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There has been quite a media interest and coverage of the UFO phenomena over the first few weeks of 2008, not that we've had the first genuine footage of a White House Lawn landing or anything, but there has definitely been an upturn in media coverage.

The small town of Stephenville in Texas caught the press and TV news channels' eyes when several orbs were spotted by dozens of eyewitnesses. Some of the descriptions vary from what could be those dreaded Chinese lanterns to observations of a structured craft. We have the details in this issue.

There was also quite a lot of UK coverage when researchers released an image discovered in a photograph taken by the Mars 'Spirit' Rover back in 2004.

The image is certainly interesting and it's not too difficult to see the humanoid creature depicted in the claims, but what else could it be... See this issue.

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Russel Callaghan
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Putting the record straight....

a re-investigation into classic UFO folklore

Time is the one element of our life that we have yet to control. In the sci-fi worlds of *Stargate*, *Star Trek* and *Doctor Who* it seems control of the flux may one day be possible. We know that space and gravity play a part in the workings of time and that keeping synchronous satellites in orbit needs time corrections from Earth as space does have an effect on the passage of time. Einstein tried to explain this but didn't fully understand it.

Neither do I.

What I do know is not only does time travel at different speeds the faster and further you venture, it also appears to speed up increasingly the older you get.

It seems like just a few years have passed since I sat at secondary school as a first-former, watching man land on the Moon and as far as pop music goes isn't Queen still No.1?

I'm sure you know where I'm coming from.

The incident that got me involved in the subject happened in 1980 towards the end of the year, October, but I don't remember the exact date.

1980 was a very significant year for UFO events in the United Kingdom: Rendlesham Forest, PC Alan Godfrey are two major events in the UFO calendar. Philip Mantle has reports of alien abduction in his book '*Without Consent*', co-written by journalist Carl Nagatis, even the story of 'The Ilkley Moor Alien' featured in this particular year.

However there was one other story that captivated some of the UFO community within West Yorkshire and beyond (once the press got the story). It even spawned a comment from West Yorkshire Coroner, James Turnbull, who, when asked about possible UFO involvement (in the story you are about to read) replied, "If I was walking on Ilkley Moor and

came across a flying saucer, I'd be shocked, but perhaps not surprised..." I quote from memory not verbatim, but it's pretty accurate.

The case I am referring to involved PC Alan Godfrey, a few weeks prior to his UFO sighting. Alan was a regular police constable and during his work on this particular day, he was called to attend the discovery of a body found in a coal yard in Todmorden. The body was that of a Polish miner who had ventured thirty miles from his home near Wakefield. The reason for this, we don't know, but the following article by John Hanson (himself a retired police officer) puts the events in perspective and removes any possible UFO involvement in the case.

Mysterious death of Zigmund Adamski.

*a re- investigation by
John Hanson, Dawn Holloway &
David Sankey*

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Many of the readers will be all too familiar with the mysterious events that surround the discovery of the above named, who was found deceased at Tomlins Coal yard, at the side of Todmorden railway station, 30miles away from where he lived, at 3:45pm on the 6th of June, 1980, and of the controversy surrounding his departure from the family home,

a few days before the wedding of his goddaughter on the 7th of June.

His unusual death led to much newspaper speculation in the months that followed, including ridiculous suggestions made by journalists John Sheard and Stewart Bonney from the *Sunday Mirror* (27 Sept 1981, quote 'UFO Death Riddle'), who inferred that Mr. Adamski's death was in some way connected with UFO activity, a hypothesis given further weight by the suggestion the only way this man could have ended up on the coal pile was from having been put there from above!

His peculiar disappearance, seemingly out of character for a man who would presumably have been looking forward to giving his goddaughter, Stephanie, away, and the circumstances in which it occurred, raised much suspicion by the investigating police officers, especially after the discovery of injuries inflicted to the back of the neck. One of those officers was PC Alan Godfrey, who we spoke to about the matter. He still remains unsatisfied that the real truths have never come out.

Enquiries made into this matter, now 26 years ago, by the author John Hanson and Doncaster-based UFO researcher, David Sankey, revealed some insight into the background of the deceased, who it was said by one source (known to the authors) that Adamski was not looking forward to giving his goddaughter away, as he felt this duty should have been carried out by somebody else within the family circle, with whom he was on

**Site of Coal Yard where
Mr Adamski was discovered.**



bad terms.

We felt it time to put the record straight with regard to the ridiculous, long-held speculation that this man's death had been brought about through alien interaction! Being literally frightened to death, according to one unsubstantiated source.

In view of the 'Open Verdict' recorded by the Coroner, Mr. James Turnbull, I decided to contact the West Yorkshire Police under the Freedom of Information Act in December, 2005, and ask them if they were willing to allow me access to any relevant police documents pertaining to this incident still on file, taking into consideration the nature of information obtained recently from someone who was a close family friend of Adamski and his wife, who I consider to be a reliable source, which alleges Adamski was held against his will and that this unlawful detention ultimately led to his death.

In an answer dated the 19th of December, 2005, an officer advised me that although the verdict was an open verdict, all documentary evidence was lodged with the Coroner's department and I should approach them for information.

I emailed the Coroners Court at Bradford and asked if we could have sight of the original Coroner's file on the death of Zigmund Adamski, explaining the reasons behind our request, but were advised by Angela Plovie, from that department, this would not be possible as 'I was not judged an interested party'

I sent an email and also a letter to Mr. James Turnbull, hoping he would be prepared to discuss the matter with me, knowing over the years he had made himself available for interviews with members of the press and filmed documentaries made into the death of the Mr. Adamski, but I never received any acknowledgment. Could his attitude be governed by (alleged) previous remarks made by himself in the newspapers at the time? Quote: "The failure of the forensic scientists to identify the corrosive substance which caused Mr. Adamski's burns could lend some weight to the UFO

theory." Ironically, opinions expressed in this way were to be banned following new guidelines for Coroners laid out in Rule 36(2) The Coroners Rules 1984.

Having seen a photograph of Mr. Adamski taken shortly after the body was recovered (found dressed in a string vest, no shirt and a brown 'John Collier' jacket, with trousers incorrectly buttoned, his watch and wallet later found to be missing), it was clear from the amount of coal residue on his face that he was probably found by the ambulancemen lying face down, presumably turned over by them during their examination and then left on his back, which was the position that the police found him in when they arrived a short time later, being greeted by one of the ambulance crew who said, 'You've got a murder on your hands.'

PC Alan Godfrey, first officer on the



scene: "He was lying on his back with his eyes open, looking straight up, no sign of rigor mortis. I remember a theory suggested by the CID who thought he might have fell asleep under a lorry, and the acid fell on his neck, but this wasn't the explanation as I remember the pathologist telling me that it wasn't acid on his neck. He was certainly alive on the day he was found. It's a real mystery, although one thing I do know, it was nothing to do with any aliens. That's a load of rubbish."

According to Trevor Parker, who was in charge of the coal yard and to whom we spoke, he started work at 8am and left the coal yard unattended at about 11am to visit other premises, not returning till 4pm when he found the deceased lying face down, approximately ten feet up the pile of anthracite beans (man-made coal) with his head facing to the top of the heap.

So it would appear the man was taken there after 11am, as the bunker was in full view, during the presence of Mr. Parker, who initially thought when he saw him that this was a drunken man sleeping off a bout of drink, and contacted the ambulance station.

Following their attendance, the ambulance was moved between the bunker which consisted of three wooden panels 5 feet in height, so as to prevent passengers in passing trains being able to view the deceased.

The police considered various theories as to how Mr Adamski had arrived at the side of the station:

Had he arrived on a train from Leeds and walked down into the coal yard of his own accord?

Had he been taken to the coal yard by somebody and placed onto the pile of coal as some sort of 'statement' by his captors, taking into consideration, Mr Adamski was in the process of applying for retirement from Lofthouse Colliery Pit, due for closure in 1981, as he wanted to be able to look after his wife Leokadia(Lottie) who suffered from multiple sclerosis?

Could he have jumped from a bridge onto a passing coal lorry on its way to Parkers coal yard, causing the injuries and then been transferred onto the coal pile by an unsuspecting operator?

We believe it is unlikely he caught a train to Todmorden coal yard. He certainly wasn't 'delivered' there by a coal lorry - as Mr. Parker confirms, no coal deliveries took place on that day or the previous few days.

Another line of enquiry we looked at involved a telephone conversation, made to Mark Birdsall of *UFO Magazine*, with whom we spoke, stating Mr. Adamski had fallen out with a family member just before the wedding and that this person, whose identity is known, locked him in a garden shed and that while trying to escape, he came into contact with battery acid, causing the corrosive type substance burns to the back of his neck, which remain unidentified

despite forensic analysis made at the time, although there must have been far more information given to the Court by the forensic expert. Unfortunately, we are not privy to the evidence submitted by that official to the Coroners Inquest.

So any further comment would be pure speculation, although we were able to ascertain that the burns to his head had been caused two days previously (certainly not as many as five), occurring between 8 and ten hours previous to the body being found, which would put it at around 7am on the 11th of June, 1980.

We wondered about the peculiar ring mark or cup marks found on the back of the head of the deceased and pondered in line with other, previously unpublished, information whether there was any truth in the suggestion made by an unnamed police officer, who told a third party that Mr. Adamski had been receiving treatment from an unidentified acupuncturist in Nelson, Lancashire, who had administered treatment known as moxibustion or moxa, which consists of placing a small glass or bamboo jar or cup, containing a cotton ball soaked in alcohol, against the skin, and igniting it (a treatment used for rheumatism painful joints, sprains, paralysis, and asthma). *(A theory also considered by the late Graham Birdsall)*

Was this treatment used, did it go wrong, were ointments prescribed, could this tie in with his shirt being missing?



This leaves us with the distinct possibility, bearing in mind the nature of conversations held with a person who declines to be named, that Mr. Adamski was the victim of a family

feud, a theory backed up by comments made by Mrs. Adamski at the time, who was convinced her husband had been kidnapped.

We believe he was kidnapped, or coerced to keep away from the forthcoming wedding. We know he was found with one day's stubble on his face, indicating wherever he had been for those missing 4-5 days, he had washed and shaved and that his hair had been cropped.

We were also told that Mr. Adamski fell out with a member of the family whose wife sought sanctuary with the Adamskis and that an injunction was taken out against the person concerned to stop him visiting the house. If in fact this information was correct, it tells us much about why Mr Adamski went missing, especially because of his connection with the family, unfortunately without any proof we cannot make this public as it would, of course, leave us open to legal proceedings.

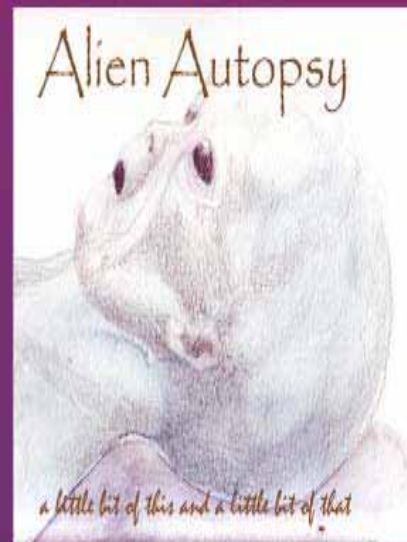
We have every reason to believe the offender(s) may still be out there, despite being interviewed, albeit briefly, by the West Yorkshire Police during their investigation into the matter, not that we necessarily infer Mr. Adamski was murdered. It is more likely he died whilst in the hands of his captors after suffering from a heart attack, as was discovered following a post mortem being conducted

Ironically, although an open verdict was recorded, which means the case is still open, and that the police have not closed their file, there appears to be nobody interested in wanting to reopen this case and finally remove this smear from Mr. Adamski's hitherto good character.

We believe that someone 'out there' knows the answer. Will they finally have the courage to come forward and clear the name of this man? We doubt it after so long.

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VERY LARGE UFOS

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Very Large UFOs

By William F. Hamilton III

Very Large UFOs are back in the news since the reported sightings of one flying over Stephenville, Texas on January 8, 2008. Very Large UFOs (VLOs) were sighted over Phoenix, Arizona, on March 13, 1997, in which I found, during my investigation, more than one VLO was sighted. These monsters of the skies seem to attract more witnesses than the solitary unidentified light in the sky and give sceptics a challenge to dismissing such sightings.

In the 1950s when I was a boy, I heard reports of giant, cigar-shaped UFOs which were called "mother ships" as they were seen dispensing discoidal craft in numbers. These VLOs were estimated to be several hundred feet to a mile in length. It wasn't just contactee George Adamski who reported the large cigars, but others, including pilots, have had close encounters with these behemoths.

One of the largest UFOs ever seen had been observed by the crew and passengers of an airliner over the Channel Islands. According to the reports, Captain Ray Bower saw a UFO he initially thought was as big as a Boeing 747, but later changed his mind when he realized that the object was more than 40 miles away and must have been a mile wide. This sighting happened as recently as June, 2007. Though the sightings of

the large cigars have not entirely gone away, in recent years the large and very large black triangles (or deltoids) have shown up in great numbers.

The single most common sceptical explanation of these VLOs is that people are observing dirigibles or experimental lighter-than-air (LTA) craft. Sceptic-debunker James McGaha of Tucson, Arizona, has a catch-all explanation for the small and very large UFOs: misinterpretation of perception. He also states that pilots are not trained observers while neglecting to mention who the trained observers are.

Let us look at the flight characteristics of the largest airship ever built: the *Hindenburg*. The *Hindenburg* was massive: 804 feet in length and 135 feet in width, it was longer than three Boeing 747s placed end to end. This airship was meant to get its lift from helium, but because of a military embargo imposed by the United States, it used the extremely flammable hydrogen in 16 cells to gain buoyancy in the air. Four reversible diesel engines gave the *Hindenburg* a maximum speed of 84 mph.

We will compare this flight performance to that of two massive objects that flew over parts of Phoenix, Arizona, on March 13, 1997.

Observed first as a "V" formation of five white lights moving slowly and silently toward Prescott Valley from the northwest at about 8:15 pm, the "chevron" was soon clearly seen as a single object. The huge craft made a pivot turn over the witnesses' home there. The lights shifted into an arc formation, turning red as it did so, and then it shot off at blinding speed toward Phoenix. At that time, the next set of witnesses in central Phoenix saw the object coming directly toward them (estimated at Mach 2 or 3), while still in the "turbo mode" arc configuration, and then, as if to slow back down again, was seen to change back into a "V", whereupon it cruised silently and slowly right over their heads (only 100 to 200 feet above at 10 or 15 mph). The craft was later seen to zigzag through the valley, even changing altitude at various points and hovering for five minutes at the

edge of Sky Harbour before proceeding south (right over the Village Lab building) to Interstate-10. After following I-10 several miles to Picacho Peak, the enormous craft (estimated at 900 feet or more on each leading edge and more than a mile in length to its "taillights") hovered once again for 10 to 15 minutes until there was no further track of it. This same "chevron" or similar craft was seen travelling east to west over north Phoenix at about 10:50 pm.

All witnesses to this giant chevron-shaped craft agreed that its arms extended outward for at least a mile. They estimated this by the ground distance between major cross streets. It was an impressive sight as this craft flew low over city blocks. Mike Fortson observed these from his Chandler home and was impressed by the sheer size of this object. He believes that what he saw was a massive, singular object that had a translucent surface, which passed between him and the moon. Mike first spotted these lights when he looked out his bedroom window. He soon yelled for his wife and stepped out on the back patio where they followed this object as it traversed in a southerly direction, passing in front of the moon in the west. When it did so, he said the object seemed to cause the moon to change colour from white to yellow. He could also make out a kind of "distortion field" around the object between him and the lights that seemed to "ripple" like waves travelling through water. Another witness named Tim Ley also noticed this ripple effect. The object Mike saw passed his position going south down Alma School Road around 8:30 pm on the evening of March 13, 1997.

This object was much bigger than the *Hindenburg* or any other commercial or known military airship. In addition to that it had no wide body to carry the necessary gas cells. It also accelerated faster than any known aircraft along its flight path.

Suggestions were made that it was an experimental LTA, but such explanations are only based on conjecture. We would have to resort to McGaha's explanation that it had to be a misinterpretation of perception, but a mis-

interpretation that was uncannily similar from witness to witness. By all accounts the largest of the VLOs, a colossal black triangle, in the March 13th parade of craft, this gigantic craft was first seen at close range over north Phoenix between 8:30 pm and 8:45 pm, where the key witnesses (real estate people who subdivided the area) estimated its size to be as much as two miles wide as its wingtip lights fell over two parallel streets that are 1.8 miles apart. Its flight path brought it low to the ground at this point (less than 2,000 feet) where it was seen to not only have dozens of lights along its leading edges, but also a row of windows wherein the silhouettes of "people" were observed! At some point further south, other witnesses reported that they saw nothing but the row of windows with beings (also in silhouette) as all of the lights were turned off at that point. By the time the VLO was seen over I-10 south of Casa Grande, however, three large lights were seen to be turned on, one at each corner, with smaller lights on along with the leading headlight. The witnesses here reported that it took them one to two minutes to drive under this immense ship while they were driving at 80 mph! They estimated the width of this VLO to be at least two, possibly three miles wide and big enough for a C5-A Galaxy or "Condor" troop transport (the largest conventional aircraft known) to land upon it! The craft had definite structure to it and the family of witnesses described its colour as a flat blue-black, like the colour of a shotgun barrel. They also reported seeing rectangular "panel-like" structures on the underside of this craft.

Another large triangle was seen moving just north of Thunderbird Road at around 10:45 pm, but the configuration of the triangle was different. That triangle had a 'V' cut into its trailing edge to give it a very distinctive look. This smaller triangle was also estimated to be around a mile in length.

Although the big black triangle, one of the largest UFOs ever observed, was travelling slowly over most residential streets along a corridor from north of Scottsdale to Casa Grande in the south, at one point in its flight over Scottsdale, it accelerated to a tremendous speed, then slowed down to a crawl.

This was not the first time the large UFOs visited the American Southwest, as a VLO paid a visit to some copper mines in eastern Arizona. A remarkable sighting took place over Clifton and Morenci, Arizona, on October 23, 1980. It was one of the first reported sightings of the giant boomerang craft that have been seen in the Hudson River Valley of New York in the years 1983 and 1984. Randall Rogers, Larry Mortenson, Joe Nevarez, Kent David, and James Best observed a giant boomerang-shaped object over the copper smelter for 10 minutes.

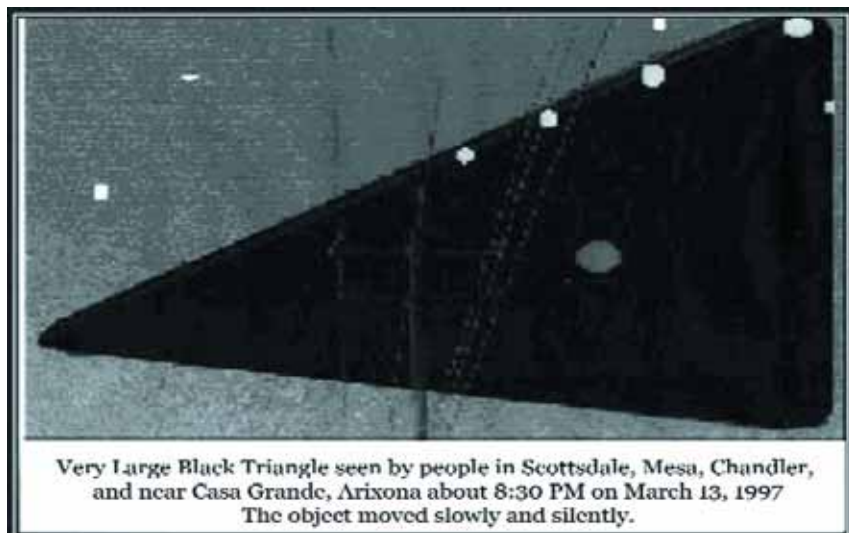
The APRO Bulletin reports that Randall Rogers and Larry Mortensen, both employees at Phelps-Dodge, left their work area at 8:55 pm to proceed to the lunch area for the evening "break". They entered an open type of vehicle and en-route to the lunch area they stopped and picked up Joe

Nevarez, Kent David and James Best. After starting the vehicle up again, they noticed an object approaching from the north at an altitude of 1500 to 2000 feet and Nevarez exclaimed, "Hey, you guys, look at the flying saucer!" One or two of the others remarked that "it" was just an airplane and laughed. Nevarez then demanded that the vehicle be stopped so that he could get a better look at the object.

When the vehicle was brought to a stop and the men looked up, they were amazed to see a boomerang-shaped object approaching the north smoke stack of the smelter area at a very low speed which they later told the APRO investigator that they estimated to be about five miles per hour. When it arrived in a position directly over the north stack, it stopped and hovered for a minute or so, then came straight down vertically to an estimated altitude of 700 to 1,000 feet, not far above the stack. After a period of time a brilliant light erupted from the forward apex of the boomerang configuration and shone directly down into the interior of the north smelter stack. The witnesses described this light as brighter than a searchlight or that of an arc welder. Approximately 10 seconds later, the brilliant beam went out and the object began moving south at the same apparent altitude and then stopped directly over the south smelter stack. Again the brilliant beam came on and shone into the interior of the south smelter stack.

Shortly thereafter the light beam turned off again and the object moved slowly to the south. Then "in less than the blink of an eye" it accelerated to a speed which the witnesses were not able to estimate, in the direction of Safford, Arizona.

At that juncture, when the object had the appearance of being "one foot in size", Joe Nevarez stated that he wished that the thing would come back so he could get a better look at it. Immediately, almost as if in response to an unspoken command, the object performed an instant reversal from its position over Safford, to over the slag dump area of the smelter at Morenci! This type of UFO response is not





unknown or unique, but has occurred with other witnesses as if some intelligence guiding this object could respond to human thought.

The boomerang object was estimated to be more than 1400 feet in span with a wing angle of 120 degrees. One wing appeared shorter than the other. The object was dull black in colour, resembling 1/2-inch steel plate and did not reflect light. There were no seams, rivets, or other surface markings noted. The large beam of light, which was directed into the interior of the smokestacks, was located near the forward centre of the apex. On each wing there were 8 bright reddish lights, four on each leading edge and 4 on each trailing edge. These lights seemed to be about 75 feet apart and were interconnected by a white tube of light (like a fluorescent bulb but much larger). All lights on the object remained steady at all times and did not blink, rotate, flash or otherwise change in any manner. It made no sound at any time, and was observed with the aid of a full moon, which had just risen.

The Morenci boomerang was also seen by over 100 members of the Morenci high school band and the

director said they saw it during band practice on the football field about a mile from the smelter.

The Morenci boomerang was a precursor to the mass sightings over the Hudson Valley in the 1980s and definitely foreshadowed the very large objects that passed over Phoenix and the Valley of the Sun on March 13, 1997.

These craft (for there is little doubt they are craft) are not only large, but fast and even seem to defy the laws of inertia when they are seen accelerating at such a quick speed that in some instances seem to vanish in a blur.

The most recent sightings started on January 1st, 2008, and continued on January 8th and even are being reported in an area around Stephenville, Texas to this day.

More than 30 residents of Stephenville, Texas, claim to have seen a UFO, described as a mile-wide, silent object with bright lights, flying low and fast. By fast, a pilot estimated it was going 3,000 mph. Some witnesses claim they saw Air Force aircraft chasing it, but the closest Air Force base spokesman denied they had an aircraft operational in

the air that night. Within a week or so the Air Force reversed its story and claimed that a number of F-16s were in flight in the military operations area on the night in question. They even inferred that what the witnesses saw on the night of January 8th were F-16s and not a UFO!

One witness, Ricky Sorrels, interviewed by Linda Howe, claims he saw a very large object with conical-shaped holes on the flat seamless metallic underside of the object which hovered soundlessly at a low altitude over his head. He remarked on the rippling waves he could see around this craft which is similar to those seen around the Phoenix craft. This may very well be a clue as to the propulsion system being used by these VLOs that allow them to nullify gravity and inertia.

If these VLOs continue to visit our cities, it will become harder to deny the presence of something unknown and very unconventional flying through our skies.

William F. Hamilton III

UFOs over central Scotland...

Introduction

Around 10.30 pm on Wednesday, 24th November, 2004, Wilma Young (real name), then 64, and two female companions saw some unusual aerial objects as they were travelling home to Fife after attending a meeting at a spiritualist church in Renfrew, near Glasgow.² Wilma was doing the driving. Unfortunately, none of the women made a written record of the incident close to the time and there's uncertainty about precisely where it occurred.

Wilma's companions don't want us to reveal their real names. We'll refer to them as Brenda and Rose. The former was 69 at the time of the incident and Rose was in her 70s. The following account is partly based on information gleaned from telephone conversations with the three women and from letters (one from Wilma and one from Rose). In addition, in March, 2005, we drove to Wilma's home and spoke to her about her recent UFO experience and other incidents in her life. Then, with Wilma accompanying us, we collected Brenda and spoke to her about her recollections of the event in November, 2004. Along with Wilma

and Brenda, we then tried to locate the area where it had taken place.

Wilma's testimony

As the women were driving along, Brenda referred to a big bright light in the sky. At first, Wilma assumed it was the North Star. According to Wilma, Brenda then said, "Well, it's moving!" (But Brenda herself doesn't recall that it was moving - see below.) Wilma recalls that two objects came from the 'star' (or it could be that the 'star' split into two objects, since she doesn't recall seeing the 'star' and the two objects at the same time). The objects came towards the car and took up positions on either side of it, keeping pace with the vehicle. That seemed to go on for about two minutes. Then, Wilma noticed another big 'star', from which three more objects emerged (or it may be that the 'star' split into constituent objects). At about that point, the original UFOs shot away and disappeared within a second. The new UFOs came towards the car, although perhaps not quite as quickly as the first two had. One of them took up a position above the vehicle (perhaps 10-12 feet above it), while the other two flanked it, with

all three seeming to fly at the same level. The distance between the 'out-riders' may have been about 20-30 yards. Wilma was driving at around 30-40 mph, and she wasn't aware of a noise such as she would associate with a helicopter. The underside of the UFO that was over the car was very bright and had a fishbone-like pattern. Wilma felt intimidated. After about three minutes, the three UFOs shot away and disappeared.

Figure 1(a) is a drawing by Wilma, showing the general appearance of the UFOs (or, at least, the appearance of the three UFOs involved in the second part of the encounter). The small circles represent white lights. Figure 1(b) is Wilma's depiction of the 'undercarriage' of the UFO that hovered over the car. However, since she was able to see only one end of the 'undercarriage', Figure 1(b) is partly an inference about what the 'undercarriage' would have looked like if she'd been able to see all of it.

Wilma is a spiritualist medium and she reports psychic experiences going back to when she was a child. Also, she had had a previous UFO experience when she was 14.

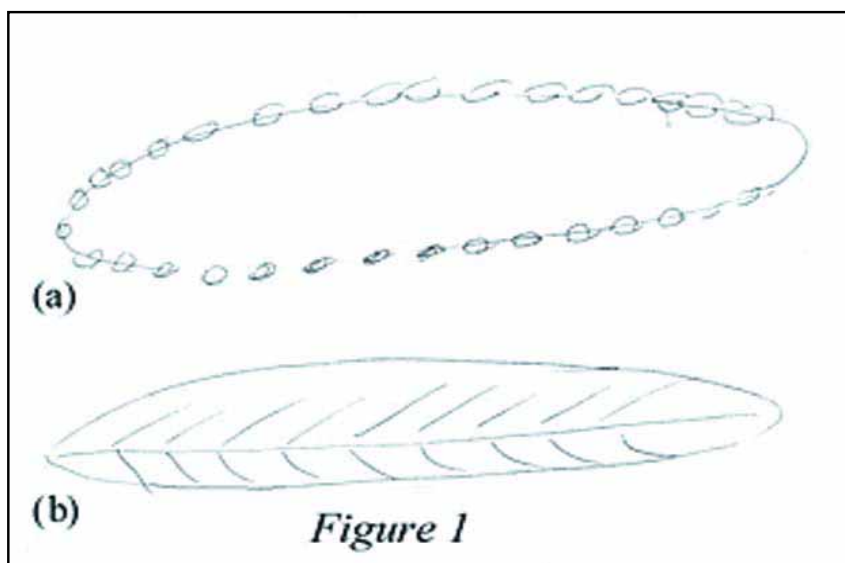


Figure 1: Drawings by Wilma, showing (a) the general appearance of the UFOs, and (b) the 'undercarriage' of the UFO that hovered over the car.

It occurred in Kirkcaldy, Fife, during daylight hours. She saw a sausage-shaped object, which looked solid and appeared to be about 30 feet long. It seemed to be hovering horizontally, possibly some 30-40 feet above the ground, and it resembled a long, white light. Wilma may have been about 75-100 yards from it. She observed the object for about 2-3 minutes, and then it seemed to shoot away rapidly and disappear. She said that on the following day, newspapers reported that UFOs had been seen all over Fife.

Brenda's testimony

Brenda recalls seeing what she first took to be a star-like light, although it appeared to be larger than a star. Looking at the object, she noticed that it seemed to have a triangular shape. There were lights along the base and going round the back of it. A cigar-shaped object of about the same size then appeared. Then another triangular object came into view, which was similar to the first one, but larger. Brenda's recollection is that these objects remained in view for 10-15 minutes, but she doesn't recall seeing any of them moving. She's had no other UFO experiences.

Rose's testimony

The following material, quoted from

Rose's letter, has been edited for presentational purposes, but the substantive content hasn't been changed. The insertion in square brackets is ours. Rose states:

"After leaving the church service, we made our way to the Forth Road Bridge, to find the road closed with a notice and traffic cones. Our driver said she didn't know this road [the one they were directed on to, presumably]. She asked us to look out for any road signs, since there was no other traffic and the road was unlit, except by our headlights. We seemed to travel some distance. One of my companions said she could see the North Star, but it got brighter and came towards us with another one. They passed over us and disappeared. Not long after, three such lights came towards us, and the middle one hovered above the car. I was in the back seat and able to see it by leaning forward. It then went out of view. The road was still unlit, except by the lights of our car. But in the distance, to the left, it looked as if there was a small lit village or caravan park."

Figure 2 shows a drawing that Rose included in her letter, illustrating the UFO that had hovered above the car. But, as noted, she was sitting in the back of the car and she leaned forward to see the UFO. Wilma, who was sitting in the front (doing the driving), saw only one end of the 'undercarriage'. Possibly, then,

Rose saw only one end of it as well.

Rose hadn't had any previous UFO experiences. She told Peter McCue (PM) that she didn't find the incident frightening: she felt there was something calming about it!

The location

The women would normally have returned to Fife via the Forth Road Bridge, but there'd apparently been an accident, and they were redirected to the Kincardine Bridge, which is approximately 13 miles west of the Forth Road Bridge.

Wilma's letter to PM seemed to suggest that the sightings had occurred between Bathgate and Livingston, whereas Rose's letter suggested that they had occurred somewhere between the Forth Road Bridge and the Kincardine Bridge. On 22nd March, 2005, during daylight hours, we tried to find the location. PM did the driving and Wilma sat beside him, with Brenda and JT in the back of the car. We crossed the Kincardine Bridge and headed for the Bathgate/Livingston area, but Wilma and Brenda were unable to identify the relevant site. Wilma said that she might have been mistaken in thinking that the event had occurred in the Bathgate/Livingston area, and she wondered whether it had happened closer to the Forth Road Bridge. We drove back to Fife via the Forth Road Bridge, but neither Wilma nor Brenda seemed to recognize a point from where they might have been redirected to the

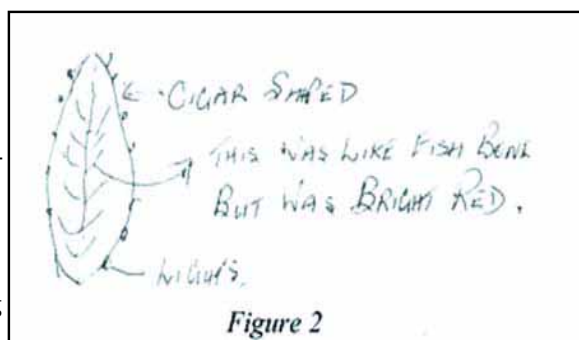


Figure 2: Drawing by Rose of the UFO that hovered above the car

Kincardine Bridge four months earlier. Of course, it may be that on the night in question they didn't take in,

and commit to memory, the precise details of their route.

Comments

Wilma's recollection of the sightings is similar, but not identical, to Rose's. The similarity between their testimony could mean that their experiences were indeed the same or similar. However, to the extent that they've discussed the event with each other, they may have unwittingly influenced each other's memory, producing a greater degree of concordance than would otherwise be the case. Also, it should be borne in mind that Wilma was driving at the time of the incident and would have been unable to give the aerial phenomena her undivided attention. Brenda's testimony, of course, is rather different from that of her two companions. Accordingly, we can't be sure about precisely what the women saw on the night in question, although we've no reason to doubt their honesty. Did they experience the same thing, but remember it differently, or did they actually experience the incident differently at the time?

