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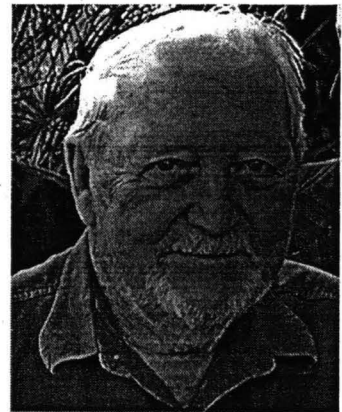
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In memoriam
Wendelle Stevens

1923-2010



Lt. Colonel Wendelle Stevens UFO research pioneer, Lt. Colonel (USAF Ret.) Wendelle Stevens passed September 7, 2010 at his home in Tucson, Arizona. Wendelle C. Stevens was born in 1923 in Round Prairie, Minn., he enlisted in 1941 in the US Army and was transferred to the Air Corps in 1942. He served in the Pacific Theater during World War II. Stevens also served as US Air Attaché in South America. He retired from the USAF in 1963 and worked for Hamilton Aircraft until 1972.

He is survived by his three daughters, Christine, Cece and Carol; seven grandchildren; and his wife, Susan Trude-Stevens, as well as a plethora of friends who called him family.

Service will be held at Southern AZ Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Fort Huachuca Military Base, Sierra Vista, AZ, Full Military Honors on Thursday, September 16, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. Arrangements by BRING'S BROADWAY CHAPEL.

Article courtesy of tuscon.com

Return performance: Military jets chase UFO over Arizona town

August 17th, 2010



A Lake Havasu City, AZ, couple watching television was interrupted when their son pointed out what appeared to be 8 to 10 jets chasing a boomerang-shaped UFO on August 16, 2010, according to testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

They report that the jet aircraft used "extremely bright, strobing lights" as they flew north of their location at high speed moving east to west. The jets then turned around and moved back, flying east to west. But during this return trip, the couple noticed "a bright red light ahead of the conventional aircraft."

"At one point the red light made an abrupt and complete stop and then changed directions flying back in the direction it came from," the reporting witness stated. "The other aircraft made their turns and began following."

Just when they lost sight of both the jets and the red light - about 30 seconds later - they watched a "triangle shaped object with a deep red light in the center" come toward them from the direction that the jets had flown and move overhead. A few minutes later, the jets returned, following the UFO. What stood out at this moment - was the silence of the UFO.

"The triangle shaped object made no sound as it flew overhead, yet we could hear the conventional aircraft as they flew by." The couple watched the UFO as compared to the conventional jets.

"Over the next several minutes the aircraft (UFO) continued to maneuver around the airspace near the city at extreme speeds, my wife, son and myself all witnessed changes in speed (including full stops), direction and altitude which are not possible with currently known technologies." After 30 to 45 minutes, all of the aircraft moved out of the area.

RICHMOND COUNTY DAILY JOURNAL

Rockingham, NC Sept. 15, 2010

Some ideas offered to explain flying objects

by Philip D. Brown

At least one resident thinks the objects may have been Army observation helicopters

Several explanations are being offered for accounts of unidentified flying objects over Hamlet Monday and Tuesday nights. While reports of strange objects in the sky continued to come into the Hamlet Police Department Tuesday night, the answer could be something simple, a UFO watcher said.

"While 95 percent of sightings can be explained, there are about 5 percent of them that you just have to scratch your head and ask, 'How could this be?'," said Mark Easter, public relations director for the Mutual UFO Network.

Hamlet Police Chief John Haywood was unaware of Wednesday's article about reports of a flying object over Raleigh Street and lights in the sky over U.S. 74 Monday night.

"People have been constantly calling us to report seeing UFO's," Haywood said. "The calls haven't stopped." He offered one possible explanation for the sightings - testing at the airport.

Airport Manager Doile Haigler said there are still Robin Sage exercises going on at the airport periodically. Robin Sage is the final stage of training for Army troops training to become Special Forces.

"The only thing we're doing differently that I can think of is the Army is running their helicopters in and out pretty steady during the day," he said. "They're doing a lot of training out here." He said some of the helicopter training exercises have included interdiction and extraction exercises.

"That's where they go into an airport to either rescue somebody, or keep somebody from leaving," Haigler explained. "They should be continuing those exercises for the next few days and few weeks."

Richmond County Public Works Director Brian Land said he spoke at length with Army personnel. "We are working with the military, mostly for Robin Sage, but to the best of my knowledge everything they've been doing over there has been during daylight hours," Land said Wednesday.

Another possible explanation for Monday night's sightings was offered by reader Kimberly Kennedy. She too saw strange lights in the sky around 9:30 or 10 p.m. Monday night.

"I believe the Monday night sighting was most likely the International Space Station," Kennedy wrote in an e-mail. "My husband, mother, daughter and I saw the same object moving through the sky at the same time ... It appeared to be as bright as a planet, and it was not blinking. Also, there were no red or green lights typically seen with an airplane."

Kennedy said she viewed a video of the space station passing overhead on the Hayden Planetarium's website. "and it looked exactly like what I saw last night."

According to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the space station could be viewed above Rockingham and Hamlet Monday night, but only for two or three minutes about an hour before the reports came in from residents and customers of K's Corner on Business 74.

Yet another explanation was offered by Hamlet resident and U.S. Army veteran Jamie Puckett. Puckett said the description in the newspaper matches the description of an OH-58D Kiowa Warrior reconnaissance helicopter.

"It has a big ball on top of it, which is a camera. It's huge and it hovers and makes a humming noise. When the camera is on, the blades catch the light and give the appearance it has revolving lights around it."

According to the website www.airforceworld.com, the single-engine, four-bladed aircraft has a main rotor light, and is designed to operate at standoff ranges and acquire and designate targets during the day or night.

Puckett said she's seen this type of aircraft at Fort Bragg all the time, where she travels to receive treatment at Womack Army Hospital. "It's not a UFO - it's a reconnaissance helicopter," she said.

Easter said North Carolina can be a hot spot for UFO sightings. "The state does, from time-to-time, have flaps of sightings," Easter said, explaining "flaps" is a term used in the UFO community to explain multiple sightings.

He said that anyone who sees an unidentified flying object, or a strange light in the sky, can report their sightings to the Mutual UFO Network. Field investigators from the group are then alerted, and may travel to the area to collect evidence. Easter said the types of sightings being reported in Hamlet over Monday and Tuesday night are especially coveted, because multiple people witnessed them.

A database of reports to Mufon includes a pair of 2009 sightings reported in Richmond County.

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THE HUFFINGTON POST

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Chicago O'Hare UFO: Leslie Kean Revisits 2006 'Sighting' on 'Colbert Report'

In November of 2006, United Airlines employees at O'Hare Airport in Chicago reported seeing a "flying saucerlike object" hovering over Concourse C of the United terminal. While most UFO sightings are dismissed as delusions by crazy people, a *Chicago Tribune* reporter followed up on the story--and said seasoned pilots, airline management and mechanics all came forward, shaken by what they saw.

"I stood outside in the gate area not knowing what to think, just trying to figure out what it was," a United manager told *Tribune* reporter Jon Hilkevitch. The manager ran outside his office in Concourse B after hearing the report about the sighting on an internal airline radio frequency. "I knew no one would make a false call like that. But if somebody was bouncing a weather balloon or something else over O'Hare, we had to stop it because it was in very close proximity to our flight operations."

The story was picked up by most major news networks, and forced some people to seriously reconsider the possibility of UFOs, though the Federal Aviation Administration dismissed the sightings as a "weather phenomenon."

While many people may have forgotten about the sighting, journalist Leslie Kean did not. In her new book, "UFOs: Generals, Pilots and Government Officials Go On the Record," Kean investigates some high profile UFO sightings from over the decades--most of which were acknowledged or investigated by governments or professional agencies.

Kean appeared on the "Colbert Report" with Stephen Colbert Monday to discuss her book--and Colbert brought up the infamous 2006 O'Hare sighting. Kean explained that though the story was big at the time, it blew over. She also said there should be more investigation into these sightings.

"This thing was hovering over Chicago O'Hare Airport at rush hour," Kean said. "Lots of people saw it. . . the U.S. government never said a word."

GREEN BAY PRESS GAZETTE

Aug. 25, 2010 Green Bay, WI

Possible solution to mystery of the orbs

Local family not entirely convinced

By Samantha Hernandez • svhernande@doorcountyadvocate.com

A local DJ may have solved a weeks-old mystery of the bright orange orbs that were spotted by vacationing siblings earlier this month.

Dan O'Hern (aka The Unknown DJ) e-mailed the Door County Advocate after the story ran, saying that the description of the Platt family's orange orbs matched that of sky lanterns he saw at a wedding in July.

Sky lanterns are small, flame-retardant paper balloons that, when lit, take to the sky. If caught in a wind current, they can travel for as long as the fuel pack holds out. That can be up to 10 minutes.

The lanterns are common overseas and, according to www.theskylantern.com, are also known as "khom fai" or "UFO balloons."

"I was doing a wedding down at Beach Harbor back in July" and the couple launched 12 of these lanterns, O'Hern said. The lanterns went up about 100 feet. When the lanterns got moving, they all took the same path until they disappeared from view, he said. He said they all appeared to go in a straight line just as the Platts had described.

"What they describe was the perfect rendition of what I saw that night," O'Hern said.

Barbara Platt Lauris, Dorcas Platt Wagenknecht and Rob Platt said they saw bright orange "orbs" around 11:45 p.m. Aug. 1 moving south to north along the horizon line about 10 miles north of Sturgeon Bay along Bayshore Drive. The siblings saw a total of four orbs cross the sky.

Lauris has viewed images and video online of the sky lanterns and although she feels that the two are similar, she isn't convinced that lanterns are what she and her siblings saw.

Her reasons for doubting are the speed at which the orbs traveled, the way the orbs moved with consistency of direction and at a horizontal angle, and the fact the orbs did not flicker as if flaming. Lauris said if someone could answer those questions, she would accept the explanation.

Todd Schlosser, sales representative for Michigan-based The Sky Lanterns, explains how the lanterns could look to be traveling at a fast speed and moving horizontally.

"When they catch an air current, they're gone," Schlosser said. Once a lantern gets up 100 to 200 feet and is caught by wind currents, it can pick speed and be gone, he said.

"The higher they go, the less you'll see them going up and up" and the more it will look like they are going in a straight line, Schlosser, said.

