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Last time I discussed prediction - Nostradamus style - and the significant bright comet approaching the Solar System. Now "Hale-Bopp" has come and gone and we all had some splendid views of it in March and April. Unfortunately a certain group of cultists calling themselves "Heavens Gate" decided there was a spaceship travelling behind the comet and 39 misguided individuals dispatched their souls in ceremonious fashion hoping they would make their cosmic connection in this way. Needless to say the group were lead by an ageing charismatic called Marshall Herff Applewhite who had been touting extreme beliefs for over 20 years. The reasons for throwing life away seemed utterly senseless - however we have a different analysis by Michael Soper which may explain why it happened.

It seems when an unexpected cosmic event occurs, the human reaction is to overplay it or market it as some portent of doom. About 2 years ago the first rumblings about "Hale-Bopp" had it on a collision course with the Earth, and I was told by scared looking conference delegates who had picked up rumours. In the event the nearest the comet approached was 100 million miles or so away - fat chance of a collision! Yes it might happen one day, but if you think in 3 dimensions the odds are truly astronomical, literally. Nothing much has changed since primitive races made sacrifices and doomsday predictions at each eclipse of the sun!

What looks to be a consequence of the 39 suicides in America was a very odd statement released by the Pentagon on April 2nd that: "We cannot substantiate the existence of UFOs and are not harbouring the remains of UFOs." The great government inspired investigation of UFOs from 1947 to 1969 (Project Blue Book) numbering 12,618 cases had shown none "represented technological developments or principles beyond the range of our scientific knowledge." "No UFOs reported, investigated or evaluated posed a threat to America and there was no evidence that the UFOs were extraterrestrial vehicles."

Any notion that the above statements would stop mass suicides on this or any future occasion is sadly mistaken. Logical or rational thought does not enter into it. From our point of view, we did at least get an indicator that the US government had ceased their investigations in 1969 (or that's what they say). They make the arrogant assumption that a 22 year survey excludes there being any arrivals from outer space at any time before or after this period. What if there were aliens visiting from 1980 onwards or came every 100 years to do surveys? It is quite likely that the 1947-1969 survey could fail to spot them. The chances are that extraterrestrial life would far exceed the human span of "three score and ten", and an assessment covering 2000 years might be more appropriate than 22.

In the meantime members of CIUFOR based in the Oxford area are in the throes of paranormal activity. REAL EVIDENCE is being gathered which you can read about for yourself - pages 3-4. At present the personnel are not being named for security reasons and to ensure the phenomena develop further without outside interference.

Please reserve your Conference tickets ASAP - form enclosed - remember advanced booking is £2 cheaper than entry on the day. We are very pleased to report that Edward Ashpole, the author of the new book "Where is Everybody" reviewed in the next Awareness will present a paper and sign his books, plus the stalwart of crop circle photography, Busty

Taylor, will join Graham Birdsall and Ananda Sirisena on the bill for October 26.

THE EDITOR

NEWS IN BRIEF

MIDSUMMER SKYWATCH WASHOUT: A co-ordinated skywatch of many UFO groups all over Britain took place on Saturday night, June 21st. CIUFOR's team were situated on the hill at Wittenham Clumps, near Didcot from 8p.m. Unfortunately one of the deepest weather depressions for many years in mid-Summer ensured that no sky could be seen at all and heavy rain showers came down all night. Our watchers retired at 1.00am having only observed distant firework displays and no UFOs.

PRIVATE PLANETARIUM: The enterprise of some people never ceases to amaze! There is a full blown reflecting telescope/dome and mini planetarium in the garden of John Napper's home at East Hagbourne near Didcot. Contact members have had the opportunity of viewing the Hale-Bopp comet on the big reflector and treated to a fascinating evening in the Planetarium on May 14th. The owner is a keen amateur astronomer who is very concerned about "light pollution" blotting out the stars which are our heritage. If you are able to organise a group to visit please refer to the advert at back of this magazine. It should be well worth it.

ANOTHER AIRLINER BUZZED BY UFO: Both the captain and first officer of an Aer Lingus BAE 146 passenger jet saw a UFO as they flew above Stevenage, Herts on the descent to Stanstead Airport on a flight from Dublin last June (1996). They reported a streak of red, white and blue on apparent collision course with them as they emerged from heavy clouds. Initial glimpses indicated that it might be a Hawk Jet of the Red Arrows display team as it had engine intakes on its fuselage. However nothing was seen on radar; the Red Arrows had not flown that day and all other RAF and BAe Hawks could be accounted for. Other similar aircraft were cross checked and eliminated, and after a year the near miss remains an entire mystery.

SETI DEGREE AT OXFORD: Philosophy degree student Andrew Clark is to write a thesis on the philosophy of Extraterrestrial Life. The Balliol man is studying the ways in which the views of the world have influenced attitudes towards the search for extraterrestrial intelligence. He is most welcome to surf through the files of Contact International UFO Research!

INTERNET CLUTTER: After running for about 2 years, the Internet UFO files are becoming mountainous. We have printouts of a few months input several inches thick which amounts to 90% drivel. Scanning the files for good cases is becoming very time consuming.

The Contact International Web Site has been rewritten this year and you can find it on:
<http://homepages.enterprise.net/hambler/contint.html>

50TH ANNIVERSARY RAZZMATAZZ! The most extensive media coverage of UFO history and speculation in living memory has just taken place to commemorate the Kenneth Arnold experience (June 24th, 1947) and "Roswell" (c July 2nd, 1947). There has been material on nearly all TV channels, radio and in the press. As usual its been mostly the same faces with the same views so little new information has emerged except that more and

more ex airline pilots have come forward with startling visual experiences. In a "Strange But True" special programme hosted by Michael Aspel at peak viewing time on Friday 27th June, 73% of the studio audience believed aliens had already visited Earth, and a truly staggering 92% supported that belief in a mass telephone poll taken during the 90 minute show. Unfortunately one has to say it would be like asking a congregation in church if they believed in God! Only random polling from the public at large would give the true perspective.

VISITING SPEAKERS: In April we welcomed Lionel Beer, the long serving Vice-President of BUFORA and one of our own consultants. He presented a talk with slide displays showing how the development of the dirigible/airship and hot air balloons related to the reporting of UFOs in earlier times. Our June speaker was John Hanson, former police officer and the independent investigator from Alvechurch, Worcester, who was accompanied by Dawn Holloway. John gave an animated account of his investigational work in particular referring to unseen images on photographs on which he is collaborating with CIUFOR.

PARANORMAL ACTIVITY HITS CONTACT INTERNATIONAL

by Data Research

Three people connected with the Contact International group and living in the Oxford area have reported totally unexplained happenings over the last 3 months. These incidents are not considered alarming and the reasons for them a total mystery.

(a) As previously reported in Awareness Vol 21 No4 in "News in Brief", a crackling ball of red "energy" entered the house of one of our consultants. This was later detected as a powerful energy field although no longer visible. Further searches show the residues of it still drowse 3 months after its powerful introduction, but whereas it was first detected in the window bay, it now seems to have moved to the centre of the room.

(b) A few weeks later on March 2nd, a member of Data Research found a large pebble inside his house laying in the hallway. This was a standard smooth brown stone often dug up in gardens, but it appeared to be alive with strong energy from dowsing it. The witness was certain there was nothing in the hallway on retiring to bed on the Saturday evening, but found the object at least 6 feet from the front door on Sunday morning. It is considered that the stone could not have been propelled through the letter box this distance and rowdy behaviour from youngsters is not common in the street.

The evidence has now been deemed an "apport" - a physical object which has materialised from no apparent origin or human involvement. Though it cannot be proven objectively, the pebble appears to emanate the same dowsing effect as the field reported in incident (a). What is more amazing is that the pebble is non-crystalline as far as we can see and should not be able to store energy.

(c) In the early hours of Thursday, May 22nd, another member of the Data Research team was awakened by an incredible siren like wailing sound at 03.40. The noise was continuous over a 20-30 second period it is estimated, and became so intense that our member and his wife shot out of bed simultaneously - a most unusual occurrence. As soon as they were both

fully awake, the racket abruptly ceased and rushing outside they found no sounds of car alarms or other disturbances. It was suggested that a fox might have made the sound, but as it was continuous, 2 tone and reverberated off the walls - as the semi-awake witness recalled- it is thought to have been present inside the house. The arrival of the noise seems to have been a prelude for other strange paranormal and poltergeist phenomena:-

The following day, May 23rd, an unidentified white powder was found on top of a tissue box and inside on top of the next tissue to be used. The substance looked like powdered up tissue which had been reconstituted. The box was situated in the witnesses' bedroom in an alcove, so nothing could have fallen on it from off the ceiling. It was certain that there were no deposits on the box when the previous tissue had been pulled out the night before.

Examination of the material under a microscope shows it to be very fine particles of paper somehow created from tissue. More significant is that immensely powerful energy is being emitted from the powder. Several colleagues examining it have got strong dowsing reactions and felt heat - even those who do not regularly dowse.

IF YOU WISH TO SEE A VERY SMALL SAMPLE OF THE MATERIAL (AT YOUR OWN RISK) PLEASE FORWARD A S.A.E TO P.O BOX 23. LET US KNOW WHAT IT DOES FOR YOU.

Two days later in the kitchen, a bowl containing cat biscuits was found with the biscuits piled up in the centre or scattered in a circle on the surrounding floor. The food had only been placed a minute before and the family cat had not entered the kitchen during that time. Subsequently, a doubly bolted and locked door in the kitchen has been found open and ajar twice, even though the key is kept isolated. The latest evidence to come to light is a photograph taken of the front door and wing of the house which shows a **BAND OF BLACK ENERGY** surrounding the building (see below). The witness confirmed it is definitely not smoke coming out of the front door, and dowsed a band of energy, invisible to human eye all round the house.

Advice on any of the above events is welcomed. We are regarding the incidents as "enlightenment" and not summoning exorcists! Further updating will follow in the next Awareness.



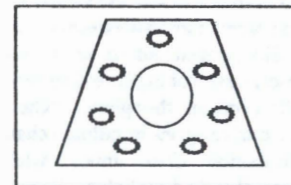
SIGHTING SUMMARIES

by Data Research

15 February 1995 - Newent, Gloucs

The witness was travelling along the M50 near Newent at 9.40pm on 15 February, when he was aware of a bright object coming at speed across the open countryside towards him. The road went into a cutting, and the object was lost to sight until he emerged from the cutting, only to find a large bright object, as wide as the motorway, and descending to only about 50ft above the road as the driver continued for about 250yds. The driver suddenly felt docile, and was compelled by a voice inside to pull over for a better look, which he did. The next thing he remembers is being in the middle lane in third gear, doing about 50mph, and a voice inside telling him to "Keep going, there is no traffic, keep going." The driver was soon at his exit junction, and then pulled over, believing that he may have been in an accident, but the car was undamaged. It was fifteen months before the witness made himself known to the Gloucester UFO Group, by which time he had started to have flashbacks of something, and irrational fears that strongly suggested an abduction. Other strangely coincidental events have begun to happen in the witness's life. *Further investigations are continuing.*

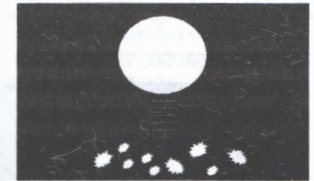
(Source & Investigation - Gloucestershire UFO Group)



9 March 1996 - Gloucester

During the afternoon, the witness glanced out of his attic window, and saw a triangular-shaped object go over. The underside had a red/orange glow, surrounded by blue and yellow circular "cells". The witness watched amazed for 10 minutes before he thought to call his family, but it had gone before anyone else got to the window.

