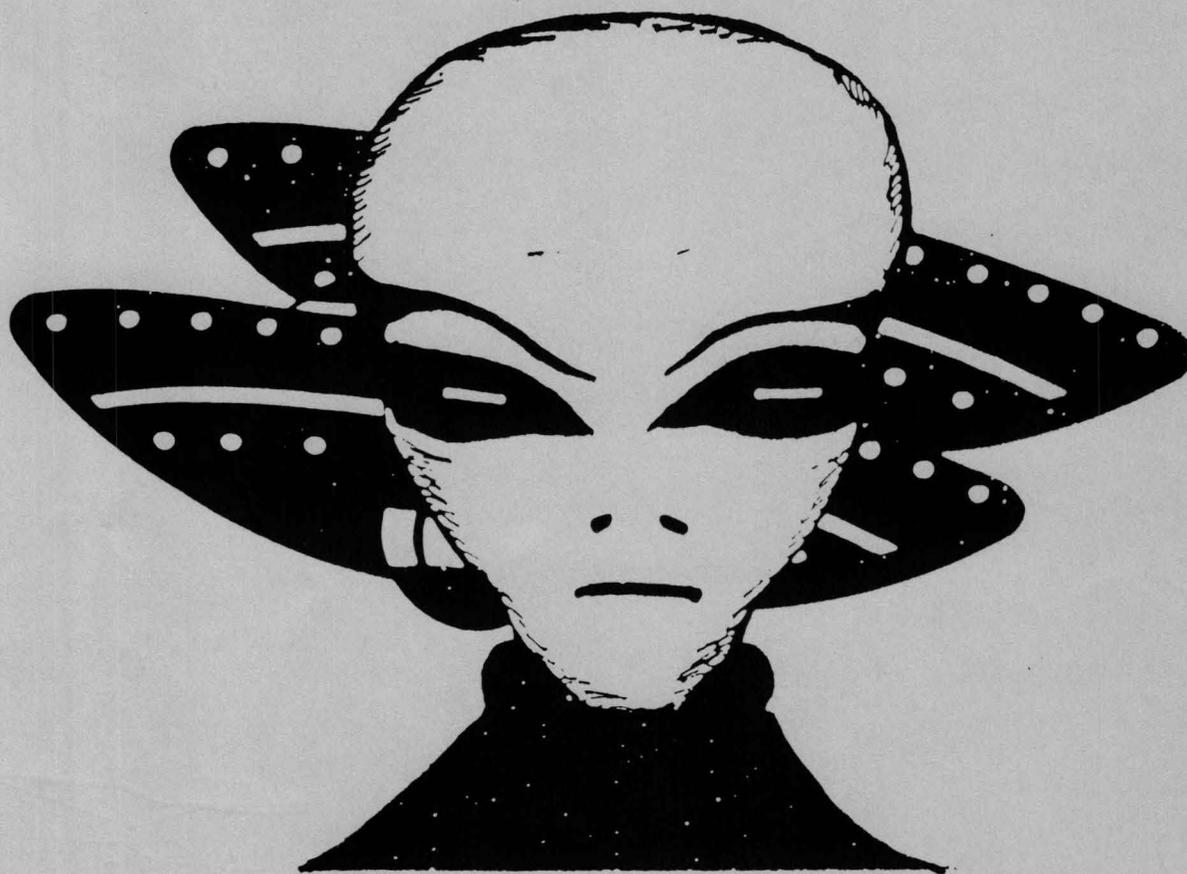


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Aliens Among Us?



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George Fawcett shadowed by likeness of garden-variety, extraterrestrial visitor

N.C.'s UFO Expert Warns Tar Heels, There's Something 'Extra' Up There

By **WILLIAM M. SMITH**
Herald staff writer

Before any New Age manifestations such as channeling and Shirley MacLaine, before spirit guides, before crystal power and pyramid power, there were unidentified flying objects.

UFOs formally entered the modern era in 1947, when a private pilot named Kenneth Arnold reported seeing a flight of nine saucer-shaped objects in the sky over the state of Washington.

But believers point to unusual

aerial phenomena reported years earlier by combat air crews during World War II, and they say ancient literature is a virtual UFO catalog.

The Bible is a good place to find accounts of flying machines from other worlds, according to George Fawcett.

Fawcett, a Mount Airy native who now lives in Lincolnton, is Mr. UFO in North Carolina, having devoted 45 of his 60 years to the study of strange stuff of celestial origin. He is the state director of the Mutual UFO Network Inc. of North Carolina, a clearing-house that can provide sighting

questionnaires, lecture information and other services on request.

Fawcett gave the word—and a slide show—on sightings, landings and abductions to Durham's Triangle Civitan Club Thursday night.

"If you don't believe what I'm talking about tonight, you belong to a minority group in America," he said. It's a sobering statement, but probably a correct one. A recent Gallup poll found that 68 percent of Americans believe in UFOs.

Two former presidents, Ronald

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UFO From 1A

Reagan and Jimmy Carter, have reported seeing "something up there," but it should also be noted that Reagan believed in a balanced budget and Carter in a second term.

UFOs have adorned the sky above North Carolina for a long time, Fawcett said. The Cherokee Indians referred to "sky baskets," "sky people" and "star people," he said, and a sighting was reported in Siler City in 1842.

North Carolina ranks fourth among the states in the number of reported sightings, according to Fawcett, who contends that only one UFO sighting in 10 is reported because witnesses fear repercussions of one sort or another.

Contact isn't limited to the visual, he said: There have been seven cases of North Carolinians' being abducted by UFO crews.

In Fawcett's view, this is cause for concern. "Problem" was the word he frequently used in describing the state of intergalactic relations, and he said that "it's a serious problem. It's one involving human survival and national security."

Some aliens walking among us are the classic models—3 or 4 feet tall, with no hair and huge eyes—but "some of them look like your next-door neighbor," Fawcett said.

The language barrier is often overcome by telepathy, he said, but don't believe every thought that's transferred your way. Some visitors emanate nothing but truth, while others aren't fanatics on the point.

Generally, in the case of abductions, the aliens gather physiological data on the human species. This almost always involves domination, and sometimes pain, but it is not clear why a race that is advanced

enough to make space travel routine needs to perform the same tests over and over again. Unless there's some sort of psychosexual force at work here.

While aerial sightings may involve craft of various shapes and configurations, Fawcett said, those that land usually have the same layout, being 30-ton domed discs 30 feet in diameter.

He said the visitors sometimes leave behind "angel hair," a cotton-candyish substance that is often radioactive. The substance tastes salty and leaves those who handle it with green fingertips, Fawcett reported, although once again it is not clear why anyone would want to touch or taste what may amount to UFO exhaust.

Angel hair and abductions notwithstanding, most of the scientific, technical and aeronautical community would like to have a bit

NC-D16 GASTONIA GAZETTE
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Man claims to have seen UFO in Lincolnton

By Donna Cox
Gazette Staff Reporter

LINCOLNTON — Paul Moore was feeding his dog and smoking a cigarette on a Friday afternoon when he spotted a triangular-shaped object the size of a Stealth bomber heading toward the McGuire Nuclear Plant substation.

"It was the first time I've ever

seen anything like that," said Moore, who lives near Huntersville, one mile south of the plant and a half mile from the substation. "I thought I was seeing things at first."

The large object was reddish-brown in color, he said, and dropped down from an estimated 1,000-foot altitude to 300 feet at a 45-degree angle and headed di-

rectly toward the substation.

It was only one of the more than 829 UFO sightings in North Carolina compiled over the last 50 years by the Lincolnton chapter of the worldwide Mutual UFO Network Inc.

George D. Fawcett, a Mount Airy native and Lincolnton resident, has been a MUFON representative for 18 years and was

appointed in June as MUFON state director.

Moore's sighting was similar to reports collected by field investigators in Pennsylvania recently, Fawcett said.

Moore, a construction security guard retired from McGuire, said there have been several sightings around McGuire in the last 12 to 15 years.

more proof before declaring that the age of interstellar commerce is at hand.

That's fine with Fawcett. He told his audience that he hoped to walk the line between "foolish faith" and "blind doubt," but acknowledged: "I'm very biased. I believe I'm speaking the truth."

The truth is a narrow path, though, and sometimes slippery. Fawcett said he thought Betty Hill, whose reported UFO abduction in the early 1960s was the topic of a seminal book on the subject, and Miss MacLaine, the actress who described her New Age shenanigans in another book, had fallen away.

"Betty has gotten an overdose of exposure, and she's playing it for all it's worth," Fawcett said.

"I don't give a hoot for channeling. I'll leave that to Shirley MacLaine," he said.

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SUN-TIMES/John Downs

Spaceships over Red Square? The Soviet press speculated that scorched earth near a Moscow highway was evidence of a UFO.

Soviet Union invaded by Western-style news

By John-Thor Dahlburg
Associated Press

MOSCOW—Headless aliens from space invade Russia!

Huge hairy creature terrifies villagers in the Volga valley!

Possible UFO lands in Moscow!

Although President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's reforms haven't spawned U.S.-style supermarket tabloids—let alone U.S.-style supermarkets—glasnost has changed the Soviet media, as evidenced by these recent stories, and a lot of people seem to love it.

The change is evident on state-run television, once a showcase for morally uplifting and dull "boy-loves-tractor" movies about building communism, and news reports lauding factory workers who surpass production under the Five-Year Plan.

Now, six days a week, as part of the breakfast TV program "120 Minutes," gray-haired mystic Alan Chumak waves his hands on camera to cure viewers from Minsk to Vladivostok of what ails them.

