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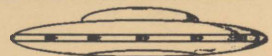
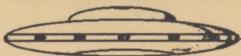
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EDITORIAL

I know I shouldn't whinge - having got in to see it for nothing - but "Independence Day" needs some strong comment. The gigantic hype machine that promotes most American made films these days - good, bad, or indifferent - means that many impressionable folk, mostly under the age of 25 will have seen the film. What picture of alien visitors do these youngsters get? They arrive and park their gigantic space vehicles over Earth's largest cities and then blast hell out of them without making any attempt to communicate. Is that what we really expect from extraterrestrials who might have travelled millions of light years to get here? The chances are they would be tired and weary and running short of supplies. A civilisation that reached Earth would have developed technology over a very long period and abandoned war-like postures to survive all that time.

Whatever happened to our concept of UFO films since the brilliant "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" released in 1978. The subtle story-line and special effects of CE 3, in my opinion, far exceeded "Independence Day" although 18 years of "progress" have supposedly passed since then. How come this film has taken millions of dollars or pounds at respective box offices when it is on an intellectual level of "Abbott and Costello go to Mars"? Just market a concoction of phoney patriotism, where Yanks "whup alien arse" on Independence Day, the 4th July; make all human characters crazy, goon-like, over-the-top morons; produce computerised explosions and fire every 2 minutes; add sicko humour by blowing up the White House (to great cheers I understand) and have a captured alien dragged across the desert in a sack by a gung-ho, raving pilot. What about the story - do we really need a story, just plug the above!

Other editors have voiced their concern about the direction this film takes Ufology. Yes its pure escapist entertainment, but in the long term indicates FEAR will dominate, just as it does in many religions. The person with a casual interest in the subject gets the impression that aliens are nasty bug-eyed figures, who abduct humans removing their blood, semen or organs; stick probes in their bodies; mutilate livestock and destroy homes. Contrary to popular belief, none of this has ever been proved beyond a shadow of a doubt, and is more a projection of human frailty than the intentions of a superior civilisation.

The first UFO conference Contact International have held with advanced booking and long-term planning took place on September 29th at Exeter Hall, Kidlington, on the outskirts of Oxford. It was packed with over 200 patrons, dealers, speakers and media representatives. A detailed report of proceedings follows. At the end of the day everyone agreed it had been a great success, and the Treasurer reports a sound financial result, which should pave the way for another conference in 1997. Grateful thanks are due to the hard work put in by the committee, particularly Brian James in his first year as Chairman.

THE EDITOR

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Please note this will be held at the Inner Book Shop meeting room, on January 15 1997, 7.30 p.m. Please inform the secretary of any business you wish to raise if not attending. (Inner Book Shop, 111, Magdalen Rd, Off Cowley Rd/Ilffley Rd Oxford. Room entrance in Catherine St.)

OPEN MEETING: Wednesday 4th December, Inner Bookshop as above 8pm; all members welcome.



LIFE ON MARS? The box below shows the life form discovered in a chunk of rock picked up in Antarctica, 1984. After 12 years of investigation, American scientists now believe the rock emanated from Mars, and as a result of a Cosmic collision, drifted off into space, and eventually ended up on Earth about 12,000 years ago. Comparison of atmospheric gases on Mars, with those trapped in the fissures of the rock, suggest that the material originated from the Red Planet at the time of this collision - c15 million years ago.

The press seem to have swallowed the story well and truly, judging from the banner headlines in almost every national paper back in the Summer. So bits of Mars are laying about all over our happy planet! What about chunks from Mercury, Venus, Jupiter etc. - not heard mention of these?

A form of microscopic life is believed to be present inside comets or even meteors. Certain viral epidemics have been associated with the arrival and close passage to Earth of these bodies. What UFO enthusiasts might like to see is something at least the size of a pin-head - yes the discovery is so tiny, you can only see it with an electron microscope!

VICTORIAN MELODRAMA! : That doyen of conspiracy theories, bugged phone calls and other skulduggery - "Dr Armen Victorian" - who caused vast panics in the UFO and crop circle communities in the 1991-2 period, has been sued by British Telecom for unpaid bills amounting to £3000-£4000. So confusing is the case, with lines in umpteen different names and addresses, that Victorian (correct name Henry Azadehdel) appears to have got off fairly lightly. Whether he will ring the Pentagon three times a week or infiltrate UFO groups again, remains to be seen - but keep alert for any calls you receive from people with strange sounding names!

SCHOOL PROJECTS : The number of young people enquiring about the UFO subject either as a school project or more advanced college course looks to be reaching an all time high in 1996. It seems likely there will be full blown degrees in Ufology before long! Answering many searching questions is time consuming and some enquirers state they have not received satisfaction elsewhere. One wonders what sort of answer is desired short of stating Contact International has alien bodies hidden somewhere in the vaults of Oxford University!

The known facts on our subject may appear rather dull when lined up against the wild speculations of the media and those writers combining slim evidence with science fiction. However judging from the interest engendered by the 1995 "alien body" film, it could be that Ufology needs to be marketed every so often.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PREMIERE : A group from Contact Int. (and one alien) attended the first day showing of "Independence Day" on August 9th at the MGM, Magdalen Street, Oxford. We are grateful to the manager, Mike Rogers, for allowing the foyer to be used for displaying Contact International material and handing out leaflets relating to the September conference. Consumer reaction is difficult to judge, but there were several enquiries about "Area 51". All assisting were given a free ticket to see the evening performance of the film.

NICK POPE NOT UNIQUE? : Co-operation with the Ministry of Defence UFO monitoring section reached a high degree of openness during Nick Pope's 3 year stint from 1991-4. Before and since then all requests for information have met with the usual jaded response - "if no threat is perceived to British Airspace, we're not interested" - (not quite in those words). However thanks to some early audio tapes passed on to us at the September conference, it has been established that the MOD man of the time, bluff and imperious sounding Anthony Davies, frequently gave radio interviews and attended public meetings in the early '70s.

Mr Davies quoted the MOD had filed 1497 reports in 12 years back from 1972 of which 139 remained unexplained. He also mentioned that no scientific programme on UFO's had been undertaken by the British government up to the time in question.

SYNDROME NIGHTMARE RESUMES : Since mention of Gulf War syndrome, two issues ago, the MOD have been forced in some degree of openness, by revealing that the British Task Force were injected with a cocktail of sparsely tested drugs as antidote to nerve gases. Following on it has now been revealed that temporary living quarters were generously sprayed with organo-phosphorus insecticides by unqualified operatives wearing little protective clothing. Of course organo-phosphorus compounds have been under investigation as the cause of serious illness to farm workers involved in sheep dipping and DIY enthusiasts spraying household timbers.

Why do these disasters only come to light 5 years after the events take place? There are now enough sick soldiers and public outrage to get results. If the UFO fraternity could put some real pressure on the MOD - proving the threat was real perhaps - then suddenly doors might open a bit more. The MOD turns the other cheek until it is sufficiently embarrassed out of its complacency.

NEW HOT-LINE: In order to streamline the reporting of UFO sightings, Contact International has installed a new number on 01869 320989. Would all investigators please use this number when reporting new sightings or requiring information from the Co-ordinators. Press and publicity enquiries will remain on 01865 726908.

VICE-CHAIRPERSON: Mr Ray Hunt is unable to continue in the position, so the council has agreed that LINDA DELLOW will assume the responsibilities up to the AGM. We also regret to inform you that Mark Maynereid has stepped down as our computer expert after several years in the position. LAURENCE STOCKDALE is continuing the data input on the group's own computer.

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CONFERENCE 1997 - SUNDAY
OCTOBER 26th, EXETER HALL,
KIDLINGTON

CONFERENCE AUDIOTAPES : All proceedings at Conference '96 were videoed and audiotaped. Audio reproductions are immediately available at £ 5 (See advertisement). Note tapes will include background noises in the hall as it is not possible to remove these from a live presentation. Details of conference videos will be announced in the next Awareness.

CONTACT INTERNATIONAL

1996 UFO Conference Presentations

UFOs in Controlled Airspace. A Pilot's Perspective : Ray Hunt

Ray is a qualified pilot, having retired after a long association with the Royal Air Force, The Civil Aviation Authority and the British Gliding Association. Ray has over 8000 hours of flying experience in a wide range of aircraft, and has extensive knowledge and experience of air-accident investigations.

Ray is a former Vice-Chairman of Contact International, and his particular interest in the subject stems from the observed activities of UFOs in controlled airspace, and the implications for air safety. Ray will demonstrate that events such as the Manchester air-miss cannot be attributed to covert military flights.

Contact International UFO Cases : Brian P. James

Brian has been an active investigator and researcher in the subject of Ufology for over 20 years, having himself witnessed several unexplainable events, three of these were of apparently manufactured craft that defied our concepts of aerospace, and indeed, our laws of physics.

Brian, along with colleagues within Contact International, has recently been involved in research into anomalous objects that appear on photographs, and results of this research will be on show. Brian contributes regularly to Contact's own magazine, *Awareness*, and to various other magazines on a number of subjects, and is currently both Chairman and Investigations Co-ordinator of Contact International.

Brian will give a illustrated presentation of recent local and national sightings, and will take a special look at a small area to the east of Oxford, that has been host to an unusually high number of paranormal events, and might be termed 'The Wheatley Triangle'.

UFOs, and Secret Bases: Matthew Williams

Matthew has been involved in UFOlogy for a number of years, and has conducted many investigations into covert government bases that may officially investigate UFOs, both in the UK and the USA. One of these is RAF Rudloe Manor in Wiltshire, and Matthew is following on from research conducted by Contact's former Chairman, Derek Mansell, who was the first UK investigator to establish the link between this base and official UFO investigations.

Matthew lectures on various associated subjects around the country, and has featured on TV programmes such as the BBC's recent series *Out of This World*, and produces *The Truth Seekers Review* magazine, dedicated to many different aspects of the whole enigma.