(Source & Investigation - Gloucestershire UFO Group)

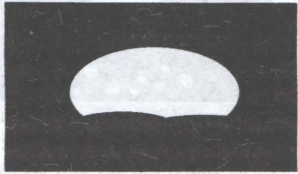


3 April 1996 - Cheltenham

The 70-year old witness went out into his garden, not to watch the sky and eclipse, but to turn on his greenhouse heating, as a cold night and frost was forecast. Mr M was in his garden just after 9.00pm, and as he went to return indoors, a bright white light caught his eye, and it seemed to be less than a kilometre away, and at no more than 300m high. The witness called out his neighbours, who all witnessed a bright red oval beneath the main light, and there blue/green twinkling light beneath. The witnesses observed the object through binoculars, but could not make out any further detail. The UFO remained stationary until 11.00pm, when it moved away towards Tuffley. The witness was sufficiently curious to contact his local paper, who sent a reporter round to interview him and his neighbours, though no other reports were known at the time. The apparent same object was back at the same time on 4 April, and this time Mr M phoned his relatives in Gloucester, who also could see it, and they set off with their camcorder, and recorded footage of the object before it moved off at a similar time to the night before. The local paper now ran an account of the event, and Mr M had numerous calls from other witnesses, including an alleged UFO Investigator who claimed that it was the local police helicopter with its 'Night Sun' searchlight - this has not been corroborated by the Gloucester UFO Group. The apparent same UFO arrived again on the 6 April, but by now the 'police helicopter' explanation had taken hold, and even the daughter believed this, and took the camcorder, and tape, on holiday, and of course recorded over the UFO footage! The Gloucester group eventually sourced 23 witnesses, but could find no rational explanation for the sighting. Mr M

did call Robin Cole on 24 April to report that the UFO was back, and he rushed over to Mr M's home, only to find that the object had already left.

(Source & Investigation - Gloucestershire UFO Group)



4 April 1996 - Seaton, Cornwall

On the night of the well observed lunar eclipse, and good view of comet Hyakatake, something different was seen on the coast at Seaton. The coastline here has some quite steep valleys, as is the case at the witness's home, so there is a limited horizon caused by high steep hills. The witness saw a very large bright light, of a very rough oval shape, with a flattened 'bottom' edge, and this was three times the size of the visible full moon. The light was seen for 52 minutes as it moved very slowly from the south-east to the north.

(Source - Contact Int.; Investigator - D Mansell)



4 April 1996 - Basingstoke

A family were watching the lunar eclipse in various parts of their garden, and also trying to see the comet if conditions were good in a normally light-polluted sky. The mother and two children returned indoors at midnight, leaving the father outside, looking at the moon in the south. When the father went in some 15 minutes later, his two sons excitedly told him that they had "seen the comet" from their north-west facing bedroom windows upstairs, and the mother had also seen "the comet". When he asked his wife, the man was astonished at the description of "the comet", as it was "a ball of orange light, moving along the horizon". *Clearly the 3 witnesses had*

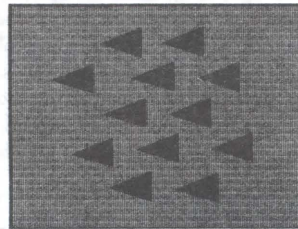
not seen the comet, or any other astronomical spectacle.

(Source - Contact Int.; Investigator - B James)

19 June 1996 - Cheltenham

At 9.30pm a schoolgirl was lying in bed became aware of a bright orange glow lighting up the back garden outside. She went to the window and could see a very bright cigar-shape, though its outline was difficult to see due to its brightness, and she went back to bed frightened. The next morning she told her mother, who dismissed the account until later in the day when she saw a report in the local press. *It seems curious that at 9.30pm, only two days from the Summer Solstice, people were reporting bright objects in a dark sky, when the sun would have set only minutes earlier.*

(Source & Investigation - Gloucestershire UFO Group)



25 July 1996 - Swindon

The witness was looking out of the windows in her loft conversion at 2.00am, and she noticed a diamond formation of between 12- 16 triangle shapes. She jumped out of bed to watch them more closely, and making sure that they were not stray reflections in the glass. The triangles, which were silver-grey in colour, changed their flight formation four times while under observation, they had no lights. They seemed to be at a very low altitude.

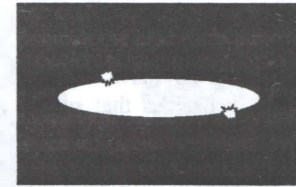
(Source & Investigation - NUFORI, BUFORA)



6 October 1996 - Stroud

In the early morning, an oval-shaped object was seen by a female witness. It was described as looking like "eight Ping-Pong balls strapped together, shining bright lights onto the fields below." The sighting lasted for some 10 minutes. *The drawing of the object strongly suggests that this was one of Richard Branson's "flying saucer" hot air balloons, and the chill air of an autumn morning would be an ideal time for it to be flying.*

(Source & Investigation - Gloucestershire UFO Group)



22 October 1996 - Oxford area

A glowing white cigar shaped object, with white flashing lights, was seen by two witnesses over Kennington. It was slow moving, and made no noise.

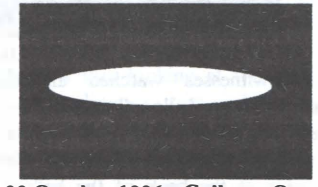
A witness in Didcot also saw a glowing object in the sky when driving home to Didcot. It was moving very slowly.

A family in Garsington were also able to watch this glowing object, and tried to film it with their camcorder, but they were not experienced in using it at night, so the results are inconclusive.

These reports were just a few of many of one of the Virgin airships, operated by the Lightship Company, which was acknowledged to be flying over on that night. What is curious is the very odd flightplan claimed by Virgin's flight operations team, who at the time said their craft was flying from Bosnia to Birmingham, via Stuttgart! This information had also been given to other investigators. Such a flight would clearly be an extremely long one in an airship. Some weeks later another flightplan was claimed, this time between Farnborough and Halfpenny Green, west of Birmingham. Also Virgin are not able to suggest just why their single airship was seen in places as far apart as Wallingford, Abingdon, Garsington, Kidlington, Bicester, Oxford and Milton Keynes all between 9.00 and 9.30pm! The Lightship Co assure us

that they are the only operator of lightships in the UK. A significant point to remember is that the lightship's cannot change the colour of their internal lighting during flight, this can only be achieved on the ground when coloured filters are installed. We have been unable to find out details of any other airships operating that night, but clearly, if all the reports were of airships, then there must have been at least one other craft, if not more.

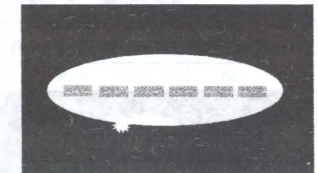
(Source - Contact Int.; Investigators - M Soper, B Foley, G Ambler, B James)



22 October 1996 - Culham, Oxon

A witness driving home from work at Culham also noticed a dull-yellow glowing cigar-shaped object in the sky over Oxford. The witness was unable to see clearly defined edges, it all looked 'fuzzy'. *This has all the hallmarks of the Virgin airship, but the colour reported, and other effects are certainly not. When the witness returned home, he found that the TV reception was badly affected by some sort of interference, so much so that the TV was unwatchable. The TV had been okay before the event, and was perfectly okay after the event. What caused the EM effects? This was not the only report of EM interference on that night, but we are still awaiting a full report from a taxi driver whose car was apparently stopped by the 'airship'!*

(Source - Contact Int.; Investigators - M Soper, B Foley, G Ambler, B James)

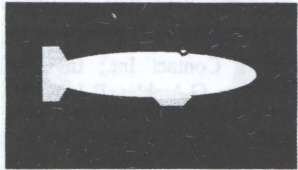


22 October 1996 - Bicester, Oxon

The 15-year old witness was at the Highfield, and was called out into the car park by friends. They all watched a yellow cigar-shaped object about 1 mile away. It had a white flashing light

on its underside, and appeared to have windows along its length. No sound was heard by any of the 7 witnesses. *This seems certain to be one of the airship sightings, but was not that of the Virgin Lightship, which was flying further to the west.*

Source - CIUFOR; Investigations - B Foley



22 October 1996 - Bicester, Oxon

Three witnesses watched an illuminated "powered barrage balloon" moving slowly in a northerly direction at 21.50hrs. White and red navigation lights were clearly visible. Fins were also visible at the back of the balloon, and a gondola was seen underneath. *Of all the sightings of the night, this was perhaps the clearest to show that this was an advertising airship.*

Source - CIUFOR; Investigations - B Foley



22 October 1996 - Tingewick, Bucks

The witness was looking out of his bedroom window at 21.40, and noticed a white cigar-shape to the north. This object had a green flashing light on its upper, and a red flashing light below. It also had twinkling red and green lights around the edge of the object. *Again, another view of one of the airships flying that night.*

Source - CIUFOR; Investigations - B Foley



13 January 1997 - Thame, Oxon

Howard Ambler was driving home from work at 1923hrs, when he saw an extremely bright

white light near to the horizon in the direction of Dinton. The light seemed to move parallel with the road. When Howard reached the part of the road where the light had been, another similar object was now very close, but had no structure. Several motorists had pulled up to watch this bright object pass over the A418, causing something of a traffic hold-up. The object itself just faded away. Before and after the sighting there was the usual amount of normal air traffic in the area. Unfortunately other motorists who were witnesses then sped off on their journey.

Source - CIUFOR; Investigations - H Ambler

Belgian Wave Explained?