Some authors have drawn attention to the overlap between UFO events and psychic phenomena.³ Wilma describes herself as a believer in UFOs, which she appears to interpret in terms of the extra-terrestrial hypothesis. However, as noted, she has reportedly had psychic experiences over the years. Possibly, then, the incident that she experienced in the company of Brenda and Rose was a collective psychic experience rather than an encounter with actual flying objects.

We don't know whether there have been any other accounts from central Scotland, or elsewhere, of aerial objects with fishbone-like undersides. However, there have certainly been other reports of motorists being disturbed by strange objects or lights. In their interesting book on Irish UFO cases, Dermot Butler and Carl Nally refer to the case of a family who were driving in the Sugar Loaf Mountain area of County Wicklow when a disc-like craft appeared and harassed them (pp. 9-10).⁴ The driver swerved across the road to try to

avoid crashing into the object.

Another incident mentioned by Butler and Nally (op. cit., p. 10) involved a young woman who was driving alone in the foothills of the Wicklow Mountains. She was heading home and it was approximately 2.30 a.m. She saw two bright white lights in her rear-view mirror. Thinking that a truck was trying to overtake her, she slowed down and pulled further over to the left. She then watched in shock as the lights separated and came either side of her car. Terrified, she screamed and accelerated dangerously. Outside her home, she skidded to a stop in the middle of the road, the lights having just shot away into the sky. Butler and Nally note that the "lights had no obvious structure within them, and made no noise, but they gave every indication of being under intelligent control."

Notes

1 This is slightly modified version of an article that first appeared in the January 2006 issue of *The Paranormal Review*, a magazine of the Society for Psychical Research.

2 For convenience, we shall use the term 'objects' in describing what the women saw. But we don't mean to imply that their perceptions were necessarily caused by objective physical entities, although we can't rule that out.

3 See, for example, *Dimensions: A Casebook of Alien Contact* by Jacques Vallee (Souvenir Press, London, 1996).

4 *Conspiracy of Silence: UFOs in Ireland* by Dermot Butler and Carl Nally (Mercier Press, Douglas Village, Cork, 2006).

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What's in an image?

This issue's cover design was created by CGI artist and friend of UFO DATA, Peter Martin. We believe it is one of the best covers seen on a UFO magazine and judging by the letters and emails we have received recently so do you.

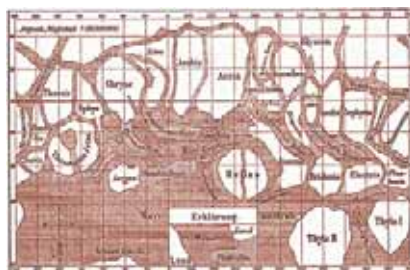
It depicts the romantic side of this subject perfectly. Ever since the original Viking mission 'Face' photograph was released into the public domain, researchers, scientists and enthusiasts alike have pondered over the possibility of finding man-made structures on somewhere other than our planet.

This is no flight of fancy either, several 'very' qualified scientists have got themselves involved in the positive aspects of these possibilities, but this did not start with the 'Face on Mars' imagery and opinions go back much further than 1976.

Even that great old stargazer, Sir Patrick Moore, voiced opinions back in the 1950s on the fact that they (he and other astronomers, we suppose) had taken an interest in artificial structures photographed on our

moon. He went on to debunk aliens and UFOs for many years, judging Graham W. Birdsall and others as *sixpence short of a shilling*. In later years, when presented with a book he co-authored on the subject, he had to admit that that was their thinking at that time.

Sir Patrick may be a little frail these days, but he was responsible for the original mapping of the lunar surface to the extent that NASA used the maps he produced in the build-up to Apollo. Perhaps good enough reason to ignore any earlier belief in 'little green men'.



But it goes back even further than Patrick Moore. In 1877, Italian astronomer, Giovanni Schiaparelli, mapped the surface of Mars and his

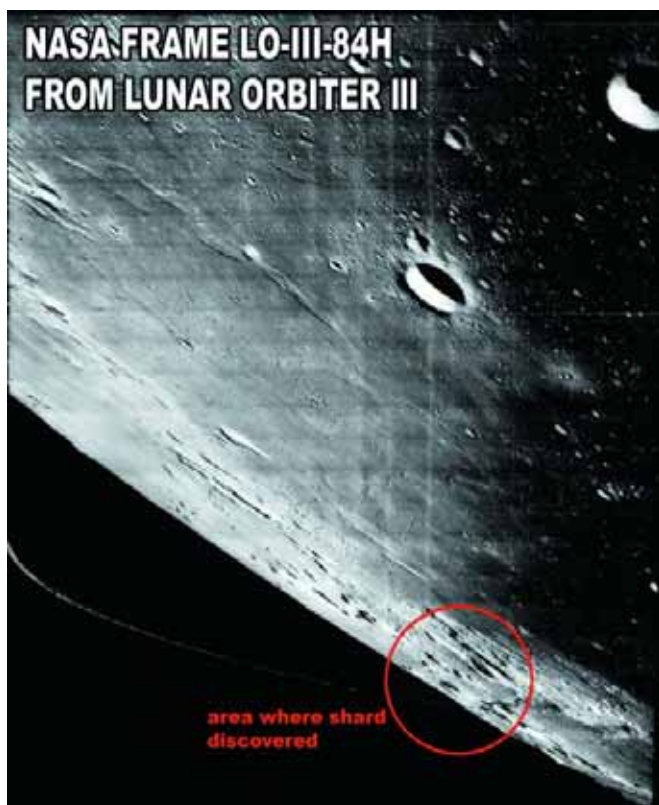
drawings suggested Martians were akin to Irish navvies, as the surface was a network of 'canals'. *Canali* in Italian means 'channels'.

Unfortunately this theory has yet to be confirmed because even with NASA's multi billion dollar attempts we have yet to find flowing water on the Red Planet.

As a researcher of this subject I like many others struggle to understand why NASA have not visited any of these 'interesting' places in our solar system. There is photographic evidence of the 'Shard', an unusual pillar-like object photographed on the surface of our moon back in 1967 by NASA's Lunar Orbiter III unmanned probe.

Just two years prior to man stepping foot on the lunar surface, one can be excused in asking simple questions here like, 'Hey, why don't we send Apollo to somewhere near that tower thingy we photographed a couple of years ago and get some good photographs of it?'

No instead they trip off to the Sea of



Tranquility where it was already known there was not much of interest there but, hey, it's got lots of dust and rocks to explore.

One researcher who has associations with NASA as a mission specialist and is known for his 'off the wall theories' is Richard Hoagland.

UFO Magazine presented Richard's work to an audience in London back in 1998 and although some will suggest Hoagland's work is pure speculation at best or just rubbish at worst, his lecture was quite fascinating.

Our American associates at www.ufotv.com have DVDs of these lectures available and I would recom-

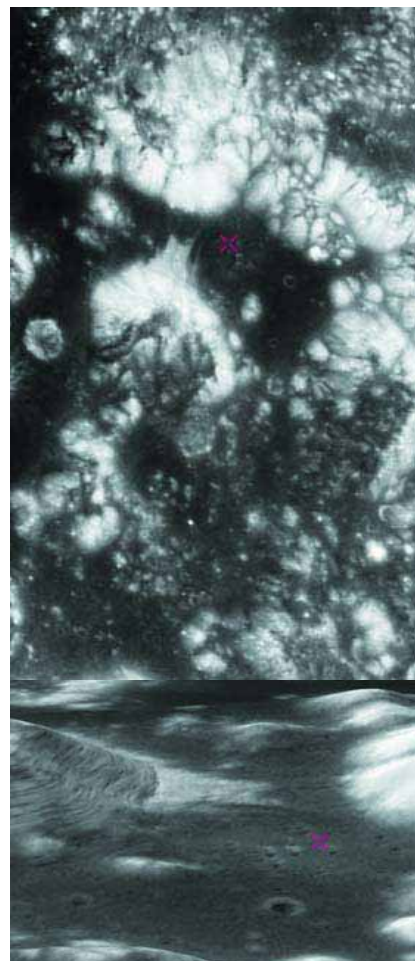
mend them as interesting viewing at least. Below you can see the close up images of the 'Shard'. Just how these images were obtained from the original orbiter frame (left) I don't know, but one would have to be working off original negatives to enable such a high resolution scan. However, Hoagland claims these are genuine images and I have no reason not to believe what he claims for the

source of these fascinating photographs.

I earlier drew reference to Sir Patrick Moore making similar claims. As far as I recall, these were published in a joint-authored book written in 1952-53, long before NASA or anyone else had ventured to the moon. So where did Sir Patrick get his evidence from? Not through the lens of his reflecting telescope in his garden shed observatory, I'm sure.

It has also been suggested many times that all NASA need do is aim the Hubble Space Telescope at the moon and see if the structure is visible. Well in the same vein NASA could show us the Moon landing

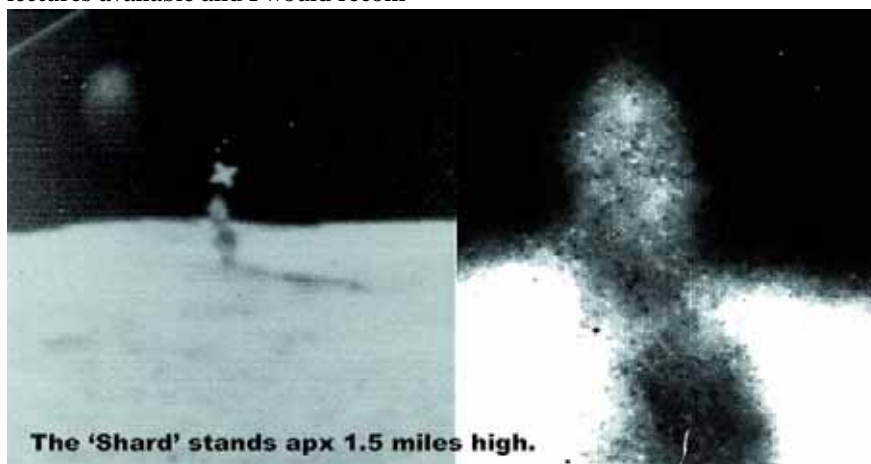
sites and finally put to bed all the 'We never went there' theories, couldn't they? Actually, no. Even the mighty Hubble would not be able to



resolve the detail needed to show a 15ft x 15ft ejector rubble-strewn area from 238,000 miles away. Or so they say. The two images above are from the Hubble Space Telescope and they give its best view of the Apollo 17, 1972, mission's landing site. X marks the spot.

But some of the most fascinating imagery has come from our interest in Mars. Ever since the 'Face' was labelled so in NASA's photographic catalogue, our imagination has been fuelled with a mix equivalent to nitrous oxide.

In a strange quirk of events, just like when Kenneth Arnold described the motion of the craft he witnessed back in 1947 as having a motion like a saucer would if you skipped it over water, the press then labelled the objects 'flying saucers' and everybody started to see them even though Arnold did not, it was an analyst at NASA who, while cataloguing the

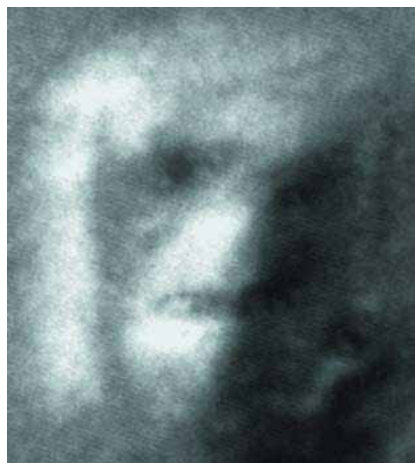


Viking mission images, declared, 'Hey this looks like a face!' and promptly wrote on the envelope



where the photographs were stored. The name stuck. Well, in 1976 resolution it definitely looked like a face. NASA Viking Frame 35A72

It really does look like a face.



In 1979, NASA revealed an apparently misfiled, recently discovered, second view of the Face.

This second image had researchers shouting "Cover up!" as the image appears to show more detail and less shadow on the right-hand side of the



face, revealing recognisable human-like features not visible in the first image. Then in 1998 in an attempt to put the story to bed for good, NASA released a much higher resolution image from the Mars Global Surveyor probe. (see bottom, 1st column)

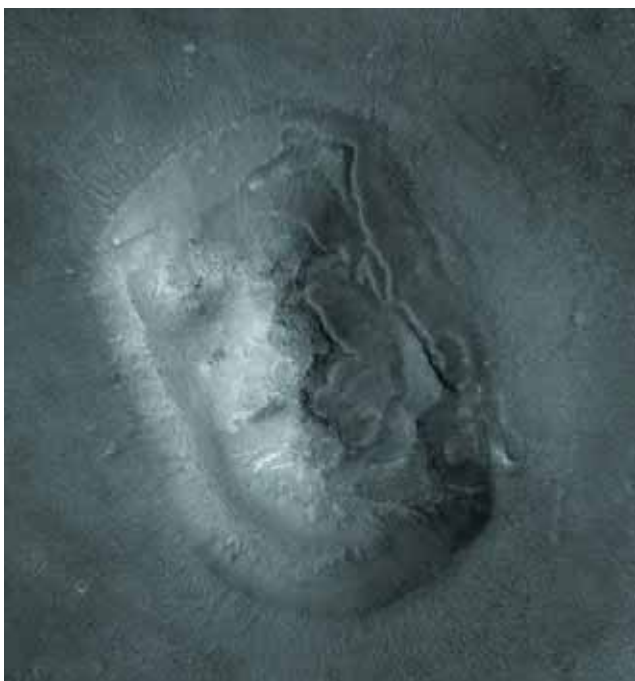
In typical NASA style, feeding the conspiracists what they wanted, NASA released a washed-out unprocessed image that was shown upside down. There was very little to resemble the original images from 1976 and what looked like a face now looked just like a very eroded rock formation.

Answering claims of cheat, fraud, cover-up etc., it seems those nice people at NASA decided to give the UFO public what they wanted. In

2001, an opportunity arose from the extended mission of the Mars Global Surveyor mission to photograph the 'Face' in near perfect conditions.

Some of the original features could be seen: an eye socket, part of the mouth, nose and the overall head-like shape were still there.

Using Photoshop filters, I degraded the resolution of the 2001 image to give it similar lighting and clarity. The result was quite amazing. I had managed to recreate the image rediscovered in 1979 (*taken by Viking 1n 1976*) almost perfectly, so I am happy in the assumption that all images

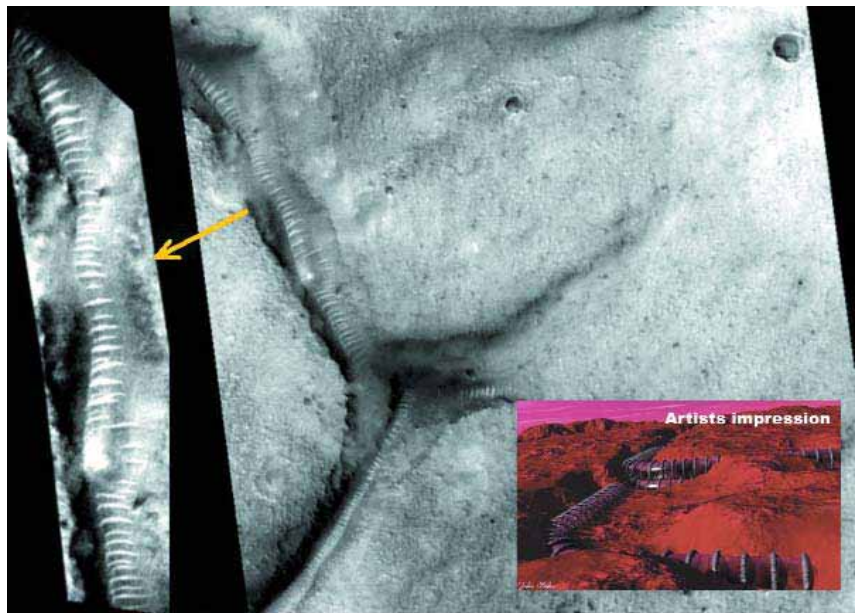


presented by NASA that represent the Face are genuine and that no effort has been made to alter or confuse the images.

Once again I hear myself talking like a debunker, but I'm not finished with 'The Face On Mars' just yet.

What if a civilisation that once occupied our nearest planetary neighbour took it upon themselves to leave a message for distant travellers who might one day decide to explore their world? And what if that message was so accurately designed to be recognised by a civilisation who had

advanced technologically to a point that their 1976 abilities would recognise a structure as an image they could relate to i.e. a face - a human face. Would that not then get these explorers interested in Mars, sufficiently to come and take a look at what they had discovered? Is that not exactly what has happened here? As explorers, we should go and investigate the evidence presented. Remember those early Viking images did not just show a Face. In the same vicinity, there are structures that resemble pyramids and what some believe are ruins, but yet, just like the 'Shard' discussed earlier, we chose to go to rather less interesting places on the surface of the Red Planet.



STRANGE TUBE LIKE STRUCTURES DISCOVERED ON SURFACE



*Tom Van Flandern (left)
Richard Hoagland (right).*

Dr Tom Van Flandern, a scientist by profession, has also taken a keen interest in Mars and some other very strange features that have been extracted from NASA photographic record of that planet.

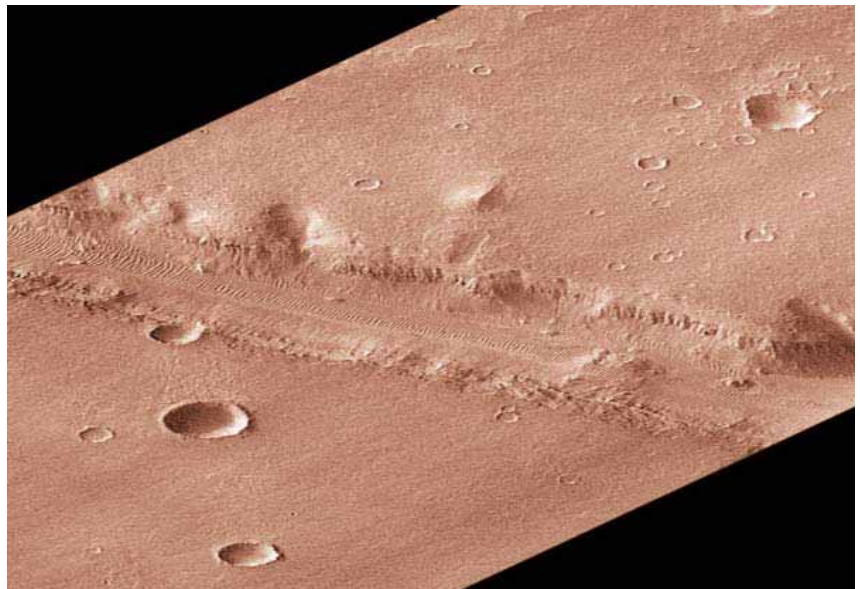
Tom's lectures are available to watch for free via the internet on YouTube.

Just log on to www.youtube.com and search for uforuss (that's me) I have uploaded his complete Leeds lecture and I'm sure you will find some of the imagery absolutely unbelievable.

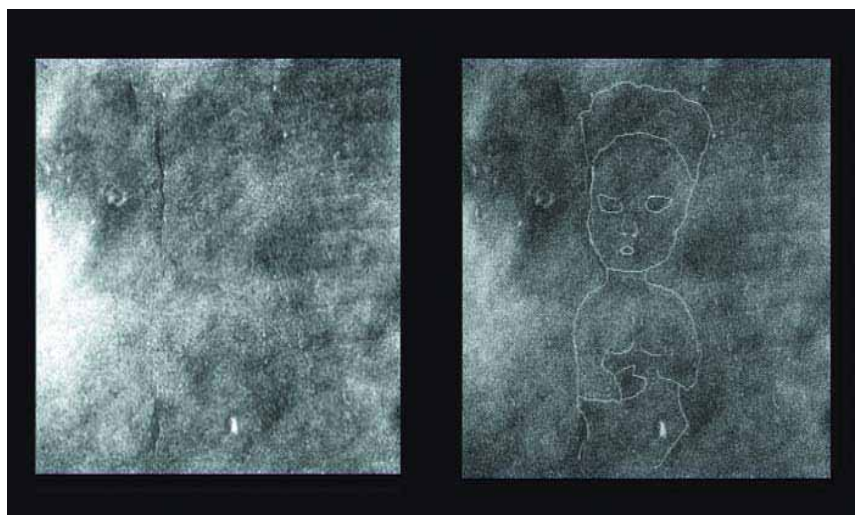
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If you enter the above link directly into your web browser you will find all Dr Van Flandern's lecture slides available to view.

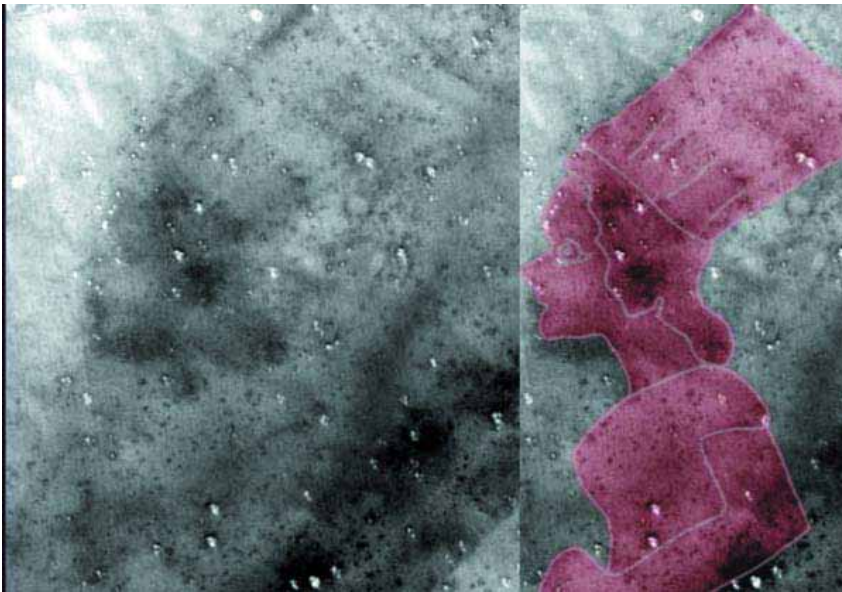
Across the page you will see some of the more unusual discoveries made by Dr Van Flandern. Some of these images are extremely difficult to ignore.



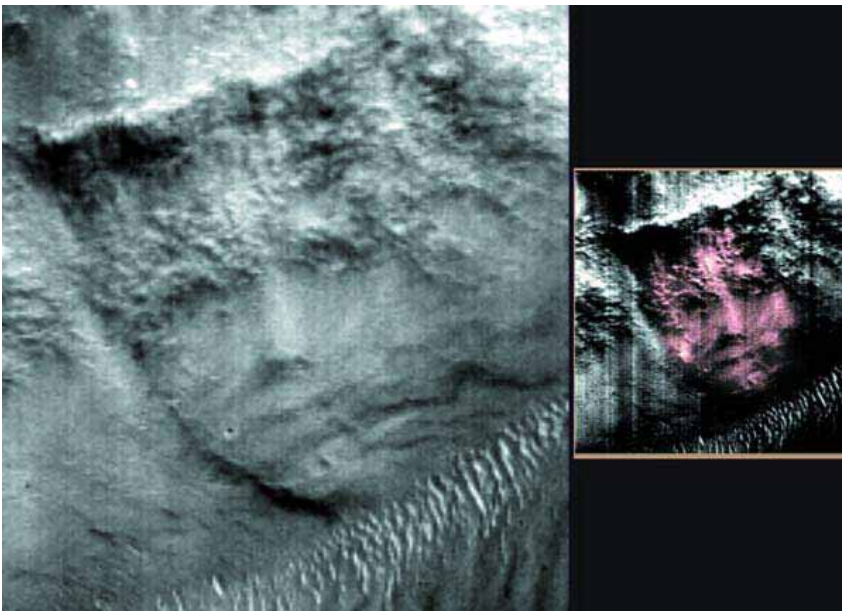
DID SOMETHING HUGE CROSS THE PLANETS SURFACE?



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PROBABLY THE MOST STRIKING IMAGE PRESENTED BY DR VAN FLANDERN, NO SHADOWS NO WIERD LIGHT JUST A CHILD'S FACE. THE IMAGE IS UNDENIABLE...



Just recently this 2004 Rover image caught the media's attention for a day or so...

Would it be the proof that science wanted? Imagine capturing the first image of an extraterrestrial creature with an approved and undeniable source of evidence, NASA.

After all, the only organisation that is active on the Martian surface is NASA and they have several high resolution cameras fitted to their remote-controlled rover vehicles. The rovers transmit image after image and all these images (we are told) are available to download and examine via various official internet sites.

Built into the NASA machine is a public domain policy for both video and images, and rightly so, it's the American tax payer who funds NASA's little jaunts and in true American tax payers fashion, all discoveries made by NASA go into the public domain, even though it took years for NASA to admit they were told by programme managers not to launch the disastrous Challenger shuttle mission as the technology had never been proven in the freezing conditions that caused the 'O ring' to fracture and blow the crew of seven, shuttle and booster assembly to smithereens. But that's another story.

Back to the image in question.

Although transmitted from Mars back in 2004, the high resolution image from where this strange photograph was derived was available on the internet. It took researchers who painstakingly examine every image trasmitted from Mars for anomalies four years to make this interesting discovery.

The image depicts what appears to be a creature straddling a rocky outcrop. Whats more, with a little enhancement, the creature seems to be looking straight down the camera lens.

If you were to compare the image with a known lifeform, you would have to suggest it looks very similar to the classic Patterson 'Bigfoot' caught on cine film back in October 1967. Although the actual film is thought to be of nothing more than a guy in suit, the similarity between the images is uncanny. (See next page)



PATTERSON
BIGFOOT
(left)

MARS
IMAGE
(right)

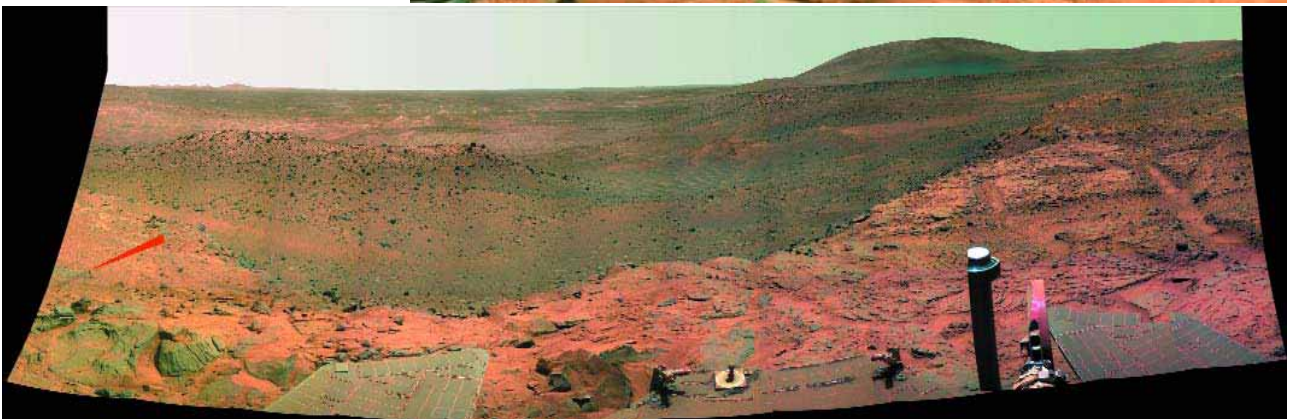
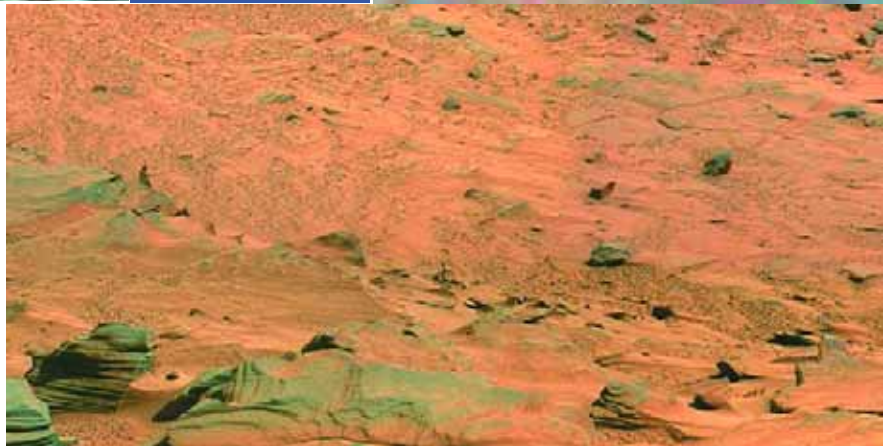
SIMILARITIES

THICK THIGHS
HEAVY HEAD
ARM SWING
LOW BREASTS
STARE



Now the debunkers were quick to jump on the bandwagon and declare the Mars image was nothing more than a tiny fragment of rock very close to the camera and the UFO nuts had not done any homework or real research as usual. Well the image was taken from a hi-res panorama and it took quite a magnified view to find the 'figure'.

If this was an object very close to the camera, then you would expect it to cover more pixels in the frame but it is not.



As you can see from the original image above, the detail captured in the Rover images is quite something. The 'creature' is situated at the point of the red arrow on a cliff edge and congratulations are in order to the researcher who discovered the image in the first place.

Whether or not we are seeing a real creature is something for debate, but

the press certainly had a field day when the discovery was released.

The *Daily Telegraph* reported it like this back in January:

Bigfoot on Mars? NASA captures alien figure

By Gary Cleland
Last Updated: 12:01am GMT
23/01/2008

Is this the picture that proves that there is life on Mars? And the existence of Bigfoot?

It certainly is - if you believe the current crop of rumours whizzing around cyberspace after the image was captured on the surface of the Red Planet.

The photograph, taken in 2004 by the Mars explorer Spirit, appears to show a human shaped object that

looks startlingly like previous photographs purporting to have captured Bigfoot.

Unsurprisingly, conspiracy theorists have had a field day. One blogger wrote: "My first thought: It's Bigfoot! If you show me another rock in another photo of Mars that naturally looks like that, I will reconsider. "Doesn't look very much alive though."

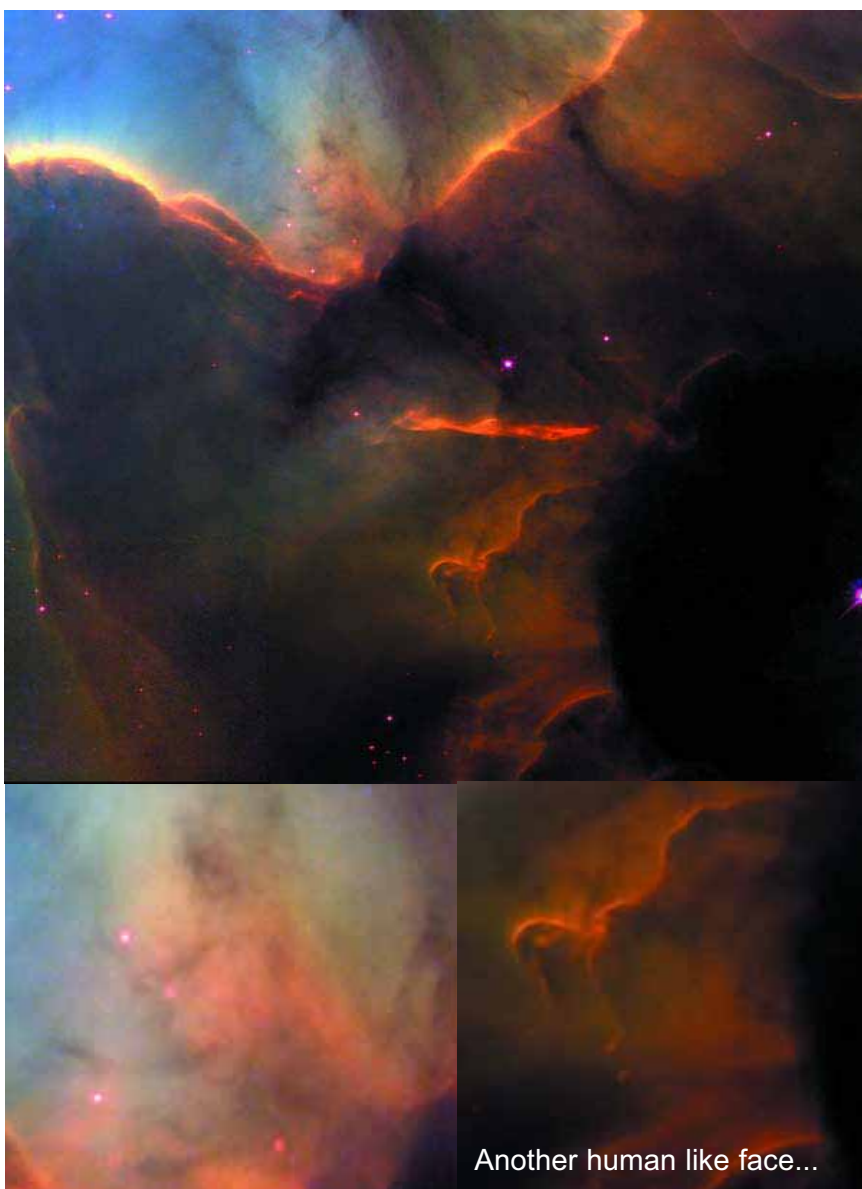
Another added: "These pictures are amazing. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw what appears to be a naked alien running around on Mars." and one more said: "It's definitely Bigfoot. That's why we've not been able to find him on Earth, he's gone to Mars."