Soviets with heart disease are requested to watch the self-described journalist on Tuesdays. On Fridays, Chumak will help viewers get rid of allergies. People with stomach bugs or bone and muscle aches should tune in on other days.

The inability to watch the program is not a problem. Leave the set on, and a jar of water, juice or massage cream placed by the TV screen supposedly will be "charged" by Chumak and can be used later for treatment.

Since the days of the wild-eyed monk Rasputin, hypnotist and confidant at the court of the last czar, Russians have been intrigued by the occult and fantastic, and stories about UFOs, vanished planets and ESP have always had an eager audience.

With glasnost, such topics are getting more exposure than ever in the once-stuffy official Soviet media, and despite the firmly materialistic and rationalist ideology of the ruling Communist Party.

ILL-D22 CHICAGO SUN
TIMES

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Recently, the 1 million-circulation daily newspaper Socialist Industry carried this intriguing account of invaders from space landing in central Russia's Perm region: milkmaid Lyubov Medvedev told the newspaper, "At about 4:30 in the morning, I was going to the farm when I saw a dark figure seemingly riding a motorcycle. . . . But when I looked closely at the figure, I noticed there was no motorcycle, but just something resembling a man, but taller than average with short legs."

The creature had "only a small knob instead of a head," Medvedev said. "I was frightened to death . . . then it became fluorescent and disappeared."

Beekeeper G. Sharogiazov saw two egg-shaped "fluorescent objects" as big as aircraft hovering at a height of 600 feet to 1,000 feet. Others in mid-July also saw aliens with no heads, the paper said.

It also was Socialist Industry, an organ of the party's Central Committee, that informed Soviets of the huge, fleet-footed hairy creature that terrified residents of the Kirovo settlement in the Volga basin.

When two men approached the creature after sighting it on the other bank of a pond, it bounded away at astonishing speed, with the men pursuing it in a car.

The very official Soviet news agency Tass later picked up the newspaper's story for national and worldwide distribution, headlining it, "Huge creature sighted in Volga region; men give chase."

Last month, the paper reported in great detail on a 26-foot-wide patch of burned ground near a Moscow highway.

It quoted UFO specialist A. Kuzovkin as saying the grass probably had been blasted by powerful radiation, which he called probable evidence of the landing of a UFO.

Not so, Tass reported. Firefighters think a haystack simply caught fire and burned to the ground.

CA-D60 PALO ALTO TIMES
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Believers

'Exposing' the UFO coverup

DOUG BENEROFE / SPECIAL
FOSTER CITY

Elaine Butcher was at a high school football game when she first saw it.

"When everyone else was focused on the opening kickoff, I turned around and saw a bright, shiny disk flying through the air," Butcher said.

Hank was grilling steaks on his patio when he suddenly noticed a strange-looking disk speeding above.

Elaine and Hank were just two of the 30 people who were in attendance recently at the first meeting of the mid-Peninsula chapter of the UFO Awareness Society. The meeting was held at Foster City's Schooner Bay apartments in the clubhouse.

"We want to provide a forum, free from ridicule and intimidation, where people can meet and openly discuss their thoughts and experiences regarding

UFOs

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UFOs," said society founder and director Rick Edwards.

Although Edwards says the society has no specific theories or explanations, those in attendance seemed to believe that UFOs do exist and the U.S. government has engaged in a coverup for at least 40 years.

"You know what happens when you leak any of this UFO information? You get snuffed out," said one society member who requested anonymity.

Another attendee said he believes hundreds of top-level government officials have been killed or jailed for knowing too much about the "UFO coverup."

At the meeting, the society aired one interview as part of a 36-minute video called "UFO Coverup." In it, a man claiming to be an ex-government official said that starting with Harry Truman, the U.S. government has been secretly working with aliens on a project classified as MJ12, and that since 1988 an alien has been a guest of Washington and is busy writing a book about his home planet. Of course, the man said, the alien is top secret.

The reasons the government would work with aliens, according to the video, is to better the country's own technology (the aliens are advanced, he said) and to someday form an intraplanetary government.

The video described aliens as being roughly three feet tall, with large eyes and no teeth, elastic but

IL-W27J FRANKFORT
NOKENA STAR WEEKLY

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UFO sightings in dark of night turning buggy

You know those UFOs you see in the nighttime sky?

Well, break out the industrial strength insecticide, because flying saucers are really migrating moths glowing in the dark, according to Florida biophysicist Phillip Callahan.

He says most UFO sightings are just hordes of lit-up insects riding electrically charged storm fronts. Callahan says the insects' antennae and bodies contain "spines" that light up when electrically charged.

And there's a direct correlation between spruce budworm moth migrations and UFO sightings.

Callahan says the insects migrate after dusk and ride storm fronts in saucer-shaped swarms that can extend five to 10 miles in the sky.

hard skin, with an active sex life. Their favorite food is strawberry ice cream, it is believed. They have no thumbs and they have web-like feet. They believe in the universe as their god.

"The whole country's general apathy toward these things is why nobody knows about these things," Butcher said.

"We are not here to form theories on this," Edwards said. "We are here to make information available and then let people decide for themselves."

John F. Murphy, chief of the office of external affairs at NASA Ames Research Center in Mountain View, says he is not aware of any government attempts to cover up the existence of UFOs.

"I can't imagine that there is any possible truth to these UFO rumors," he said.

Meanwhile, Dan, an active member of the society, said "the society is there to put all the different angles and pieces together."

To make his arguments more scientific, Edwards has invented the UFO alert, a pyramid-shaped device that detects magnetic changes that UFOs allegedly are known to cause. Edwards says he has had trouble selling these (they go for \$49.95), but some of those present at the meeting said they owned one.

On a down-to-earth note, the society also goes by the name of Resource Marketing. Edwards says the business community is reluctant to do business with a UFO organization, so he was forced to use an alternative name. The society is non-profit, sells T-shirts (for \$35) and accepts donations.

Since the society's inception three months ago, it has have collected \$123 in donations, \$100 from one person. **4**

UFOs—or whatever—visit area again

By News staff writer **Michael S. Berk**, with reports from staff writer **Chris Roberts** and correspondent **Allison L. Large**

I would like for it to set down right on that hill. I'd love to see it closer.

Trussville resident Mabel Quick

They're back.

Residents from around Birmingham say they witnessed bright flashing lights in the sky this morning, the second consecutive day of reports of UFOs in the area.

There also were similar reports in Tuscaloosa.

Trussville police said several residents reported sightings this morning, and about midnight, officers around the police station

said they they saw the football-shaped object off in the western sky.

At 5 a.m. witnesses in Hoover said they saw lights in the south, while 15 Trussville residents said they saw the lights in the east over Pell City.

"I've had about 30 to 40 calls," Trussville police Officer Barry Fulmer said.

Mabel Quick of Trussville said she saw lights changing colors — from green to blue to yellow to red. She said she also saw the

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Monday.

"It wasn't as bright this morning as it was yesterday," Mrs. Quick said. "We could see it — but it was closer up yesterday."

Nearly 15 people gathered at her home this morning, many armed with video cameras, still cameras and binoculars.

"We could have had coffee and cake," she said.

Shiela Wilson and her family took pictures of the lights with her video camera.

She said the videotape showed the object, but not the changing colors.

"When we first got there, we couldn't pick it up because it was too dark," she said. She said the camera recorded the object as morning broke.

Tommy Quick, Mrs. Quick's son, also took video pictures of the light. The object "looked like a big flashlight," he said.

Trussville police officers also had a video camera and took pictures of the lights.

In Tuscaloosa, the object was seen by security guards at JVC Magnetics America.

"It stayed in one place, one spot, and it was flashing blue and red, blue and red — those colors," said Louise Lee, a security guard at the JVC plant. "As old as I am, I've never seen a star with those colors."

Roger Koehler, another JVC security officer, said he spotted the flashing lights Monday and again this morning. He didn't tell anyone Monday because he was afraid they would think he was wacky, he said.

"When I heard it on the news last night I thought that must be the

same thing I saw."

But this morning when he saw the lights again, he called Tuscaloosa police who sent five cars to the JVC plant. One of the officers said the heat in the atmosphere was causing the flashing colors.

"I saw like blue lights, red lights," Koehler said. "I didn't see the shape of it or anything because it wasn't down that low."

"It looked like lights were going in a circle from the reflection in the sky," he said "From what I could see it looked like there was a (dark) object above the lights."

"I don't think it was a star — I know that much — it could have been a UFO," he said.

The lights disappeared at daybreak, he said.

Trussville, in northeastern Jefferson County, is getting used to UFOs. Police on Monday said they saw lights in the sky before sunrise, the second time in a week that officers said they saw light in the sky.

Trussville police Sgt. Nelson Byess said he and his partner saw lights in the sky.

"I haven't the foggiest what it was," Byess said.

Mrs. Quick said police told her that Monday morning, while the lights could be seen over Trussville, all the telephones went out in the area.

Big G's Restaurant in Trussville is selling "UFO Burgers."

Several Trussville residents said they would be up before the sun again Wednesday to see what they can see.

"I would like for it to set down right on that hill," Mrs. Quick said, pointing to the edge of her yard. "I'd love to see it closer."

AL-D4 BIRMINGHAM POST HERALD

AUG-22-1989

UFOs touch two towns; police won't be Fyffed

By Steve Joynt

Post-Herald Reporter

Elvis may be in Oneonta, but there were UFOs in Trussville yesterday morning.

"I'm not trying to start anything; I just answered a call with another officer and we saw what we saw," Trussville police Sgt. Nelson Byess said. "I'm not going to run out and print up T-shirts and bumper stickers."

