

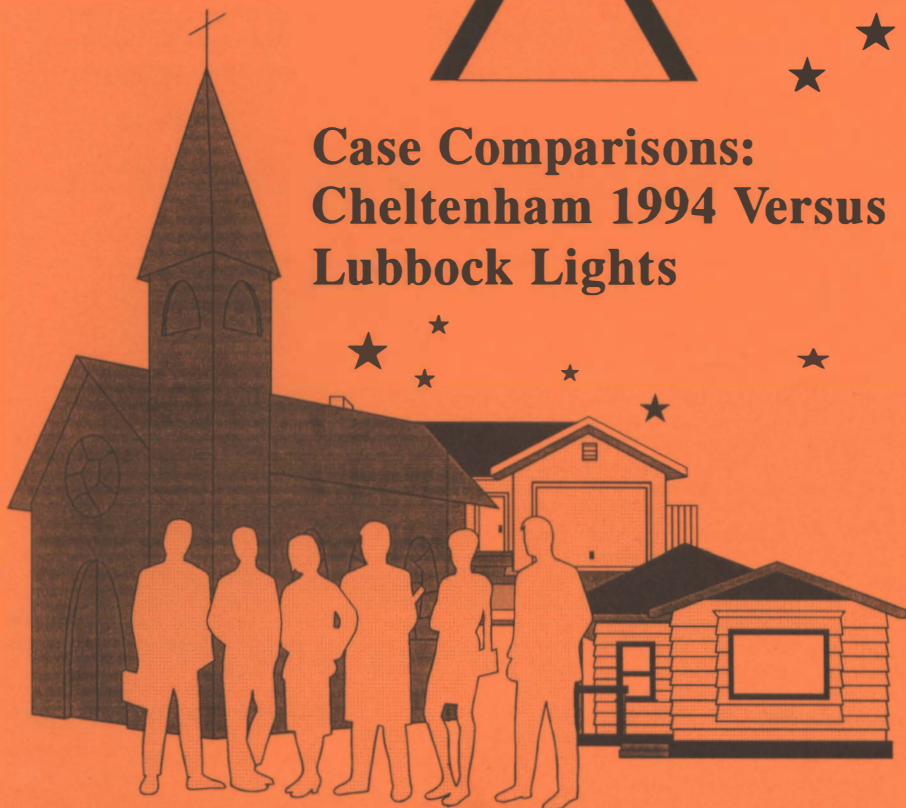
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EDITORIAL

WAS THIS IT?

Those who read this column will know that in the last edition of Awareness predictions of major UFO events in 1994 were made. By "major events" I mean manifestations of UFOs seen by multiple witnesses over a wide area unlike the majority of cases which bear only a single witness testimony and cannot be corroborated by an independent second witness some miles away.

Activity has been building up on the East side of the country since the beginning of 1994 (in 1993 it was on the West side) with sightings of triangular objects and strange lights. Thus it might be anticipated that something even bigger could be coming along. On Bank Holiday Sunday, May 29th, at 10:30 am, in bright daylight, a massive "firework" display was witnessed from Kent to Norfolk, across the North Sea and into Holland and Belgium. Flashing lights of many colours were spotted by pilots, ships crew, coastguards and police as well as members of the public. The show lasted up to half an hour and went out on news-bulletins Sunday afternoon, and was reported in the national press the following day. Even the Times had an account which grudgingly mentioned the word UFO -see below.

Hundreds see meteor storm

By ROBIN YOUNG

A STORM of shooting stars over the south coast of England and the Channel brought a flood of calls to coastguards and police early yesterday.

Thames Coastguard said: "At the height of the storm around five hundred calls were received. People were reporting coloured lights ranging from an orange glow to red, silver, blue and white. Many thought they were distress flares. We also had reports from ships in the Channel and from aircraft."

Police in Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex had calls reporting sightings of UFOs. Suffolk Police said: "Scientists have confirmed the cause was a meteor breaking-up or a piece of man-made space equipment falling to earth. People have

spotted flashing lights in the sky from Dover to Great Yarmouth. We knew the reports were not a hoax because the lights were also seen by police and coastguards."

Ed Attewell, of Colchester, Essex, said: "I saw a huge orange flame tinged with red in the sky. Suddenly a black object flew out of it leaving a trail of white smoke."

Air traffic controllers had reports of sightings from pilots and the meteors were seen in Holland and Belgium.

The British Astronomical Association said the most likely explanation was that a large meteoroid, or possibly a derelict satellite, had broken up as it entered the Earth's atmosphere.

Some meteor storms, such

as the Perseid, associated with the dispersed debris of Comet Swift-Tuttle, are predictable and regular. The Perseids, regularly seen in August and sometimes known as St Lawrence's Fire, have been known since AD36. They are caused by particles rarely bigger than a pea, none of which survive the descent.

It has been known since 1833, when the American astronomer Denison Olmsted analysed another meteor storm known as the Leonids, that meteor or shooting star showers are the result of material entering the Earth's atmosphere from space and not a meteorological phenomenon associated with the weather. The next Leonid storm is due in 1998.

By the time the reports hit Monday's National papers, the whole business had been explained away as a daylight display of meteors on advice from the British Astronomical Association. Frankly I was unaware you could see meteors in daylight. A visit to the "epi-centre" a week later Colchester, Essex, was equally unrewarding - only one local paper carried a report.

The questions that must be asked are, in the first instance:-

- (a) How could a meteor shower last for half an hour and give such a pronounced "fireworks" display in broad daylight?
- (b) The date, May 29th, was outside the time of a major meteor shower as recorded in the astronomical tables. Could a freak entry occur without warning?
- (c) Why did many witnesses think the brilliant lights were distress flares. No ships or, aircraft were known to be in trouble?
- (d) Why was no debris found from such a pronounced display if it was meteors that had reached the lower atmosphere?

We are attempting to locate first hand witnesses of these events which may be more difficult than usual as it occurred in a Bank Holiday period. More news next time I hope.

Finally on this subject, a well known Astronomy reference book by J.B. Sidgwick quotes on the subject of meteors and their detection by radar: "THE MOST INTRIGUING AND UNEXPECTED ACCOMPLISHMENT OF RADAR IN THIS BRANCH OF ASTRONOMY WAS THE DISCOVERY IN 1947 OF A MAJOR METEOR SWARM WHICH NOT ONLY HAD NEVER BEEN SEEN BEFORE, BUT NEVER WILL BE BECAUSE ITS METEORS OCCUR DURING THE HOURS OF DAYLIGHT".

It is clear that whatever happens out there, the national press and other media will present a half baked rational explanation from some prestigious person or organisation rather than take a hard look at the facts. Case closed in 24 hours looks to be the fate of the East Anglia "fireworks" of May 29th 1994! If the same thing happens again later in the year will they dare to fob us off with a similar tale?

Elsewhere we have received reports of UFOs over large city areas very similar to the Bristol events in late June 1993. This time the activity has been over Chester and Nottingham earlier in the year. The descriptions of multi-coloured lights "hanging in the sky" tally closely with what was reported over Bristol.

There is no need to remind you that it is crop circle time again, and in spite of every effort to rubbish the subject over the past two and a half years, there are already some of the biggest ever formations turning up in North Wiltshire. These are in barley fields which are completely green, so what will follow in the favoured wheat crop when it ripens later on? Stand by for more shocks!

There have been various newspaper reports of revivalism sweeping through the more exuberant evangelical churches. Apparently droves of people are freaking out, convulsing and muttering in strange tongues - that is presumably more than usual in these churches! It started in a make-shift church at Toronto airport, Canada and seems to be spreading all over the World. Here in London it has occurred at the Holy Trinity Brompton. This may be connected to some of the strange things we are seeing and the first changes in human awareness. On the other hand, mass hysteria is a theme which more often than not leads to nowhere, but we will keep an eye on what is happening and report any developments.