Schlosser even offered an explanation for the lack of a flicker from the orbs. The lanterns will flicker for about 30 seconds to a minute before going out and drifting to earth, Schlosser said. Sometimes the lanterns don't even appear to flicker, he said.

Schlosser said that he has received calls from people who at first mistook the lanterns for UFOs and upon further research found their way to theskylantern.com. The Sky Lanterns bills itself as the first company to "import the 'Original Sky Lanterns' into the USA."

Schlosser, who believes in UFOs, said he can't be sure that what the Platts saw were sky lanterns, but he offers a bit of advice to those who are wondering what it is that they saw.

"If they last for five to seven minutes, it's most likely a sky lantern," he said.

Another sighting

Furthering the mystery of the orange orbs was the sighting of more than a dozen unidentified bright, floating lights on Saturday by a sheriff's deputy and a Sturgeon Bay police officer.

Authorities say they received a call from the bridge operator at the Bayview Bridge reporting as many as 13 lights in the sky "like balloons lit on fire."

In a short report released by the Sturgeon Bay Police, Officer Carl G. Waterstreet wrote, "I was alerted by Deputy (Robert) Sitte that he observed more than a dozen bright floating lights to the north of the city over the water. At the time Deputy Sitte contacted me, I observed the same thing. It appeared to be bright orange objects floating like balloons in the sky. It is unknown where they came from or exactly what they were. They eventually disappeared into the sky."

At press time neither officer had returned a call for further comment.

A spokesperson for Beach Harbor Resort said sky lanterns were released near the resort Saturday night.

Dan O'Hern said the lanterns he saw looked like "big, orange balls" once lighted and airborne.

WTRV CBS Chan. 6

Richmond, VA Sept. 8, 2010

UFO Over Dinwiddie?

Calls pour into police dispatch after blinking lights are captured in the night sky.

by Wayne Covil Staff Reporter

DINWIDDIE COUNTY - What appeared to be an airplane in flames lit up the sky over parts of Dinwiddie County Tuesday night. Some people thought it was a UFO, and some people thought they had the unfortunate chance to witness a disaster in the making. But in reality, it was something quite different.

One man caught a record of what he saw using a cell phone camera. Others living on Colemans Lake Road walked outside their houses to gaze into the sky while others stopped on Route 460.

At about the same time, 911 calls to Petersburg and Dinwiddie started coming in.

"Around 11:15 p.m., we started to receive phone calls transferred to us from both the city of Petersburg and from citizens within Dinwiddie who were reporting that they saw an aircraft in the air that they believed to be either on fire or breaking up on fire and falling from the sky," said Dennis Hale, Director of Dinwiddie County Public Safety.

With the calls flooding in, communications begins to alert firefighters in the area.

"We dispatched it as if it were an airplane crash to the best area we could have available," said Hale. "We put three fire stations on stand-by until we could locate it."

Fifteen minutes after dispatching firefighters and putting several stations on stand-by, Dinwiddie County Authorities learned it was a military training exercise from the nearby Fort Pickett.

However, as a safety measure, the state police helicopters flew over that area of Dinwiddie County, just to make sure that everything is okay.

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Aug. 26, 2010 Los Angeles, CA

Did hunter's infrared camera capture images of UFO ?

Fort Worth area resident Lisa Brock-Piekarski is a little freaked out by images she discovered on an infrared camera mounted at her family's favorite hunting spot.

That's not because of the deer in the foreground but because of the mysterious lights in the background to the left of the animal.

"What I see looks almost like a Frisbee," Brock-Piekarski told Dallas-Fort Worth NBC affiliate KXAS-TV. "You see a several lights going around, and they're all symmetrical and lit up, and it just looks like an object in the sky."

While she hesitated calling it a UFO, Brock-Piekarski could not identify what might have caused the string of lights to appear in the photos, taken over a timespan of almost two hours.

"There's nothing back there but trees and sky," she said. "There's no hills, no buildings, nothing back there. It's all flat."

Brock-Piekarski said the pictures were taken by an infrared, motion-activated game camera. The equipment wasn't moved, and it doesn't have a flash.

"We've seen falling stars, all kinds of stuff out there because you're away from the city," she said. "Anytime there's a meteor shower or anything, you can see it a lot better, but I've never seen anything like that."

The Brock-Piekarski's hunting land is located in Archer City, which is near [Sheppard Air Force Base](#). The installation did not immediately return requests from KXAS-TV asking if it had planes up the night the images were taken.

Brock-Piekarski added that she was now a little hesitant to go out hunting and to her deer blind alone.

"It's a little creepy," Brock-Piekarski said. "I don't know if I want to be sitting out in my deer stand by myself anymore, hunting."



Sept. 6, 2010 Spartanburg, NC

Simpsonville Man Believes He Caught UFO On Camera

By [Melissa Keeney](#)

For a moment Sunday night, [Jawad Ashy](#) thought he was seeing things. "At first, I was like, oh this is cool," he says. "Then I thought, oh this is kind of scary!"

The [Simpsonville](#) man was sitting on the front porch with his girlfriend Sunday around 10:30 p.m. when a blue light appeared in the sky. [Ashy](#) says it started out small and then got bigger. He believes it was a UFO. "I was a skeptic, but now I'm a believer."

[Ashy](#) caught the whole thing on his video camera. Looking at the film, the object stays in the sky for about three minutes.

"I'm definitely coming back out tonight to see if it shows up again."

WSPA meteorologist Dan Bickford says there is "nothing unusual", like a meteor shower, going on in the atmosphere right now.

Sept. 6, 2010 Charleston, SC

Caught on video: UFO in South Carolina?

Credit: WSPA

Do you have an eye for the strange and possibly extra-terrestrial?

If you have an eye for the strange and possibly extra-terrestrial, you might want to listen to this. A Simpsonville man says he has proof there's something in outer space, we can't explain.

"Just here on the porch, chilling out, and there it was!"

"I don't think it was anything of this world, I really don't."

[Jawad Ashy](#) shot the video, that has a lot of people talking.

[Jawad Ashy](#) - "I went from oh wow, I'm excited. To oh wow, I'm kinda weirded out, to oh wow, I'm a little scared!"

[Ashy](#) says he spotted something Sunday night that even modern science can't explain, but maybe his camera could....

[Ashy](#) - "It's not a saucer, not an airplane.."

It's a blue blob bouncing across the sky. [Ashy](#) is convinced it's a UFO.

[Ashy](#) - "At first I was like wow this is pretty cool, and then when it would get big at times, I was like oh no, it's seen us, it's coming to get us!"

Reporter - "You realize this is all crazy talk." [Ashy](#) - "Well, it's crazy til you see it!"

[Melissa Keeney](#) - WSPA - "[Ashy](#) says the camera doesn't lie, but we wanted proof. Was this the stuff of science or something really out of this world?"

Ed Richards is a lifetime lover of astronomy, who also had his eyes to the sky last night. But he's never saw this.

According to Richards, both Venus and Jupiter are visible right now, but neither fits this phenomenon. Which he's quick to say might NOT be what we think.

Ed Richards - "It's an extraordinary claim, and takes extraordinary evidence and so to say that it's something that's not military or something like that, it takes a lot to prove that."

As for [Ashy](#)? - "I'm [an amateur UFO hunter](#) now."

In a normal neighborhood, he says something this special is really out of sight.

Richards says those who have a fascination with space can always come to the [Astronomy club](#) at the [Roper Mountain Science Center](#).

They meet every Friday night at the center, starting at 7:00.

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NAPLES NEWS

Sept. 15, 2010 Naples, FL

Is the truth out there? Southwest Florida weighs in on Tuesday night lights off coast

By Aaron Hale

Sometimes an official explanation is not nearly as satisfying as alternative theories.

Many coastal residents from Marco Island to Fort Myers Beach wondered if they were witnessing a supernatural occurrence when a mysterious light display appeared over the Gulf on Tuesday night. The lights, which were recorded by dozens of camera phones and have been posted on YouTube and Facebook, showed-up miles offshore and glimmered on and off for at least 20 minutes, according to witnesses.

Those who saw the incident say orange or yellow lights appeared flickering in stationary patterns across the sky before fizzling into darkness. Moments later, new lights would appear in different patterns — V-shaped, straight lines, in circular patterns.

This phenomenon continued sometime between 8 and 10 p.m. according to Naples Fire Department Chief Steve McInerny, who reported that dispatch received scores of 911 calls about the lights.

Several residents sent photos to the Naples Daily News describing the occurrence as a UFO incident.

Stephanie Ward, a Naples resident who saw the spectacle after leaving a bar near Vanderbilt Beach Park, said she could come up with only one explanation. "I thought it was a UFO for sure," she said. "It was pretty intense,"

The official story that authorities have released offers a far more earthly — and for some witnesses, less believable — explanation.

Senior Airman Katie Spencer, a spokeswoman for the Homestead Air Reserve Base, said Air Force jets were performing routine training exercises in the Gulf, and the lights were merely flares dropped by aircraft.

The Air Force owns air space dozens of miles offshore southwest of Naples; in the area the lights were seen.

Spencer said F-16 jet pilots were practicing the release of flares that are used as defensive measures for evading enemy fire. She called it a routine training exercise.

Ward, a lifelong Naples resident, said she has never seen anything like it.

When it comes to the varying shapes formed by the lights and the fact that they appeared to remain stationary, according to several witnesses and some video footage, the official explanation leaves something to be desired for the UFO believers.

"We don't have an explanation as far as the patterns," she said, after watching an eight-minute video of the incident on YouTube. "We were just training."

Ian Carrier, another spokesman for the base who had not been briefed on Tuesday night's lights, had speculated that the flares may have been attached to parachutes.

"They come down real slow, and it looks like they're just hanging in the air," he said.

However, Spencer, who talked with the base's pilots about the training exercises, said there were no parachutes on the flares. "They were flares, and flares fall," she insisted. She said perhaps people could not perceive the movement from miles away.

Kevin Dinger, an East Naples resident training to be a student pilot, said he has never seen flares like what he saw Tuesday night. He said at one point he saw orange lights moving across the horizon of the sky. The Daily News has not been able to confirm that other witnesses saw this movement.

Dinger suspects something else is going on, though he is hesitant to disclose his theory. "I don't want to be the crazy guy to go on TV," he said, "but the military can say anything they want. Is the Air Force telling the truth? Or do they just not want people to

know about what they are really doing?"

When asked if her explanation would answer the skeptics, she said, "They can be skeptical. These are flares that the military uses. What they perceive and what (the lights were) is different."

She encouraged those intrigued by Air Force Reserve exercises to come to a Nov. 15 and 16 air show at the Homestead base.

