucinations — of shuffling sounds, of humanoid figures with prominent eyes. Often the figure even sits on the victim's chest, causing a choking sensation." While Newfoundland culture recognizes and names the phenomenon, American culture has not — at least until now.

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"nonfiction" bestsellers, more and more people recast their own hallucinations or fantasies in terms of the myth. An experience that in a different time or place might have been understood as an attack by a demon or the Old Hag is interpreted as an extra-terrestrial abduction.

Psychologists and other researchers generally agree that abduction evidence produced by UFO-ologists is flimsy at best and fraudulent at worst, most accurately



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University of Chicago suggests that UFO the telling and the retelling." As the myth abduction tales represent a "pervasive spreads in supermarket tabloids and

the abduction myth narrative. Baker thinks not. Although abduction books "should be moved to the science-fiction shelves," rational people view the stories with amusement. Ellis argues that "the proper response is not amusement but concern—not over the risk of UFO invaders, but over the treatment of such victims." He feels they should be helped rather than having their delusions encouraged by believers or laughed at by cynics. □

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●HARRIET Kercher standing below the spot where she saw the strange apparition in the sky. She saw three lights heading towards her.

'UFO' sighted near motorway

Couple tell of wierd encounter

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IS IT a bird? Is it a plane? Is it a kite or is it a crane? — no it's a flying saucer!

Well that's what Harriet Kercher is convinced she saw while driving with her husband through Kings Langley last Tuesday evening on the way to Watford.

At about 9.00 pm as the Kercher's car approached the M25 bridge near the Home Park Industrial Estate, Harriet of Highfield,

Hemel Hempstead, saw three big lights coming towards her.

"They were quite big and quite low, green and red lights," she said.

"I didn't think it was a plane as I saw an aircraft flying over the top of it."

Harriet got into a flap and yelled at her husband to pull over.

As he turned the car around he also saw the lights.

"As it went over above us it turned into a triangular shape. Looking from beneath it appeared to have one green light at the front and two red lights at the back," said Harriet.

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"We looked at each other, looked back and it had gone."

Harriet does believe in flying saucers and is convinced by what she saw.

"When I was a bit younger, my friend and I went out and saw a flying saucer."

Last month the Express was inundated with letters and phone calls from people who thought they witnessed a UFO over Hemel Hempstead.

It turned out that the green lights they had seen were caused by a builder using cutting equipment on top of the BP building.

But perhaps this latest incident is the real thing. Perhaps the visitors from afar are contemplating using the M25 as a landing pad, or even wondering what on earth the concrete monstrosity is.

If anyone else witnessed these strange lights over Kings Langley, or can give a perfectly reasonable explanation of what caused them, please let me know.

artist's impressions faithfully constructed from detailed descriptions of sightings.

'Close encounter' put George on the trail of UFOs

"WE'VE got rid of most of the cranks, although we still get some calling us," says burly prison officer George Wild. But as one of the country's leading authorities on unidentified flying objects — UFOs — you must expect a few strange encounters.

Mr Wild, of Ossett, a member of the Leeds-based Yorkshire UFO Society and organiser of the world's first International UFO Conference, to be held in Ossett Town Hall next September, has devoted the past 25 years to the study of Unidentified Flying Objects.

He has travelled the country searching for sightings and dealing with people who have had their own close encounters.

It all started in 1953 when Mr Wild was doing his National Service and spotted a strange sight in the sky. From a small brush with the extra-terrestrial, great things have grown.

Up until two years ago, he worked largely on his own carrying out personal research into sightings around the country. Then he was asked to join the Yorkshire UFO Society and is now a member of the board of directors that makes up Quest Publications International Ltd — the monthly magazine the society sends out to 16 countries.

Research

The YUFOS boasts a strong research and back-up team comprising members taken from almost every profession, including professors, teachers and policemen. "There is a tremendous amount of interest in UFOs," said Mr Wild. "Since we started our 24-hour 'hot line' at the beginning of this

year we have 850 callers reporting sightings."

"UFO sightings are reported every 17 seconds all over the world and there have been a 1,000 in Britain so far this year," said Mr Wild.

In the Wakefield area alone there have been more than 60 reported sightings in just one week. Rothwell boasts an unusually large share of out-of-this-world activity and not a night goes by without something mysterious being seen by the faithful band of "sky-watchers" who keep an eye on the heavens.

"If we are not right about UFOs, what are all these people — crackers?" asks Mr Wild.

The YUFOS keep a comprehensive filing system listing each recorded sighting from across the country and researchers, Mr Wild included, travel miles to see the people who claim sightings.

By Jodie Wainwright

"We offer a counselling service to help people understand what has happened to them to the best of our ability. We can't tell them what they've seen because we don't know," he said.

But from the immense amount of information gathered on the society's six-page Sighting Report Form, he and his fellow researchers can see patterns emerging. Tumbling triangular shapes with shining lights or 700ft long cigar shaped crafts are some of the more common sightings around this area.

"We collect all this information to draw people's attention to UFOs," said Mr Wild.

"Governments are keeping the information they have very quiet. They know they are there, but cover it up. If we don't do it, no-one will. We collate all our

information so that we can solve the mystery behind UFOs."

With all the information that his large filing system can offer Mr Wild can tell some terrifying stories about people who have called on him and the rest of the YUFOS team.

Interest

"There is a tremendous amount of interest in UFOs at the moment but 12 years ago it was a struggle to maintain the society," said Mr Wild who is looking forward to hosting the International UFO Conference on September 23.

Speakers from Belgium, Germany and France have been invited to the show and YUFOS consultant,

Timothy Good, the writer of "Above Top Secret" which chronicles the world-wide coverage of Ufology, is also set to attend the conference.

When Mr Wild retires from his job as a chief prison officer next year he is hoping to devote yet more of his time to tracking down UFOs, although his wife might not be too keen. "Women don't get too involved," he said. "Wives come to meetings and make sandwiches and tea but they are not really interested in it."

Call Mr Wild a "crank" and you get short shrift in return — he is well-respected around Wakefield where he was a prison officer for ten years, and well-known in Ossett.

And he believes he has enough information at his fingertips to convince the most sceptical disbelievers.

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Is there anybody out there?

HEADLINES in a certain national newspaper can't be helping Mr Timothy Good at all.

"Alien Got my Boyfrind Drunk" and fantastic claims of Martians watching Wimbledon last year in a publication I don't think I really have to name could seriously discredit Mr Good's cause.

For, in an era in which we've all had a jolly good giggle about silly drawings of spacemen who apparently find cheeseburgers lethal, Mr Good is trying to be a serious UFOlogist.

It's taken him 20 years of solid research and a fortune in globetrotting to compile enough information to produce Above Top Secret, a new book which claims to expose a world-wide cover-up on the subject of UFOs.

And it's just a little unfortunate the completely serious work hit the streets at a time when certain elements of the media decided to flog to death what was a good wheeze.

Financially, Mr Good won't be complaining as his book has made the best-seller list, the paperback selling 15,000 copies in just one week. But I can't help thinking it's for the wrong reasons.

Like ghost stories, we all love to hear tales of mysterious lights in the sky. After all, millions paid money to be frightened to death by the two Alien films and were fascinated by the marvellous Spielberg special effects in Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

But how many of us take the possibility of life on other planets seriously? How many of us scoff when some "crank" claims to have seen little green men in their back garden?

One thing Mr Good is absolutely sure about and that's the world's governments don't. He's convinced they take it very seriously indeed. So much so, in fact, they will go to great lengths to con the public into believing the whole thing's a farce, even staging fake sightings which can easily be debunked when someone reports them.

But, even though Mr Good is big enough to recognise as many as 90 per cent of UFO sightings are genuine mistakes — weather balloons, light refraction, hallucinations and so on — he stresses 10 per cent remain "unexplained" and are the subject of secret but intense and concerted government research.

Military personnel who report sightings are sworn to secrecy on pain of pretty dire punishment and civilians who have had "close encounters" are frequently visited by "men from the Government" who warn them to keep their mouths shut, backing up their words with thinly-veiled threats — or so Mr Good reports.

Such was the case when a UFO was reported to have landed in Meanwood, Leeds, in 1979 in full view of two teenage schoolgirls playing in the snow.

THE subject of UFOs is always one which prompts fascinating and lively conversation. But, although we all love to talk about little green men and the possibility of life on other planets, how many of us are brave enough to come out of the closet and actually admit we believe in it? Timothy Good is such a man and is the author of Above Top Secret, a book which claims to reveal a world-wide cover-up on the issue. STEVE PARSLEY has been talking to the man to whom aliens are no laughing matter and to others from the area who claim to have had real "close encounters".