Byess was referring to memorabilia that went on sale in Fyffe after several people reported seeing silent triangular shapes with colored lights in the February and March sky.

About 5 a.m. yesterday, a few residents called Trussville police and reported seeing a disc-shaped object with colored lights hovering just above the trees.

A number of reporters contacted Byess yesterday after he and his partner also saw the object in the sky.

"Since I see there's so much interest in this, I'm happy to tell reporters what I saw so folks will know, but I'm not seeking publicity," Byess said.

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UFO'S TOUCH TWO TOWNS

And he certainly doesn't want any calls from supermarket tabloid magazines such as the one that reported the late Elvis Presley has been spotted recently shopping in Sneonta.

"When I visualized it, it was a long way off, many, many miles away, in my opinion," Byess said. "I could distinctly see the colored lights, though — red, blue, green and yellow — like a prism, and they were airily bright. And the dogs in the neighborhood were raising Cain the whole time."

Byess said he could not see any shape connected to the lights.

BASINGSTOKE GAZETTE
HAMPSHIRE
AUG - 29 1989

Wife sees an alien spaceship

By **DANNY CARPENTER**

AN ALIEN spaceship has been spotted flying over Hook early in the morning.

The great silver ship rose in the sky, hovered, spun and disappeared at great speed towards Basingstoke.

But, unknown to the occupants, their early-morning mission over sleepy Hook was observed by at least one earth dweller.

Maude Guille-Maret, lying awake and looking out of the window at the dark sky, was startled to see the ship rise into view.

"I don't know where it came from, it just appeared in the window and sat there for a couple of seconds," she said.

"Then it spun in the air and disappeared—it went so fast it was almost as though it had vanished," said Maude (78), of Bell Meadow, Hook.

But her husband, Hedley, believes her.

"If she says she saw something, she saw something," he said.

Nearby RAF Odiham had no other reports of strange craft, but say they had nothing in the air at the time.

They are investigating the sighting.

"It hovered for a while, we watched it about 20 or 30 minutes, and then moved off or faded out as the sun came up," he said. "I never heard any sound."

A little earlier, before 5 a.m., Dadeville Police Chief Terry Wright had just given a speeding ticket and settled in to wait for another speeding driver in his town, about 60 miles southeast of Trussville.

"I looked to my left and saw what I thought was the moon behind a cloud, then I realized the moon was on my right," Wright said. "It was round and bright to start with, kind of hazy, then it looked like a bright gas and moved out of sight after about 15 or 20 minutes. There were no colored lights, just white."

Wright thought the bright shape was so odd, he told everyone at City Hall and his wife about it later that morning.

Strange

"I immediately got out of bed and wrote down the time and tried to do a little sketch of it.

"It looked like a great big, beautiful, silver fish."

She added: "But the strange thing was it didn't make a sound.

"It looked so close, yet I couldn't hear a thing."

Maude is convinced that she saw a UFO, but has had a lot of trouble convincing the neighbours.

"They all seem to think I've been on the drink," she said.

"I didn't want everyone thinking I was on drugs, but I never saw anything like it before," Wright said. "Later in the day, someone said they saw on the TV that Trussville reported seeing something, too."

Data on both sightings will be recorded by Mutual UFO Network Inc., section Director Jeff Ballard said, as the Fyffe sightings were.

"We have an investigator in Birmingham waiting to see if there's a repeat show, so he can get pictures and see it himself," Ballard said. "If it doesn't show again, he'll start interviewing all the witnesses."

In addition to recording sightings, MUFON tries to explain some by checking on known aircraft, natural or man-made phenomena.

"The sightings in Fyffe were fully explored," he said, "and we have put the source down as 'unknown.'"

CLACTON GAZETTE
SEP - 1 1989

UFO heads for Jaywick

TWO men sparked a police search for an unidentified flying object when they spotted a strange sight in the sky over Clacton airstrip.

The men were driving along West Road when one of them saw a brightly lit object hovering over the airstrip.

They reported their sighting to Clacton Police who carried out a search of the airfield.

Police found no sign of the UFO, sighted on Tuesday night, but passed on the report

to Stansted and Southend air traffic control, and the Ministry of Defence.

The men said the object was circular and about 30 metres across, with red, white and green flashing lights. It had a white underside and was making a humming noise.

They watched it hover about 50 metres off the ground for two minutes before it headed off above St John's Road towards Jaywick.

EAST ANGLIAN TIMES
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Report of UFO but no trace found

POLICE searched Clacton airstrip for signs of an unidentified flying object early yesterday.

The UFO, said to be 30 metres wide, was seen by two men at 3.30 am. They said that it was hovering 40 to 50 metres above the ground and making a humming noise.

The men claimed the UFO was round, with red, blue, green and yellow flashing lights. They saw it above the airstrip while they were driving in West Road.

Police told Stansted air traffic control and the Ministry of Defence.

Air traffic controllers found no trace of the UFO on their radar screens and there was no record of any flights from Clacton airstrip then.

The men said the UFO flew low over the Three Jays in Jaywick Lane, turned right and moved towards St. John's Road.

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REPORT REVEALS ALIEN COVER-UP

Voyager may be flashing through the universe in its eternal search for life among the stars, but now new evidence has revealed that extra-terrestrials have already visited us.

The myth of men in flying saucers has been with us since H G Wells landed the Martians in the Home Counties at the turn of the century and the '40s and '50s witnessed a rapid growth in the number of sightings as UFO mania gripped the world.

By Steve Davies

However, a Hartshorne man has been given a sensational document, which has been one of the USA's most closely guarded secrets for more than 35 years and which, on face value, shows that the Americans are well aware of UFOs and have been engaged in a major cover-up.

The 10-page document prepared for President-elect Dwight D Eisenhower in 1952 and signed by him, reveals that two UFOs crashed, the first on June 24, 1947, which

Documentary 'proof' of UFO crash-landing

was subsequently recovered in "a secret operation" in a remote region of New Mexico, and the second on December 6, 1950.

But it is perhaps the findings from the first crash which prove to be the most startling.

According to the document, under the heading Operation Majestic, and carried out by a bevy of high ranking military and civilian staff, aerial reconnaissance showed that "four small human-like beings had apparently ejected from the craft."

Dynamite

The four bodies were recovered and although badly decomposed, scientists said that the creatures were human-like, but that their evolutionary background was considerably different to that of Man.

The document, which has been known to exist by various UFO bodies,

has only recently surfaced and Mr Kevin Flannery of Hartshorne, a member of Sky Scan, which is allied to the British UFO Research Association, has received a copy of it.

He told the *Mail*: "The document is dynamite and proves the Americans have been involved in a cover-up.

"An American nuclear physicist by the name of Stanton T Freidman is visiting Sheffield to deliver a talk on this paper and add his endorsement to it. If what is revealed in the document is true then it will be the biggest thing the world has ever witnessed."

The controversial document also goes on to say that witnesses were debriefed and that a cover story had been fed to the Press saying that it was merely a weather balloon which had come down in a bid "to stave off public panic at all costs".

Operation Majestic 12, as the top secret project



● Kevin Flannery — new evidence.

was known, was a research and development project run in conjunction with the intelligence services and under the direct control of the President of the United States.

The report was sparked off after a civilian pilot reported a sighting of nine disc-shaped objects flying in formation. There had been many such sightings at the time, but no substance to the reports.

However, US intelligence sources recovered much of the crashed ship which came down in July 1947 and removed the four bodies. Subsequent analysis revealed that the craft was a short range reconnaissance vehicle and ended with the conclusion "It is virtually certain that these craft do not originate in any country on earth and that we are dealing with beings from another solar system."

YORKSHIRE EVENING PRESS YORK SEP 20 1989

Conference date for UFO buffs

BRITAIN'S biggest conference on flying saucers will take place in West Yorkshire on Saturday.

The event, organised by the Yorkshire UFO Society, will begin at 12.30pm at the Town Hall in Ossett, near Wakefield.

Mark Birdsall, the society's spokesman, said: "This year's conference promises to be a major newsworthy event due to a world exclusive con-

cerning a UFO shot down over South Africa earlier this year.

"We will be displaying official documents from both the South African Air Force and the American Defence Department, who arrived to examine the object and two of its occupants.

"Taped conversations with South African intelligence chiefs and embassy officials will also be discussed."

Lights relief 3128 shakes team in UFO hunt

UFO WATCHERS reckon they have discovered a down-to-earth solution for the mystery of moorland lights.

They believe strange glowing objects seen in the night sky are not caused by extra-terrestrials — but by earthquakes.

Researchers probing sightings of bright balls of light above the moors at Saddleworth and at High Peak in Derbyshire have linked them with earth tremors in the same areas.

They believe fault-line pressures on quartz rocks hundreds of feet below ground can trigger a release of electrical energy into the air.

And they point out that many of the sightings of strange lights have been above power lines, TV masts

By Matt Finnegan

and aerials which could act as "chimneys" for the release of the energy.

Scores of sightings have been reported in the Saddleworth area along the A635 Holmfirth to Greenfield Road.

The most famous was in 1977 when a motorist spotted an object shaped like a luminous egg. It was later dubbed the "Wessenden Egg" after the nearby moor.

Research by the team who formed Project Pennine to investigate the lights will be included in a new book.

Their breakthrough came when they discovered that hundreds of UFO sightings were reported in West Yorkshire in 1984 at the same

time as strong earth tremors rocked North Wales.

Both areas are linked by geological fault lines and the pressures on subterranean rocks could have been finally released in Yorkshire — appearing as the mystery lights.

