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Editorial

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Don't be shy. We are all a friendly bunch. Give it a go. You'll soon get the hang of it. We'll be happy to offer any assistance that you may need.

<http://www.ufo.grid9.net>

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<http://www.holodeck.demon.co.uk/ultrachat.html>

<http://web.ukonline.co.uk/colin.light/ultrachat.htm>

<http://www.tedric.demon.co.uk/ultrachat.html>

<http://www.elector.demon.co.uk/ultrachat.html>

<http://bookfinder.simplenet.com/ultracht.htm>

<http://razorsedge.dyndns.com/~lwelch>

The meetings take place at 11pm (2300hrs) each and every Saturday night. Times will vary depending on your location in the world. If you would like to know the time in your part of the world send a mail to:

ufo@holodeck.demon.co.uk

In the subject section put: IRC TIME INFO

In the message of your mail please put:

- a) Your Country
- b) Your location
- c) Nearest major City

The uk.ufo.nw #UFO channel is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Visit the channel at any time. There is usually someone there to talk to.

For those of you needing help connecting with dedicated irc programs such as the excellent MIRC send your questions to:

ufo-irc-advice@crowman.demon.co.uk

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at future meetings.

Thanks to Crow & Raine for looking after the irc side of things and to those of you who are hosting a java html page on your web site allowing connection to the #UFO channel. If anyone out there would also like to host a uk.ufo.nw irc #UFO page on your web site look out for further details coming to you soon.

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Source: UFO Magazine

On Saturday and Sunday, 30 - 31 August 1997, thousands of enthusiasts will once again participate in a UFO Skywatch promoted by UFO Magazine. Last year, dozens of organisations took part in the first national event of it's kind and despite unseasonable weather, in the majority of instances most agreed it was an exercise well worth repeating. Although the 1996 Skywatch was predominantly an all British affair, many overseas groups and individuals took it upon themselves to stage a Skywatch that same weekend.

The 1997 International UFO Skywatch 30 - 31 August

The 1997 Skywatch will be co-ordinated round the clock from our offices here in West Yorkshire. Teams of volunteers will be manning the phones from 9.00 pm (Friday 29 August) ready to receive and pass on information at a moments notice. Information will also be available through the Internet as we seek to encourage active participation by groups and individuals around the world. If you would like to take part, simply send us a s.a.e. For our Skywatch Information Pack which contains helpful advice and free UFO sighting report forms.

UFO ORGANISATIONS: in order that we can include relevant name/address and contact telephone number's in our July/August 1997 issue, please send us details a.s.a.p. This will appear free of charge in a table of participating groups so that readers in your region can discover where you are holding your Skywatch. Many new members were recruited as a result of last year's efforts by numerous groups.

PREFER TO DO THINGS INDEPENDENTLY?: That's not a problem. Readers who don't wish to join a locally organised Skywatch, but prefer instead to go out and about on their own, are still advised to write for a copy of our guidelines which do cover important safety matters.

PUBLICITY: there will be a major national media campaign aimed at attracting publicity for participating local, regional and national UFO groups. All press inquiries are routed to the relevant co-ordinator's and spokesperson's as a matter of course.

Skywatch 97 details can be obtained from:

UFO Magazine
Wharfebank Business Centre, Ilkley road, Otley, LS21 3JP, England.
Telephone: (01943) 850 860 Fax: (01943) 850 637 e-mail:
gwb@ufomag.co.uk url: <http://www.ufomag.co.uk>

uk.ufo.nw says: We will be holding our own Skywatch over these dates somewhere in Wales. Unfortunately due to restrictions it will not be open to the general public. However may we suggest that you get the next issue of UFO Magazine June / July 1997 which will list addresses and telephone numbers of organisations you may want to contact. As described in the information above you could always organise your own.

uk.ufo.nw will also try to list organisations taking part in a future issue. If you are aware of any organised events anywhere in the world and would like the details published here free (of course) please send the relevant information to: ufo@holodeck.demon.co.uk

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Real Audio

UK.UFO.NW would like to thank Alan Connan of Alan Connan's World, Royal 945AM Liverpool on 945 KHz - 317 Metres Medium Wave and retired RAF Wing Commander Tony Webb for allowing us to encode a recent interview on Alan's radio show between himself and Wing Commander Tony Webb. Tony discusses a sighting he and his aircrew had while flying in 1972.