On seeing the object, the girls turned to run but the mysterious craft followed them a short distance before disappearing into the sky. Terrified, the girls ran home to tell their parents.

The sighting appeared in local papers and soon both families were visited by "a man from the Ministry" who flashed credentials and insisted on interviewing the two youngsters separately.

The man later reported to the parents the girls' story was not a fairy tale and the teenagers had indeed seen something but warned no one should ever talk about the incident.

And so the case histories go on for page after page — even including some incredible reports of spacecrafts and alien bodies recovered after crashes in America.

Mr Good states he cannot vouch for the absolute credibility of all the documents his book is based on. Many of them were apparently photocopied and sent to him by a CIA source he refuses to name. But the people involved in almost all the sightings are almost without exception in responsible professions — airline pilots, policemen, and even scientists and astro-

This fact surely explodes the myth UFOs travel light years across space just to visit sheep farmers and tribesmen in undeveloped countries.

One such reliable witness is retired policeman Tony Dodd of Grassington. He saw something he couldn't explain when on duty in 1978 and his case is recorded in Mr Good's book.

A sergeant at the time, he was on patrol with PC Alan Dale at Cononley near Skipton when the area was lit up from the sky. The two men looked up to see a huge object about 100ft across travelling from east to west at approximately 40mph no more than 100ft away.

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"All we want is feedback from the public. It's the only way we're going to crack this mystery," said Mr Dodd.

No doubt, sceptics will be howling with laughter. But, if they could pick themselves off the floor for just a moment and think why a former policeman should risk ridicule in an

area where he is a well-known face for no apparent gain whatsoever, there's a chance the subject of UFOs will cease to be an enormous joke.

It's only right the last word should go to Timothy Good. He told me last week, since the book was published, more evidence of the UFO phenomena receiving top level interest has been revealed.

The Russian magazine, Soviet Life, reports in its edition of May 1987 that the issue was discussed by Reagan and Gorbachev at the Geneva Summit in February that year.

The two world leaders are said to have agreed those little green men we love to laugh about do not present a real threat at present but, when

the outstanding issues between East and West surrounding nuclear weapons are dealt with, they are something we will have to consider.

"I don't think the public should know all the facts. The governments of the world are right to keep some of them from us as — if all were revealed, it may well prove too

frightening. But I would like to see the authorities admit that UFOs are not pie in the sky and they are involved in rigorous research," added Mr Good.

"It's sad some elements of the media choose to ridicule the UFO phenomena. It's a serious matter which requires serious answers," he said.

**CARVEN HERALD SKIPION
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Searching for spacemen

On many evenings throughout the year Tony Dodd can be found staring into space—searching for visitors from another planet!

As director of investigations for the 300-strong Yorkshire UFO Society, the ex-policeman, who lives at Grassington, has discovered many cases of sightings of unidentified flying objects running the length and breadth of the country.

And this has led to him being featured in the centre pages of Monday's Daily Star newspaper.

His interest in UFO phenomena began in 1978 while serving with the North Yorkshire Police, when one January night he and his partner P.C. Alan Dale were patrolling one of the bleaker areas of Cononley Moor.

As he told author Timothy Good for his book "Above Top Secret - A Worldwide Cover Up": "We were driving down a country lane, and you know what it's like up there - it was dark - and the only lights you've got are your car headlights.

"Suddenly the road in front of us lit up. Of course the immediate reaction is, where's the light coming from?"

"But it was from above. We stopped the car, looked up and

there was this thing coming from our right to our left.

"It was glowing, like a bright white incandescent glow, and it came right over our heads. The whole unit was glowing. It was as if the metal of what this thing was made of was white hot.

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"And there were these great spheres underneath, like huge ball-bearings - three of them equally placed about it.

"There was a hollow area underneath and like a skirting around the bottom, but these things protruded below that.

"It was absolutely awe-inspiring to see it. I don't know how to explain it to you - it was such a beautiful-looking thing.

"It seemed to have portholes round the dome - an elongated domed area. And what stood out more than anything else was the coloured lights dancing round on the outside of the skirt at the bottom which gave the visual impression that it was rotating."

Since that time Mr. Dodd has made more than 60 other

sightings in or around the Dales.

In addition he and his team of investigators have examined many more sites around the country where UFOs have been reported as being seen, using high-powered telescopes, geiger counters and cameras.

Mr. Dodd claims that many more people have experienced some kind of UFO phenomena but have failed to report it for a number of reasons.

RIDICULE

The main explanation is the fear of ridicule but there is another, more extraordinary reason put forward by him.

There are documented cases of certain people being abducted by the aliens and examined in their spaceships before being returned. In order to stop these people reporting these "close encounters" the aliens place a block on their memory, which according to Mr. Dodd can be released by using hypnosis.

In order to investigate cases of UFO sightings with more thoroughness, Mr. Dodd would like anyone who has had any sightings of a UFO nature to phone him on (0756) 652216. All phone calls will be treated in the utmost confidence.

**HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
KINGS LANGLEY
EXPRESS**

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Another UFO sighted near M25

ANOTHER UFO has been spotted flying over Kings Langley!

Two weeks ago Harriet Kercher of Highfield, Hemel Hempstead, was so convinced that she and her husband had seen a UFO skimming near the M25 in Kings Langley, that she contacted the Express.

After reading about Mrs Kercher's sighting, Mrs Marie James of Coniston Road, Kings Langley contacted me to recall the time, just a few days before Mrs Kercher's sighting that she saw something very similar.

It was about 7.30 on a Thursday evening. Mrs James was standing at the front door of her home with daughters Marie, 14, and Carol, 12.

All were looking towards the M25

bridge when suddenly — "There was a big bright light just hovering over the bridge," said Mrs James.

"It just stayed there for a good 15 minutes. It seemed to be spinning and looked like a ball. It was different colours, orange, green and white."

"It stayed in the sky and appeared to spin for so long," she said. Her daughters also saw the object.

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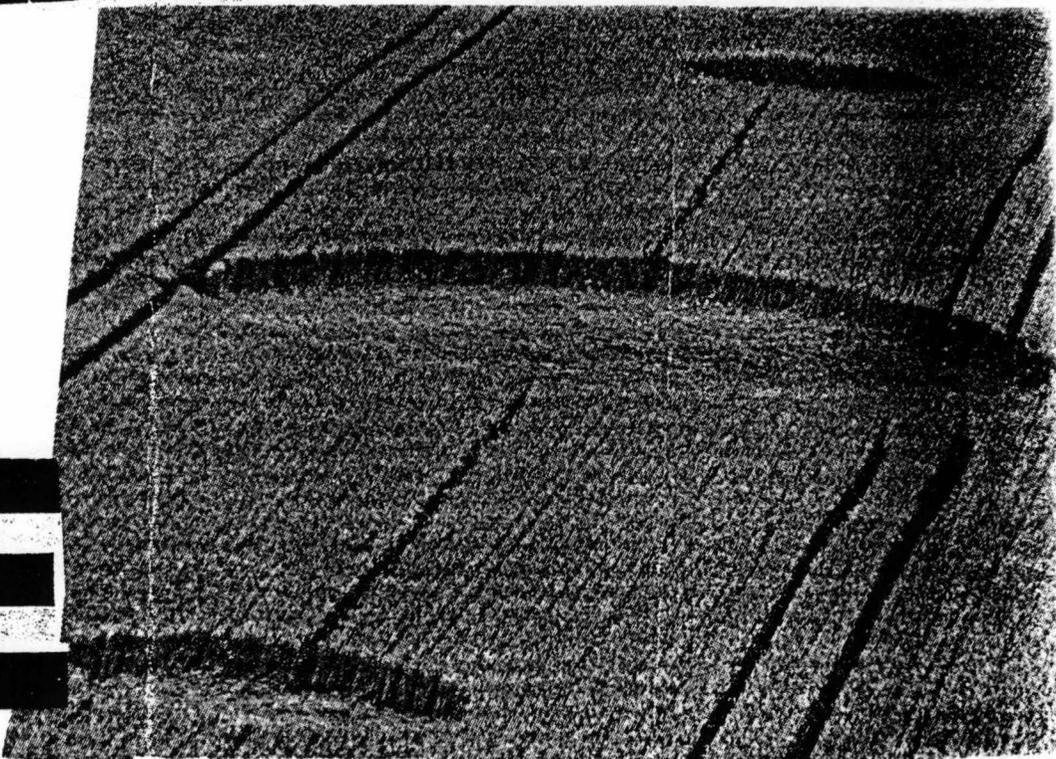
UFO sighting

A UFO which lit up the sky over Gravesend was spotted by a pensioner as she turned in for the night. Ivy Dunford spotted the orange and red glowing ball in the sky hovering over her garden in

Havelock Road. It disappeared before she could wake up her family. Gravesend police officers have no explanation for the spooky sighting, but have reported the incident to the Royal Observatory for their records.