Matthew will demonstrate that despite 'official' denials, that intelligence services do investigate sightings and reports.

Open Skies, Closed Minds: Nick Pope

Nick Pope was born in 1965. After completing his education, he undertook a number of temporary jobs before joining the Ministry of Defence in 1985.

During his career in the MoD, Nick has had a number of interesting, and very different postings, and his duties have ranged from providing briefing material for senior officers, to involvement in the policy initiative enabling women to fly as pilots in the Royal Air Force. He has also been involved in work on the Gulf War, and the situation in Bosnia.

From 1991 to 1994 Nick was responsible for investigating UFO sightings for the Ministry, and handling policy on this subject. His brief was to evaluate whether or not there was any evidence of a defence threat to the United Kingdom. Nick was the only Secretariat of AS2a that actively liaised with UFO research groups such as Contact International. His conclusions

were both startling and controversial, and he uncovered a number of cases which seemed to involve craft with technologies considerably more advanced than our own. He concluded that some UFOs were indeed extraterrestrial in origin.

Nick also became officially involved in research into alleged alien abductions, crop circles, and animal mutilations, and has a good knowledge of the paranormal in general.

Nick still works for the MoD, where he holds the rank of Higher Executive Officer, which equates to a major in the British Army.

Although no longer researching UFOs in an official capacity, Nick has kept up his interest in the phenomenon, and has written a book on the subject. Entitled *Open Skies, Closed Minds*, it gives an overview of the UFO phenomenon, coupled with an insight into his official research and investigation at the MoD. The book was published by Simon & Schuster in June 1996.

Nick is currently researching a book on the alien abduction phenomenon, and is actively investigating a number of interesting cases. He is also planning a fictionalised account of the official response to a confirmed alien presence on earth. Nick is in frequent demand on the lecture circuit, and has given talks in both Britain and America on the general theme of official interest in UFOs. He has given a number of TV and radio interviews, has been featured extensively in newspapers and magazines, and has a regular column on the internet. There are a number of other media projects currently being planned.

UFOs, The Witness Accounts: Roy Lake

Roy became involved in research after a family sighting of a UFO over 40 years ago, and considers UFOs to be the most important unsolved mystery in the world.

Roy formed London UFO Studies (LUFOS), and has been the leading personality and Chairman for a number of years. Due to an increase in witness reports and accounts, Roy is now working with psychologists, who use hypnotic regression, on the ever increasing number of witnesses coming forward with abduction experiences. One of the most important aspects of this area of research is counselling the witness, after what is a very real experience.

Roy regularly features on both national and international radio and TV programmes, such as *Live TV*.

In his presentation, Roy will review his current research, and will provide the opportunity for the audience to hear accounts by real witnesses.

We Are Definitely Not Alone: Roy Dutton C.Eng, MITechE, MRAeS.

After 37 years service in the aerospace industry, including involvement in Britain's short-lived space programme, Roy Dutton retired from the Future Projects Department of British Aerospace plc, Manchester, in 1991.

His interest in the UFO enigma had been aroused by sightings reported from the South Manchester area in 1967, when he began 29 years of technical research into the nature of the phenomenon. Roy emphasises that he should not be regarded as a 'Ufologist', because his attention has been focused onto those eye-witness reports involving unidentifiable artificial aerial devices, rather than towards the investigation of all unidentified flying objects (UFOs). While he was involved in 'our' aerospace developments, he became interested in the many sightings of obviously manufactured craft that defied everything he knew about flight, and what he came to term VUFOs - Vehicular Unidentifiable Flying Objects. Using the vast amounts of data collected by research groups, he has been able to prove that UFO events did fit a pattern, and one that was predictable.

His work has led to the discovery of a programmed astronomical surveillance and exploration activity, the evidence for which pre-dates the so-called 'Space Age', and involves craft which are, even now, far beyond human accomplishment.



Radio Thames Valley FM "interrogates" Fran



The engrossed audience in the Exeter Hall at conference '96

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Visiting Speakers take the platform for questions. From left Roy Dutton, Matthew Williams, Nick Pope, Roy Lake

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Brian James with Matthew Williams and Nick Pope.

CONFERENCE 96 - SYNOPSIS OF LECTURES

by Data Research

RAY HUNT: Described the whys and wherefores of Controlled Airspace from his long experience as a commercial pilot. The details of his talk were reported in an earlier Awareness Vol 21 No1 pp22-23 titled "ONE OF OURS - OR ONE OF THEIRS?"

BRIAN JAMES: Reviewed the latest sightings in the Oxford area, mentioning in particular a "Wheatley Triangle" wherein large numbers of UFOs, crop circles and photographic anomalies had been reported in the last 2 years. All of Brian's material on UFOs is reported separately in this edition and/or previous issues.

MATTHEW WILLIAMS: Though still only 25, Matthew has spent 6 years on hard ground work and investigative reporting. This showed in his dynamic delivery and a feeling he had "been there", as opposed to picking out his material by a cosy fire-side.

The general theme of his talk was on covert operations by the government, conspiracies and cover-ups. He started out in 1990 observing his first UFO down in the Rhondda Valley, and later spending 7 months observing UFOs from Woodborough Hill overlooking the famous East Field at Alton Barnes, Wilts. At the time thousands of visitors were homing in on this area to see the first of the East Field major crop circles.

He then described in detail his attempts to penetrate the secret RAF complex at Rudloe Manor near Salisbury Plain, Wilts, where it is believed information on UFOs is being processed and possibly more. Letters sent to the MOD on the nature of the place received only negative replies, but another approach to the RAF Police produced a statement that the base was "a co-ordination centre for aerial sightings". What has definitely been established is that Rudloe has 15 Miles of underground tunnels beneath it for possible use as a "Regional Seat of Government" or to house the Royal Family in emergency? Not far away at Monkton Farley, another system of 27 miles of tunnels is known to exist. Investigations are continuing.

The talk then went on to discuss the notorious "Alien Autopsy" film of 1995. Claims that Ray Santilli, the promoter, had much more footage which he had not released, were due to the film being of very poor quality. Indeed, a new short video was shown that looked very rough, although some sort of autopsy seemed to be taking place.

After this Matthew dealt with "The Freedom of Information Acts" and "Operation Right to Know", revealing there were still exemptions to the most secret material. Government orders from 1965 disclosed that those concerned were "to play down UFO sightings".

He concluded with a video of an "implant" being removed from a human toe. The film had an immense amount of chatter between the surgeons on it, and the final removal of whatever it was - a bit of an anti-climax after all the gory details. Since these "implants" are being removed quite regularly, so it is to be believed, it would be in the speaker's interest to have one or more of them on view at the conference. No scientific analysis of the "implant" was forthcoming.

Overall Matthew produced a varied and enjoyable presentation.

NICK POPE: The man propelled to fame through release and serialisation of his book "Open Skies Closed Minds" in Summer 1996 talked to conference for an hour about his 3 years as UFO desk controller at the

Ministry of Defence (MOD) in the period 1991-94, and the way it changed his outlook as to the reality of UFOs.

Nick started his career at MOD in 1985 and was appointed to the UFO job in July 1991 after the Gulf War. He inherited the Ministry's policy towards the subject.

Turning to the audience, he invited delegates to indicate (1) how many had seen a UFO; (2) how many had reported it to any source; (3) how many had reported it to the MOD. The number of hands showing decreased each time and it was revealed only one person had reported their sighting to the MOD, which indicated what the Ministry were getting on file was merely the tip of a very large Ufological iceberg! A second question of who was attending a UFO conference for the first time revealed well over half in that category; again showing the potential for undisclosed revelations.

Back to the data - Nick Pope's estimate was that 90% of UFOs could be explained away as mundane objects, but 10% could not. (This is more generous than the figure usually quoted by Contact International - 95%\5%). On specifics, mention was made of the Rendlesham Forest case of 1980, and the Belgian triangles from 1990. He quoted a squadron of Tornado jets overtaken by a UFO on 5th November 1990 - leaving them standing. Perhaps what most changed his belief system was the mass of events on March 30-31 1993, when the MOD received a large number of reports from a wide area covering the West of England, Wales and further afield. (Contact Int. thoroughly reported on these events in back numbers of Awareness). The explanation of the night's activity being a Russian rocket re-entry only partially accounted for what had happened, and Nick Pope concluded that many of the reports were genuine UFOs.

The audience had no doubt wanted to hear that Mr Pope had UFO skeletons in the cupboard to reveal, but he firmly stated that "I don't believe there is a cover-up in Britain to the best of my knowledge". Neither did he announce the Ministry, on occasion, sent "Men in Black" round to sort out people who had seen too much. He had earlier stated that any MOD secret projects were tested exclusively in very defined areas, so the witnessing of triangular UFOs buzzing homes and churches at barely 250 ft elevation were hardly likely to be MOD sponsored!

He went on to state that there was new interest in UFOs helped along by the film "Independence Day", "X-Files, and the Hubble Space Telescope. At this point a member of the audience took great offence and walked out. Perhaps he thought that Mr Pope was being too flippant in mentioning some of these trashy items?

The other great mystery under discussion in the wings - how did Nick Pope obtain MOD clearance to publish his book without violating the Official Secrets Act? Well he merely reminded the scrutineers that General de la Billiere, Commander of the British Task Force in the Gulf War, had been cleared to write his account of the conflict, exposing possible military secrets in doing so. Pope's comparatively modest material about UFOs would seem quite humble in its revelations - thus he was given the go-ahead.

In conclusion, Nick Pope mentioned some thoughts that the film "Independence Day" might generate. Did the Ministry have a contingency plan for Alien Invasion? Posing the question to the Civil Defence group in the MOD, they declared it "Was a Home Office Matter". On seeing the appropriate section of the Home Office, they quoted "The Ministry of Defence will leap into action"! Perhaps this explains a few things that have been troubling the nation!