Real Audio file: ukufonw.ra - size 708Kb - Running time 13 minutes

Readers may also be interested in another Real Audio file available for download which ties in somewhat with the Maria Ward story at [UK 5] below. Esther Rantzen interviewed Maria amongst other UFO witnesses and abductees. We are sure you will find this very interesting.

Real Audio file: esther.ra - size 1.691Kb - Running time 29 minutes.

Both files can be downloaded from: <http://www.holodeck.demon.co.uk/>
Select the Real Audio button to go to the relevant page.

or the below ftp addresses:

ftp://ftp.ufo.grid9.net/ufo/sounds/ukufonw.ra
ftp://ftp.ufo.grid9.net/ufo/sounds/esther.ra

United Kingdom News

[UK 1]*****

From: duncan@life.com
Source: AirForces Monthly Magazine
Date: June 1997

Astra at Lakenheath?

It has been reported that the Astra aircraft operated from RAF Lakenheath between April 7-11. Night-time flights were believed to have taken place up until 0400hrs, though no visual sightings have been confirmed.

After-dark visits by C-5 Galaxy transports, possibly the C-5Cs, also took place and although this is not necessarily connected, the fact that they arrived during the night and then departed in the early hours, is rather unusual. Significantly, the level of security at the base has been increased recently and is now just one position from absolute maximum.

Additional MoD police and USAF security police have been drafted in and a number of civilians previously allowed access to the base are finding this increasingly refused. In an attempt to restrict viewing from the main road beside the base there is now no stopping allowed and the construction of a tall earth bank inside the perimeter fence is to begin shortly, thus preventing any viewing at all. The enthusiasts car park at the north-eastern end of the runway is still open but since it is MoD property this can be closed without warning.

Name and address withheld.

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uk.ufo.nw found the below report rather amusing. Old technology mixing with new plus something else to look out for in the skies above the UK.

Source: Police Review magazine
Date: Friday 16th May 1997

Hot air balloons may return

The next high-tech advance in police air support may be a return to hot air balloons originally used between the two world wars, HMI (Her Majesty's Inspector) John Stevens told the aviation conference.

By April 1998, there would be 32 police-based aircraft providing air support to 39 forces in the UK, he said. It was encouraging to see how quickly air support had been developed since it was pioneered in the early eighties.

"But I think it is appropriate to mention that in 1921, police in southern England used air support in the form of giant airships at a number of large events, including the Epsom Derby."

"Let us wait and see whether we shall witness police-operated airships in the next millenium. They may not become a regular sight, but they could be a cost effective solution in providing aerial support for selected events.

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Source: Weekly Tribune newspaper
Date: Thursday 22 May 1997

UFO Group

I am writing to introduce readers to the newly formed group "UFO Concern", which aims to raise awareness in the public of the serious nature of UFO phenomenon and highlight the political and social views rarely known outside the UFO community.

This Group was founded primarily by Admiral of the Fleet, the Lord Hill - Norton GCB, a former chief of the Defence staff (1971 - 73) and chairman of Nato's military committee (1974 - 77).

Consultants to our group are very highly respected, both within the UFO community and in their individual professions. They are: Timothy Good, author of "Above Top Secret - The Worldwide UFO Cover-up"; Ralph Noyes, private secretary to the air Chief Marsh

I would like to pass on a comment from Lord Hill - Norton: "It is my view that the first - and most difficult - task will be to persuade the public that there really is a problem - and a serious one at that."

Martin Tandy,
48 Norman Avenue,
Nuneaton.