Carrier chuckled at the alternative explanations to routine Air Force training exercises.

"Unfortunately, the stuff we do is a lot more mundane than people think it is," he said. "I wish we had cool stuff like UFOs."

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Sept. 15, 2010 South Carolina

by Roger Marsh

South Carolina woman reports falling cylinder-shaped object

A South Carolina woman reports a cylinder-shaped object moving down vertically in the sky at 10:45 p.m. on September 13, 2010, with three bright lights and a "blurry background" that made it appear two dimensional, according to testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

"What I saw was just pure confusion," the witness stated. The object was reported just 100 feet away from the witness.

"It was almost like an apparition, because we were so close to this thing- it was extremely confusing as to why neither me nor the driver could focus our eyes on it. Everything around it was clearly there, but looking at this thing was just too much to process. It was very jerky, fast moving - but at the same time not moving at all; seemed very busy, the energy was busy. But it did nothing at the same time. I was too stunned and confused during/afterward to even think of grabbing my camera out of my purse."

SC, September 13, 2010 -
Vertical/Cylindrical/3Lights/BlurryAura/LessThan100ftAway.
[MUFON Case # 25433](#).

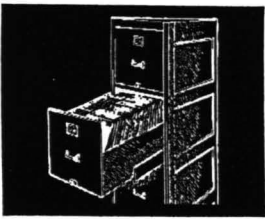
It was around 10:45pm driving up a hill in a suburban area. A church sits right off the 4 lane road on the left at the top of the hill. I was in the passenger seat & looked up. What I saw was just pure confusion.

My first logical thought was "IS THAT A PLANE GOING DOWN?" The object was completely & steadily vertical. Simple, very uncomplicated plane/cross type shape. Vertical, cylindrical, 3 bright lights. Shadowy aura, blurry background; almost computer pixel-y looking. More 2-d than 3-d, if that makes any sense.

It was right above the church's roof. The driver did not want to stop so I kept looking in the rear view window, I could still see the 3 lights behind the trees as we headed down the hill. I convinced the driver to turn around... we returned & there was nothing out of the ordinary. It was gone.

It was almost like an apparition, because we were SO close to this thing- it was EXTREMELY confusing as to why neither me nor the driver could focus our eyes on it. Everything around it was clearly there, but looking at this thing was just too much to process. It was very jerky, fast moving - but at the same time not moving at all; seemed very busy, the energy was busy. But it did nothing at the same time. I was too stunned & confused during/afterward to even THINK of grabbing my camera out of my purse.

I drew a decent enough drawing on my computer via Paint. (the pole with red lights in the background of my picture, behind the trees on the right, is a distant Radio Tower that I kept looking at, behind My Object, to make sure I wasn't confused while looking at this mystery thing.)



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FORTY-NINTH YEAR

UFO Sightings: Scientists Wonder If There Is Coverup

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David Branch, formerly communications specialist with the U. S. Army Security Agency, is president of the California affiliate of the highly respected National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), Washington, D.C. Branch has racked up fifteen years' investigative and executive experience with this civilian research group.

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Dr. J. Allen Hynek, for twenty-one years the chief scientific consultant to the U.S. Air Force on UFOs, has revealed in Los Angeles that he has found

"hints" of a federal agency secretly investigating unidentified flying objects. Hynek is chairman of Northwestern University's Astronomy Department, director of Dearborn Observatory, and chief of Lindheimer Astronomical Research Center, all at Evanston, Illinois. He was consultant to Project Blue Book, the Air Force's official UFO effort, from 1958 until its closing in 1969.

Hynek stated his views during the video taping of a television program broadcast last July 17 at 11:30 p.m. on station KTLA.

The events leading Hynek to consider seriously the existence of a high-level governmental cover-up of UFO information began in Vietnam. A UFO report was made to the U.S. Air Force District Office in Saigon by a member of the 524th Military Intelligence Detachment Saigon Field Office, 205-8 Vo-Tanh. On April 17, 1967 at 2:20 a.m., he saw five large, illuminated, white-glowing discs, traveling in close formation, streak from horizon to horizon in five seconds, pursued soon afterward by several high-alti-

Details of the chase, seen from the roof of Detachment headquarters in Saigon, appear in Hynek's book, *THE UFO EXPERIENCE*. (Regmery), released May 31. After the UFOs passed, states the Intelligence witness, "several jet-powered aircraft, which seemed to be at high altitude and traveling very fast, came to my far right and to my back. . . They proceeded to the area where I had lost sight of the objects, and upon reaching that point, they turned to their right and pursued the same course as the objects I had previously sighted." Prior to seeing the objects, the witness had been observing various conventional aircraft, both propeller and jet-powered. The UFOs were "a great deal larger than any craft I have ever seen in the sky. . . I believe these objects were spacecraft of some kind."

At Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, consultant Hynek was not even told about the case but happened upon it by accident as he scanned material lying on a desk. Although there was an official report to Blue Book from USAF headquarters, it arrived after more than one month from its date, and the file was carried in Blue Book as "Information Only." "No follow-up was made, and NO EVALUATION WAS ATTEMPTED," tells Dr. Hynek. When he pushed for a thorough follow-up study, his boss Major Hector Quintinella replied, "The sighting is not within the continental limits of the United States." Project Blue Book and ostensibly the U.S. Government thus ignored it. But who ordered military jets to give chase? Where are the pilots' and radarmen's reports of that chase? In a letter to Air Force Colonel Raymond S. Sleeper, commander of the Foreign Technology Division at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dr.

Hynek asked, "Is it conceivable that no one in the military structure of the United States paid any attention to this sighting or correlated it with other reported sightings like it?"

New evidence of a cover-up, which does correlate with Hynek's case, was discovered this month. A huge UFO the size of an aircraft carrier was seen near Yucca Valley, California, by a scientist and others of integrity, and as in the Saigon event the USO was chased by military jets. Again, this story was never made public by the Air Force. It will be detailed in Wednesday's column.

Wednesday: New evidence of a cover-up.



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FORTY-NINTH YEAR

Evidence Mounting To Support Claim Of UFO Cover-Up

Cover-Up

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Evidence of a federal coverup of unidentified flying object information involving a Saigon sighting, has been corroborated by new evidence surfacing in California in the unpublished detailed report of five witnesses. The observers, who include a top scientist, saw U.S. military jets chase a huge UFO over the Southern California desert. News of this encounter remains officially concealed.

"Look at the evening star," said Paul, steering his Cadillac south on Victorville Road. He, his wife, and son were going to visit friends in Section Twelve of the Yucca Mesa area, north of Yucca Valley, California. It was 8 p.m., May 11, 1969.

"But it's on the wrong side of the sky," his wife said, pointing. "There's the evening star over there."

Paul is a scientist who had for twenty years served with the Los Angeles Police Department before assuming top scientific research and development posts with private firms. Stopping, he

used a power pole as a crosshairs reference and sighted the object through his front windshield. The altitude of the UFO was roughly 30,000 to 40,000 feet, and it was accelerating eastward.

In seconds it increased in size and brilliance until it looked like the full moon. Then it stopped and hovered. Paul resumed driving.

Suddenly a brilliant, yellow-white light beam shot down from the object to the valley floor, illuminating an area three to five miles wide. The beam was evenly intense from top to bottom, but soft with no glare.

"Look what we see through the binoculars," his friends were yelling as Paul pulled into their driveway. The five observers then took turns at the binoculars.

They saw six lights moving in unison, now coming closer, almost directly overhead. The object was like a baseball diamond, but the distance between "third" and "first base" was greater than that between "home" and "third" and had one blue-green light. In the center of all these, and near the point of origin of the intense light beam, was a red light surrounded by many smaller

ones of varied colors. The witnesses could see neither stars nor sky light between the lights. The moving object grew larger.

A 727 airliner appeared, and flying east, passed below the UFO. Paul estimated the plane at 25,000 to 30,000 feet altitude, with the UFO 10,000 feet higher.

"The airliner looked like a Piper Cub does to a 747," Paul explains. "The UFO was the size of an aircraft carrier!"

The unknown object then accelerated rapidly until it became a point of light, then reversed course and streaked back. It noiselessly made three huge elliptical maneuvers, each about 300 miles in diameter.

Paul continues: "On the third orbit the UFO cruised slowly toward the west. We heard jets, looked up, and from the northeast there were three military jet interceptors racing in. They popped their afterburners, went through Mach one, and just shook the ground with a boom. They appeared to be on an intercept vector with the object.

"At first the jets were in-stair-step formation, but when they were within a few miles of the object they went into a 'V'.

At that point the UFO accelerated at tremendous speed and executed an almost simultaneous ninety degree maneuver going due south. It disappeared in two or three seconds.

"The jets just kept on going in a southwest direction. After they had disappeared, the UFO again came into view, this time in the southwest sky. It made one more elliptical maneuver. It then accelerated at a tremendous, unbelievable rate and disappeared into the southwest sky. It flew up over San Diego and Newport Beach."

Reports like this and the one from Saigon detailed Monday are pursued in this column to learn specifics about what some scientists such as University of California engineering professor Dr. James A. Harder believe is a covert U.S. operation on UFOs. Investigation into the nature of the object themselves, however will also be fully reported.





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Churchill 'ordered cover-up of wartime UFO sighting'

By Ian Drury
Defence Correspondent

WINSTON Churchill agreed to cover up evidence of flying saucers amid fears it would cause 'mass panic' in Britain, according to secret files released today.

The wartime leader is claimed to have said details of an encounter between an RAF aircraft and a UFO were so alarming they should be kept under wraps.

He is even said to have discussed the incident with U.S. General Dwight Eisenhower - the supreme commander of Allied forces in Europe - because of the 'great concern' it caused.

The extraordinary allegation has been uncovered amid thousands of classified papers from the now-defunct Ministry of Defence UFO desk. It comes in a letter from a scientist who said his mother had related the story to him after she had been told it by his grandfather, one of Churchill's bodyguards at the time.

Rather than file the account in a bin, however, civil servants investigated the matter and kept the paper secret - until today.

It sits in files, stretching to 3,000 pages, which have been unveiled by the National Archives in Kew, West London, and placed

'Fascinating real-life X Files'

on the organisation's website. Other matters of extra-terrestrial and paranormal activity recorded in the documents include:

■ Evidence that flying saucers were taken so seriously by security chiefs in 1937 that the issue was discussed by the UK's Joint Intelligence Committee;

■ A memo revealing that RAF jets were scrambled to investigate UFOs 200 times a year during the Cold War before this fell to zero after the collapse of the Soviet Union;

■ Tony Blair being challenged by a voter to confirm the UK had 'covered up' evidence of UFOs weeks after he became Prime Minister.