It is difficult to judge what the audience were expecting. Depending on ones particular agenda, Mr Pope might be regarded as a plant to extract information from within civilian UFO groups; or a stooge to cover up the real UFO investigations that the MOD are carrying out. Perhaps he is just giving an honest account of what he did

in the MOD for 3 years, and there are no hidden agendas, merely an opportunity to promote his personal interest in book sales.

ROY LAKE: The purpose of Roy's participation was to get audience reaction to the UFO scene so he had no formal lecture to present. After introducing himself and mentioning how he started his UFO interest in 1953, he took off with the mobile microphone inducing willing and not so willing volunteers from the audience to relate their personal experiences over the next 3/4 hour - shades of "Kilroy" and the like!

Starting with a topical black triangle experience from 1995, we heard earlier accounts from Tony Broad, Southampton UFO Group and Margaret Fry, and many other participants. Details of what came over will be found on the audio tapes available. (See advertisement).

Quite an interesting variation from formal lectures and should be a part of every conference.

ROY DUTTON: The final and most scientific presentation was given by former British Aerospace professional, Roy Dutton. Roy started working on monitoring trends in UFO data as far back as 1967. He examined a particular "flap" at the time in the Manchester area and found reported sites had 77% historical connections, 50% human links, and 67% near major roads. Encouraged by this discovery, he monitored UFO patterns over the next 6 years, also obtaining a world-wide UFO file giving over 2000 events from 1885-1971.

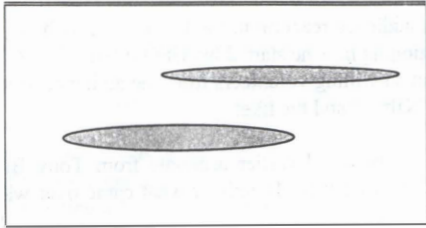
His laborious analysing of the data in pre-computer days eventually showed that space vehicles used 10 favoured orbits from space which all crossed at a terminator point. Relationships with the sun, planets and fixed stars were established in work up to 1989. Roy was then able to draw up charts for expected UFO arrival times defining "delivery tracks" and "retrieval tracks". He showed that the Warminster activity of the mid-1960s correlated well, and the Valentich aircraft disappearance off the South coast of Australia in 1978 was also explained by the timing of UFOs at this point. Further events that fitted the Dutton model were the Mantell plane crash of 1948. Rendlesham Forest incident 1980; and the recent Manchester airport buzzing by a triangular UFO (January 1995). Another case on the Derbyshire border in Sept. 1995 was hi-lighted, being close to the path of the Boeing 737 in the Manchester airport incident.

Roy also mentioned abduction cases happened along the chosen paths, and Area 51 in Nevada, notorious of late, had 8 UFO events reported of which 6 were on Dutton lines.

Finally Roy began to approach the alignments and conjunctions of the planets - (hopefully not using Astrology) the overview being when several planets line up, space visitors home in more readily on Earth. For instance, George Adamski's claimed contact with Venusians in 1952 occurred when Mars/Venus were in conjunction and maybe the space vehicle was propelled from Venus on its path to Earth. The recent Jones case at East Didbury on the Derbyshire border occurred at the time when Venus, Jupiter and the Sun were in conjunction, and the Alan Godfrey abduction apparently happened at the time of a Mars/Mercury alignment.

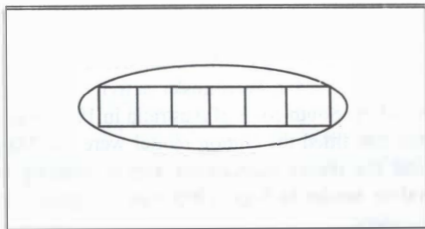
Unfortunately Mr Dutton did not tell us about the exact timing of future events which would be "the proof of the pudding". He implied that the network might be considered as a railway time-table meaning plenty of trains pass by but observers need to be at the stations at the right times to make contact. So far, Contact International have not met with any success on timed skywatches in 1996 using Dutton alignments. No doubt there are many other factors to consider such as the UFOs only being visible to certain witnesses in a non searching frame of mind.

SIGHTING SUMMARIES



19th Century

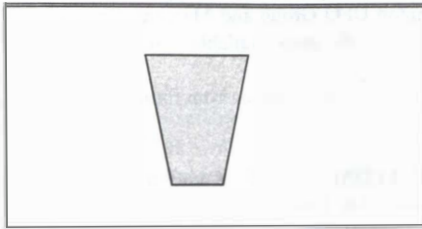
A report came to us from an elderly man who recounted stories of his grandfather, who was a seaman, in the days of sail, and long before aircraft, or even airships had flown. The grandfather regularly saw large silver cigar-shaped objects, skimming across the sea at high speed, before climbing into the sky. (Source: Contact)



1970s - Cricklewood, London

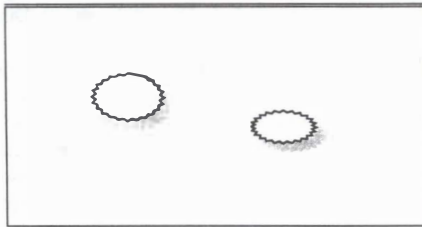
The witness recounted the sighting some years after it happened, and the date is uncertain. At a time when he was in his early teens, the witness was waiting for his mother to return home from visiting his grandmother, and as it had just gone 10.00pm, the boy was worried that it was late for his mother, so he set out to meet her. The night sky was clear, and as he turned into the road where his grandmother lived, he could see her and his mother chatting by the gate, so decided to stop where he was and wait. His attention was drawn to a luminous object in the sky above his grandmother's house, it was possibly 30 - 40m across, and was not a

conventional aircraft. It was a disk, with a luminous central section that was revolving, and this had dark bands down it. The object was moving vertically. (Source: Contact)



July 1976 - Kettering, Northants

The witness was camping in the summer, near where he lived. While sitting outside, he became aware of a bright object in the sky, slightly conical in shape, and it was bright silver. The object started to spin, and hovered and occasionally moved from side to side, making a humming noise. The witness went into his tent to get his binoculars, but on turning round again the object had gone. The whole sighting had lasted around four minutes. (Source: Contact)



18 Oct 1995 - Bicester, Oxon

The witness, unable to sleep, was up at 2.45am, and noticed a bright light through her window. This round white light was observed for a few minutes before it moved to the right. Another similar light appeared near to the first, and now both were casting

light on clouds below, though there was no beam being emitted. The second light suddenly vanished, and soon after the original light just diminished. The whole sighting had lasted for 30 minutes. (Source: Contact)

23 July 1995 - Pensacola Beach, Florida, USA

Gary Tipton, a Brownsville resident, was at his kitchen window at 12.30am, when he saw something like a bright star to the Southeast, just above the treeline. The light seemed to be flickering, changing colour between green, red and gold. This was observed for 15 minutes before the 'star' separated into two similar lights, close together in the sky. The two lights moved up and away from each other in an almost mirror-manoeuvres, before returning to their original position, and they did this same manoeuvre for 30 minutes. The witness had seen mysterious lights before. **The Pensacola area is well known for UFO sightings, and the well-known Gulf Breeze events involving Ed Walters occurred across the bay.** (Source: Pensacola Islander; MUFON)

14 July 1995 - Garcon Point, Pensacola Beach, Florida, USA

The witness was able to make a report to skywatchers at Shoreline Park after sighting lights on his way home from work. The lights were described as bright orange, and spinning, and the whole configuration was repeatedly going on and off. Two further witnesses appeared, and they had also seen a formation of orange lights moving around the sky. One of these witnesses was formerly in the USAF, and he was unable to compare the UFOs with flares that he would have been familiar with. Further witnesses came to light that reported seeing orange lights in a triangular

formation for a total of 15 minutes. (Source: MUFON)

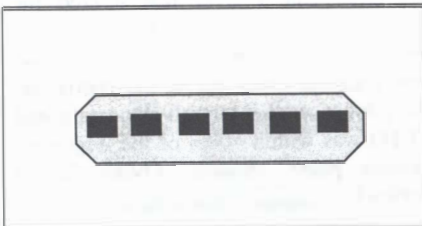
31 July 1995 - San Carlos De Bariloche, Argentina

An Argentine Airlines flight was on final approach to San Carlos De Bariloche at 8.10pm, after a normal journey, but suddenly the plane manoeuvred sharply, gaining altitude. Landing was delayed for over an hour as the aircraft remained in the landing stack, this delay had been caused by a sudden power blackout in the city below, which obviously had badly affected the airport. The possible reason for the blackout may have been revealed in the report by the aircraft's captain, who observed a strange mass of light near his plane, which at one point came straight at his aircraft at high speed. Later reports from airport personnel and managers confirmed that a UFO had buzzed the aircraft during the power blackout, they also reported that instruments in the tower went crazy at times during the encounter. The pilot of another aircraft also confirmed a UFO was within 100m of the Argentine Airlines plane. (Source: Flying Saucer Review)

10 August 1995 - Banbury, Oxon

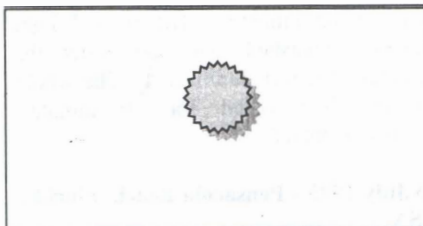
This is an interesting case, with EM effects, but no sighting of a UFO. The witness was woken at 1.30am by what she first thought was loud bird-song, but since it was dark, and the noise was harsh and very unusual. The noise then changed, and became more rapid and less strident, and took on a 'twittering' feeling. The witnesses were then able to sense movement of air in the bedroom, with low swishing sounds, and became frightened enough to switch on the lights, and nothing could be seen. The lights then flickered and went off as a loud clattering noise started. The witness turned the lights off,

while the clattering still continued for a few more minutes, and once that stopped, everything seemed back to normal. On checking with the electricity company the next day, the witnesses were told that there had been power breakdowns. Later in the day, they found that their answering machine would not work, and discovered that the cassette had been physically broken. **Researchers into crop circle phenomena will immediately recognise elements of this event, such as the trilling noises and air movements. Noises described and 'clattering' were also often described at Warminster in its UFO heyday of the late 60s and early 70s. One of the members of Data Research also experienced a house rattling bang in May of 1996, and his answerphone tape was found to be jammed.** (Source: Contact)