[UK 4]*****

Source: Metronews newspaper
Date: Thursday 15 May 1997

Aliens fly over Brum

Close encounters of an extra terrestrial kind are closer than first imagined - and now a Birmingham Film Company has captured them on video.

The footage of UFOs obtained by Heritage films, usually makers of historical work, reveals a high level of unexplained activity in the skies above Brum.

And they have collected as much eye - witness material as possible to show that aliens could have visited Birmingham.

The film contains accounts of settings from Sutton Coldfield, Acocks Green, Lickey End, Edgbaston and Erdington.

The video is now on sale price 12 pounds 99 pence.

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Source: Daily Mail newspaper
Date: Tuesday 13th May 1997

The Uninvited. A British Defence official examines tales of alien abduction and draws startling conclusions.

FOR THREE years, Nick Pope was UFO desk officer at the Ministry of Defence's Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a. He swept aside official reticence about compelling military and civilian evidence of extraterrestrials visiting Earth. Concerned by the national security implications, he wrote Open Skies, Closed Minds, serialised by the Mail and an instant bestseller. All along, though, he was amassing evidence of an even more frightening phenomenon - abduction of humans by aliens. Now, in his new book, which is being serialised by the Mail, Pope reveals his extraordinary conclusion ...

by
NICK POPE

ABDUCTIONS of humans by alien visitors to Earth are fact, not fiction. That, I know, is a startling and shocking statement, but I stand by it. The evidence for abductions is so strong as to be virtually undeniable.

At the Ministry of Defence, I started out as a sceptic about UFOs but came to believe that some were genuinely of extraterrestrial origin. At the same time, I slowly accumulated evidence for the abduction of humans by these mysterious aliens.

Initially, I was distinctly sceptical about the abduction phenomenon. I believed these claims were made by cranks, and that they devalued 'ufology' and alienated the public.

Slowly, though, my views changed. The sheer volume of reports, the common features of independent accounts and the physical and emotional effects on abductees convinced me that we were dealing with more than just hoaxes or psychological delusions.

While prosaic explanations accounted for some abductions, they could not explain all of them. Around the world, thousands of people have reported being taken into a craft against their will.

Having spoken to hundreds of genuine, well-meaning people, I believe alien abduction may be far more common than even many ufologists suspect. The purpose of this extraterrestrial meddling is, I believe, to 'civilise' human society. Most abductees are neither cranks nor hoaxers. They are only too mindful of the adverse reactions to their claims. Many had their sanity questioned, were called liars and ostracised by family and friends. At the very least, they have risked ridicule.

I started off feeling that genetic explanations, centring on an extraterrestrial programme to create a human/alien hybrid race, were the key to the mystery.

But why should aliens whose technology is clearly light years ahead of ours bother with the logistical nightmare of thousands of abductions when they could easily remove the genetic material they wanted from our laboratories?

Ultimately, though, I discarded the genetic theory because it did not tally with the views of the abductees I met, many of whom had positive feelings about their experiences.

This, coupled with the abductees' frequent and spontaneous development of interests in spiritualism and the environment, seemed at odds with the idea of aliens using them as guinea pigs.

I am the first to admit that my belief that the phenomenon is part of a campaign to civilise us is only one more theory to join the ranks of competing ideas.

The distress experienced by some abductees has been sobering and has acted as a brake on the idea that my theory may represent some sort of New Age interpretation of the phenomenon.

It would be nice to think that the motivation behind abductions is to prepare humans for entry into some sort of galactic network, but if this were so, why aren't the extraterrestrials open with us?

The covert nature of what is going on suggests that any alterations being made to our behaviour are done for the benefit of the abductors, not for us - perhaps to remove the threat we may pose to them.

This phenomenon needs serious investigation. The real crime against humanity may not be that inflicted upon us by extraterrestrials, but rather the official indifference that allows the phenomenon to continue unchallenged.

Today and tomorrow I will be revealing the most convincing - and startling - cases I have investigated.