Team spokesman David Clarke said: "No one had ever made the connection before, but whenever there are earth tremors there are always lots of UFO sightings."

The director of investigations for the British UFO Research Association, Jennie Randle, said: "It's a plausible hypothesis, but it would be very foolish of anyone to claim that the lights explain all the UFO sightings."

The book, *The Earth Lights Revelation*, written by Paul Devereux, is published by Blandford Press on September 14.

SOUTHEND EVENING ECHO ESSEX SEP-13 1989

Lights in the sky spark new probe into UFOs

STRANGE lights in the sky have been puzzling people in South East Essex.

East Anglian UFO Association chairman Ron West said he had received a number of calls after a report in the Echo last week of a dome-shaped flying object with red, green and white lights.

It was seen hovering in the sky between Clacton and Leigh in the early hours of September 6.

Circle

A Hullbridge man walking his dog at 10.15pm on September 4 saw red, white and green lights circling and flashing.

He thought the lights were about 2,000 ft up. After a few minutes they moved towards Burnham.

At 12.15am the next day Mr Bob Hoskins from Billericay saw a long, rectangular object shoot across the sky and stop. It had white lights and was going towards Basildon.

At around the same time a Southend woman saw a big circle of white moving across the sky.

A few minutes later Mr Barton from Southend saw an object hovering over the airport. He described it as huge, with red, white and green flashing lights. It moved on towards Basildon.

And again near midnight Mr and Mrs Robinson from Canvey saw a shape like three light bulbs in the sky.

It had green, red and white lights and dropped below the horizon.

Three hours later Mr and Mrs Jones from Basildon were woken up by a humming noise and saw from their window a long, oval object with a very bright, white light.

It hovered in the air for about 10 minutes and then shot off towards Southend.

East Anglian UFO Association needs further information. Their hotline is 0268 286079.

SOUTH BUCKS STAR - HIGH WYCOMBE - SEP 8 1989

UFO film genuine

A SENSATIONAL report just published by UFO buffs has declared a film off a UFO as 'genuine.'

The film, taken near Haddenham in 1973, has been scrutinised by experts throughout Britain. It was taken by building surveyor Peter Day who had a movie camera with him in his car when he witnessed the strange light.

The conclusion of the report, "Fire In The Sky" by the British UFO Research Association states: "By a strict definition of the term the thing was a UFO — namely an Unidentified Flying Object. Whether it will remain unidentifiable is another matter."

A full report will appear in next week's Star but turn to page 13 for more news on the strange lights seen over the county last week.

Spaced out by the alien life forms

ANTHONY Dodd lowered his voice a touch and said he had to be very careful. He was in the middle of talking about beings from another planet.

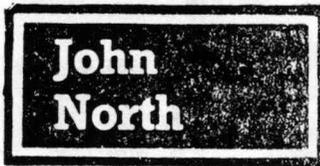
You did not know, he said, who was listening. He was not concerned that this might be a being from another planet, but somebody from this planet bugging his conversations about beings from other planets.

He holds many of these. This is perfectly natural for somebody who has seen at least 60 unidentified flying objects in the past 11 years since he all but bumped into a flying saucer in the early hours.

This was when he was still a policeman. He was with the traffic division on his North Yorkshire beat when he and a colleague turned a corner and almost smacked into this unusual craft.

That was former Sergeant Dodd's first and only involuntary encounter. He did not wilt in fear or put it to the back of his mind as a sight which might be easily explained away. Nor was it an apparition affecting a tired traffic cop in the early hours.

It was a UFO. The policeman was an overnight convert. Last year he retired from the force in Grassington and is now a full-time UFO investigator.



This Saturday at the UFO Society's annual conference Anthony Dodd could have his finest hour. After months of painstaking research he will reveal details of a UFO shot down in South Africa earlier this year.

It was recovered and taken to a base in Pretoria before the American air force was called in. The craft departed for the Wright Patterson air force base in Ohio together with two of its occupants.

Anthony Dodd has seen neither the saucer nor its crew but has built up a picture of what they look like. The crewmen, it seems, have large heads, black, almond-shaped eyes, three fingers on each hand with claws on the end. They have no visible sex organs, no bodily hair and have pale grey skin.

All this will be revealed to the world in Ossett on Saturday by the former rural bobby. The lengthy investigation means that he has had no time to see many UFOs himself lately.

But there were plenty of them. Of course, you did not see one every time you went out

but there were regular haunts for them.

He had to admit, he said, that he had never been close enough to see who was inside the craft but he assumed they were manned or at least aliened.

When he was a policeman Anthony Dodd did not talk much about flying saucers. Policemen are not allowed to talk to the Press for a start.

There is, he believes, a slow and deliberate leaking policy by governments round the world. This is being done through sci-fi programmes, the sort which feature three fingered men with claws, huge black, almond-shaped eyes and pale grey skin, the unbelievable sort.

In three or four years from now perhaps there would be an official announcement that UFOs, alien crewmen and life on other planets existed. They wanted us to get used to the idea first.

But not too used just now, which was why Anthony Dodd lowered his voice and sounded positively conspiratorial. Soon though, we would all know about flying saucers.

For now, we shall have to make do with the Dodd revelations in Ossett which feature taped conversations with South Africans and Americans. One of the latter is saying that the UFO investigator would surely

forms

not expect him to say anything about aliens if indeed they were there. This, the UFO society takes to be extremely meaningful stuff.

The best proof would be to have as guest of honour on Saturday a pale grey man with three fingers and no hair but he and his mate are unfortunately otherwise detained in Ohio. Former police sergeant Dodd, however, has a drawing.

All Ufo sightings can't be ignored

3/28

If I may comment on the article on Ufos, by Julie Cockroft in (WMN August 14).

If someone doesn't believe the Ufos that is only because they know nothing about the subject. Anyone who has done any real research into the subject quickly realises that although some Ufos can be explained by the reason given by Ms C there are millions (I repeat, millions) of genuine sightings which can not.

Although she seems to know very little about the subject, she certainly has some knowledge of the standard Ufo

"explanations," which are routinely trotted out by those who wish, for some reason, to discredit eye witnesses.

After 40 years and thousands of articles of this type attempting to discredit Ufo sightings. Ufos are still being seen all over the world -- Devon and Cornwall included.

Ms C states that there is not a "scrap of real" evidence to indicate that Ufos exist. Nothing of course except the millions of reports by eye witnesses.

In our legal system, eye

witness evidence is accepted as real evidence. Until recently (and to date in many countries) eye witness evidence can have people executed. Yet Ms C chooses to ignore every report that she can't explain. Not a very good basis for drawing conclusions.

She insults the witnesses, many of whom are of the highest intelligence and integrity. International airline pilots are one group of highly qualified (both professionally to know if a flying object is unidentifiable) people who report seeing real Ufos. One

American investigator has more than 3,000 reports from airline pilots.

Don't dismiss their evidence too smugly, Ms C. I would imagine an airline pilot would be looked upon as a very valuable witness in a court of law Ms C prefers to ignore them. Why?

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DEREK TRACKS WORLD'S UFOs

SOMEBODY is most definitely out there, says UFO expert Derek Mansell.

He's convinced there is life beyond earth - and points to the thousands of reports of UFO sightings in his files as proof.

by Stuart Fraser

so bad that the pilot had to make an emergency landing on the nearest airfield.

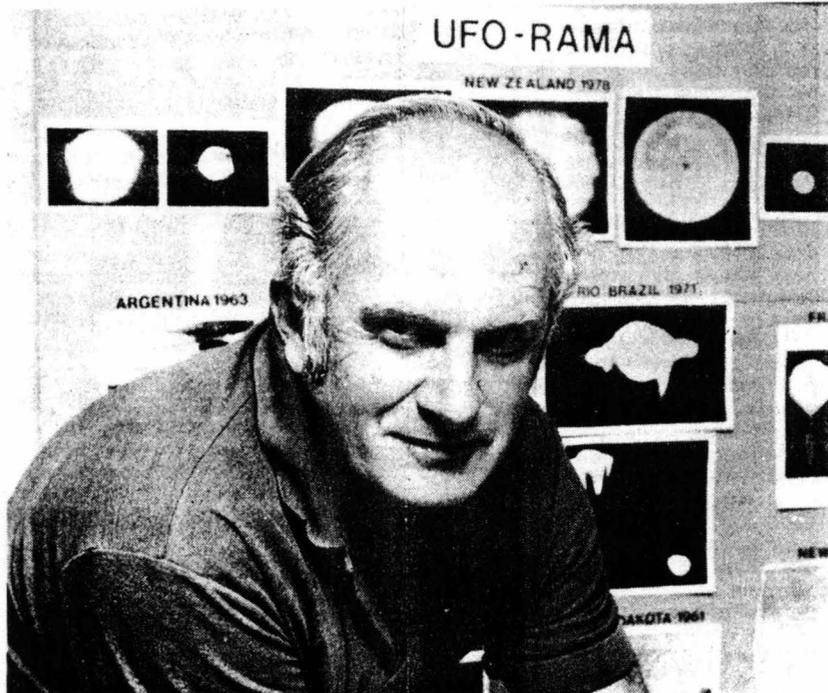
Unusual

'It wasn't until we spoke to the crew of the other plane that we suspected something unusual had happened.

'They told us that there had been a huge disc-shaped object above us. It was 250ft in diameter, with a big blue light on top and a big red light underneath.

'The pilot of the other aircraft took photos of it, but they were confiscated and we were all made to sign the Official Secrets Act. That has never been explained.'