The Churchill file appears in papers covering 1995 to 2003.

The unnamed scientist, from Leicester, wrote to the Government in 1999 seeking to find out more about the incident.

He described how his grandfather, who served with the RAF in the war, was present at a meeting when Churchill and General Eisenhower supposedly discussed the incident.

It involved an RAF reconnaissance plane - perhaps a Mosquito - returning from a mission in France or Germany towards the end of the war.

As it flew over the English coastline it was intercepted by a strange metallic object which matched the aircraft's course and speed before accelerating and disappearing. Churchill is said to



War leaders Eisenhower and Churchill in 1944

This event should be immediately classified since it would create mass panic and destroy one's belief in the Church

How Churchill is said to have responded

have exclaimed: 'This event should be immediately classified since it would create mass panic amongst the general population and destroy one's belief in the Church.'

The scientist adds: 'Another person at the meeting raised the possibility of an unidentified flying object, at which point Mr Churchill declared the incident should be immediately classified for at least 50 years and its status reviewed by a future Prime Minister.'

The documents show Whitehall off-

icials investigated the claims but could find no records of the discussions between Churchill and Eisenhower. Until 1967, all UFO files were routinely destroyed after five years.

Nick Pope, a former MoD civil servant who worked on the official UFO files, said: 'Whatever you believe about UFOs, there's some fascinating material in these real life X-Files.'

The files can be accessed at www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ufo ldrury@daily@mail.co.uk



Close call: A Mosquito meets a flying saucer in our mock-up

ALIENS IN THE VALLEYS

AN incident dubbed the 'Welsh Roswell' was dismissed by ministers as an earthquake happening at the same time as a meteor passed across the night sky.

Scores of witnesses claimed a spaceship had crashed in the Berwyn Mountains on January 23, 1974, after hearing a huge bang, feeling a massive tremor and seeing strange lights in the sky and men dressed in black scouring the area.

Comparisons were immediately drawn with Roswell,

New Mexico, in 1947, where it was claimed US officials concealed that an alien craft had plunged to earth.

But the Ministry of Defence dismissed claims that a flying saucer had crashed and the bodies of extra-terrestrials had been transported to a top-secret research facility.

According to the documents published today, an investigation blamed the 10pm scare on a noisy earth tremor coinciding with a meteor burning up in the atmosphere.

THE RAF PROPHET OF DOOM

A MAN was questioned by police after he told them he had dreamed of a terror attack at an RAF base - four weeks before it was bombed. The files revealed the unnamed man had a premonition of doom in May 1990.

Following a dream that RAF Stanmore in Middlesex was going to be attacked, he travelled to the airfield and warned guards on the gate of the base.

But he was 'arrested, and kept there all day for interrogation'. A month later 'to

the actual day' RAF police confirmed the base had been bombed.

In October 1995, a journalist at the Fortean Times magazine, which specialises in investigating unexplained phenomena, wrote a letter to senior officials at the MoD asking for details of the incident.

The UFO desk later confirmed that a man had been quizzed, but not arrested, after reporting a future terrorist attack that he had 'foreseen/predicted'.

UFO 'spotted' by girl and mum

A 13-YEAR-OLD girl has reported seeing a strange saucer-shaped UFO in the skies above Desborough.

Tania Allsop saw the object as she was being driven home to Rushden Road, Desborough by her mum Karin Jenkins at about 10.30pm on Sunday night.

She looked up after noticing a purple light reflecting on their car as it approached the roundabout on the A6 at the entrance to Desborough.

She told the Mail: "It was hovering. It was a kind of blue

colour. My mum slowed the car down and she saw it too. It was round like a saucer and it was quite low. It looked massive. It was quite scary. I never used to believe in things like that but I do now."

The sighting is the latest UFO mystery to hit the Harborough area in recent years.

Many of the reports, particularly when people have described seeing glowing red/yellow lights, have been explained away as Chinese lanterns.

But other sightings have remained unexplained.

In July 2008 an office worker described seeing a silver object moving above fields near to the Brampton Valley Way before it disappeared from her sight near Clack Hill.

And a train enthusiast took a photo of a metallic-looking object near the tracks at Great Bowden that same summer.

For more about UFOs in Harborough visit www.harboroughmail.co.uk/ufo.

Wartime prime minister accused of hushing up sighting to avoid panic

Churchill's UFO fears

By Fred Attewill

SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL was accused of covering up a close encounter between an RAF aircraft and a UFO during World War II, newly released files reveal today.

The wartime leader allegedly ordered the sighting of a 'strange metallic object' to be kept secret for at least 50 years because it would provoke 'mass panic and destroy one's belief in the church'.

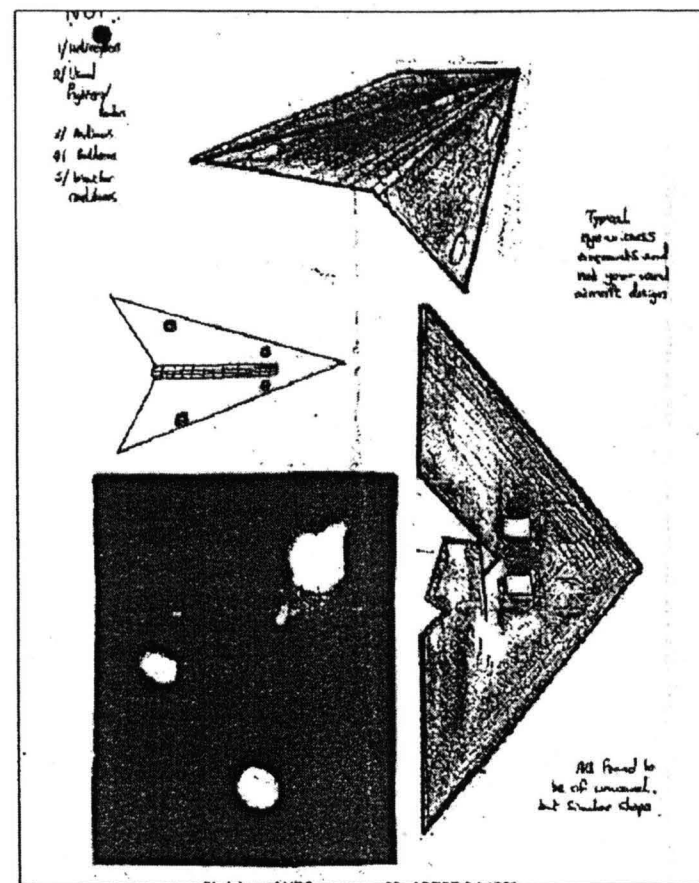
The incident allegedly involved an RAF reconnaissance plane returning from France or Germany.

The pilot was suddenly confronted by a strange metallic object which matched the aircraft's course and speed for a time before accelerating away and disappearing.

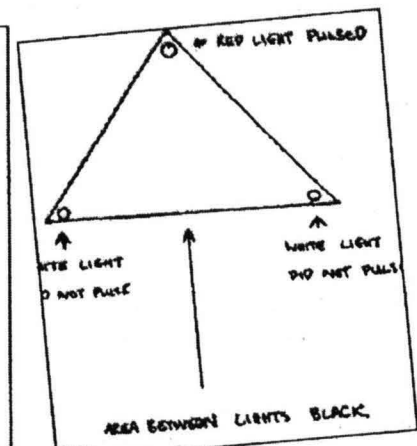
The claim was made in 1999 by the grandson of one of Churchill's bodyguards. The security man said he overheard the prime minister discuss the issue with Gen Dwight Eisenhower.

The MoD told the unnamed grandson that UFO files from that era would 'most probably' have been destroyed.

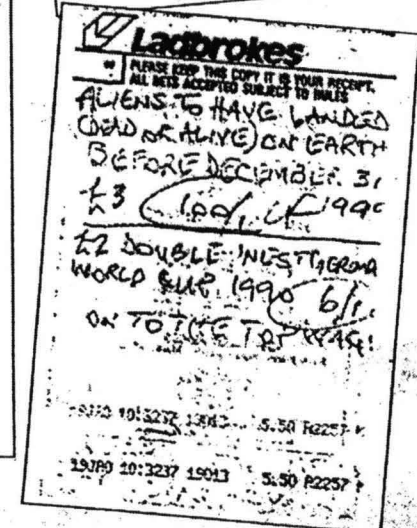
The account is contained in a host of declassified files made available online by the National Archives.



X Files: An eyewitness sketch of a rocket forming part of a possible alien invasion fleet. Pictures: National Archive/MoD



Far out: A space station covered in pulsating lights is yet another sighting held by the MoD



Wasted wager: A Ladbrokes slip showing a 100-1 bet that aliens would land on Earth by the end of the 20th century

UFOs 'sent by Russians'

RAF jets were scrambled to intercept UFOs picked up on radar 200 times a year during the Cold War, previously-secret files published today show. But that fell to zero after the collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 as Moscow stopped sending anti-submarine aircraft and long-range spy planes into British airspace. But there was still a plethora of UFO sightings reported to the Ministry of Defence by the public after 1991 – because of the popularity of sci-fi shows like The X-Files. In 1996 alone, there were more than 600 reports, 343 letters from the public and 22 inquiries from MPs. Most were filed away.

ULSTER'S FLYING OBJECTS



AARON TINNEY

How alien alert hit Co Donegal

STUNNED soldiers spotted a suspected alien craft whizzing past their helicopter towards Donegal, top-secret MoD files have revealed.

A series of "unexplained airborne lights" were reported to the military after claims that an Irish Air Corps crew saw them hovering in the skies during the early hours of March 31, 1993.

Incredibly, the glowing formation was so bright it was also said to have been witnessed by cops and civilians in England and Wales – as well as airplane flying above the Welsh coast.

The close encounter is contained in thousands of Government files on UFOs which were declassified and released online by the National Archive for the first time last week.

An alien expert from the UFO and Paranormal Research Ireland group wrote to the MoD's 'X-Files' unit in 1999 to alert them to the mysterious incident.

They said Irish Air Corps crew members on board a Dauphin helicopter "observed unexplained airborne lights" as they flew from Baldonnel Aerodrome near Dublin to

Finner Camp in Co Donegal.

The UFO boffin added that passengers on an Iona Airways flight off the Welsh coast also saw the floating orbs; along with police officers and civvies on the ground in southwest England and south Wales.