I am receiving anecdotal reports of a major UFO crash landing which happened in November 1993. The site has been cordoned off and nobody can gain access. Perhaps the biggest mystery is - where it is. Somewhere in the North-East around Cleveland is one version; another suggests Cannock Chase, Staffs. Convince me this is not the

usual codswallop by sending O.S. co-ordinates of the crash site itself and/or authentic newspaper reports. If it does exist, the chatter coming to my desk indicates a craft of phenomenal proportions!

Finally, we are linking up with the Andover Unexplained Phenomena Group known as AUPIN. This data affiliation will, I hope, give us better coverage of many strange events now occurring all over the country.

The Editor.

Data Research Visit to Public Records Office

After receiving information from the Ministry of Defence detailing records of government involvement in possible UFO activity our team of 4 - Mike Soper, Geoff Ambler, Fran Copeland and Tony Broad spent a day examining these records at Kew in February.

The Public Records Office is an imposing new building at the end of Ruskin Avenue just off the South Circular Rd, A205, Kew, London SW. Admission is open to all researchers provided you can supply the usual identifications such as passport, driving license, credit cards etc. Security is extremely tight and all bags, luggage etc. have to be lockered up before approaching the reading room. You will enter there with nothing more than a pencil and a few pieces of paper.

Documents can be ordered up by a computer system and collected later at a central dispersal area. This may take some time and lead to occasional confusion as many researchers are involved there. None-the-less the centre is well worth a visit as vital records on developments of aircraft, shipping, family history etc. are housed therein and it amounts to some return on all the taxes you pay!

Our analysis of the files indicates the M.O.D. and government know about as much as groups such as Contact Int. on the subject of UFOs. Moreover, nothing is blacked out on the records. Under the 30 year rule we were examining files from the 1950's. Two more recent files from the 1960's were unavailable. What you make of the records is up to you..... There is no indication of "cover-ups", but such ideas are always in the mind of the beholder.

Set out below are transcriptions of 2 of the files including Winston Churchill's immortal enquiry into the subject!

PREM 11/855
Secretary of State for Air
Lord Cherwell.

What does all this stuff about flying saucers amount to? What can it mean? What is the truth? Let me have a report at your convenience.

WSC

28 July 1952

Prime Minister,

The various reports about unidentified flying objects, described by the Press as "flying saucers" were the subject of a full Intelligence study in 1951. The conclusions reached (based upon William of Occam's Razor) were that all the incidents reported could be explained by one or other of the following causes:-

- (a) Known astronomical or meteorological phenomena.
- (b) Mistaken identification of conventional aircraft, balloons, birds etc.
- (c) Optical illusions and psychological delusions.
- (d) Deliberate hoaxes.

2. The Americans, who carried out a similar investigation in 1948/9, reached a similar conclusion.

3. Nothing has happened since 1951 to make the Air Staff change their opinion, and, to judge from the recent Press statements, the same is true in America.

4. I am sending a copy of this to Lord Cherwell.

9th August 1952

Reply suggested in answer to questions

AIR 20/9320

Mr Stan Awbery MP. To ask the secretary of State for Air what recent investigations have been made into unidentified flying objects, what photographs have been taken; and what reports have been made on this subject.

17/4/1957

Notes for minister

1. For the 2 years beginning 1st January, 1955, 64 reports were received. Nearly all have been rationally accounted for during the subsequent investigations.

2. So far this year, 15 reports have been received, including the faked photographs published in the Daily Sketch on 6th April, 1957.

3. The ministry of Supply Bombing Trials Unit at West Freugh, Wigtownshire reported a radar sighting made on 4th April of an object which was tracked for 36 minutes, continually increasing in speed whilst losing height. Enquiries so far made reveal no service or commercial aircraft was in the vicinity at the time. It is possible that the object was a private aircraft, and enquiries on this point are still being made. The object could not have been a balloon since it was moving against the wind. (THIS PARAGRAPH MARKED "SECRET")

4. A reference to this report was contained in the "Evening News" and "Evening Standard" on 6th April (cutting attached). If S of S is asked questions on this point, it is suggested that the reply should be on the following lines:-

"That report is still being investigated and the cause has not been established. It may well have been a private aircraft".

5. Two unidentified radar sightings are at present under investigation V12:- (THIS PARAGRAPH MARKED "SECRET")

(a) A report was received from RAF Church Lawford on the 26th March of a radar

sighting of an object moving at a speed exceeding 1400 mph to which it had accelerated from a stationary position.

(b) Signals from RAF Bempton and RAF Lakenheath on 19th March reported unusual responses which did not resemble those of conventional aircraft. Aircraft sent to find the object made no contact with anything in the area. The meteorological office are at present trying to find out whether any unusual phenomena were observed by nearby stations. It is possible that the response was due to a seasonal phenomena resulting from the inversion and reflection from the ionosphere.

Neither of these incidents received any publicity.

6. The "Daily Worker" recently received a book on German Wartime Weapons which referred to a flying saucer which was flown at a speed of 1250 mph at a ht. of 40,000 ft. If S of S is asked about this point, it is suggested he might point out that it is really another question.

7. The fake photograph referred to in the answer was subsequently explained in the "Daily Sketch". Two days after the photograph appeared, a small paragraph explained that the "Flying Saucer" had been constructed of cardboard and silver paper, suspended from a clothes line, and photographed. The perpetrator claimed that he took the photograph in order to prove that "flying saucer pictures can be faked".

8. General questions on unidentified flying objects might be answered on the following lines.

"Nearly all the reports which we receive are satisfactorily explained in the subsequent investigation. Only a few remain unexplained, and then only for lack of sufficient data!"

CONSIDERATIONS ON PROPULSION AND CONTROL SYSTEMS

DISPLAYED BY UFOs

by Brian P James

In my considerations here, perhaps I should not refer to the term UFOs, but more precisely, vehicles of an obviously non-terrestrial origin. I am not attempting to deal with the type of UFO that is 'merely' a light in the night sky - which interesting as they are, may yet still have a logical explanation. I am interested in sightings of UFOs either at night, or more importantly in daylight, that are clearly beyond the capabilities of the best of today's technology, and a logical progression of that technology on an experimental basis.

One common argument that is used too often referred to by Ufologists in seeking to describe UFO as 'alien' is that a UFO flew at velocities, or performed manoeuvres, that a human pilot could not endure. A number of, perhaps false, assumptions are being made.

Firstly, it should be remembered that although a good combat fighter pilot can, with his equipment endure up to +8g and -6g during combat manoeuvres, even a modern combat fighter aircraft like the General Dynamics F-16 is not capable of sustaining much more, being stressed to +9g and -9g, so even if the computerised flight systems were reprogrammed to allow greater manoeuvrability while being remotely piloted, any attempt to perform a 90 degree right-angled turn at its highest velocity of over Mach 2 would result in stresses that would tear the airframe apart in seconds, and

the turbofan propulsion would fail anyway as the intake airflow became unstable, causing the engines to flame out.

While it is true that some of our aircraft are designed to withstand supersonic, if not hypersonic speeds, such as Mach 5+ Aurora, its design is likely to be a compromise. It is not built to be agile, and execute high-g manoeuvres. Another example of high velocity vehicles are our own spacecraft, all propelled by rockets necessary to attain escape velocity of over 40,200 kph, but they have a relatively slow acceleration, and only exert around +6g on their longitudinal axis, and they cannot attempt turns to exert lateral g loads.