The experience started years of investigation for Derek. All contacts' sightings are reported to him, and he sparks off investigations by detectives all over the world.



RECORDS OFFICER: Derek Mansell, who believes there is life in outer space.

Each mystery is referred to the relevant Government department - the Ministry of Defence in the UK - and all air, sea and weather details are meticulously checked.

Of 2,000 sightings last

year, about 35 per cent remain unexplained.

'I personally believe that unidentified flying objects come from outer space. We have 86,000 sightings on file dating back to 2,500BC, and to

me that weight of evidence is too much to be dismissed lightly.

'People now are beginning to take us more seriously rather than dismissing us all as complete cranks.'

Vibrate

It was back in the 1950s, when Derek was in the RAF and a crewman on the regular flights between New Zealand's two islands.

'We were between the two islands flying behind another freight aircraft when the plane began to vibrate badly, the engine misfired and all the electrics went out.

'We thought we were in an electrical storm. It got

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UFO expert tells what he knows

UFO enthusiasts are invited to a slide show and lecture given by an internationally known authority on September 15 when Timothy Good will be discussing UFO sightings worldwide.

The event is at the Bullseye Public House in Basildon Town Square, with doors opening at 7.30pm.

It has been organised by the East Anglian UFO and Paranormal Research Association, which was formed in July 1988.

Mrs Sheridan Lane, the association press officer said: "Since we formed, about 1,400 sightings have been reported to us on our hotline."

The most recent UFO sightings occurred last

Tuesday around midnight, when a brightly lit circular object, with red, white and green lights was spotted over Clacton airport.

It was hovering about 50 metres above the ground, and after five minutes shot off.

The same object was spotted about five minutes later by a lady in Wivenhoe, before it disappeared out to sea.

At about 12.10am, two men in Southend reported a sighting of the same object speeding across the Thames Estuary towards Kent.

Mrs Sheridan said: "We are always pleased to hear from people who have sightings and their call is treated in confidence."

Anyone with an experience of contact or a sighting can telephone the hotline, open 24 hours, on 0268-286079.

UFO SCARE 3128 TERRIFIES VILLAGERS

A SOUTH Petherton couple are looking for a down-to-earth explanation for the UFO which shocked them while they were walking their dog on Monday night.

Mike and Wendy Wood, who live in Palmer Street, were coming home across the fields at Combe Bottom, between the village and Compton Durville, when they suddenly became aware of a bright light behind them.

They turned to see what they first thought was a firework coming towards them at phe-

nomenal speed

"It was essentially a green light, with a reddish yellow edging and it was coming towards us at a hell of a rate of knots," said Mike.

"It was impossible to judge how high or big it was because of its speed. We watched it for a few seconds, then it simply disappeared.

"What made it so weird was that there was no noise at all. If it had been a firework, there would have been a hiss of propellant but we heard nothing and it didn't peter out like a

conventional firework would.

"I've seen shooting stars before and this was nothing like them. I've no idea what it was.

"I only hope no-one's experimenting with home-made explosives, because someone might get hurt."

Commented Wendy; "I was frightened to death. If Mike hadn't been with me, I would have run all the way back home."

They are now so anxious to know if anyone else spotted the strange phenomenon at around 7.45pm.

WESTMINSTER NEWS
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Too close 3128 encounter

I SUPPOSE after a couple of months of this kind of heat someone was bound to have an unexplainable experience some time.

A chance encounter with a nine-headed purple goblin at a bus stop would have been more than enough to satisfy the tabloids, even if the claim came from someone who had spent the day legless in the pub.

But this year's happening seems more than enigma fans could possibly hope for. A dazzling light-show witnessed by thousands of completely sober people across London ... search-beam lights whizzing around one another for up to 20 minutes a la Close Encounters.

One last plug for the Batman film?

An unavoidable side-effect from an attempt on the world communal acid-trip record?

That nobody has come up with a convincing answer makes the affair all the more remarkable. This time the odds are definitely stacked against some Government boffin instantly dismissing the whole thing as a hoax. Too many people saw it and in too many places.

So have the green people finally taken it upon themselves to come to warn us earthlings about the dangers of spraying aerosols and eating Big Macs?

We may just be in for a straight-forward Martian invasion instead. Let's hope not. Any whiff of alien intrusion on British soil and we'll be landed with another four years of Maggie.

BRISTOL EVENING POST
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Mystery of the 3128 flying object

SOMETHING mysterious hurtled through the night sky over the Bristol area — but what was it?

Colin Pulsford of Branksome Way Drive, Filton, thought at first it was a rocket sent up by somebody with very early access to Guy Fawkes fireworks.

But it travelled horizontally rather than vertically and made no noise.

It was bright green and from ground level appeared to be one-eighth of the diameter of the moon. It had a tail. As suddenly as it had appeared it disappeared.

Mr Pulsford was baffled, but put the incident out of his mind — until next morning when a colleague at work spoke of a similar sighting miles away at Yate.

"It wasn't a meteor," said Mr Pulsford. He was out taking a walk with his wife Lilian over playing fields on Sunday evening when he saw the mysterious object. The time: 8.19 pm.

Bristol University physics lecturer Dr Rodney Hillier, could offer no explanation

Bright sparks on the underground

A COUPLE of UFOlogists paid me a visit today, and I must say they didn't fit the usual picture of slightly dippy types in anoraks carrying cameras and notebooks, like train-spotters run amok.

In fact Andy Roberts and Dave Clarke are student archeologists and care-worker respectively, with cynical temperaments and no-nonsense attitudes to their vocation.

"We treat every report of unexplained phenomena very sceptically," Andy told me. The pair are members of "Project Pennine", and associate researchers on a newly-released book, "Earth Lights Revelation".

The project is gathering data from all over the Pennines — including Oldham — in the hope that a large-enough body of material can be gathered to interest scientists in developing the theory of *triboluminescence* — which says that rocks rubbing against each other along fault lines discharge massive amounts of light

energy which finds its way above ground.

This isn't as far-fetched as you might think. It is well known that some types of crystal generate electricity, when compressed, and light is the same sort of energy. Generating light from rocks is shown in pictures in the book.

"The sightings of lights invariably occur along fault lines," said Andy, who stopped by at the Chron. to check our own extensive file on reports of lights in the sky and on Saddleworth Moor over the years.

(If you want to add one of your own, you can contact the team on 0924 444049).

"A lot of the reports can be dismissed immediately as stars and planets, or aeroplanes," said Dave. "But there are some more interesting ones. A policeman called us about seeing lights on the moors and there are several mentions of lights on Wharfton Hill."

The reports of sightings all

over the Pennines form a fascinating chapter of the book, which is out now (at £12.95). But the local reports aren't included, save for an incredible one reported on the trans-Pennine A635 out of Holmfirth, when a driver saw an incredible ball of slow-moving light over the road and watched it for several minutes. It was 25 feet wide and 15 feet high!

SOUTHEND STANDARD

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UFO seen

THE RED, white and green flashing lights of a hovering, domed shape were reported in the sky over the Thames Estuary.

Mr Ron West, chairman of East Anglia UFO, said the UFO appeared to two men in London Road, Leigh, just after midnight on August 30. They watched it go out to sea and over to Kent.

At the same time a woman in a car along Southend sea-front had to do an emergency stop because she was so shocked by the brilliant lights.

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Are UFOs the answer to night lights riddle?

THE latest in a series of unexplained nighttime sightings has left South East Essex stargazers looking to the heavens for clues.

Police were baffled and air traffic control chiefs left starry-eyed after reports of five or six strange objects circling Canvey and Basildon on Friday night.

A report has been sent to the Defence Ministry amid claims UFOs have been sighted.

Mr Edward Chard said his wife Doreen called him to the garden of his Thisselt Road, Canvey, home when she saw the bright blue, green and red lights.

Tailoring manager Edward, 51, said: "I saw these lights hovering around and I got the binoculars out and it certainly was not an aircraft."

"When I used the binoculars all I could see was a triangular shape and it was fairly big. I was quite taken aback."

He claimed other people had also seen the strange lights and could find no explanation for the sighting.

Similar visions were also reported from the Pitsea area where anxious residents described five or six saucer-shaped objects flying from left to right around 9pm.

Police made checks with Southend, West Drayton and Stansted air traffic controls but none could provide an explanation.

A Basildon police spokesman said: "The only explanation I can think of is that it is probably aircraft stacking. Because of the difficulty of estimating height and speeds from ground observers I feel it can only be aircraft."

He said the police would be forwarding a report to the Defence Ministry with details of the sightings.

The latest vision was the most recent in a spate of unexplained objects.

Last week the Echo reported on a Canvey man who witnessed strange objects in the sky and captured his sighting on video.

And the East Anglian UFO society has received a number of recent reports

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THURROCK GAZETTE ESSEX

SEP 15 1989

UFOs spotted twice in night

Two sightings of UFOs were reported, one in Grays, the other in Corringham in the early hours of Tuesday morning of last week. The first was seen by Peter Watson who, while looking out of his daughter's bedroom window in Grays at 12.15am, saw a long, white stationary light in the sky.

He told the East Anglian UFO and Paramilitary Research Association that it moved slowly, then suddenly it crossed the sky at high speed.

He then stopped abruptly and stayed in bed for about five minutes until it shot up vertically at tremendous speed.

Later that night, at 3.15am, a Mr and Mrs Roberts, of Corringham, woke to a loud humming noise.

They went to investigate and saw a long oval object of white light. It remained stationary for ten minutes, then it shot up and over towards Southend.

If anyone else has witnessed anything similar, or had sightings of their own, contact the Association on Basildon 286079.