They also wrote: "If the lights were on one craft, then this craft failed to show up on radar at either Dublin or Shannon air traffic control."

UFO expert and university lecturer Dr David Clarke told Sunday Life last night that Northern Ireland has always been a hotspot for "serious" extra-terrestrial sightings.

He added: "There is a steady trickle of sightings from Ulster that the MoD have taken very seriously."

"A rash of these sightings are from people who thought paramilitary rockets were UFOs, but there are some buried in the files that have taken very seriously."

Along with the Donegal sighting, the latest MoD dossier of UFO sightings revealed that Winston Churchill may have covered up a close encounter between a UFO and an RAF plane during the Second World War.

According to a scientist who said his grandfather was one of Winston Churchill's bodyguards, the inspirational leader allegedly ordered the mystery to remain classified for 50 years to prevent "mass panic".

There were also a string of sightings of UFOs across Ulster between 1981 and 1996, from egg-shaped crafts to flying saucers.

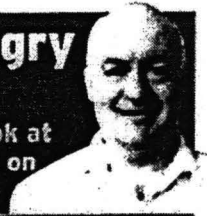
In 2008 Michael Harkin from Galliagh snapped a UFO orb hanging in the skies over Derry.

And in 1995 a dog-walker sketched a black alien craft he said was hovering over Lurgan golf course.

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One angry man

A caustic look at what's going on in the world



FRED SHAWCROSS

We definitely are not alone!

"WE are not alone" is a saying that has been used at the close of at least one major film about beings from outer space, looking to colonise Planet Earth.

It would be an act of unparalleled stupidity, not to say unbridled arrogance, to believe that the human race was the only "intelligent" life in the universe, although in certain parts of our world the adjective "intelligent" is grossly misplaced.

Conversely, there are cynics who scoff at suggestions of aliens, flying saucers and other unexplained sightings of UFOs.

The subject was given a fresh airing when documents kept secret for 50 years revealed there had been reports of RAF planes being "buzzed" by high-speed UFOs during the Second World War.

Winston Churchill was so disturbed he ordered a complete news blackout on the grounds that "it would create mass panic among the general population and destroy one's belief in the church".

The Ministry of Defence was approached in 1999 by a man who claimed his grandfather had overheard Winston discussing the event at the time with General Eisenhower, the then Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe. There is no record of what Eisenhower said in reply, but the classification indicates that both men were deeply concerned by the possibility that the Hun had enlisted the aid of superior beings from another galaxy in return for large slices of the world, once it was under total control of the Nazis and their allies.

Either that or Winston must have concluded that the flying objects were up to no good, irrespective of who was manning them and from whence they came. He would no doubt have ordered them to be shot down, if the RAF fighters had been able to match them for airspeed, which clearly they were not.

There have been numerous reports of similar sightings during the ensuing years.

In fact, a number of humans claim to have been approached by aliens, who have made contact after their spacecraft has landed. It's a matter of individual opinion whether one believes or disbelieves these stories.

Almost 40 years ago, I was driving home from a gig at Park Hall, Charnock Richard, in the early hours of a cloudless morning, when a cigar-shaped object, bathed in a florescent light, followed my car for several miles, then hovered over it for minutes, before zooming away at a phenomenal speed. I hadn't been drinking; my two companions had, but they sobered up very quickly. We were all alarmed, scared witless actually, at the prospect of being "beamed up".

I believe aliens exist. You can spot them any day in Bolton, jabbering into mobile phones, contacting the mothership. We are definitely not alone.

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Declassified MoD file reveals UFO sighting in Whorlton

THE report of a UFO sighting at Whorlton is among newly released documents from 'Britain's X Files'.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has declassified thousands of pages of reports and correspondence from the public dealing with alleged encounters with unexplained objects.

Included in the previously secret files is mention that a report was made to the MoD of a sighting of a UFO at Whorlton on December 4, 1997.

The case is on a list of reported sightings from that year, but no further details appear to have been released.

While relatively few UFO sightings have been reported in Teesdale, it was the setting for one incident that has intrigued and baffled researchers for decades.

In June 1977, a motorcyclist and a

car driver were travelling in heavy rain along the B6278 near Lartington when they encountered a glowing purple object.

Both vehicles are said to have lost power, and then dragged 25 feet along the road, while all surface water evaporated instantly.

The incident has been classed as a close encounter of the second kind.

Author Jenny Randles, who has investigated and written about the paranormal for more than 30 years, included the incident in her list of the top ten cases in the UK.

Did you report the Whorlton sighting, or do you remember the incident? Were you involved in the Lartington mystery, or do have you had any other close encounters? Call the Mercury on 01833 633620.

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UFO WAS NO METEOR-FRIGHT



THE nurse who claims to have seen a glowing UFO on a hillside has broken her silence over Ministry of Defence suggestions that it was nothing more than a combination of an earthquake and a meteor.

Pat Evans, whose description of the glowing ball she saw on North Wales's Berwyn Mountains has prompted more than three decades of debate among Ufologists and scientists, described the MoD claims as "rubbish".

And retired nurse and midwife Mrs Evans, who rarely speaks of the event, repeated her claim that she saw a UFO on January 23, 1974, in the incident known as the "Welsh Roswell".

The Roswell incident was the alleged recovery of alien debris, including corpses, from an object that crashed near New Mexico, in the US, in 1947.

Mrs Evans, 72, from Llandderfel, near Bala, said: "It was unidentified because they couldn't identify it and it couldn't have got there any other way apart from being flown there, so it had to be a UFO of some sort.

"I'm talking about something that could only have got there by flying and landing."

Locals heard a huge bang and saw a brilliant light in the sky over the Berwyn Mountains on the night.

Some ufologists have claimed the explosion was caused by an alien spaceship crash that was covered up by the authorities.

A search and rescue team from RAF Valley on Anglesey was scrambled on the night to look for wreckage on the mountainside, but found nothing.

MoD inquiries uncovered five other reports of UFOs seen over the UK at about 10pm on January 23, three in the Home Counties, one in Lincolnshire and one in Sussex.

The details were recounted in declassified Ministry of Defence UFO files recently made available online by the National Archives.

Dismissing the MoD's account Mrs Evans, who drove up to the mountain with her two daughters then aged 14 and 15, after hearing an "almighty bang", added: "It's rubbish. I know what I've seen.

"I had the meteorite people call here. There's a smell of sulphur with meteors and there was no smell, just night air.

"We just saw this huge ball glowing and pulsating on the mountain. Some lights seem to be scattered around it and I just wish we'd stayed to see what the end result was - whether it would just disappear or fly away.

"We didn't see anybody on the road even though there were various reports that we were told to go away by armed police and military etc, which was all totally untrue. We'd heard an almighty bang and we live at the foot of the mountain and I thought it might have been a plane crash. Me being a nurse and my girls being in St John (Ambulance) I thought we could help."

Mrs Evans said the object glowed orange, red and yellow and was "moon like, but without windows or doors".

The MoD inquiry found witnesses generally reported seeing a bright light in the north-west which seemed to fall towards the horizon.

An expert who carried out independent research into the Berwyn Mountains incident for the British Astronomical Society reported that a "fireball" was visible over most of the UK that night.

It descended from a height of about 120km to about 35km before disintegrating over Manchester, the expert found.

The MoD's conclusions did not convince many of those who witnessed the incident first hand.

One wrote in a letter preserved in the files: "That 'something' came down in the Berwyn Mountains on that night I am certain..."

Mrs Evans added: "I've never seen anything like it before or since. I have no idea what it was."

Far more went on in Llandrillo that night than we will ever know about

leader
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Aug. 11, 2010

IN RESPONSE to "Did alien craft come down in the mountains?" (*Leader*, August 5) UFO or not, it caused plenty of confusion in Llandrillo that evening. My family and I were there that night. The children had gone to bed and my wife and I were watching television when a rumbling noise started and the stone-built house started to shake. The noise and shaking got more intense until it terminated in a powerful underground thud that seemed to come from deep underground.

I remember thinking "earthquake"; then was part of the house falling down? Building work was being carried out and there was scaffolding outside. I rushed to the door while my wife checked on the children. I was met by powerful lights sweeping over the sky from the mountain just above us. There were coloured flares darting into the black night sky, all from not much more than a mile away. Everything else was now quiet except for the normal noises from sheep in the fields around

Is this how stories of little green men all started?

us and the occasional hooting of an owl. The powerful beams of light continued to sweep around but no noise except our telephone when it

rang out.

A local farmer said he had heard it was a piece of the moon that had fallen off and the army was here ready to go up the mountain. That's true, the army did turn up.

The next phone call was my aged mother who lived in the village. She was sure it was the atom bomb and it took me a while to convince her it wasn't.

Then the farmer rang back to say he had heard it was an aircraft that had crashed or it might have been a UFO.

No-one knew and the police said it was too dangerous to go up on the mountain until the morning.

I stood outside the front door again and one of the powerful beams of light seemed to pick me out.

I went back indoors again, thinking about little green men. Is this how it all started? I don't know but so much went on around us that night. Perhaps still far more than we will ever know the full truth about.

Dave Wharton.

MP Nigel and the ex-X Files

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FOR years top secret documents containing claims of UFO sightings and unexplained events have been hidden away from the public view.

But today, thousands of Ministry of Defence documents have been de-classified and published, including reams of enquiries lodged with Ribbles Valley MP Nigel Evans.

The documents, which have been transferred to the National Archives, show that during the mid-1990s Mr Evans received a variety of letters from his constituents asking him to find out about sightings and phenomena they could not explain.

Among the inquiries were letters from people who claimed to have witnessed a flying object or plane crashing off Morecambe Bay, in October 1996, and a claim made by a Preston resident who believed he had seen a similar occurrence off the Island of Lewis, in Scotland.

One letter read: "In reference to my correspondence regarding the Lewis Island incident, I would like to add some further information about the strange happenings on the night of 26 Oct 1996.

"On that evening, an earth tremor was felt in Lancashire, and Morecambe had a large power cut.

"A lot of people are asking if there is a connection.

"Also, on November 17 1996, there was another in-

cident over Preston when five people witnessed a large triangular UFO south of the town.

"Five days later a large, silent aircraft was observed being intercepted just after 6pm east of Preston.

"Can you ask the Minister of Defence for an explanation? Are the Americans testing a new aircraft?"

The documents include a response to a parliamentary enquiry lodged by Mr Evans, which "confirms there were no recorded incidents of unauthorised military incursions of UK airspace on 17 and 22 November 1997."