It might be interesting to remind ourselves of the effect of aerial manoeuvres on our own pilots in one of our most agile aircraft - the Harrier, and the experience of Major Harry W. Blot of the US Marine Corps when he first attempted the technique of 'vectoring in forward flight' or 'viffing' in his AV-8A Harrier, as he was under the false impression that RAF pilots were using this manoeuvre all the time. Due to the poor all round vision from the cockpit of the AV-8A, Major Blot was in the habit of leaving his harness undone in order that he could move in his seat to see his wing tips, and so he tried viffing for the first time. In his own words the following happened: "I slammed the nozzle lever into the braking stop (reverse thrust) position. The aeroplane started decelerating at an alarming rate, the magnitude of which I could not determine because my nose was pressed up against the sight. A terrible way to be, even in an imagined conflict. My movements were even further constrained by the fact that the violence of the manoeuvre had dislodged me from the seat, and I was now straddling the stick with my right hand extended backwards between my legs trying to hold on for dear life". Subsequently Major Blot always fastened his harness!. This type of manoeuvre would be far less severe than that performed by some UFOs.

This suggests to me that flight characteristics displayed by UFOs indicate a technology that is beyond the means of our current aerospace industry, be it military or civil.

Another point is that from the eyewitness reports of alien bodies recovered from crashed UFOs, such as the famous Roswell case. Although I am not an expert in biology, and certainly not exo-biology, I find it hard to envisage that the physiology of aliens such as the "Greys" is any more suited to piloting a vehicle demonstrating incredible manoeuvres than our own human bodies, especially as our Earth gravity seems to be perfectly normal to them. Our own fighter pilots need to wear special 'g-suits' to help them survive the effects of high g-loads during flight, so it could be argued that humans cannot naturally survive flight in their own high-performance aircraft - which is clearly not the case, but our bodies do need assistance. However, the crew of craft such as the Roswell saucer wore no obvious 'environment-aid' suit, which will bring me to perhaps another false assumption.

As I have noted, the crew of alien craft do not appear to need any environmental suits during flight, and the craft themselves surely must be highly complex - assuming our technology at least - in order for them to function and perform as they do - they are made with different construction techniques and from materials unknown to us.

It is clear to me that in order for vehicles to sustain flight manoeuvres displayed by UFOs, then the craft itself is capable of defying what we know as the effects of gravity and inertia etc, and surely this method of 'negating' nature's forces will also protect the craft's occupants?, so surely then it is possible for humans to also pilot these craft? Personally, I would not rule out the concept of our own military flying captured, or 'donated' craft.

I am also intrigued as to the possible propulsion systems demonstrated by UFOs.

On four occasions I have witnessed UFOs - two of them plainly metallic vehicles - displaying flight characteristics beyond our own means, and also they defied what we would know as the laws of physics and aerospace, flying at high velocity in our atmosphere, yet at the same time not be affected by it as our aircraft would be.

All conventional aircraft make varying degrees of engine noise as they use basic Newtonian principles to attain flight, and by flight I mean motion against natural forces, as opposed to something like a gas balloon drifting in the wind. A conventional aircraft will always draw attention to itself by its engine noise, and usually the faster it is moving, the more power it is using, the more obvious it becomes. Yet many UFOs are totally silent - at least to our ears, it might be matter of conjecture just how many UFOs are not observed purely through being 'not obvious'. However, UFOs - including some that I have witnessed - have observed leaving a 'vapour' trail across the sky that is logically coming from an engine exhaust that is otherwise silent, which in conventional terms would almost seem to be a contradiction.

Logically, any propulsion system would follow Newton's principal of an action producing an equal and opposite reaction, whether it is combustion in a turbofan engine or a rocket motor, or some 'repulsion' system employing anti-gravity, anti-light or 'anti-' some other force, and while perhaps such a propulsion system may be silent in the manner it exerts thrust, it may emit noise from whatever system is used to produce this repulsive force, and humming noises are not unknown in close range UFO encounters, and of course electromagnetic effects are well documented. It is of course, rather a science fiction approach to envisage exotic propulsions, and explore theoretical areas such as 'hyperspace', 'warp engines' and 'anti-gravity drive' and the like. And again, though I am no expert in this field, I have doubts as to how viable some systems as anti-gravity or anti-light propulsion may be for the theoretical spacecraft, while they would be very useful within solar systems, and especially within planetary gravi-sphere etc., surely they would have limitations in interstellar space where strong gravity and photon forces would be absent?

This would suggest to me if UFOs are traversing our known space, then they may have at very least dual propulsion systems.

Another point to consider is the proved effect that Einstein predicated of time dilation, whereby the rate of time itself slows dramatically as matter approaches the speed of light, and thereby logically for the crew as well as a starship travelling near lightspeed. I am not even sure there is not a paradox in attempting to measure the speed of light. It is theoretically a constant, but as velocity itself is a simple equation of distance travelled divided by time elapsed, surely at a high relativistic velocities on board a theoretical starship, then the 'time' part of velocity equation is no longer a constant?

Clearly interstellar travel within our universe, limited by 'our' physics, has to be improbable. We have to accept that UFOs are demonstrating a level of 'science' that is far beyond our current means, if not our comprehension.

I am becoming increasingly convinced that UFOs are utilising other dimensions that are in our realms of science fiction - possibly the vision of hyperspace. Perhaps the problem is trying to think of the whole universe, or possibly whole universes, in a manner that is essentially alien to everything that we think we know. There may well be any number of other dimensions in both space and time that can border our own.

* Modern Combat Aircraft # 13: Harrier - by Bill Gunston

15th YEAR OF CROP CIRCLES

by G.E. Ambler

Once again circles have returned to the crop fields of England, and at the time of writing (mid-June 1994) there is an unprecedented build up of really huge pictograms in barley all within 10 miles of Silbury Hill, A4, Wilts. This followed the most complex formations yet seen in rapeseed, again in the same area. After the first single arrived around April 23rd, 4 or 5 other events followed in just two fields of rape adjacent to the "Sanctuary", A4, and near the village of West Overton. These included the first rape quintuplet and a crescent of raised crop surrounded by a ring. News of several other rape circles or formations in fields nearby up to late May indicates the sum of the total of flattened crop amounts to the aggregate of all reported rape events in the previous 10 years! In fact up to 1993 only one or two rape circles were found per year. If this is projected to the favoured wheat crop which is backward this year - 1994 may well be a year to remember.

Apart from a single rape circle and path at the other "hotspot", Cheesefoot Head, Winchester, all this activity reported is in the same area which a year ago had only 2 or 3 discernible small formations when I flew over on June 17th. In 1993 early events were spread out into several counties. Why should there be a massive display in one area this year to start with? The easy answer is hoaxers, but they would be working at a rate hitherto unknown with unbelievable motivation. Many of the big events have arrived in soggy fields during very poor May weather. Let us therefore suppose the "Circlemakers" are giving notice of great things to come in 1994, by showing their early intentions in the Silbury Hill area where most enthusiasts congregate. Thinly spread ones and twos in several areas would possibly be overlooked by the dwindling band, many of whom are reporting critical state finances.