However not everyone is convinced - one blogger despaired: "Ah, the human eye can be tricked so easily." Spirit, sent to Mars to capture images from the surface of the planet, is one half of a \$820m (£410m) mission, along with its twin explorer, Opportunity. It landed on Mars in January 2004 for a three month mission to search Gusev Crater, a rock strewn stretch of soil that scientists believe could be the bed of an ancient lake. If Mars once had surface water, it had the potential to support life.

In our final selection of unusual images we go much deeper into space through the eyes of the Hubble Space Telescope.

Images observed by the Hubble originate many, many light years from Earth, so what we see are images from the past. Some are thousands and thousands of years old, as the light takes as many years to reach us. If an image is from a thousand light years away, then that image is a thousand years old but that distance is relatively close.

The image we are to study is of the Triffid Nebula, one of the most beautiful images captured by the Hubble. Recently I was contacted by a reader of our magazine who asked me if I had noticed anything strange about the image. As soon as I looked again, I started to see what our reader was seeing and some of it is quite disturbing.



Do you see what I see?

This haunting image jumps right out of the picture once you have identified it and it looks like what we call the Devil. It appears to be looking down on something. I am fully aware that this nebula is light years across, but our reader who spotted these anomalies theorised that light is compressed as it travels vast distances. Likewise it expands as it travels away from us and what we see is a hugely magnified version of the original image (remember it's his theory).

It seems that the human face, or a face recognised by humans, can be found almost anywhere and if there is some truth behind all these speculative ideas and claims then, as science now accepts, life could be every-

where - and life similar to us.

Science now accepts that life on Earth may have come from the stars and it seems some life has left messages to be found by explorers who come their way.

Human kind has only just started to walk in galactic time terms and where we are now we consider amazing. I believe we have much further to go and quite possibly there are waymarkers out there to guide us. What's more, I believe we have started to find those wayposts along our journey and that messages have been left for us to find when our evolution is at the right point in time. I believe we are there...

Russel Callaghan.



THE COLD WAR

UFOs...

We term the period after the end of World War II right up to the early 1990s the Cold War, a time when the USA and Russia along with each one's respective allies, the UK included, did their utmost to pre-empt World War III, each one stockpiling weapons that would totally destroy the planet as a habitable world. Some say we are still attempting such results in the way we are abusing the planet on a daily basis.

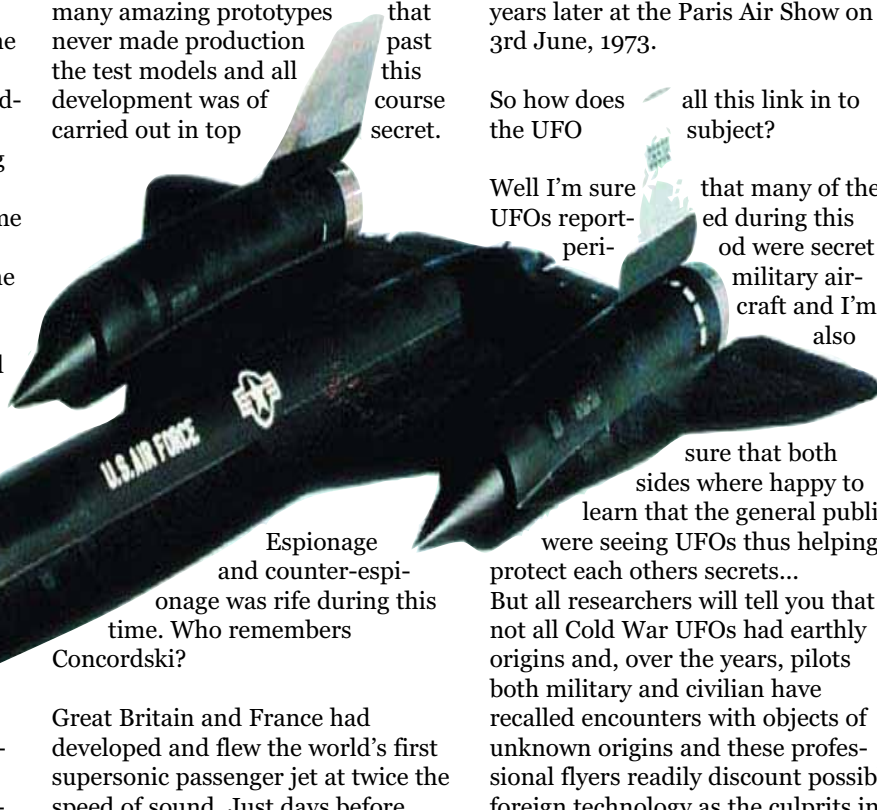
However, during that testing period in our modern history, each side was trying its best to outwit each other and some brilliant minds were working overtime on both sides in the attempt to dominate its rival.

When it came down to technology, much

was developed during this time and none more so than in the area of military aviation.

Spy planes (like the SR71 Blackbird) capable of speeds around Mach 5,

supersonic fighters and bombers and many amazing prototypes that never made production past this course secret. The test models and all development was of carried out in top



Espionage and counter-espionage was rife during this time. Who remembers Concorde?

Great Britain and France had developed and flew the world's first supersonic passenger jet at twice the speed of sound. Just days before Concorde's maiden flight, the Soviet Union had its own Tupelov tu144 flying and looking remarkably like the Anglo-French masterpiece.

Ironically that it should crash some years later at the Paris Air Show on 3rd June, 1973.

So how does all this link in to the UFO subject?

Well I'm sure that many of the UFOs reported during this period were secret military aircraft and I'm also

sure that both sides were happy to learn that the general public were seeing UFOs thus helping protect each others secrets...

But all researchers will tell you that not all Cold War UFOs had earthly origins and, over the years, pilots both military and civilian have recalled encounters with objects of unknown origins and these professional flyers readily discount possible foreign technology as the culprits in their encounters.

In the Jan/Feb issue of *UFO DATA Magazine*, David Cayton presented

the case of US Airforce pilot, Milton Torres, who was ordered to open fire on an unidentified target back in the 1950s. David has more information to offer on this case a little further on, but recently ,Philip Mantle came across an interesting case from RAF Sopley.

year as an Air Traffic Control Officer. RAF Sopley was a wartime bunker, which had been converted into a joint military/civilian Air Traffic Control Radar Unit (ATCRU): it closed in 1974 when both the civil and military ATC functions were transferred to West Drayton.

encountered.

Emanating from a point some twenty nautical miles east of the eastern extremity of the Salisbury Plain Danger Area were a series of six or seven blips moving on a south-easterly track each being separated from the other by about six miles. At about forty miles from the point they appeared on radar they disappeared to be followed almost immediately by a replacement at the point of origin.

I put the FPS 6 Height Finder onto some returns to discover that they were about 3000 feet when they came into radar cover and climbing extremely rapidly so that, by the time they disappeared from radar, they were in excess of 60,000 feet. To climb to such a height in only forty miles was beyond the ability of any fighter aircraft at the time.

The phenomenon was witnessed by four civil and six military controllers on duty at the time.

I called Heathrow Radar to discover that they, also, were seeing a similar picture. The same situation prevailed in the Fighter Control Operations Rooms at RAF Neatishead. The three units involved operated different radars from each other thus different frequencies were in use. The weather forecast from the south of England was calm and sunny. I called the Met Office to confirm the strength of the upper winds to find that they were also relatively calm and were about fifty degrees off the southeasterly track of the blips; they also confirmed that there were not Met balloons/probes airborne at the time.



RAF SOPLEY UFO - 1971

By Philip Mantle

At the UFO DATA conference in October 2007, I met up with veteran UFO investigator, David Beezer. I've known David for many years and he has regularly attended many of our public events. David wanted me to read a report he had received from a former RAF officer, but on the day I simply did not have the time. David made me a copy of the report in question and I read it a day or two after the conference had finished.

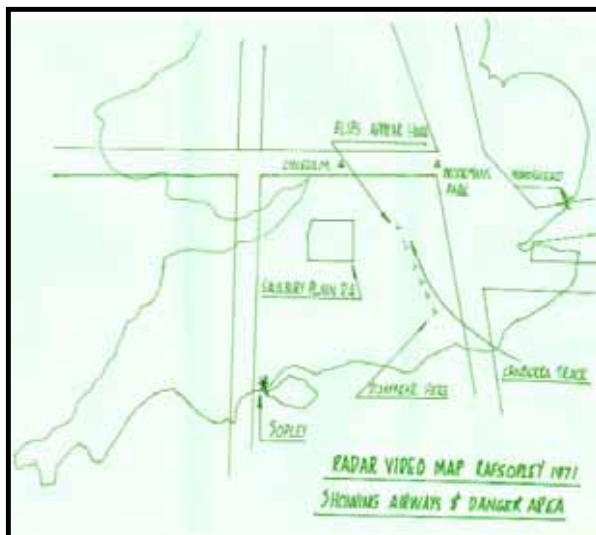
The report came from a Mr. Alan Turner MBE and concerned a UFO observed on radar at RAF Sopley in the summer of 1971. I subsequently contact Mr. Turner and have his permission to document the following. His report is published in full.

Alan Turner was aged twenty-five when he joined the Royal Air Force in 1966 and was commissioned that

Alan Turner remained in the RAF eventually to command the Central ATC School from 1990 to 1992. In July, 1995, he was discharged from the RAF with the rank of Wing Commander.

This is Wing Commander Turner's account of what he personally observed at RAF Sopley in the summer of 1971 in full:

In the summer of 1971, I was the Duty Military Supervisor at RAF Sopley, which was a joint military/civil Air Traffic Control Radar Unit (ATCRU). It was a Tuesday afternoon but I cannot remember the exact date. The Duty Civil Supervisor drew my attention to a situation on radar the likes of which neither of us had ever





The winds were not strong enough, nor in the right direction, to cause the blips to travel on their observed track especially at the speed they were travelling. It was estimated that they were doing around 250 knots, but it must be borne in mind that this was a lateral speed as seen on radar - they must have been travelling very much faster to climb over 50,000 feet in less than forty miles. Equally the weather was such that there were no 'angels' to affect the radar picture. "Angels" was a euphemism for, what were believed to be, ionized pockets of air which, under very specific atmospheric conditions, were often seen on radar screens in those days: when seen, these 'angels' traveled extremely slowly simply drifting along haphazard tracks. In those days all radars were 'raw'. That is to say that, whatever was within the coverage of the radar envelope and capable of bouncing (returning) the radar pulse back to the receiver, would be seen on the radar tube. Today's radars are computerised thus such interference is processed out so as not to affect the picture.

Looking around for some other method of checking what was going on, I discovered that a controller had two Canberras on frequency returning from Germany. One of the pilots agreed to investigate so I assumed control of his aircraft and, having

confirmed he was in good visual met conditions, I vectored him on to the blips keeping him regularly updated on their position relative to the Canberra. The aircraft was flying at around nineteen thousand feet and when it got within a mile or so of one particular blip, the pilot reported, in a very agitated voice, that his radar had picked something up heading down his port side by about a quarter of a mile and 'climbing like the clappers', it was on a reciprocal heading to the Canberra. The pilot admitted that

neither he nor his navigator made any visual contact and confirmed that the weather conditions were such that they would have had no difficulty seeing something that close.

The whole episode lasted for twenty minutes or more before the blips stopped appearing. I impounded the R/T tapes and the Radar Video film and made appropriate entries in the log. Each person in the Ops Room who witnessed the incident was required to write a report. The Squadron Leader in charge of Operations collated the reports and informed higher authority. Within a couple of days I was interviewed in the Squadron Leader's office by two men who were not identified to me. I, along with all the others in the Ops Room on the day in question, were told in no uncertain terms not to relate what we had seen until cleared to do so. About four years later I was serving at RAF Wattisham when the Station Commander asked to see me. I was told that he had a communication from the MoD about the incident at Sopley and that as 'nothing could be confirmed' the situation was such that doubt would be cast on anything I said about it. I took this to mean that I was no longer to remain silent.

I am at a loss to explain what I, and



many other people, saw. In those days aircraft could not climb at such a rate. To be seen on displays by three different ground radars, plus the airborne radar in the Canberra, is also a mystery. The weather conditions were very definitely VMC or Visual Met Conditions; the aircraft was clear of cloud by at least a thousand feet vertically and with a forward visibility of at least five nautical miles.

Alan Turner MBE 10th November 2007.

In Mr. Turner's letter to be dated 10th November, 2007, he apologised for not remembering the exact date of the incident and believes that there are those out there that will use this to discredit his account. I'll leave you with his final comments on the incident; "Please use the information in any way you see fit; I stand by what I saw because I know what I saw."

Colleagues and I intend to submit a Freedom of Information request to the UK Ministry of Defence, and should we obtain any further information we will of course publish it due course.

Thanks must go to David Beezer for supplying the information and contact details and special thanks to Alan Turner MBE for allowing me to publish his account.

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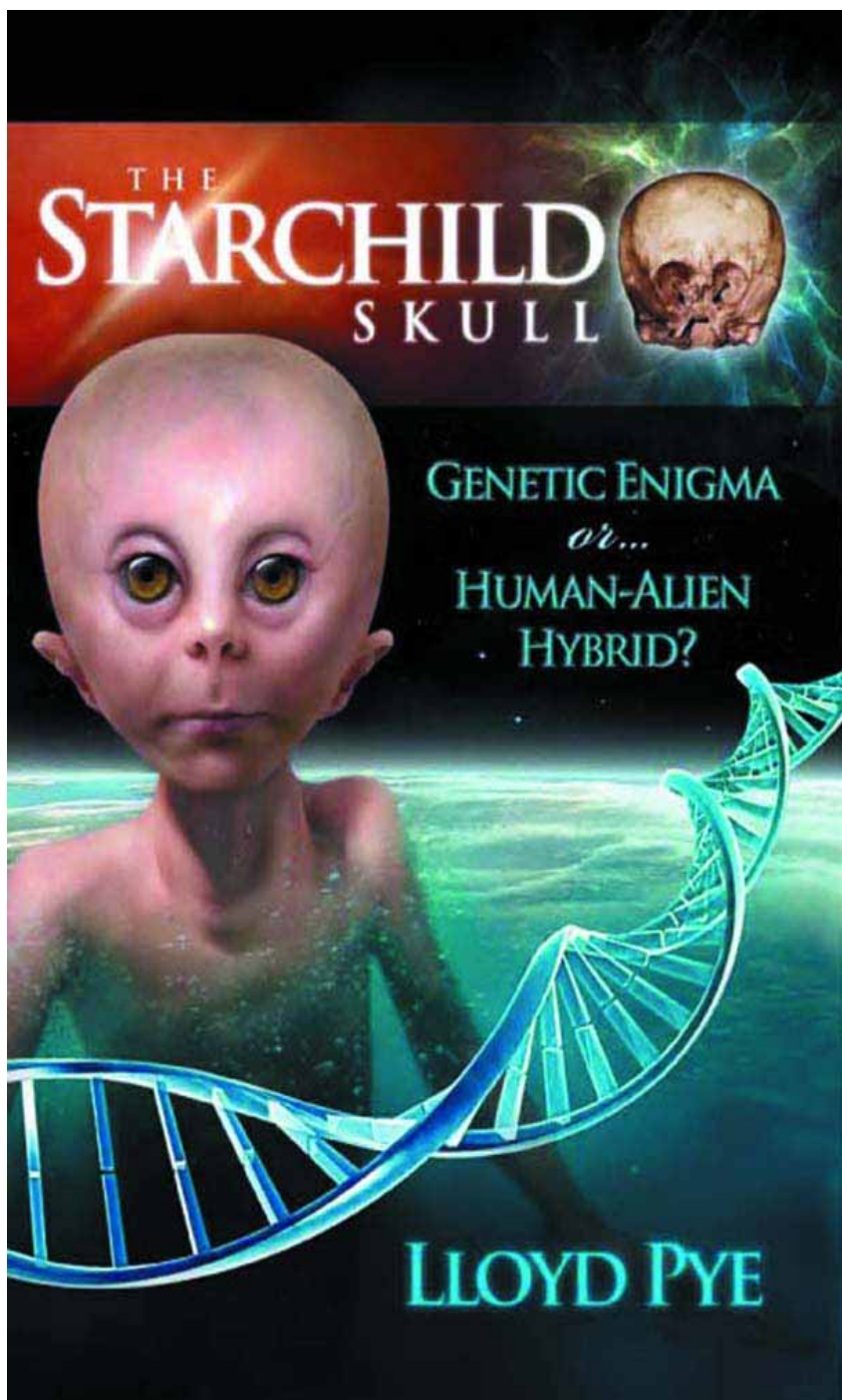
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THE STARCHILD IS OUT OF THIS WORLD...

And New Technology Can Finally Prove It!

Lloyd Pye

Eight years of scientific testing strongly suggest that an ancient skull found in Mexico nearly eight decades ago is something other than entirely human. In fact, the skull known as the "Starchild" might well prove to be the first biological relic confirmed

by DNA testing to be a human-alien hybrid.



This remarkable skull is now on the verge of making history as large as

history can be made. How it came to be in that improbable position is revealed in a new book, *The Starchild Skull - Genetic Enigma or Human-Alien Hybrid?*, which recounts my eight years of dragging the skull from expert to expert, seeking those with enough intellectual curiosity to take it seriously and to apply rigorous scientific testing to it, and then have the courage to put their names to their results. It hasn't been easy. What follows is an abbreviated outline of the events detailed in the book.

1930. In the baking high desert of northern Mexico, in a nondescript village in the general area of the Copper Canyon, a teenaged American girl arrived with her family to visit the home from which her parents had emigrated twenty years earlier. She was told to avoid the caves and abandoned mine tunnels in the area because they were dangerous. As soon as she could, she went after the forbidden fruit, and eventually ended up in a mine tunnel.

In that tunnel she found a human skeleton lying supine on the floor. Closer inspection revealed that a bony, "misshapen" hand emerged from a mound of dirt beside the skeleton, and was wrapped around one of its upper arm bones. Assuming a whole skeleton might be buried under the dirt, the girl dug with her hands to reveal a "smaller, totally misshapen" skeleton.

The girl tried to recover every bone of both skeletons, assuming she could find a way to carry them back into the US without her parents or siblings finding out about it. She hid them under a tree, but unfortunately a torrential downpour washed all the bones away-except the two skulls (minus their mandibles) and a broken piece of maxilla from the misshapen one.

As the girl grew up and entered her adult years, she varnished the skulls and put them in a cardboard box, keeping them as ghoulish souvenirs from her first sojourn in Mexico. And so they stayed until her impending death in the early 1990s, when she passed them to friends in her hometown of El Paso, Texas. Those friends eventually passed them to another

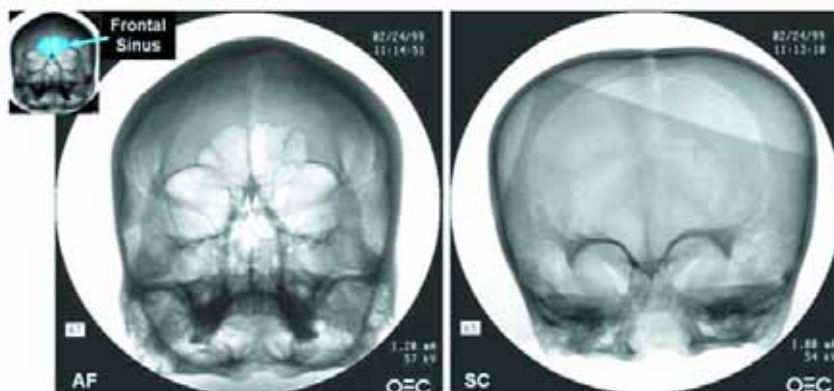
couple, Ray and Melanie Young, who had a unique skill-set for evaluating what until then was assumed by its owners to be a "genetic deformity".

1998. For several years, Melanie Young was a neonatal nurse dealing with all forms of human deformity. From the moment she first held the weird skull in her hands, she felt it wasn't a "normal" human deformity. It was too light by far, weighing half of what a normal human skull that size should weigh, and it was entirely too symmetrical. Normal human deformity is anything but symmetrical. This skull was *more* symmetrical than a typical human, so she strongly suspected it might be something else. But what?

As it happened, Melanie and Ray were members of the El Paso chapter of MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network. In consultation with a friend there, they had to admit it looked much like the shape and size of a skull that would fit perfectly inside the head of a stereotype "Grey" alien. After agreeing on that, they decided to have the skull scientifically tested to establish its genetic heritage conclusively. They contacted me and asked if I would undertake the task of bringing it to appropriate experts to determine what it might be, and, if that seemed to warrant more detailed analysis, then such analysis would be arranged and carried out. It seemed simple enough. It was anything but.

1999. The first scientific test of the

areas of deformity while being otherwise normal. Also, no sign of frontal sinuses were visible, not even vestigial buds. This was considered highly unusual. The most striking result, however, was that the associated piece of upper right maxilla had impacted teeth in it, indicating that the skull had belonged to a child in the range of five or six at death. Based on that seemingly solid piece of evidence about it, we named it "the Starchild".



Next came analysis by a pair of anthropologists at the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. (They are among the few experts not identified in the book, by either their own request to go unnamed, or my decision not to reveal names if that only served to make them look bad. I believe they all were doing their jobs—rightly or wrongly—as they felt they needed to do them. I can see no reason to be hurtful to them for no reason other than to be hurtful.)

infancy to explain the extreme flattening at the rear of the head.

However, at that point I knew hydrocephaly would not leave the noticeable crease along the sagittal suture separating the two expanded parietals, and I knew cradleboarding flattened only a small



area from inion to crown on a normal human, and the flattening was as flat as the board an infant's head would be strapped to as its mother did her work.

The skull found with the Starchild exhibited this common flattening, but the Starchild did not. Its flattened area was three or four times as great, and its natural convolutions were clearly visible. It had grown into its shape because its genes directed it to do so, and if that were true, then those genes could not be entirely human. My initial perception of the strange skull was that it was, in all likelihood, a bizarre deformity of some kind. For it to be otherwise—for it to be alien or an alien-human hybrid falling into my hands—would be equivalent to the Dead Sea Scrolls falling into the hands of the goat herder. But I was beginning to suspect that maybe such lightning had struck again.

Denver. The turning point for me came in Denver, Colorado, when a brain specialist made a number of startling discoveries about the Starchild's brain. (This doctor made a specific request that I not name him.) First, its capacity was astounding. Normal human adult craniums contain an average of 1400 cubic



skull was a radiographic X-ray analysis carried out in Las Vegas, Nevada. The weird skull's bone was shown to be uniformly thin throughout, rather than exhibiting the usual thinness in

These two specialists felt the skull was the result of hydrocephaly to explain the extraordinary bulge of the upper rear parietals, combined with the effect of cradleboarding in

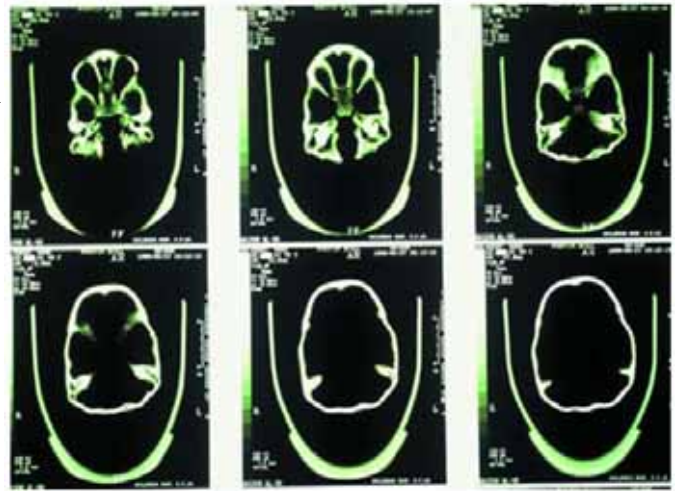
centimeters of brain matter. A small-stature adult or a child of about twelve-which was the Starchild's size-would have a brain in the range of 1200 cc. The Starchild had a brain volume of 1600 cc, which baffled the specialist. Even considering the extreme shallowness of the eye orbits, the missing frontal sinuses, and the expansion of the parietals, he could not account for an increase of fully 1/3 the normal human volume.

He also found that the steep rear angle of the brain pressing down on the foramen magnum-the opening where the spine entered the cranium-made it unlikely that the cerebellum could have maintained its proper position at the base of the cerebrum. In addition to its steeply canted angle (visible in several of many photos at www.starchildproject.com), the inner support structure of bone flanges (the saggital sulcus and transverse sulcus) was so reduced as to be ineffective as a support mechanism for the cerebellum. The expert could only conclude that the Starchild's brain was made of something denser than normal human brain matter, or it didn't have a cerebellum in the way human cerebellums are understood. Either conclusion was enough to bolster my growing suspicion that the Starchild was not entirely human.

Lincoln. In Lincoln, Nebraska, an

would have put the Starchild's eyeballs- assuming it had eyeballs-well below where human eyes normally were positioned. Also, their inner surface areas, while astonishingly shallow, were symmetrical to an equally astonishing degree. This expert could not imagine how those eye sockets-as bizarre as they were-could be the result of deformity. Again, the Starchild's genes seemed to have told them to grow that way, and if that were true, I could only conclude that they weren't normal human genes.

New Orleans. In my home city of New Orleans, Louisiana, Dr. Joseph Smith, a chief radiologist at a children's hospital, arranged a CAT scan that established none of the Starchild's cranial sutures were fused in any way. He ruled out deformity as a result of cranial suture fusion-especially the crease in the saggital suture between the expanded parietals. Also, inexplicably, the



University of California at Davis. Researchers Jason Eshleman and Ripan Malhi found that burial in a mine tunnel for 900 years was like preserving both skulls in a climate-controlled storage locker. The human skull produced an easy recovery of its mitochondrial DNA, showing it was from a common haplogroup for Mesoamericans, haplogroup A. Its nuclear DNA was also recovered easily, showing it was a female. One down, one to go.

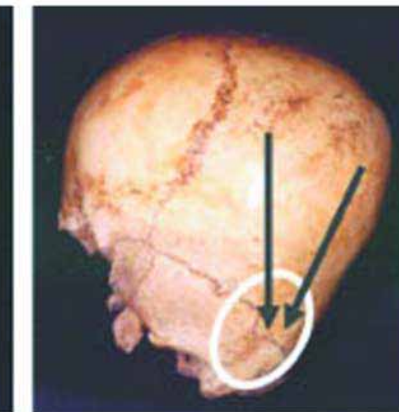
The Starchild's mitochondrial DNA-inherited from and passed along only the female line-was recovered as easily as its companion's, and proved to be of a separate Mesoamerican haplogroup, haplogroup C. This meant that even though their relationship was such that the female appeared to bury the Starchild and then laid down beside it to die (most likely by suicide), they were not, as we had assumed, a mother and child. That left us with only the definitive test to complete: What about the Starchild's nuclear DNA, which would reveal the genetic heritage of both of its parents?

Right out of the box there was a problem. Relative to a normal human, the Starchild's bone had proved extremely difficult to cut, even though it was half as thick and half as heavy as normal human bone. Then, when Jason and Ripan put it into normal solvents for dissolving human bone, it resisted those routine attempts to break it down.

Ultimately, a very powerful solvent had to be administered to get the bone into a condition to be tested, after which six attempts brought no



ophthalmologist surgeon named Fred Mausolf studied the Starchild's extraordinarily shallow eye sockets. He found them to be unlike normal human eye sockets in virtually every way. The foramen openings for both the optic nerves and the associated nerves and blood vessels needed to make a human eyeball function properly were skewed down and inside to the middle part of the nose, which



Starchild's inner ears were shown to be on the order of twice normal size and, once again, perfectly symmetrical. Then Carbon 14 analysis showed that death for both skulls had occurred 900 years ago, \pm 40 years.

2003. The Holy Grail of biological testing, DNA analysis, was carried out by Trace Genetics in the summer of 2003 using equipment at the

recovery at all-not even a trace of nuclear DNA.

How could that be? In the first place, if the Starchild's bone was from a normal human, normal solvents should have easily dissolved it. Secondly, after 900 years in optimum preservation conditions, the small degree of degradation in the bone should have made it easy to recover its nuclear DNA, as was the case with the female's. And why was it that only the Starchild's nuclear DNA resisted recovery, not its mitochondrial DNA?

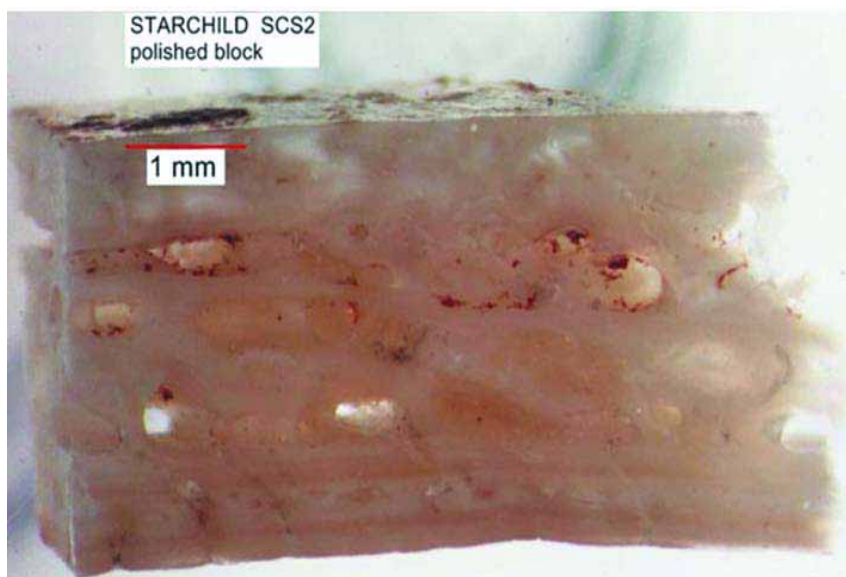
There was only one plausible answer: something was "wrong" with its father's DNA. Somehow Dad's contribution to the Starchild's genetic package had produced a genome that would not respond to the chemical primers used to recover segments of human nuclear DNA.

What could be done about this frustrating technical stalemate? According to Jason and Ripan, nothing, at least not in the short term. They told me that in 3 to 5 years they expected the headlong rush of their field's technical improvements to create an atmosphere in which problems like ours with the Starchild would be resolved. So what, I asked them, could I do now? "Get the bone's biochemistry tested," they told me. They wanted an explanation for why it had been so difficult to cut when they removed their samples.

London. I spent all of 2004 in London getting as many tests done as we could manage with our time and resources. One of the first things we did was arrange an analysis by the scanning electron microscope at the Royal Holloway Scientific Institute outside London. It revealed something utterly astonishing: embedded in the matrix of the Starchild's bone were fibers of some kind, fibers which seemed to be incredibly durable because they had been shredded rather than sheared by the cutting blade that removed the bone samples from the skulls. Such fibers had never been found in any other bone in any other animal species on Earth, so this was yet another blinking red neon sign that the Starchild skull represented something extraordinary.

Later, forensic geologist, Dr. Ken Pye (no relation to me), discovered at his laboratory outside London that a red residue of some kind was scattered in the Starchild's cancellous holes.

Normally upon death, corpses activate a wide array of internal bacteria that scour every vestige of marrow from the cancellous holes in every bone, leaving them, in effect, sparkling clean. So the residue discovered in the Starchild's cancellous holes was something else not found in any other bone in any known species on Earth. Certainly not in human bone, so it was more evidence of the Starchild's uniqueness.



2006. In the summer of 2006, three years exactly since discovering that the Starchild's nuclear DNA could not be recovered by the current technology, and precisely when Jason and Ripan predicted a breakthrough might occur, the breakthrough did occur. But it was not in the sensitivity of the primers used to recover DNA, as was expected. It was much, much better than that. It was a new technique that did away with primers entirely!

454 Life Sciences of Branford, Connecticut, announced that it had found a way of sequencing DNA in a base-pair by base-pair arrangement, bringing all 3.0 billion base pairs in an average human genome within eventual reach of their sequencing machines. This was astounding news, but even more astounding was that it was already being applied to sequencing the elusive nuclear DNA

of Neanderthals. Experts around the world were already hard at work on it, having sequenced the first few million base pairs, and they expected to complete the entire Neanderthal genome by the end of 2008.

While this was extremely welcome news in its own right, what flew under the radar was that this same technology could be applied to recover the entire genome of the Starchild! It meant we can now sequence every gene in every chromosome contributed by its human mother and its father, whatever he was. We will be able to recover its genome and-just as others will do with the

Neanderthal genome in 2008-we will be able to compare the Starchild's father's DNA, gene by gene, with those of normal humans to precisely determine how far or near he was relative to the human norms.