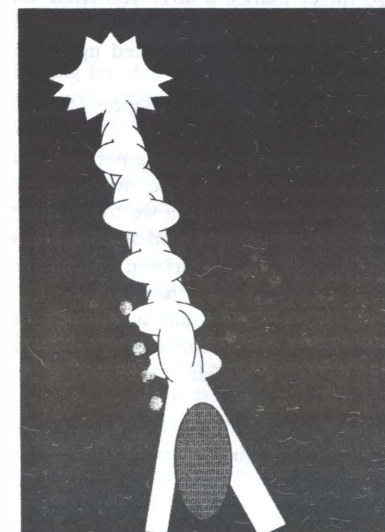
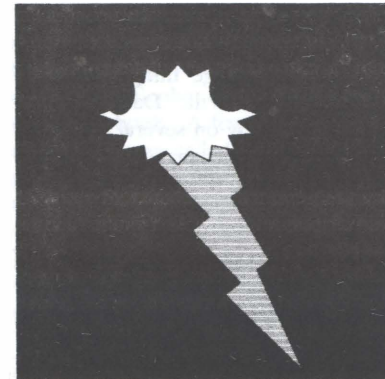
Some of you may have noticed articles in some UFO magazines that suggest that the famous wave of black triangle sightings over Belgium in 1990 and 1991 can now be explained. This 'explanation' comes about after some details of a high-technology aircraft called *Lo-Flyte* were made public, and that it **might** have been flying at the time of the Gulf War.

Lo-Flyte is essentially a delta planform aircraft, but it is what is known as a 'wave-rider' - its entire wing has a curved dihedral towards the wingtips, which themselves are very tapered for optimum aerodynamic efficiency. *Lo-Flyte* is likely to have sub-orbital performance, and be capable of hypersonic speeds. The wave-rider design allows for slow speed performance, but will not allow the craft to hover or have vertical flight characteristics. Consider again the reports of the Belgian objects - a large black slab-sided craft; capable of hovering, instant change from hover to supersonic flight, with vertical flight capability; the craft could change shape, and contract on itself before rapid flight. Does this really sound like a military space plane? Would such a craft really have spent so much time loitering over the skies of Belgium?

It should also be pointed out that none of the sightings of 'flying black triangles' reported to us since 1975, have remotely resembled a wave-rider design.

An Encounter in Loughborough

Early in the hours of either the 11th or 13th of June in 1996, 81 year-old Winnifred Howard was to have a most unusual encounter. She was moved to look out of her bedroom window, and noticed an odd yellow-coloured patch of light in the sky, apparently not high up, and it seemed to have black "holes" at its side. The witness went to the window three times to look again at this light when it suddenly emitted a "zig-zag" line, perhaps like a lightning flash.



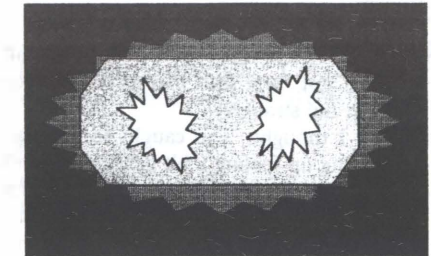
Now, from the patch of light a strange moving line, with ripple effects, slowly came

down towards the house, and it stopped off to the right of the window.

A dull blue/grey "container", resembling a "Zeppelin" then appeared at the lower end of this line, and it seemed to open up "like a shark's mouth". Dull red and blue lights were moving on the left side of the lower part of the line and container.

The whole lower part of this 'object' appeared to be quite low in the witness's garden, but then the whole phenomena just vanished, with no noise.

Mrs Howard was looking at the now clear again sky, with glittering stars visible. Another object then appeared off to her right, and glided slowly from right to left.



The second object looked something like a box, orange/red in colour, with a sort of halo. There were two glowing yellow patches of light within the main structure. The whole thing was then lost to sight from the witnesses position inside her bedroom.

Mrs Howard was understandably very puzzled at the course of events, but went to bed shortly after. Mrs Howard was left to ponder on "Why was it me that saw it?"

The witness suffered no post-event psychological trauma, and has had no further sightings. CIUFOR investigator J F Rayner could find no rational explanation for the sighting, and was very impressed by Mrs Howard's sincerity.

The case remains open.

AUSTRALIAN "ABDUCTION" OR WHAT?

by Data Research.

Contact International has been fortunate in obtaining the detailed testimony of "VIV", a former denizen of Oxford who is now resident in Perth, Western Australia. Viv first approached us in May this year having come back to England for a longish holiday to see friends and relations. He had been troubled by activities during Spring of 1996 when he had noticed strange red marks on his body when first arising in the morning. These marks became more and more bizarre after each occurrence giving concern to Viv and his girl friend "MAY". There was also some contact with possible "alien" forms, although Viv is not too clear on the nature and purpose of these.

All events described in Viv's own testimony below took place in Perth, West Australia, although Viv has seen UFOs in England, and has experienced paranormal situations at certain times during his life. He has a good recall of all the strange things that have happened, and is anxious to get some satisfactory explanation out of it. Data Research have seen all the photographic evidence provided, and interviewed Viv on several occasions. Note the name of the main witness and his girl friend have been changed for security purposes.

 WITNESS TESTIMONY: "What are all those marks over you."

I had just got back into bed after the morning dash to the loo. My girl friend May was looking at me strangely.

"Oh no", I thought, "I've caught some strange bug." I did feel a bit strange, but then I'd been waking up feeling a bit groggy for weeks.

May threw back the quilt, and scanned my body. I looked down and saw what she was talking about. On my arms and chest were long strange finger marks, a large red circle on my right buttock, and a variety of different marks on other parts of my body. All of these marks were very red; there was no indentation and they appeared to be "sucked up" from within, rather like a "love bite".

"You've got it all round your nose and mouth too," May said. "It's in the shape of a face mask."

"Quick", I said - thinking very fast for me, at 7.30 in the morning. "Get the camera." May dashed out of the bedroom and two or three minutes later returned with the camera. We didn't have a flash but luckily it was light now. As May focused the camera we noticed the marks were fading very fast. She did however manage to get some really good shots. When May had finished her "David Bailey" act, I got up and checked out the marks in the mirror. These were very, very odd, definitely not human fingers. I tried to imitate them but I couldn't. The fingers were obviously longer than mine; they seemed spatulate and they were awkwardly arranged. I lifted my arms, looking at the red marks all over me - "Hang on, what's this? I called to May. There was the weirdest design on my left side.

"That's what I mean" said May "I've got a good shot of it".

I kept studying the strange design. I wondered if crinkled sheets could have done it. "No, it is a design with nothing ambiguous about it." I could run my fingers over it and feel nothing. The design was fading before our eyes.

For some reason I began to think about alien abduction. I had heard about this before but never given it much thought. I do believe in UFOs mainly because I've seen them, but I've never really been anymore interested than anyone else. I accept that they are real - I have to

believe my own eyes.

I started to recall other recent unexplained events. A few weeks previously while taking a shower, I noticed a bald patch on my left shin. It looked as if it had been shaved. I hadn't done it. I showed it to May - she thought it odd too, probably thought I'd done it. Anyway we didn't mention it again. It must have been about a week later that I woke little Rachel (May's daughter). We always wake her to take her to the loo. I noticed she had a red round circle on her leg. The next morning at breakfast I mentioned this mark to May. "Has she hurt herself?" I asked. "No", said May, "But you had a big red circle on your leg this morning. It was at the top of your right thigh. Neither Rachel or I had these marks any longer. Again we put these events out of our minds, until now.

There had been other mornings when May had noticed the red patches over my nose and mouth. She had remarked on them but we'd disregarded them too. It was only when May had seen me leave the bedroom to visit the loo that she had seen the marks on my body. I decided to telephone the local UFO group called "UFORUM" whose number I found in the telephone book. A few days earlier - for some reason I can't explain - I had looked it up. I spoke to a man called Brian. After telling him what happened, he said he'd like to see the photographs. He also told me there would be a UFORUM meeting the following Friday and invited me to come along. I was feeling a burning sensation all over my body; it felt like sunburn but without the deep redness. Brian had seemed a bit non-comittal - skeptical even. What was happening to us? I wasn't frightened - but concerned definitely. I could see May increasingly disturbed as she thought about the experience. Who can you talk to? Where do you go?

"Everyone will think we're froot loops", I said to May.

"But how can they? we've got the photographs," she answered

"You're right", I agreed, "Oh well they can't mean to harm us, otherwise they would have last night," I reassured Kay. She seemed unimpressed.

During the day I tried to remember what had happened in the night. I remembered waking with something cold touching my leg - it was my Lapis Lazuli stone. Somehow it had got there from under my pillow. I put it back. I remembered getting up and going to the toilet. When returning, I had looked at my watch - it was about 5 minutes past 2 am. I went back to sleep. Later I awoke again a bit later and checked my watch. It wasn't on my wrist. Half asleep I looked at the bedside cabinet - it was there. I couldn't make out the time as the dial wasn't glowing. I then went back to sleep. The next night, Saturday, I slept well, but May didn't - she lay awake nearly all night. During the night she had found the stone under my back and replaced it under my pillow.

May was becoming more and more unsettled by the whole business. For some reason I didn't feel frightened; I was taking it all in my stride, but I was worried about May. I telephoned Brian at UFORUM - he said there's no counselling service for that sort of thing and to tell May not to worry because they won't harm us. This did give May much consolation. The next night, apart from May laying awake all night, nothing happened, but I did wake up with more red marks. I felt sunburned on my right hand side of my face and inside my right thigh.

On Tuesday evening I woke up with more red marks on my body. Some of them I think were from the sheets although I've never noticed marks like them before or to date since.

My skin was burning, and during the day became more intense. It was now feeling very painful - like strong sunburn. I had kept out of the sun for months because of the cancer scare. I went to bed Tuesday night and prayed. I said "Dear God, if its your will that this is happening to me then its O.K, but please don't let them hurt me and please take away the pain". When I awoke on Wednesday morning, I knew they'd been again. I didn't have any red marks, but I recalled this sensation of being turned involuntarily in my sleep. May had been awake most of the night - here in her own words is what she experienced:-

"Found it really hard to sleep last night - worried about V. and another visitation by those aliens. Would have fallen asleep at about 2.00 am. Not long after - felt like half an hour or so - when I heard a tiny voice inside my head saying "They're here." I woke quite startled; just then the door made a loud thump. The window was not open to cause the door to make the loud noise so I was perplexed as to how it had happened. I was immediately afraid. I quickly closed my eyes and then opened them very slowly and thought I saw fine lines at the bottom of the bed - electric green in colour - and immediately closed and opened them again to clear my vision in case I was imagining what I saw. Unfortunately there was nothing there the second time. The whole atmosphere of the room changed to almost electric. I started to get frightened about what I might see. My heart was pumping furiously to the point I thought it was going to come out of my body. I was terrified and turned on my side facing V. V. was at this time facing the wall. I started to feel really hot around me and had a sense of feeling I was being watched too. Then a calm sensation overcame me and I started to relax, but still laid wide awake watching.