RIDDLE OF THE RINGS

SCOOP
LONDON
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PAUL MORRIS

Here's a riddle you'll never work out! What's the connection between UFOs, whirlwinds, stampeding hedgehogs and human hoaxers? Give up?....*Scoop's* been investigating so read on...

● Well, they are all possible explanations for the mysterious circles that suddenly appear in cornfields all over the world.

They've been spotted in Japan, Australia, France, Brazil and the United States, but it's southern England that has by far the most.

Over 400 have been reported just in the last few years and they range in size with some as big as 50 feet or more in diameter.

And they haven't just been in cornfields either – they've been spotted in crops of mustard, beet and even potatoes.

The reason there are so many theories flying around is because no one has ever seen one of these circles made.

It seems that one day the corn

is standing thick and high – the next, as if by magic, huge swathes have been flattened – often in perfect circles.

Human hoaxers out for a laugh?

And the experts seem to be as puzzled as we are! Professor Archibald Roy of Glasgow University has said: "I simply don't understand these circles. I'm totally convinced that it's a very – how shall I put it – a very interesting mystery. None of the explanations seem to fit."

Author Dr Terence Meaden is writing a book about the rings, but says, "I'm not making it public yet, because I have more work to do before I publish my results, but they link these phenomena into a

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bigger picture."

Of course, the theory we'd all like to believe is that the rings are in fact left after little green men have landed their UFOs for a few close encounters of the third kind.

But some scientists have poo-pooed this idea. They say UFOs could not be the cause because not all the circles are round and many of the flattened crops are layered - meaning whatever caused them was probably moving around.

This has led to other theories involving animals like hedgehogs and deer running round in circles in large packs. But this seems hard to believe and surely the animals would have been seen.

And because the rings differ so much in size and shape, whirling blades from helicopters are also doubtful.

There's even been a more controversial suggestion - that the rings are caused by witchcraft or druids.

And of course, whenever there's a mystery like this, there

are doubters who say it's simply human hoaxers out for a laugh. But why anyone should want to do it they can't say - and how come they've never been caught after all these years?

Whirlwind or UFO theory the winner?

So it would seem the most likely explanation is the weather. Most people believe the whirlwind theory is the winner.

They reckon a vicious, spiralling column of air moving over the fields may flatten the crops. But there's still a problem. Why should the circles differ so much in size, shape and groupings? And why should some be anti-clockwise and some clockwise?

At the end of the day you pay your money and you take your choice. Who knows, we may never know the true answer - unless, of course, someone spots the little green men!

LEIGH REPORTER MANCHESTER
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UFO talk — 160 turned away

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A LOCAL fascination with the great unknown and public demand has prompted another thought-provoking talk on UFOs.

So great was public curiosity at a lecture on the subject of flying saucers given at Leigh Library recently, that organisers had to turn away 160 people.

Now, another by UFO expert Arthur Tomlinson BSc, has been organised at the Derby Room, Leigh Library, next Thursday (April 6) at 7.30pm.

As well as over 100 slides showing photos of UFOs there will be intriguing Top Secret documents released under the Freedom of Information Act in the USA, revealing details of UFO crashes.

In such incidents, which local UFO enthusiasts believe have been kept closely guarded secrets for years, it is claimed disc-shaped craft have been recovered, many containing bodies of small human-like bodies.

It is believed such wreckage, including bodies, have been transported away by military men and all evidence of the crash and recovery destroyed.

Steve Ballon, North West UFO investigator, of Rydal Street, Leigh, said: "There is a solid interest in UFOs in the Leigh area and we were sorry to have turned away so many last time."

"We had so many people asking for another talk that we immediately organised one."

People interested in going to the talk, will hear of a mysterious tale of a sighting on Ilkley Moor in Yorkshire.

Said Steve: "A man was going across the moor to visit his father when he spotted a dark green creature with pointed ears, about four and a half feet in height."

"He tried to follow it and managed to get a picture of it, but it ran away."

"But when we arrived in the town a few

minutes later he noticed the town hall clock said 10am. He had only been on the moors for a matter of minutes but had lost two hours."

Steve said that in a hypnosis session some time later, the man revealed he had actually been taken into the alien's craft and given a medical examination!

Steve said: "The photograph that was taken at the time shows the alien on the moor, and anyone who wants to see it can. We had the picture and negatives checked by Kodak, who say it has not been tampered with in any way."



An artist's impression of the alien spotted on Ilkley Moor, taken from the original photograph.

For this, and more mysterious sightings, slides, photos, and information, go along to the lecture. A £1 entrance fee will be charged on the door.

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Is there anybody out

there please?

**NORTH YORKSHIRE NEWS
MAR. 29 - 1989**

HEADLINES in a certain national newspaper can't be helping Mr Timothy Good at all.

"Alien Got my Boyfrind Drunk" and fantastic claims of Martians watching Wimbledon last year in a publication I don't think I really have to name could seriously discredit Mr Good's cause.

For, in an era in which we've all had a jolly good giggle about silly drawings of spacemen who apparently find cheeseburgers lethal, Mr Good is trying to be a serious UFOlogist.

It's taken him 20 years of solid research and a fortune in globetrotting to compile enough information to produce Above Top Secret, a new book which claims to expose a world-wide cover-up on the subject of UFOs.

And it's just a little unfortunate the completely serious work hit the streets at a time when certain elements of the media decided to flog to death what was a good wheeze.

Financially, Mr Good won't be complaining as his book has made the best-seller list, the paperback selling 15,000 copies in just one week. But I can't help thinking it's for the wrong reasons.

Like ghost stories, we all love to hear tales of mysterious lights in the sky. After all, millions paid money to be frightened to death by the two Alien films and were fascinated by the marvellous Spielberg special effects in Close Encounters of the Third Kind.

But how many of us take the possibility of life on other planets seriously? How many of us scoff when some "crank" claims to have seen little green men in their back garden?

One thing Mr Good is absolutely sure about and that's the

world's governments don't. He's convinced they take it very seriously indeed. So much so, in fact, they will go to great lengths to con the public into believing the whole thing's a farce, even staging fake sightings which can easily be debunked when some-one reports them.

But, even though Mr Good is big enough to recognise as many as 90 per cent of UFO sightings are genuine mistakes — weather balloons, light refraction, hallucinations and so on — he stresses 10 per cent remain "unexplained" and are the subject of secret but intense and concerted government research.

Military personnel who report sightings are sworn to secrecy on pain of pretty dire punishment and civilians who have had "close encounters" are frequently visited by "men from the Government" who warn them to keep their mouths shut, backing up their words with thinly-veiled threats — or so Mr Good reports.

Such was the case when a UFO was reported to have landed in Meanwood, Leeds, in 1979 in full view of two teenage schoolgirls playing in the snow.

On seeing the object, the girls turned to run but the mysterious craft followed them a short distance before disappearing into the sky. Terrified, the girls ran home to tell their parents.

The sighting appeared in local papers and soon both families were visited by "a man from the Ministry" who flashed credentials and insisted on interviewing the two youngsters separately.

The man later re-

ported to the parents the girls' story was not a fairy tale and the teenagers had indeed seen something but warned no one should ever talk about the incident.

And so the case histories go on for page after page — even including some incredible reports of space-ships and alien bodies recovered after crashes in America.

Mr Good states he cannot vouch for the absolute credibility of all the documents his book is based on. Many of them were apparently photocopied and sent to him by a CIA source he refuses to name. But the people involved in almost all the sightings are almost without exception in responsible professions — airline pilots, policemen, and even scientists and astronauts.

This fact surely explodes the myth UFOs travel light years across space just to visit sheep farmers and tribesmen in undeveloped countries.

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First sighting of transparent UFO

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TWO terrified Canvey anglers may have seen the first transparent UFO in this country.

The craft, as big as five houses and shaped like a rugby ball, was spotted by the men on a quiet early morning fish.

One looked up and saw the 200ft-long object which was emitting a slight hum.

The men were amazed because although they could see the outline of the craft they could also see stars in the night sky shimmering through it.

Ron West, senior investigator for East Anglian UFO and Paranormal Research Association, said: "This is very exciting. As far as I know this is the first time a UFO of this type has been seen in this country."

"Translucent craft have been seen in Russia, America and Brazil but as far as I know, not here."