The Association will be holding a meeting

tonight (Friday) at The Bulls Eye Public House, Southernhay, Basildon, with author Timothy Good speaking. It starts at 8pm.

Object May Have Been Rocket

By TERRY JOYCE
Post-Courier Reporter

That object in the skies that aroused so much interest across the Lowcountry early Sunday may have been Soviet space junk.

Or it may have been a meteor shower. In any case, it still had folks buzzing.

"A Soviet rocket body impacted in the Atlantic (Ocean) east of Georgia around 1:15 a.m.," said Navy Senior Chief Petty Officer Eric Bishop, a public affairs officer with the North American Air Defense Command. "That may have been it," he said today.

Bishop, speaking from his office in Colorado Springs, Colo., said a newspaper in Kalamazoo, Mich., also had asked NORAD about any space junk, or used satellite parts, that might have lit up the sky early Sunday. He said people there apparently saw the object beginning to heat up as it re-entered the earth's atmosphere.

Bishop said NORAD didn't have many details about the rocket body, except to say it was a piece of the Soviet 2030 Cosmos series of satellites, launched from somewhere in Russia on July 12. He said he had no information on what the part specifically was used for or whether that

particular Cosmos satellite was manned or unmanned.

He said the piece of space junk apparently was heading from northwest to southeast when it landed somewhere off the coast of Georgia.

Bill Krasean, a reporter with the Kalamazoo (Mich.) Gazette, told The Evening Post today that another reporter with his newspaper saw the object and described it as "resembling a shooting star."

He said that he knew of only a few people in Michigan who had reported seeing the object, which first appeared somewhere over the Great Lakes.

Closer to Charleston, Ernest R. Banz of Summerville described the sighting as "something like a big 4th of July sky-rocket."

"It was real colorful — green, yellow and white. It looked like it was sparkling, with little balls of light trailing out behind."

Banz is one of several who told The Evening Post they saw something — perhaps a UFO — in the sky between 1:15 and 2 a.m. Sunday.

Banz said he and 97 others, all members of the Summerville Bassmasters fishing club, were on the east branch of

the Cooper River that night, engaged in an all-night fishing tournament. At least some of them saw something.

"I couldn't see the object itself," Banz said. "What I saw looked like something breaking up in the atmosphere. ... It was pretty and colorful, and left a trail in the sky that was pink, or sort of salmon-colored."

Elsewhere, people in North Charleston, west of the Ashley, on a boat at Lake Marion and along the Grand Strand said they saw something in the sky. In Myrtle Beach, a 38-year-old printer said he photographed it with his video camera.

Leo Martin said he was in the parking lot at the Myrtle Beach Speedway with his wife when she looked up in the sky and asked, "Lee, what is that?"

"I looked up and saw an enormous ball of fire with a tremendous tail. I'm former Air Force and have never seen anything like that," Martin said.

"I had the video camera dangling around my neck from filming the races and I immediately brought it up and started filming. At the moment I started, there was a low roaring sound ... similar to a very large aircraft like a bomber or the tremendous roar of the space shuttle. ... I got about 40 seconds worth of tape."

He said he estimated the object was flying at 10,000-15,000 feet and moving at about 500 mph. "For the altitude, it was moving very slowly as far as I was concerned. It was nothing like a comet. It was a straight flight, no curvature to it whatsoever. It was headed due east from Florence straight out over the ocean, crossed directly over us and headed to the ocean," Martin said.

The tape came out great, Martin said, and he was contacted by CNN and ABC-TV, who both wanted it. He agreed to sell it to ABC for an undisclosed price.

"At first, I didn't want to release the tape because if it was a bad accident, I wanted to save it for the Myrtle Beach Air Force Base," Martin said. But when base personnel told him they didn't have any planes in the area that night, he decided to sell it to ABC.

"No, I don't believe in UFOs," Martin said. "I think there's an explanation for it."

Meanwhile, two of Banz' fishing companions said they, too, saw an object in the sky.

"I first thought it was a meteor shower, but it was running parallel to the surface" of the Earth, said Rodney Hooker of Summerville, president of the fishing club. He said he and Edward J. Arahill, also of Summerville, saw the object.

Arahill said he saw something "like a bright light, far in the distance, like a bright sky rocket." The object then flew over their boat, heading toward Charleston.

"I've seen a lot of meteor showers and never anything like this," said Arahill. "It must have been hundreds of miles away, moving at tremendous speed. It went from horizon to horizon. Most meteor showers have a trajectory. They fall and burn up. This didn't."

Professor William R. Kubinec, chairman of the physics department at the College of Charleston, didn't see the object but said that "a couple of meteor showers are active now."

One such event, known as the Capricornids shower, is characterized by meteors that are "yellow, often bright, with big fireballs," he said. "For an astronomical explanation, that's the best guess."

In the meantime, any theories connecting the sighting with the weather — especially a temperature inversion — were ruled out.

Inversions can make distant objects appear where they shouldn't, but "there was no inversion that night," said Richard Shenot, meteorologist-in-charge at the Charleston office of the National Weather Service.

"Besides, we got reports of this thing all the way down to Daufuskie Island," he said. "No inversion could have caused that."

Earlier Monday, authorities said they didn't know what the object may have been.

Capt. Rhonda Lustig, a spokesman for the Charleston Air Force Base, said numerous calls from the Remount Road to West Ashley areas were received by base operations personnel from 1:35 a.m.-1:45 a.m., but no threatening or unidentified objects showed up on Air Force radar screens.

Post-Courier staffers Fred Rigsbee, Bill Steiger and Eric Frazier contributed to this story.

UFO total unknown

I am writing to thank The News and Observer and staff writer Debbie Moose for the excellent interview with me, "He's no alien to UFOs" of June 24.

Ms. Moose did an excellent job with her interview on such a complex subject, which has baffled the world for more than four decades now. This has already brought me a large number of letters, more UFO sightings and others who are asking how to join The Mutual UFO Network Inc.

Ms. Moose made one important mistake. Whereas she states that North Carolina has had 55 UFOs reported since the early 1900s, we have a huge map of the Tar Heel State that lists, with pins, more than 829 encounters during this period. With only 10 percent of UFO eyewitnesses reporting their experiences, such observations probably number in the thousands in North Carolina.

Raleigh and the Research Triangle area have a rich history of UFO sightings and would make an ideal spot for the building of my UFO museum.

UFO landings and near landings, with and without occupants, have been reported from 48 locations in North Carolina since the early 1930s. The first human abduction case was reported from Raleigh in 1979, with seven other

cases since that time scattered across the state.

GEORGE D. FAWCETT
MUFON, N.C. State Director

Raleigh

Editor's note: The figure of 55 reported North Carolina UFO sightings was based on information given to The N&O by the letter writer.

SOUTHEND EVENING
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UFOs: Mixed Reports

I want to congratulate you on Elizabeth Bird's article on UFOs (Beyond Self, April). I have been interested in this issue since 1947 when I heard a radio news report that a pilot, Kenneth Arnold, had seen a formation of disc-like objects moving over Mount Rainier. My interest has remained despite many hoaxers—there were just too many reports from reputable people to dismiss it all as nonsense. So I involved myself with an organization that cooperated with law enforcement agencies to study reports of sightings. It was while in this group that I had my own experiences. While I am not going to try to convince anyone of the existence of these crafts, I myself have no doubt about it. I do thumb-down reports of abductions by those who are hypnotized, however, and Elizabeth Bird did a fine job of discrediting reports of that nature.

Ralph D. Riemer
Zephyr Cove, NV

I was annoyed by the article "Invasion of the Mind Snatchers." Ms. Bird dismisses the possibility of extraterrestrial abduction by taking the usual (predictable) "such incidents are impossible, of course" stance, which she supports with quotes from numerous researchers and psychologists. Not one person claiming to have been abducted is heard from, however.

Having read both of Whitley Strieber's

books about his abduction experiences, I know his story cannot simply be written off as hallucination. Having no conscious memory of abductions personally, I can't say they absolutely are real. But I can say reality has more than three dimensions (physicists will back me up on this), so I would rather have an open mind and let science catch up. Anyone who has read Ms. Bird's article should also read Strieber's books and hear all sides of this fascinating controversy.

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U.F.O. sighted

ANOTHER U.F.O. sighting has been reported to Hartlepool police.

A man telephoned the police to report he'd seen a mystery flying object shortly after 11 p.m. on Wednesday.

He described an orange object flying at high speed without sound from east to west over the Motherwell Road area of town.

During the last fortnight numerous sightings of unidentified flying objects over Hartlepool have been reported.

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UFO photo show

REMARKABLE UFO photographs will be on show at the next International UFO Seminar in Leeds on Friday July 21. 312 5

The seminar will be led by Walter Andrus, international director of the world's largest UFO study group, Mufon, who will present a slide illustrated lecture on the latest controversial "Gulf Breeze" case from America.

These simple polaroid shots have been hailed as a significant step forward in proving the existence of UFO's.

Using scientific optical analysis, Mr Andrus has overseen the investigation of these latest findings, and so far these photographs have not been proven to be a hoax.

The seminar will take place next Friday at Centenary House, North Street, Leeds from 7 pm - 9.30pm and tickets can be booked in advance by contacting Mr Philip Mantle from the independent UFO network on Batley 444049.

Did you see the UFOs last night?

UFO investigators want more witnesses who might have seen a round dark disc looking about the size of a tennis ball and two smaller orange lights which seemed to accompany it.

The objects were spotted in the Southend and Shoebury areas about 9.30 last night. The UFO hotline is Basildon 286079.