I watched V. closely, as he tossed and turned occasionally, gently rubbing his face with his left hand. He would then turn on his stomach for a few seconds and then back on his back with one arm pinned above his head and one arm resting on his stomach. His breathing was heavy and fast, then heavy and slow. He would occasionally groan, but not for long. His positions changed within the space of seconds. This went on for what seemed to be a lifetime, but in real terms I guess it was no more than 5-6 minutes. Then V's breathing changed again and what seemed like he had stopped breathing. I listened very closely, and he was back to breathing as he normally would. There was a sense of calmness in the air and I started to feel relaxed. I did not return to sleep. V. woke a couple of times to go to the toilet. The first time he said the light was on in the lounge room. He had remembered turning it off the previous night."

Myself, I hadn't had much sleep. I'd been in a sort of a half-sleep, then I felt the soreness going away. In the night I got up to go to the toilet twice. The first time the living room light was on - I remembered clearly turning it off before going to bed. I remembered seeing symbols during the night and being told oddly that "Stevie Wonder is not the person he thinks he is." The next night I had a message: "Peace..... no harm."

On Thursday evening May's other daughter arrived home. She's 10 years old and had been staying at her grandparents' house for the week. On Friday morning I awoke with a message on my mind: "The visitors are friendly, and they mean no harm. They have a beautiful philosophy." The 10 year old awoke with a passion for ancient Egypt. She had dreamt she was in Egypt with the Pharoah, Sphinx etc. She asked me to decorate her room in that style right down to the original colours. She had seen it all in her dream.

We wondered if they were visiting her as well. Little Rachel had been waking up screaming in the night and was playing up at school. May and I had been very careful not to mention

our night time experiences in front of her; however something was obviously upsetting her.

During my meditation on Friday I was told: "Settle down and wait for the Advance Party" - that I had important tasks to accomplish. I saw myself lying on a table in a very white room. I had a brief glimpse of a being standing behind me with his hands on my shoulders - I could feel they were warm. Something cold was holding my feet together and down. There was something or some kind of energy within my mouth. It was wobbling and vibrating around especially on the left side. It was very fast and pulsating. When I had finished meditating, I found my arms were very tired and aching.

That night, Friday, 19th April, I went to the UFORUM meeting at Murdoch University. During the lecture by Professor Frodsham, my right earlobe started itching and I thought it must have been a mosquito bite. There was dried blood or something. After the meeting I showed my photographs to Brian Richards who was quickly usurped by Simon Harvey Wilson. I didn't feel comfortable at this meeting. I suppose I was hoping to find some support or a more genuine interest in our experiences. I really thought I would meet other people with similar encounters. Apart from them asking for my photographs and having the benefit of listening to Mr Harvey Wilson's views, nothing much happened. I found Professor Frodsham's lecture highly entertaining and very informative; I felt I would have liked the chance to speak to him or Michael Jordan (UFORUM President), but I didn't get the opportunity. I was deeply concerned for May who was terribly frightened for the children as well as us. She didn't find any comfort in my assurances. I suppose I was looking for some kind of help, but none was to be found here.

When I arrived home, I told May all about the meeting and asked her to look at my ear. "Something's been done to it" she exclaimed, "There's a circle, a line and five dots down it. Get the camera love." May took 2 more shots.

My face had gone red around my mouth, brow, nose and sideburn area. I was also peeling and itchy around my ears. I also discovered my watch had lost 10 minutes.

The next day a lady came to see May. She is a lady I'd met recently who is a professional counsellor. She spent a couple of hours with us and helped May tremendously. I'd woken up with a large red circle on my thigh again. "It's over a faint scar", May said. "It's not an injury I remember." We photographed it but it faded fast. We also took 2 more photographs of my ear.

On Monday, 22nd April I went for regression therapy. I saw myself as a young boy between 2 and 4. I was looking out of a window. It was dark. I had dungarees and a striped top on. With my finger to my mouth I was staring at a tall dark figure who was standing in front of something very bright and golden. I then saw myself being carried by 2 people in white. (I think some kind of overalls). They were tall. They carried me backwards, with each carrying me with one arm.

Later I saw myself sitting on a bed with 2 men in white to my right, and one or two others working away on the other side of the room. The walls I think were curved. The two men were talking to each other but I couldn't hear their voices. The room was bright white and very light, and the men had dark visors or glasses on. I could see nothing but white except for some chrome trolleys on the other side of the room. The next thing I saw was a long

tunnel through rock. It was a circular tunnel with railway lines.

On Wednesday morning, I awoke from meditation covered in red marks. It felt like I'd been run over by an express train. I tried to think back and remembered seeing a body on a bed, it was white and lifeless. I was told "the body parts were all used in 1939". I saw body parts in draws and on racks.

On Thursday 25th April I awoke and found finger marks on my chest. I took photographs again. I found my Lapis Lazuli stone on the side table after I had double checked it was under my pillow before going to sleep. That evening my chest over my heart area was very tender and felt strange to touch. On Friday morning I awoke with red circles over my heart and right thigh. The area of my nose and the right side of my face was red, and felt burnt. My back and abdomen were burning. I had diarrhoea - I'd had this on and off for about 3 weeks. My groin area was sore as well. I remarked to May that I was feeling really burnt again. She said, "I'm not surprised." Here again in her own words is what she experienced:-

"During the night V. and I went to bed around 11.30pm, perhaps slightly later. V fell asleep almost instantly and I lay awake for some time before dozing. I noticed it was very dark and although V. lay next to me, I could only just see the silhouette of his face in the darkness. Previous to this, Rachel was hysterical over a cockroach she had seen in the kitchen. It really concerned me as she had never been afraid of bugs - in fact she always collected and played with them. She did not want to go to bed as she said she was afraid.

I had fallen asleep after a short time of noting things around me. Looking around the room a small light from the street came through the blinds and reflected about one foot from V's head (on the bedhead). Other than that it was quite dark. I woke through restless ness sometime later. I figure it was well after midnight. I was facing V. and he was laying on his back, with his face slightly tilted towards me. His face appeared strange. He looked the same - however there now seemed to be a light appearing on his face - around the nose and part of his mouth. I was a bit perplexed as previously I could barely see his face. The light fascinated me - I waved my hand over it and I did not seem to have it over my hand. I didn't seem to be blocking it out. The light still shone in his face. I then also noticed the white on the pattern of the pillow case and doona cover was also illuminated, around the side of V's cheek on the pillow case and on the cover near his hand (his hand was under the cover). The street light still appeared about a foot above V's head.

In the morning V. made the comment on how his nose and part of his cheek felt like he had been sunburned. His face appeared only slightly red but nothing really noticeable. I then told him what I saw."

I'd started to notice May seemed more relaxed about the events now. The following night I woke up having a nightmare. I dreamt I was shown body parts by the aliens. They were assembled into humans and humanoids. I awoke screaming a warning. Sitting up, I looked down at May still fast asleep. She usually wakes up at the slightest noise. I couldn't understand how she could still be asleep. I had the strangest feeling I had woken up and screamed in a different place to where I was now.

In the morning I had lots of circles and finger prints on me again, but they vanished extremely quickly. I only managed one photograph. I must have been told I was going

somewhere during my sleep because I remember asking for protection. The beings I have seen seemed lifeless. In the morning my nose was blocked, and I felt strange, frightened and apprehensive. I had been told "the supreme commander is not Henkler, (or Hinkler) but Bob Brown."

These events are still happening. I still feel sunburned and tender sometimes, and often feel a nervous tension. Where do people like us go? I am being told the design on my body is a message and that there are people who will understand it. It's to do with the world ecological crisis - its a warning. Is there anybody out there? Not "out there" as we are accustomed to hear from our inane news readers etc., but someone out there in a responsible position willing to study seriously these very real events that I know are happening to others as well.

To be continued-----

Dated 7th May, 1996.



Photo: "VIV" after debriefing, with Fran Copeland.

COMMENT by Editor: We are again confronted with a case which defies logical explanation having only recently assessed the strange events at Reading. It is important to note that Viv's partner, May, was able to observe his reactions while he was undergoing traumas in an unconscious state in the bedroom. The light effects May observed are a valuable insight, and we must conclude that no physical encounter took place in the bedroom, as May would have seen the form.

Marks on the body could be weals caused by crinkled sheets as they disappeared rapidly after Viv got out of bed. However one photograph of the phantom fingers certainly could not be explained by "bed creases". Of course temporary bed marks would not cause the soreness and other sensations the witness experienced. Teleportation of the Lapis Lazuli

stone during the night is only explained by Viv moving it while tossing and turning, which seems unlikely.

The nature, form and purpose of the "alien" is most unclear. It reads as if at some stage the witnesses automatically assumed the intruders were "aliens". It is also unusual for the same type of activity to reoccur on consecutive nights. I suggest a spiritual power may have tried to take over Viv's subconscious mind in the sleep state. Whether this was strong enough to manifest the marks on the body cannot be certain. What purpose could there be in creating such a visible effect?

There is a possibility Viv may have been sleeping on an Earth Energy line which facilitates the ingress of strange energies. He could try sleeping in another room or at least move his bed a few feet to one side. I noted a strange powerful energy being emitted by Viv which I have tried to neutralise and modify by a new technique I am developing.

Finally, there is again a suggested link to ancient Egypt in the experience of May's daughter. Are the powerful spiritual forces the Egyptians were known to harness 4000 years ago still trying to raise themselves? Were they connected with aliens?

Viv returned to Perth, Western Australia on July 2nd, but in a last minute telephone call reported a further incident that had befallen him. We hope to have details of this shortly. It was also remarkable that Viv reported the first Oxfordshire crop circle of the 1997 season on June 24th (confirmed).

SIGNS IN THE FIELDS 18TH YEAR

by Geoff Ambler

The 1997 crop circle season opened for definite on April 20th with a very fine and complex formation in rape at Barbury Castle, Wilts (scene of the famous 1991 design). However a couple of rings in rye-grass were reported from Sennen near Lands End, Cornwall sometime in January. The rape formation at Barbury had the profile of a coarse circular saw and spread over 4 tramlines, and it appeared as good in the aerial photographs as similar formations in the more easily formed wheat crop of 1996. Thus the technical ability in bending this ragged crop has again increased over last year and suggests some exceptional designs in wheat will occur in July and August.

A second rape formation appeared a few yards away on May 6th in the shape of a classic mandala known as "The Tree of Life". There were also 2 rape designs appearing at the same time near Littlebury Green close to the M11 in Essex, including one huge ring probably 400ft across.

After a gap of several weeks a number of barley formations have been reported, the most sensational being a 400 foot wide hexagon with 6 "orange" trees made of paths and circles placed on the diagonals across the corners of the hexagon. There is an estimated 190 circles in this incredibly complicated design and it is an entirely new development for 1997. The design appeared in early June in the same field below Stonehenge which hosted the "Julia Set" in 1996. Another very pleasing geometrical design based on a triangle in a circle with beautifully balanced patchwork high-lights was found at Winterbourne Bassett near Avebury.