"The anglers were very frightened. They watched it for about half an hour, then it disappeared. It was a mother craft and I think could have been

by SR Reporter

materialising when they saw it."

The anglers have been interviewed by UFO investigators and regarded as genuine.

The Thames Estuary is said to have a window in the sky above it through which UFOs can pass.

The Research Association has now completed its full investigation into the blue flash sightings on October 27 last year.

At 3.45am a blue flash lit the morning sky and something disappeared in the sea off Southend.

The object, said by Government to be a meteorite, had been tracked by radar from Belgium.

It was seen by a Southend Pc, a police

dog handler in South London who said it passed above him, a weather forecaster at the Met office, early morning workers and aircraft pilots.

A Southend witness described a long round object with a blunt end and a cargo aircraft pilot said the light "lit up my aircraft in a blue glow."

The pilot, flying from Belgium to Stansted, contacted Heathrow airport who knew nothing and likewise the military who also did not know anything about it.

A South East Essex engineer Mr John Hill said it was definitely not a meteorite.

He saw a craft coming towards his house between 1,000

Monster craft terrifies

and 2,000 feet, round at the front and square at the back with a slight engine noise, like a hum.

There was a smaller second craft behind the larger one.

Mr Hill believed the craft could have been the American Stealth aircraft, but the answer in the House was there were no Stealth aircraft flying here.

UFO investigators believe the craft can only be classified as an unidentified flying object, origin unknown.

If anyone else saw the early morning transparent object on March 14 they are asked to contact the UFO Hot Line, Basildon 286079.

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Reports of UFOs seen over Essex

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ALIENS from outer space could be hovering over your homes.

In the last few months local UFO investigators have received reports of blue flashes, large saucer shaped objects and a ball of orange light in the sky.

And now the East Anglian UFO and Paranormal Research Association is looking for people in north-east Essex to investigate sightings.

Founder member and spokesman for the association, Ron West said: "I have been investigating UFOs for over 20 years. The East Anglian UFO came into being in July 1988 with just two members. Now we have 51."

But they still want more members.

Mr West said: "I am still investigating a large saucer shaped object that was seen over Colchester in November."

And a recent investigation by Mr West has concluded that a craft surrounded by a blue light, seen over Essex last October, can be classified as an UFO.

The association has a UFO hotline for reports of sightings. The number is 0268 286079.

UFO BUZZES HOLIDAY

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JET SUN LONDON AT 30,000ft

MAR 23 1989

By FRANK GILBRIDE

A JET carrying 140 terrified passengers plunged thousands of feet after a close encounter with a UFO.

The British Island Airways TriStar, which had been cruising at 30,000ft, was sent hurtling downwards as a glowing craft sped towards it.

Panicking passengers on the holiday industry "freebie" hit their heads against the ceiling and stewardesses toppled over in the gangways.

Passenger Susie Walton, 25, said: "I saw a bright, glistening, multi-coloured cloud that left a trail of smoke. Then we plunged and it disappeared from the night sky."

"I thought it was the end. It was terrifying."

Some passengers started praying."

But within seconds Captain Bob Taylor had regained control of the inaugural return flight from Malta to Gatwick airport.

The veteran pilot, who first spotted the strange object as he flew over Sardinia, said: "We will probably never know

what it was — but it certainly wasn't a plane."

The flight was packed with travel agents and journalists checking out the new holiday resort.

Last night a British Island Airways spokesman said: "We saw some bright lights in the sky, then we experienced some turbulence. It has been blown out of all proportion."

MAR 24 1989

UFOs spark new investigations

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MORE unidentified flying objects have been spotted in the skies over South East Essex.

East Anglian UFO Research members are interviewing witnesses to the latest rash of sightings.

One sighting was on March 3 by an ex-RAF pilot in Grays who saw a brilliant white light in the sky surrounded by a glow estimated to have been at 25,000ft.

He watched it hover for 45 minutes before it sped off towards Kent.

Mr Ron West, senior investigator and founder of the group, said: "He said the RAF have nothing that can travel at that speed and he was convinced it was not a plane."

On March 5 a woman and her son travelling on the A127 from London to Southend witnessed another UFO.

The Southend couple spotted a red ball of light near Rayleigh. They watched it for 15 minutes.

On March 8 a mother and her sons aged seven and nine also saw an object in the sky near Rayleigh.

Rugby ball UFO 3198 hovers above Thames

By JONATHAN GUY

A MYSTERY object spotted by families throughout South East Essex has been classified as a UFO by the East Anglian UFO Society.

The rugby ball-shaped object was spotted in Canvey, Grays and Rettendon, and Ron West of the UFO society feels it could have been spotted by others yet to come forward.

The object was first sighted off Canvey at around midnight on April 11 when a man saw what he described as a "rugby ball with a tail" hovering out in the estuary.

The man, who went into his garden to watch the object for more than 30 minutes, said it was covered in flashing lights and disappeared behind the clouds.

Three hours later a man in Grays spotted the object, which he too described to the UFO society as rugby ball-shaped, bedecked with flashing lights hovering over the estuary.

He watched the object for half an hour before losing it in the clouds.

The final sighting was over Rettendon Common where Mrs Janet Perry and her husband were woken by the sound of their dog barking.

Frightened

She said: "My husband looked out of the window to check on the dog, but saw this balloon-type object covered in lights.

"He called me and we watched the object hover and then it went round to the other side of the house. My husband rushed to the other window and saw it speed off.

"We did not tell anyone until a couple of days later when we heard a boy who lives nearby had been frightened by the object."

The pair went to see a neighbour who had a mass of electronic equipment in his house.

Mrs Perry said: "He said that one of his monitors had been shut down mysteriously that evening and that the only thing which would have caused the monitor to shut down was a power cut, although his other equipment was still fine."

Hotline

Mr West of the UFO society ruled out the possibility of the object being a plane or helicopter.

He said: "Until we hear otherwise this has to be counted as a UFO and I would like to hear from anyone else who saw the object.

"This UFO was seen throughout the south of the county and anyone who may have seen it can contact the society on our hotline, 0268 286079."

SOUTHEND STANDARD ESSEX
MAR. 17 1989

Peace talks with aliens - claims book

EARTHWATCHERS from outer space are no strangers to the governments of this world and Reagan and Gorbachev have jointly discussed defences against possible invaders.

That's the claim of Timothy Good, who, in a new paperback, says that the aliens are becoming even more regular visitors.

Southend, in particular, seems to be used as a cosmic crossroads when the mysterious spacelings do their tourist bit over London.

"There have already been 70 spacecraft sightings in this area this year compared to 20 at the same time last year," says Timothy.

But have no fear. According to Timothy, and to all the people he says have met them, the aliens are peacefully inclined.

Cover-up

His book pushes the theory that there has long been a world-wide cover-up of the frequency and intentions of the out-of-this-world visitors.

As a result UFO-spotters are left with the feeling that they have an over-active imagination or bad eyesight. But could South East Essex be on the brink of a close encounter?

For someone with his mind so high in the skies, Timothy appears an unusually down-to-earth person who talks with genuine seriousness on a subject which has fascinated him for more than 20 years.

For him, one of the most important examples cited in the book took place over Southend on October 14, 1954.

Flight Lieutenant James Salandin of 604 County of Middlesex Squadron, Royal Auxiliary Air Force, took off on a routine flight in a Meteor jet from his base at RAF North Weald, Essex, on a clear mid-afternoon.

"When I was at about 16,000 feet I saw a whole lot of contrails — possibly at 30-40,000 feet —

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over the tip of Kent," he says.

"Through the middle of the trails I saw three objects which I thought were aeroplanes but they weren't leaving any trails.

"They came down through the middle of that towards Southend and then headed towards me.

"When they got to within a certain distance two of them went off to my port side — one gold, one silver — and the third object came straight towards me and closed to within a few hundred yards.

"It almost filled the windscreen, then it went off towards my port side. I tried to turn round to follow but it had gone.

"It was saucer-shaped with a bun on top and a bun underneath, and silvery and metallic. There were no portholes, flames or anything.

"I haven't found a satisfactory explanation for what I saw but I know what I saw."

James, now 62 and working for the Friends of St Paul's Cathedral Enterprises, says he has never been so frightened in his life.

He can still remember the objects clearly and was in radio contact with air traffic control all the time but there was not enough time to activate the plane's camera.

After he landed back at base he was debriefed by an intelligence officer and told not to mention what had happened to anyone. "It should never have got out but eventually did," he says.

Always reluctant

"I have always been reluctant to give interviews but I believe what I saw and I have never seen anything else like it."