Maria's Story

Childhood recollections of 'going somewhere' when 'the Moon landed in garden' came back to haunt Maria Ward after the birth of her son, Andras, when she was 19.

Doctors said she would not be able to have more children because a previous laparoscopy had left adhesions in her womb. A closer examination revealed a strange scar on her navel, consistent with keyhole surgery.

The doctors wanted to know about the operation. Maria was shocked and frightened. Apart from the removal of a cyst from her ear, she had never had surgery before.

Maria, now 36, from Dartford, Kent, did her best to forget this mystery. She got on with family life and started a five year degree in philosophy.

Then, on November 21, 1990, Maria's husband, John, went away on a training course for a few days. Maria was apprehensive. For the

previous two weeks there had been a series of mysterious, electronic beeping sounds in the house. That night, at exactly 3.17am, she suddenly woke up as if someone had shaken her and noticed a bright light outside.

She saw an object which appeared to be shaped like a gigantic wheel, complete with spokes, and an outer rim festooned with multi-coloured lights of blue, white and red, which seemed to be rotating around the rim. At the hub of this wheel was a bright white light.

The object moved closer, and she panicked. She was afraid for Andras, who was sleeping in the room with Maria (a special treat whenever John was away). She tried to rouse him, but, mysteriously, he would not wake up.

Suddenly, a blue/white light the size and shape of a football began to come through the bedroom wall. Maria heard a voice telling her not to be frightened and to follow the light.

She did, as if under some kind of compulsion, and was somehow lead through the closed front door. She describes the process as being like 'moving through treacle', and recalls that she was aware of the internal structure of the wood - the splinters, gaps and knots.

Once outside she was pulled quickly upwards into the air, catching sight of a tennis ball in a gutter on the house. Weeks later, she pinpointed its exact location.

MARIA was suddenly aware that she had stopped moving and was standing on something solid. She saw three small, brown creatures in front of her.

They were up to 4ft tall, naked with hairless smooth skin and had large eyes. Somehow, Maria knew they were male, although no genitalia were visible.

She was taken into a room with a domed ceiling. In the centre was a raised, rectangular platform. Five creature's were with her and then another arrived and stood in front of her. This one, physically, was markedly different. Taller and a dirty white in colour, its face was slightly fuller, and there was a small bump which might have been a nose and a slit where a mouth might have been.

Once Maria looked into its large black eyes, she could not look away. The being communicated a thought to her: 'Has it been so long.' Not a question, but a statement.

Maria found herself lying on the platform and felt her thoughts being 'pulled' out of her head. 'It was like someone was raping my mind,' she told me.

One of the creatures produced a lime-green device about a foot long and triangular in shape with a bright green light at its tip. She was prodded with it. Everywhere it touched her, bruises would later appear on her body.

When it touched her arm, she was able to see the blood flowing inside her, and even her bone structure.

Something was stuck into her finger and, though the skin was not broken, a tiny circle of red dots was visible for eight weeks after, she claimed.

A block descended from the ceiling and stopped just above her, bathing her with a blue/white light. Then one of the creatures inserted a long filament into her neck just below her right ear, causing terrible pain.

The tall alien touched her forehead and stared into her eyes. The pain Evaporated. It was as if she had been anaesthetised.

Maria glanced downwards and, to her horror saw something moving inside her stomach.

There was a sharp pull at her navel, and then the sound of things being put in some sort of tray, somewhere at the foot of the platform, out of sight.

At another stage in the procedure, something was placed up her nose. Finally, all the beings left, apart from one of the brown ones. Maria was now able to move. Realising that she was naked, she put on

her baggy T-shirt, which was lying beside her, neatly folded.

She had no recollection of how or when it had been removed.

Minutes later, another of the taller beings had somehow appeared in the room.

Maria instinctively knew this was a female, before she noticed that the creature was wearing what she could describe only as a crude, paper dress as if for show.

The being stared at Maria, who felt the scrutiny to be uncomfortable and intrusive. She went through a complete range of emotions, which she felt were being deliberately induced.