The biggest formation so far came on the night of May 22nd-23rd in poor weather conditions. This was a massive pictogram in barley consisting of 12 circles, 2 crescents and a ring - it was immediately called the "SCORPION" which was apparent from its outline. The formation was laid over 7 sets of tram-lines between Silbury Hill and West Kennett longbarrow - around 500 ft long. It is visible from the A4 road although likely to disappear very soon as the crop was green and still growing when it was formed. No accurate ground survey has been carried out by us as the farmer does not want onlookers. A second very large "scorpion" appeared on June 8th

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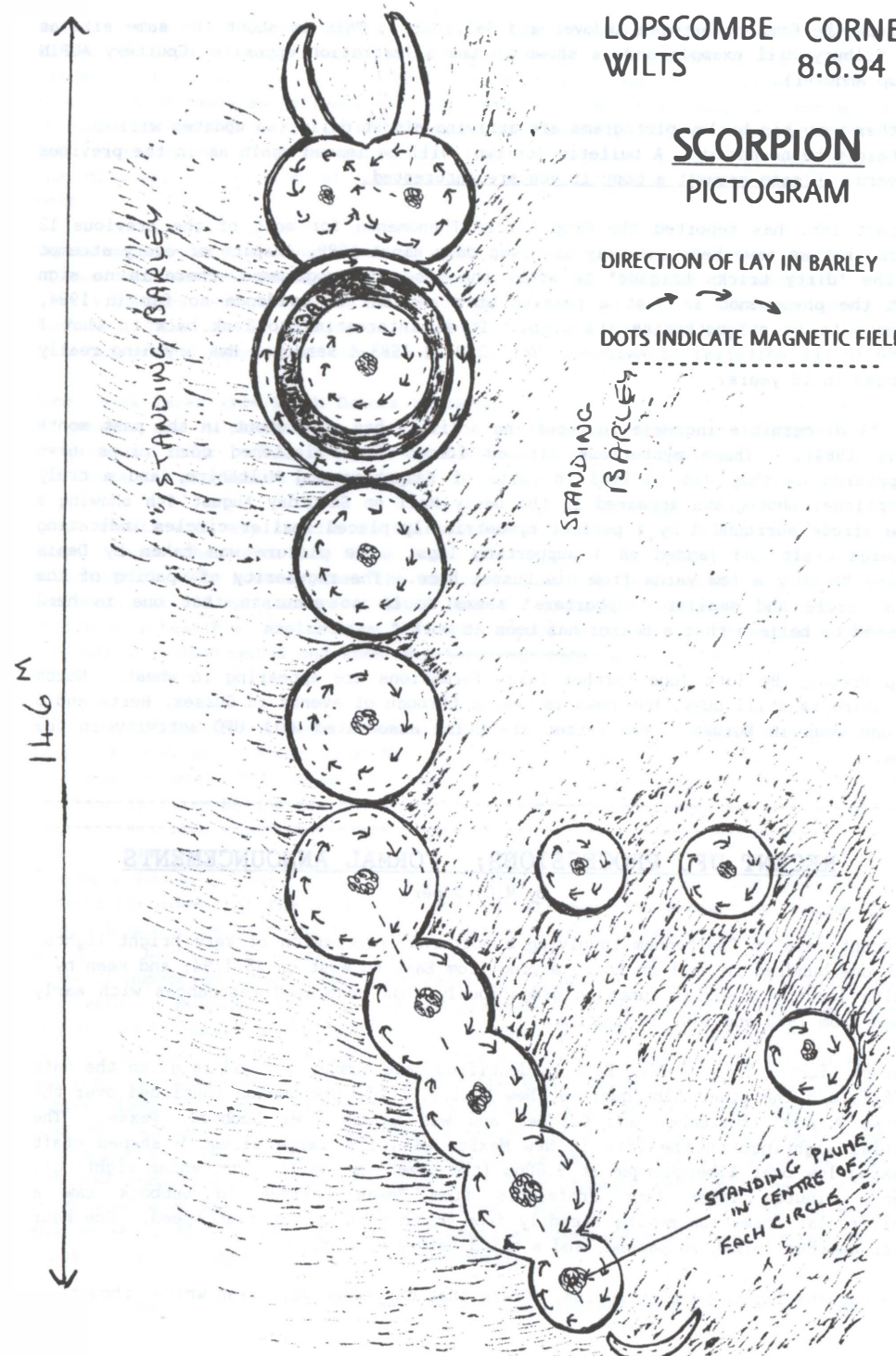
**SCORPION
PICTOGRAM**

DIRECTION OF LAY IN BARLEY



DOTS INDICATE MAGNETIC FIELD

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at Lopcombe Corner, between Andover and Salisbury. This is about the same size as the Silbury Hill example and is shown in the illustration opposite (Courtesy AUPIN group Andover).

Further very big barley pictograms are arriving almost daily, so updates will certainly be necessary. A bulletin (or two) will be issued again as in the previous 3 years. Please request a copy if you are interested.

Contact Int. has reported the Crop Circle Phenomenon for most of the previous 12 years, but we have been actively involved only since 1989. In spite of every attempt by the "dirty tricks brigade" to wreck the research programmes, there is no sign that the phenomenon is just a passing whim and on the evidence so far in 1994, appears to be strengthening its grip. It is interesting to look back to what I wrote in the editorial of Awareness Vol 12 No 4 1983-4 season. Has anything really changed in 10 years?

"A discernible increase in reporting activity has come about in the past month (July 1984). Those mysterious circles formed from flattened corn crops have reappeared as they did in 1983 in parts of Hampshire and Wiltshire, and a truly exceptional photograph appeared in the Daily Mail on Saturday August 4th showing a huge circle surrounded by 4 perfect symmetrically placed smaller circles indicating a large craft had landed on 4 supporting legs. The picture was taken by Denis Healey MP only a few yards from his Sussex home. The regularity of spacing of the main circle and smaller "supporters" seems to be so accurate that one is hard pressed to believe that a hoaxer has been at work."

 Stop Press: By late June further large formations are appearing in wheat. North Wiltshire is still busy, but news is coming through of events in Sussex, Herts and 6 in one week in Dorset. The latter are being associated with UFO activity in the area.

RECENT UFO PROCESSIONS; FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

by M.C. Soper

A recent case in Cheltenham involving a nocturnal procession of very bright lights, over one hundred in half an hour, moving from East to West on 25/1/94; and seen by 7 adults leaving a social function gregariously, has generated resonances with early cases from 1950 and 1952 in America.

Lubbock Lights: This is Blue Book unidentified case number 955 and is given the date 28/8/51 and the place Albuquerque, New Mexico. This phenomenon continued over the months August, September and October and was mainly over Lubbock, Texas. The initial sightings on the 25th in New Mexico was of a large silent V shaped craft passing low over Albuquerque at 9.00pm (the same time as the Cheltenham sighting). Twenty minutes later four Professors from Texas College in Lubbock saw a semicircular formation moving steadily from North to South at high speed. One hour later another formation passed, and a third before midnight.

Some say the lights were turquoise, others that they were yellowish white; though

here one must take account of the coloration of the local street lights which does change perception of colours of white objects seen beyond the street level illumination. Carl Hart Junior photographed the coming of the lights which have been explained away as reflections from birds (at midnight!) though did not appear on radar (report from Air Defence Command was that the objects were at 13000 feet and travelling at 900 miles per hour). Rather pointlessly, an F-86 was scrambled. The official explanation of plovers was photographically impossible, definitely bosh.

On the morning of the seventeenth of March 1950, hundreds of observers during a time of one hour watched hundreds of objects moving steadily in a procession overhead. Some witnesses thought there must have been one thousand, others estimated five hundred. This was at Farmington New Mexico and the official explanation was that they had seen a skyhook balloon pass by.

Some years later from South Dakota to beyond the Mexican border uncounted thousands of people saw a procession of objects over several nights, the sightings also appeared on radar. This occurred on 2,3/8/65 ; hence we have yet another case of the celestial procession going past.

These events are very similar to the Lubbock lights and not at all easy to explain away. note that even the Blue Book stated that the Lubbock Lights were not explainable. Why however does the military come back with such evidently foolish explanations: 900 mph plovers at 13000 feet for example. Perhaps this is because an entirely infeasible explanation is not argued with since the proponents are completely flabbergasted and know that whatever they say will make no difference at all.

So these processions indicate some kind of arrival; have the Aliens shown in the film and television series Alien Nation actually arrived, and did they arrive in one of these conveyes? This is not to imply that anything even remotely similar to the denizens in Alien Nation are physically here; merely to say that the processions may mean arrival into a contiguous position with respect to the various regions.

