

UFO FLIGHT OF FANTASY



DODD: UFO claim

AT 1300 hours one day in May this year, an unidentified flying object was spotted hurtling through the sky at a speed of 5,746 nautical miles per hour.

An air force base was notified and two Mirage jets ordered to shoot down the object.

The fighters scored a direct hit and the object plunged into the Kalahari desert 80km north of South Africa's border with Botswana.

A team of air force intelligence officers went to the scene and found a silver-coloured disc embedded in a crater 150 metres wide.

Experts on Unidentified Flying Objects are convinced the story is true and have spent months investigating the mystery.

They claim that the South African officers levered open the door of the craft and two humanoid aliens stumbled out.

The story will be one of the hottest topics at a world UFO conference being held in Frankfurt this week.

Exclusive By Jonathan Calvert

The "evidence" comes in the form of a four-page document, which purports to be a secret briefing for intelligence officers.

UFO investigator Tony Dodd believes the story is true and will present the document to the conference.

But he may be the victim of a bizarre international con-trick.

Former police detective Dodd became interested in UFOs after seeing what he thought was an alien spacecraft. He retired from the North Yorkshire force 11 months ago and threw all his energies into a group called Quest International.

In August he received a phone call from a man called James Van Greunen who claimed to be a South African intelligence officer.

Van Greunen said he was a cryptologist and claimed he had been given the job of attempting to communicate with two aliens shot down by a South African

plane. And he had a "top secret" document to prove it.

The document arrived through Dodd's letter box a few days later.

"We were obviously very excited about the information but we could not just accept these papers on face value. So we started to check out the facts," said Dodd.

According to the secret document, the two aliens were taken from the spaceship to Wright Patterson air force base in the United States where they are now being studied.

Azadehdel and Dodd say they grilled Van Greunen for hours and are convinced he was telling the truth about the two aliens.

Van Greunen stayed with Azadehdel for three weeks and has since disappeared. Azadehdel claims that the South African fled to South America after the authorities rumbled that he was talking to Ufologists.

But the South African Embassy

in London denies the claims. When Wales on Sunday sent the document to the Embassy, a spokesman said: "There is this guy who has visited the UK recently whose story is exactly the same as the one in this document and his name is Van Greunen."

"He is a conman. He says he works in the intelligence service but we have checked him up and we have no record of a guy like that being employed."

Both Dodd and Azadehdel scoff at the Embassy's version of the story claiming it is a sophisticated disinformation campaign aimed at hiding the truth.

"We do not know where Van Greunen is at present but that is because he is being chased by the South African authorities," said Dodd.

So Dodd will be presenting the document to the International Conference on Communication with Extra-terrestrial Life as proof that there has been a top level conspiracy.

Many people will believe him but many more will remain sceptical.

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