Timothy, a 46-year-old professional musician when not living and breathing UFOs, is convinced that James' account is sincere and one of the most important RAF reports to come to light.

He lives in Beckenham, Kent, and always tries to carry a camera and video equipment with him wherever he goes.

Many of the UFOs seen this year have been a triangular or boomerang shape. The same shaped objects have also been seen in Russia this year.

Mysterious objects seen flying above Southend have been dismissed as test flights from British bases by the new American triangular-shaped Stealth bomber aeroplane.

● Above Top Secret is published in paperback by Grafton Books at £5.99.

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We are not alone!

Expert says UFO landing is on way



Photograph of a UFO taken in Warrington

, Cheshire, in 1978 by a bank technician

LEADING British UFO expert, Forester Dr. John Holder, believes public opinion is moving strongly towards complete acceptance of the existence of alien life.

The former East Dean Grammar school pupil's detailed analysis of space craft sightings has made him an internationally respected figure in his field.

Dr. Holder, whose parents, Kenneth and Kathleen still live in Cinderford, represented Britain in a team of scientists from around the world who advised the United Nations on the UFO phenomenon.

He works at the London HQ of the Aetherius Society — widely regarded as the top international centre for research into extra-terrestrial goings-on.

"Crank"

And he now believes a tide of public feeling is moving to smash efforts by world governments to cover up the extent of UFO activity.

During nearly 20 years in the field he has seen a radical shift in attitudes towards UFO sighting reports.

"At first anyone who claimed to have seen one was written off as a crank," said Dr. Holder, who was recently made a Freeman of London in recognition of his charity work.

"Then you got a period in which 'experts' produced the most banal explanations

for everything — which were often more way out than the idea of UFOs."

But recent surveys have revealed that more than 60 per cent of the population believes space craft are visiting Earth.

Instinct

Dr. Holder, who runs his own city-based finance company, said "We know there have been major covers ups."

"We have discovered from the Ministry of Defence that all UFO sighting data to 1962 was destroyed.

He believes the natural instinct of official bodies all

over the world is to suppress any information which might lead to undeniable evidence that space craft exist.

Powerful groups with vested interests — which thrive on the status quo — react against any possible threat from space voyaging aliens, Dr. Holder claims.

He believes that once entire populations are convinced of the existence of UFOs there will be contact with forms of life from the stars.

"When you think of the size of our planet compared to the universe it would be very arrogant and narrow to think we are the only life forms," he said.

"I believe UFOs will land on earth en masse and very publicly — perhaps in the next 100 years."

Words: Alan Johnston
Pictures: Aetherius Society

UFO hunt chief's close encounter

MORE THAN a decade has passed since former police sergeant Tony Dodd saw the phenomenon which turned him into one of Britain's leading UFO experts.

He and a colleague from the North Yorkshire force had been called out to an incident in the South Craven village of Cononley, when they spotted a pool of bright light on the road ahead.

Emerging from the police car, they looked up to the darkened skies and saw a glowing disc-shaped craft, with rotating coloured lights around its base, hovering about 100ft above them.

It was his first encounter with what he believed was an alien overflight and one which was to launch him on a personal crusade



EVIDENCE: One of Tony's UFO picture collection to help solve the mystery of UFO's.

Since then, Mr Dodd, 54, has seen more than 60 similar objects, mostly in the Cononley and Carleton Moor areas.

Now, following his retirement from the police after 25 years service at Skipton and in his home community of Grassington, he has just been appointed to a top post in the Ufology sphere.

As Director of Research and Investigation with the country's biggest sky-watching organisation, Quest International, which has links throughout the world, he has an overview of exactly what is happening and where.

Mr Dodd has charge of a team of 50 investigators, who look into reports of unusual occurrences, aided if necessary by high-quality photographic equipment as well as geiger-counters and site sampling kits if there are indications a craft has landed.

"The reason I haven't been able to give up sky watching is that I know UFO's are operating in our air space and I want to help prove it," said Mr Dodd.

"The Government denies the existence of UFOs, but I feel the sheer volume of reports coming in is bound to take the cover off in the not too distant future."

Quest International's Hotline number is 0756-752216.

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Close encounters on county border

HOW do you suddenly arrive in llam on the Derbyshire-Staffordshire border with neither you nor your companion aware of how you got there or what happened to the previous few hours, just gone in a flash?

The question is not answered but the story of Jeff and his fiancée, Jane, to whom it happened in 1974 is told by UFO researcher Jenny Randles in *Abduction*, (Headline, £2.99), described as a scientific exploration of alleged kidnaps by alien beings.

The story of 20-year-old student teacher Jeff and his fiancée began at Werrington in Staffordshire at 9.30pm on that January night in 1974.

A green light appeared in the sky and followed them in their car. When they stopped and got out a black shape above them shone two beams downwards, a green one on to the road, a blue one on the car.

The couple jumped in the car and drove off. They bumped over a cattle grid and discovered they were at llam.

They had no memory of how they got there and it was now 1.30am. A few minutes later there was another bump and they were in Macclesfield, Cheshire — and it was 3.30am. There they contacted the police.

The British UFO Research Association investigated the case two years later, Miss Randles reports, and confirmed the story with the police.

"But the couple did not want any publicity and would not consider hypnosis," says Miss Randles, who has many bizarre stories of experiences related under hypnosis by people who had similar "missing hours."

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UFO lights over Thames

ALIEN lights have been reported over Canvey.

UFO researchers will be interviewing two witnesses who contacted the UFO Hotline after watching a disc-shaped object travelling up the Thames Estuary at a height of about 500 feet.

UFO investigator Ron West said the pair watched it for a few minutes before it disappeared behind some houses.

They said it seemed to be spinning and had red, green, blue and yellow lights.

More strange sightings were seen over Southend when people reported seeing a large round orange-red ball in the sky. They watched it for 20 minutes before it disappeared.

The East Anglian UFO and Paranormal Research group is looking for more members to be researchers or investigators.

At the moment there are 65 members and anyone interested in delving into the unknown should contact the UFO Hotline on 0268 286079.

It came from outer space

By
BARBARA McSWEENEY

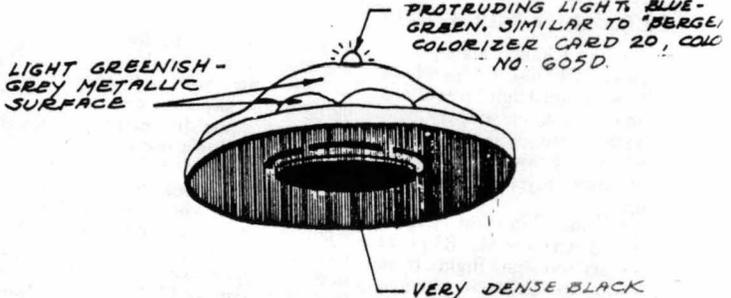
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TALES of dwarfs running about in green overalls, taking specimens from stunned earthlings might bring a smile to anyone's lips.

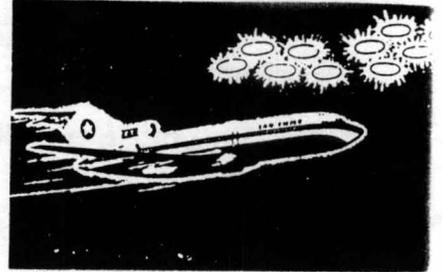
Not, though, to those of Beckenham author, Timothy Good, whose book "Above Top Secret" has just appeared in paperback.

A man who relishes these tales of the unexpected, he frankly admits that some people are "compulsive liars", and that of others "you can't believe half of what they say".

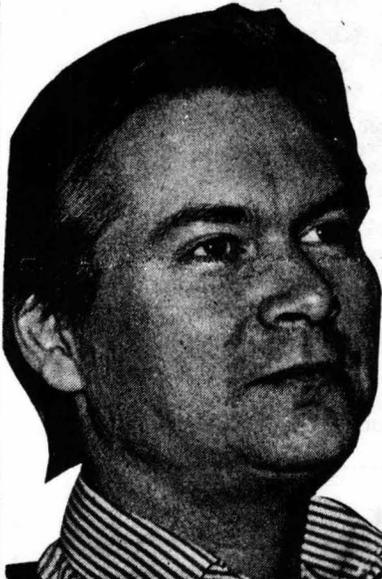
Yet, he claims, many are credible witnesses.



An artist's impression of a UFO seen by a woman police constable near Isfield, Sussex, in 1977.



Thirty minute sighting by Capt Ricardo France and crew aboard L. Chile Flight 892 over Chile on Decemr 28-29, 1971 (UFO News, Japan).