At the time of writing no major event in wheat has been reported, and the most extreme wet weather for many years has made observation almost impossible during the second half of June. Regionally, build up of several rather undistinguished formations seems to be taking place between Winchester and Eastleigh, Hants; one or two in Devon and West Midlands, and the first in Oxfordshire which turned out to be the very common "quintuplet" of 1 large 64ft circle surrounded by four 15ft satellites. The latter was inspected by the writer and found in wheat on June 24th at Chiselhampton near Oxford.

It is anticipated the harvest will be quite late in 1997 due to the drenched crops so a more detailed report will follow in the next Awareness. Should events of very major significance occur, an interim bulletin may be issued.

With the details of the 1996 season almost complete, it appears that certain European countries are experiencing almost as many crop circles as Britain. For instance, Holland, a country about the size of Wales logged 90 circles in 1996 stated to be double the number they had accumulated in the 6 years since their first discovery in 1990. The level of sophistication reached is equivalent to England in 1991 - 12 years after the first recorded formation in 1980. A similar situation has arisen in the Czech Republic who listed 37 quite complex events only into their 4th year of the phenomenon.

We have an indication of worldwide introduction of the crop circle enigma, building at a rapid pace compared to the unhurried start over the first 5 years in England when most of the activity was confined to the "Wessex Triangle" area.

The "signs in the fields" return every year over a wider and wider area of the Earth. Can they all be hoaxes? Does the current trend in "Spice Girl" impersonators apply in the same way? These days most pop groups are dead and buried after 5 years, so would pranksters continue to indulge in their moonlit vandalism after 18 years, spreading from Britain to many other countries?

Like subtle adverts for Guinness and cigarette brands, whatever is creating the circles makes a yearly reminder for people to pay attention. Non-Guinness drinkers or non-smokers will pay little heed to the propaganda, but increasing numbers will-----

THE HEAVENS GATE CULT SUICIDES, WERE THEY INDUCED?

By Michael Soper

OBSERVATION.

Somebody once said that the human race in comparison with the cosmos are very much like ants watching a starry sky with their compound eyes, before returning to the routine tasks their pheromones require.

And in fact pursuing the analogy we can be shown to and do naturally respond to pheromones (through for some reason the perfume industry are utilising sex reversed attractants). Note that pheromones are not in fact smells, and we cannot smell them there is the lower nose an organ called the VNO with

unconsciously relays this information to our bodies. Our bodies automatically react - exactly like the insects.

Insects also produce various clicks and buzzes for different activities. For example a slow ticking noise attracts house mites, a technique which can be used to rid a house of them and, which due to the use of a type of ticking induction coil by notable, Andrew Crosse, at Fyne Court in 1837, they were attracted into a piece of electrical apparatus intended to form living cells and became the "acari" claimed as nascent protean life by the experimenter (verified by Faraday), (they became coated in crystals). Andrew being an acquaintance of Mary Shelley who saw the apparatus wrote Frankenstein as a result. Thus let no one claim that clicks and buzzes do not affect human culture, directly - they definitely can do.

Similarly flashing lights and modulated sounds also affect people. This has been shown on the (EEG) Electro Encephalograph and is commonplace. Techniques like this also being used by the SAS, and there is the distinct possibility of ameliorating epilepsy by using hemisync or relocation tapes.

The San Diego thirty-nine made the mistake of having a serious religion without an esoteric food ceremony. (Food prevents suicide for some reason). In fact even scientists, engineers, Jews, Catholics, Moslems, computer buffs and mathematicians have their food specialities, and continue.

INDUCTION..

Steady frequencies usually do not produce much effect, very wide bandwidth frequencies known as spikes do. Thus worrying about being next to a mains transformer is silly, unless the transformer is sparking. This note describes the 60Hz sharp frame pulse on the American mains which affects those close to cathode ray tubes, like those on the INTERNET. Note the steady fields are not a problem nor are LCD displays. I had a graphic illustration of the power spikes recently which being produced by nearby apparatus caused the answer phone (off line) to record a message of clicks. This happened without any GPO signal coming in, and the handset off.

The spikes were from an electrical gas igniter function. Now consider what the "Kiev Buzz Saw", a Russian blocking signal used in 1980, could do with vastly greater power operating. (Over the horizon radar operation).

Note that accelerating brain frequencies seem to have some association with death and Near Death Experiences (Robert Monroe Hemisync studies), (His method was not as effective as recent methods using digital technology invented by the author).

DATA..

The frequencies are as follows

- 4 cycles sleep and dreams.
- 7 cycles waking dreams and creativity.
- 8 cycles childish relaxation and the confusion of fact and fiction.
- 9 cycles vocabulary.
- 10 cycles meditation, visual and inactivity.
- 12 cycles educated thought, not too bust, scholarship, information.
- 13-15 cycles increasingly frenetic, arithmetic, business.
- 16 (especially with 8) unreality.
- 17 picture arrangement.
- 18-20 immediate memory.
- High frequencies like 29 have a NEGATIVE correlation with intelligence
(Giannitrapani D, PHD Karger Basel, 1985)

DEDUCTION..

Now these have been detected from brains. In fact the twelve Hertz can be used to measure intelligence even when the subject is only staring at the wall, a fact formally with no racial overtones.

One very relevant fact is that repetitive spikes though not containing lower frequencies can INDUCE these lower frequencies in subharmonically tuned circuits, thus for example, 60 cycle spikes can energise 30,15,7.5 cycles systems on occasions, and 50 cycles can energise 25,12.5, 6.25 cycles and isn't British TV considered more intelligent (on 50 cycles rather than USA 60, 30 is very near 29).

A second very topical fact is that injured systems manifest an accelerando of frequencies, (and presumably this is the bright white light of the NDE). These higher frequencies being audible as infrasound, or roaring in the NDE description. Thus a brain going to death accelerates the frequencies.

Note that ten cycles is the frequency of inaction and sixteen and eight the frequencies of the confusion of fact and fiction.

The USSR persistently broadcasts on ten cycles and then dissolves (on massive power short wave spikes from 1978 to 1990)

USA does the same on sixteen and eight and elects a FILMSTAR as President, though a very capable man.

The Heavens Gate group operating an Internet service called Higher Source sat in front of their high frequency screens for much of the day and then committed suicide, possibly because the high frequencies had that association, clearly. There have been many other INTERNET suicides since (29 cycles perhaps).

CAUTIONS..

LIQUID CRYSTAL AND SCREENED CRTs DO NOT POSE THIS DANGER AT ALL.
Steady low frequencies like ELF (Extremely Low Frequency) in Canada are also not a problem. In fact statistically there is a correlation between the cessation of the Cold War and the increasing implementation of ELF frequencies, a surprising move from death. Life has grown up within intense radio noise. In Java there are thunderstorms on average every other day, giving no diverse effect on the nature population. Thus everything except highly repetitive regular sharp edges we can easily absorb, harmlessly. Brain affecting frequencies must be precise, thus this does not support the Persinger, UFO concept hypothesis at all.

COMMENT..

Action involves choice - thus choosing ten cycles for new powerful multifrequency radar persistently produces inaction and the eight cycles a childlike confusion of fact and fiction. Choosing to sit in a pulse repetition frequency of 60 cycles, either from CRT frame pulses or malfunctioning fluorescent lights, has the effect of causing a slow and unconscious necrophilia. Its rather like the modern uniUse office, where every item has One use, (no coffee mugs allowed on the desk) all is obsessively tidy, four drawing pins per notice (and like a graveyard), the workers slowly change into the mentally limited mausoleum servitors of Edgar Allan Poe, rather than the puppish things they should be.

That America had 'dialled up' for the confusion of fact and fantasy and is moving on the Gatesian 286,386,486, Pentium processor chips path to Necrophilia, is not very evidently without consequences for the rest of the world society. I am not against the Internet though currently, after the trend, I still have and use my Sinclair.

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THE ROSWELL INCIDENT

1947-1997

by Frances Copeland

It was, so I'm led to believe, an anonymous reviewer of the Times Literary Supplement who once referred to flying saucers as *the modern myth*. Did the fact that I believed in *the modern myth* make me want to believe or did my belief have some underlying deep rooted fear of the unknown and am looking skyward for some extra-terrestrial salvation! The skeptic would view the latter rather than the former as mostly the case. Of the former, a wealth of belief is endorsed greatly by reported sightings of which Roswell I am sure, is certainly one of the most publicised incidents ever written.

A synopsis of the facts are outlined below of which I am sure the reader will excuse that every publicised fact could not possibly be mentioned in a short summary.

After the second world war newspapers were starting to carry reports of strange objects being seen in the skies especially over the Scandinavian countries. They were for the most part considered as "fill-ins" for lack of news and not too many readers took much notice of them, and I would imagine after going through the trauma of war most would not be too emotional about it. It was not long after, that sightings were coming in thick and fast from the US with the occasional one from France and England that *flying saucers* suddenly took on a new light.

During the first two weeks of July '47 there seemed a rapid stepping up of flights across the earth flying singly or pairs or in group formations and reports were coming through though not from the general public mostly from pilots who encountered these strange craft.

It was on July 8th 1947 and the newspaper headlines of the Roswell Daily Record read "RAAF captures Flying Saucer on Ranch in Roswell Region". The Army Officer in charge of this spectacular story was First Lieutenant Walter G Haut, Public Information Officer at the Roswell Army Air Field (RAAF). The press release was expanded upon by the base, and the local sheriff's office (along with the local newspaper office) were inundated with questions from the public and press alike. Shortly afterwards the Army Air Force changed its story and stated it was not a UFO after all but a weather balloon.

Pictures of the wrecked "weather balloon" appeared in many papers over the next few days effectively "killing" the story of a UFO. Ironically two press releases, one stating one fact and another stating something completely different smells of a cover-up straight away, especially as the Officers concerned with the press release were certainly familiar with "weather balloons" in their area.

Stanton Friedman a nuclear physicist was being interviewed on an American TV station in 1978 and struck up a conversation with the TV Station manager whilst waiting in the wings - the manager advised Stanton to have a talk with a man called Jesse Marcel.

Marcel was the Intelligence Officer at the RAAF when the flying saucer was supposed to have crashed on a sheep ranch near Corona, 120 km from Roswell. He claimed his orders were to collect the crash wreckage and deliver it to Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio, which was the home for stockpiled captured enemy equipment. As Marcel was delivering the debris to Wright Field,

Press Officer Walter Haut officially announced the story. Later that same day it was decided to cover up the true events and a second press release was put into motion stating the wreckage was a new type of weather balloon which had not originally been recognised. Walter Haut now admits that the whole thing was a cover-up and that in his words "a balloon is a balloon and this was no balloon". He was instructed by his superiors to put out the story as quickly as possible and all he was doing was following orders - "You did not question your superiors in those days, today there'd be a lot of questions, or even a Congressional hearing, but it was a different era then".