The Mars Research Mission and Richard Hoagland have seriously and genuinely put forward the idea that the surface of many planets may have properties 'mapped down' from a higher dimension and that the structure should be hexagonal in symmetry with the North south line as axis. Now rather oddly this ties up with the different types of humanoids seen in different regions. In America (one zone) the small greys are seen; in Britain tall cat-eyed men are seen; in the Pacific, giants are seen, and in France small green men are seen. Thus, placing one demarcation line just east of Britain, another would fall in the mid Atlantic and another to the West of America. We have four more zones around the World which possibly interface with a higher dimension in different ways providing six distinct contiguous realms. Imagine now that these realms gradually precess around the globe and we can expect on the basis of the processional behaviour of the objects seen at Cheltenham that we are now embarking on a relationship with more dynamic UFO entities that first interfaced with America in the early fifties. Now this is the turn of the British, and we shall have to see whether the American humanoid scene has changed and new types of denizen appear on the scene, naturally.

What is clear is that we can expect 1994 to have greater UFO consciousness than

earlier years and that this change may be most noticeable in the English-speaking world. There has been a mini-wave in Britain during most of 1993, and this was focused in the West of Devon and Cornwall and Bristol. This latest sighting involved many objects moving over Cheltenham directly towards Haverfordwest and the 'Broadhaven Triangle', which has been a UFO hot-spot in the late seventies and early eighties; there are even eye-witnesses who claim to have seen craft disappear into the rocky islets off shore.

Currently on Sky TV there are two UFO related series SIGHTINGS on Friday at 9.30 pm and X-files on Wednesday at 8 pm. Thus this beginning of change seem to have already happened on the media. I am not actually claiming that there will be many sightings this year, merely that public attitudes may change, being less hostile and more interested in the whole field.

The professors (lecturers) that spoke to the Blue book investigators concerning their sighting of the Lubbock Lights claimed that the objects were similar to beads, and were moving too fast for their altitude to become estimated (this data was later supplied by a radar facility) ; the lights were definitely supersonic, when the sound-barrier was still a barrier to all except a few specially constructed research planes. The group of witnesses included six highly qualified men : the head of Petroleum engineering, a Professor of Geology, a Professor of Physics, a Professor of Chemical Engineering, a Professor of Mathematics and a graduate student working on a PHD. The professors determined that the angular velocity of the objects was nearly 30 degree of arc per second, and the flight was silent and from North to South, with two or three flights per evening and one flight every hour and ten minutes.

The lights were blue-green and there were 15 to 30 separate lights in each formation. The first two flights were in the shape of a semi-circle, and subsequent flights were not ordered. The objects did not gradually come into view; they appeared at 45 degrees to the horizontal North, and disappeared at 45 degrees to the horizontal in the south. Each formation occupied about ten degrees . The height, and whether there was a solid object in between the lights, could not be determined at the time by this professorial team.

However this account is very complete and when placed together with the radar information supplies a complete picture of a true unidentified case.

Even the very sceptical blue-book investigators were forced to conclude that some of these events of 25/1/51 were genuine, or more exactly UFOs, and since American experience of the UFO took off from this point, we can wonder whether this increase of activity will occur here at all.

On 17/3/50 at Farmington, New Mexico, several thousand witnesses saw what Jaques Vallee described as 'aerial flight' which went on for one hour. This event seems to have had a specific meaning. In July 14, 1952 from the Newport News, Virginia ; a flight of six-in-a-line with two outriders flipped over 120 degrees without changing formation, meaning something as yet unknown.

On March 24 1954 Baltimore, Maryland : fourteen UFOs in a V formation which changed to a single file.

On August 28th 1954 in Oklahoma city; hundreds saw a flight of fifteen saucers in a V which changed to a semicircle and shot away when pursued, leaving jets.

On the sixth of November 1954 in Rome at noon, two files of twenty objects each in a V formation joined to form a perfect equi-armed cross, right over Vatican city; there were ten objects to each arm.

On the sixth to the eighth November 1954: Mystery squadrons of flying objects were seen on radar flying East to West at great heights (bafflingly).

On August 1956 in Boulder City, Nevada; five discs flew over in a staggered V; one diameter apart and exhibited very precise flying which much impresses the witness naturally.

These cases mentioned above and many others not mentioned are similar accounts of the flying and amazing precisions of UFOs. Indeed one very clear proof of the non-human origin of these craft is the fact that in the early fifties the precision of the aerobatics was better than contemporary jets could manage. Indeed 'aeroform' is possibly the wrong paradigm for these objects that can fly faster than sound without producing any sonic bang on the ground. The Lubbock lights are a case in point. Could this many supersonic craft go over without producing a sonic bang on the ground?

The Cheltenham case of 25/1/94 has these remarkable features: witnessed by four independent groups (seven witnesses) on emerging from a house in Lypiatt Crescent Cheltenham at 9.10 pm. The sighting consisted of a continuous flight of numerous objects from ESE to WNW containing several follow-my-leader formations of 5 or 6, an 'E' formation and a chevron; the witnesses watched for up to 25 minutes and estimated at least 60 objects (though one witness who did not stay saw 30). A check with ATC in London supplied the information that the amount of traffic on Golf One, the air highway over Cheltenham had far less official traffic at this time. Far less than the thirty objects seen by the witness who saw fewest. The witnesses, which included a retired pilot, saw no navigation lights or strobes and heard no sound in the silence in which they were gathered; (however there were very high winds about and this could explain the absence of sound from high in the atmosphere even though they were not conscious of any wind at all). Other facts about this sighting however make it a strong one.

OPERATION RIGHT TO KNOW - JOINT UK/USA

23rd MAY 1994. END U.F.O. SECRECY PROTEST

by Linda Dellow and Nick Rigby.

THE ALIEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT CAMPAIGN led by John Holman takes
WESTMINSTER by surprise at High Noon.

The clock struck twelve as we finished our pre-demonstration refreshment and headed towards the Ministry of Defence for part one of our campaign. Led by John Holman from Ripon we joined some 21 representatives of organisations from around the country. We were greeted with banners and placards and loud enquiries as to whether

we had heard about the CRASH - more about that later. We joined in and began handing out fliers informed people of various events witnessed by the military over several years concerning UFO activity - and of the secrecy involved. We were greeted with cautious interest by Joe Public and tolerant amusement by the Police. The fliers were accepted by the public and seemed to be read with interest.

John Holman then presented a letter to the MOD, stating that the Alien Acknowledgement Campaign wishes them to make public the records of UFO activity that they hold. This information should be made available to all, so that the Public at large can draw their own conclusions.

At 1.00pm we adjourned to the nearest hostelry for refreshment leaving the rest to partake of tea down the road.

Much refreshed at 2.00pm we gathered again outside the Houses of Parliament to carry out Phase Two of our mission - again handing out fliers and exchanging stories with interested people. We were quite surprised that several had had their own experiences. We were then joined by two very excited lads who had travelled down from Middlesborough. They had had a very recent sighting - a UFO being guided in by two jets.

John Holman was interviewed by the press and TV people including Meridian and Capital radio. The boys from Middlesborough soon dived in excitedly to tell their story. Also putting his story forward, was an eccentric recently released from his Squat. He related extreme tales of Nazi's damaging Jewish babies' brains through their Fontanels at birth and being severely reprimanded by the grey aliens.

The TV crew finished off the interview by focusing in on a 747 disappearing into the distance - no doubt to draw some sort of witty conclusion to their interview.

The chimes of Big Ben at 2.30pm heralded the next phase of our expedition. We were allowed en-masse into the Houses of Parliament. After passing through the security gates we were dumbstruck by the ornateness of the building; the magnificent vaulted ceilings and beautiful paintings. We gathered together in the LOBBY. John Holman then proceeded with the handing over ceremony of the individual letters addressed to each member of Parliament, concerning the secrecy surrounding UFO sightings especially by the military forces.