Sketch by aircraft illustrator Denis Crowe of object he saw taking off from Vaucluse Beach, Sydney, on July 19, 1965.

Timothy Good: "Beam me up, Scotty"

'World's top people have secretly contacted ETs'

"After all, what have they got to gain except ridicule?"

Aged 47, his interest in UFOs dates back to his early teens, when a passion for aviation and space drew him to a book which detailed sightings by pilots, missile experts and air traffic controllers.

Working all over the world as a musician, he has gathered a huge amount of evidence for the book, which took two years to write but absorbed twenty years of research.

His first book, a Vanity Press publication, came out in 1983.

"George Adamski — The Untold Story" investigates the claims of an American to have filmed a 25 ft spaceship gently humming in a friend's front yard.

A semi-professional photographer himself, Mr Good rarely goes anywhere without his camera.

He was appalled to find he had forgotten it on 15 December 1980, when, walking home to his Beckenham flat, he suddenly saw a motionless, star-like object in the wrong position for a planet.

"I dashed the remaining distance home to observe it through my telescope and take photographs and movie film."

But, by the time he reached the window, it had vanished.

"Officials explained it away as a meteorite, but a meteorite doesn't split and regroup the way this did."

He would have been more disappointed, if he had not already had an exciting glimpse of the unknown 17 years earlier.

"We were listening to a record, when my mother called us into the garden."

"At first I thought it was a planet or a balloon, but through binoculars I could see it was a

sharp-edged object, translucent like glass.

"All the neighbours came out onto the street, and we sat in deckchairs watching it, until it went behind a cloud and disappeared.



"The Air Ministry said it was probably a research balloon from the continent, but that does not explain how it stayed so still."

Mr Good is used to being ridiculed, particularly in the serious media.

"But anyone who spends more than an hour with me, talking about the subject, will take me seriously."

Recently he gave a talk in the USSR, and will be lecturing in the States three times this year.

At home he has talked to the Young Conservatives, the Rotary Club and the Round Table.

"People usually begin with scepticism, and end with astonishment at the wealth of evidence."

His aim in writing "Above Top Secret" was "to alert the media to the fact that something of unprecedented significance was happening."

This is not just the reality of extra-terrestrial visits, he says, but the reality that top level people all over the world believe in them, have been in contact with them, and are concealing what they know.

The US, he claims, is not only in possession of a crashed space ship, but of four humanoid bodies found in it.

Exactly who is concealing what is not entirely clear, since "UFOs ARE Classified even higher than the H-Bomb."

And he says, "It's doubtful if many people in government itself know what is going on."

This puts the spotlight on military and intelligence agencies.

"I think I have been able to prove the case."

But he has a frightening warning: "Not all extra-terrestrials may have our best interests at heart."

"They may be creating a hybrid: samples of blood, ova and sperm have all been taken from people."

"If we were told the truth, though, we'd learn to live with it - just like we've learnt to live with the threat of nuclear war."

"Above Top Secret" is published by Grafton Books at £5.99. Signed copies are available in the Beckenham Bookshop.

Storm in a coffee cup in 'UFO' scare

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A Newmarket travel agent has told how a VIP flight turned into a close encounter with a "UFO".

Brian Challis, manager of Hogg Robinson Travel in Newmarket High Street, was one of 140 passengers who were some 30,000 feet up when they saw the sky in the distance mysteriously light up.

Minutes later the British Island Airways MD 83 plane on its maiden flight from Malta to Gatwick plunged twice, throwing the guests forward and soaking them with the after-dinner coffee that had just been served.

No-one has yet positively identified the cause of the spectacular light show, but airline officials insist that the

mystery glow and the following drop were not linked.

"We saw some bright lights in the sky then we experienced some turbulence. It has been blown out of all proportion," said a British Island Airways spokesman.

Mr Challis, who lives in Isleham, has scoffed at national newspaper reports that passengers were "terrified and panicked" by the incidents.

"I couldn't see anyone panicking. People were surprised, and some were covered in coffee, but I certainly wouldn't say there was a panic."

Spectacular

At first, the flight captain thought that the bright lights were those of another plane and told passengers to look out of the windows as they crossed Sardinia.

"I was on the other side of the plane so I didn't bother to look," recalled Mr Challis. "Then I could see that the sky was very brightly lit up in the distance. It was like a cloud swirl with lights in — it was very spectacular."

"The Captain then came on and said he had been listening to air traffic control



No panic . . . Brian Challis.

and had picked up something about a misfired missile, and it might have been that!

"He assured us that the lights were 250-300 miles away at the very minimum. There was never any question of the aircraft being in danger."

"I would imagine that the lights we saw were something to do with the sun and the fact that we experienced the plunge soon afterwards was all a coincidence," said Mr Challis.

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New mystery as police witness UFOs

POLICE officers from Stafford joined stunned stargazing local families to watch mysterious UFOs above Highfields this week.

Malcolm Sutcliffe and girlfriend Dawn Brindley of Highfields spotted the first lights at 8.15pm on Tuesday. They observed them for some time through binoculars and noticed they seemed to be hanging motionless in the night sky.

They described the first UFO they saw as a "a large

white light, not moving, with red, blue and yellow lights flashing from within."

Watching it for an hour they compared it with several planes going past, which confirmed their suspicions that the stationary UFO above them was not an aircraft.

As the lights refused to move they contacted their neighbours, Ellis and Theresa Sutcliffe, for a second opinion. Still unable to explain the weird glowing lights above them, they con-

tacted Stafford police.

Two officers arrived, PC Terry Gibbs and PC Kevin Muller at around 9.00pm. They could offer no explanation as to what they were.

But they agreed the object hovering above Stafford consisted of a brilliant white light and a variety of flashing colours. They observed them for half an hour before leaving.

Later the same night Malcolm Sutcliffe saw another similar light this time hanging

over Stafford town centre. Stafford police reported several other sightings of UFOs by members of the public at around the same time.

A third slightly different UFO was spotted in the direction of Weston Downs. Again it was stationary but this time witnesses described it as "Cone-shaped with light colours coming from underneath it."

The final sighting of a UFO occurred at around 10.15pm.

This fourth UFO was red in colour, but whereas the others had been stationary, Chief Inspector John Davis said it had sped across the night sky giving off a red tail before flying into one of the larger white lights.

Chief Inspector John Davis of Stafford Police said the lights had not yet been identified but discounted earlier theories that the UFOs could have been connected with evening balloon rides from the Shugborough estate.

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UFOs light up the sky

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UFOs kept skywatchers busy in South-East Essex over Easter.

A mother and her son saw a translucent rugby ball-shaped object floating above the estuary off Canvey on Sunday.

The mum said it was moving very slowly towards London. They watched it for more than half an hour until it disappeared

into the distance.

Ron West, spokesman for the UFO Research Organisation, said: "Over the Easter weekend, there was a lot of activity and we received many phone calls detailing sightings."

The mysterious blue flash that lit up the south-east last year has now been fully investigated. The flash, which was seen by people

across Europe and witnessed by many people in Britain as it came down in the Thames, has been catalogued as a UFO of unknown origin.

Ron said: "We had a pilot who's cockpit was lit up by the blue light, and a policeman in Southend also reported it. It was real, but we don't know what it was."

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Klass lectures on UFOs 'Most sightings can be explained'

By Mary Hill
SUN Staff Writer

Look, up in the sky! It's a bird! It's a plane! It's Superman!

Whatever it is, chances are it's not an alien spaceship, at least if you're Philip J. Klass who tours the country giving what he calls "prosaic" explanations behind most unidentified flying objects.

Klass, author of "UFO Abductions" and contributing avionics editor of Aviation Week & Space Technology, delivered a series of lectures on the the subject at the Spring Valley Library on March 31 and April 1.

About 800 people attended Klass' lectures, which were designed to "balance out" a series of lectures in 1988 by former CIA pilot John Lear, who claimed to have irrefutable evidence pointing to the existence of UFOs, according to a library spokesperson.

Klass claimed he had evidence to the contrary in almost every case of UFO sightings mentioned by Lear, including the much celebrated case of Operation Majestic 12.

According to Lear, Majestic 12 or MAJIC was a secret government operation, which started in 1947 on a ranch in Roswell, New Mexico, where four small human-like beings had apparently ejected themselves from a spacecraft before it exploded. Lear alleges a wide-scale government cover-up ensued.

Klass, who presented his lectures along with slides, said he had a number of slides explaining the alleged conspiracy by the United States government to cover up the discovery of alien beings.