There was also a response from John Spellar MP, who was the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Defence. He



NIGEL EVANS: Many of his constituents had written to him about mysterious sightings

wrote: "We believe that down to earth explanations could be found for these reports, such as aircraft, lights or natural phenomena, if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it would be an inappropriate use of defence resources to provide this kind of aerial identification service.

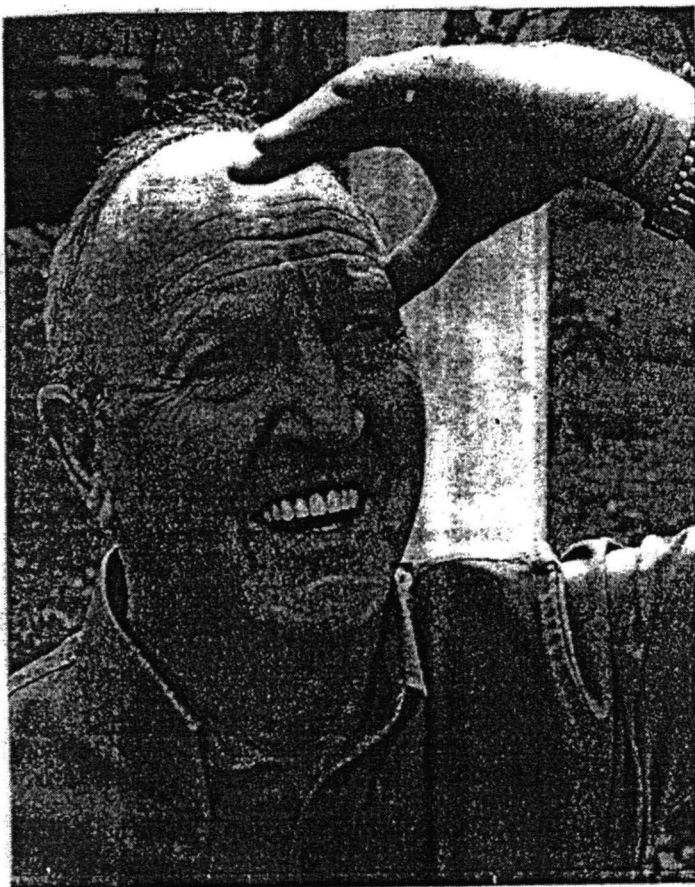
"I should wish to assure people that the integrity of the United Kingdom's airspace in peacetime is maintained through continuous

policing of the UK Air Defence Region by the Royal Air Force, which remains vigilant for any potential military threat."

Speaking after the release of the documents, Mr Evans said the subject of UFOs holds a great interest.

He said: "It is a fascinating subject, people like to think there is something out there.

"If there is life out there I would be delighted if they chose the North West of England."



Dr. Adrian Greaves in the garden of his house where he saw the unexplained beam in the night sky

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Former superintendent also saw red beam in night sky

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A RETIRED police superintendent with a PhD is among those who says he spotted a UFO.

Dr Adrian Greaves, 66, of Woodchurch Road, Tenterden, says he was in his garden looking at satellites when he saw a red laser beam shoot across the sky.

His wife Debbie thought he was mad until she opened the Kentish Express last week, where we featured a sighting of the same phenomenon by Ashford welder David Gisby.

Dr Greaves' sighting was at exactly the same time - 10.23pm on July 24.

He said: "I was in my garden unwinding after a long day and looking up at the sky.

"It was a crystal clear night.

Suddenly I saw a red beam, from what must have been very high up, and it crossed the sky in about four seconds. It was completely silent.

"It was definitely like nothing I've ever seen before. It was out of this world - literally.

"I went inside and told my wife, 'I've just seen the most amazing thing.' She said it was impossible, because red's invisible at night.

"She wouldn't believe me until she opened the Kentish Express and saw it."

Dr Greaves has written history books, including a study of the Anglo-Zulu wars. He said he was no conspiracy theorist.

"I may be retired but I'm not nutty yet," he said. "My brother's a pilot so I've seen some interesting things in my life. But this was unique."

The truth is out there— flying saucers over Fife

by Stefan Morkis

A CLOSE ENCOUNTER of the fourth kind—alien abduction—took place in Fife, according to claims made in hundreds of Ministry of Defence files detailing UFO sightings across the UK released today.

The documents, released by the National Archives, reveal that UFOs were taken seriously enough to be discussed by the Joint Intelligence Committee in 1957.

However, by the end of the Cold War, the MoD no longer took sightings of flying saucers seriously and in 1997 it was regarded as solely a public relations issue.

Among hundreds of sightings, UFO crashes and other close encounters, the files also contain details of other phenomena that landed on the MoD's UFO desk before it was closed last year.

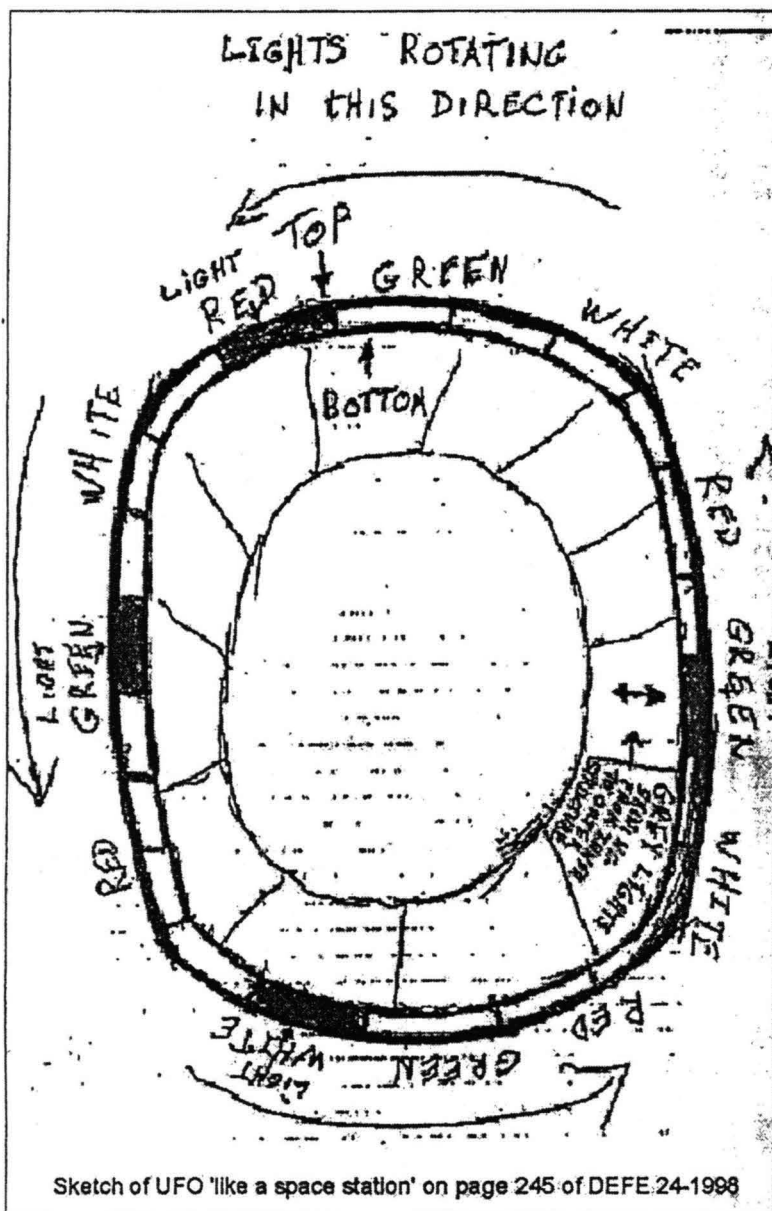
Although areas such as Falkirk remain Scottish hotspots for sightings of the unexplained, the files also include a detailed account of a claimed abduction near Falkland.

In September 1996 two women were driving home at around 8pm when they noticed bright lights in the sky above them and saw a large triangular craft, around 80 yards across, with a large dome on top of it.

The craft shot into the sky at the sound of another, conventional aircraft approaching but the women returned to the same spot later that evening.

This time they saw a blue glow in the field, and saw dozens of small figures in the fields.

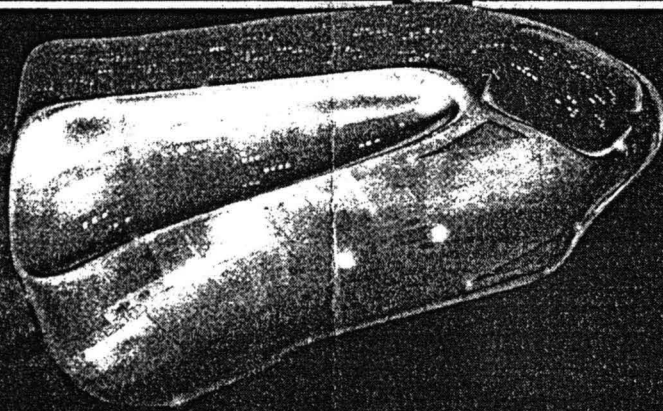
Scared by what they were seeing, the women returned home and returned later with a male companion.



Sketch of UFO 'like a space station' on page 245 of DEFE.24-1998

Two of the eyewitness drawings of UFOs

Extra-large Terrestrial



Alien... how Manc UFO, below, may have looked

AIRPORT'S GIANT UFO

By LYNSEY HAYWOOD

A SPACESHIP "20 times the size of a football field" was seen hovering over Manchester Airport, it can be revealed today.

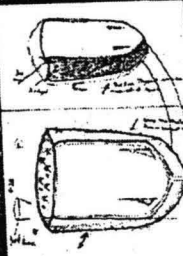
A sketch of the curious craft was sent to the MoD by a UFO expert in 1995.

He described it as oblong with a curved front and a series of small nozzles at the rear.

It is among UFO sightings included in secret MoD files released for the first time today. They include a "cigar-shaped" object above LANCASHIRE in 1977 and a "strange, glowing object" near RAF Woodbridge, SUFFOLK, in 1980.

A man claimed to have spotted an alien invasion in MORECAMBE, Lancs, in 1997, while a black, triangular craft was seen in Stanley, CO DURHAM, in 1995. And a circular "space station" was reported in GWENT, South Wales, in 1998. Ex-MoD boffin Nick Pope, who worked on the files, said: "A proportion of sightings could not be explained."

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Chinese lanterns behind string of 'UFO' sightings

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CELEBRATIONS where Chinese lanterns were set off have been blamed for a series of UFO sightings over Ashford.