These images were flashed in front of her, some of them apocalyptic and distressing.

One showed the Earth, as if from space, with what appeared to be a horrendous yellow and black bruise over the North Pole. Could this have a warning about the hole in the ozone layer?

Another image was of a nuclear explosion in the South of France.

Finally, as a wave of tiredness swept over her, she was led out of the room. The next thing Maria knew, she was walking up the stairs in her house back to bed. She glanced at the clock. It was 4.23am.

When she awoke she did not remember anything. But, while brushing her hair, she noticed that quite a lot of it was missing from the back of her head.

There were further revelations: her T-shirt was covered with a strange orange material and her feet were dirty. She felt as if she were in shock.

Over the next few weeks, memories came back in disjointed fragments. And she suddenly began to suffer claustrophobia, which became so debilitating that she consulted her doctor.

He felt she was suffering from traumatic stress, stemming from some intense, unpleasant experience. When his questions failed to find any obvious cause, the doctor suggested Maria undergo hypnosis to relax her.

A hypnotherapist, Dr Susan Winne, suggested that Maria be regressed. But instead of a 'conventional' cause being discovered, Maria recounted the story of the abduction.

Maria also spontaneously regressed to when, at 16, she had apparently been sealed in a perspex capsule which floated above the ground and filled with a gelatinous pink liquid.

Dr Winne would not continue the session, saying that she was simply not able to evaluate Maria's account.

It is important to stress that this was the only regression session Maria has undergone.

Once these memories surfaced, the rest began to emerge unaided.

What are we to make of Maria? The sceptics might simply say she is lying, but she has passed two polygraph 'lie-detector' tests administered by a qualified expert, Jeremy Barrett.

Abridged extract from 'The Uninvited' by Nick Pope, to be published by Simon & Schuster on June 2, at 15 pounds and 99 pence. To order your copy p&p free, please call 01624 675137

The essential features of an extra-terrestrial

DAVID E JACOBS is a historian who has analysed the stories of more than 60 abductees. The abductees did not know each other and had not heard of each others' experiences.

Yet, under hypnosis, the alien figures they described were so alike that Jacobs could set down common denominators and describe the essential features of an extraterrestrial.

They occur so frequently, and are so stereotyped, that they have even been given a name: psychologists call them the 'Greys'.

A GREY 15 3.5ft to 4.5ft tall, with a disproportionately large head,
like a pear upside down. THEY are hairless, have leathery skin, only
the smallest protuberance for a nose and lipless mouths that do not
move. THEY communicate by telepathy. THE most striking feature is
the eyes: black, enormous, almond-shaped, compelling. They do not
blink, nor do they move in their sockets. They are like goggles.
Yet, staring into them, they seem to have enormous power - to
communicate, to reassure or to frighten. GREYS are usually naked.
but no genitals are seen. The chest does not swell as they breathe.
THESE beings are frail, with thin limbs and no bone structure or
musculature. They have three fingers, with no opposable thumb.

A second type is also reported: the Nordic. It is humanoid, taller and has blond hair. Americans see 12 Greys to every one Nordic. In Europe, though, the Nordics outnumber the Greys.

Some abductees feel that the Nordics are female. One woman even reported that a Nordic had tried on her high-heeled shoes. That is either evidence of derangement or it is a detail that no one could possibly have made up.

One bizarre detail: to Britons, Greys smell of cinnamon or rotting leaves; in America, the scent is of ammonia, sulphur, lemons and almonds.

The bobby snatched from his beat

One of the most famous abduction cases in Britain happened on November 28, 1980, and involved a police constable based in the Yorkshire town of Todmorden.

Alan Godfrey was nearing the end of his night shift when he was ordered to investigate reports that some cows had escaped from a farmer's field and were getting into private gardens.