The tenor of Klass' lecture was to point to weather balloons, meteors, tricks of the light and "just plain old human wishful thinking" to explain the existence of UFOs.

Klass, a portly, conservative looking man in a grey, pinstriped suit, appeared the very image of cool, calm, collected thinking. He had a measured, didactic way of speaking to the audience.

"I've never encountered a UFO that could not be explained in prosaic terms," Klass said looking intently at the audience.

Most people, who tour the country lecturing about their supposed abduction by spaceships or about seeing UFOs, were usually paid between \$1,000 to \$2,000 per appearance, he said.

"If I were charging that kind of money, the library couldn't afford to have me," Klass said.

Since 1969 when the government closed down their "Operation Blue Book" department, authorities have been uninterested in the whole subject of UFOs, he said.

"I invite everyone in Las Vegas to call up Nellis Air Force Base and say that they have a flying saucer in their backyard," Klass said. "Chances are, they'll just tell you to call your local law enforcement."

Though he has never seen a UFO, Klass said the subject has been a hobby of his for 20 years. He has even offered \$10,000 to anyone who can prove that he has been abducted by a UFO.

His challenge is similar to one offered by the National Enquirer, which in the past has offered a \$50,000 award to anyone who can prove the existence of UFOs.

"In all the years the Enquirer has offered their award, no one has been able to collect," Klass said.

However, it's not just the "kooks and little old ladies in gym shoes" who see UFOs, he said, it's also the cultured and educated.

"Aviation Week carries more articles on aviation space than any other magazine in the world. That's why I try to consider the possibility that it (a story about UFOs) might be real," Klass said. "I don't debunk it out of hand."

Klass concedes that his explanations for UFOs are just possible explanations. There is humor and wonder in the concept of UFOs.

"For those of you who think Nixon resigned because of Watergate, take a look at this," he said, pointing to a tabloid headline reading: "UFO Lands at White House, Scares Nixon Into Quitting."

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Distress call, strange lights prompt search

Bill Harlan
Staff Writer

MOBRIDGE — A mysterious may-day call and dozens of reports of flashes, sparks and exploding lights in the sky west of Mobridge prompted a futile search over hundreds of square miles of South Dakota's high plains Tuesday night and Wednesday.

Authorities first feared a small plane had crashed, said Larry Dirksen of Rapid City, a public information officer with the South Dakota Civil Air Patrol.

However, as of late Wednesday afternoon when the search was called off, no wreckage had been sighted, no aircraft had been re-

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ported missing and no signals had been detected from an emergency radio beacon that most planes carry.

Dirksen speculated witnesses had seen the northern lights, a meteorite, space debris or a combination of those phenomena. He said lights in the sky had been reported as far away as Mitchell and Huron Tuesday night.

"A plane would have to be awfully large and awfully high to be seen that far away," he said.

However, a mayday distress signal from an aircraft was picked up early Tuesday evening by a CAP volunteer listening to a scanner in Bison, Dirksen said.

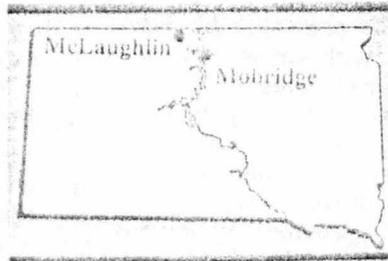
Then the phone started ringing at the Moberidge Police Department.

Dispatcher Cindy Crossley said that shortly before 8 p.m. Tuesday a woman driving on Highway 20 west of Moberidge reported a "big flash, a flaming ball and pieces that flew." Others reported nearly identical stories.

Still others reported a "blue streak that turned orange" and "an orange, glowing cloud," she said.

One witness reported hearing what sounded like a malfunctioning aircraft engine.

Witnesses in Timber Lake, west of



Moberidge, said a small, white plane took off from the airport there shortly before the distress call. Dirksen said authorities were unable to confirm the report.

Tracy Joehim, 12, of McLaughlin, northwest of Moberidge, said she was standing in her yard about 6:45 p.m. Tuesday when she saw "a whole bunch of different colors coming across the sky, in sparks and stuff."

"It didn't look like the northern lights," she said. "It looked more like fireworks. I don't know what it was. It was weird."

She also said she saw an aircraft in the same general area immediately after she saw the strange lights.

The Moberidge Police Department had received more than 20 calls when it began routing them to a CAP command center in Pierre.

Aircraft distress signals can carry long distances, Dirksen said, but the

combination of the mayday signal and the explosions in the sky persuaded the Aerospace Rescue and Recovery Service at Scott Air Force Base, Ill., to order a search.

Clyde Rische, a private pilot from McLaughlin, was already in the air, searching. He flew for three hours in scattered, light rain, but found nothing.

Rische was joined on the ground by sheriffs from Walworth, Corson and Dewey counties, at least two state highway patrolmen and several civilian volunteers, many of whom searched all night.

At 6 a.m. Wednesday, they were joined by CAP volunteers in three more planes, including one aircraft from Rapid City.

Dirksen said CAP flew a search area about 100 miles in diameter. The search centered around Prairie City, west of Moberidge, and extended south of La Plante nearly to Gettysburg.

Searchers flew both sides of the Missouri River but concentrated on the area west of the river in Corson and Dewey counties.

Without further evidence of a crash, the search probably will not resume, said Tam Gatje, mission coordinator for the CAP in Pierre. "We're basically in a suspended mode here."

■ The night in 1973 when Peggy is pretty sure she was abducted. She was standing on her porch when ...

"... a star began floating down the street, followed by a second star. All of a sudden, they burst into a bunch of little white lights, like fireworks, but without any sound. Then they came together into something like a full moon. Then it became four white dots with a red dot in the center and seemed to land."

Four years later, while Peggy was under hypnosis, Jerry says she recalled ...

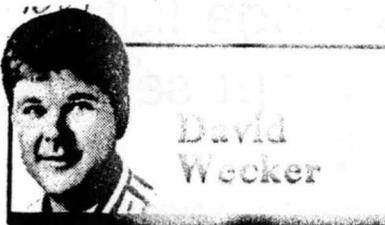
"... five small beings coming into her home. One of them gestured for her to follow him. She was taken aboard an object and spoke of seeing a round object with rings around it.

"Saturn? Could be. Who knows? Anyway, somehow in there, she lost track of an hour and a half."

At that point, Jerry held up drawings of hairless aliens Peggy had rendered in pencil. Other than their cat-like eyes, Peggy's sinister-looking ETs had no facial features.

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David Wecker

In search of UFOs, and respect

A guy in the audience has a question. This talk about spacenappers is all well and good, he says. But is it relevant?

Relevant? Peggy and Jerry Black are momentarily speechless. They've spent the past two hours here at the Milford Branch of the Clermont County Public Library delivering a lecture entitled

"UFO Abductions: A Serious Reality" to a standing-room-only audience of nearly 100.

Among the points they've covered:

■ Jerry's first UFO sighting. It was Nov. 2, 1968. He and Peggy were driving east on U.S. 50 in Indiana when Peggy noticed ...

"... three horizontal lights, maybe 350 feet in the air. I thought it was an aircraft, and I told Jerry it seemed awful low. As soon as I said that, the lights banked to a straight up-and-down position."

They remember the lights shifting to a V formation. Then the three lights became four and turned yellow. Then they disappeared. Just like that.

Jerry, a 49-year-old office clerk, had spent 30 years investigating UFOs. And finally, he'd seen one. What else could it be? The experience was, he said, "quite a thrill, quite unexpected and shocking." It was like being a birdwatcher and spotting a rare Kirtland's warbler.

■ An incident 13 years ago in which three women claimed to have been abducted outside Stanford, Ky. As they were leaving the Redwood restaurant around 11:25 p.m., Jerry said they saw ...

"... a red object in the air that seemed about to crash. Suddenly, it stopped and a blue light flooded the back of their car. They thought it was a state trooper. ... The next thing they knew, they were getting home at 1:25 a.m. It took them two hours to make a 39-minute trip."

The weirdness continued, Jerry said. The women discovered red marks on their necks. Their skin burned when they showered. One had a parakeet that went berserk whenever she was around it. Circumstantial evidence, Jerry said, but evidence nonetheless.

He ended the lecture by playing some tapes of the women recalling the incident under hypnosis. They sobbed as they told of little ETs twisting their arms and legs. The audience listened intently.

And now, this guy has the gall to ask whether any of this is relevant. *Relevant?*

Jerry blows his stack. Does the guy think Jerry likes being dragged out of bed in the middle of the night to investigate UFO sightings? Does he think Jerry enjoys knowing that a lot of people think he's nuts? *Relevant?*

"Look — all I'm saying is it's possible something's out there," Jerry says angrily.