After milling around for some 15 to 20 minutes we managed to surround an MP who spared us an ear and some of his valuable time. However he was only a backbencher - a lawyer with less influence than we had hoped for. He listened very politely to the various arguments raised, and did verify that cosmic files did exist but tried to assure us that nothing secret about UFOs was contained in them. He also declared that he would be meeting with an executive from the MOD on the following Wednesday, stating that he had access to all files that the executive had access to - in other words ALL files. there was nothing secret in the files!! He admitted to the existence of UFOs but said the records of them as far as he was concerned were NOT secret. The MP went on his way.

John Holman then enquired as to whether or not we should try to lobby a specific MP, but as the procedure of lobbying seemed to be long winded and one had to book this in advance, an end was called to the tasks for the day. Having achieved press,

<p>CLOSE ENCOUNTER FIRST</p>	<p>SECOND KIND</p>	<p>THIRD KIND</p>	<p>FOURTH KIND</p>
<p>SEEING IS BELIEVING</p> <p>FIFTH KIND</p>	<p>AWAYS LEAVE YOUR MARK</p> <p>SIXTH KIND</p>	<p>HIYA FOLKS!!</p> <p>SEVENTH KIND</p>	<p>BEAM ME UP SCOTTIE!</p> <p>EIGHTH KIND</p>
<p>SEE YOU LATER ALLIGATOR</p>	<p>MEETING THE RELATIVES</p>	<p>DINNER PARTY TIME</p>	<p>FINISHING TOUCHES</p>

police, public and MP's interest we felt that the time and effort we had put in had resulted in some very positive results. We all enjoyed catching up on news from different regions. Lots of friends were made and stories exchanged. The lobbying was peaceful drawing many smiles from the Public.

We said our goodbyes and congratulated John on his efforts, walked back up to Whitehall and realised we had been upstaged, unfortunately by the disabled protest. Disabled people were crawling up the steps to St. Stephens entrance to the Palace of Westminster naturally generating greater interest from the media than we could provide. Their protest dominated the news that evening and the following day.

Gossip stories from the day: First the Crash. This apparently took place according to 'story one' just North of Birmingham and according to 'story two' just South of Scotland around the Grassington area. The crashed object was a cigar-shaped UFO which left a mile long furrow in its wake. The forces had homed in on the object cutting off roads to the area and because the UFO was so large a hanger was being built over it. We are investigating this story.

We spoke to a couple with a missing half an hour during a journey 20 years ago - they are commencing regression therapy. They gave me a contact address so I will be keeping in touch as their story unfolds. Another young man had an experience around a Bristol sighting. He was however ridiculed by his local society so had started on his own group and was toting around three very interesting pictures of an ascending UFO taken by a friend of his. Pictures of crop circles were also shown around.

Concluding a very interesting day we finished off with a trip to China Town and a Malaysian meal which Nick and I much welcomed.

A follow up story to London trip - John Holman was asked to appear on "Its Your Shout" - Central TV the following Saturday - again the disabled had a good and long shout and John was left till last. He received only a cursory 2 or 3 minutes time and was politely? ridiculed especially by Clare Short MP who addressed John "With all due respect to you - you can believe in your 'Little Green Men' at the bottom of your garden if you want to - I don't understand what your problem is? ". She also stated that her letter from the A.A.C. had gone quickly in the bin!! Clearly she felt willing to debunk John and his message without even reading it! John kept his cool when asked for his reply and stated that it was obvious MP's were unaware of something that may be the most important issue effecting our lives and the path of mankind in the future of planet Earth. Nods of agreement were seen in the audience and no-one laughed at the ridicule thrown at John by Clare Short. The two other MP's had stories of suspecting daughters and other MP's to be aliens - they had to agree though that in the past aliens were viewed as being nasty but with E.T. and other films they were now portrayed as being friendly - so there was a conclusion drawn that maybe something is happening out there! Well done John - got them thinking and kept his cool.

John is continuing with his A.A.C. and we will be supporting him personally on behalf of Contact where we can. We hope others will give him the backing in future campaigns. The general opinion is that we now have enough data collected, the time has come for conclusions to be drawn.

Good luck John and keep up the good work on behalf of us all.

by G.E. Ambler

The monthly positions of the brightest planets and stars are plotted annually for benefit in eliminating mistaken UFO sightings. It is regretted that lack of space prevented the 1993 positions from being included in Awareness. The particularly important sightings in Bristol during late June 1993 could have been partially explained by Venus rising at 3.00am although this does not resolve the other multiple UFOs appearing a few hours earlier in the same area. Thus it is essential to know where and when the brightest planets are likely to be seen in the heavens throughout the year. Recent observations of the Moon have also shown that ghostly images can be created when seen through thin cloud and low in the sky.

The following notes trace the movements of the 5 brightest planets: Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter and Saturn. Uranus, Neptune and Pluto are too faint to be recorded other than background stars. Planets show steady light as they can only reflect from the Sun. Stars are light emitters and appear to "twinkle". The brightest star Sirius rising behind the constellation Orion in the Winter months is a good standard to view for a twinkling object.

All observations in this text refer to British skies. Brightness of objects is expressed in "magnitude". The very bright objects are expressed in negative values of magnitude. Any positive values indicate a modest amount of light which is unlikely to generate a UFO report. On the scale used the Sun is -26.6 and the Full Moon is 12.5; the brightest planet, Venus, can achieve -4.6 magnitude and the brightest star, Sirius, -1.47.

MERCURY: Always appears close to the Sun either rising or setting low on the horizon. Chances of seeing it in 1994 strongest in late January and early February as evening star to about 6pm, mag' -1; mid May to early June in the north-west evening sky; mid-late July early morning to north-east; finally late October - mid November as morning object at best rising two hours before the Sun.

VENUS: During 1994, Venus starts to appear in the evenings of late February low to the south west. It thereafter increases in duration and brightness to June, not setting until 23.00. A magnitude of -4.0 will be reached. Observations in these months should be to the west and never overhead. From July to October, Venus is unlikely to be seen, but reappears in November as a brilliant morning star. At the end of the month it rises 3 hours before the Sun towards the east and will reach a powerful magnitude of -4.6 on November 30th and December 9th. It will dominate the morning skies towards the end of the year.

MARS: During 1994, Mars will be on the far side of the Sun until the second half of the year. It will not be a significant sight until December when it reaches negative magnitude. The "Red Planet" should not be a potential UFO misidentification until 1995. What little can be seen of Mars in 1994 will be from mid-night to dawn.

JUPITER: A reliable white planet; its 4 major moons can be seen through binoculars to assist in identification. From January to March it is mainly seen after midnight at magnitude -2.0. In April it is visible all night and in opposition (nearest

point to Earth) on the 30th magnitude -2.5. From May to October it will be seen in the evenings, but setting very early by end October. In November it will not be seen. In December it reappears as a morning star low to the south east, before dawn.

SATURN: The ringed planet is a considerable distance from the Sun so its brightness to the naked eye will never be significant, it is visible throughout 1994 for those astronomers wishing to see the magnificent ring system. Its closest point or opposition comes on September 1st when the magnitude is still only +0.5

MOON: The brightness of the moon may lessen the impact of other bright objects in the sky. We should be aware of the phases particular on the nights when it is partly hidden by cloud. The following table gives the dates of the full and new Moons. Perhaps more significantly, the "dark period" between the last quarter and new Moon periods is estimated. This may be the time to go out on sky watches.

MONTH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
NEW MOON	11	10	12	11	10	9	8	7	5	5	3	3
FULL MOON	27	26	27	25	25	23	22	21	19	19	18	18
DARK PERIOD	5-14	3-13	4-15	3-14	2-13	1-12	30-10AUG	29-8SEP	28-2 OCT	27-6NOV	26-6 DEC	25-5JAN

SHOOTING STARS : Bodies from space including rocket debris hurtle into the Earth's atmosphere at 20,000 mph plus. Thus they can be expected to be seen as a flash of bright light for less than a fraction of a second before burning up. Any sighting lasting more than 5 seconds should not be associated with the above. The Earth moves into certain areas of space at specific times of the year. Showers of meteors frequent these areas so there are particular nights when the odds of spotting them are greatly increased:- January 2-4, Quadrantids; April 21-22, Lyrids; August 11-14, Perseids; Geminids December 12-13. The groups are named after the constellations from which they appear to emanate.