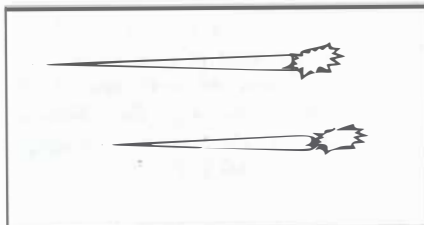
27 October 1995 - Banbury, Oxon

At 11.40am two female witnesses watched a large 'bus-like' object moving around the sky, and going towards Oxford. It was described as grey and black, with windows along its side. The witnesses themselves had heard that it was nothing more than an airship. **Members of Data Research can confirm that the Phillips airship was flying over Oxford and the surrounding countryside on this day, though since it is blue, with a large white 'Phillips' logo on its side, it is difficult to see how this could have been so misinterpreted.** (Source & investigation: Contact)



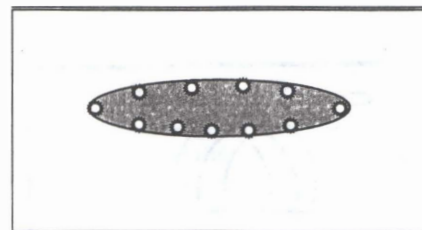
3 August 1995 - Thame, Oxon

The two witnesses had been out in the evening surveying a crop formation in the area, and were returning to their car at around 9.20pm. They both noticed a bright red light low in the sky to the Southwest. It remained stationary for a minute before vanishing. **The witnesses didn't immediately log this as a sighting until news of other sightings in the area came in during the next few days.** (Source & investigation: Contact)



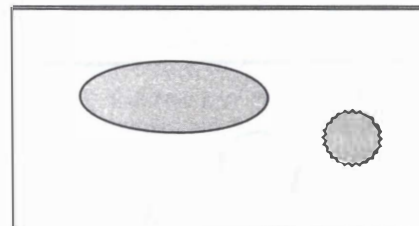
19 January 1995 - Benson, Oxon

The two witnesses were travelling towards Wallingford, and briefly saw two white objects leaving trails, both moving East to West very fast, and low to the southern horizon. The objects were lost to sight within seconds. **While this was the same night as the multiple location and witness 'fireball' sightings, it was 2 hours later, and the objects were travelling in a different direction. No satellite re-entry can be correlated with the timings, but it is highly likely that the objects were meteors.** (Source & investigation: Contact)



20 January 1995 - East Hagbourne, Oxon

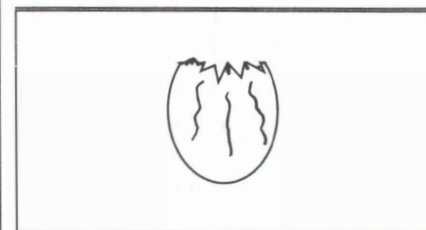
Following the previous night's sightings, Mark Dellow, and his friend Jonathan Stanley were out skywatching. A lot of aeroplanes were seen, but a more unusual object was seen at 8.10pm. A fast moving object, with 10-12 flashing lights on its underside came into view from the North. When the lights were 'off', the vague outline of a disk could be seen. The object moved off and back round in a half-circle, before being lost to sight behind rooftops. Upon moving, the two witnesses caught sight of it again before it flew off at high speed to the Southeast. **Contact's investigators were able to confirm that a very similar object was seen over parts of Hampshire just minutes later.** (Source & investigation: Contact)



8 July 1993 - Rhoneigr, Anglesey

At 11.30pm, the witness had finished work in a hotel, and had gone out into his garden to relax, and perhaps watch any aircraft flying from nearby RAF Valley, so he is quite familiar with low flying aircraft. On this occasion he noticed a bright light flying low, thinking it was a helicopter, but as it came overhead it was grey and totally

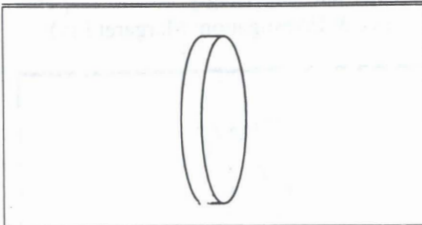
soundless. The witness then saw the grey object was followed closely by a golden ball, and both flew over him and continued out of sight to the East. The witness wrote to Patrick Moore, and Jodrel Bank radio-telescope, to report his sighting, but perhaps not surprisingly got no response. (Source & Investigation: Margaret Fry)



16 August 1993 - Prestatyn

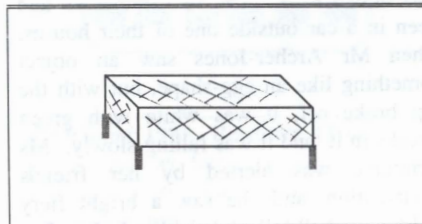
At 8.45pm, Ms Karen Armitage, and her friend Mr R Archer-Jones, both witnessed an object at the TV mast on Prestatyn mountain. Mr Archer-Jones was very precise in his report, which does differ from that of Ms Armitage, but it should be stressed that he saw it before her attention was drawn to it. The two witnesses had been in a car outside one of their houses, when Mr Archer-Jones saw an object something like an egg-shape, but with the top broke off, it was white with green streaks in it, and it was falling slowly. Ms Armitage was alerted by her friends exclamation, and she saw a bright fiery red/orange ball falling quickly. Either they saw two different objects, and the sketches indicate they were in a different place, or the one object had changed shape dramatically within a couple of seconds. The two friends stayed up later in the night to watch the predicted Perseid meteor shower, which looked nothing like the object they has seen earlier that evening. Ms Armitage had witnessed a metallic hat-shaped object in 1970 while living in the Wirral. **As a follow up to this event, Margaret Fry and Mr Archer-Jones were*

invited onto a BBC Wales programme, but the witness chose to call his sighting 'a meteor', being uncomfortable with the concept of it being a true UFO.* (Source & Investigation: Margaret Fry)



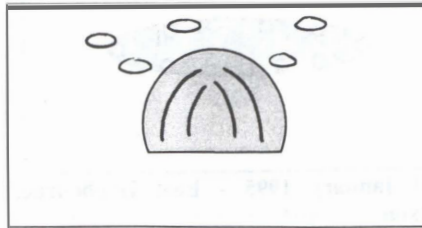
September 1993 - Conway Estuary, Gwynedd

Douglas Braisby was on the shore at Deganwy on a clear sunny Sunday afternoon, watching all the boats bobbing in the water, when he saw what looked like a giant shiny silver coin standing on its edge, which remained stationary for over 20 minutes. (Source & Investigation: Margaret Fry)



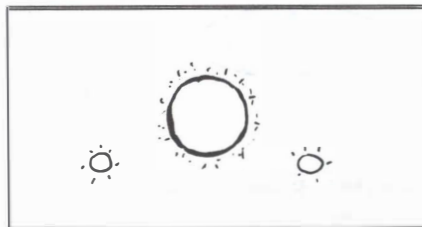
September 1993 - Rhos-on-Sea, Clwyd

The witness, a retired man, was walking along the North Shore Road. It was a clear, sunny, but windy day, and to his amazement he saw what in his words was a 'flying bedstead'. It was oblong, with a squat leg at each corner, and was silver all over, but seemed to have a trellis-like pattern over its surface. *Margaret Fry had an almost identical report from a retired Naval Officer in June 1993, who lived in the Wirral.* (Source & Investigation: Margaret Fry)



November 1992 - Ruthvin, Clwyd

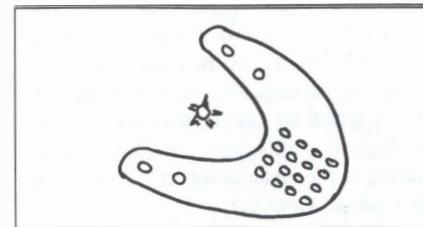
Mrs Evans, a farmer's wife, went out into her back yard, and with the leaves off the trees, saw an odd object in the woods. It was very like an old-fashioned jelly mould, with scalloped edges, and was a dull grey, but had brighter raised lines running down it. The object also had a number of small, bright silver oval objects circling above it, which were glinting in the sun. Mrs Evans had been watching this incredible sight for 5 minutes before realising that there was a camera just inside the kitchen, but having run for the camera, she found that the object shot up and away before she could get a photo. *The Clwyd Mountains do have a fault line running along their base, so there could be a connection to earthlights.* (Source & Investigation: - Margaret Fry)



25 December 1995 - Heathrow Airport

A radar controller, whose name cannot be divulged, received a radio report that 3 'unidentifieds' were approaching the airport, which is of course the busiest airport in Europe. Radar were able to confirm this report. The visual sighting was of a large white glowing ball,