Mystery hollow appears on farm

By ALEXANDER STUDHOLME

ANOTHER mysterious circle has appeared in a field of wheat — this time on Lord Carrington's farm in the Chilterns above Bledlow.

The bizarre hollow was discovered last week after a group of five similar circles appeared near Aylesbury.

No one can explain what causes the circles — where crops are pressed down in a uniform swirling pattern, both clockwise and anti-clockwise. They are anything up to 100ft in diameter with crisp, clear-cut edges.

UFO landing pads, strange energy fields, freak tornadoes and even rumbustious hedgehogs are just some of the theories put forward to explain this strange phenomenon.

The Bledlow circle was 33ft in diameter and clockwise in direction. The actual field was harvested last Friday.

Perplexed farm manager Martin Thomas said: "It's either a hoax or a type of whirlwind — they will flatten corn. But if it was a whirlwind I would expect it would be turned and a little bit raised in the middle."

"It's certainly unusual. One theory there's been is that it's badgers making love. All I can say is that they must have enjoyed themselves."

Three books have recently been published on the subject of the circles.

The British UFO Research Association has brought out *Controversy Of The Circles*, by Paul Fuller and Jenny Randles.

BUFORA does not think UFOs are to blame. Vice-president Lionel Beer said: "We think they may be caused by an unrecognised meteorological phenomenon — like a reversed whirlwind."

His opinion is shared by Dr Terence Meaden, author of *The Circle Effect And Its Mysteries*.

on farm



Some people think UFO's or even badgers making love cause the mysterious hollows

He said: "Roughly 100 to 150 examples are recorded each year. I would

say that 12 of these have been hoaxes.

"The locations are very far out; the swirling effect is very difficult to reproduce; the corn continues to keep on growing — all these factors rule out hoaxes.

"I am quite sure they are formed by a ball of electrified air speeding past."

Barry Parker of the National Meteorology Office in Bracknell commented: "The air would have to be completely static to form perfect circles in this way. This seems highly unlikely."

Joint-author of the third book, *Circular Evidence*, Pat Delgado said: "The earth forces and atmospheric forces creating these circles seem to be manipulated by a higher intelligence."

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Chance to study UFOs in Ossett

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NIGHT SCHOOL

- THE FINAL

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KNOWLEDGE

by Adrian Galvin

New evening class goes 'out of this world'

A SCHOOL for UFO enthusiasts gets off the ground at Ossett next month when the adult education centre adds extra activities to its curriculum.

The facts or fictions about flying saucers, hovering cigars and visitors from outer space will come under close scrutiny in the "out of this world" course, run by UFO experts at the Storrs Hill Road Centre.

Expert tuition will be provided by two members of the British UFO Research Association, Philip Mantle and Andy Roberts, who will give a range of lectures from UFO cover-ups by world governments to local sightings over the years.

Mr Mantle, who is a researcher and investigator of UFOs, says the ten-week course will give people the chance to make up their own minds on extra terrestrial phenomenon.

"There is no fixed point of view that we are trying to get across because there are so many different opinions on UFOs.

Bizarre

"Experts in the United States, for example, more or less agree on the extra terrestrial hypothesis which states that the phenomenon exists in nuts and bolts while in this country they take a more psychological approach."

The course requires at least ten people to enroll, but organisers believe that with traditional local interest in their favour, things could take off in a much bigger way.

There have been several UFO sightings in Wakefield over the years. One of the most bizarre was the alleged landing in Normanton of a silver spacecraft.

A mother and children saw the object make a silent landing and watched as three tall men wearing helmets and baggy white boiler suits got out. When the children moved towards the men they climbed back into the spacecraft which then rose vertically and shot off without making a sound.

Scrutiny

This is just one of the strange sightings which will come under closer scrutiny during the course.

The course starts on Tuesday September 12 at 7pm and each period will last two hours. The cost of the course is £16.

Anyone wishing to enroll should go to the first of the classes at Ossett School, Storrs Hill Road, on September 12.

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UFO hovers over homes

STRANGE lights in the sky have convinced two Stubbington people there is life on other planets.

Miss Adrienne Mable (18) had just gone to bed on Tuesday night at about 11 p.m. when she heard "a horrendous droning sound". She could not see anything at first but then came a flash of light, which made her think it was a thunderstorm.

That idea quickly vanished when she looked outside to find what she described as a brightly-coloured object with red, blue, green, and white flashing lights.

The lights stayed for a minute, but the thundering sound remained for about ten minutes.

Miss Mable, who lives at Nursery Lane, and works for the Inland Revenue, described the object as long, and semi-circular in shape. She said the object flew off but then circled before finally disappearing.

Her boyfriend, Mr. Martin Bedford (20), of Foster Close, said he had seen the lights about five or six times over the past two months.

First time

"That's what makes me think - if it had been a charter flight I would have heard it before. I do believe there is life on other planets. Why should we be the only ones in the Universe?"

Miss Mable said Tuesday night's incident was the first time she had witnessed anything of that sort.

"I did not believe my boyfriend. I thought he was cracking up. But when I saw those lights, a funny feeling came over me and I thought 'Are we really the only planet that has got life, or are there others?' I think I do believe in them now."

If a UFO landed, Mr. Bedford, a painter and decorator, said he would jump at the chance of hitching an inter-galactic ride, but Miss Mable said: "I would be very frightened. I definitely would not go up in it."

Both added they would be keeping an eye out in the future for more close encounters of the extra-terrestrial kind.

■ A spokesman for Fareham police said they had received no reports of alien activity.

Mystery of the flying 'traffic lights'

FLYING 'traffic lights' are the latest in a string of UFO sightings.

"It is unusual because the object or its effects were seen by three people independently," said Dave Barclay of Stubbing Way, Shipley, a member of the West Yorkshire UFO-watchers organisation Independent UFO Network.

The first report came from a Horsforth man who has a responsible position at Leeds-Bradford Airport, said Mr Barclay. "At 2.45am he saw a bright object as large as the full moon cross the sky in about five seconds. He thought at first it was a plane about to crash and was about to alert the emergency services. But it kept on flying until it was out of view."

The second report at 2.44am came from an amateur astronomer who lives near Bingley.

"He saw the same thing but as he watched it went through a colour change from bright greenish white to a very bright red and then it became

a dark object before it went out of view.

"It was visible for seven seconds. He put it down to a meteorite burning up, but a group of 50 Todmorden astronomers who were out on the same night saw nothing at all."

The third report came from a Baildon woman who woke up at 2.48am to find her bedroom bathed in an incredible green light. "It changed from green to brilliant red and made her lace curtains look as though they had been dipped in phosphorescent

blood. But when she looked out of the window the source of the light had disappeared," said Mr Barclay.

"We have had many UFO reports in the Bradford area. The Pennines are undoubtedly a 'hot spot' and many UFO spotters from the south come up here to investigate reports

● The Independent UFO Network is inviting top American UFO researcher, nuclear physicist Dr Stanton Friedman to speak at a seminar in the Library Theatre, Sheffield in October 28.

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Too close encounter

I SUPPOSE after a couple of months of this kind of heat someone was bound to have an unexplainable experience some time.

A chance encounter with a nine-headed purple goblin at a bus stop would have been more than enough to satisfy the tabloids, even if the claim came from someone who had spent the day legless in the pub.

But this year's happening seems more than enigma fans could possibly hope for. A dazzling light-show witnessed by thousands of completely sober people across London ... search-beam lights whizzing around one another for up to 20 minutes a la Close Encounters.

One last plug for the Batman film?

An unavoidable side-effect from an attempt on the world communal acid-trip record?

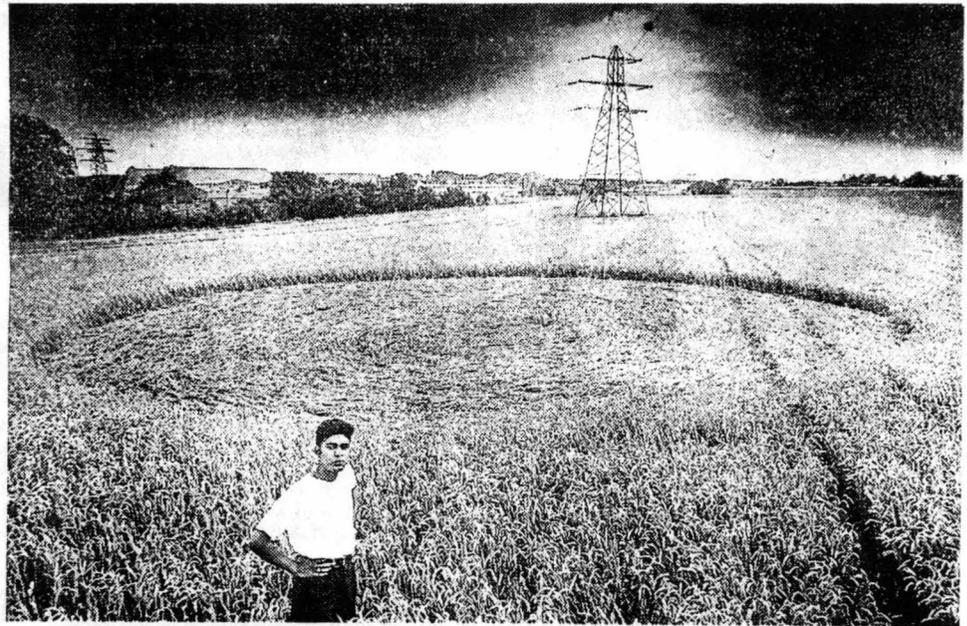
That nobody has come up with a convincing answer makes the affair all the more remarkable. This time the odds are definitely stacked against some Government boffin instantly dismissing the whole thing as a hoax. Too many people saw it and in too many places.