COMETS AND ECLIPSES : A spectacular impact with Jupiter by a comet is forecast for early July. A similar collision with Earth might signal the end of life as we know it, but Earth is tiny in comparison to the volume presented by Jupiter. A collision or near miss may have altered the Earth's ecosystem many millions of years ago, but the odds are it will be many further millions of years before another collision is likely.

The only eclipse visible in Britain this year will be on May 25th, when the Moon will experience a partial eclipse. This will be between 02:37 and 04:23 so only enthusiasts will be up to view it. A total eclipse of the Sun occurs on November 3rd, but only visible from Central and South America, Southern Africa and Antarctica. It should be pointed out however that a spectacular UFO was filmed during the total eclipse over Mexico City in 1991.

Source : Night Sky 1994. The Times.

COMMENTS AND LETTERS

FURTHER THOUGHTS ON THE MAURY ISLAND CASE

By B.J. Burden

After reading J.B. Delair's engrossing account of the Maury Island case (Awareness 19-3) I should like to set forth an alternative interpretation. On the available evidence, it seems highly probable that Maury Island was an elaborate deception operation with Kenneth Arnold as its focus, though not its main target.

Not one small detail of Dahl's alleged encounter with doughnut-shaped UFOs was substantiated; rather, the evidence seemed to fall apart on close examination. What is undisputed is that, when Kenneth Arnold arrived in Tacoma on an assignment for editor Ray Palmer, he was manoeuvred into a bugged hotel room at the Winthrop containing a doctored phone book, the only phone book in the World to include Harold Dahl's Tacoma number!

It is this phone book which makes it clear that not merely was a web of deception spun around Crisman and Dahl - as Bernard Delair proposes - but that Crisman and Dahl were part of the deception.

What a lot of chances were missed; what a lot of leads a more experienced and better financed investigator than Arnold might have followed up. If only someone had scrutinised the Winthrop's register. Whoever installed and subsequently dismantled the bug in Arnold's room probably booked the room himself just before and just after Arnold's period of residence. He would certainly have been monitoring a receiver in a nearby room during the whole time Arnold was there. The register would certainly have provided some indication of his presence.

If only some telephone company insider had been persuaded to investigate Dahl's temporary phone number. Someone must have paid rental on that line, even if it was connected for only a short period. Somewhere in telephone records would have been a clue to some of the people behind the operation.

Someone must have rented the berth where Crisman's boat was kept; someone must have held the title to the boat. What happened to the boat after Arnold and Smith left Tacoma? If it was towed away, who towed it and where to?

Was Crisman's claim to operate a harbour patrol ever substantiated? Has anyone ever advertised for Dahl's crew members to come forward? If only Arnold and Smith had noted their names and addresses.

I suspect the Dahl's gutted house, which so puzzled Arnold when he and Smith called to say goodbye, was not intended to be a mystification at all. It looks if, the melodrama having run its course, and Arnold and Smith preparing to go home, the scene-shifters moved in a touch too smartly to whisk away the props.

At first sight it makes no sense to see Arnold as the target of a large-scale deception operation. If, however one sees him as a representative of Air Force Intelligence, then the pieces begin to fall into place. The most probable of many improbable explanations for the Maury island case is that one intelligence

organisation was engaged in a trial of strength with another, that the newly-formed CIA was seeing whether it could outwit Air Force Intelligence as a prelude to outwitting the intelligence organisations of other countries. Arnold very wisely made contact with Air Force Intelligence after accepting Palmer's assignment, but even if he had not done so, the Company (CIA) could safely have assumed that Arnold was a continuing object of interest to Air Force Intelligence, which would therefore be drawn in willy-nilly.

As to the crash of the B-25 carrying Brown and Davidson of Air Force Intelligence, along with a box of purported UFO debris; whether it was a tragic accident, whether it was sabotage, or whether the whole incident was fabricated by Air Force Intelligence to provide a pretext for apprehending and quizzing Crisman and Dahl, it certainly provided a melodramatic conclusion to the episode and convinced Arnold and Smith that they were out of their depth.

A postscript to this story, which Bernard Delair does not mention: In the course of his investigations of the JFK assassination in the late nineteen sixties, New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison summoned Fred Lee Crisman to testify before a closed session of the Grand Jury. We do not know what Crisman told the Grand Jury, but since Garrison made no secret of his belief that Kennedy was the victim of elements of the intelligence establishment, we can be sure that Fred Crisman did not testify that Kennedy's death had anything to do with flying saucers!

Bocking, BRAINTREE, Essex

BELGIAN UFOs:

Dear Mr James,

Thanks you for your congratulatory comments on my efforts to bring Ufology into the political arena.

I would correct your comment. Ufology is tainted with a radical view that I have no wish to be connected with. My purpose is to firstly prove the existence of a phenomenon above Belgium in 1989/90, and that the MOD did have knowledge of this phenomenon.

This I have done. I have confirmation from the Belgian government that:- 'from a military point of view, all hypotheses could be excluded, there were flying objects above Belgium on the dates mentioned, and the Belgium Government did not know what they were.'

I have been informed by the Belgium Air Force that that strict parameters were met before action could be taken. Witnesses' observations have to be confirmed by the police. Police observations have to be confirmed by Belgium radar. When these conditions have been met, the Belgium Air Force will, after consultation with radar stations involved, attempt an interception. all these parameters were met. Interceptions were ordered.

To your comment that a real threat to national security would have warranted more than 'flights of an air patrol nature', I would add that the Belgium Air Force considered this intrusion to be of the utmost gravity. Their interceptions were not

of an air patrol nature. They resent any implication on the contrary. For your interest, the event of any intrusion into our own air space, very rarely results in any more than two RAF interceptor aircraft being alerted.

Your comment that I made much of the aversion of the MOD to admit that they were notified through NATO channels of these radar contacts. I would suggest that because of the blank by the UK media, you probably were not well informed. The German and French military were involved. THEIR media coverage illustrated the point.

On the question of the MOD. We have an interesting situation. We have a letter from Mr Pope stating that the MOD had NO knowledge of the Belgian detections. We have a letter from the Minister admitting that the MOD did have knowledge of these detections. I also have proof that NADGE advised UK radar of these detections and that the MOD were advised of these.

Action is pending to ratify these contradictions.

Once proof of this detection is admitted by the MOD (they now have no alternative but to admit this), the next logical step will be to ascertain the reasons for their denials.

Yours sincerely

Derek Sheffield

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ERRATA

Bernard Delair wishes to point out the following errata which appeared in his "UFOLOGY - ITS SINGULAR BEGINNING" Awareness Vol 19 No3. PP 2-12

Errata.

- p.3, line 8. 'demisted' should be 'devised'.
 " 32. 'planets' should be 'plants'.
 p.4, " 22. delete the word 'be'.
 p.5, " 11. " " " meaningless 'g/'.
 " 27. 'when the struck' should read 'when they struck'.
 " 48. 'unconnected' should be 'uncollected'.
 p.6, " 19. 'nether' should be 'never'.
 p.7, " 9. 'number now' should be 'number of now'.
 p.8, " 21. delete 'to'.
 " 44. 'explain' should be 'excuse'.
 " 54. delete 'with'.
 " 56. " 'which'.
 p.9 " 33. 'security operated' should read 'securityagencies operated'.
 " 40. 'times worldwide' should be 'several times worldwide'
 p.10, " 48. delete 'her'.
 " 53. 'wish' should have read 'have wished'.
 p.11, " 43. 'influence' should be 'influences'.
 " 45. 'surrounded' should have read 'surrounding'.