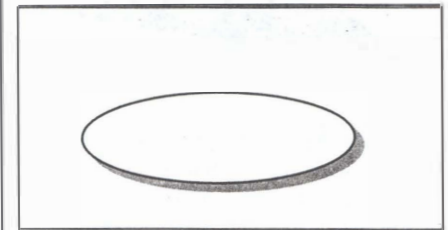
accompanied by 2 smaller glowing balls. These were seen to hover over the runway for 15 minutes. Two unspecified 'jets' approached, but the large ball shot upwards at terrific speed, and the two smaller ones broke off left and right at enormous speed. The controller claimed that the objects left at over 2000mph, and that the two jets that attempted interception were definitely RAF, and were probably Tornados. There are possibly 5 other witnesses from air traffic control, and full reports are expected. (Source & investigations: Terry Knight, UFOBI)



early September 1987 - Hook Norton, Oxon

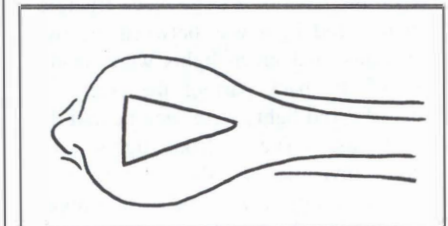
The Campbell family were driving along Rollright Heath towards Hook Norton when they caught sight of a light that varied in brightness. Once in Hook Norton, Mr Campbell had to turn the car round, the family then noticed a large boomerang-shaped craft, followed by a red light. It was dark grey or black, with very bright white and red lights, and a glowing red light following, though it seemed unattached. This craft was described as being bigger than a Boeing 747 'Jumbo-Jet'. This same craft and lights, or other lights were seen at various times as the family drove home, the whole sighting lasted for nearly three hours. When first seen, the object was coming in over RAF Croughton - itself a USAF monitoring station. The craft was seen circling over RAF Upper Heyford, at the time home to F-111 tactical nuclear bomber squadrons,

and EF-111 electronic warfare squadrons of the USAF. As Mr Campbell said "God knows what it was, but I hope it was one of ours!" (Source & investigation: Contact)



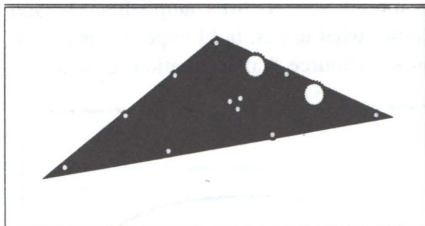
3 July 1996 - High Wycombe, Bucks

4 schoolgirls at a boarding school were walking to an evening class, when they all saw a very bright white lens-shaped object speeding across the sky, with no sound whatsoever. (Source: Contact)



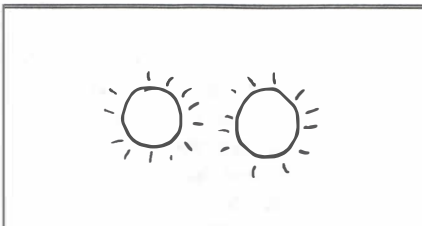
18 May 1996 - Kidlington, Oxon

This report came to us as a result of publicity over the Abingdon laser event of 21 May. The witness was on his way to work in Kidlington, and was at a road junction, when he saw a bright triangular light in the sky ahead. This triangle had a white glow or halo around it. The object then moved away very fast, and as it did so, the halo around it turned red, and a clear trail was left behind. *A similar object seen 2 hours earlier has been reported verbally by a witness in Abingdon, but a completed report is still awaited.* (Source: Contact)



7 August 1996 - Exeter, Devon

A family were driving home late at night, and were heading out of Exeter towards Haldon, when two very large bright white lights were seen low in the sky over the Teign Valley. The lighted object then came slowly towards the witnesses, who had by now stopped their car at a viewpoint to get a better look. The whole object flew right overhead, and the two bright lights were on the front of a large black triangle. A smaller red light was between the two main lights, and green lights were on the edges of the back part of the craft. A cluster of 3 red lights were seen behind the main lights. The 2 front lights soon became invisible as the object went overhead, so appeared to be on the upper side of the 'fuselage'. There was no sound at all, despite the object being at no more than 200' up. Earlier in the day RAF Tornado aircraft had been using the Teign Valley area for normal exercises. This is another example of a triangle-type craft flying what would be logically backwards. (Source & investigation: Contact)



mid July 1996 - Fyfield, Oxon

The witnesses were travelling home by car in the early hours of the morning, and they noticed 2 bright lights hovering in the distance. At first the driver thought they might have been a laser display, but suddenly the two lights moved off at high speed, and shot across the road in front of the car, at an apparent very low height. They then banked round, and came back in the opposite direction, before finally hovering in the distance again. (Source & investigation: Contact)

** Next Issue **

- ◆ More flying triangles across the country, and possible true stealth aircraft.
- ◆ Further Welsh cases from Margaret Fry.
- ◆ A very curious event from Loughborough, investigated by Jim Rayner.
- ◆ Remember the simulated photo of a black triangle being refuelled from A KC-135, that caused so much furore in various UFO magazines? We have the report of the actual event that was the basis of the photo.

Stop Press : A most remarkable event occurred on Tuesday October 22 1996 over towns and villages close to Oxford. Data Research were informed at 21.30 that a brilliantly lit airship was passing over Oxford and the police claimed this was indeed the identity of the object. However large numbers of witnesses subsequently saw the "airship" move off at high speed and several car engines cut out in close vicinity to the object. The movements reported seem to be too varied and impossible for a single craft to be involved and we are therefore looking at the possibility of a second or third trajectory being acted out by a "cosmic joker"! Full details will follow in the next Awareness.

During the conference at the Exeter Hall, a married couple from Reading made themselves known to us, and recounted events that had been going on at their house since May 1996. The man and woman were particularly interested in Roy Dutton's predictive data, and hoped that he could also confirm what they expected to happen on 12 October 1996.

Until May of 1996 the family, family life, and their home, could be described as perfectly normal. The family run a very successful building contract business, and their very impressive home reflects their lifestyle. All was to change when the mother - G, began to go into trances, and relate channelled information from various spirits and beings. G's sister, and another friend also then were going into trances, and relating more information from other spirits. The son - J, later went into a trance, and he channelled information from a 'higher being'. The house itself then began to suffer what appeared to be more like poltergeist phenomena, with ornaments disappearing and re-appearing elsewhere, including outside.

The husband of G, - D was not affected by the trances, and made a record of all the apparent information coming through. He has done some research that indicates that an inn occupied the same spot on the Bath Road in the 1700s, and the inn burned to the ground near a festival time, killing over 60 people who were trapped inside. It was many of these spirits who were now back, along with many hundreds, if not thousands of others, all waiting for the day when they would return to 'Mother'. Also a monastery once was near the site, and spiritualists and psychics have been aware of the monks' presence even now. One of the main spirits was a scholar who had died in the fire at the inn, and he was concerned that mankind "did not know the truth, they only have the Bible". Another of the spirits was that of a Cavalier, who had met a horrific end at the hands of Roundheads during the Civil War.

Other curious things began to happen in the house, with gym equipment seeming to have a mind of its own, and eventually the gym-room was 'sealed off' from the inside by some sort of force. The telekinetic occurrences were increasing, and the channelled messages indicated more and more that a major event, perhaps even the apocalypse, would happen at 715am on 12 October 1996.

While all of the above is not obviously within Contact's immediate interest, there were channelled messages from alien beings or spirits, who indicated that they were here to 'speculate' on Earth, though whether this was to be post-Apocalypse was never certain. One of the most curious of all aspects of the trance where an alien was 'coming through' is that G was aware of having a different head, and was seeing though two large eyes, what she thought was a Grey. She was also very much aware that her body was "too small" for the alien who was in her.

Many researchers and investigators have visited the family and home, and you can read about Contact's own investigations into this most curious case in the next Awareness.

The Cosmic Event of 12 October 1996

As you will have read elsewhere, a family in Reading had been receiving all manner of channelled messages indicating an event of huge significance at 7.15am on 12 October 1996, indeed, they believed it could have been Apocalyptic.

Astronomical significance?

- Of course the date of 12 October was that for an afternoon solar eclipse, and one that would be the best for many years in the UK.
- Part of the channelled messages also indicated a great significance of the alignment of planets at that time on that day. Intrigued, I entered the date and time, along with the latitude and longitude of the location in Reading, for that time.
- The accompanying charts show the actual data for all nine planets, and the Sun and Moon, the time is corrected for BST. The Sun was actually below the horizon, and sunrise was not until 7.20am. *The following notations for the planets are used: Mo-Moon; Me - Mercury; V - Venus; Ma - Mars; J - Jupiter; S - Saturn; U - Uranus; N - Neptune; P - Pluto.*
- It is noticeable that eight planets were in the one part of the morning sky, and the Sun, Moon, Venus and Mars were in an approximate line, while Mercury was just off this line. Jupiter, Pluto and Mars form another rough line in the sky.

Skywatch on 12 October.

While I did not expect the Apocalypse to happen at 7.15am, the possibility of a major event was enough to get me out of bed much earlier than normal on a Saturday! Instead of making my way exactly to the location, I parked at Prospect Park, just 200m from the house itself, as I thought this would give me a better overall view of any aerial event. The weather was curious, as the edge of a nimbostratus sheet of cloud was just overhead, leading to drizzle to the Northwest, yet with breaking altostratus cloud to the Southeast. However, this cloud was not breaking soon enough to give me a totally clear view, but I would at least have been able to see anything in the air below 10km. 7.15am came and went with nothing to be seen. I then went to the exact location, where I met up with two other members of Data Research for local investigation. There appeared to be nothing abnormal at the house itself, with none of the anticipated destruction. The only notable difference that I could find was that the various energy lines that I had detected on 6 October, were now much reduced in strength, so much so that I had trouble in finding some of them. The triple line running across the Bath Road and into the property was still there, but at only half the strength of before.

Conclusions

Personally, I did not experience anything unusual, and while it seems that there was some sort of 'portal' on intersecting energy lines, I was not able to confirm any of the claims made by the channelers themselves.