As we reported last week, welder David Gisby, 50, filmed two orbs of light in the sky, one of which seems to emit a red beam downwards, above South Stour Avenue, on Saturday, July 24. Another video of the lights was filmed and posted on YouTube by another South Ashford resident.

The story has caused a stir among fanatics on paranormal activity with mentions on websites including UFO Reported, Real UFOs, UFO Disclosed, UFO Evolution, UFO Data and Latest UFO Sightings.

However, readers have come forward to tell us of three separate events where Chinese lanterns, which are like mini hot air balloons, were launched that night.

Newlyweds Craig and Emma Roberts, who were married at Christchurch, said their party guests set off a dozen from the Beaver Road Social Club.

Mother-of-three Emma, 25, of Little Knoll, said: "We laughed about it when we saw it in the paper. To be honest I've seen Chinese lanterns let off before in the past and thought they were UFOs. You can see on YouTube that we let them off in pairs. Why would UFOs be floating upwards in twos?"

Maid of honour Louise Dore, 29, said: "I'm pretty sure they are the 13 lanterns we let off just after 10pm. Another 12 were set off by Craig's aunt at midnight. We were all laughing when we saw it in the paper. Someone had said at the time that people would report seeing something suspicious."

Another nine lanterns were

Express, July 29



'We laughed about it when we saw it in the paper...why would UFOs be floating upwards in twos?'

launched by the Champion family in Canterbury Road, Willesborough, at 10.15pm.

Jan Champion said: "My husband Lew passed away in September and my grandsons Billy, who is eight, and Coby, who is six, wanted to celebrate their grandad's 50th birthday.

"We sent up nine lanterns which we wrote messages on as a way to remember him. I'm sure these are what people have probably seen."

Hustle nightclub also marked its opening night in Station Road by launching Chinese lanterns at about midnight.

However, some of the witnesses did not think the lights they saw were lanterns.

Warehouse operator Ray Smith, 53, and his wife Teresa, 49, of Grantley Close saw the balls of lights just after midnight.

Mr Smith said: "There were



The Chinese lanterns let off in memory of Lew Champion, who died last year

about nine flying in formation: two, one, two, one, two, one. We looked at them through binoculars and they didn't look like Chinese lanterns. They were just big balls of light.

"The last one was trailing behind and sped up to catch up with the others, so they weren't just drifting in the wind.

"It was definitely something flying but what it was I really don't know. My wife spent about 20 minutes on the phone to the police, who took a report of what we had seen."

Willesborough resident Paul Godden, of Osbourne Road, said: "They appeared to rise into the sky then flew in two formations of five towards the Folkestone direction.

"They were fairly normal speed-wise and spaced but in a straight row. They kind of resembled a string of helicopters, but there was absolutely no sound. They did have beacons underneath, I noticed on the last two before they went into cloud, which made me think they were aircraft of some description."



Newlyweds Craig and Emma Bourne said their guests set off lanterns after their wedding

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Witness: Berywn oddy was UFO

A KEY witness to an alleged UFO sighting in the Berywn Mountains over three decades ago has broken her silence and insisted it was an alien craft she saw.

Locals heard a huge bang on January 23, 1974, and later there were sightings of a strange glowing object on the hillside, sparking decades of debate.

Now, retired nurse Pat Evans, who was there that night, has told her story.

Documents made available by the Ministry of Defence claim the mysterious goings on of that night were down to a mixture of a meteor shower and an earthquake.

But Mrs Evans, 72 from Llanidlofel, near Bala, said: "It (the object) couldn't have got there any other way apart from being flown there, so it had to be a UFO of some sort. I'm talking about something that could only have got there by flying and landing."

She added: "We just saw this huge ball glowing and pulsating on the mountain. Some lights seemed to be scattered around it and I just wish we'd stayed to see what the end result was - whether it would just disappear or fly away."

"We didn't see anybody on the road even though there were various reports that we were told to go away by armed police and military etc, which was all totally untrue."

"We'd heard an almighty bang and we live at the foot of the mountain, and I thought it might have been a plane crash. Me being a nurse and my girls being in St John (Ambulance) I thought we could help."

She said the object glowed orange, red and yellow and was "moon like, but without windows or doors".

Mrs Evans added: "I've never seen anything like it before or since. I have no idea what it was."

Sept. 17, 2010 St. Albans, UK

More St Albans UFO sightings

Aimee Brannen, Chief Reporter

MORE UFO sightings have been reported across the district this week.

Phonecalls and emails flooded into the *Herts Advertiser* news desk after we revealed last week that a man in London Colney had seen some peculiar lights in the sky above St Albans at around 10.15pm on Sunday, August 29.

He saw more than 10 of the objects over a short space of time and did not believe they were Chinese lanterns – which can often explain such UFO sightings – as they were travelling very fast and in a straight line.

Rob Stichbury, who lives in the Roundwood Park area of Harpenden, saw something similar at around the same time that night. He said: “The bright object was travelling extremely fast coming from the St Albans/Redbourn area. It seemed to be following the path of the Nicky Line and took less than 15 seconds to cover the horizon.

“I only saw one and didn’t have time to get to the camera. Being a clear night it was instantly visible but certainly not a commercial plane as it was too large, bright and moving quite low and much faster than any other traffic. It disappeared in the direction of Luton Airport. Very strange indeed!”

Ken Collins, of Salisbury Avenue, also reports seeing something strange in the sky travelling faster than the speed of aircraft heading towards Clarence Park that night.

Liz Gurgur, who lives in the Marshalswick area, said she saw exactly the same thing as the London Colney man earlier this summer as she was driving home one night. She said: “I thought it was unusual as they were all in a straight line, spaced apart equally and high up. I was amazed, especially since I was once watching this programme which said there was going to be a lot more UFO sightings and I laughed at it.

“I’ve seen meteors before but this was different. If you imagine Christmas lights strung up in a very straight line spaced equally apart, that’s what it looked like. But they were going quite fast at a constant speed, faster than a lantern or a kite. I’m sure there is a logical explanation for it but I don’t know what.”

Red lights

Gill Welsman from Southdown, Harpenden, has reported another UFO sighting in mid-August. As she was driving past Harpenden Common, she said she became aware of red lights in the sky and when she arrived home she got out her binoculars to examine the lights further.

She said: “I thought of hot air balloons but they were moving quicker. They were not as fast as a plane but travelling at helicopter speed. They weren’t as high as a plane, but well above the houses.

“When I got home I was interested enough to go out and have a look and could still see them going across the sky. I got out my binoculars – they weren’t hot air balloons, but all I can say is they were like translucent oval shapes filled with quite a bright orange or red light. I must have seen at least 10 to 12 of them.”

Another person from Bernard’s Heath, who asked to remain anonymous, saw a similar occurrence on Saturday, September 4, at around midnight.

The man reported hearing a faint thump and when he looked out the window to see where the noise had come from, he noticed what looked like a bright yellow/orange flame in the sky which moved at constant speed in the direction of Hemel Hempstead. More than 10 such lights followed, some travelling individually and others in small clusters.

The man, who said he often looked at the sky before going to bed, said: “I have seen many things in the night sky but never anything like this.”

Linda Lusby of Pondfield Crescent, St Albans, believes she may have a possible explanation for the string of recent sightings.

Along with her neighbours, she has been tracking the movements of the International Space Station and the times of her sightings correlate with what the London Colney resident described in last week’s paper.

She said there had recently been a sighting practically every night for between one and four minutes over St Albans and that it was sometimes seen on more than one occasion.

Mrs Lusby, who saw shooting stars at the same time one night, said: “It just suddenly appears very bright and moving across the sky, much bigger than any other star.”

Sept 8, 2010 Herts, UK

UFO sighting in St Albans

Aimee Brannen, Chief Reporter

UFOs have been spotted zooming across the sky in St Albans.



More than 10 orange glows were seen by a London Colney resident at around 10.15pm the Sunday before last (August 29) and appeared to be following the route of the Thameslink line between St Albans and London.

The man, who wanted to remain anonymous, said it took the objects about 10 seconds to travel between horizons and he claimed they were going too fast to have been Chinese lanterns, which have explained various other similar sightings in the area in the past.

About 15 minutes earlier, the man also claims that he and his wife heard a loud bang which sounded like fireworks.

He said: “I obviously can’t say what they were, all I’m saying is that they were unidentifiable. I’ve taken photographs and everyone I’ve shown them to has no idea what they are either. I’d just like to know if anybody else has an explanation for it.”

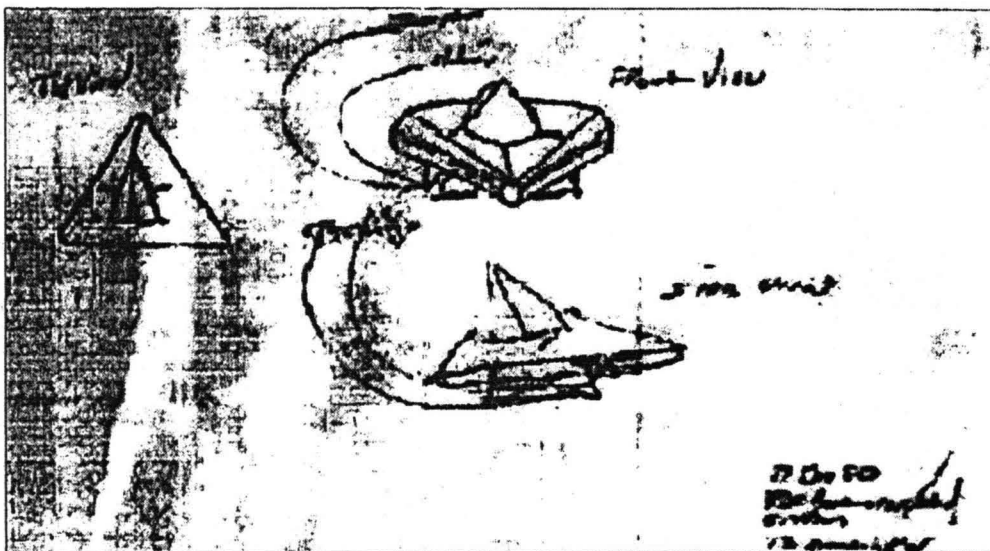
The man continued: “It was a very clear night and we were watching the 10 o’clock news. The TV is situated by the patio doors and my wife said, “there’s a lot of air planes out there tonight”. I looked outside and saw this glow flying at speed over the neighbour’s garden so I opened the door to eliminate any reflections and there was another one.