That glorious day is now expected to be sometime in 2010. It could be as early as 2009, but the best guess now is 2010, give or take a few months. Inasmuch as we have already endured eight years of this interminable wait, two years more does not seem so daunting. In fact, as I have started to say when asked, I think that after what I've been through in the preceding eight years, I can do two more standing on my head in a deep mud puddle.

Today. Upside down or upright, we can settle into the two-year wait secure in knowing every indication of numerous conclusive scientific tests

strongly suggests that we will ultimately prove beyond any reasonable doubt that the Starchild skull belonged to a being who was a product of mating—whether natural or in vitro—between a human mother and a father who was surely something other than entirely human. But will that make him an "alien" in the extraterrestrial sense of the word?

As with Neanderthals, it will depend on where his genome falls in relation to normal humans. Will it be fractionally different, or as much as 1%? Or how about 2%? Or 3%? Certainly that would make him as alien as E.T., and the Starchild's incredibly different physiology and morphology certainly points in that direction.

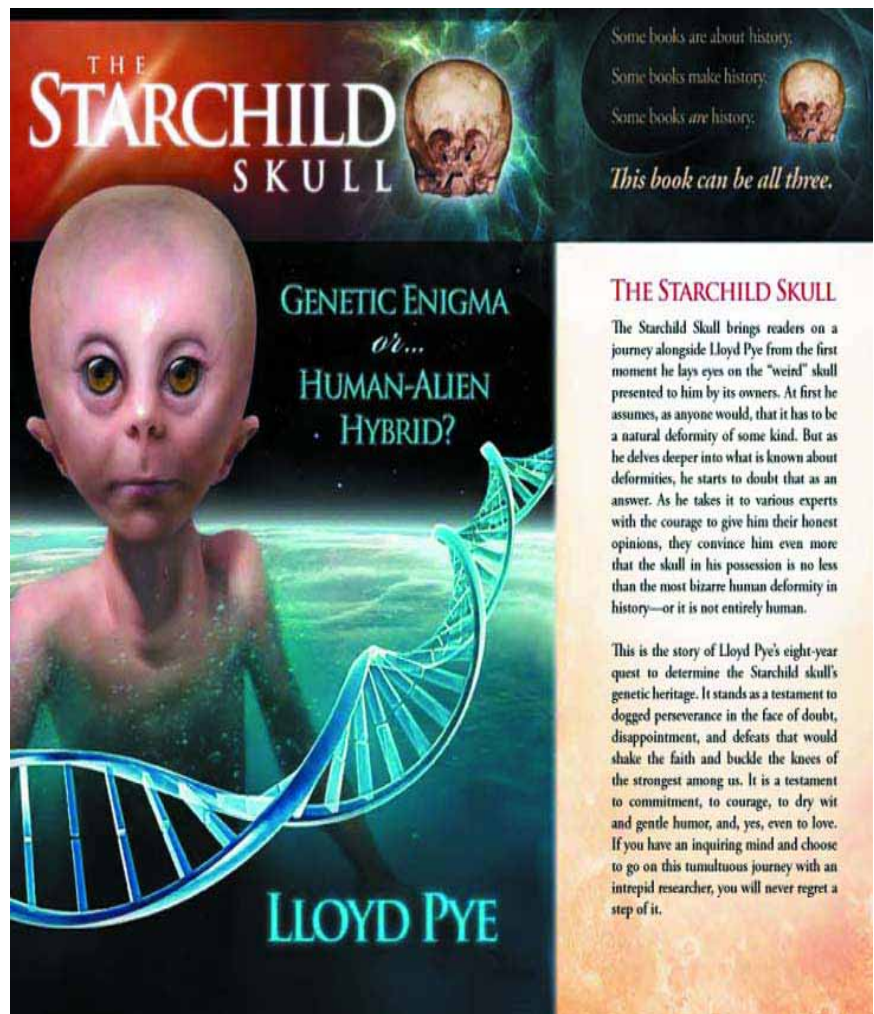
All we have to do is be patient, lay our bets, and wait.

Lloyd Pye.

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THE STARCHILD SKULL

The Starchild Skull brings readers on a journey alongside Lloyd Pye from the first moment he lays eyes on the "weird" skull presented to him by its owners. At first he assumes, as anyone would, that it has to be a natural deformity of some kind. But as he delves deeper into what is known about deformities, he starts to doubt that as an answer. As he takes it to various experts with the courage to give him their honest opinions, they convince him even more that the skull in his possession is no less than the most bizarre human deformity in history—or it is not entirely human.

This is the story of Lloyd Pye's eight-year quest to determine the Starchild skull's genetic heritage. It stands as a testament to dogged perseverance in the face of doubt, disappointment, and defeats that would shake the faith and buckle the knees of the strongest among us. It is a testament to commitment, to courage, to dry wit and gentle humor, and, yes, even to love. If you have an inquiring mind and choose to go on this tumultuous journey with an intrepid researcher, you will never regret a step of it.

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NEW RUSSIAN JET FIGHTER SU-30

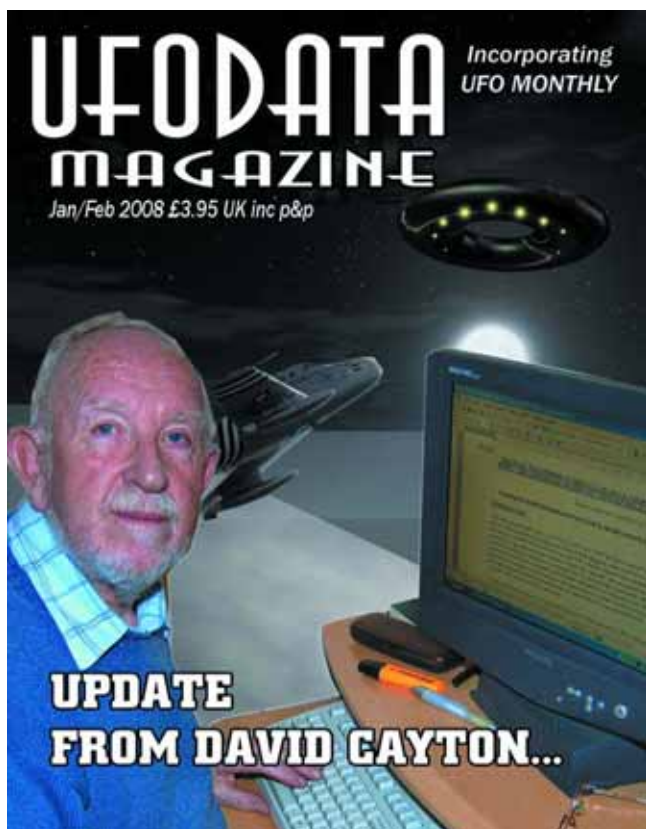


Russia now has #1 fighter plane in the world... SU-30- Vectored Thrust with Canards. As you watch this airplane, look at the canards moving along side of, and just below the canopy rail. The "canards" are the small wings forward of the main wings. The smoke and contrails provide a sense of the actual flight path, sometimes in reverse direction.

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These maneuver capabilities don't exist in any other aircraft in the world today.. Take a look at the video with the sound up. This aircraft is of concern to U.S. and NATO planners. We don't know which nations will soon be flying the SU-30MK, hopefully China isn't one of them.



UPDATE: TO ARTICLE, 'USAF PILOT ORDERED TO FIRE UPON A UFO IN OUR U.K. AIRSPACE'.

Reported by David Cayton in last month's issue, Jan/Feb. 2008.

Shortly after the last issue of *UFO DATA Magazine* went to press, more information has come my way which your magazine editors thought would be of interest. Basically there are three new items:

- 1). Pilot Milton Torres has supplied some extra detail about his cockpit weapons system and told me about visits he made to two of our RAF Bases which are relevant to his UFO encounter and his subsequent authorisation to launch his weapons by the MoD!
- 2). I had filed a FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request to the MoD about this event and now have received an informative reply.
- 3). Now from information and suggestions from a number of people, including the MoD's Air Historical Branch, I believe we can identify the Bases involved in issuing the 'Order to Fire'!

For the aviation and technical minded reader, Milton has provided fuller explanatory notes describing how his onboard computer instrumentation worked with his weapon system.

These details provide extra credence to the testimony of a courageous commissioned military officer. Later in his service career, Milton flew some 260 missions in Vietnam, flying F-100 jet fighters. Additionally, he flew many extremely

dangerous low level reconnaissance missions in a small Cessna aircraft, often flying at only a dozen or so feet, to obtain vital intelligence of Vietcong ground positions, thus being very vulnerable to enemy fire! He retired from the USAF in 1977.

Let me explain visually what I saw on my radar screen:

"Once 'lock on' is accomplished, two circles of light appear on the screen. One was a complete circle in the centre of the radar screen, about an inch in diameter, the other about 3 inches in diameter with a half inch segment darkened to indicate the overtake speed. If the dark segment was at 12 o'clock, it meant 0 (zero) overtake. If the segment was at 6 o'clock, then we had about 600 knots of overtake. (Note: 1 mile per hour = 1.15 N knot). The maximum overtake was in the 9 o'clock position. The overtake I had on this particular intercept, was in the 7 or 8 o'clock position, which indicate close to an 800 knot overtake. I was really hauling coals! To complete the descrip-

tion of the radar scope, there were two other significant pieces of data displayed. One is the horizontal indicator which gave a gyro stabilised reference to the horizon, enabling the pilot to avoid referring to his flight instruments. The second is a steering dot, which was nothing more than computer data, indicating which way the aircraft should fly to accomplish the intercept, i.e. if the dot was above centre, the stick should be pulled back to climb, if it was to the right, then a turn to the right would centre the dot. The idea was to have the dot centred in the smaller circle.

A normal intercept proceeds from the 'lock on' phase, with the constant manoeuvring to centre the dot. When the aircraft is in a position to accomplish its intercept, the dot would be centred. The outer circle will start to shrink at 20 seconds from rocket release. The circle in the centre, shrinks to about a quarter inch and keeping the dot centred, requires small rapid manoeuvres. At about the time the outer circle reaches three quarters of an inch in diameter, a small quarter inch line appears in lieu of the inner circle. This is the signal to pull the trigger for rocket release and to make only up and down corrections as the computer calculates the point of release for the azimuth. With the trigger pulled and switches set, the rockets are released by the computer." - Milton John Torres.

With only 10 seconds to go before Milton launched his full salvo of 1.75 inch Aeromite rockets (nicknamed 'Mighty Mouse') from the weapons crate slung beneath his aircraft, he



realised that his UFO target was accelerating away from him so fast it was leaving him standing even though he was still flying flat out at Mach .92 with his 'afterburner' on! In his own words, ".....my impression was, that whatever the aircraft or spacecraft was, it must have been travelling in 2 digit Mach numbers, at least Mach 10, to have done what I witnessed!"

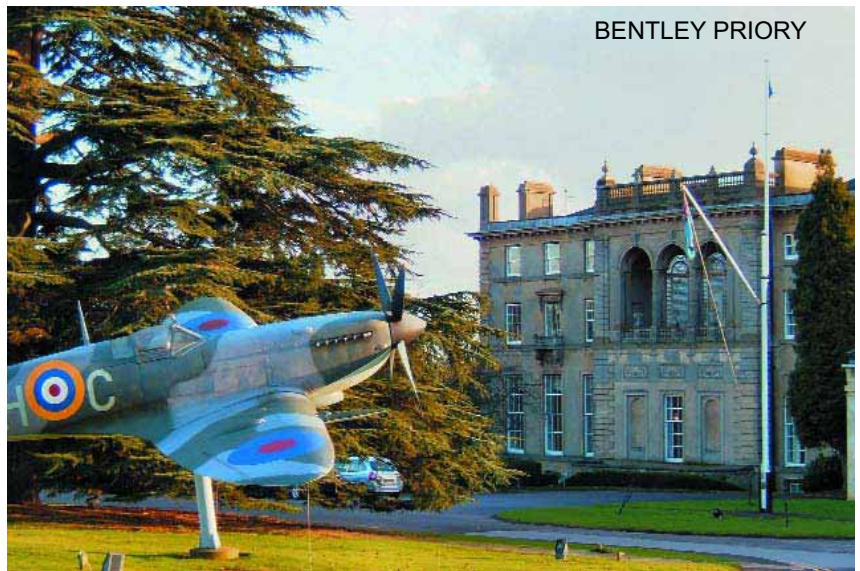
NOTE: At Mach 1, the speed of sound at sea level is approx 761mph. However, this figure varies, dependant upon atmospheric pressure and air temperature. At the altitude of 32,000 feet (the height they were at) the speed of sound would be approx 750mph. Therefore, at Mach 10, as indicated by Milton's cockpit instrumentation and to avoid his impending salvo of rockets, the UFO must have instantly accelerated up to 17,500mph!

MY FOIA REQUEST RESPONSE.

On the 17th of October, I filed a Freedom of Information Act request to the MoD, regarding this incident and any other scrambles and attempted intercepts from 27th April up to 20th May, 1957. By reviewing his personal copy of his Form F5, his flying log, Milton has now estimated that the date of this 'historic' mission was April 27th, 1957.

I eventually received a very detailed reply from the AHB2 (RAF) at RAF Bentley Priory, Stanmore, Middlesex. Not surprisingly, I was informed that they did not have any primary information sources that related to RAF Fighter Command operations on the dates in question! Therefore they were unable to confirm that any interceptor aircraft were vectored to 'unidentified' targets up the East coast during that period!

However, I was helpfully given several document references for the old RAF Fighter Command H.Q. Control & Reporting System records which include entire Unit Operations Record Books, RAF Form 540s. These were in essence a unit diary which was usually submitted monthly from each Sector Operations Commander (SOC), to the Air Defence Operations Centre (ADOC) ironically at Fighter Command H.Q. Bentley Priory! Apparently these are



all now deposited in The National Archives at Kew.

I do not personally believe that for such a serious issue, firing on a UFO, that a SOC would take sole responsibility, then inform the ADOC a month later in his routine report! Furthermore, I would expect that any such F540 date entry, recording such an incident, would probably be censored out before the F540s were released to the TNA/PRO at Kew! (Public Records Office).

Would weeks of ploughing through all these records down at Kew reveal the actual High Command order to fire and by whom precisely? Volunteers anybody! If any of these official documents did record this event, and were subsequently made available to the general public, then this would be more vital 'official' evidence which would contradict the years of MoD/Government policy regarding their repeated stance of denial, or any interest in the whole UFO issue! This particular incident certainly would be even MORE 'of major defence significance' than this declared testimony from the pilot!

It is worth noting here that there was another RAF radar report of a large UFO being tracked by radar over the Irish Sea, also during April, 1957!

This report, leaked to the press shortly after, was from RAF West Fruegh, Wigtownshire, Scotland. This incident led to questions in the House of Commons!

Furthermore, just eight months earlier, on the night of 13/14th of August, 1956, again in East Anglia, RAF Neatishead radar was involved in

tracking a UFO in the vicinities of two RAF bases occupied by the USAF, Lakenheath and Bentwaters! Apparently, this again triggered aircraft intercept attempts involving the RAF but no contact was made, or so the Air Ministry claims. The former Air Ministry DDI(Tech) and Air Intelligence Offices at RAF Fighter Command at Bentley Priory would have surely been aware and involved in the Manston scramble and UFO attack incident, as I am sure they would have been with the Lakenheath/Bentwaters incident!

Is it also more than just a coincidence that these Suffolk USAF bases are located not far from the Ipswich area where the UFO that Milton Torres was scrambled to intercept, in 1957, was tracked by radar hovering and making strange aerial motions, before it moved away eastwards and off the Suffolk coast? It would seem that there was plenty of UFO activity in this area, long before the 'Rendlesham Forest' event of 1980!

THE RAF BASES/UNITS INVOLVED WITH ORDERING THE MANSTON SCRAMBLE AND AUTHORISING THE UFO ATTACK?

First of all, to recap a little. During telephone chats with Milton in Florida, I pressed him to recall, if possible, the RAF Units he had referred to in his mission account, with whom he was always in radio contact? He frequently mentions 'GCI' (Ground Control Intercept) and 'Met Sector'? He had no problem with identifying his GCI as RAF

Bawdsey Manor on the Suffolk coast, just south a short distance from the RAF stations of Woodbridge and Bentwaters! He knew this for sure because he, along with other pilots from Manston, had been sent there on a previous liaison and familiarisation visit. I have now established that this RAF Station was No.144 Signals Unit (now closed). The Radar vectoring of enemy targets during the 'Battle of Britain' and the 'Cold War' with the subsequent radio instructions to pilots were then sent out from there, to guide them to the 'target'. It is very probable that Bawdsey were tracking the UFO from here and also possibly the Early Warning Radar Station at RAF Neatishead in Norfolk.

Milton was not sure about the location or identity of 'the Met Sector, even though he and fellow pilots were also directed to visit some secret underground base, some 15 miles north east of London. He does remember that this bunker was out in open fields with access via a small bungalow building. Alan Turnbull of www.secret-bases.co.uk thought that this the most likely location, from two he suggested? In response to my FOIA request, the MoD's Air Historical Branch (RAF) confirmed

this to be the RAF's Sector Operational Command Centre (SOC) secret 'Cold War' bunker at Kelvedon Hatch in Essex. This base was responsible for controlling the military London Metropolitan Sector area at that time ('the Met Sector'). Nowadays it is open to the public as a privately-run museum. This unit had advised Milton that the target 'blip' (the UFO) had entirely gone off the scope in just two sweeps at the GCI site and then instructed him that his mission was considered 'classified'. Furthermore he would be contacted the following day to be 'debriefed'. This was conducted by an officer from The National Security Agency (NSA)!

The commanding officer at Kelvedon Hatch (the SOC) would 'report' up to the ADOC (Air Defence Operations Centre) at RAF Fighter Command H.Q. at Bentley Priory, Stanmore.

I suggest that, almost certainly, the ORDER to fire would have been AUTHORISED by the ADOC at Bentley Priory, the order then would have been ISSUED by the Met Sector, Kelvedon Hatch and then relayed to the pilots via the GCI Signals Unit at Bawdsey. I firmly believe this would have been the

'chain of command'. Milton knew for certain that his USAF 406th. Fighter Wing was operating under the control of the RAF's 'Control and Rotor System' and the USAF would most definitely NOT be allowed to independently authorise the firing of ANY weapons in the United Kingdom airspace!

IN THE 1950s, A DIFFERENT AIR FORCE ATTITUDE IN THE UNITED STATES TO THE UFO SITUATION!

Historical records show, following a large rash of UFO sightings over the United States including two very public waves of UFOs being tracked by three different radar locations, as they flew over the Capitol Building, the Pentagon and The White House, on July 19th and July the 26th 1952! These events resulted in a major Air Force investigation. The 'sightings' were headlined in newspapers all over the United States, and in some places replaced the Democratic National Convention on the front page!

A CIA report by Gerald K. Haines so alarmed the White House, it lead the Truman administration to give the order that the flying saucers be shot down! On 26th July, 1952, the Air

Force obeyed and the Chiefs of Staff issued the order 'to shoot them down', if they refuse to land! A telegram from a number of prominent scientists, including Albert Einstein, protested the order to the White House and urged that the command be rescinded, not only in the interest of future intergalactic peace but also in the interest of self-preservation! It was also argued that extra-terrestrials would look upon an attack by the primitive jet firepower, as a breach of the universal laws of hospitality!



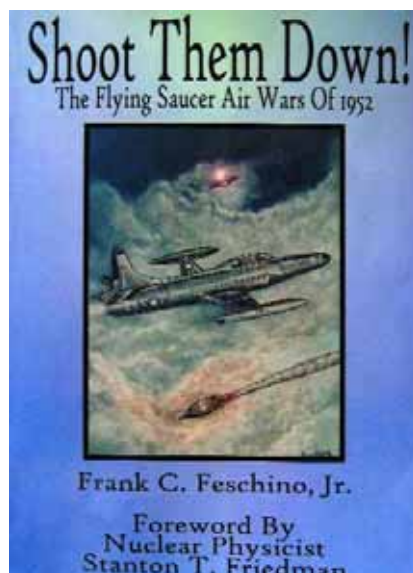
The 'shoot them down' order was consequently withdrawn on White House orders by five o'clock that afternoon! That very night, the flying saucers were back! Two days later, on July 28th, at the request of President Truman, Captain Edward Ruppelt; who had just taken over 'Project Blue Book', was called to brief Truman's air aide, Brigadier General Landry, on the Washington sightings and the phenomena itself! Timothy Good tells me that in his revised paperback version of his book, *'Need To Know'*, that the US Defence Dept. Statistics record, in just four years, 1952-56, the USAF and Navy had lost in crashes, a total of 18,662 aircraft of which 1,773 were caused by 'unknown factors'! 'Destruction or disappearance of military aircraft during interceptions of UFOs continued apace. General Benjamin Chidlaw, former commanding general of Air Defence Command, told Robert C. Gardner (ex-USAF) in 1953: "We have stacks of reports of flying saucers. We take them seriously, when you consider we have lost many men and planes trying to intercept them."(!) Furthermore, the former Air Force intelligence officer and UFO researcher, Leonard Stringfield, was told by a reliable source in the 1950s, that the Air Force was losing about a plane a day to UFOs!

Thankfully, Milton Torres and his wingman on that night in April, 1957, did not end up just being another statistic!

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As a 'postscript' I would like to mention that I have been recently been given as gift from one of my daughters a new book, only published in August of last year. This contains a mountain of more solid data which corroborates the information that I have mentioned in the last part of my article! This important new research by author Frank C. Feschino Jr. in collaboration with Stanton T. Friedman is titled: *'SHOOT THEM DOWN! The Flying Saucer Air Wars of 1952'*.

I am, so far, only up to Chapter 9. Stunning stuff. How can governments go on denying the reality of UFOs with all this hard data? After all, the Commander-in-Chief



(Truman) had authorised that his Air Force must shoot the flying saucers down! Just who added the ridiculous caveat, 'but only if they refuse to land' we will never know! Did they really believe that their pilots could have the means of communicating with the saucer crews and even if that was achievable, did they honestly think that the superior craft would respond by dutifully complying and land under escort at their Air Force base!! This book is a must read!

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Timothy Good for data from his book, *'Need to Know'*. Richard Chenery and John Hill (two of my ex-RAF photographer friends) for their recent specially-commissioned photos taken at the Kelvedon Hatch bunker and Fighter HQ, Bentley Priory, respectively. For his kind assistance, Clive Richards of the Ministry of Defence Air Historical Branch (RAF) at Bentley Priory, Stanmore. Finally, my special thanks for additional research and use of low level aerial photographs of the RAF Units and Bunkers provided by 'Pilot's Eye View, courtesy of Alan Turnbull, www.secret-bases.co.uk

If any reader has more information about this incident, or any other Air Force scrambles and UFO intercepts within the UK airspace, please contact me on 0161 483 4956, mob. 07899941291, or by email: davidacayton@hotmail.com Alternatively, contact *UFO Data Magazine*.



Georgina Bruni 1947-2008

Georgina Bruni, 1947 - 2008

As many readers will already know, Georgina Bruni passed away in January, after a long period of illness that she fought with great courage and dignity. She had kept news of her illness secret from all but a handful of family and friends, and right up until Christmas she thought she had beaten the cancer. Sadly, this was not to be and she passed away in a hospice on 19 January, surrounded by her family.

Georgina led an extraordinary life and tried her hand at a wide variety of jobs, working variously as a dancer, fashion designer and nightclub manager. She travelled extensively and at various times lived in Jersey, Italy, Hong Kong and America, before settling in London in 1992. She wrote poetry, designed a positive thinking course and founded Hot Gossip, an online magazine. She was a former director of the Yacht Club, where she was involved in hosting social events for MPs, diplomats and MoD officials. Later on she became a PR consultant and ran a social club, Le Club 2000. Georgina's parties and other events

were legendary and attracted a fascinating mix of people ranging from ambassadors to actors, from musicians to military personnel. She was a charming and generous hostess and I have many happy memories of smaller gatherings at her Knightsbridge apartment, eating Italian food (she was an excellent cook), drinking champagne and wine, and generally having a good time.

Fashion was a big part of Georgina's life. She had businesses in the UK and Hong Kong and sold her own designs. She was always immaculately turned out and I have fond memories of filming with her in Rendlesham Forest on one occasion when, to the amazement of the film crew, Georgina turned up wearing high heeled knee length boots, a glamorous coat and hat. I was wearing a stylish long black coat and a sceptical review (which she found highly amusing) described our appearance as a "fashion show in Rendlesham Forest".

Georgina had previously trained as a private detective and done some investigative journalism, which included looking into certain cults and religions, looking for evidence of links between these organisations, political figures, intelligence agencies and big business. Investigative skills learned here would come in useful when, in 1995, she first turned her attention to the UFO phenomenon. It was through some of her government and military contacts that she first heard about the Rendlesham Forest incident and in 1997 she set out to find out what she could about

this intriguing series of sightings. She threw herself into this task with an extraordinary degree of tenacity, first tracking down and re-interviewing those witnesses who had already spoken about the event. But then she turned her attention to locating and speaking to those who had not previously come forward. She had extraordinary success here and tracked down numerous witnesses and more peripheral participants who had never previously spoken out.

Those people who first went on the record with Georgina included Edward Cabansag, Fred Buran, Malcolm Zickler, Wayne Persinger, Edward Drury, Tony Brisciano, William Kirk and Rick Bobo. Gordon Williams, who had been commanding officer of RAF Bentwaters and Woodbridge at the time of the incident and who later retired from the USAF as a Major General, was another exclusive. Interestingly, he contacted Georgina and after some correspondence flew to the UK to meet her in October 1999. I had a private dinner with them during this visit and we spent several hours discussing the case and other matters.

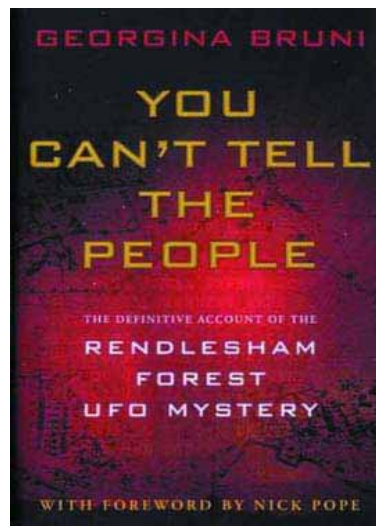
Georgina's exclusives were not confined to witnesses. Her book contains various documents (including documents from the MoD's case file and the witness statements taken by Charles Halt) and photographs, including a photo of the landing site, taken the morning after the incident. She acquired the photo from Ray Gulyas - it shows Captain Mike Verrano and PC Brian Creswell examining the clearing where the UFO was seen to land on the first night. Another scoop was tracking down Nigel Kerr, a radar operator based at RAF Watton who took a call about a UFO from Bentwaters and briefly saw an uncorrelated target on his radar screen that might have tied in with the UFO. Yet another scoop was the clearest version of the so-called Halt Tape to be made available and parts of this are routinely played in just about every documentary that deals with the case. Previously, all that was available was a very poor copy. Sam Morgan had the original copy taken from Halt's micro-cassette and sent it to Gordon Williams. Williams sent it to Georgina and this

enabled her to draw up a much more accurate transcript than had ever previously been produced.

Georgina's approach to all of this was diligent and meticulous. Facts were checked and cross-checked. Apparent inconsistencies were challenged. Many of the ex-USAF personnel interviewed by Georgina said that she gave them a hard time. But most of them respected her for this and it was often only after trust and respect had been established that witnesses would really open up. I was peripherally involved in some of this as Georgina used me as a sounding board for various ideas. We spoke almost every day for long periods when she was researching the incident. She would tell me details of new witnesses she had tracked down or new facts that had emerged. And in relation to the MoD and the UK military, she would seek my advice on policy and process, to check her understanding against the facts.

The idea of writing a book on the case only came to Georgina later, when she realised how much information she had uncovered. She had met literary agent Andrew Lownie in the early Nineties at a social function. Andrew specialises in books on military and intelligence matters and once he saw some of the material, instantly recognised the potential. A publishing deal with a major publisher (Sidgwick & Jackson) soon followed. I was honoured when Georgina asked me to write the foreword. The book's title, *You Can't Tell The People*, stems from a conversation Georgina had with former Prime Minister Baroness Thatcher. The two women first met at a charity fundraising event in 1997 and Georgina raised the issue of Rendlesham and the the UFO phenomenon more generally. "You must get your facts right", Thatcher responded. "What facts?" Georgina responded. "You must have the facts and you can't tell the people", Thatcher replied. She refused to elaborate and the precise meaning has been debated ever since, but that's how the book got its title.

Georgina did fundraising work for a number of charities (and was a patron of Apollo Fundraising) and it was through this that she hit on the



idea of holding the launch party for her book in the King Henry VIII Wine Cellar in MoD Main Building on Whitehall. The book launch was combined with a benefit for the British Limbless Ex-Servicemen's Association and was held on 14 November, 2000. The fact that a launch party for a UFO book was being held in MoD's HQ building attracted the attention of Defence Ministers and the media alike.

You Can't Tell The People won acclaim not just from the UFO community, but from many of those involved in the events. Gordon Williams had this to say: "Georgina has written the definitive work on this adventure near Rendlesham Forest. While twenty years have passed, she brings new light to this story that just won't go away ...". Former Chief of the Defence Staff Lord Hill-Norton wrote "Of the half dozen books I have read about the UFO landing in Rendlesham Forest, I found this easily the most convincing". Georgina and Lord Hill-Norton had kept in close touch about the case and Lord Hill-Norton asked her to brief him on her findings, as they emerged. He also asked her to draft various letters and questions on the subject so that he could raise the matter officially. Many of the questions about this case that were raised in Parliament had been carefully constructed by Georgina.

Following publication of the book, Georgina found herself in demand in the media. As a PR consultant she was used to generating publicity for others, so this was an interesting new twist for her. She appeared on sever-

al TV chat shows and was consultant on and contributor to several documentaries on the Rendlesham Forest incident. Indeed, she would have been involved in the History Channel's new treatment of the case (part of their *UFO Hunters* series) but was too ill to participate, though her book was essential reading for the production team, as indeed it is essential reading for any filmmaker or researcher interested in the case. And although ufology was a small part of her life, she had aspirations to write a further book on the subject, highlighting UFO sightings involving military witnesses and observed in close proximity to military bases. It would have been a classic, I'm sure.

Georgina had aspirations to write books on other subjects too. She had done preliminary research into a book on the 'suicide scientists', where - in the Eighties - a number of scientists (particularly those working for Marconi) engaged on Strategic Defence Initiative (Star Wars) work had apparently committed suicide, often in bizarre and violent ways. She had also done research into occult and Satanic influences in the Establishment. Sadly, she was not able to make progress with either of these projects due to the pressure of other business commitments and because of her illness. I am sure that she would have applied herself to these projects with the same diligence that she showed in her Rendlesham research, so it is a great pity that she never got a chance to write these books.

Georgina's funeral service was held on 4th February. She was not religious in the traditional sense so the service was a humanist ceremony, celebrating her life. Music included *Accentuate The Positive*, *You Can't Take That Away From Me* and *Moon River*. Ufology has lost someone who made a major contribution to the subject. Georgina devoted much effort to investigating the Rendlesham Forest incident and did more than anyone to try to get to the bottom of the mystery. Perhaps she now knows the answers.

Nick Pope



UFO Hunters Two Shows - One Name

On 30th January, 2008, a new series began on The History Channel in the United States. *UFO Hunters* stars Bill Birnes, publisher of the US California based *UFO Magazine*, and his team, going out and about and investigating cases new and old.

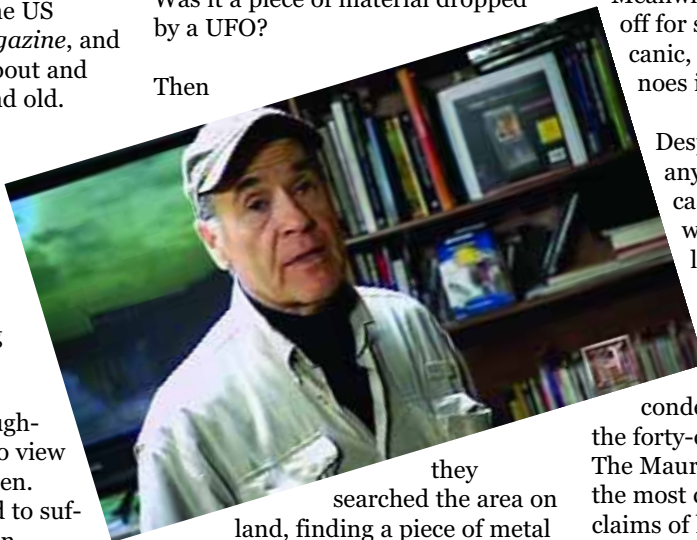
Kicking off the series, the team, made up of UFO investigators and scientists, looked back to the Maury Island Incident. In June, 1947, Harold Dahl, his son and the family dog were on a boat, fishing in Puget Sound in Tacoma, Washington State. Six doughnut-shaped craft came into view above the startled fishermen. One of the UFOs appeared to suffer some mishap and began descending towards the water. It began releasing some material, described by Dahl as molten slag, some of which hit the boat, striking Dahl's son's arm, breaking and killing the dog. Expelling the material seemed to fix the problem and the UFO rejoined its squadron and they flew off.