Brian P James

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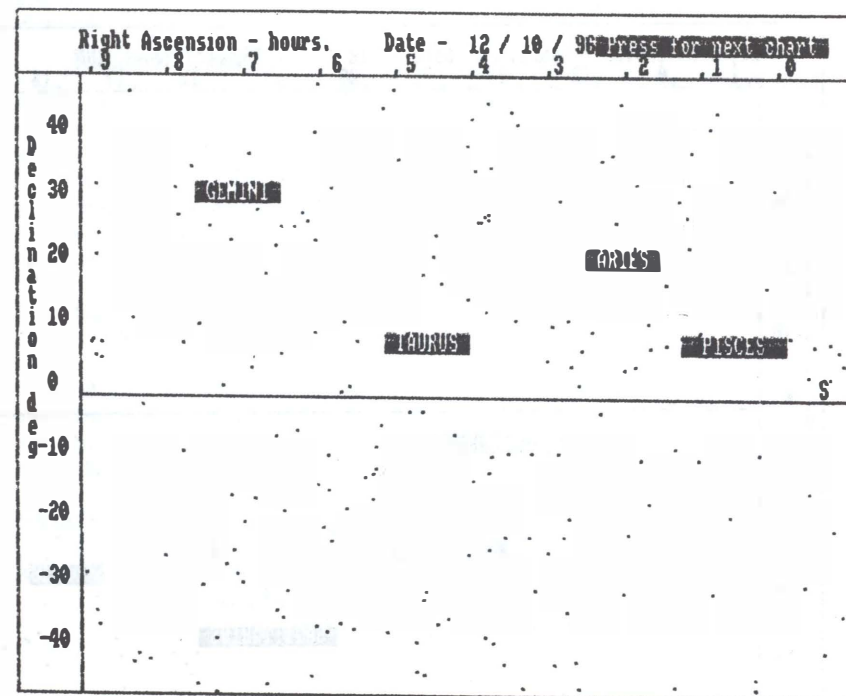
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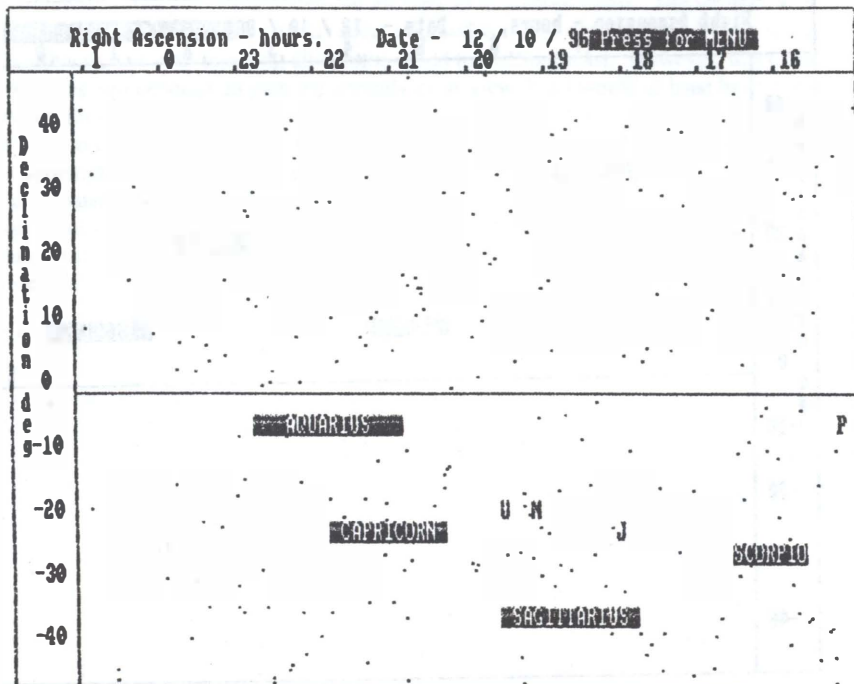
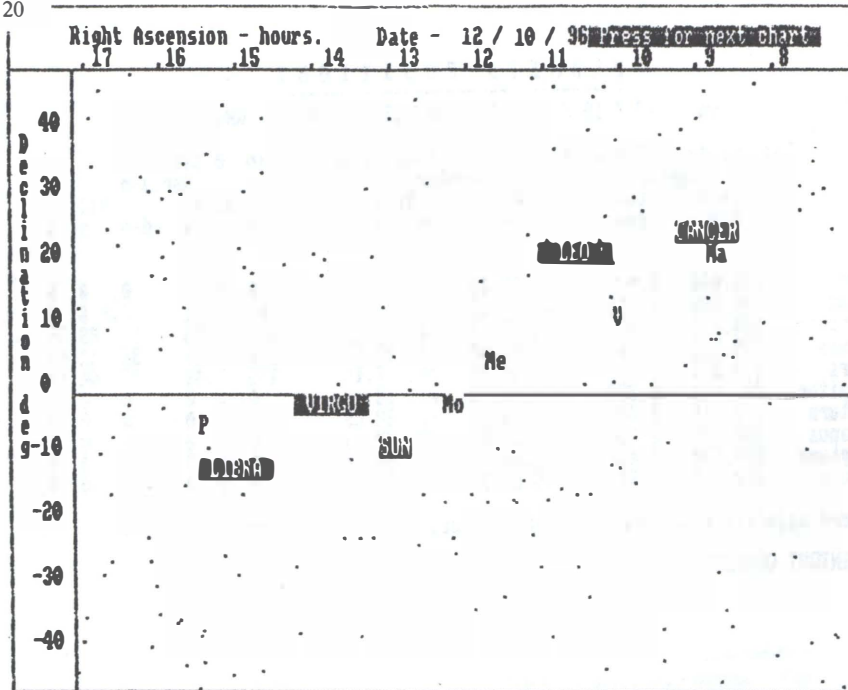
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ASTRONAUTICAL SIGHTINGS?

by Frances Copeland

During their flights in space - when the Russian and American astronauts were flying around our world in capsules and rockets there were many recorded sightings of ASC's (Advanced Space Craft). Though not widely publicised at the time many have filtered through books, periodicals, and "off the record" interviews. It has been a major breakthrough for Ufology as these people who have come from highly qualified backgrounds with impeccable credentials and had undertaken a mission in space to further the name of science.

Major Gordon Cooper who was one of the Mercury Astronauts and the last American to fly in space alone completed a 22 orbit journey around the world, in May of 1963. On his final orbit he could see a glowing greenish object ahead of him approaching the capsule fast, he reported this to the tracking station at Muchea (near Perth, Australia) and this was actually tracked by Muchea's radar and confirmed. The American broadcasting company NBC were covering the flight minute by minute and they were aware of the sighting when Cooper landed but unfortunately as with most of these reports no-one was allowed to question him about it.

Of course Cooper was no stranger to UFOs as ten years earlier in 1951 he was over Western Germany piloting an F-86 Sabrejet when he had a strange sighting of unidentified crafts that flew in formation above him, he was out-maneuvred quickly and was convinced that from the shape and metallic look of them they were extra-terrestrial vehicles.

Cooper addressed a UN panel discussion of UFOs and ETs in New York in 1985: he was then advocating the need for an official enquiry into the UFO field he stated "I believe that these extraterrestrial vehicles and their crews are visiting this planet from other planets, which are a little more technically advanced than we are on Earth. I feel that we need to have a top level, co-ordinated program to scientifically collect and analyse data from all over the Earth concerning any type of encounter, and to determine how best to interfere with these visitors in a friendly fashion" Wise words but out of touch with the reality of the phenomena!

According to unconfirmed reports both Neil Armstrong and Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin saw UFOs shortly after their historic landing on the Moon in Apollo 11 on 21st July 1969.

During an exchange between NASA and the crew on Apollo 11 radio hams with their own VHF receiving facilities that could bypass NASA broadcast outlets claimed there was a portion of Earth/Moon dialogue that was quickly cut off by the NASA monitoring staff but they managed to record the following:-

NASA: Whats there?

Apollo 11 These babies are huge sir! Enormous! OH MY GOD You would not believe it! I'm telling you there are other spacecraft

out there, lined up on the far side of the crater edge! They're on Moon watching us!

According to one eminent doctors' report "Neil Armstrong relayed the message to Mission Control that two large, mysterious objects were watching them after having landed near the moon module. But this message was never heard by the public -- because of NASA censorship". There is also another report that during the exchange between Nasa and the astronauts they saw a light in or on a crater this was picked up during the television transmission followed by a request from mission control for further information....nothing more was heard.

Neil Armstrong was engaged in a discussion during a NASA symposium later after the event and he told how they were warned off the moon by these Aliens and that the question of a space station or moon city was not under speculation at the present time! He did say how menacing these craft were and how superior in technology they appeared to be which gave them all a lot of discomfort.

It does seem strange even to this day that the question of a Moon Base has still not materialised could it be that the story is true or is the feasibility not practical, but the Americans did go to a lot of expense to hoist a flag and leave a few footprints!

In 1979 Maurice Chatelain, former Chief of NASA Communications Systems confirmed that Armstrong had indeed reported seeing two UFOs on the rim of a crater. Chatelain believes that some UFOs may even come from our own solar system!

"The encounter was common knowledge in NASA but nobody has talked about it until now"

A statement also made by Dr. Garry Henderson, a leading space research scientist stated:- "All astronauts who have seen strange objects have been ordered not to discuss their findings with anyone", and this has been standard practice throughout the years and it also includes military and civilian pilots alike.

James McDivitt and Ed White in the Gemini spacecraft were passing over Hawaii in June 1965 when they saw a weird-looking metallic object. The UFO had long arms sticking out of it. McDivitt took pictures with a cine-camera and as yet these have never been released.

In December 1965 James Lovell and Frank Borman the Gemini astronauts also saw a UFO during their second orbit of their record-breaking 14 day flight. Borman reported that he saw an unidentified spacecraft some distance from their capsule and Gemini Control at Cape Kennedy tried to tell him that he was seeing the final stage of their own Titan booster rocket. Borman confirmed he could see the booster rocket perfectly well but what he was actually seeing was something entirely different.

Lovell actually confirmed the sighting as follows:-

Lovell Bogey at 10 o'clock high!