The crash took place on 2nd July 1947 after a particularly bad storm the previous night. Mac Brazel who managed the Foster ranch 120 km north-west of Roswell and 32 km south-east of the small township of Corona went to check on his farm. He came across wreckage strewn over 1 km on his land and he was somewhat mystified as to what it could have been. He picked pieces up which seemed like a tin foil material, very light and with cross sections of I beams and which appeared to have some lavender coloured hieroglyphics painted on them. The foil material when crumpled would immediately unfold and the I beams were light like a balsa wood but could not be burned. Five days later Brazel took some of the wreckage to the Roswell sheriff, after showing his family and neighbours (Floyd and Loretta Proctor) some of the strange material. The sheriff, George Wilcox, contacted the Army base and spoke with Major Jesse Marcel. The Officer, then with accompanying army personnel examined the wreckage and saw how strange the material appeared and along with Sheridan W. Cavitt a Counter Intelligence Officer was immediately ordered to collect the debris by Colonel William Blanchard. The whole ranch was later sealed off and a large group of soldiers and military police made a detailed search of the area. It took the best part of a week to clean up the ranch and Marcel was forbidden to speak to anybody about it - he was also detained by the Sheriff for a few days, and sworn to secrecy. It was reported that he never discussed the incident with anyone not even his family after the event.

Stanton Friedman joined forces with William Moore and they began to uncover many untold facts and by 1986 had managed to interview over 90 people and published six papers appertaining to the incident. They found that Walter G. Haut still lived in Roswell and he was able to track down (with the help of his base year book) some of the people involved.

Whilst filming on location in Roswell, Friedman met with mortician Glenn Dennis. His story revealed that he had befriended a nurse at the Army base hospital in the summer of 1947 who had confidentially told him about these small very "smelly" bodies that she had seen being autopsied by two doctors. The bodies had brownish-grey skin, slits or holes for a nose, small ears and mouth and had four slender fingers with no thumb and completely hairless. He met her on a subsequent occasion and she appeared distressed and unwell. He then tried to contact her and was told she had been posted to England. He tried writing but his mail was returned and he was informed later that she had tragically died in a plane crash.

An interesting parallel arose after a screening for the second time in 1990 of Unsolved Mysteries (the first being in September 1989). This was the story told by Gerald Anderson of a second crash in the San Augustin plains, New Mexico. His testimony told how he and some of his family in July 1947 were out in the plains and literally came across a crashed saucer. He saw alien bodies and one survivor of which he claimed, gave out the most awesome howl when they approached. He claimed the aliens had small black boxes which they held to their chest and their description were similar to the one that Glenn Dennis had been told by the nurse. Within a short

time span they were surrounded by Army Personnel and were told to turn their backs and were threatened to not say anything about the incident or suffer the consequences. He remembered how intimidating it all was.

In 1995 the Santilli film of the Alien Autopsy still leaves a big question mark but interestingly it is alleged that the cameraman who filmed the incident claimed it was an autopsy of an alien from a crashed saucer on 31st May 1947 near Socorro, New Mexico!

On July 1995 in Washington, Congressman Steven Schiff released the GAO report detailing results of a records audit related to events surrounding the crash in 1947, Nr. Roswell, and the military response. The 20 or so page report is the result of constituent information requests to Congressman Schiff and the difficulty he had getting answers from the Department of Defence in the 40 year old controversy.

Schiff reported that many important documents which relate to the story of Roswell were missing. The GAO report states that the outgoing messages from Roswell Army Air Field for the period in question were destroyed. These would have shown how military officials in Roswell explained to their superiors the events as they happened. Why were the documents destroyed and why so quickly after the event if there was nothing to hide!

With all the evidence, the cover story of a weather balloon has worn very thin aeons later, it seems patently obvious that the authors of the communications may have been repeating what they were told rather than what was evident at the time.

Surrounding this strange event there is supporting evidence that something extra-terrestrial could have been visiting the US and the Air Force had full knowledge, for instance, at Muroc Air Force Base pilots were reporting silvery discs circling at high speeds, two groups of discs sighted over Emmett, Idaho and many more were coming in from competent trained observers. A few stories broke in the tabloids but many still went unreported, as pilots were the main witnesses and were duty bound to report directly to their superiors. As with other Air Force Bases the commanders were concerned of Russian secret weapons and were kept on alert in readiness should the occasion arise. When these stories were reported to Washington, a Pentagon spokesman quickly debunked any story that was "saucer" shaped.

When Kenneth Arnold described the flying discs "saucer-like" it unfortunately labelled the whole scenario of extra-terrestrial visitations in a ridiculous manner and this in turn, gave ample ammunition for scepticism. This was obviously destined to be, but on 25th January 1878 the Denison Daily News is said to have coined the phrase "Saucer" by a person describing a flying machine and Arnold unwittingly, re-instated it many years later. (see Flying Saucers are Real by Donald Keyhoe, 1950).

As it is the 50th Anniversary of this famous or infamous story, we are still no nearer the truth and it has in many circles become almost a legend. There are documented films with many witnesses who can recall the circumstances surrounding the Roswell crash and conversations recalled at the time by the children of parents who undoubtedly discussed the crash as a true event around the Roswell area. But still we are told emphatically by the American government that the whole thing was just a weather balloon that there are no such things as flying saucers or Aliens.

There appears in governmental circles codes of practice which state that saucers would have to be "debunked" to *quell the rising tide of fear* among the public but is this necessary now! the shameful thing is that even today the "debunking" process is still being successfully carried out and who will be the one to stand up and be counted if and when the "debunking" comes to an end!

Upon perusal of our own files under the heading in our newsclipping file - *Saucer Just Didn't Fit Editor's Idea of Scoop*, a newspaper editor Richard L Bitters of the Wapakoneta Daily News, O revealed that he and his wife saw a number of flying objects on the night of June 23rd two days before they were first reported in the Pacific northwest, he claimed he sat on the scoop for two weeks before he could get up the nerve to report it! The date of the newspaper clipping is July 7th 1947.

There are several saucer stories in our file of the 6th and 7th July among them is one concerning an airline pilot Captain E.J. Smith of Seattle.

The flight was 105 and took off from Boise Ida., at 8.04pm. The co-pilot Ralph Stevens was put in control shortly after they were in the air when he suddenly switched on the landing lights. He thought he had seen a aircraft approaching them head-on. **"I noticed the object - or objects - then for the first time"** There were four or five *some things* one being larger than the rest and for the most part kept off to the right of the other three or four similar smaller objects. Since the plane was flying into the sunset they could see them at least in partial light and quite clearly. They followed them for 45 miles, and then the captain called the attendant at the Ontario Ore., radio tower giving an approximate location and course for the objects. The attendant acknowledged the call and went outside to look but was unable to see anything that they were describing. Finally the objects disappeared in a burst of speed and the captain and co-pilot were unable to discern if they had outsped them or disintegrated. Their air-speed at the time was 185 mph in a DC-3. Through the Boise air tower they were able to radio another United Plane to see if they had seen anything but they had not.

The stewardess was able to verify what they had seen and described the objects as being thin and smooth on the bottom and rough in appearance on the top. They were unable to describe their shape size or anything else about them but from their manner they claimed they were definitely not another aircraft nor were they smoke or clouds. None of the passengers could see them as the objects were in front.

It appears that Kenneth Arnolds sighting had already started a few jocular reports which ended up in near mass hysteria around Washington, Oregon, Idaho and the Canadian border. Although most were treated tongue in cheek including an Australian psychology professor who told 450 students to go stare at the sky and see if they could spot any flying saucers. Within 10 minutes 22 students returned and drew diagrams of the objects they could see. "What they saw were corpuscles moving across the retina" now draw your own conclusions of flying saucers from outer space!

Whatever the reports are saying the truth is still there, people were sighting strange objects and reporting exactly what they saw. It is patently obvious these sightings were reported at high governmental levels but were kept out of public scrutiny - only media and public pressure on the government now will bring the whole thing to light as to what really happened in 1947 at Roswell.

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THE READING TAPES - SEQUEL

INTERPRETATION OF THE TAPED EXTRACT OF THE IN-TRANCE MESSAGE PUBLISHED IN CONTACT INTERNATIONAL'S 'AWARENESS' MAGAZINE, VOLUME 21 NUMBER 4' SPRING 1997.

by T.R.Dutton.

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Introduction.

A taped extract of a much longer message given by a person in trance was published recently in the 'Awareness' magazine of the UFO Research group Contact International. The message was one element of a series of strange events, which have beset a family in Reading, Berkshire, over a period of months. The happenings appear to be UFO related, but there seems, also, to be strong elements of spiritualism and religion. Data Research, who transcribed the message, commented on this; and noted the, sometimes, garbled nature of the message. A request for the assistance of readers in the process of interpretation was issued. This is my response to that request.

The Nature of the Message

It is not unusual for messages received in trances to become garbled at times; but this can be regarded as evidence that the prophet or medium is not exercising discernment during the trance, and that the conscious mind has become temporarily disengaged.

Although grey aliens from elsewhere in the universe are referred to, the theme of the message is very similar to that found in the apocalyptic writings of the Hebrew prophets. The message seems to be a 'last days' warning.

The reference to 'the Sun..., which Malaki knew,' is very intriguing, because the last book of the Old Testament of the Bible happens to be Malachi (pronounced 'Malaki'). Furthermore, in Chapter 4, verse 2, we find a prophecy that states that the 'Sun of righteousness' shall arise 'with healing in his wings'. Scholars believe that this imagery originated as the winged disc of the sun-god, which often appeared in Persian and Egyptian religious art of that period (430-460 BC). This seems to link very well with the reference made, during the trance, to the ancient Egyptians.

The message seems to imply that souls have been repeatedly reincarnated throughout the Ages and that in these 'last days' many will cease to exist, because they have allowed themselves to die in this life, by following entirely materialistic creeds. So, here again, we have a recognisable link established with Biblical prophecy ---that Apocryphal Book, the Second Book of Esdras (Fourth Book of Ezra in the Catholic Bible) springing immediately to mind.

[I read somewhere that the number of people living today is the same as the total of all the people who have ever lived throughout Man's existence on this planet. So, in terms of reincarnated souls (if one can accept such a Concept) massive losses at this proclaimed critical time in history could be seen as being a major catastrophe with eternal consequences.]

My progressive interpretation of the literal message now follows. So far, I have been unable to find any references to "arages" and "adjuras" (or to words with similar pronunciation) in any of my reference books, so I have allowed the context to suggest their interpretations whenever they occur.

The Interpreted Message (to be cross-referenced with the original) -

"The aliens and their world are dying.
Who the little greys (or greylings) are is irrelevant.

Their arages [souls] are similar to ours but have a different form.
They have different ways of life and different needs.
All our souls have lived for countless aeons. This life is not all we know.