The story goes that some of the slag was gathered up and loaded aboard a B-25 bomber, which then crashed, killing two men.

The *UFO Hunters* team travelled to Tacoma and one of them, Pat Uskert, scuba-dived to the seabed. He was

searching for any fragments of the slag that dropped into the water. He collected some samples of the bed and a few stones. One of these stones appeared to be different to the others and was sent away to be analysed. Was it a piece of material dropped by a UFO?

Then



they searched the area on land, finding a piece of metal some way from the beach amid some trees.

They enlisted the help of a local archaeologist and hiked to the area of the B-25 crash. Some wreckage still remained. The official explanation was that the plane crashed due to an engine fire. Two men bailed out and survived, but both pilots were killed.

The great-nephew of one of the pilots appeared on the scene, with a file of

newspaper clippings about the crash. He also revealed that his great-uncle's military identification (Uskert said this meant his dog tags) was sent to none other than Kenneth Arnold, the guy that sparked off the modern era of ufology only a few days after the Maury Island Incident, when he saw several crescent-shaped craft near Mount Rainier.

Birnes and his team wondered if the crash had anything to do with the material they were carrying. They performed some experiments and, using slag made of similar materials to what they thought the UFO slag might have consisted, found that it could burst into flames with an electrical spark. They also deduced that the metal's magnetic properties could have tripped relays on the plane. When ignited, the slag rapidly melted a hole in aluminium, the stuff the plane was made from.

Meanwhile, the rock that was sent off for study turned out to be volcanic, igneous rock. Lots of volcanoes in Washington State.

Despite not really unearthing any new evidence about the case, the team seemed happy with their investigation and looked forward to the next case.

While the show was quite interesting, it suffered by condensing the evidence to fit the forty-odd minute running time. The Maury Island Incident is one of the most contentious in ufology, with claims of hoaxing, retracted statements and a large cloud of doubt hanging over the case.

The team made huge assumptions and there were mistakes made with regards to details of the case.





Perhaps these were due to editing, after all, it is a TV show and an entertaining format has to be maintained.

The show also came across as an hour-long advertisement for *UFO Magazine*, with Birnes being the clear figurehead and the team often being referred to as 'the *UFO Magazine* team'. That's a minor point, I suppose, but it niggled me a little. Still, you can't blame them.

In all, the show wasn't all bad and at least it opens up the UFO subject to the public a little more and it was nice to see ufologists depicted as something other than swivel-eyed loonies. The History Channel website for the series can be found at http://www.history.com/minisite.do?content_type=mini_home&mini_id=57826.

On the same night, the SciFi Channel launched its own new series, also called *UFO Hunters*. Most confusing and I wonder if the two networks' lawyers will be thrashing at each other shortly.

An obvious off-shoot of the popular series, *Ghost Hunters*, we follow the exploits of New York Strange Phenomena Investigators (NY-SPI - pronounced Neye-Spy). Taking a more grass-roots approach to the subject than The History Channel's venture, Sci-Fi's offering follows the *Ghost Hunters* template extremely closely. There are two investigations, an analysis at the end of each one and a reveal of the findings.

The first case involved the sighting of something described like a fireball descending into the sea off New Jersey. Several eyewitnesses reported

this and the US Coast Guard were also involved. Officially, nothing was ever found. One of the eyewitnesses was on the phone to the Coast Guard dispatcher at the time, though, and he heard her say that something metallic was found. Mysterious...

NY-SPI organised a diving expedition to the site that the Coast Guard had investigated, but found nothing. They spoke with witnesses and found them to be credible. They could not, however, come to any firm conclusions. It might have been a meteor flashing across the sky and appearing to crash into the ocean. It could have been a military craft, perhaps an unmanned drone from the nearby airbase. The case is regarded as 'open', by the team.

The second investigation is much more interesting. It revolved around a mass sighting of lights above the town of Carteret, New Jersey, in July, 2001. All the witnesses described bright, gold-coloured lights that remained in a fixed formation gliding over the town. Those who reported this included a local reverend and a police officer.

One man, John Predovan, had what appeared to be an abduction experience and agreed to hypnotic regression by the team's qualified psychologist. He recounted being lifted up into a huge craft and shown images that flashed too



quickly for him to register. When asked who he was with, he replied,

"They're not people."

Despite the authorities claiming that nothing was picked up on radar that night, one of the team got hold of a file from the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS) that contained Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) reports of numerous uncorrelated radar returns that night over Carteret. He said he got hold of it somewhat surreptitiously, but the data is openly available at the NIDS website as a PDF file.

Overall, the team felt that the Carteret Incident was one of the best UFO cases of the past decade.

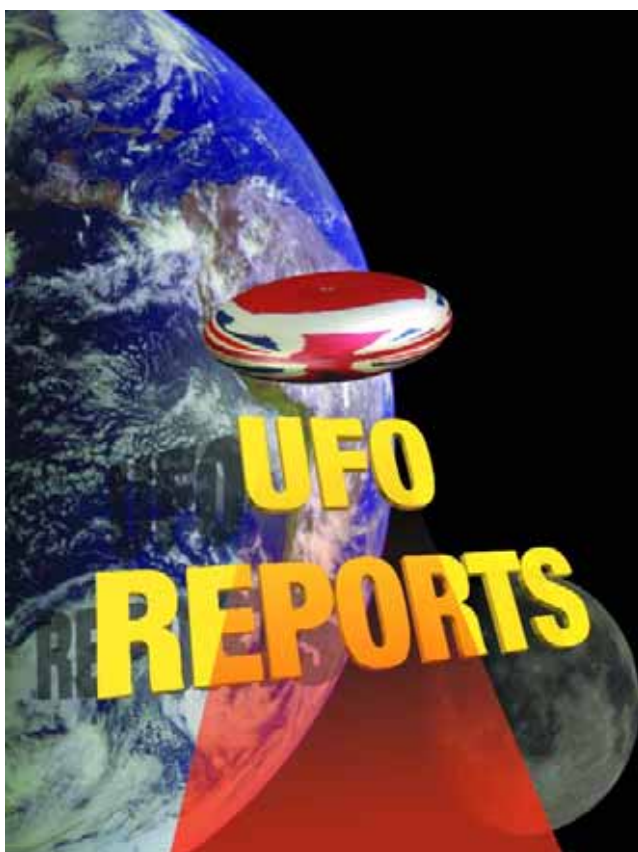
The show's website can be found at <http://www.scifi.com/ufohunters>.



Sci-Fi's *UFO Hunters* was a better show than the one produced for The History Channel, in my opinion. It didn't rely on expensive computer recreations of events and focussed on the people involved in the case, for the most part. It seemed more down-to-Earth. Not that I'm suggesting that History Channel's show was being overtly glitzy. These are two very different shows, with different teams and different aims. Hopefully, they will be broadcast here in the UK at some point.

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UK Sightings

Gary Heseltine reports recent sightings from the UK.

December 14th, 2007 : Newcastle Under Lyme, Staffordshire, England
 Time: 2 am
 Number of witnesses: 1 dog and me.
 Number of objects: One but made up of 2 parts.
 Shape of objects: 1 large sphere with white lights with a smaller sphere with red lights attached.
 Weather Conditions: Clear, very cold.



Description:

My dog was barking for a while and her bark changed almost to a low howl and she sounded distressed so I investigated.

I'm used to helicopters flying over to the hospital and planes but the noise

was very loud and static. From my kitchen window in the dark I saw a huge sphere that was covered in bright white lights, a bit like stadium floodlights but all over, like a sea urchin with lights on all its spikes. A smaller sphere with similar red lights was just to the left and behind as if attached and these were flashing like a light-house speed-wise.

I put my kitchen light on and despite it being dark outside this object still lit up the sky and start-

ed moving toward my house. Although distant it was huge, clearly visible and scary.

I ran to the bedroom upstairs and grabbed my phone and took some pictures in the dark and when the camera flashed several times it started moving away, moving from the A500 Wolstanton area toward the M6 Hanford direction.

The experience lasted for about 20 minutes or more, from when the dog started barking.

TV/Radio: I rang Signal Radio to see if anyone else had reported anything and they said no - I declined to be interviewed! They did say that some comet activity had been reportedly expected to take place though - this was clearly an aircraft of some sort but like nothing I could imagine so I wondered if it may have been some observation craft but it was strange and scary. It was far from normal.

December 15th 2007 :

Baltonsborough near Glastonbury, Somerset, England
 Time: 8.25 pm.
 Number of witnesses: 1.
 Number of objects: 5 altogether (1 on

its own then 4 together a little later).
 Shape of objects: Just moving lights - it was dark.

Weather Conditions: Clear, no wind, cold air.

Description:

One orange light moving slowly across the sky in a straight line followed by four of the same which were travelling in the same direction as the first but were also shifting position within the group. Appeared to slow down when I turned the car off and got out to look properly. As I was on my own, I got back in, started the car and drove on home. There were a couple of other cars on the road, one travelling the opposite direction to me (and a similar direction to the objects) and one that overtook me as I was parked on the side of the road. I'm not particularly impressionable but it did freak me a bit because I was alone.

TV/Radio: N/A.

December 22nd 2007 :

A49, near Shotatton, Shropshire, England
 Time: Around 11-30 pm
 Number of witnesses: Myself and wife.

Number of objects: One immense.
 Shape of objects: The size of the coliseum rotating wheel.
 Weather Conditions: Slight frost few clouds.

Description:

Driving from Oswestry in the direction of Shrewsbury just after the turn for Ruyton-X1-Towns, the time was around 11-30pm. I first noticed from the corner of my eye something oscillating, that's how I would first described this amazing phenomenon.

I said to my wife, "Wow did you see that!" to which she replied, "What?" then I said, "To your right side, did you see that?" and then she said, "Yes", in an astonished voice, "What is that?". As I was still driving I kept on saying "Is it still there, can you still see it?" and "Yes," was the reply in a shouting voice.

Every time I sped up this vast object, whatever it was just did the same for at least four miles, then I stopped the car to get a better view. I got out and to my amazement, as if to show me what it could do. At this moment my

wife was screaming "Get back in the car please get back in the car," I was just staring in wonder at this strange happening in front of me, I was scared but transfixed, it was mind blowing to see something the size of the Coliseum in the sky just spinning slowly from side to side without any noise whatsoever.

It is very hard to describe, on the same lines as the Coliseum, a massive rotating wheel, I don't think a camera would have been any good, it was at night, it was so vast I just can't get these thoughts out of my head. Bear in mind this is only the next day.

So please, please can you or anyone with better knowledge of investigation find out if anyone else saw this amazing sighting of which I am certain was not of this planet.
TV/Radio: It only happened last night, I have checked but have drawn a blank so far, so it's a 'No' to that one.

January 1st 2008 :

Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England

Date: January 1st, 2008

Time: 1:23am

Number of witnesses: 7

Number of objects: 3

Shape of objects: Round

Weather Conditions: Clear



Description:

After leaving a New Year's Eve party, I was walking in the middle of Sleaford street in Cambridge, just before the Geldart pub and noticed three orange lights in the sky, in a triangle formation? They were moving at speed, no noise could be heard, I was not drunk, and have several witnesses. I even called the friend who had hosted the party, and he came to have a look, and arrived when only two lights were visible. By that time they had changed their angle/direction slightly.

I did not have my camera with me at

the time, so I have taken some pictures later and added the lights in Photoshop to try and reproduce what I saw:

<http://www.jeanlucbenazet.com/blog/?p=174>

TV/Radio The Cambridge Evening News have contacted me in with views of writing an article about my sighting.

January 1st 2007 :

Carlton, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire, England

Date: 01-01 2008

Time: 12:35am

Number of witnesses: 6

Number of objects: 10

Shape of objects: round

Weather Conditions: fair



Description:

My neighbour and her son noticed some lights in the sky and phoned me. My family and I went out and saw orange/red lights moving slowly below the clouds. They were moving slowly, at first one at a time then in 3 and 2 formations. They seemed to wait for each other as they stopped mid air before slowly disappearing.

I also saw bunches of blue lights which were harder to see. Everything was quiet, no engine sounds. They seemed to glow. We do have some very good pictures. This lasted about 15 minutes.

UFOINFO Note: I have included cropped sections of the photographs below. The off-white object in the



first photo is lens flare which can be seen repeated to the bottom left-hand corner when viewing full size.

A shutter speed of 1/8th second was used which could account for some of the shapes. EXIF info is available on the full size images (3072px x 2304px).

UFO DATA:

Orange balls of light suggest those pesky Thai lanterns, take a look at the date and time of the sighting. Midnight 35 on the the 1st January, New Years eve, parties, fireworks, and Thai lanterns. Although the lanterns look impressive they are nothing more than a fashioned paper bag with a fire lighter suspended underneath it for fuel to provide the lift.

The only UFO reports that seem to interest local papers and news channels seem to be of sightings of multiple orange lights in the sky.

To the uninitiated it's an unusual observation to those who study this subject they are a right old pain in the backside. RC.

Whitchurch, Bristol, England February 5th 2008

Location: Whitchurch, Bristol, UK

Date: 5/2/08

Time: 1.20pm

Number of witnesses: One

Number of objects: One

Shape of objects: It was a round, orange orb

Weather Conditions: Cold, sunny and clear

Description:

I saw an orange flashing pulsating orb stationary over trees in a residential area. It was approximately 1 mile away from me, but only about 40 feet in height off of the ground. From that distance it looked the size of a football. I watched it for a few

minutes until it "switched" off and disappeared from view. They was no noise, no smell, just a pulsating orange orb.

UFOINFO Note: As with other similar reports I asked the witness to have a look at the UFO Balloons website to see if this is what might have been seen and received the following reply:

John,

Thanks for your reply regarding my recent sighting of an orange orb over Bristol.

I have looked at the UFO balloon video and this is not really what I saw. It was just one pulsating orange orb that did not move or change direction.

Not sure if this helps!

February 10th 2008

Surrey/Hampshire/West Sussex border, England

Location: Surrey/Hampshire/West Sussex border

Date: 10.02.08 (Sunday)

Time: 18.12 to 18:25

Number of witnesses: Three

Number of objects: four (consecutively)

Shape of objects: Orb

Weather Conditions: Very clear with some very fine high cloud

Description:

I had just arrived home from day out when I spotted a very bright orange orb moving very slowly in a northerly direction from tree level to just below the level of the moon. It then stopped (I would estimate a few miles away) and then moved slowly upward in a Westerly direction until the orange light got smaller and smaller until it diminished.

As it disappeared another very bright orange orb came silently up through the tree line 50 feet away (tree line approx 60 feet high), heading East, to the point we thought it would pass over head, but changed direction to the same northerly course the 1st orb took and paused at the same point, then diminished in an identical way towards the west.

This was repeated again and we were joined by my neighbour who watched the 3rd orange orb too. He was sceptical about the light until a 4th orb

came through the tree line and followed the same routine as the other three orbs in the same noiseless manner.

We could see the moon very clearly in contrast to the orange lights. During the 10/15 minutes we were watching the lights there were around 6/7 aircraft (lights flashing) flying very high up which could be seen extremely clearly in the sky, so there was no confusing these light with ordinary aircraft.

I recorded a two minute video clip on my phone, but the quality is very bad and only seems to show a pin-prick of the moon. I ran to my car and grabbed a camera and took two pictures which show the moon and a bright orange light below it. Unfortunately these aren't very good pictures either!

February 9th 2008 : Southampton, Hampshire,



England

Location: Southampton, Hampshire, UK

Date: 09/02/08

Time: 6.20PM

Number of witnesses: 4

Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: Very large, dark object with no lights, shape changed due to direction of travel and movement of UFO. Possibly triangular.

Weather Conditions: Very clear

Description:

My family of 4 were travelling on the M27 west, past Southampton junction 3 when we spotted a large dark UFO with no lights at all. Initially we didn't know what to make of it. As we reached junction 2, we came off the motorway and headed towards a garage.

This large dark object was becoming more visible, it appeared to have a triangular shape to it but with our movement and the objects movement it is hard to say a shape for sure. We stopped at the garage then

we decided to head in the direction of this UFO instead of heading home.

It was still in view and we rejoined the M27 west at junction 2 and headed towards the A31. Whilst travelling along the A31 we saw what we are certain to be a helicopter dwarfed by this large object. The helicopter was quite a bit higher up than the UFO and it was aiming its lights down towards the object. The helicopters ray of lights could be seen clearly aiming for the object.

The UFO disappeared shortly after the helicopter arrived. The M27 and A31 were very busy, there must be more witnesses that saw this large dark UFO or the helicopters rays of lights.

TV/Radio Not certain, as we only saw it tonight.

February 12th 2008 Eccleshill, Bradford, West Yorkshire

12/02/08

Time: 10:40pm

Number of witnesses: 2

Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: Beach ball sized orange sphere very bright

Weather Conditions: Clearish sky, could feel no wind

Description:

My wife was driving back from a friends and as we turned the corner an orange sphere moved towards and then to the left all in one motion. When it went to the left a building obscured my view so I cannot say where it went. It was about 30 ft in the air and about 50 ft away, just above the roof of a building. No noise. Both me and my wife saw it. I mentioned to a neighbour and they said they had seen a similar thing but roughly 10 years ago on the next road.

UFOINFO Note: As with other similar reports I asked the witness to have a look at the UFO Balloons website to see if this is what might have been seen and received the following reply:

I did look at the UFO balloons unfortunately after I had submitted the sighting so I couldn't change it. The ball I saw did not change shape and

moved too fast and low to be a lantern. Me and the wife 100% agree it wasn't a lantern.

I can't remember if I also mentioned in my sighting but I talked to a neighbour who has lived here for a very long time. He saw the same orange ball of light but over 10 years ago on the road next to ours but he had never told anyone until I mentioned it to him.

February 18th 2008
Location: Leeds, England

Date: 18/02/08

Time: 9.20pm

Number of witnesses: 2

Number of objects: 3

Shape of objects: Appearance of stars, very bright orange

Weather Conditions: Low localised mist, stars & constellations clearly visible above.

Description:

Three objects aligned to the east, very bright orange & glowing. No navigation lights indicating air traffic or con trails. The three objects from my viewpoint appeared in a straight line, however the faintest was centre, brightest at bottom & mid-lit at top of line. The centre became dimmer, as if moving away upward & out of visible range, the other two growing dimmer by gradient in relation to first. Approx 3 minutes before all three were gone from visibility.

February 15th 2008 : Dry Drayton and Cambourne area, Cambridge, Cambridgeshire, England

All sightings courtesy of UFOINFO and Brian Vike of HBCC Research

The screenshot displays the YouTube channel for UFORUSS. The main video featured is 'UFO over Kippax', which has a play button icon and a progress bar. Below the video, there are social media sharing options and a rating of 4.5 stars with 276 views. The right sidebar provides details about the video, such as its upload date and a list of related videos. The bottom section shows a grid of 17 videos from the channel, each with a thumbnail, title, and view count.

Youtube has certainly revolutionised the way people around the world can share video with each other and it's not too difficult to build up your own pages. UFO DATA has a page on Youtube simply called UFORUSS (that's me if you hadn't already guessed) just enter uforuss in the Youtube search bar and you're there. I have a couple of recent clips filmed by myself on the site and quite a few other interesting short films and lecture presentations.

UFO DATA are happy to host your UFO videos on these pages so the world can see the UFO phenomenon is more than Thai Lanterns and misidentified aircraft.

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Statistical Analysis The 6th Annual PRUFOS Report 2007



In the last issue of UFO DATA Magazine, Co-Editor, DC Gary Heseltine, presented his sixth annual PRUFOS database report where UFO sightings witnessed by either serving or retired police officers are recorded.

The database has built up over the last six years into a powerfully argued document where 'trained professional' observers have shared information with Gary or other researchers.

It is an extremely valuable tool for the UFO subject world-wide and hopefully will gather the respect of the scientific and also the sceptical communities when it comes to hard evidence that not all UFO sightings are created by the overactive minds of 'lesser individuals' (not my words), but the feeling one gets as so called professionals are introduced to explain UFO sightings with one mission, Debunk, Debunk, Debunk...

The facts and figures are here, read on.

STATISTICAL ANALYSIS OF THE 6TH PRUFOS POLICE DATABASE 2007

BASIC STATISTICS OF THE NEW CASES IN THE 6TH REPORT

Of the 44 cases there are 4 Close

Encounter of the 1st Kind.
Of the 44 cases 5 are Daylight Discs.
Of the 44 cases 35 are Nocturnal Light.
Of the 44 cases 6 involve sightings with high multiple officer corroboration.
Of the 44 cases 14 involve multiple UFOs.

ANALYSIS OF THE FULL REPORT

When this year's totals are added to last year's tally the total number is 256 cases between 1901-2007 involving 608 British police officers.

There are 217 On Duty cases on the database involving a total of 564 British police officers.

There are 39 Off Duty cases on the database involving a total of 44 British police officers.

(NOTE: I do not claim to be a statistician so much of the following data is based on what interests me the most).

1. After six years of research, 73% of the 'on duty' cases are multiple officer sightings.

2. The top three multiple officer cases are:

a. **April, 1984.** Stanmore, Middlesex, near RAF Bentley Prior. Up to 20 officers involved.

b. **March 30-31, 1993** South Wales, Devon and Cornwall involving 19 officers.

c. **August 28, 1977** Windermere, Cumbria involving 17 officers.

3. 19 'on duty' cases involve 5 or more officers.

4. The five peak years for sightings are:

1988-29 cases.
1967-20 cases.
1980-14 cases.
1978-13 cases.
1977-10 cases.

5. The county in England with the heaviest concentration of police UFO sightings is West Yorkshire with 30 cases recorded on the database. In joint second place are North Yorkshire and London with 14 cases each. Wales and Scotland have 14 and 9 cases respectively.

6. The top five UFO Shapes are:
Light 105
Sphere 26
Cigar 21
Triangular 13
Saucer 13

7. UFO Classification breakdown:
Category - On Duty:

NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT) - 183
DD (DAYLIGHT DISC) - 10
CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1ST KIND) - 25
CE2 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 2ND KIND) - 3
CE3 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 3RD KIND) - 1

8. UFO Classification breakdown:
Category - Off Duty:

NL (NOCTURNAL LIGHT) - 22
DD (DAYLIGHT DISC) - 4
CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1ST KIND) - 12
CE2 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 2ND KIND) - 0
CE3 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 3RD KIND) - 2

9. There are 34 multiple UFO cases.

10. There are 2 cases that involve USOs (Underwater/Surface Object).

11. There are 6 cases that involve radar confirmation or radar visual.

12. UFO Characteristics: In the 'On Duty' CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1ST KIND) category there are 25 cases. Of that number 15 display the classic UFO characteristic of being silent when being observed i.e. 60%.

13. UFO Shapes breakdown in CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER OF 1ST KIND) category:

Cigar 7
Light 6
Oval 4
Saucer 4
Diamond 1
Bell 1
Fiery Cross 1
Shape change - Cigar/Sphere 1

14. Multiple officer breakdown in CE1 (CLOSE ENCOUNTER 1ST KIND) category:

Of the 25 cases in this category 17 are multiple police officer witness sightings i.e. 68%.

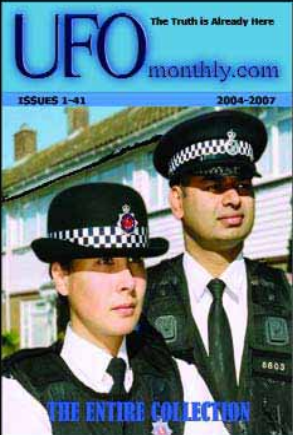
*Note - the UFO Classifications are based on Dr J Allen Hynek's classification criteria in

his book 'The UFO Experience' (1972).

I have extended the range of CE1 cases from Hynek's 150 metres (distance from the witness to the UFO) to 400 metres for the purpose of this analysis.

*EM = Electro Magnetic Effects.
*INT = Interaction between UFO and observer.

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The Shifting Sands of Time

Extraterrestrials, Time Travel and the Mythology of Ancient Egypt...

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The Shifting Sands of Time: Extraterrestrials, Time Travel and the Mythology of Ancient Egypt

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In the latter years of the 20th century, the secretive American Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) arranged for certain archaeological excavations to be conducted on the Giza plateau and at other ancient sites in Egypt; these projects were paid for directly by the agency. It is not clear whether the Egyptian government was fully aware of the venture and approved of the reasons why the CIA should have an interest in such an unlikely project, or if key government officials were simply paid to look the other way. Be that as it may, the real puzzle is what would an organisation like the CIA, whose official remit is a mixture of disinformation, intelligence gathering and political subversion, possibly be looking for in the sands below ancient monuments?

However, prior to the CIA backed endeavour some curious and anachronistic glyphs were discovered

in the ancient Egyptian temple at Abydos near the village of El Araba el Madfuna. The temple dates from around 3150 BC, and the area, which is sacred to Osiris, the god of life, death and fertility, was a significant location for those who believed in the afterlife, in fact the ancient Egyptians thought that at sunset the area looked like a golden staircase leading to the afterlife. In other words, a place where they could move, either figuratively or literally, from this world to another and the significance of Osiris, who was the husband and brother of the goddess, Isis, and the father of Horus, will be revealed shortly.

The Abydos glyphs, (see image below)



which are carved on a small, otherwise unremarkable section of stone, appear to depict among other things an Apache Longbow attack helicopter, two separate, small, fixed wing aircraft, one of which has the appearance of some kind of spacecraft, what looks like a battle tank, and a number of other objects and symbols.

Some of the other glyphs on the stone are more or less standard hieroglyphs and have been deciphered and, as we shall see, their message lends considerable credence to a modern interpretation on the meaning of what is depicted here. The question is how did these images come to be carved in stone, who carved them, why were they carved and what did they use as models? The next logical questions are; (A) was the CIA looking for any sign of what is depicted in the carvings, which would make sense because their importance is self-evident? And (B) could this have been based on information originating from the former top secret Stargate Project, which concerned the use of 'remote viewers' to locate people, places and objects of interest to covert organisations like the CIA?

Of course there are sensible, safe, standard answers concerning the anomalous images, for example they are, according to received wisdom, only a 'palimpsest' or the accidental result of the original carvings crumbling then being patched with a type of plaster and carved again.

The original use of palimpsests in ancient times was the reuse of scarce writing materials by removing the original lettering or graphics from a papyrus or animal skin and drawing or writing over the top. Perhaps they were, but in this instance why did the final product end up looking like

modern fighting machines and why are there four of them grouped together on one carving?

Ah, we are told, a coincidence and nothing more, so let's see if there are any more anomalies, this time in the translation of the glyphs. One such translation states that the original carving said, 'Who repulses the *Nine Bows*', which was later replaced with, 'Who protects Egypt and overthrows the *Nine* countries', (my emphasis).

Both of these translations, while acceptable, have to be considered with a further variant four word translation of, 'Who repulses the *Nine*', (my emphasis). All of these translations repeatedly mention the number nine and as we shall see, coupled with depictions of cutting edge combat vehicles appear to indicate, and perhaps validate, information from another and surprising source.

The scenario so far resonates powerfully with the plot of '*Stargate*', a successful 1994 science fiction film directed by Roland Emmerich, and its long running TV spin off, '*Stargate SG1*'. Most people who have seen the film or the TV series will be aware that it concerns the discovery of an ancient alien artefact below the sands of Egypt, a device that transported its users to any point in the

the destination co-ordinates entered, back to their starting point. The recovered portal which, in the film, is secreted away deep in the Cheyenne Mountain stronghold of the US military, uses, among other things, a vertical, circular sheet of water to represent the interface between Earth space-time and what lies at the other end of the wormhole through which, presumably, our heroes travel. From our perspective in the real world the major stumbling block is a viable method of crossing the void of space and time, but strangely enough the method depicted on the screen perhaps inadvertently reveals more than it at first appears.

Is the use of water just a convenient graphic device used by the special effects technicians employed on the set to represent an as yet unknown branch of theoretical physics, or is it something rather more subtle? We should remember that water was a traditional medium used to cross the gulf between life and death and in bygone times this was depicted by the hooded boatman, Charon, conveying the souls of the dead across the River Styx to the afterlife. Water was also frequently used to convey people seeking answers from various oracles along underground tunnels to a meeting with the person who, like a type of shaman, channelled the required information. This is yet another strange and synchronous link to what we will eventually discuss.

There are also biblical descriptions of water when talking about the creation of the universe as in, 'upon the face of the deep', although this may also refer to the infinite void of the cosmos.

Ancient Aircraft?

Before once again considering the remarkable Abydos glyphs and the implications of the translations, we should look at yet another anomalous discovery,

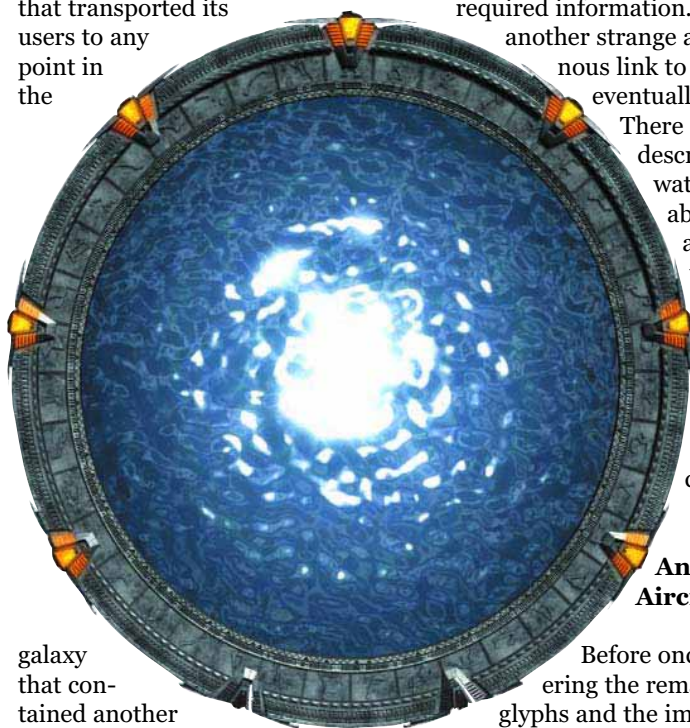
this time made at a tomb in Saqqara, which is approx 40 miles south of Giza. In 1898 an object was discovered that, like many other such finds, due to a lack of both imagination and in this case knowledge, was labelled as a model bird and placed in the basement of the Cairo Museum.

The find, which was made approximately ten years before the Wright brothers historic flight, was small, made of wood and when viewed with modern eyes clearly depicts a high-winged aircraft rather like a child's glider. Many decades later in 1969 the small 'model bird' was noticed by Dr Khalil Messiha, a physician and aero-modeller, who identified its strong similarity to a glider. He was particularly interested in the shape of the wing, which as with some modern aircraft is made with an anhedral (down curved) configuration.

This of course caused quite a stir and after investigation by a specially convened committee the model was rehoused in the prestigious Central Hall of the museum and labelled as an 'ancient model aeroplane'. There it remained until quite recently when, for no obvious reason, it was withdrawn from display and no one appears to know of its whereabouts, and even the findings of the committee whose deliberations brought it to prominence have vanished.

In all fairness this can and does happen in museums throughout the world as exhibits lose their appeal and are replaced by alternative offerings, but does not however normally include the records of the removed articles.

Fortunately, Egypt is not the only country where such anomalous artefacts have been uncovered; many so-called 'insects' have been exhumed from graves and tombs in South America. Even a cursory look at these objects, which are much smaller than the Saqqara 'bird' and cast in precious metal, chiefly gold, reveals that they look nothing like insects, but, instead, they closely resemble delta wing fighter aircraft. One of the men, Peter Belting, who carried out an evaluation on the properties of these small objects created precisely scaled-up models of the 'insects', attached suitable engines to them



galaxy that contained another such machine which would transport them, depending on

and to the delight of all the interested parties they flew. However, many dissenting voices have been raised claiming that both the Saqqara 'bird' and the South American 'insects' were exactly that, a model bird complete with a beak and eyes and representations of small flies and beetles. Yes, as well they might, considering that the people who created them would have been totally overwhelmed by the appearance of any kind of flying machine and would, quite naturally, have altered its appearance slightly to accommodate their own ideas of what could and could not fly, so why not a beak and eye.

Actually, when the insects are viewed one wonders why the protestors should hold such an orthodox stance when the small metallic artefacts clearly show a vertical tail, a feature not present on any insect whether flying or otherwise: it is also clear that the 'bird' has a vertical tail.

In fact the opposite situation also occurs when the pilots and crew of military aircraft adorn them with images; the use of images of a shark's jaw with teeth was commonplace on the nose of fighters during the Second World War and still is today, especially on the Fairchild A10 'Warthog', which mounts a fearsome multi-barrel cannon on its nose. Although we are assured from some quarters that the wooden model flew, as indeed did the scale replicas, other sources say that it did not.