Godfrey drove towards the area end, as he rounded a bend, saw what he at first took to be a bus in the road. On closer inspection, he saw it was a diamond shaped object hovering 5ft above the ground. Godfrey attempted to contact his headquarters, but his radio would not function properly. He decided to sketch the object in his notebook and after having done so found himself suddenly and mysteriously about 100 yards further down the road. The UFO had vanished.

He returned to the police station, picked up a colleague and went back to the site of his encounter.

They noticed that the road was much drier at the point where Godfrey had seen the craft, what puzzled him was that, when he had returned to the police station, it had been much later than he thought. Under hypnosis, an abduction story emerged.

Apparently, Godfrey had got out of the car for a better look at the object, but had suddenly seen a bright light emanating from the craft. He had been frightened and had tried to drive off, only to find that his car would not start. Recalling being inside the craft, he felt he was being restrained. He saw a tall, bearded humanoid figure called Joseph, together with smaller creatures who Joseph said were robots. Godfrey even described seeing a dog on the craft.

He said that he was placed on a table, but, despite recollections of a bright light and some sort of machinery, was unable to remember any further details.

Alfred the fisherman was not a prize catch

ON AUGUST 12, 1983, Alfred Burtoo was night-fishing on the Basingstoke Canal near Aldershot, Hampshire, when he saw a bright light approaching.

His dog growled and then Alfred saw two entities walking towards him. They were about 4ft tall, dressed in green one-piece overalls, with their heads covered by a sort of helmet. They beckoned to him to follow them, which he did.

Then, on the towpath, he encountered a UFO on the ground and followed the beings aboard. After some time inside, during which Burtoo had been observing his surroundings, he was told to stand under a light.

He was asked his age, and told them he was 77. To his disappointment, he was told that he was too old for their purposes. He then left the craft, heard a whining noise and saw the craft fly away at high speed.

Incredibly, he calmly picked up his equipment and carried on fishing. Burtoo died in 1986, never once having changed his story.

Baffled by a strange gap in time

AN IMPORTANT British case occurred near Aveley in Essex in 1974. John and Susan Day, with their three children, were returning from a relative's house when they saw a blue light following them.

A little later, their car radio began to malfunction and gave off smoke. As the car negotiated a bend, it entered a patch of strange green mist and was jolted. When the vehicle emerged from the mist, the family found they were much further down the road.

Arriving home, they turned on their television and were amazed to find that the evening's programmes had finished. They had lost several hours.

Under hypnosis, the Days recalled being taken onto a craft and subjected to medical investigations. The aliens they recalled were tall humanoids, which ufologists label Nordics.

ON DECEMBER 1, 1987, a former policeman. Philip Spencer, was walking on Ilkley Moor in Yorkshire. He heard a low humming sound and then saw a strange creature. He took a photograph of it and followed it to a UFO which seemed to consist of two saucers joined together. The entity got into the craft, which accelerated away at high speed.

When Spencer returned home, he found he had lost two hours and, during a hypnotic regression, recalled being taken into the craft by creatures with pointed ears.

As a number of other abductees have reported, he was then shown a film which contained apocalyptic images. He was also shown a second film, the contents of which he was told not to reveal.

More in the next issue of UK.UFO.NW

[UK 6]*****

Source: Electronic Times
Date: 20th May 1997

Quicker-thinking computer tackles birth of universe

BY JOHN SHAW

A SUPER computer at Cambridge University could finally unravel the secrets of the universe, from its creation to the present day. The stlg2 million Cosmos, which was unveiled yesterday, will test scientific theories against practical observations.

Stephen Hawking, principal investigator of the consortium that took the computer to Cambridge, said: "The calculations involved are so enormous that they require state of the art machinery."

Cosmos thinks 100 times faster than the latest Pentium Pro personal computer and has 32 high performance R10000 processors and 8,000 megabytes of main memory. It is the largest Origin2000 computer in Britain. Although it is based at the university, it is owned and run by the UK Computational Cosmology Consortium.

The inter-disciplinary team working with the machine includes particle cosmologists and astrophysicists. Its members come from Cardiff, Durham, Oxford, Sussex and London Universities, Imperial College and the Royal Observatory, Edinburgh.