This life is not the end -- its just part of the journey. When we leave it we take knowledge of it with us and take on other forms within the Universe. This process will go on eternally.

This is the End [last days of the Earth?]. We are living at the End. The little aliens have lived [existed] for many thousands of years. Now they are dying out and don't know why. They believed themselves to be immortal but now they are dying and their souls are returning to the Mother (God, the Universe). We humans have forgotten how to move on when we die. Think of the Pyramids. The Egyptians knew all about this and also had very advanced technology. It's all been lost. That's why Shawn [Sean?] has been chosen to come back from the afterlife -- to help the people that are here. An advanced way of life has been lost. There are a few people still alive who understand but who will not share their knowledge.

The [truth] is coming out, but not quickly enough. There are too many people and many will be lost during this life because they don't understand and believe. They've lost their souls.

This is a chance for people "to join the Mother" [rediscover their souls?]. You are a simple life form [like an amoeba] and you know so little compared with what you will know. When you pass from here and experience 'there'. We will not have human bodies. People forget [past-life experiences?]. I don't know why. The Sun of Malachi has something [work?] to do.

Something is taking the adjuras [past-life memory?]. That's why life must end. It's being taken away by [academic concepts of life]. The adjuras is part of the universal system of life and therefore cannot be destroyed, but a [localised] counterforce is building up against it.

The Mother is known to us as God -- all unbelievers must leave [the seance room?]

Whatever is endangering the adjuras is not interested in knowledge but is interested only in energy [power?]. It's building up an alternative power structure. In the final battle between good and evil (Armageddon) people can overrule evil. The destructive alternative system will be destroyed.

People who have no beliefs can't pass over [when they die?] -- This is why we call it evil. These people will be those who chose the alternative [power] structure, which are drawing as many as possible to gain more power. This [atheistic] structure cannot shut down the whole system of life, but there is another system on this side [in the spirit-world?] which can. What we know as evil is not personal. It's not a personal devil. It's not what we're doing to the planet. There's a body of People on this planet who have known it [the real evil?] for a long time.

Since the time of the [ancient] Egyptians there has been a [spiritual?] downfall of people."

[The closing lines of the extracted message seem to be questions asked subconsciously by the medium, followed by the answers received.]

The Egyptians have come up [been mentioned]. Everything seems to have been so advanced up to and including the time of the Aztecs [and, possibly, the Incas?].

I'm fascinated for [by] the aliens and asking about them. I'm getting [being told] that the aliens have come to this Earth for our help -- and we have not given it.

We don't want to give it. We want their technology. We want their everlasting total [fulfilled?] life.

We want their secret of life. We want their technology. We are so selfish.

They are not evil [It's not a matter of good and evil]. They have not the same [concepts?]."

[END of extract]

If we can relate to the world-view being presented, it becomes evident that whoever is responsible for the messages is deeply concerned for human souls. The extraterrestrial aliens are being portrayed as just examples of a different form of physical life, which has its own problems --- the main one being the physical death of the species.

In contrast, we're being told that the human problem is of a magnitude, which is doubly catastrophic, because it involves the imminent death of our planet with all its species of life, coupled with a man-made interruption of the universal process of soul migration. We are being told that if this disruptive process is allowed to continue, human souls will be destroyed, en masse, with the planet.

Of course, this concern for souls is very much at the heart of most of the world's leading religions -- especially, Christianity. Take these words of Jesus for example:

"... Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to kill both soul and body in hell."

So that part of the Christian message is basically the same, in essence, as the message being transmitted through the young man in Reading. The reference to 'the Sun of Malachi' ["with healing in his wings"] also points us towards the need for spiritual healing. Biblically, this 'Sun' is related to the promised new Elijah, interpreted by Christians as being John the Baptist, who prepared the way for Jesus.

We are being informed that the little grey aliens need our help, but that it is not yet forthcoming. According to Jesus, the way to save one's soul is by learning how to relate to God and, unselfishly, to others. Since, today, many of us find it difficult to meet these requirements in our complex and materialistic human society, an unselfish response to the poor little aliens' (Flying Dutchman's) plight might provide the necessary stimulus to prepare us for the day when, we are told, all we humans shall (very suddenly) be launched into eternity.

For me this has been a very thought-provoking exercise, which I can only hope has had similar effects on others. My thanks go to all concerned -- to the family in Reading and to members of Contact International for being sufficiently uninhibited, by the strange nature of the message, to publish it for the potential benefit of all. It most certainly adds a new twist to the UFO enigma!

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EDITOR: CIUFOR remains in contact with the Reading family on an informal basis, although spiritualists appear to be dominating proceedings at the present time. In fact the controlling group is now outside the local area. We understand unusual activity is still occurring with possible important revelations in future. In view of the direction the investigation is heading, and one or two uncomfortable experiences our investigators have felt during interaction with spiritualists - CIUFOR will be keeping a low profile unless the family specifically asks for assistance.

Having personally selected the particular passage out of nearly 50 pages of dialogue in "trance", I would almost entirely agree with Roy Dutton's interpretation. Something is warning of failing spirit or life-force in us the human race. Whether this is from invisible alien sources or some of our own spiritual ancestry is not quite clear. If we have been examined by superior aliens they would be fully aware of what happens beyond death, and know about reincarnation. Can these aliens help us - can we help them?

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UFOs, NO DEFENCE SIGNIFICANCE - THE DEBATE CONTINUES

by Brian P James

In recent issues of *Awareness* you will have seen various articles and discussions on whether UFOs are 'ours', and how they are being perceived by governments and military forces worldwide. Perhaps it is now time to review recent cases and events.

In *Awareness* 21/4, reference was made to the tragic loss of TWA Flight 800 off the US eastern seaboard. There has been much speculation that the aircraft was hit by some other aerial object, which could have been a missile or space debris, or some other controlled vehicle. There have been some unfortunate and tragic shoot-downs of passenger aircraft before, some might argue not entirely accidental. What of the Korean Airlines 747 shot down by the Soviet Air Force - it is suspected that the airliner was being used as something of a radar decoy by a USAF aircraft, probably an RC-135 spy plane, and it was this aircraft that the Soviet's were trying to shoot-down. Also remember the Iranian Airbus brought down over the Gulf by the US Navy's *USS Vincennes* - claimed to be an accident, but given the political situation, there will always be doubt.

The loss of TWA 800 on 17 July 1996 is now well documented, it occurred near a military exercise area, and I will not go into great detail here. However, I will remind you of another incident in the same area on 5 February this year, which has not been picked up as widely as I would have expected.

A Nations Air charter flight Boeing 727 was en-route from Puerto Rico to New York's Kennedy airport, when some 70 miles out from the coast, it was intercepted and buzzed by two US Air National Guard F-16 fighters, causing panic on the airliner as collision warning alarms were sounding as they tried to avoid impact. Needless to say the unfortunate passengers were given something of a rough ride as the airliner was forced to dive 4000'. The two F-16's had got so close that the airliner's collision warning systems could no longer detect the fighters to register their proximity. It is claimed that the two fighters 'engaged' the airliner more than once.

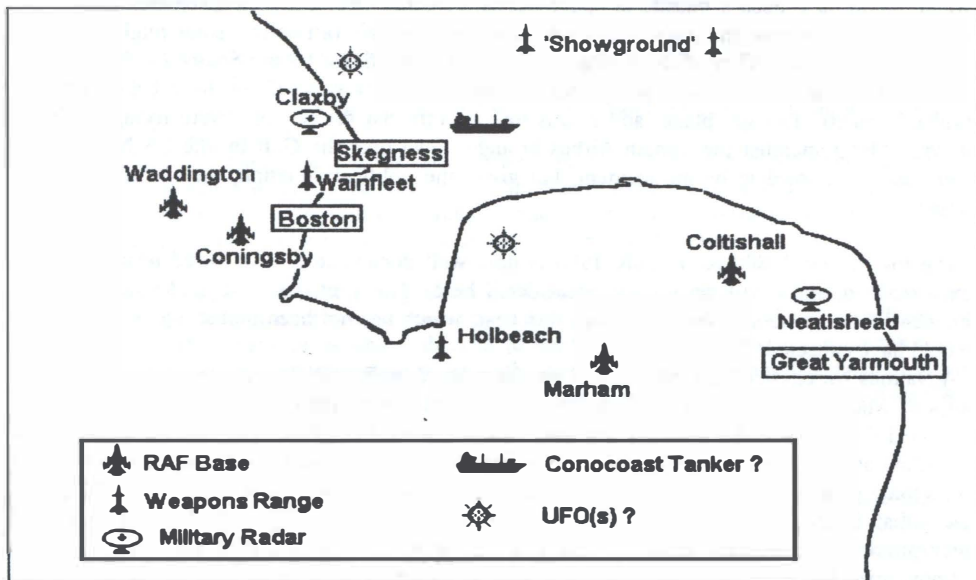
Spokesmen for the 177th Fighter Wing of the Air Guard, whose aircraft were involved in this interception, made some very interesting statements. The two pilot's had detected an "unauthorised aircraft" in their area, and according to ANG commander Col. Thomas Griffin, "It was their mission to check out planes that appeared to be intruding US airspace.." and that they "...had to get close enough to identify it." The two F-16's were part of a training exercise, being controlled by the US Navy, who insist that they ordered the fighters to disengage the civilian airliner, but one fighter is claimed to have continued to tail the airliner for a while longer.

This case raises a number of points, not least that of air safety, when a civilian airliner, equipped with transponders, is not identified by military forces, who themselves seem to have had less than ideal communications with either the plane or civilian air controllers. However, from our interests, we should note that the US military are vigilant to aerial intruders, and are very proactive in assessing any possible threat, remember "It was their mission to check out planes that appeared to be intruding US airspace..".

In *Awareness* 21/4 we also related the case of the mysterious UFO sighting(s) over East Anglia on 5 October 1996. We reported the case based on data supplied to us, with little critical comment, but it will be of interest to look at some of the discrepancies and anomalies, and other issues surrounding the case.

To briefly remind you of the event: police officers in Boston and Skegness made visual sightings of mysterious bright lights; members of the crew on board a Conoco oil tanker out in the North Sea also reported lights; RAF radar's confirmed targets; the coastguards at Great Yarmouth co-ordinated the 'investigation' on the day. Now to look at the 'anomalies' in the reports, and the general scenario.

Apparently the only RAF station taking any sort of active interest was Kinloss, some 400 miles north of the action, though RAF radars were involved elsewhere. I find it very strange, that given the various installations in the area, it was only Kinloss that were picking this event up. Let us examine the many and varied military installations in the sighting area.