They said that the wings were too short relative to the body size, and although there was a tail fin there were no tail wings etc, etc. Once again yes, this might well be the case, but has anyone considered how a modern jet fighter stays in the air with its stubby wings etc. Sheer thrust and momentum is what keeps it in the air, in fact some cutting edge, highly manoeuvrable fighters are inherently unstable in flight and require the continual monitoring of on-board computers permanently linked to dozens of adjustable flight control surfaces on the wings to keep them in the air.

They are easy to fly using the computers, but are nigh on impossible for a pilot alone who could simply

not process the voluminous data required: evidently flying by 'the seat of your pants' is no longer an option in today's war planes.

The Beginning

Perhaps the answer to this puzzle lies much further back in time to the era when the country of Egypt was a golden, near magical empire governed by an elite coterie of Gods called the Ennead. Bearing in mind the repeated use and apparent significance of the number nine in the Abydos Glyphs, this rarefied council comprised nine deities; Isis, Geb, Nut, Set, Atum, Tefnut, Shu, Osiris and Nephthys and each had discrete functions in the daily life of the Egyptian people. Indeed, since the country was run as a theocracy, the pharaoh was elevated to the status of a priest-king, a divine entity in his own right who had contact with the Ennead. Although the worship of many of these gods fell into disuse, in some cases it continued in other forms and not just in Egypt. It has been persuasively argued that Isis, far from being an isolated, half forgotten goddess consigned to the hazy mists of the past, found a form of rebirth and renewal as Mary the Mother of Christ with whom she shares many attributes. In her own belief system she was known as the 'Queen of Heaven', 'Mother of God' and 'Star of the Sea', these titles were appropriated and bestowed on Mary by the early Christian church.

The Djed, the Council of Nine and the Ennead

We also find a connection between the Ennead, en masse, and an allegedly extraterrestrial group calling itself 'The Council of Nine'. At this point we should perhaps return to the presence of Osiris in the Ennead and also the existence of a symbol intimately connected with Osiris, and that is the Djed Pillar, (in some version of the story, the Djed is said to be a representation of the backbone of Osiris).

The appearance of the Djed Pillar, when viewed with modern eyes, gives the appearance of some form of insulator with the presence of four 'flash guards', although according to tradition it was considered as an emblem



of stability. The presence of the four 'flash guards' (if that is what they are) seems to indicate that the pillar may be some kind of tool or device, perhaps even a key designed for use with powerful energies, perhaps the energies that would be required to operate a time gateway?

This interpretation refers to another of the traditional properties of the pillar, that of the 'tree of life' but with reference to four dimensions, the fourth, as in our understanding of physics, being one of time. This is a theory that sits particularly well when one considers the mythos surrounding Abydos and its anachronistic carvings. Also significant is the account that, following the murder of Osiris by his brother, Set, his body was dismembered into fifteen sections and hidden throughout Egypt. Isis, the wife/sister of Osiris searched for and found fourteen of the pieces; the fourteenth was his head which lay at Abydos. There she assembled his body parts and raised him from the dead but without his phallus which was not found. In spite of the entirely understandable enmity between Osiris and Set, they are both still a part of the Ennead.

Although the identity of the Ennead is reasonably well established, the identity of the Nine is less so. At one level they, through accounts channelled by various psychics and other sensitives, announced that that are the beginning and the end, the alpha

and omega and the nine principles of the universe, in other words some kind of gestalt (group) intelligence. While at the other end of the scale, they/it, appear to be some kind of fully sentient super-computer.

One further connection between the Ennead and the Nine is the fact that one of the spokesmen for the Nine is named 'Ra', who was of course the Egyptian sun god. Early in the channelling sessions Ra was referred to only by the initial letter 'R', although finally he/it became known by the rather uninspiring and prosaic name of 'Tom'.

While the subject of the Nine has spawned several books in its own right, most notably *'The Only Planet of Choice'* by Phyllis V. Schlemmer and the messages contained in Schlemmer's book, as with most channelled information originating from so called extraterrestrial entities, including the 'space brothers' and 'beings of light', are mostly ones of well-intentioned advice to the human race. They also resolutely promote 'green' issues, which of course is no bad thing and this was long before they became the contentious issue that they are today. It is interesting to note just how many prominent figures became involved in either spreading, or were powerfully influenced by their philosophy including Gene Rodenberry the creator of *Star Trek*.

It is possible that Rodenberry's contact with the Nine influenced his choice of material while contributing to the show, but on a much deeper level perhaps one of the best known of these personalities is the mystic and philosopher, Dr James J. Hurtak.

Reassessing the Nine

Dr Hurtak, who claims to have been in contact with the Nine since 1973, promotes their teachings in his internationally famous work, *'The Keys of Enoch'*, which was first published in 1977; he also alleges that they have upon occasion actively intervened in the affairs of the human race. While a fascinating and portentous document it has to be said that most of what the book contains is not particularly accessible to the casual reader.

Nevertheless, it is through this document, which contains a total of sixty-four 'keys', that Dr Hurtak created a powerful groundswell throughout the New Age movement where he achieved a near messianic following.

It is probably not coincidental that the subheading of the book includes the terms, 'Brotherhood of Light' and 'People of Light' and one of the verses (or Keys) alludes to 'Host of the Living Light' and the 'Light of Righteousness', it also comments on the use of a 'spectra' (all my emphasis) of coloured light to break down the barriers of time and consciousness. Are these deliberate references to the existence of the so-called extraterrestrial 'beings of light'? Significantly, Dr Hurtak also accepts the existence of alternate universes and multidimensional realities and presumably the means to access them. All this becomes increasingly odd yet strangely relevant and familiar and is another example of just how interrelated various aspects of this subject become; like many researchers all one has to do is open the slightest chink in the armour of orthodoxy, be persistent and not take 'No' for an answer.

The Nine (or the supercomputer) evidently live on board a sentient spacecraft called 'Spectra', which also appears to be mentioned in Dr Hurtak's work, although not as a proper name and apparently in a slightly different context, but I do not believe its inclusion to be an accident. If Dr Hurtak's interpretations are correct, does he infer that the 'interference' mentioned in connection with the Nine may have involved actual armed conflict in the far distant past between human beings using 21st century weapons and an unknown extraterrestrial enemy? Did the Nine assist on the side of humanity; or rather more worryingly does the translation of the glyphs indicate that the extraterrestrial enemy was in fact the Nine? If this is the case then it is possible that the Nine are not the altruistic group that they at first appear to be; unless of course as suggested they were in league with human beings against a common enemy. This scenario is born out when one considers the positive nature of Osiris, who, as a ruler, is credited with civilising his people

and turning them away from barbarity and cannibalism; even so, why the presence of modern looking equipment? Perhaps the Nine/Ennead did not possess the necessary equipment to fight such a war, or perhaps their code of ethics did not allow them to enter directly into armed combat so they, in effect employed mercenaries recruited from the present era.

The evidence seems to be there, and it pops out from a variety of sources, a bit here and a bit there; the depiction of modern looking fighting machines, the relevance of Abydos, Osiris and another world, the curious link between the Ennead and the Nine, the repeated references to the number Nine in the translations of the Abydos glyphs, many little pieces making a much bigger picture.

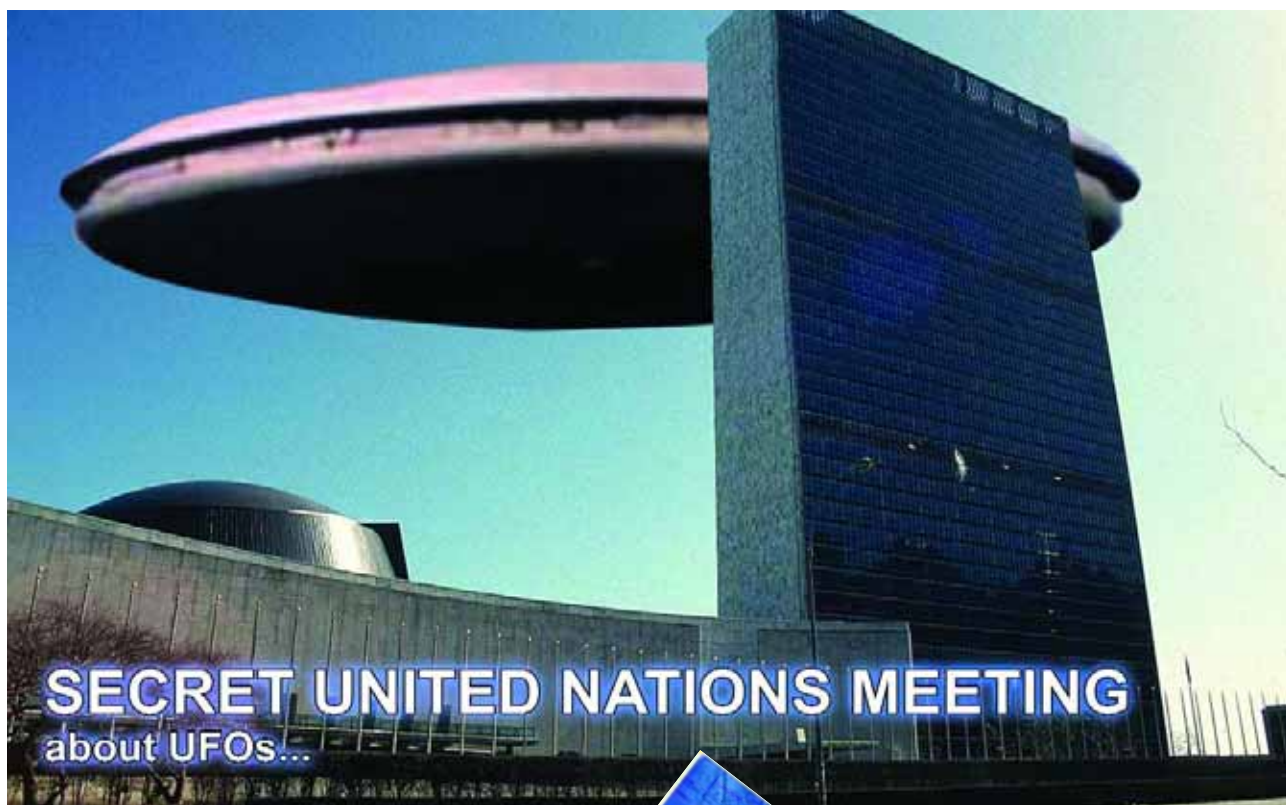
Certainly there seems to be a difference regarding the mechanism by which the contact may have been made, although their might still be a connection, but what is rather heartening is the realisation that since we have found apparent evidence of this then the conflict must have been successful otherwise it would not have been inscribed to commemorate the event.

While some of what is written here is speculative, it is based on readily available (and it has to be said consistent) data. We are already aware that there is work underway trying to develop a method of warping and bending space and with it time and this is only what we know about, for it is anyone's guess what is currently underway in the concealed laboratories funded by lavish 'black project' budgets.

Projects that might look like the wildest kind of science fiction, but as we creep ever closer to the 'theory of everything', which is the 'Holy Grail' of theoretical physicists everywhere, then literally nothing is impossible and who knows, perhaps, as the Abydos Glyphs suggest, the conquest of time has already happened.

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Secret United Nations Meeting about UFOs...

Dr. Michael Salla has reported on his exopolitics.org website that there was a secret meeting at the United Nations (UN) in New York on February 12th, 2008. The next day, Dr Salla received a communication from two colleagues, Clay and Shawn Pickering, in which they claimed that the meeting had taken place and it had taken place because "a number of nation states are concerned about the impact of increased UFO sightings and wish to be briefed about what is happening".

The Pickering's said that their source was located in the diplomatic corps at the UN and this source also told them that a secret working group exists within the UN tasked with the slow disclosure of UFO information to the public. It was said that this dissemination of data would gradually unfold until the "unambiguous" arrival of extra-terrestrials in 2013. According to their source, there are concerns that when the aliens arrive, there will be a large increase in suicides. Dr Salla suggested that this may be particularly acute among the scientific community. He notes the 1961 Brookings Report, which said "scientists and engineers might be

the most devastated by the discovery of relatively superior creatures".

With more and more governments opening up their UFO files (the UK and France, for instance) and other governments openly stating their belief that some UFOs are extra-terrestrial vehicles (the Japanese Defence Minister has said, "There are no grounds for us to deny there are unidentified flying objects and some life-form that controls them."), it does seem that there is an acceleration of the release of information regarding the UFO subject.

On February 20th, Dr Salla received another email from Clay and Shawn Pickering, with more details about the meeting. They said that their source told them that the meeting had "intense" security and that "pens, pins, key chain items were collected and not allowed in the meeting room". Fifty to Sixty people were in attendance and many subjects were discussed, include UFOs. The date given earlier of 2013 was in error and the aliens will arrive in

2017: "Very large craft will appear above cities and sit. There will be NO use of force; they will just sit there.

Source stated the "Independence Day" film was close, but their ships are not that big and, again, no use of force will occur. Our

source cannot reveal his source for the 2017 date. His source is very high up in the government/military/intelligence structure."

The extra-terrestrials are known as 'The Controllers' and they "have a keen sense of freedom and free will. They will not intervene and help humanity if humanity does not show them we want their help. If some entropic event happens (nuclear war), the controllers will not make contact."

There was also the suggestion that these 'Controllers' feel that the Earth



is overpopulated (yikes!).

The religious implications, their source said, would vary according to each faith: "The Roman Catholic countries will not have a rough time, except for the population problem; the Roman Catholics already have three Gods in one, so accepting others is not that much of a stretch. The dividing point is going to be the containment of population. The Protestant countries will deal fairly easily with contact. So will countries with indigenous religions connected to nature. The Muslim, Hindu, and fundamentalist Christian religions will have the most difficult time, possibly even the elimination of said religions; we can expect mass suicides, social unrest and upheaval. The ETs will help with re-programming and the concept of an inclusive galactic order. However, society will have to step up to the plate to assist - one on one - those people who have shattered belief systems. The Chinese will have no problem because of the Buddhist and Taoist influences."

On February 25th, Dr Salla posted on exopolitics.org a letter from Jean-Jacques Yvars. It stated (exactly as posted at exopolitics.org):

"For strictly professional reasons and by coincidence, an active member of the FEA was invited to the UN in New York in the week starting February 11, 2008. This person took part in the development of discussions on the subject of UFOs, after the meeting of February 12. These discussions at the United Nations, brought forth further deliberations during three conferences held behind closed doors on 13 and 14 February, to which our member had the honor and pleasure to attend.

Here is a summary of the minutes that Mr. Gilles Lorant, invited to the meetings, kindly shared with us about what was said at the United Nations in New York:

On 12 February, the U.S. Air Force and the National Guard would actually presented a report on the subject of UFOs and the impact of sightings on many communities in the United States. Since this report was considered important for industrialized countries, representatives from sev-

eral countries were invited to attend. Then, at the request of three United States Senators, a series of three meetings took place in the [two] following days, in the presence of forty representatives from twenty-eight member countries, including the Vatican (two countries did not send representatives). On both days, the subject of UFO's was discussed, for no more than an hour and a half, as one of the causes of social upheaval of a country, due to the high probability of economic recession resulting from the speeches of 'contactees', charlatans, religious [figures], some scientists and prophecies. Sightings of UFOs increase sharply the risk of social unrest threatening the political systems of several emerging democracies.

According to Mr. Gilles Lorant, what was discussed was an opening in official attitudes when publicly considering, in future, how to treat the UFO phenomenon. An official opening to be held under two conditions:

1) Until the end of 2009, that social peace in the G8 countries is guaranteed around the liberal democratic model (US version)

2) That by the end of 2009, the annoying manifestations of our "neighbors" continue to exist throughout the world.

Furthermore, also discussed was what position to adopt in case a non-aligned country decided to get ahead of the countries pres-



ent at this meeting with the "officialization" of the subject. The atmosphere was rather serious, according to Mr. Lorant, the participants were, in fact, cognizant of the presence of "our neighbors" in our environment.

Conclusion:



The suggestion agreed upon at the United Nations by the representatives of the 28 nations, in the course of these exchanges, is of paramount importance for public recognition of the topic. The official treatment of information relating to UFOs could be a turning point at the international level, if the circumstances remain favorable. The coming years could show a surprising evolution (development) of communications on the subject on the part of governments."

Coincidentally (considering the mention of suicides in the Pickerings' statements), on February 17th, a UN agency staff member threw herself from a 19th-floor window at the United Nations. As reported in Reuters:

"Police called to the United Nations headquarters on Sunday found the body of a female U.N. employee on the building's lawn, the victim of a suspected suicide.

Police did not identify the woman, who was found in the U.N. headquarters' back courtyard overlooking the East River shortly after 8 a.m. EST, describing her only as white and 44 years old.

The United Nations issued a statement, but withheld the woman's name.

"A U.N. agency staff member died after falling from the 19th floor of the U.N. Secretariat building," it said.

"At this time there is no suspicion of foul play."

The United Nations has a number of specialized agencies with offices adjacent to U.N. headquarters in New York.

Police said signs indicated she had jumped from the building. However, they said the circumstances of the woman's death were still under investigation."

So, is this story to be taken seriously? Are extra-terrestrials really going to arrive and openly reveal themselves to the world in 2013 or 2017? This kind of thing has been predicted for many, many years, so a degree of skepticism is not surprising. We will just have to wait and see. It is true that there seems to be an increase in reports of UFO sightings all around the world, but despite this increase, there is still no hard evidence in the form of photographs, video or other physical traces to corroborate the existence of an alien presence on our planet. With governments seemingly becoming more open to talk about the UFO subject, albeit somewhat reluctantly, and the media very slowly starting to report the subject seriously, perhaps more good evidence will be forthcoming.

What will happen if the ETs arrive, then? If we accept the words of Dr Salla's sources as being accurate, then there are several disturbing aspects to this information.

There is an open discussion about the overpopulation of the planet. Does this mean that the aliens will begin a depopulation program? Or perhaps they will oversee such a project undertaken by Earth governments. This is a terrifying prospect. At the very least it suggests an acceptance of the policy of 'zero population growth' might be on the cards.

The aliens are referred to as 'The Controllers'. This sounds very strange. Sure, it's just a title, a nomenclature, but the ramifications of it are disturbing. What are they controlling? How do they control? Will we be controlled by them?

The suggestion that all religions bar

Christianity may be 'eliminated' is also extremely disturbing. It smacks of bigotry at best and downright zealotry at worst. Okay, it was said that Buddhism would also survive and that fundamentalist Christianity would go down the tubes as well, but a person's religious beliefs cannot be forced out of existence, no matter what happens externally. Religion is a choice that should be allowed to be freely taken.

Would there be an increase in suicides? No doubt there could be. It seems logical that there will be large numbers of people who cannot cope with the fact that extra-terrestrials have arrived and that humans are no longer 'the centre of the universe'. Will the academic community be more affected? I'm not too sure about that. It might have been the case a few decades ago, but today's scientists and engineers have grown up watching *Star Wars* and *Star Trek* and *The X-Files*. They are more (for the most part) open to the existence of extra-terrestrials. What might happen is that our scientists will receive a huge blow to their collective egos when the long-cherished

theories of the nature of the universe are at worst shattered or at least undergo radical reform. Personally, I suspect most academics will embrace the new sciences and technologies that ETs might bring. That is if they are willing to share - and that seemed somewhat unlikely in the reports from Dr Salla's colleagues.

Is this going to be an invasion? It certainly has the appearance of one! If large UFOs suddenly appear over major cities all over the world, occupied by beings known as 'The Controllers', we have every reason to be concerned. Could movies like *Independence Day* or *War of the Worlds* or TV series such as *V* or *The X-Files* have been closer to the truth than we could ever have known? I certainly hope not. If they do arrive en masse, it will change the Earth forever. That much is certain. Will it mean the end of our civilization or the dawn of a new age of prosperity and peace?

We'll just have to wait and see...

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One never knows what information will show up, or where the information will come from when doing UFO research. Sometimes it comes from the witnesses themselves, or in some cases a spouse, a child or other person somehow related or acquainted with the witness. Finding a "side-story" not related to a UFO case can also be interesting when it's found. Over the years I've enjoyed looking into other interests fellow researchers have when not doing UFO research. The in-depth interview Wendy Connors and I did several years ago with Walter Haut revealed his childhood in Chicago; involvement in WWII with the 509th bomb wing and other non-UFO related accomplishments. Those little tidbits of information give a better overview of the person in my opinion, sometimes not otherwise known.

Such is the account I stumbled on recently while doing a radio interview, when I was asked if I could verify some information I had never heard of before.

Everyone who is familiar with the 1947 Roswell Incident of course recognizes the name "Mack" Brazel, the ranch foreman on the Foster ranch near Corona in 1947, who found the debris scattered across his pasture. By all accounts "Mack" appears to have been a gentle man, away from his family a lot while in charge of the ranch, and trying to earn a living in the 1940s. After the Roswell

Incident, his interrogation by the military, and unwanted notoriety, he apparently tried to remain that gentle person, still a characteristic of ranchers in the southwest United States today.

Apparently such was not the case with "Mack's" uncle "Wayne" Brazel, back in the late 1800s and early 1900s, when the "Wild West" was still controlled by the six-shooter. As with the 1947 Roswell Incident, the story I will share about Jesse "Wayne" Brazel, "Mack's" uncle, also contains controversy, but I can't pass up sharing it.



During the late 1800s two names emerged which are forever remembered in the annals of the old west--Billy the Kid and Sheriff Pat Garrett.

The legend of William H. Bonney (above), (better known as Billy the Kid), became well known over the years as being a vicious and ruthless killer in the New Mexico Territory during the 1800's. Many of his

escapades have been exaggerated over the years in books and films, but there is no doubt that he was a wanted man. After finally being captured, the "Kid" shot his way out of the second floor Lincoln County jail on April 28, 1881, in Lincoln, New Mexico (about 47 miles west of Roswell), killing Sheriff Pat Garrett's deputies, Bob Ollinger and James Bell, and successfully escaped.



Although Pat Garrett (above) is best known for killing Billy the Kid, many think he was one of the most contradictory men in the history of the American West. Depending on what can be researched about Garrett, he is also accused of being a woman chaser, drinker, gambler and a man slow at paying his debts. His marriages were also controversial affairs. About the time of the Lincoln County War, Garrett became Sheriff, with strong support from cattle baron John Chisum. As Sheriff, his primary responsibility was to track down Billy the Kid, which he subsequently did, locking him up in the Lincoln County jail, only to have the Kid shoot two of Garrett's deputies while escaping.

Garrett tracked down Billy the Kid again, this time at Fort Sumner, (about 80 miles north of Roswell). The Kid was hiding at the house of land baron Pete Maxwell, and around midnight on July 14, 1881, Sheriff Pat Garrett was sitting beside a bed talking to Maxwell when the Kid stepped through the doorway. He saw Garrett sitting there, but didn't recognize him in the darkness. Instead, he drew his revolver and hoarsely whispered, "Quien es?" (Who is it?). Garrett fired and shot Billy the Kid dead, putting an end to his young outlaw life. Enter "Wayne" Brazel, the uncle of



"Mack" Brazel....

As the years passed by Garrett's troubles increased because of his gambling, drinking, and loss of allies. James P. Miller, who had a reputation as a murderer was interested in buying Garrett's Bear Canyon Ranch in southern New Mexico. During the negotiations Garrett informed Miller that a "goat man" named "Wayne" Brazel (right) leased a portion of the ranch and would have to be evicted. When confronted, Brazel refused to leave unless he was paid \$3.50 a head for his 1200 goats. Miller agreed, and offered Garrett \$3000.00 for the ranch. Then Brazel raised the price and Miller told Garrett the deal was off since he didn't have that kind of money.

The next day, February 29, 1908, Garrett and Carl Anderson, a relative of Miller's, set out for Las Cruces in a buggy and caught up with Brazel, who was on horseback. Garrett and Brazel began arguing about the goats and Garrett said, "it didn't make any difference whether Brazel moved off of the property or not, he (Garrett)

would get him off the ranch somehow."

From here on there are two accounts of what took place next. One says Garrett climbed out of the buggy and stepped to the rear of it to relieve himself, carrying his folding shotgun in his right hand, and turning his back on Brazel ---who shot him twice in the back of the head. The other account says that while the two were arguing, Garrett reached under the buggy seat to retrieve his shotgun and Brazel shot him. So a little over a quarter century after Pat Garrett shot Billy the Kid, he met his own demise from a handgun.

Fourteen months later on April 19, 1909, Brazel's case went before a twelve-man jury that took 15 minutes to reach a verdict of "self defense."

There are other accounts of who shot Pat Garrett, for other reasons and where, but I couldn't pass up the fact that Roswell witness "Mack" Brazel's uncle "Wayne" is included, hoping the reader will enjoy this return to the "Old Wild West" near Roswell in the late 1800s and early 1900s, when law and order were much different than today.

Billy the Kid is buried at Ft Sumner, New Mexico, where he met his end, amongst much controversy whether the grave actually contains the remains of the Kid or not. Pat Garrett was buried in Las Cruces, at the Odd Fellows cemetery, on March 5, 1908. In the 1950s due to poor maintenance of the cemetery, Garrett's son had his father's remains reinterred at the Masonic Cemetery across the street.

As for "Wayne" Brazel, he married and obtained a small ranch west of Lordsburg, New Mexico a few years after killing Garrett. When his wife died in 1913, he sold the property and disappeared from public record. It is unknown where he moved to after selling the property, and his exact date of death is unknown, but believed to have been around 1915.

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Since planet-wide satellite imagery became available to the world via Google Earth, there have been several odd images discovered by eagle-eyed researchers and teenage spotty oiks who don't see sunlight for months on end.

A few weeks ago, UFOMEK investigator, Chris Rolfe, contacted me to share some information he had been given by someone scouring Google Earth.

The image shows a circular object close to or hovering over the Bristol Channel off the Welsh coast.

You can even see a whirlpool effect around the object giving the impression that this may be generating a downward thrust.

Both Chris and I got a little excited but on studying the image it was obvious the object was not very far off the coast and quite close to a power station.

Chris rang the press officer at the

power station and asked if



there was an old sea fort or other structure visible from the station about half a mile out to sea. Suprisingly the press officer said no and even asked around the office with the same end result.

I checked quickly on the net for Sea Forts etc in that area and came up with nothing so it seemed we might have a genuine oddity on our hands.



To get an idea of the size of the object I cut it from the image and placed in the power station car park which was conveniently lined in 5-6ft parking spaces.

This gave us an idea of the true size of the object. As you can see it's quite a size.

So had the image mappers caught a genuine UFO whilst photographing the coast or could we researchers and the people who work and live in this part of the world missing something that's right under our nose?

Well I put the story on UFO DATA's forum and within the hour good old Merc (the smirk) got to the bottom of this mystery.

What amazed both Chris Rolfe and I was the fact that people at the power station saw this structure every day but failed to recognise it when questioned.

So here it is then. It's a water outlet for the Power Station. **RC.**



WHO WAS THERE FIRST?

Who was there first? Is this a chicken and egg riddle? No, it's a valid question raised by those who have studied what appear to be artificial structures on various bodies in our solar system.

We like to think that humankind is at the peak of its evolutionary scale. We have never been so advanced and our technology is the most complex in history. Is this really true? Can we be certain that our race, which has existed in this form for over 200,000 years, has only just made the transition to interplanetary flight in the last fifty years? What if civilisations, lost in the mists of time, also achieved that tremendous leap and have left evidence for their existence elsewhere in the cosmos.

Does this sound impossible? Perhaps, but there are relics right here on Earth that suggest man's ingenuity was evident in our ancient history.

In 1900, a lump of rusty metal was hauled out of the sea off the Greek island of Antikythera. When analysed, it was found to be some sort of mechanism, consisting of over 30 gears, although more than 70 may have been present originally. It



appeared to date from around 150BC and it has been suggested that it was a form of astronomical computer. The level of complexity and miniaturisation of the gears was not seen in the Western world until the 18th Century, almost 2,000 years after the device's construction.



The magnificent pyramids of Giza, in Egypt, were constructed by a Bronze Age civilisation that had yet to utilise the wheel. Despite this, they managed to construct an edifice, the Great Pyramid of Khufu, which remained the tallest building in the world until the Eiffel Tower was built in 1889, over 4,000 years after they were raised. Not only were the three pyramids on the Giza plateau astonishing feats of physical engineering, but they were also aligned to the cardinal points so accurately that so-called modern science could not match it until very recently. The internal structure of the Great Pyramid also displays remarkable technological skill. Four shafts rise up from two chambers called the King's Chamber and Queen's Chamber, although there is no evidence that anybody was interred here, let alone Khufu's queen, who got her own pyramid beside her husband's. The shafts, once described as air shafts, since completely debunked, are aligned to specific areas of the sky that were incredibly important to Ancient Egyptian religion. These shafts were not simply cut into the stone, they were carefully-planned, integral structures within the pyramid. They were included as the pyramid rose and it must have

been incredibly difficult to keep them aligned to their astral targets as work around them continued.

It has been suggested that extraterrestrials came to Earth in antiquity and helped our ancestors in many ways. Books by the likes of Erich Von Däniken and Zecharia Sitchin have sold in the millions espousing this theory. The Ancient Astronaut Theory (AAT) should not be completely disregarded, as there is evidence as to its veracity, despite what academia might tell us.

Ancient carvings depict flying beings or gods coming to teach man. Often these beings are seen wearing garb that would compliment a modern astronaut. Their 'chariots' often appear technological in nature, rather than supernatural. Were these gods really aliens or was there an ancient human civilisation that was much more advanced than our Stone Age ancestors or even than we are today? While Däniken and Sitchin fight for the AAT, authors, such as Graham Hancock and Robert Bauval, believe that humanity once achieved great heights of learning, only for this knowledge to be lost in a great cataclysm some 12,000 years ago. Did the lost cultures of Atlantis or Mu really exist?

Whatever your beliefs in this regard, it seems that whoever came before us left their mark not only on Earth, but all around our solar system. We will begin on our closest neighbour, the Moon. Many 'anomalies' can be found on that barren world.

The recent, best-selling book by Richard C Hoagland and Mike Bara, *Dark Mission*, reignited the anomal-ist community. Did the Apollo astronauts really photograph the remnants of vast, glass domes, rectilinear, artificial structures and robot-like heads? That is for the reader to decide.

It has been mooted that the Apollo 10 image, AS10-30-4421, shows a

glass dome in the Mare Crisium. Indeed, if you look closely, it appears that the hill behind the feature can be seen through the translucent, dome-shaped structure. This appears to be an intact dome, but Hoagland and Bara claim that there are many shattered domes that arch over 50,000 feet above the lunar surface, their supporting members being captured by Apollo cameras. Search the web for Hoagland's 'Mitchell Under Glass' for more.

Perhaps the most famous lunar anomaly is 'The Shard'. Captured by the Lunar Orbiter III probe in 1967, this appears to be a colossal, tower-like structure reaching thousands of feet into the sky. The shadow cast by the object seems to confirm that it is real and not a photographic defect. Is it a

huge, solid structure or something more transient, such as an outgassing of some kind from below the Moon's surface? Either explanation is fantastic on this

enhanced the skull-like object and firmly believe it is the remnants of an android, left behind aeons ago by some advanced, as yet unknown, civilisation. Could it be retrieved and, perhaps, reactivated by future astronauts?

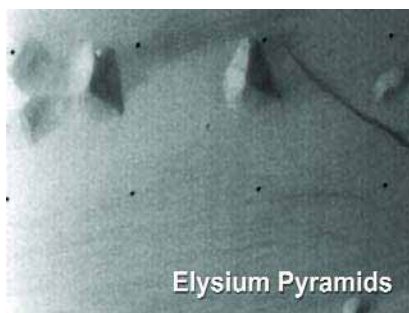
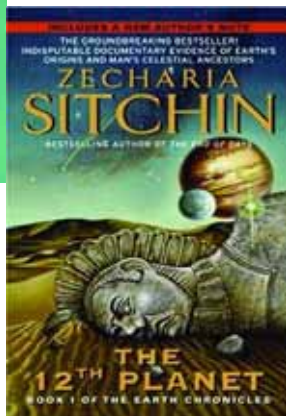
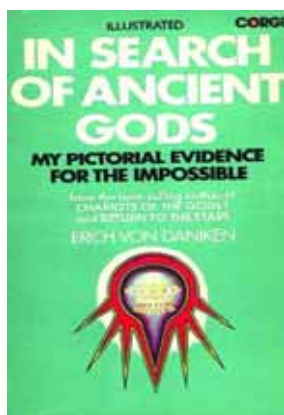
Heading away from the Moon, man's next port of call will be the planet Mars. But were we the first to land there when the Viking probes set down in 1976? Mars is a favourite for anomaly hunters and there are literally thousands of images that allege to contain artificial structures.

The first probes to reach the Red Planet were the Mariners. Mariner 4 arrived in 1965 with Mariners 6 and 7 getting there in 1969. Mariner 9 entered orbit in 1971.