"Someday, we may all be confronted with these beings. And all I'm saying is, we ought to be ready for them." //

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Conference considers supernatural UFOs, aliens, angels real, speaker says

By Wendy Hundley
STAFF FEATURE WRITER

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A bearded man in a flannel shirt approached UFO expert Budd Hopkins to tell him about an area in his cornfield that wouldn't grow any corn since he'd found "something like Christmas tinsel" sprinkled there.

Hopkins, who had just given a compelling lecture about UFO abductions, listened quietly to the man's tale and asked him to write down his name and phone number.

The second day of the 1989 Intercontinental Seth and Metaphysical Conference combined space aliens with the company of angels and other assorted aspects of the New Age movement.

And the crowd of about 200 didn't need much convincing.

"I think not only are there people being abducted, but there may be people from other planets living among us," said the bearded farmer. He had been impressed with Hopkins' Saturday morning presentation that included a tape recording of a hypnotized woman reliving her abduction by space aliens, photographs of scars left on victims' bodies and strangely similar pictures they had drawn of creatures with large eyes, long necks and small bodies.

"UFO occupants are regarding us as a kind of research project," said Hopkins, author of *Missing Time* and *Intruders*. He thinks the human abductions are widespread and done both for scientific research and for reproduction.

If creatures from other planets are among us, then so are aliens of another sort.

"I am here as an emissary from the Ascended Masters and the Angelic Kingdom," Loretta Ferrier said, introducing herself. She says she became an "angel incarnate" in 1987 and she brought a few of her friends with her when she flew from her home in Arizona to Louisville.

"Angels are not small. They're very large. And they lined the runway and all along the road to the conference," she said, before talking her audience through an astral journey accentuated by the sounds of cymbals and bells.

Later in the day, Dr. Buce Lipton, senior research scientist at Stanford University, villified the medical establishment and encouraged his audience to heal themselves. "You have infinite control over everything in your system," he promised.

Between lectures, attendants could browse through a New Age headshop and buy such things as Aura Specs for \$59.95, enabling the wearer to see "a mysterious light that surrounds us."

The conference ends Wednesday. //

South Lakeland and UFOs

Flying saucers year-by-year as reported in the Westmorland Gazette.

1965

A couple walking in Loughrigg late one night report seeing "a cigar-shaped object with flashing lights" flying low over the fells just above tree level. They were so frightened by what they saw that they had to be treated by a doctor for shock.

1975

People in Ambleside complain of hearing firework explosions in the middle of the night. There are sightings of flashing green and red lights in the Brathay/Loughrigg area.

1977

July: Two amateur photographers capture UFOs on film, one taken at Stainton, the other at Ings. The pictures are later printed in the Gazette. One was said to show a "cloud spinning round very fast."

September: Slow-moving, glowing lights in the sky are reported at Silverdale and Cartmel. Unusual bright lights are seen by police at Windermere.

1978

September: Brilliant lights dazzle spectators dispersing after Kendal's annual torchlight procession. Three lights are seen to converge over Grange.

December: Motorists see a flashing light at Bannerigg "too bright and too low" to have been an aeroplane. Over Ulverston an oval-shaped object was seen to emit "pulsations of orange light."

A motorist at Underbarrow is frightened by a large triangular formation of coloured lights and a loud noise. White pulsating light is seen at Garnett Bridge, Longsleddale.

A Gazette reporter notices bright flashing lights "jump about in the sky" on the way to Windermere. Two slowly-moving flashing lights are seen by industrial chemists over Backbarrow.

1979

January: A Kendal man says he saw something "just like the back end of a rocket going straight across the sky" on New Year's Eve. Other witnesses report seeing a noiseless "white globule with a 40ft long flaming tail" take five minutes to cross the sky at Hornby Castle at about the same time.

1981

August: A Kendal woman reports seeing "a huge glowing flying yellow fish showering green sparks over the lakes as it shot southwards over Kendal."

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Craft was clearly a new UFO

TWO terrified Canvey anglers may have seen the first transparent UFO in his country.

The monster craft, as big as five houses and shaped like a rugby ball, was spotted by the men on a quiet early morning fish. The 200ft-long object was emitting a slight hum.

Both men were amazed because although they could see the outline of the craft they could also see stars in the night sky shimmering through it.

Ron West, senior investigator for East Anglian UFO and Paranormal Research Association, said: "This is very exciting. As far as I know this is the first time a UFO of this type has been seen in this country."

"Translucent craft have been seen in Russia, America and Brazil, but as far as I know, not here. It was a mother craft and I think could have been materialising when they saw it."

The anglers have been interviewed by UFO investigators and are regarded as genuine.

The Thames Estuary is said to have a window in the sky above it through which UFOs can pass.

The research association has now completed its investigation into the blue flash sightings on October 27 last year. At 3.45am a blue flash lit the morning sky and something disappeared in the sea off Southend.

The object, said by Government officials to be a meteorite, had been tracked by radar from Belgium.

It was seen by a Southend policeman, a police dog handler in South London who said it passed above him, a weather forecaster at the Met office, early morning workers and aircraft pilots.

A Southend witness described a long round object with a blunt end and a cargo aircraft pilot said the light "lit up my aircraft in a blue glow."

The pilot, flying from Belgium to Stansted, contacted Heathrow airport where officials knew nothing. The military also did not know anything about it.

South East Essex engineer Mr John Hill said it was not a meteorite. He saw a craft coming towards his house between 1,000 and 2,000 feet, round at the front and square at the back with a slight engine noise, like a hum.

There was a smaller second craft behind the larger one.

Mr Hill believed the craft could have been the American Stealth aircraft, but the Echo contacted Southend East MP Teddy Taylor who asked a question in the House.

The answer was there were no Stealth aircraft flying here.

UFO investigators believe the craft can only be classified as an unidentified flying object, origin unknown.

If anyone else saw the early morning transparent object on March 14 they are asked to contact the UFO Hot Line, Basildon 286079

UFO alert as more sky-high mysteries sighted

MORE unidentified flying objects have been spotted in the skies over South East Essex.

East Anglian UFO Research members are interviewing witnesses to the latest rash of sightings, probably due to the clearer skies.

By **ALAN WHEELER**

One of the most interesting sightings was on Friday March 3 by an ex-RAF pilot in Grays.

The man, in his mid-40s, saw a brilliant white light in the sky surrounded by a glow. The former pilot estimated the object to be at 20,000 to 25,000 ft.

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He watched the football-shaped object hover for three quarters of an hour and then it sped off at incredible speed in the direction of Kent.

Mr Ron West, senior investigator and founder of the group, said: "He said the RAF has nothing that can travel at that speed and he was convinced it was not a plane."

At 6.45pm on Sunday March 5 a woman and her son travelling on the A127 from London to Southend witnessed another UFO.

The Southend couple spotted a red ball of light through their windscreen at the Rayleigh Spur with the A130 to Chelmsford.

Wonder

Stunned at the unearthly sight they pulled into a layby and watched in wonder with their windows wound down for 15 minutes.

As they watched an aeroplane flew near the red light which suddenly went out only to reappear in the sky once the plane had flown past. Eventually the silent light just vanished.

The A127 again features in a case this month which Mr West's UFO team are investigating. It happened at 7.40pm on Wednesday March 8.

A mother and her two sons aged seven and nine were travelling towards Southend when they saw an object in the sky as they approached the Rayleigh Weir.

They described it as diamond-shaped with two glowing white lights at the front. As it passed overhead they noticed two more blinking white lights at the rear end.

The witnesses said it looked nothing like an aircraft and was travelling too fast to possibly be one.

Three independent reports from Southend, Leigh and Canvey on Saturday March 11 talk of a similar diamond-shaped craft being spotted in the skies between 8.30pm and 10pm, again with two lights at the front and two at the back.

Mr West is particularly excited about an incident which happened on Tuesday January 31 at the Southend home of nine-year-old Reginald Moran and his parents.

The little boy spotted an object from the living room window of his house and ran upstairs to get a closer look from a bedroom window, only to find the mysterious sight had vanished.

His parents, who say he is a very truthful boy, are convinced he did see something, and Mr West says he is very impressed with the detailed description given of the object.

He said: "The boy described it as rectangular in shape with a square-shaped box on top which was rotating. It had a bright hazy ring or a glow around it."

"The box part was described as the only visible moving part and it turned round slowly. We are sure this is an authentic and accurate description."

The team is ready to investigate UFO sightings day and night and have a hotline on 0268 286079 which anyone can call if they see anything mysterious in the skies.