"The inter-disciplinary nature of this team is one of the great strengths of this work," said Alex Broers, vice-chancellor of the university, at the launch ceremony in Cambridge.

Paul Shellard, director of the new facility, said: "Our mission is to push back our understanding of the first fractions of a second after the Big Bang, to unravel the enigmas and mysteries.

"In recent years interest in cosmology has exploded, driven in part

by novel theoretical ideas connecting the formation of galaxies in our universe with fundamental high-energy theory and relativity.

"Many of these ideas about the early universe were first proposed in this country and on Cosmos their mathematical models can now be realised and directly compared with a rapidly growing body of observational data about the universe. We can get results in days instead of waiting months or even years."

Professor Hawking, whose book A Brief History of Time has sold eight million copies, initiated the partnership that took the computer to Cambridge during a visit to the headquarters of Silicon Graphics, which created the machine, at the company's headquarters in California.

Money for Cosmos came from a variety of sources, including the Higher Education Funding Council for England and the Particle Physics and Astronomy Research Council. Britain is a world leader in cosmology and members of the consortium said the super computer would help to maintain that advantage into the next century.

At present there are two theories about the growth of the universe: the inflation theory of rapid expansion after the Big Bang and the defect theory that the universe evolved in a phased transition, producing defects at certain points in its development.

Professor Hawking told a lecture later: "My money is on inflation, but we shall have to wait and see. It is such an elegant solution I am sure God would have chosen it."

The defect theory has been developed by Neil Turok, a colleague at Cambridge. But he said the simplest version of this explanation was incompatible with initial data produced by the computer based on satellite and telescopic observations.

However, he said: "I am still encouraged, because it is progress even if this is ruled out. There are variations on these theories so it's really a mixed picture at the moment."

He said the findings would be reported at conferences in the next two months and would also be published in the specialist magazine Physical Review. He said technical advances and the flow of information "have made us convinced we are on the verge of a golden age in cosmology."

"We want to crack the code of the universe," he said. "We want to be the Watson and Crick of cosmology." James D Watson and Francis Crick were two young scientists who solved the riddle of DNA while working at Cambridge in 1953. Their laboratory was half a mile from the Department of Applied Mathematics and Theoretical Physics that houses Cosmos.

[UK 7]*****

Source: Various UFO newsgroups
From: byrlip@enterprise.net (Adam Whaley)
Organisation: The West Wales Paranormal Group
Date: Friday 23rd May 1997

Wales Flying Triangle Update

Summary Report of the UFO Sightings in Mid and West Wales, 21st Nov 1996, as reported to the West Wales Paranormal Group.

Introduction

The following is a report into unusual atmospheric and aerial phenomena which was observed in Mid and West Wales on the evening of 21st November 1996. The phenomenon is popularly known as The Flying Triangle - a type of UFO which has been sighted elsewhere in Wales as well as many countries throughout the world since the early 1980's. Our sources have included signed witness reports and personal interviews with witnesses. We have found no evidence of collusion in these reports, most witnesses were totally amazed at the quantity of corroborative evidence gathered for this report. We have omitted the names of witnesses to respect their privacy but many have readily agreed to subsequent investigation by other bona fide researchers. Please contact us for further details.

We would like to express our thanks to everyone who contacted us in regard to these events and to those public services who patiently

answered our enquiries - even if it was only to say that they knew nothing about the events. We'd also like to express our thanks for the journalists and staff on the local newspapers who printed the initial stories and helped in our enquiries, without whom this report would have been less comprehensive. We look forward to the day when such reports can be published without ridiculous and sensationalist headlines and without the ludicrous "explanations" by so-called 'experts' that inevitably follow in subsequent issues!.