Capcom This is Houston. Say again 7!

Lovell Said We have a Bogey at 10 o'clock high!

Capcom Gemini 7, is that the booster or is that an actual sighting?

Lovell We have several....actual sighting.

The flight of the UFOs shadowing Gemini 7 was short before they disappeared -merely viewing it seems!

Maurice Chatelain reported the following:-

"All Apollo and Gemini flights were followed, both at a distance and sometimes also quite closely by space vehicles of extra-terrestrial origin - flying saucers, or UFOs if you want to call them by that name. Every time it occurred the astronauts informed Mission Control who then ordered absolute silence."

Donald Slayton a Mercury astronaut in an interview claimed he had seen UFOs in 1951 when he was testing a P-51 fighter in Minneapolis. He spotted an object on a bright sunny afternoon and at first thought it some kind of kite until he realised that kites do not fly this high. As he got closer it looked like a weather balloon, grey and about three feet in diameter. As soon as he was able to advance closer he realised it was a disc shaped craft and he was travelling at approx 300 mph. He managed to track it for a while until it pulled out at a 45 degree climbing turn, accelerated and quite suddenly disappeared.

NASA pilot Joseph A Walker said that one of his tasks was to detect UFOs during his X-15 flights. He had filmed five or six UFOs during his record breaking fifty mile high flight in April 1962. It was the second time he had filmed UFOs in flight. During a lecture at the Second National Conference on the Peaceful Uses of Space Research in Seattle he said that he didn't feel like speculating about them as all he knew was what appeared on the film which was developed after the flight.

To date none of the films have been released to the public for viewing.

According to a newspaper report on 30th March 1989 when the shuttle Discovery was high above our planet experts said a UFO tracked the American spaceship during its five-day flight. At one stage the alien craft "locked" onto the shuttle's controls - causing a sudden loss of power. The five-man crew reported the close encounter to NASA control and the conversation was picked up by astonished radio hams throughout America.

The rumours persist and NASA may well be a civilian agency, but many of its programs are funded by the defence budget and most of the astronauts are subject to military security regulations. The National Security Agency screens all films and probably radio communications as well.

A Gallup Poll taken in America in 1966 showed that five million Americans including several highly experienced airline pilots claimed to have seen Flying Saucers and Thomas Mantell had already died whilst chasing a UFO over Kentucky in his F51 aircraft - surely it would have been an opportune moment to release to the general public the idea of extra-terrestrial beings that could be visiting our earth without the fear of panic or hysteria which is the excuse that is always used.

President Jimmy Carter later joined the ranks of UFO spotters, he had sent in two written reports stating he had seen a flying saucer when he was the Governor of Georgia, but later shrugged it off as he feared his electors might be wary of a flying saucer freak. His description was of a luminous object not solid, first blue then red it seemed to move towards us then stopped and then moved away. Carter filed the two reports in 1973 one to the International UFO Bureau and the other to the NICAP organisation.

Since the American Oath is taken very seriously that to uphold and protect of Constitution of the United States of America there should also be a duty to the people and to the world to come clean!

Footnote:-

A new book by NASA scientist, Dr. Bergrun called *Ring-Makers of Saturn* - claims that a huge cigar shaped UFO so large that it could accommodate an entire civilisation has been photographed orbiting the rings of Saturn. A NASA Voyager probe took the photographs and Bergrun claimed that portholes could be seen along the length of the entire craft!



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CROP CIRCLE REPORT 1996

by Geoff Ambler

After the late start, 1996 proved to be another fine year for the advancement of the phenomenon. We reported the awesome "DNA" formation at the East Field, Alton Barnes, in the previous Awareness. This consisted of 89 separate circles in two interwoven strands arriving on June 17th in fairly immature barley. Considering barley makes a weaker impression than the later wheat crop, it was anticipated that startling events were yet to appear. The build up stepped up a gear with the arrival of a gigantic formation at Stonehenge on July 7th in the shape of a curl like the bass clef in music. It was more scientifically analysed as being the shape of a fractal known as the "Julia Set". Again the design was made up of small-medium sized circles numbering 151 in all. It was if the circle artists had converted from classical style art to impressionism or pointillism, whereby each part of the design is made up of dots instead of strokes. There are several important anecdotes associated with the Stonehenge formation. An exclusive prediction was made to Contact International in February which is detailed overleaf. It is claimed that an aircraft flew over the field at 5.30pm on July 7th when there was no formation. At 5.45pm the plane returned and the pilot stated he saw the 151 circle formation in position and complete. Thus the inference is that the huge glyph had been created in broad daylight in full view of the busy A303 road, and visitors/security staff at Stonehenge only 400 yards away. Nobody on the ground claimed to see anything in the period in question - so if the pilot's testimony is not a fabrication it implies that this massive work was laid in seconds, and was totally invisible to human eyes.

Three weeks later, the third major event arrived on the night of July 29th at Windmill Hill near Avebury, Wilts. This was a triple armed spiral in wheat - again made entirely of small-medium circles numbering up to 194. Many of the larger circles in the formation had sharp raised centres. It is not clear what mathematical definition is seen here, but the design looked like 3 "Julias" ex Stonehenge woven together. The standard to which the lays were made was described as breathtaking and the precision seen from the air - awesome. (photograph). All 3 of the multi-circle formed events gave no clue as to their overall shape on ground inspections, pointing out from the sheer scale that men with garden rollers were not responsible.

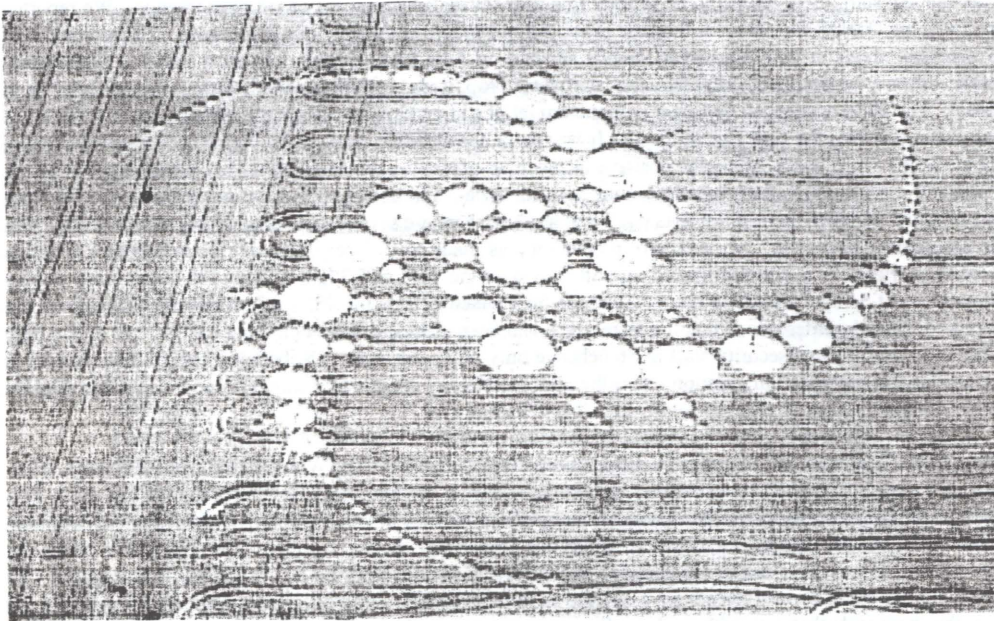
The 3 principal events of 1996 were all in Wiltshire - making a strong comeback after a lack lustre 1995, when Hampshire received nearly half the total reported. In fact the well known Cheesefoot Head area near Winchester saw no activity this year. All counties along the south coast of England reported one or more formations, and the second line of counties north were also active except for Bucks and Gloucester. There were some very well made pictograms in an area covering the South Midlands and Eastern Home Counties - Leicester, Cambridge, Essex and Bedford in particular. Part of the joy of circle hunting is that it is never clear until a season is well established just where the bulk of the activity is to take place. North of Birmingham few events have been reported, which is maybe due to the lack of researchers in these areas. Details of the most spectacular events are recorded below.

WILTSHIRE: Apart from the 3 major events described above, the longest ever formation in Britain was recorded at the end of July at Etchilhampton near Devizes - 13 circles or ovals joined by a continuous path being 4160 feet, over 3/4 mile long. The path however wandered erratically, so this formation could have been hoaxed.

On August 2nd, two entirely differing formations arrived in the same field at Liddington Castle, near Chiseldon, about 3 miles from Swindon. The smaller formation, looking like a caterpillar, had 38 overlapping circles in a peculiar arrangement; the larger was a superbly formed "shield" consisting of rings, standing circles and crescents (wheat). The field was kindly opened for public viewing at a charge of £2.

The final event in Wiltshire caused great controversy - a neat 13 circle design now known as the "snowflake" formed in wheat at Oliver's Castle near Devizes on August 11th. A video of the creation was taken by a young

The finest formation of 1996 - 194 circles in 3 spiral arms at Windmill Hill between Avebury and Yatesbury, Wilts. Formed on July 29th in wheat.



student who happened to be camping out overnight by the crucial field. (See separate section).

HAMPSHIRE: Few spectacular events in 1996, but the biggest was a strange sun-flower symbol mounted on unusual paths designed like ancient hieroglyphics. It arrived on July 6th near East Oakley, near Basingstoke, where several other formations were found.

OXFORDSHIRE: An unexpected concentration of events near Garsington (about 3 miles east of Oxford) - 5 formations in all, one being a 1000 ft long narrow path with 6 features (June 20th), and a 7 circle "thought bubble" configuration (July 4th). These were found in barley.

Latterly, a shield like formation with 2 raised crescents facing each other, and in the next field 9 circles in the shape of a pearl necklace were discovered in wheat fields near Ashbury, close to the Wilts border during August.