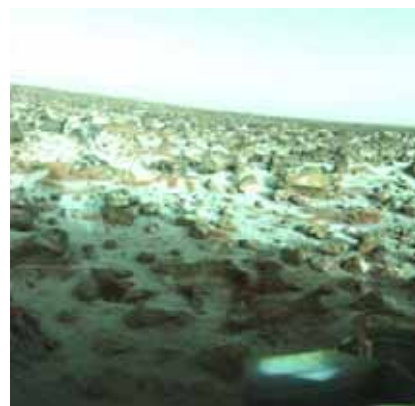
It was Mariner 9 that first photographed the 'Pyramids of Elysium' and the so-called 'Inca City'. Were these remnants of a lost, Martian civilisation? Another feature snapped by Mariner 9 was dubbed 'The Airport Terminal'.

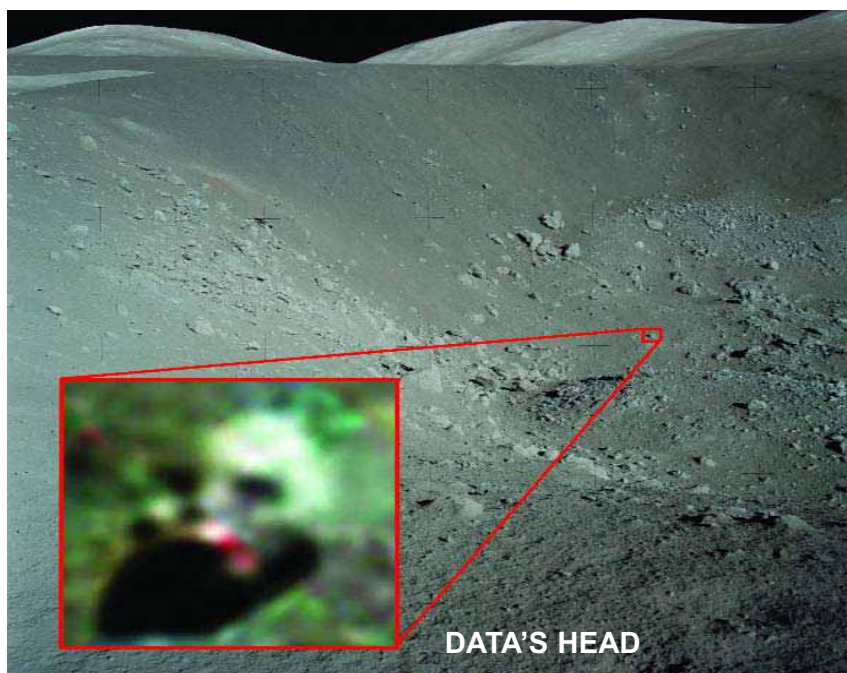
When Viking arrived 5 years later, the two landers found evidence of life, but this was dismissed by NASA, even though the experiment that found the evidence had been sanctioned and included in the mission! Besides, why include a flawed experiment in a mission that cost \$1 billion? The Labelled Release Experiment's originator, Dr Gilbert Levin, stands by the findings to this day.

There was also controversy about the first images received by the Viking landers. They appeared to show a blue sky on Mars. These were later tweaked to appear more reddish. Why was this done? If the sky is



supposedly dead world. *Dark Mission's* 'smoking gun' evidence was the artefact they have called 'Data's Head', after the android in *Star Trek: The Next Generation*. During the Apollo 17 mission, astronauts Schmitt and Cernan were exploring a small crater called Shorty. Found in frame AS17-137-21005HR, Hoagland and Bara



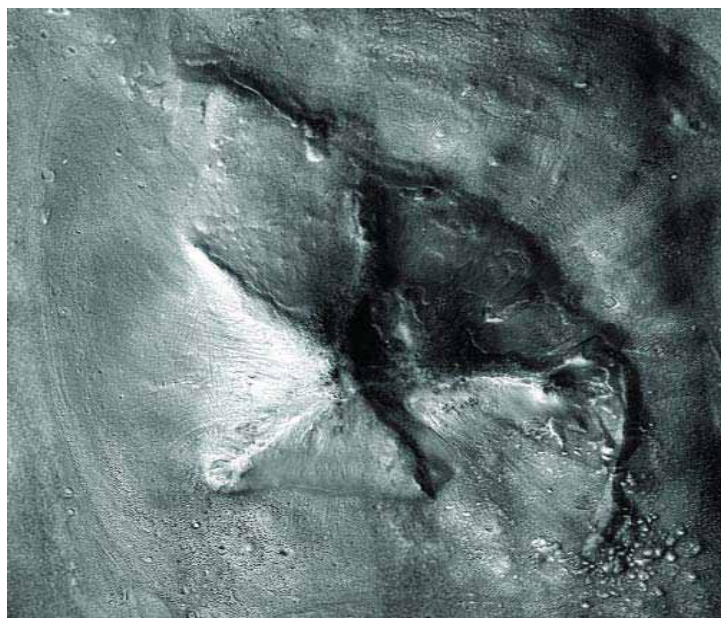


blue, why not show it as such? The Viking orbiters circled around the planet, relaying data from the landers and taking photographs of the surface. One of these images has become probably the most famous space photograph in history, the 'Cydonia Face'. Not only was a peculiar, humanoid face captured, staring enigmatically into space, but nearby, there was a veritable city of pyramids and mounds. These were given names, such as 'The D & M Pyramid', 'The City Square' and 'The Fort'. Researchers concluded that all of the structures in the region were connected by geometry, proving that they were artificial and not just 'tricks of light and shadow' playing with our imaginations.

Dr Tom Van Flandern calculated that the Face once sat on the old Martian equator and was perfectly aligned to true north (remember the Giza pyramids?). He concluded that the odds of the Face being natural were 1,000 billion to one.

When Mars Global Surveyor (MGS) arrived at the Red Planet in 1997, it was hoped that the controversy about the Face would be put to rest. When the first image was released, it was a huge disappointment. Dubbed 'The Catbox', it showed the Face as an almost flat, hardly discernible feature. Later enhancements improved the quality, but it wasn't until MGS took more images that science could proudly proclaim that it was 'just a mesa'.

This did not satisfy anomalists, who maintained that it resembled no natural mesa on Earth and still displayed evidence of artificiality. The debate rages on.



Shortly before MGS arrived in Mars orbit, a lander called Pathfinder set down in the Ares Vallis in July, 1997. It deployed a small rover, called Sojourner, and took many photographs of the area. Immediately something appeared to be wrong. The images from Pathfinder appeared even redder than those obtained by Viking. Had the boffins at NASA been tweaking the images again? Curiously, an image released from Pathfinder's planned final day of the mission appears to show the Sojourner in a distinctly blue light. Ultimately, Pathfinder continued long after the planned 30 days had elapsed.

Whatever the colour of Mars' sky, the Pathfinder mission revealed some intriguing anomalies. Within range of the probe's cameras, there appeared to be many regularly-shaped boulders, some rectangular, some other geometric shapes.

On the horizon lies a pair of hills, dubbed the Twin Peaks, which appear to have terracing on their slopes. In front of the left-hand hill sits what some have described as a Sphinx!

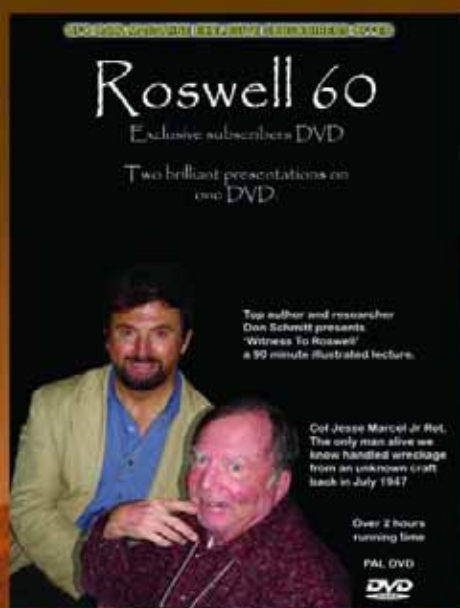
Mars has become a favourite location for those studying so-called 'planetary artforms'. Van Flandern's MetaResearch website (www.metaresearch.org) features images of many of these huge works of art, only viewable from space. Are these random patterns on the planet's surface, conjured into recognisable forms by our imaginations, or actual pictograms scratched onto the Martian surface, much like the Nazca Lines in Peru?

No doubt Mars will reveal many more anomalies before humans set foot there. How many will our astronauts find to be genuine, artificial creations? **SJ**



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Texas Sightings Spark Worldwide Interest

In early January, 2008, a UFO story took the world by storm. Residents of the Texas town of Stephenville, about 60 miles south-west of Fort Worth, as well as nearby Dublin and Selden, reported seeing a massive UFO crossing the sky at great speed. As the story grabbed headlines in the mainstream media across the globe, it became apparent that Texans had been seeing these huge craft over a period of weeks.

Most of the reports appeared to describe bright lights that flashed brightly and changed configuration. While some just reported lights, businessman, Steve Allen, said that what he saw was a mile long and half a mile in width. He has offered a \$5000 reward for video footage of what he saw. He described what he saw as rectangular and travelling at about 3000 miles per hour. The lights blinked out, only to reappear 10 minutes later. Military jets arrived and appeared to pursue the object. He told reporters, "It was positively, absolutely nothing from these parts."

Other reports of military jets in pursuit of the objects resulted in Major Karl Lewis from the Naval Reserve base in Fort Worth to deny that any aircraft from his station were in the

air that night. Two other nearby bases also denied having planes in the sky during the sightings. This stance was later retracted, with Major Lewis explaining that F-16s were in the area on a training mission and that the earlier, incorrect statement was due to a miscommunication.



A week earlier, Ricky Sorrells of Dublin (above), about 12 miles from Stephenville, was deer hunting in the woods near his home at about sunset. Speaking to Linda Moulton-Howe, he said: "For some reason, I don't know what, I look up and look

back down. I don't know what made me look up, but then I realized what I had seen with my eyes and immediately looked back up. There was this thing. It covered from - I could not see the edges in my tree canopy." The underside of the metallic craft was dotted with circular depressions and emitted heat waves, like haze on a hot road. He said it appeared moulded and had no seams or rivets. Although he could not see its edges through the trees, he estimated it to be about 300 feet above him, making the craft at least 1000 feet across. As he watched, it shot off at a 45-degree angle. He has seen the object on two more occasions, both times from his back porch. He said it appeared like "a thick piece of plate. But it was a long way away, like a 1.5 to 2 miles."

Speaking to local TV stations, Stephenville resident, Glenda Jackson, said, "It looked like two plates upside down, like a saucer. It was at least as wide as a football field."

Also from Stephenville, James Huse said he saw large, round objects in the sky that, he estimated, were about the size of conventional aircraft.

Many other sightings were reported both to the media and to organisations such as the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON). The reports on the MUFON website are generally lacking in detail, but interesting nevertheless. Here are a few:

"I am a resident of Stephenville, TX. I was getting back from buying fireworks in Stephenville, TX on December 31, 2007. It was around 6:00. I was in the car with my dad and my friend; they both saw the thing in the sky also. There was a very bright light in the sky travelling very, very fast, about 2-3 times bigger than a star, a second light popped up, very close to the first one, for about 30 seconds, then disappeared, but the first light was still there. Tuesday the 8th of January wasn't the only day we saw the UFO." - 31st December, 2007

"We left together from fiancé's house in Stephenville near HEB (Hard Eight Barbecue - SJ) around Green View Additions. I went the wrong

way and turned left on 377. Then went over the bridge and turned left on Harbin Rd. Went over the railroad tracks. Drove past Swan St. and noticed it to the left of us about 500 feet up (I WOULD SAY IT WAS SITTING RIGHT OVER HEB MAYBE.) It was hovering in place. It was amber in color with the color moving throughout it. We didn't stop. I couldn't drive down the road straight because we were looking at it. I called my brother and told him what we saw and where it was so he could see it." - 19th January, 2008

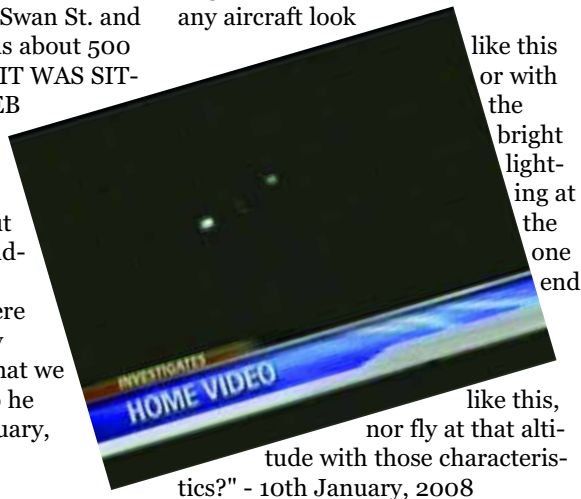
"At around 8:45 pm I received a call, telling me that there was a strange amber light hovering over Stephenville. After driving around for ten minutes or so, my wife spotted the object towards the north east side of town. As I stopped the car and stepped out of the vehicle, I witnessed the amber light flicker as if on a metallic surface. It was several miles away, and around 1,500ft to 3,000ft (or maybe higher) in the sky. I have no way of describing just how large the light was, but I am guessing sizeable. It moved in the same general direction, but not necessarily in a straight line. There were no flashing aircraft lights, only the amber flicker. It moved slowly, before stopping in mid air. Suddenly it gained several thousand feet in altitude (almost straight up) in a matter of seconds, before turning bright (almost stop-light red) as if on fire, and then vanishing.

"I was unable to take photos, or video.

"The exact duration of time wasn't very long. But I know it was no plane." - 19th January, 2008

"Driving home from the grocery store I looked up at the sky and saw 3 comet looking things, I commented to my son they looked like comets, but they were going in a horizontal line at 3 different altitudes, not falling and by the time we got home they were gone. He said maybe falling stars, but it wasn't the same. I joked and said maybe they were UFO's, but after seeing the report on

Larry King maybe it wasn't a joke. I thought maybe airplanes, but I am a Flight Attendant and have never seen any aircraft look



like this, nor fly at that altitude with those characteristics?" - 10th January, 2008

"I drive a water transport in the oil-field out of Bono, TX. I drive to and from Stephenville Saturday thru Wednesday. I left work at 5:45pm Tuesday evening January 8, 2008, travelling west on Hwy.67, between Chalk Mountain and Three Way. This is when something caught my eye off in the western sky. I saw two very bright lights shining in no apparent direction. The lights were very bright, like a welding arc. The lights were dancing around and then they split in two different directions at a very fast rate of speed.

"I do not know what it was that I saw, but I don't think that it was a plane, weather balloon, a reflection of the sun or anything manmade." - 8th January, 2008

Several videos have appeared on the web, claiming to be UFOs over Texas. Most of these are poor quality, though, and simply depict distant lights in the sky.

January saw other reports of large UFOs from outside Texas.

On the night of January 19th, 2008, residents of Guanica, Puerto Rico, saw a huge, round UFO, with hundreds of rows of red lights glide across the sky. Jose Martinez reported: "The object rested for several minutes on a nearby hill, at very low altitude, nearly treetop level, blinding witnesses with its red lights. Among them were Roberto Garcia and wife Patricia, who tried to photograph the object with their cell phone

but didn't manage to obtain an image. Other local residents were frightened and unable to sleep that night after the object took off toward Lajas at high speed."

Brian Vike of hbccufo.org received a report from Altoona, Iowa, of an object 'as big as a house' that was seen on 22nd January, 2008. The witness stated: "I was getting a drink of water when I happened to look out the window and saw an unknown object with three big white lights flying near my house. I went outside to see it this object was huge, it was probably the size of a house. The back of the object had 2 silverish brown lights, but I can't stress enough how big this object was and the big bright white lights were pretty bright, but not blinding. This object was in sight for about three minutes."

More recently, the local reporter that broke the story, Angelia Joiner, has been forced out of her job for covering the incident. A staff reporter at the *Stephenville Empire-Tribune*, Ms Joiner was ordered by her superiors to 'back off' from the UFO stories. She tried to do this, but being the 'point person' on the case, she still received many letters and emails about the incident. Trying to cope with these on her own time, it became clear to Ms Joiner that something was wrong at work and she offered her two-week notice. She was told to leave immediately. She said: "I had given notice when I realized my boss was unhappy with my performance, but was unexpectedly asked to pack my things and leave." Ms Joiner has now created her own website which can be found at www.stephenvilights.com.

Her sacking came after local eyewitnesses reported being harassed by officialdom.

Ricky Sorrells reported that he was contacted by a man claiming to be from the US Air Force, after a heated discussion over the phone, threats were made. Mr Sorrells said: "I said if he was who he said he was, why didn't he stop flying over my air space with all those helicopters. And he informed me that it was not my air space - it was his. He told me if I'd quit talking about what I saw he

would stop the helicopters."

He told Angelia Joiner that he encountered an intruder on his property. She reported in the *Stephenville Empire-Tribune*:

"I was in bed asleep," Sorrells said. "I keep my bird dogs on the east side of my house and three others on the west side. The black lab doesn't bark until someone comes across the cattle guard and the Catahoula doesn't bark until she actually sees someone. They were all barking so I got up to see what was going on."

Sorrells said he walked to his bedroom window and looked out to the top of his driveway - he saw someone.

"I went around the bed and grabbed my rifle," Sorrells said.

His family was still sleeping, so with one hand on his gun and one hand on his backdoor knob, he peered through the window of the door to see if he could spot the intruder again.

"He had positioned himself in between the car and the pickup 40 to 50 feet from my back door," Sorrells said. "He stood staring at me rocking back and forth. I didn't think his feet were moving but the next morning when looking at his tracks I could tell they were."

Sorrells said it was cold and misting rain and it was obvious the guy was "dressed for the elements with a heavy parka-like coat."

He said he strained to see if the man carried a gun but could not see one but could clearly see the face of someone he thought to be in his late 20s or early 30s judging from the way he "walked and acted."

"I'm trying to decide whether or not to open the door," Sorrells said. "We're just standing there face to face looking at each other. I'm thinking he's dressed for the elements and the dogs are raising such a ruckus he must know he's in danger of being caught. That's when I realized he

wanted me to see him."

Sorrells said the trespasser had positioned himself in such a way he decided he could be vulnerable if he opened his door. He thought of his



family and then the man slowly turned and

walked into the woods.

"He walked through an area where I'd cleared the brush so apparently he'd been there before because he knew where to go," Sorrells said.

Sorrells said shortly after the unwelcome caller disappeared the dogs calmed down and he stayed up the rest of the night to keep watch.

Later, when walking through the woods on his property with Howe, he decided to return to a bare spot where his property line ends at a fence.

"It is washed out there and I like to go there to look for deer and turkey tracks," Sorrells said. He said he's an avid hunter and keeps abreast of the wildlife on his place. He said he had not been to this particular spot in

about a month.

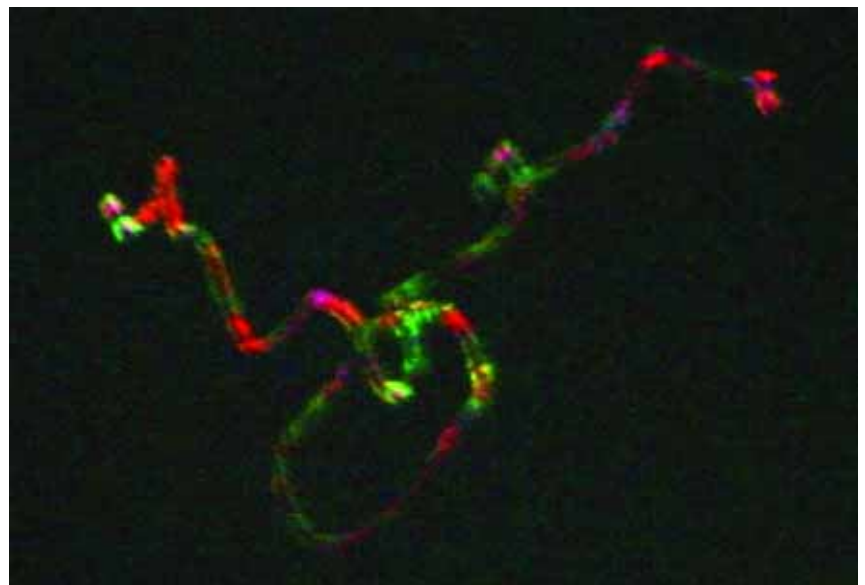
"The first thing I saw was a man's footprint," Sorrells said. "Ms. Howe videotaped me putting my foot beside it. The sun was going down and I saw something shiny."

Sorrells said he walked over and picked up a bullet - a shiny new 25-06 Remington - with some dotted tarnished smudges.

"I think the man that I saw that night dropped this bullet and the tarnished spots are from the misting rain that night," Sorrells said. "I just think it was the military showing me they could get to me if they wanted to."

A set of new images emerged in February, taken by police constable, Lee Roy Gaiten and his wife. Over several nights, he videotaped an object apparently 'drawing' symbols in the sky. His wife took stills with a good quality digital camera. Speaking to Linda Moulton-Howe, he said: "... [It was] throwing off coloured strobe lights. What was so odd about it was when I zoomed in, it looked like a triangle or pyramid inside of the spinning disc."

A week later, he saw the object again. "I'm at Stephenville working a security job and I see the damn thing again! I see it south toward Dublin. It looks like an object that is spinning and hovering. Well, that was February 9, 2008, OK. Well, that evening at 10:30 PM, I get a phone call from a guy who tells me: 'Lee Roy, that light is back up in the sky.'



It's southeast of your house. I'm watching it through my telescope.'

"I bought my wife a pretty nice still camera and we saw it. The light was travelling southeast towards the little town of Gustine, Texas. We get in the car and travel about 15 miles and my wife takes some pictures."

"Then about 11:30 PM - I had been at my sister's house and I told her about it. She lives in town (Dublin) and they can see this light from town and they are all freaking out. Anyway, around 11:30 PM, my wife and I lost sight of it, but my sister could still see it from town.

"Well, we come into town and the same guy who called me about the first one calls me again. He says, 'Hey, Lee Roy, there is a second one.' He says it's coming in from around the Selden, Texas, area coming towards Dublin. And sure enough, there's another one - same thing.

"We could see both in the sky at the same time. One was in the southeast and the other was in the northeast sky. We take pictures of the second one also. There are several eyewitnesses: my sister, her husband, my niece, their neighbour. Anyway, we still don't know what this is."

UFO DATA Magazine contacted Dick Criswell. He is the co-founder of the International Paranormal UFO Society and has taken an active interest in the Stephenville sightings. He told us:

"A former employee for a government contractor (now retired) told the International Paranormal UFO Society that he worked on F-16s for many years as an electronics engineer and has his own opinion of what happened on January 8, 2008. This informant is known to IPUS and he claims that it would be very unlikely

for so many F-16s to be on an evening or night-time training mission at one time. Instead, he believes that the reason so many F-16s were involved in the incident is because the unidentified flying object they were chasing had violated restricted presidential airspace over the Bush Ranch in Crawford, Texas. IPUS is continuing to investigate the Stephenville Sightings and related matters. We will post any new information that we have on our website at <http://www.CanYouStandTheTruth.com>. We encourage anyone with information about the Texas UFO sightings to contact us through this website or call our UFO Sightings Hotline at 765-483-9089."

Texans Report UFO Sightings

BY ANGELA K. BROWN

01-15-08

The Associated Press

STEPHENVILLE, Texas — In this farming community where nightfall usually brings clear, starry skies, residents are abuzz over reported sightings of what many believe is a UFO.

Several dozen people — including a pilot, county constable and business owners — insist they have seen a large silent object with bright lights flying low and fast. Some reported seeing fighter jets chasing it.

"People wonder what in the world it is, because this is the Bible Belt and everyone is afraid it's the end of times," said Steve Allen, a freight company owner and pilot who said the object he saw last week was a mile long and half a mile wide. "It was positively, absolutely nothing from these parts."

While federal officials insist there's a logical explanation, locals swear that it was larger, quieter, faster and lower to the ground than an airplane. They also said the object's lights changed configuration, unlike those of a plane. People in several towns who reported seeing it over several weeks have offered similar descriptions of the object.

Machinist Ricky Sorrells said friends made fun of him when he told them he saw a flat, metallic object hovering about 300 feet over a pasture behind his Dublin home. But he decided to come forward after reading similar accounts in the Stephenville Empire-Tribune.

"You hear about big bass or big buck in the area, but this is a different deal," Sorrells said. "It feels good to hear that other people saw something, because that means I'm not crazy."



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Ricky Sorrells says he saw a large, silent object in the sky in Dublin, Texas.

Sorrells said he has seen the object several times. He said he watched it through his rifle's telescopic lens and described it as very large and without seams, nuts or bolts.

Maj. Karl Lewis, a spokesman for the 301st Fighter Wing at the Joint Reserve Base Naval Air Station in Fort Worth, said no F-16s or other aircraft from his base were in the area the night of Jan. 8, when most people reported the sighting.

Lewis said the object may have been an illusion caused by two commercial airplanes. Lights from the aircraft would seem unusually bright and may appear orange from the setting sun.

"I'm 90 percent sure this was an airliner," Lewis said. "With the sun's angle, it can play tricks on you."

Officials at the region's two Air Force bases — Dyess in Abilene and Sheppard in Wichita Falls — also said none of their aircraft were in the area last week. The Air Force no longer investigates UFOs.

When asked about Ricky Sorrells' sighting, he said, "Ricky Sorrell had a classic UFO sighting that many people have each year. Sadly, it probably would not have even made the news except for the inclusion of the other UFO sightings near Stephenville at the time. Sorrell seems like an honest and credible UFO witness."

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IN THE NEWSPAPERS

UFOs are not just a case of science fiction, say pilots

By David Usborne in New York
Wednesday, 14 November 2007

An international panel of retired pilots and aviation officials has risked ridicule by sharing their personal stories of close encounters with unidentified flying objects, and urging the US government to reopen its investigation into extra-terrestrial spacecraft.

Among the UFO incidents discussed by the gathering in Washington DC this week was an alleged sighting of a triangular-shaped flying machine with unfamiliar markings near the former US air base at RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk in 1980. "Nothing in my training prepared me for what we were witnessing," James Penniston, a retired US Air Force pilot, told the panel. He said the UFO, with "blue and yellow lights swirling around the exterior", was "warm to the touch and felt like metal". Finally, "it shot off at an unbelievable speed" in front of 80 witnesses. "In my log book, I wrote 'speed: impossible'," Mr Penniston added. At the time, the case was labelled the "English Roswell" - referring to the furore caused by the alleged discovery of UFO parts in New Mexico in 1947.

Jean-Claude Duboc, a former Air France pilot, recalled spotting "a huge flying disc" about 1,000ft (305m) across which left no image on his radar as he flew over Paris in broad daylight in January 1994. He said the object started to become transparent and, within 10 to 20 seconds, had vanished without a trace. Believers in UFOs contend that the US and British governments have covered up evidence of alleged galactic incursions. Sceptics insist these "sightings" are caused by natural phenomena such as meteors. But that explanation is not good enough, according to Fife Symington, a for-

mer governor of Arizona who was also a panel member.

He said it was time for the Bush government to reopen Project Blue Book, the US Air Force inquiry into 12,500 UFO reports, which was abandoned as a "waste of time" in 1969. "Incidents like these are not going to go away," said Mr Symington. "We want the government to stop perpetuating the myth that all UFOs can be explained away in down-to-earth, conventional terms."

Talk of flying saucers resurfaced in the US media a few weeks ago when one of the Democratic presidential hopefuls, Dennis Kucinich, claimed during a televised debate that he had seen one. His comments may not have been total political suicide - two former US presidents, Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter, each spoke early in their careers of encounters with UFOs.

Huge rise in British UFO sightings

By Gary Cleland

Clusters of up to 100 mysterious objects, bright white lights and strange, triangular shaped objects are just some of a huge surge in UFO sightings reported to the Ministry of Defence last year.

The ministry has opened up its own "X-Files" for 2007, revealing 135 UFO sightings from across the UK. If aliens are choosing the UK as a holiday destination, it appears it is becoming more popular, as the number of sightings has shot up since 97 were reported in 2006. Last year the MoD released details of UFO sightings for the first time, including an archive back to 1998. Previously, details of classified reports were kept secret for 30 years.

Discs, formations, white or orange lights, triangular shaped craft and

pipe-like objects were all spotted buzzing around the sky in 2007. In Duxford, Cambridgeshire on April 12, a witness reported seeing fifty objects, each with an orange light, assembling in the sky before ascending.

Two pilots in different planes above Alderney in the Channel Islands reported the same UFOs on April 23. They saw one bright orange craft, then a gap, followed by an identical object.

In Portsmouth, Hants, in October, a witness watched as "an oval/spherical shaped object approached an aircraft, and appeared to accelerate very fast, and then wobbled from side to side.

"Another object appeared in roughly the same vicinity and then stayed stationary."

In the West Midlands in December, one witness got a shock when a UFO shone a light into her window. The MoD logged: "A giant craft shone a light into the witness's back window. It shot off fast at first to the North East and then started to move at a slow pace."

Another report noted a "an exceedingly bright light, which was stationary, but sometimes flew off" over the Wiltshire skies.

Hilary Porter, from the British Earth and Aerial Mysteries Society (BEAMS) said sightings were becoming increasingly common. She said: "There has been a huge influx of UFOs. Absolutely enormous. There has been these huge formations than have been coming.

"We have had so many calls from people that have seen these huge formations. We have had call after call after call, from business people right down to ordinary folk in their cars. "There have been some very close encounters that have been quite unnerving for the people involved. We have had other people reporting orb sightings."

Others maintain that the vast majority of the sightings can be explained. Many are helicopters or other human designed craft like weather balloons and satellites, while others are optical illusions or unusual cloud formations. The MoD made the decision to release the files after a Freedom of Information request.

A spokeswoman said the ministry does not investigate each and every report. "We only investigate if there have been any objects in British air space that may be military," she said. "Unless there's evidence of a potential threat we don't investigate to try to identify it."

UFO sightings on the rise

By James Macintyre
Friday, 8 February 2008

Three pilots were among more than 100 - mainly anonymous - people who reported the sightings, which included a flying saucer in Staffordshire and a fast-moving triangular object in Wakefield, West Yorkshire. Two of the pilots were flying over Alderney in the Channel Islands when they saw bright orange objects, they said, while the other saw a "balloon-like object" over the South-west.

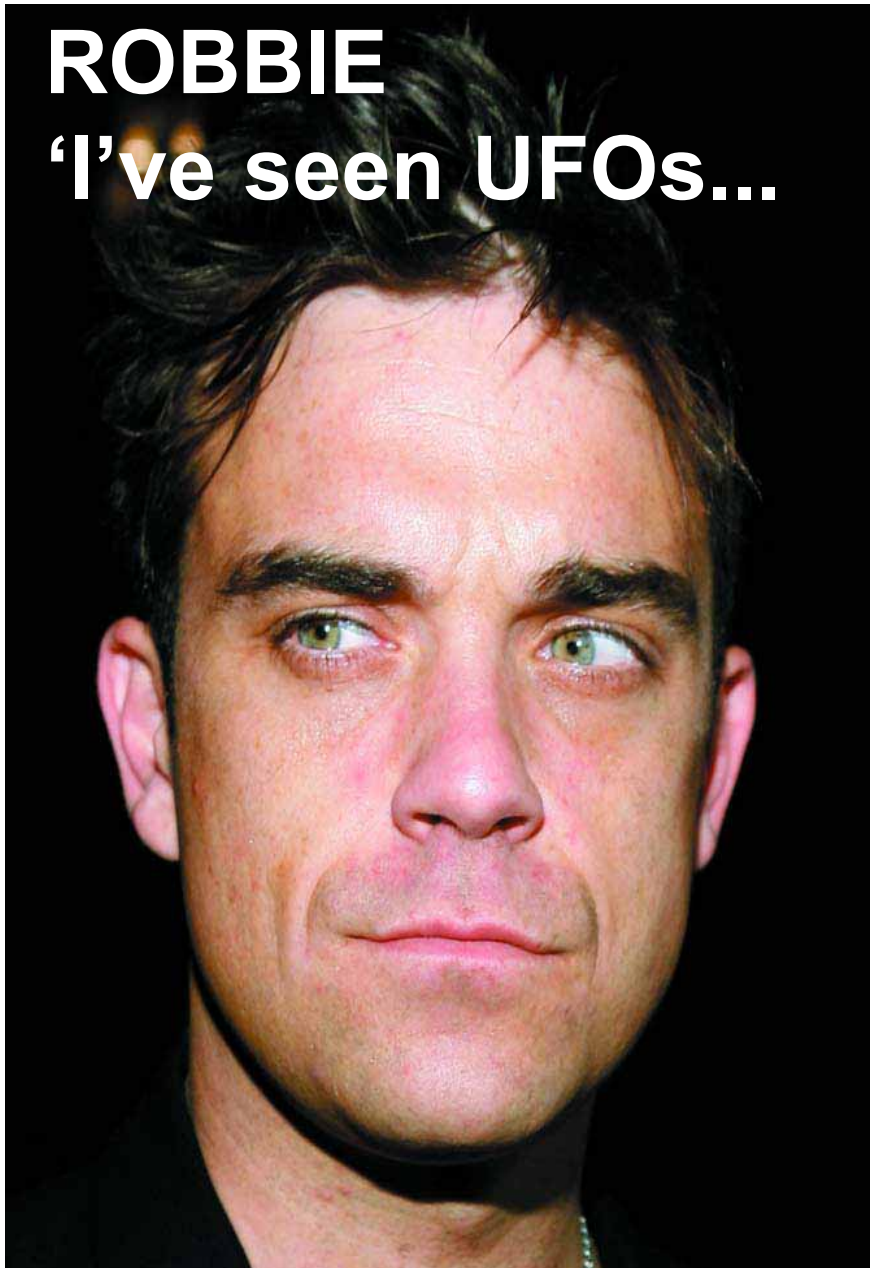
The number of sightings rose from 2006, when 97 unidentified aircraft were reported. A number of callers insist they saw a "definite UFO". One man in Cardiff said that space-ships flew near his house and took his car, tent and pet dog.