We would also like to thank the staff at the Ministry of Defence, but unfortunately the standard response we received from them proved to be of little assistance. It seems inconceivable that the RAF were unaware of this craft as it flew around Mid and West Wales for several hours - or if they weren't then they simply are not doing their job properly. It seems probable that they are instructed to stay well clear of these craft, possibly due to the electro-magnetic discharges. It is also possible that the craft operates at night and at such low altitude as to avoid collisions with civil aircraft. The MoD response therefore can be seen to be correct only if they have prior knowledge of these otherwise unidentified craft - however they have said elsewhere that they do not operate an aircraft recognition service and therefore feel under no obligation to identify "UFO"s even if they could. Perhaps such obstructionism is part of the "deal"?

We'd also like to thank everyone who has attended meetings of the West Wales Paranormal Group at New Quay, Aberaeron and Lampeter, some of whose experiences are recorded here. We also hope to be able to publish all our other UFO sightings from 1996, together with those from earlier years that have recently been made known to us.

We would like to make it clear that although this evening's sightings were unusual in their number, that we do not consider the area to have been especially favoured in the quantity of sightings - the East Midlands have seen a large number of them - and the Belgian sightings from the early 1990's involved thousands of witnesses. We would also like to point out that we would initially pursue a rational and terrestrial explanation for this Flying Triangle phenomena (and UFO's in general) and would not suggest an extra-terrestrial explanation without some positive evidence for it.

If you have any information regarding these sightings or any other interesting "paranormal" phenomena (especially on the 21st Nov 1996), then please email us at: byrllip@enterprise.net.

Sightings Swansea Area

4.10 pm. Witnesses saw a large elliptical shape craft, with tailfin, pass through the air at approx 2,000 ft moving in a N/NE direction over Swansea. The object was travelling at normal jet speed and had a white smoke trail behind it. The object glowed white and was not clearly defined around the edges. It was brighter than the moon when it passed in front of it. Weather was reasonably clear, with the sun setting in the west. There were several witnesses, one of whom viewed the object through binoculars, and stated that no wings were visible on the craft. Size unknown. No positive identification forthcoming but it was possibly a normal airliner dazzling in the setting sunlight?

Cardigan Area

6.00 - 6.30 pm. Three witnesses were driving in their car from Dinas to Cardigan, near Eglwysrw, in a NE direction. What sounded like two aerial objects with flashing red and green lights flew low and slow over the car. The Shape(s) was uncertain but the lights were described as being "Christmas Tree" like. When the craft/s was passing over the car it emitted a loud noise "a bit like a jet". No positive identification was forthcoming but it could just possibly be the two Hercules transport planes seen near New Quay although the times the sightings are inconsistent.

7.30 pm. Two witnesses in a car saw a low flying triangular shaped craft flying S/SE from Cardigan Bay coast over Mwnt and Penparc, between Cardigan and Aberporth. Initially they just saw flashing blue and red lights in the sky but as the craft passed over their car they could clearly make out the triangular shape. As the craft flew further on it glowed yellow and then suddenly "shot off, like a bullet towards the Preseli hills" (S/SW direction.) A few minutes later the craft then returned (witnesses presumption) and hovered over the car before disappearing extremely quickly once again. N.B. a

possibility of two separate craft must now be considered in view of this and other witnesses accounts and the correspondences as stated.

8.45 pm. The second witness initially heard a loud rumbling noise and thought it was an aircraft flying extremely low - perhaps about to crash. The witness ran into the back garden which is in village of Penparc. She looked up to see a large triangular shaped craft flying slowly overhead. The craft was described as having rounded corners, black underneath and having grey sides. It was surrounded in an orange glow which clearly silhouetted the craft. There were red and blue lights in the tips, with a secondary flashing light following (i.e. detached) from the craft. A fairly clear description of the Flying Triangle "UFO".

8.50 - 9.20 pm. A driver initially saw a bright flashing orange/yellow light seawards off the Cardigan to Penparc road on way home. On arriving at home in Penparc his family watched the flashes for a while. They seemed to be every 5 minutes or so. No sound was heard. No positive identification was possible. The witnesses said the flashes were definitely not lightning. No storms were reported in the area.

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