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### Aurora and Dark Star

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>Date: Tue, 04 Feb 1997 22:40:29 -0600  
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>Maybe someone can use this information...

>I was watching TLC a couple of weeks ago and they showed some video  
>that they speculated might be the Aurora aircraft, due to the  
>unusual appearance of the contrail. They also showed a fellow  
>(in Texas, I think?) that claimed to have monitored transmissions  
>from this plane as it flew overhead. He said that he heard the  
>plane referenced as "Dark Star."

>A few nights later another show (Discovery Channel?) featured a  
>new remote-controlled experimental plane, and it was shown in  
>flight, along with it's accompanying chase plane. It was referenced  
>as "Project DarkStar."

Dear Tim

I have been researching 'Top Secret' aircraft for sometime. This is an attempt to offer another explanation to some of the mystery air traffic seen not only in the UK, but accross the World.

The Darkstar has been offically anounced. Here is a good news clipping I got off one of my contacts in the States:

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The Darkstar Flies  
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BUSINESS WIRE - March 29, 1996

PALMDALE, Calif. The Tier III Minus DarkStar High Altitude Endurance Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) successfully completed its first flight Friday [at Edwards AFB].

The system successfully executed a fully automated flight from takeoff to landing utilizing the differential Global Positioning System (GPS).

At the completion of t[he initial program], the system will be prepared for a series of technical demonstrations with the Services. The program is pointing toward participating in Roving Sands '97 in May 1997.

The DarkStar system is a [stealthy] high altitude endurance UAV optimized for reconnaissance in highly defended areas. It will operate within the current military force structure and with the existing command, control, communications, computer and intelligence equipment. It can operate

at a range of 500 nautical miles and stay on station for greater than eight hours at an altitude greater than 45,000 feet.

The air vehicle can carry either [a high resolution] SAR or EO payload.

The DarkStar program is managed by DARPA on behalf of DARO. The prime contractor team consists of Lockheed Martin Skunk Works, Palmdale, Calif.; Boeing Military Aircraft Division, Seattle; and Lockheed Martin Missiles & Space, Sunnyvale, Calif.

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Thank you for posting the information. Do you know if TLC has a web site as I would really like to get hold of their video clip and report. Did you hear any references to a plane called 'The Black Manta'???

Thanks again!



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