So have the green people finally taken it upon themselves to come to warn us earthlings about the dangers of spraying aerosols and eating Big Macs?

We may just be in for a straight-forward Martian invasion instead. Let's hope not. Any whiff of alien intrusion on British soil and we'll be landed with another four years of Maggie.

'Aliens' landing sighted

Report by Nick Ames



TWO TEENAGERS believe they may have witnessed the landing of a flying saucer in a field outside Margate.

Wilfred Gomez, and Simon Millington were driving along deserted Nash Road late at night when they saw a "spiralling vortex of flashing light" descend and then disappear.

Mr. Gomez, 19, a student from Whitniss Green, Gingsgate, said: "We were about a third of a mile away when we saw what looked like an upturned satellite TV dish, with lots of flashing lights.

"It was making a noise which I cannot really describe.

"It appeared to brush the ground - then the lights winked out.

"It was absolutely unbelievable.

"Simon and I were turning from work, we hadn't been drinking and none of us were wide awake listening to the radio."

When they went to investigate, the teenagers

discovered a 60ft circle of flattened corn in the middle of the field, with a smaller circle nearby.

The shocked pair left hurriedly - but Mr. Gomez returned in daylight with an Adscene news team.

The perfectly-formed circles were still there, the undamaged corn stalks swirled in an anti-clockwise direction.

Mr. Gomez said: "The circles provide proof something was there."

The circles have been reported all across south-west England, but these are the first sightings in Kent. The circles are usually formed at night and until now no eyewitness accounts of their formation exist.

They have been linked to UFO sightings, but other explanations for their formation include spiral winds, freak weather, running rabbits and even rutting deer.

Adscene contacted the radar operators at nearby

RAF Manston to see if they had noticed anything unusual.

An RAF spokesman said: "We do not keep tapes and nobody would be

looking at the screen at that time in the morning. In any case, most radar concentrates on the high level traffic, and low level scans are not done on a routine basis."

WILTSHIRE TIMES TROWBRIDGE
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Eyewitness account of corn circle being formed

BRADFORD physicist Dr Terence Meaden has found an eye-witness to back up his theory that the mysterious flattened circles which appear in Wiltshire fields each summer are caused by Vortices.

Mr Ray Barnes saw a circle being formed in a field at Bere's Mere Farm near Wellhead Drove in Westbury.

Mr Barnes wrote to Dr Meaden in January, but the account of his sighting of the formation of a circle has only just been published, along with Dr Meaden's comments, in the monthly Journal of Meteorology.

Mr Barnes, who was walking his dogs along Wellhead Drove in July 1982 when he saw the circle

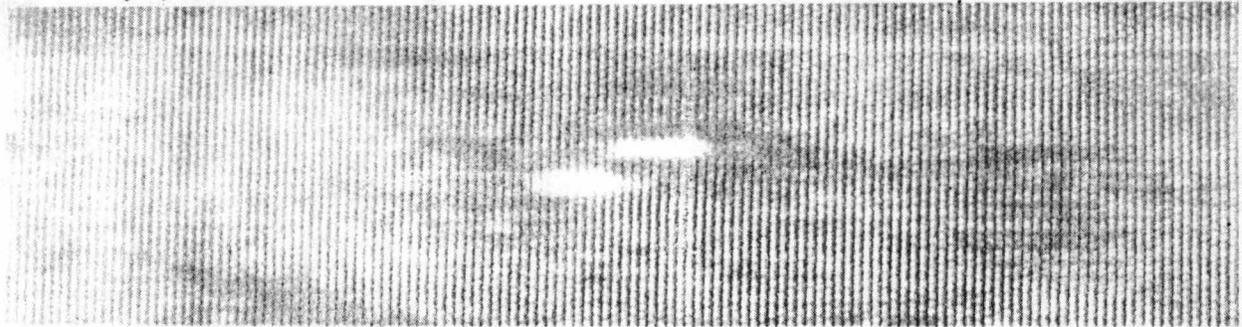
formed. A 'wave' at first appeared to run through the standing crop, which was either winter barley or oats, and formed a line which then went round in a circle.

Mr Barnes says he clearly heard the corn hiss and rustle as it fell into a circle of about 150 feet in diameter.

Dr Meaden, who has fought to prove his vortex theory against opponents who believe the circles are caused by unnatural forces - some people even claim UFOs may be responsible - says the sighting proves meteorologically that the vortex effect works.

He claims that the unusual topography around Westbury and along the line of the Plain escarpment is responsible for the vortex effect, as it combines a scarp, a concave hillside and a valley below.

Experts investigate pictures of mystery flying objects



LOOKING UP: The mystery flying objects, top, that video enthusiast Anthony Jenkins, above, filmed

Video buff claims he's got UFO

proof taped

By SANDRA HEMBERY

A BILLERICAY novelist hopes to baffle scientists with proof that UFOs exist.

Star-gazer Anthony Jenkins was dumbfounded when he spotted strange comet-like objects fleeting across the night sky.

A keen amateur video-maker, he rushed for his video camera at his Billericay home to capture the quick-moving objects. Now he has taken his "proof" to a top UFO investigation team.

VIDEO BUFF CONT

Anthony said: "Before this happened I did not really believe in UFO sightings.

"It was one o'clock in the morning and I was saying goodbye to a relative of mine. There were things flying across the sky with lights shooting all over the place.

"I first saw something with a tail. You could be forgiven for thinking it was a comet."

Romantic novelist Anthony described the craft as domed on top and underneath with a disk running around the edge — like Saturn.

He stood for more than three-quarters of an hour, camera poised, watching the objects 'dance' around.

Wife Teresa, 33, had earlier seen the strange objects but had been too embarrassed to say.

Now Anthony, 36, has contacted the East Anglian UFO Society to investigate the incident.

A spokesman for the society said they had heard of several sightings locally of strange objects and would investigate every call.

She said: "We will certainly look into it. If people say they have got evidence, especially on video it has got to be looked into."

A society member was to visit Mr Jenkins home to collect the video for examination.

SOUTHEND EVENING
ECHO-ESSEX

SEP 4 1989

UFO seen length of Essex coast

A HOVERING dome flashing out red, white and green lights was reported the length of the Essex coast in the early hours of Wednesday.

Mr Ron West, chairman of East Anglia UFO Research Group, said two men going home from work saw the lights 50m over Clacton air strip.

They watched a circular object about 30m across for two minutes before it hummed off towards Jaywick.

Minutes later a woman in Wivenhoe saw it, then two men in London Road, Leigh, watched it go out towards Kent and a woman driving along Southend seafront said the shock of seeing it forced her into an emergency stop.

Mr West wants anyone else who saw it to call the UFO hotline 0268 286079.

AIRE VALLEY TARGET

AUG-24 1989

Mystery object in sky

AT least 15 people have come forward to say that they saw something unusual in the sky over the Aire Valley last month — but the object remains a mystery.

The UFO Independent Network asked Aire Valley Target readers to get in touch after an official working at Yeadon Airport saw a "brilliant body" the size of a moon in the sky moving over Bradford on July 15.

And now Mr David Barclay, from Network, says at least 15 people seem to have seen it, including an amateur astronomer living near Bingley.

He says reports seem to indicate that something has been going on in the sky since April and Network is investigating the phenomena.

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Riddle of UFO stumps couple

A YORK couple said they were baffled today after seeing a large, bright "cigar-shaped" object hovering over the city's racecourse last night.

Mr Eric Fairburn and his wife Cathleen were watching television in their lounge overlooking the Knavesmire at around 8.30 when a large bright light in the sky caught their attention.

"My wife saw this funny light in the sky and at first I thought it was the gas jet from a hot-air balloon because we see a lot of them go over.

Flashing

"After studying it, I saw the light flashing on and off, similar to a beacon on a police car.

"And when I looked at it through my race glasses it was so bright it seemed to be giving off little stars and it made the proper shape of it fuzzy."

Mr Fairburn said the object hovered for about two minutes, then the flashing lights became faster and it whizzed at an incredible speed across the sky.

RAF Linton on Ouse, Leeming and Church Fenton all confirmed there were no military aircraft in the area at that time last night.

A spokesman for York police said they had received no other reports of the sighting.

KEIGHLEY NEWS, YORKS

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Missing link in UFO sightings

Reports of bright lights whizzing about the night sky in recent weeks are baffling experts who believe other UFO sightings in Keighley could be going unreported.

Over the last five weeks there have been 22 reports of unidentified flying objects in the area between Silsden moors and Bradford. Usually the Independent UFO Network only receives two or three scattered reports each month.

The network's experts who are researching the sightings cannot explain what the objects are, but chairman Philip Mantle says it would be wild speculation to call them extraterrestrial at this stage.

PORTSMOUTH NEWS
HANTS

SEP 8 1989

An alien signal?

● WHILE travelling to work this morning I beheld a strange phenomenon. Approaching the southern roundabout at Waterlooville I saw coming towards me, approximately 18 inches from the ground, a small winking orange light. At the last minute, the ball of light turned off to my right and disappeared down the hill.

Was it a UFO, a meteorite, or even a will-o'-the-wisp? I pondered over whether or not to report this sighting but who would believe me without corroboration?

Talking to acquaintances, some have occasionally seen this mirage but it is very rarely observed — even more rarely at roundabouts! — M. J. Petty, Crestland Close, Cowplain.