ESSEX: A beautiful sharply formed design on July 12th in wheat was found at Littlebury Green, Nr Saffron Walden. It was a series of overlapping circles, rings, and standing crescents.

SOMERSET: A particularly visible formation close to the A303 formed in wheat on July 17th, near Martock. Design consisted of rings and pathways and was open to visitors. Reported by many heading to and from West Country. Somerset has very few formations in previous years.

An unusual continuous path wound round like a treble clef in music was found near Yeovil in late July.

BEDFORD: Another low scoring county - but this year a most splendidly made pictogram came to Barton le Clay, near the A6, early August, wheat. There were 5 small circles, 2 large crescents and 3 fan shapes in perfect harmony.

LEICESTER: A strange star shape with 9 arms or petals reported in mid July near Blaby - a design not seen before.

OVERSEAS: We understand there have been a large number of crop circles in Holland - probably more than 50 events. Enthusiastic teams from the Czech Republic have been visiting Britain and informing us of considerable activity in their country. There are also reports from Austria, Denmark and Finland.

In the United States considerable attention has been drawn to a large 93 ft single circle at Paulding, Ohio, July 4th. So many visitors came to look that somebody decided to rope off the inside of the circle! Scientific investigator Dr Levensgood who has analysed many hundreds of British crop circle plants has declared it a "natural event", suggesting the somewhat outdated "Plasma Vortex" as being responsible. There are several other USA circles including one very large system of overlapping rings at Chehalin, Washington (late July).

The Stonehenge Prophecy: On the night of February 14th 1996, the writer received a phone call from an anxious respondent who believed he had been "abducted" by a overpowering mental force.

On February 9th (Friday) Mr "H", a north Oxfordshire citizen, was about to retire to bed at 10pm when something, he claimed, took him over mentally. This power directed him to take a railway journey even though it was late at night. He went to Banbury station and decided he had to catch a train to Haddenham, Bucks. On alighting here he found the station dark and deserted so believed this was not the intended place. Another train arrived shortly after which took him on to the next station on the route, Princes Risborough. He walked into the car park and claimed he met up with an old school friend quite by chance. (It is not clear whether there was an underlying reason here, as he had not seen the person for 20 years, and the school was in Lancaster many miles away?) There was a large hoarding in the station fore-court which he was drawn too. On looking at the advertisement, he realised that this was what he was intended to see - a depiction of STONEHENGE. (The advertisement was apart of a campaign for Benson and Hedges cigarettes using a very subtle approach.) Overwhelming relief came upon him with a feeling that a momentous event was to occur at Stonehenge in possibly 7 weeks time (which gave a date of April 4th, the date of the Total Eclipse of the Moon). He leapt back on the last train to Banbury with the time now approaching 1 am.

All the above testimony, sounded well and good but did it check out? An investigation at Princes Risborough station was made the following day. February 15th. Just one large hoarding there - and it had the Stonehenge depiction on it. The trains surprisingly were quite frequent late at night and it was possible for Mr H to get a train from Banbury at 10.30 pm and another from Haddenham at 11.30 pm, and get the last one back at 12.50 am from Princes Risborough. IT ALL CHECKED OUT.

A memorandum was circulated to all Contact Int. committee members within a few days verifying the testimony was made in February. Nothing significant was noted on April 4th, but July 7th the great 151 component crop circle appeared at Stonehenge with the associated story that it appeared in broad daylight. Mr H was contacted in writing after the news came through, but has so far failed to reply. At the time he stated that his odd behaviour had upset his family relationships so he might wish to forget what had happened. (Comments on the nature of this testimony invited- Ed).

Oliver's Castle Video : A young student camping out overnight around the Oliver's Castle hill fort, near Devizes, Wilts, claims to have videoed a crop circle pictogram being formed. The footage, inspected over the Internet by the writer, was taken at early dawn on August 11th. The student was awakened by characteristic sounds of humming and spotted a pair of luminosities moving around the field below. These looked very bright and similar to balls of energy captured on film in 1990/1 period. He managed to get his camcorder going after it refused to operate at first possibly due to early morning damp.

A footage of about 10 seconds may or may not reveal one of the most momentous events in history. The lights buzz to and fro at very low level just above the field and, in what looks like under a second, the bulk of the formation appears. Detractors have said that the camera appears to view only the area where the circles emerged and the lights were not followed - assuming they could be the principal attraction at the time before any crop was flattened.

The staggering speed at which the Oliver's Castle snowflake formation appeared would tie in with what possibly happened at Stonehenge when nobody saw anything at all around 5.30pm on July 7th. What is clear is that debunkers and dirty tricks brigade are already involved in this film in one way or other - easy to hoax the footage, and fake formation to start with are already being sounded as explanations. The Winter's entertainment is now commencing.

Metamorphosis : Early work on crop circles published in Awareness attempted to identify new component parts which were tacked on to formations year-on-year. After 1990 the complexity increased to such an extent it was difficult to identify all new features. With the new concepts of 1995 and 1996 - a massive structure made of individual circles alone - some idea can be gathered of how progress has developed since 1980. The number of components used to make up the design has risen from 1 (single circle) in 1980 to 194 (Windmill Hill Triple Spiral in 1996). At the same time length of a complete formation has increased from about 50ft to 4000ft (Etchilhampton 1996). The chart below shows the inexorable rise in complexity and size from 1980 to 1996. From 1990 the number of components can only be estimated because of complexity. Measurements are for formations formed at one time and in a structured formation.

YEAR	COMPONENTS	LENGTH (End to End)	LOCATION
1980	1	50ft	Westbury
1981	3	150ft	Cheesefoot Head
1983	5		Cheesefoot Head
1988	6		Charity Down
1989	7		
1990	24	600ft	Alton Barnes
1991	31		Barbury Castle
		700ft	Salisbury
1992	35		Silbury Hill
1994		2500ft	Ashbury (Oxon)
1995	75-90		Cheesefoot Head
1996	194		Windmill Hill
		4160ft	Etchilhampton

After slow development in the 1980s, the phenomenon is expanding exponentially in the 1990s. In future years we could see formations into several fields and complexity of incredible depth. Those who do not believe the circles are paranormal will suggest that hoaxers develop skills as well over many years, but even the great Doug Bower claimed to be riddled with arthritis during 1996!

Even though it looked as if 1996 would be a non-event because of the very late start, some of the finest ever formations eventually appeared. The overview is that a structured build-up over many years is

being planned, but where the end point is to be, only time will tell. Watch this space.....

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Book Review

UFO THE GOVERNMENT FILES

Author: Peter Brookesmith

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Hdbk, C4-size, £14.99, 176 pages.

Index. B/W photographs & diagrams.

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In the *SCIENTIFIC STUDY OF UFOs*, alias 'The Condon Report', mentioned in this work, Dr Edward Uhler Condon gave his conclusions at the beginning rather than at the end which is the more usual. My conclusions about *UFO THE GOVERNMENT FILES* are that it is a disappointing pot-boiler. Its appearance is a throw-back to Brookesmith's *The Unexplained* part-work published by Orbis, after republication in various book formats. However this is no coffee-table tome. It is well illustrated but there is no colour, and quite a few photos are on the dark and heavy side. I don't suppose the author wrote the picture captions, so perhaps can be forgiven for this gaffe. A still from the film *Invasion of the Body Snatchers* (1956) says "Innocent citizens (sic) of small-town America unload sacks of vegetables..." when you can clearly see that they are carrying away *alien* pods.

I started by looking at the index for, the Ministry of Defence, Parliament, Hansard, Public Records Office. To use an Americanism, *zilch!* Not even the late lamented The Earl of Clancarty! It slowly dawned on me that there was very little about UK UFO Government Files in this book in spite of it being published in the UK. The title is therefore misleading and one charitably assumes that it was written for the United States market. On this basis, there is a good overall review of official US involvement from the 1940s. Roswell and other famous cases get due mention, including even, Fred Valentich. Towards the end of the book, there is a substantial demolition job on the Roswell crashed saucer theory, which concludes by saying "...no one can be entirely certain about what landed in...1947 - even if the smart money is mostly against an extra-terrestrial explanation." Ray Palmer gets a mention, and a picture caption identifies him as *the*

man who invented flying saucers. It is not clear however whether Brookesmith realises that he was probably the *grand-daddy* of flying saucers in the USA, nor does he mention that Palmer founded *FATE* magazine, or why. Instead he concentrates on people like Keyhoe, who did after all write the first mass-market title, *FLYING SAUCERS ARE REAL*, published in 1950. Perhaps the following line about Major Keyhoe's book will give you a small insight into Peter Brookesmith. "Its slightly breathless accounts of visits to the Pentagon and citations of highly placed (but often anonymous) sources covered a woeful ignorance." While many people accept that Frank Scully's book *BEHIND THE FLYING SAUCERS* (1950) was a hoax, Brookesmith says that Scully was hoaxed and goes on to dissect the hoax. An American source-book that I have found invaluable is Paris Flammonde's *UFO EXIST!* (1976) but this appears not to get a mention. Brookesmith reviews the various USAF 'Projects', the Robertson Panel and the 'Condon Report', including the Colorado team's split over the discovery of the memo by Robert Low. What bothers me about this book, is that it appears almost to be an apology for official cover-ups, inadequate investigation, and debunking of witnesses. In *FORTEAN TIMES*, No.92, Peter reviews Nick Pope's book *OPEN SKIES, CLOSED MINDS*, and ends by saying "Emphatically not one for your bookshelf, unless you're studying human irrationality - or closed minds." Did Nick Pope deserve such harsh treatment? In the world of Peter Brookesmith, some ufologists, if not most, seem to be suffering from paranoia derived from 'modern myths'. Why does the phrase 'pompous glt' come so readily to mind?

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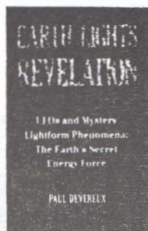
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