Editor : Apologies are due to Bernard. We rather unwisely took a poor set of photocopies from the original manuscript as the basis for the word processor. This made my proof reading more difficult. However no other comment of this nature has been received.

Dear Editor,

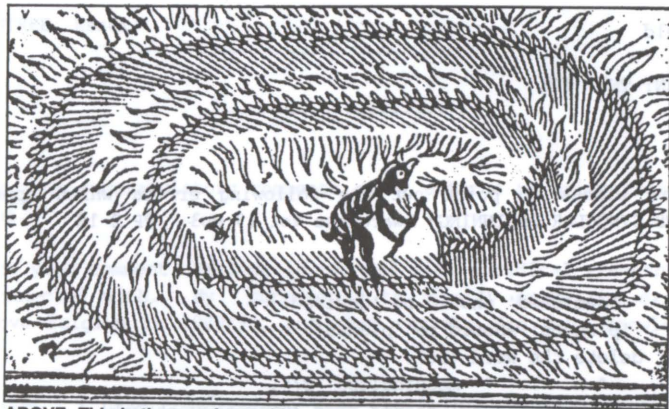
Receiving "Awareness" this morning reminded me to send you this clipping from a recent "Psychic News". It won't facilitate your researches, but it seems important to discover that the enigma existed in the 17th Century.

Perhaps Wooley and Wallis could tell you more about the pamphlet - and the knowledgeable cerealologists mentioned! If you're up against the devil, you really have problems!!

Cheers,

Peggy Hervieux.

76310, SAINTE ADRESSE, FRANCE.



ABOVE: This is the wood-cut which accompanied the 1678 pamphlet on the so-called mowing devil of Hertfordshire, an infernal spirit said to produce crop circles.

From the editor,

Thank you very much for sending info' on the "Mowing Devil". The illustration has been referred to in many newspapers and magazines over the past year. I don't think its anything to do with crop circles so have not reported it in Awareness.

First, if you say the crop is MOWN, it is cut down - I.E stems are broken as depicted by demon with a scythe. If you are lucky enough to get a crop circle before the public has trampled on it, there is not a stem broken. They are

magically swirled in a spiral floor pattern.

Second, the "circle" looks almost rectangular or ovoid and the devil's path is hardly a spiral!

Third, the area of mown down oats is 1.5 acres or 7260 square yards, which on my calculations would amount to a crop circle of 96 yards diameter - nearly 300 feet. Very few completely flattened circles are known over 100ft diameter. The biggest one I saw in 1993 measured 120ft across.

Thus, I would suggest we have another "red herring", by people desperate to rationalise this mystery. Maybe the Devil himself is worried that the "Circle Makers" might be after him!

REVIEWS

BOOK REVIEW: David M. Jacobs: Alien Encounters (virgin £5.99)

John E. Mack: Abduction (Simon & Schuster, £16.99)

They mutilated our livestock, they molest our children and they place ever deadlier weapons in our hands, while withholding advanced techniques of surgery and analgesia. Not a flattering picture of our "space brothers", but one borne out from various sources. Jacques Vallee, in Messengers of Deception, and Timothy Good, in Alien Liaison, go into some detail about animal mutilation; one of Tim Good's informants reports that alien technology went into the design of the Stealth Bomber. Now David M. Jacobs presents a comprehensive study of abductions.

David M. Jacobs is a Professor of History at Temple University, Pennsylvania. He learned hypnosis in order to explore the abduction phenomenon. His book contributes to a body of work in which such writers such as Hans Holzer, Jenny Randles, Budd Hopkins and, most recently, John Mack have already made their mark. His book is based on first-hand interviews with some sixty "abductees" and builds up a consistent and systematic picture of the abduction process. Professor Jacobs does not seek to explain the purpose behind the abductions, nor, thankfully, does he resort to the amateurish dollar-book Freud with which some commentators have attempted to explain away the abduction experience. He allows the abductees' experiences to speak for themselves and these suggest, consistently, a continuing breeding program in which the human race is being hybridised with the space people. The products of these hybridisations are removed from the uterus before they reach full term (leading to the sneer by writer John A. Keel that women who claimed to have been impregnated by space people were actually suffering from phantom pregnancies). Often the mothers are briefly reunited with their offspring during babyhood and early infancy. What happens afterwards we do not know. Are these hybrids being used to seed a younger planet elsewhere? Are they being stored up in suspended animation against some massive visitation some time in the future? Are they even now being introduced in a thin scattering among the human race - "the salt of the earth" - to move among us like angels, gradually leading us upwards towards a more benign and civilised world society? - If only!

Professor Jacobs merely reports the facts. But obviously these facts generate much speculation in the reader. for example, mothers who have been reunited with their

offspring report that they are emaciated and lethargic, with intense dark eyes - in short, remarkably like the changelings of folklore substituted by the Fairy Folk for human babies.

Little communication takes place between abductees and abductors. When the Beings do open up, their information - as in all contactee cases - turns out to be a mixture of distortions and outright fabrications. For example, during his abduction in 1976, Jason Howard was shown the image of a nuclear explosion leading to a cloud a fallout which enveloped a fifth of the Earth's surface in "a white fog". He was told that this disaster would occur one month before his fortieth birthday (in 1986). Even without the precise date of Mr Howard's birthday, this seems a pretty good prediction of the Chernobyl melt-down - except that the Beings placed the explosion on the wrong side of the World ("upper left"). Are prophecies of this sort imperfect because the Beings are not the omnipotent all-wise Time Lords they pretend to be. The very fact that they feel obliged to indulge in such pretence is reassuring evidence of their fallibility.

In *The Control of Candy Jones*, which concerns CIA Mind Control activities, Donald Bain demonstrates that excessive power protected by secrecy leads by turns to hubris and moral rottenness. Likewise with the space people. While most of the impregnations of abductee women are carried out in a business-like and apparently purposive way, there is unpleasant evidence that some of the Beings are not above taking a prurient interest in observing sexual congress and sexual humiliation for its own sake (An interest which John Keel reports in *The Mothman Prophecies*. Keel believes the aliens may get a buzz from the orgone energy released during intercourse.) For example, Professor Jacobs describes the experience of a fifteen-year-old virgin compelled to have intercourse with another human, "a big...middle-aged guy (with) a bit of a paunch... He's got receding hair... His mouth is hanging slack, and his hands are loose at his side, kind of like an ape. and his eyes are glazed over, cloudy, unfocused."

More recently, John E. Mack has studied abduction from a psychiatric perspective. In *Abduction*, he deals with more than eighty cases, chronicling the pain, trauma and humiliation of the process, and the few cases in which victims, drawing on their own spiritual resources, have succeeded in transcending their ordeal and benefiting from it. As in other abduction books, we treated to much alien piss-and-windery, with the regulation "doomsday in twenty years" predictions we have been getting since the days of Adamski in the nineteen fifties - along with enough pork pies to feed the Third World.

Beings with the sort of powers the aliens lay claim to could act as cosmic policemen or school teachers or surrogate parents and save us from our own worst excesses while extending our knowledge and facilitating our positive initiatives. This is called "paternalism" and it has worked pretty well when practised on this planet. One smiling lady alien told an abductee that "we are your future", which harks back to nineteen fifties speculation that the UFOonauts are our future selves, having discovered time travel some time in the centuries ahead. A more sinister suggestion from one of the aliens is that the aliens are waiting for us to destroy each other to clear the way for an alien occupation of our planet - not, to be sure, expressed as brutally as that, but clearly hinted.

The one unpleasant certainty which emerges from both books is that the aliens have

some purpose in mind unknown to us, and that our welfare or improvement is not an essential part of it.

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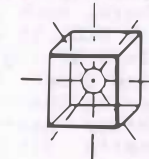


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