- RAF Coltishall, near Norwich, a front-line base, home to No's 6, 41 and 54 Sqn's, with their Jaguar GR1A and GR1B aircraft, which have seen recent service over the Gulf and Bosnia. All of these squadrons are dedicated to attack and reconnaissance.
- RAF Marham, near Kings Lynn, another front-line station, home to No's 2, 13 and 39 Sqn's, flying Tornado GR1A's, and Canberra PR9's - the Canberra is a dedicated photographic reconnaissance aircraft.
- RAF Waddington, near Lincoln, another front-line base. This is the UK base for the RAF's Boeing E-3D Sentry fleet of No's 8 and 23 Sqn's, which are Britain's contribution to NATO's airborne early warning capabilities. Waddington is also the base for No 51 Sqn, with its specialised Nimrod R1's - this is a very secretive squadron, with sensitive aircraft.
- RAF Coningsby, near Horncastle, again a front-line station, home to No 5 Sqn with its Tornado F3 interceptors.
- RAF Neatishead, one of the three core-stations for the UK's air defence radar systems.
- Weapons ranges at Wainfleet and Holbeach.
- The very sophisticated British Aerospace *Showground* weapons range off the Lincolnshire coast, an electronic training 'battle ground'.

As we can see, the area for this UFO event is not exactly in some quiet part of Britain, and it defies belief that at least one of the front-line RAF bases was not aware of unidentified aerial activity right on its doorstep. Remember, these unknowns had no transponders or IFF signals, they should have been regarded as an intruder and a potential threat. In the last issue of *Awareness*, we did question why no fighter's were scrambled to investigate, and this is a major question that the MOD still have to answer.

Looking again at the reports and transcripts, we see the very curious report from the radar at Northwood that they had a target on 221° at 16 miles. Why did Kinloss relate this to the East Anglia event? It is quite obvious that Northwood had a target over the Windsor/Staines area, and of course Heathrow airport is in that location! Perhaps we should be very concerned over the geographical and navigational knowledge of personnel at both Kinloss and Northwood?

It is a pity that we have been unable to clarify the exact position of the Conocoast vessel when they reported lights at 345° and 160°, but they would tend to indicate two lights some considerable distance apart. It is fair to assume that the tanker would not have been close into the shore, yet likely to have been to the south-west of the *Showground* range (One of the relay stations was damaged by a ship in fog last year). It is not inconceivable that neither of the lights reported by the Conocoast vessel were those being reported by the police at Skegness and Boston. Why did no-one at the Coastguard control centre at Great Yarmouth make an attempt at a visual confirmation? It should also be noted that none of the visual reports were confirmed as corresponding to the radar contacts being made by Neatishead, and later by Waddington. It was over 2½ hours after the last reported visual sighting that Neatishead still had a radar target. The apparent final report from Anglia radar at 19.20hrs, stating that they no longer had a target, is very curious - what happened in the 8 hours and 11 minutes from the last Neatishead report at 11.09hrs?

I am curious that none of the visual reports made reference to the position of the lights compared to the moon, which was itself in the south-eastern sky, and would have been at last quarter. The position for one of the lights is in the region where Sirius was positioned in the sky, and as the upper atmosphere was cold, with ice crystals causing refractive images, is it possible that people were simply mis-identifying Sirius?

To return to the MOD's response (Or should that be lack of response?), spokesman Nigel Sergeant stated "We are trying to prove that it does not represent any sort of security threat, and that it was not an aggressive intrusion into our airspace. This is one of the bigger sightings recently and has caused quite a bit of interest". Compared to the pro-active vigilance of the US defence forces, the attitude of our own 'defenders of the realm' is reactive, and a decidedly slow reaction at that. How long will it take for the MOD to decide if these objects were a threat - a few days, a few weeks, a few months after an inquiry? Do potential enemies have to give us four weeks notice in writing of an impending invasion? Though of course this sort of scenario did result in the Falkland's Crisis!

If the RAF and MOD ignore unknown aerial targets and intrusions then the implications for the defence of the UK are quite staggering. I would prefer to think (Rather than just hope) that in this instance the powers that be were happy to ignore these objects on the basis that they knew perfectly well what they were. Again I feel this demonstrates that the MOD knew full well what was in our skies. The statements made by spokesmen to the contrary are surely part of a disinformation campaign

EAST ANGLIAN SIGHTINGS - FURTHER ANALYSIS

by John Griffith*

Re: Article in Vol 21 No 4 "Awareness" by Data Research and titled "Mystery Lights Over The Wash".

I am a freelance writer, with an interest in military and civil aviation, marine and UFOs (amongst others). I have written for UFO magazine, and I write on radio communications in my column "Scanning" which appears monthly in "Shortwave Magazine". In real life that is when I'm not writing, I'm a Social Worker.

The article in question, whilst interesting, contains a certain number of anomalies which had me reaching for the word processor. It's just that I hate to see more innuendo and rumour surrounding a subject I happen to enjoy very much.

Firstly, credence is a bit low given that the organisations concerned - Police, HM Coastguard and the RAF - whilst operating, at times, in unison (as an ex RNLI Lifeboatman I should know how well they can, and do work together) do so in "local" and not - as the article suggests - in the sort of network given.

Firstly, RAF Stations at Kinloss, Waddington, Northwood and Neatishead would not have access to H.M Coastguard at Great Yarmouth via VHF radio links. They would on the International Distress and Urgency Frequency of 2.182khz. Was this medium used to call up? If so, why weren't we told? If a "full transcript" of the messages are available, what frequency was used ----If VHF was, then an "airborne" platform would have to be used to relay messages - one to the north for Kinloss and one to the south for the other stations. No mention of AWACs or AEW Nimrods was made.

The police cannot, and do not, transmit on the sort of frequencies used by the RAF, HMOG and the tanker "Conocoast". Why? Police transmissions would be made on UHF - a medium that HMOG do not have access to. However I'll give you the fact that, somehow, the local constabulary managed to get hold of a marine VHF transmitter. That is the only way they would be able to talk to the Great Yarmouth Coastguard. Skegness and Boston Police do not, as far as I am aware, have access to Marine VHF equipment and most certainly not to HF (High Frequency or "short wave") equipment. If they did they would not have military channels available to them. As for the "Conocoast", she would be fitted for comm's on VHF and HF with HMOG and the RAF - but only on agreed civil channels.

If HMOG did indeed co-ordinate the effort, how? If they did indeed manage to pull in Kinloss, then it was either routed via an AWACS or Nimrod AEW out over the North Sea - in which case the RAF were taking a larger interest than may at first be thought. Nimrods would be able to relay Kinloss and Northwood on VHF. Did they? I'd love to have a copy of the transmission to work this one out.

Another anomaly: What was the tanker doing? Was it anchored - if so where? If it was steaming, then from where to where? Merchant ships don't just "stop" to watch lights in the sky.

As a freelance writer with an interest in marine, aviation and the paranormal, I'd be

incredibly interested in finding out more than has been given currently. Also there is no knowledge of this having taken place from my own sources - who most of the bands for unusual radio activity. Given that I write for the premier radio magazine on the hobby - which covers voice, data, satellite, fax, slow scan television etc - the whole thing seems to be a fairly implausible one. The communications mix doesn't fit. The separate authorities have no common medium apart from the RAF and HMOG - who use mixed communications media for sea rescue, for example - and no police vehicles are fitted with marine VHF sets. Distance apart, to transmit from Kinloss on a common medium would need an airborne relay - I.E a Nimrod. VHF is line of sight - no amount of power would be able to whap a signal from Scotland to Yarmouth. Yes it could be done on HF - but then, the police do not have access to such equipment.

If the info came in from the Internet - then, sorry! Its not gospel and should be given a pretty wide berth given the amount of disinformation on the 'net. Pranksters abound and some of the stories are quite good - but in this case, I'd put it down to someone being a bit naughty and not knowing his comms.

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EDITOR: We have a further account from Roy Dutton (held over) who shows how these UFOs fulfill his criteria for "delivery tracks" and "retrieval tracks" (See Vol 21 No3).

The original newspaper articles concerning the case have all now been seen, and the Internet report agrees with the Norfolk paper from which it was taken. Presumably all communications could have been done by telephones and recorded, but as the arguments have been drawn to editorial attention by several readers, further enquiries may be needed to find out just what was going on. Possible government disinformation is a possibility.

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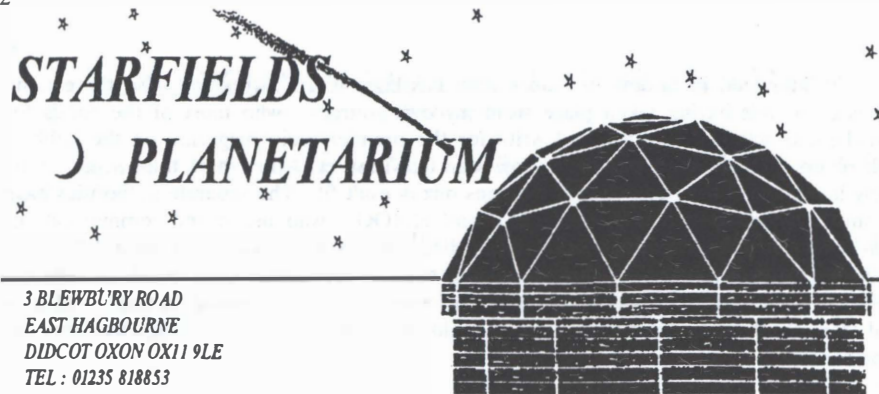
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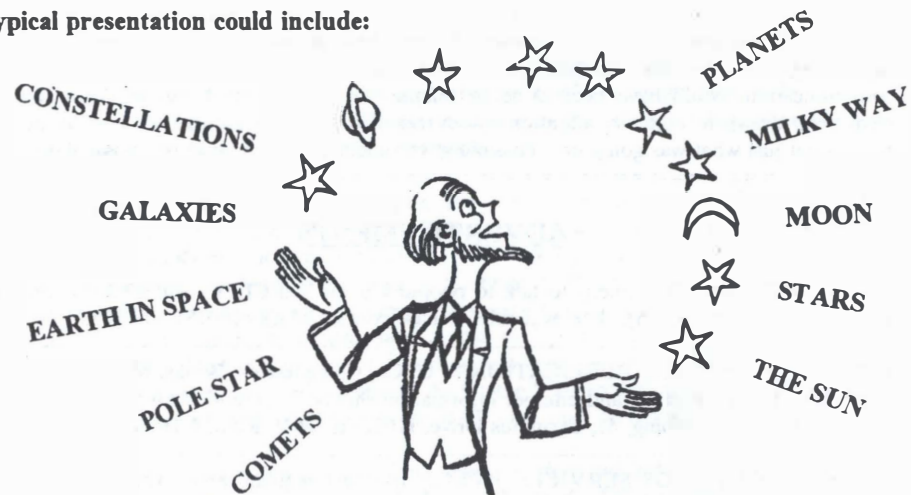
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