The MoD is trying to be more open with its archives and files on UFOs. The ministry admitted that unless the reportings indicate a threat to national security, they are not investigated further.

Nick Pope, a former MoD official who was responsible, between 1991 and 1994, for investigating UFO sightings, said: "I welcome the MoD's new openness on this subject. "Whatever people believe about UFOs, the Government is releasing some of the most fascinating material in its files. Sceptics and believers alike should welcome this."

ROBBIE

'I've seen UFOs...



*'I've seen UFOs, thrice,' says Robbie Williams
Posted March 8th, 2008 by Kiran Pahwa in London*

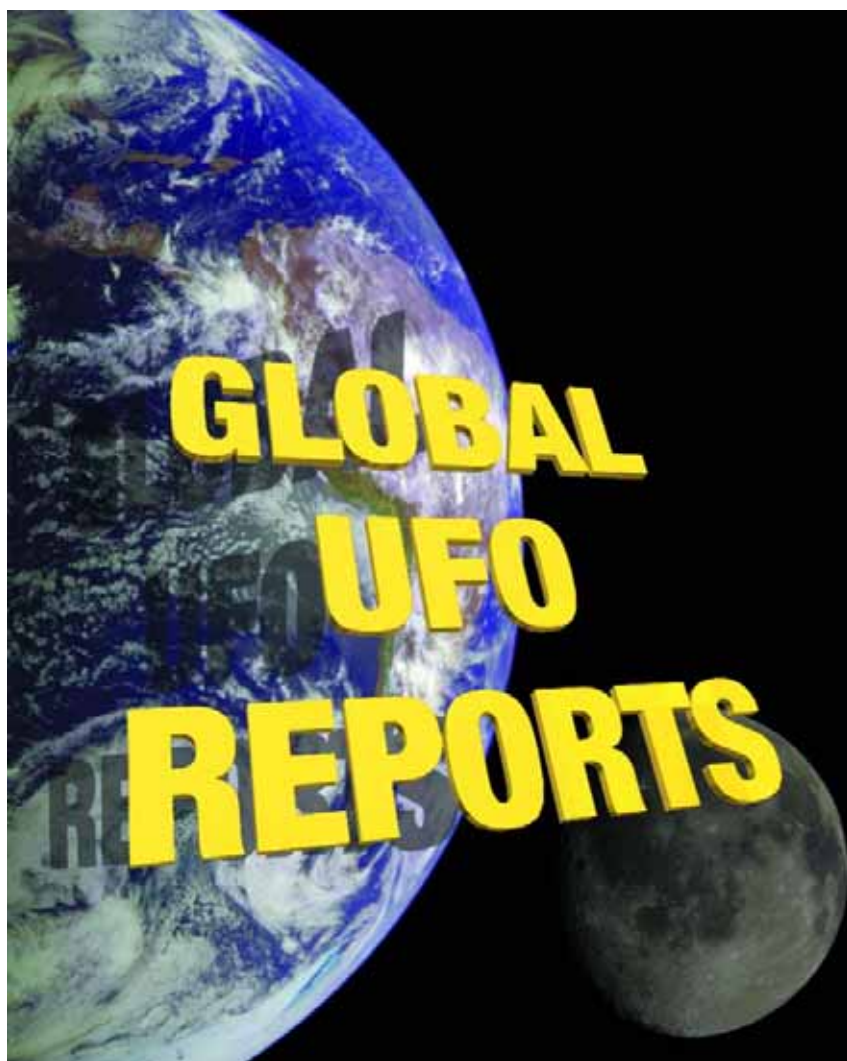
London, Mar 8: British pop star Robbie Williams has claimed that he has seen Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) three times.

The 'Angels' star said that he will give up his current profession, singing in favour of studying aliens after his E. T. experiences.

"I'm stopping being a pop star. I'm going to be a full-time Ufologist," The Sun quoted him, as saying. He also said that he believes that cult Scientology "exists" and thinks ghosts "are other worlds".

Robbie "swears" he saw the UFOs - the first when he was a kid in Britain. His second sighting was above a hotel in Beverly Hills. He said: "I was lying on my sun lounger outside at night. Above me was a square thing that passed over my head silently and shot off."

Williams said that the third UFO appeared as he stood on his bedroom balcony after writing a song about alien contact. He said: "This big ball of gold light turned up. On my life."



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Locals Claim Seeing UFO in Rio Cuarto

Hundreds of local residents reported a strange flying object that travelled over the area in an unusual manner. They contacted a radio station to report on the luminous form that was visible in the sky. Carlos Oyola, a spokesman for the Argentinean Air Force said in a radio presentation that at the time that the unidentified flying object was reported there were no flights scheduled, neither private, nor commercial, nor military. Officially the Argentinean Air Force had no record of civil or military training flights at night, but the operator of the base's control tower saw an unidentified object that he was unable to identify. In fact, the operator investigated the information on

the object and attempted to communicate with it to request the altitude, registration, aircraft type and advise it of the corresponding air route, but there was no reply.

The object was sighted at 22:30 hours on Monday. According to those who saw it, "It was a large object with a more intensely yellow light than a satellite." It moved at high speed and flew from east to west in an elliptical manner.

For more information:
<http://www.infobae.com/contenidos/359300-100439-0-R%C3Do-Cuarto-vecinos-aseguran-que-vieron-un-OVNI>

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The Argentinean Air Force is looking into a UFO sighting reported by an air traffic controller and hundreds of residents of Rio Cuarto in the Province of Cordoba (central

Argentina), military sources told the EFE news agency. They indicated that cooperation has been requested from the Commission Nacional de Actividades Espaciales (CONAE) and if necessary, from the National Air and Space Administration (NASA) of the U.S. government. Spokesmen confirmed that the AAF does not have records of the UFO sighted on Monday night by an operator of the Rio Cuarto airport and seen by hundreds of residents of that city, located 700 km from Buenos Aires. The traffic controller saw a strange object that did not reply to his request for identification and later vanished after flying over the airport. Hundreds of local residents phoned radio and TV stations to report the UFO sighting. Carlos Oyola, spokesman for the Air Force in Rio Cuarto, stated that there was no record of any civilian or military flights at the time of the sighting. Oyola told the Rio Cuarto press that the object did not correspond to a conventional aircraft "nor one of the satellites that are often seen" over the area.

But Air Force sources told EFE today that Oyola's statements do not imply official admission of the appearance of a UFO because the event has yet to be investigated.

In this regard, he stated that the object could be a weather balloon or an atmospheric phenomenon, and for this reason, cooperation was requested from CONAE and eventually from NASA.

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UFO sighting with physical effect in Brazil, January 20th, 2008
 From AJ GEVEARD

Last week I've been in the city of Riolândia investigating a recent and very interesting case. Riolândia (population 8,500) is located in the far Northwestern region of São Paulo State, 350 miles from São Paulo City. The case involved the sighting of a huge UFO in the night from Saturday, January 19th, to Sunday, January 20th, which resulted in unusual crumpled vegetation in some places of a vast sugar cane plantation.

This case was discussed all over Brazilian media:

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The sighted UFO was cylindrical-shaped with oval endings and it was seen by a small businessman, Mr. Mauricio Pereira da Silva, 39, owner of Piapara Inn, a modest and nice-looking place by the banks of the Rio Grande, just between the States of São Paulo and Minas Gerais. The place is really close to São Francisco de Sales, across the river, where Antonio Villas Boas was abducted in the 50s. It is also in the middle of a very hot spot for UFOs.

Mauricio awoke in the middle of the night hearing a loud noise that resembled like the crushing sugar canes at the neighbouring plantation. Through the kitchen's window he saw the object lightly illuminating the surroundings. After a very short while seeing the object he noticed that it was still in the air. Simultaneously, the strange crushing noise stopped. It was between 3:00 and 3:30 am on Sunday (January, 20th).

At the same time, a guest of the inn, Mr. Durval Ambrizzi Jr, a business representative, 58, who was camped with his wife in a trailer parked in the premises, was also awakened by the same loud sound and saw the lights, without, however, noticing any object. He and Mauricio did simultaneous but independent sightings.

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Only on the day following the event, when they were up and chatting, around 6:00 am, did the Inn's owner and his guest, and their wives, talked about the subject. They found, then, on the sugar plantation that is adjacent to the Inn (and does not belong to Mauricio), the strangely crumpled plants, on an uneven area of roughly 3.600 to 5.200 m² (previously estimated in 1.500 to 2.000 m²), next to a little street that marks off the premises' perimeter. The women had not been awakened the night before nor had they heard the sounds or seen the lights. Only at the moment of their conversation did Mauricio and Durval find out they had witnessed the same phenomenon.

The plants, 5 to 8.5 feet high, and which were ready for being harvested, were bent in a most unusual way, close to ground level. Interestingly, this was done without the stems being broken, which is uncommon with that kind of plant. The sugar canes survived and continued to grow in that bent-up, horizontal position. Receiving both sunlight and lots of rain during the week, they began to show a significant recovery on Saturday (January, 26th), when I visited the field. The stems have by now been bent back straight, which is a natural biological feature. It has been noted, however, that the plants have suffered premature aging, and their pulpy parts have become purpled. Nevertheless, the plants seemed fit for human consumption.

Throughout that week, dozens of people visited Mauricio's estate, including geographers, geologists, meteorologists, biologists and experts in sugar cane cultivation, all drawn by their scientific interest in the phenomenon. All of them, after several different kinds of analysis, testified that there was no natural explanation for the phenomenon that had occurred in that part of the plantation next to Piapara Inn.

Particularly the sugar cane experts from União dos Produtores de Bionergia (UDOP) (Association of Bionergy Producers) in Araçatuba (SP), issued a note attesting that the incident could not have been caused by any known natural causes. Devoted to increasing and enhancing

sugar cane cultivation in this country, UDOP was greatly interested in the incident and conducted reports and research studies on the situation, including aerial filming of the phenomenon. This enabled them to discover that besides the larger mark caused by the crushed plants on the street just off the premises, other unevenly circular marks - 3 to 4 - had appeared on the plantation, for which - again - no natural explanation was found.

See at views here:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Flt6tPL7ALY>

During my stay at the Inn, I was accompanied by two Ufologists, Gener Silva, attorney and consultant for *UFO Magazine*, and Jorge Nery, expert in telecommunications and electronics, both members of the Instituto de Astronomia e Pesquisas Espaciais (INAPE) (Institute for Astronomy and Space Research) whose significant assistance was crucial for surveying data and interviewing several witnesses, not only for the Riolândia incident, but from other cases in the surrounding area.

Nery was the first UFO researcher to visit the Inn, on the day immediately after the event (Monday, January 21st), having obtained first-hand, recent information on the facts and interacting with witnesses. The mere crushing of sugar cane plants would not in itself be significant to Ufology - maybe so to other fields of study - if we did not have any witnesses of a unusual phenomenon that occurred just a few hours before the physical effect on the plants was discovered.

Both Mauricio and Durval heard the sound of vegetation being crushed or broken, and Mauricio said that it was a very strong, frightening noise. "Sounded like a bulldozer rolling over the plants, but without engine sounds, only the sound of plants being crumpled or broken", he told *UFO Magazine*.

The sounds were the first thing that called the witnesses' attention, and because of the sound, they woke up, looked up and saw something in the sky. While Durval, who was about 140 feet away from the crushing site, where UFO must have been, saw only "dim lights spread around the

place, as though they were linked to a very large object", Mauricio, about 90 feet away from the phenomenon, had the opportunity of seeing the craft, which he described as being "very large, cylindrical in shape and ovoid at the tips." He also saw a dim light shining from the object's bottom part, which did not emit any humming sound nor caused any other effect.

This editor, researchers Gener and Nery, and many others who visited the site - including News staff members of Globo TV and Record TV - who were consulted at the time - are convinced of the witnesses' honesty of character and sincerity. Separately interviewed, their testimonies matched almost perfectly were it not for one detail: Durval, from where we was, on his trailer, a bit further away from the UFO, saw only whitish lights, whereas Mauricio, closer to the object, saw lights coming from the UFO, but of a more yellowish tone.

Another corroborating factor to the legitimacy of the incident is that there are other testimonies by local city dwellers who claim to have seen unidentified flying objects on different occasions, both before and after Rirolândia Incident, including the very afternoon before the episode and the day following it. One of those witnesses is a policeman. Several witnesses were interviewed by *UFO Magazine*, which has gathered a large amount of material for publication in its upcoming issue.

See pictures at:

www.ufo.com.br/public/riolandia/seleccionadas/

See a complete, illustrated article about the case here:

www.ufo.com.br/public/riolandia/edicao/

USA

February 7th 2008

Murrieta, California

UFO Flat/Square Or Possibly Triangular In Shape

Date: February 7, 2008

Time: 2:15 a.m.

Location of Sighting: Murrieta California

Number of witnesses: 1

Number of objects: 1

Shape of objects: Flat Square -

Possibly triangular.

Full

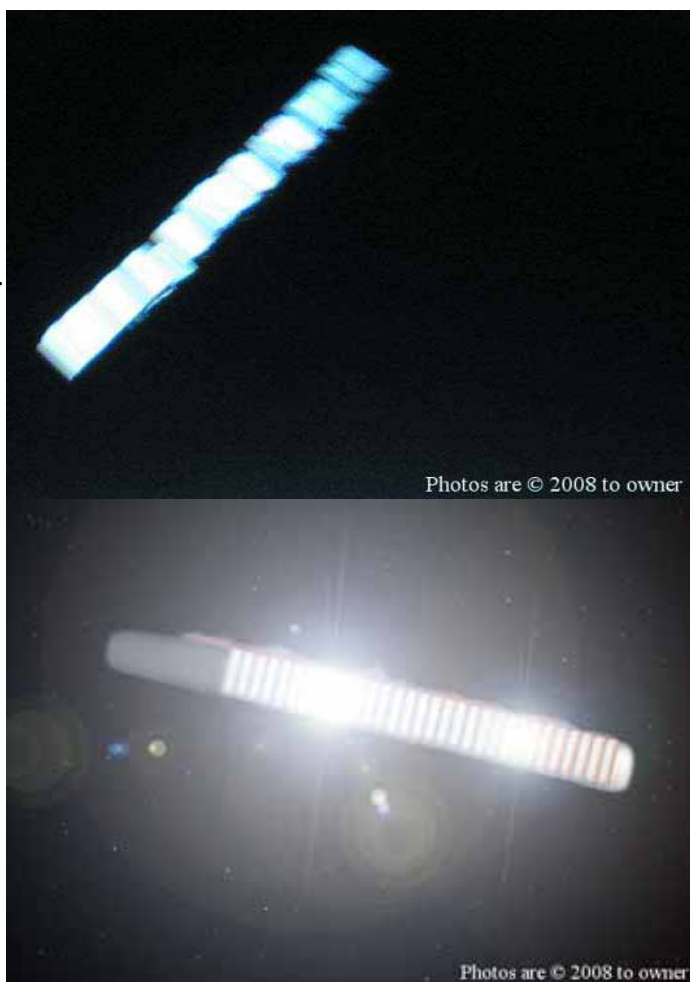
Description of event/sighting: I was sitting up late last night, or, early however you look at it, watching the NFL Network when I heard the next door neighbour's two dogs begin to bark frantically.

About 2-3 minutes after that I heard a very low soft crescendo, guttural vibration that was so low it began shaking the cabinets in the kitchen.

At first I thought it

was our heating unit making crazy noises but I soon realized the sound was coming from outside. I stepped out side my front door and instantly I found the source of the sounds. When I looked up there was a very large square or possibly triangular, depends if I was seeing it at an angle, machine/craft whatever you want to call it. It seemed to be spinning from right to left and making slow banking manoeuvres.

The two pictures I have of the object seem to show it making banking manoeuvres. When I realized this was something I had never seen before civilian or military I reached inside the front door and grabbed my cell phone off of the light stand and snapped off a pretty decent picture. Of course like most UFO pictures it is a little blurry. My cell phone is a very low resolution phone. After that I ran into my bedroom and grabbed my digital camera in hopes of getting a more detailed picture but I was so nervous and jazzed about what I was seeing the second picture that I had time to take was not that good either.

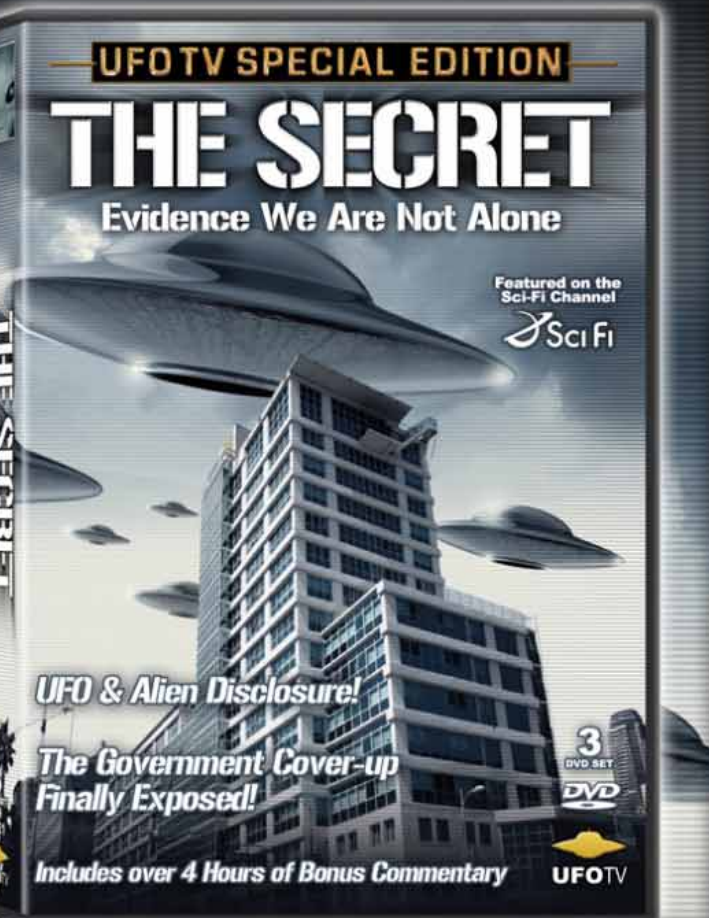


The object, in my opinion was moving at a high rate for its apparent size, I'm not very good at guessing speeds but I would say it was travelling in the mid 100s. The object continued on its southern to northerly pattern and finally disappeared into the night.

To describe the object I would have to say it looked like a huge pizza box with lights on two of its seemingly 4 side panels that were opposite of each other. The one thing I noticed from being in the military and the fact there are bases all over the place out here, I initially thought military primarily because the object had a dull military blue-grey colour. However this was no craft that I have ever experienced military or any other.

**That's it for another issue
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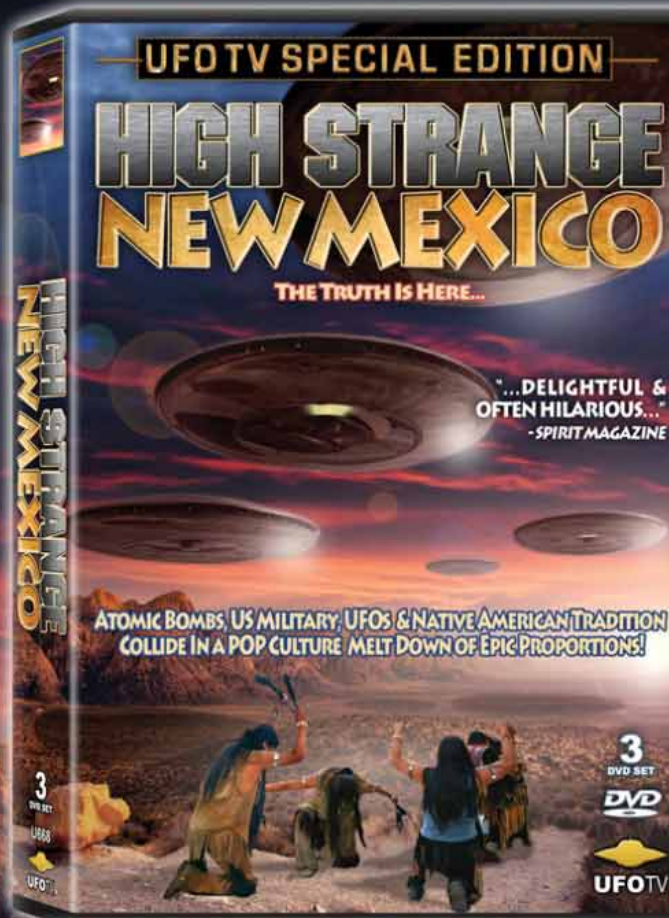
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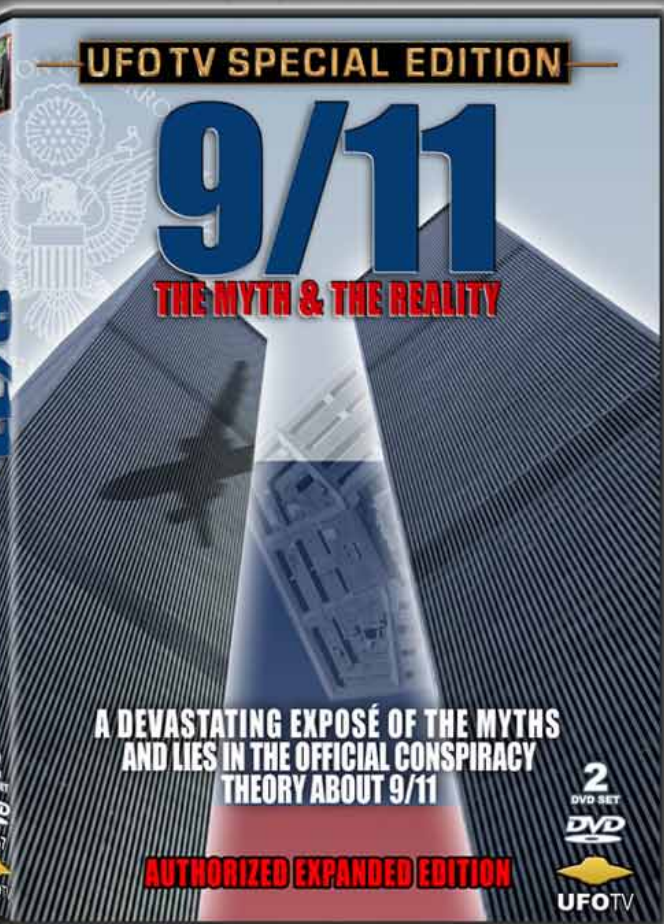
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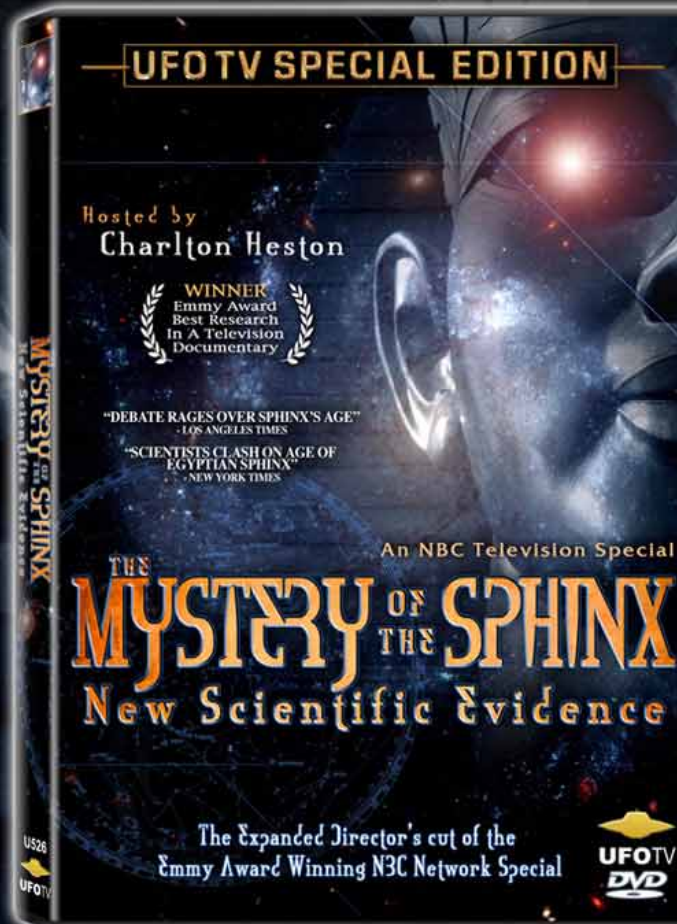
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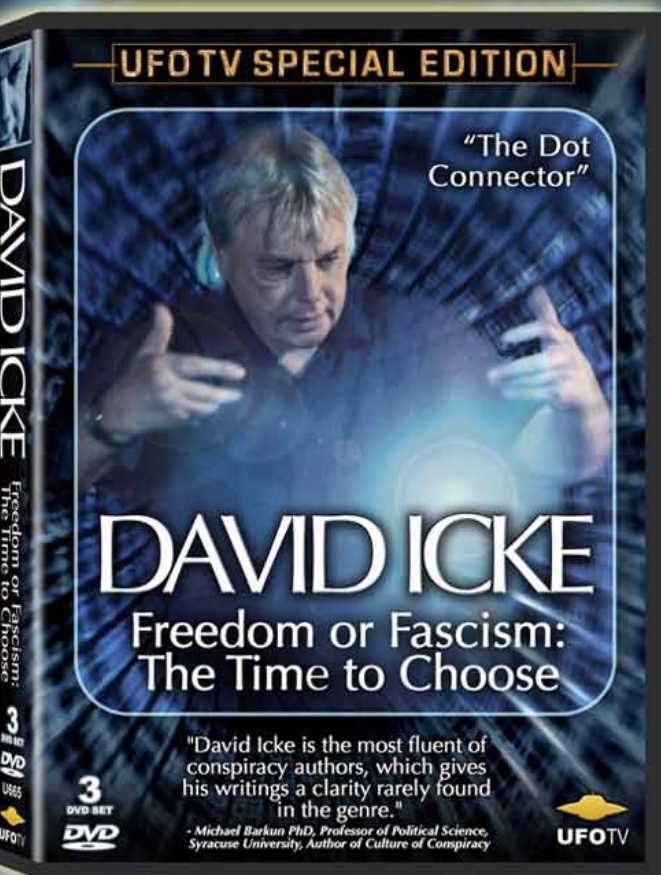
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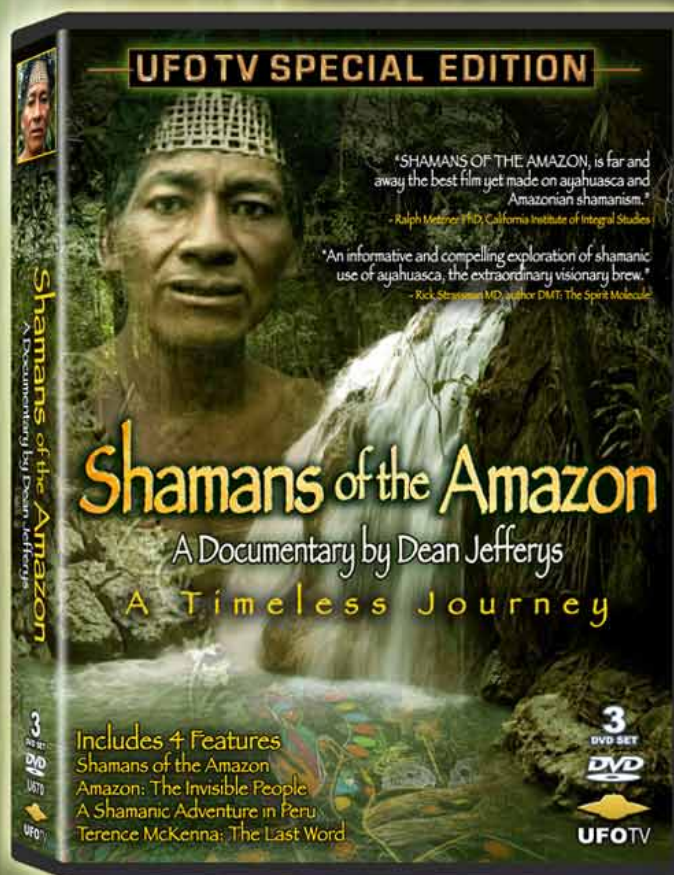
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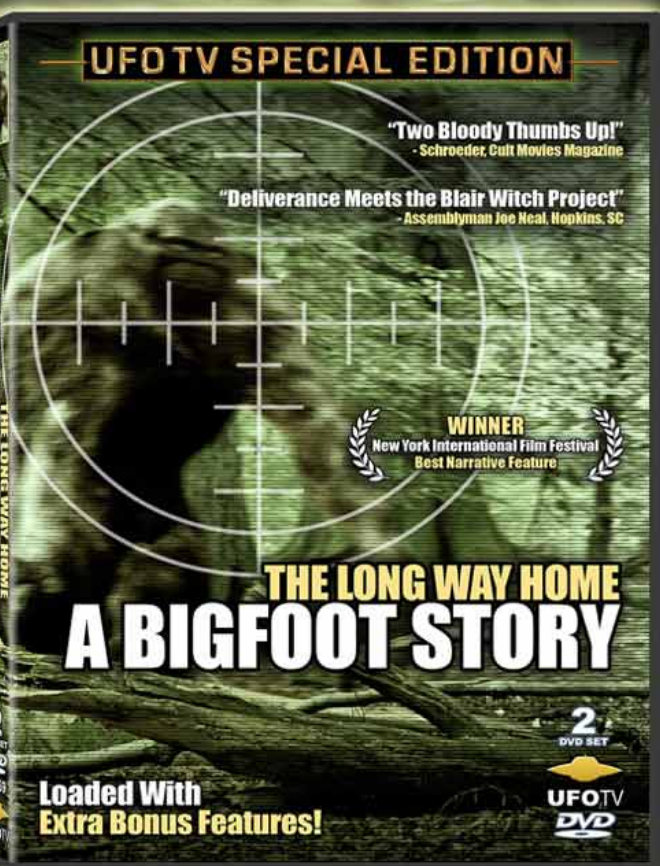
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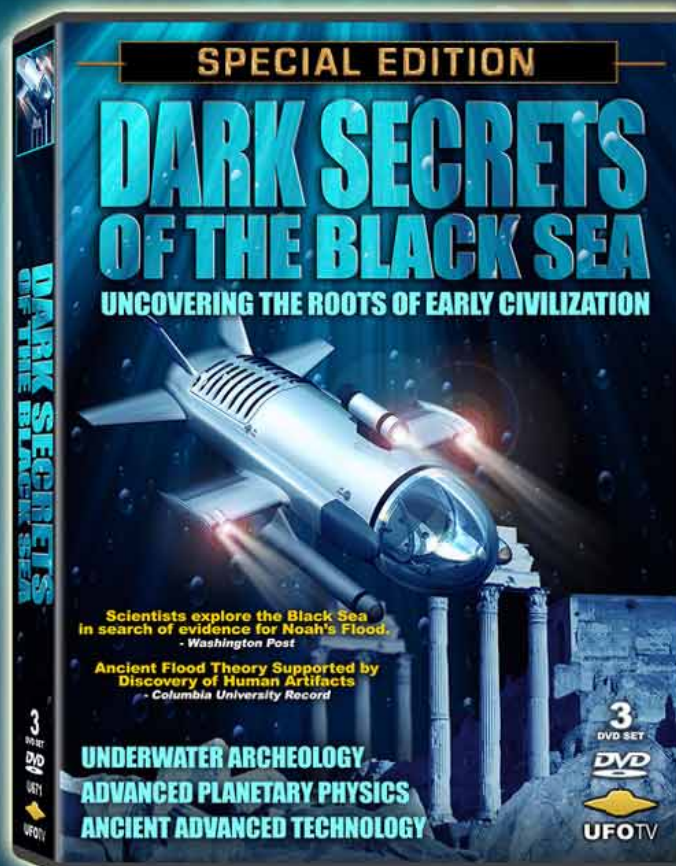
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