“They were travelling about a mile apart following each other and approaching from exactly the same direction. I could even see normal air planes in the sky but these were even higher up. I think they were about five to six thousand feet up, but it’s hard to tell.”

A number of other objects followed and the man said they varied in shapes – from orbs to one which even resembled a question mark.

He added: “I’ve never seen anything like it before, I’m very curious.”

Did you spot these UFOs or do you have an explanation? If so, contact the *Herts Advertiser* newsroom on 01727 866166 or email hertsad@archant.co.uk



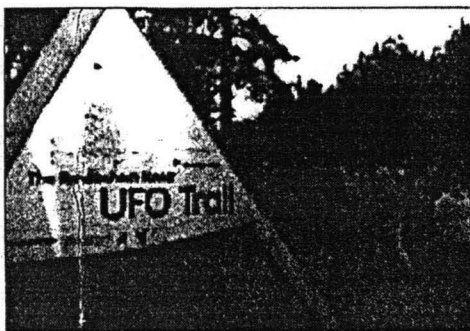
Sightings that mystified

THE famous Rendlesham incident is not the only UFO inquiry the MoD has dealt with in recent years.

One person, who lived at the time in Icklingham but had their name redacted from the records by the Government, claimed to have seen a "plate-like" disc, lit from below, floating above the A14.

A letter, dated April 13, 1997, says: "I realise that you must receive many reports of sightings of UFOs, but I feel none the less that I should like to let the one I saw on Easter Day this year (two weeks ago) go on the record, even if it is not to be believed."

The writer was driving to Mildenhall from Cambridge at 4am having been to an Easter vigil service at their church. "A few miles short of Newmarket I saw a flat circle, plate-like in shape, above the A14 road in front of me. I was going at about 50mph and it kept exactly the same speed. It was 20 or 30 feet above the road and as broad as the road (three-lanes at that point). It was lit as if from below but must have been from above - and was seriously fast.



POPULAR PURSUIT: Walkers on a trail dedicated to the UFO mystery in Rendlesham Forest. The site may not be the only one visited by aliens if all the reports are to be believed

"It was apparently made of steam or cloud but as the night was so dark it may have obscured a solid object above. After a minute or so it seemed almost to disintegrate into a condensed circle of fast-revolving cloud.

"After another mile or so it suddenly veered off to the south of Newmarket direction and disappeared very fast."

In response, the MoD sent a letter explaining that it examined any such report of a UFO "solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance."

The response said: "With regard to your particular observation I can confirm

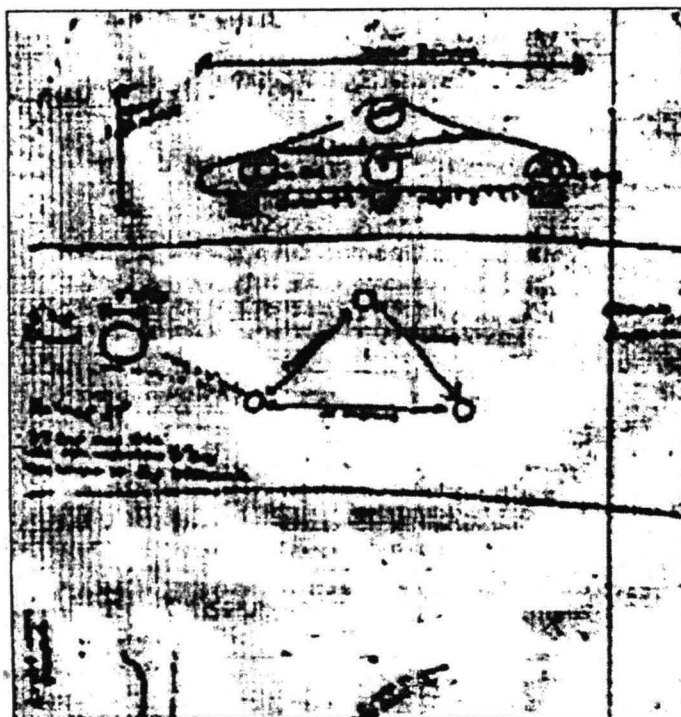
that we received no other reports of 'UFO' sightings in the Suffolk or surrounding areas on March 30, 1997, and are satisfied that there is no corroborating evidence to suggest that the United Kingdom's airspace was breached by unauthorised military aircraft.

"As stated above, that is the MoD's only concern. "I hope this explains the position."

The files released today also make reference to a number of other reported sightings in Suffolk.

In 1999 alone cases reported in Hadleigh, Stowmarket, Ipswich and Woodbridge were recorded by the MoD.

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'THEY'VE LANDED': Left and below, sketches of the Rendlesham 'spacecraft' made by USAF witnesses and included in the documents released today. Above, Col Charles Halt, who says he witnessed something he could not explain

RENDLESHAM: Documents released today recount the nights Suffolk 'hosted aliens'

By Elliot Furniss

HUNDREDS of detailed documents relating to Suffolk's most famous UFO incident have been released by the Government.

A raft of reports, statements, interviews and parliamentary memos have been published by the National Archives and many relate to the Rendlesham Forest sightings of December 1980.

Interviews with United States Air Force officers, detailed answers from the MoD to questions about the mysterious encounter and reports of at least one other UFO sighting in Suffolk are among the newly-released files, available to the public from today through the National Archives UFO website.

The Rendlesham incident - dubbed "Britain's Roswell" after the well-known American case from 1947 - made headlines around the world 30 years ago but the release of documents relating to it only started in earnest in 2008. The MoD file on the incident was first released in 2001 but some papers were withheld.

The newly-released documents contain details of a 2002 judgment by the Parliamentary Ombudsman which led to their release, transcripts of interviews with two of the key USAF witnesses, and the MoD's official "position statement" on the incident.

Just after Christmas 1980, on two occasions, US airmen at the joint base of RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge claimed to have witnessed UFOs in the forest, events

'IT'S A GREAT COVER-UP. THERE'S BEEN MANY LANDINGS IN THE PAST 30 YEARS'

BRENDA Butler has written books on the UFO activity at Rendlesham, spoken to many people involved in the famous 1980 sightings and even claims to have had first-hand contact with "aliens" herself. But she is still convinced that the Government, despite the

vast volume of the files it has been releasing over the past two years through the National Archives, is withholding plenty of concrete evidence. Ms Butler, pictured, spends two or three nights a week out in the Rendlesham and Turstall forest areas.

She says she regularly spots UFOs and claims to have seen the mysterious beings piloting the extra-terrestrial craft. She says USAF witness Colonel Charles Halt was made out to be a "patsy" and she believes he is telling the truth. She said: "I think it's a great

big cover-up. There's been so many landing sites over the past 30 years. We have even got photographs of crafts and ETs coming out. "I don't think there's anything else that comes out of the files that we haven't already heard of and what we have already got."



that have consistently been denied by the Government.

The documents contain details of Staff Sergeant Jim Penniston, of 81st Security Police Squadron, recalling the first of the two reported encounters. In an interview in the mid-1990s, he said that on December 26 or 27, 1980, he was sent to investigate a suspected crashed aircraft in the forest, but the "triangular" craft he discovered was unlike anything he had ever seen.

He said: "I got to within ten feet of the craft and the clearing where it sat. I estimated it to be about three metres tall and about three metres wide at the base.

"No landing gear was apparent, but it seemed like she was on fixed legs. I moved a little closer. I had already taken all 36 pictures on my roll of film. I walked around the craft and finally I walked right up to the craft.

"I noticed the fabric of the shell was more like a smooth, opaque black glass. The bluish lights went from black to grey to blue. I was pretty much confused at that point.

"I kept trying to put this in some

kind of frame of reference, trying to find some logical explanation as to what this was and what was going on. It was dead silent. No animals were even making noise any more.

"On the smooth exterior shell there was writing of some kind, but I couldn't quite distinguish it, so I moved up to it. It was 3in lettering, rather symbols that stretched for the length of 2ft, maybe a little more.

"I touched the symbols and I could feel the shapes as if they were inscribed or etched or engraved, like a diamond cut on glass.

"It was mechanical, this ship, and seemed to be under intelligent control. At that point I backed away from the craft because the light was starting to get brighter.

"The craft moved up off the ground, about 3ft, still with absolutely no sound. It started to move slowly, weaving back through the trees at a very slow pace, maybe half a foot per second.

"It took about a couple of minutes for it to manoeuvre itself back to a distance of about 100 to 150 feet then it rose up just over the trees, about 200 feet high. There was a momen-

tary pause - and then, literally, with the blink of an eye it was gone. All with no sound. That still boggles my mind."

He claims up to 80 people witnessed the craft that night, but his reports were never acknowledged and the photos he took "could not be developed" by the base lab. However, he came up with sketches of the craft.

Two days later, Colonel Charles Halt, deputy base commander, went to the scene to "put an end to the nonsense" but quickly witnessed something he could not explain.

In an interview recounted in the documents he said: "I've listened intently to many explanations as to what we saw that second night or what could have transpired, for the simple reason that I kept reaching out for that one straw that would explain things. But nothing fits everything. Something unexplained happened - to this day, I don't know what."

The MoD's official position on the incident is that it was considered that there had not been a "breach of the UK's air space" and the matter was closed.

Throughout the reams of newly-released correspondence, the MoD repeatedly responds to inquiries from UFO experts, MPs and others with the same sort of statement.

One, released in response to a 1995 Parliamentary inquiry, reads: "The judgement was that there was no indication that a breach of the UK's air defences had occurred on the nights in question."

It adds: "Although a number of allegations have subsequently been made about these reported events, nothing has emerged which has given us any reason to believe that the original assessment made by this department was incorrect."

The documents released today offer an insight into the level of interest there has been over the past 30 years into one of the most debated and researched UFO-related incidents in the UK. Many may feel the Government is holding evidence back, but it seems that until more concrete proof can be produced, the official stance is that we have yet to receive a visit from another world.

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Secrets reveal UFOs over Hartford

NEWLY released documents on UFOs have revealed sightings in the skies above Cuddington and Hartford, going back more than a decade.

The files contain a wide range of UFO-related documents, drawings, letters and Parliamentary questions, covering the years 1995 to 2003.

In one incident, recorded on July 9, 2000, a Hartford resident recorded four minutes of footage on a video camera, along with dialogue picked up from an aircraft travelling south towards Birmingham.

A filed letter to the MoD revealed details of the sighting, which occurred during daylight, and describes the UFO as an unusual-shaped craft that revolved in a regular motion and appeared to have both illuminated and dark sides.

The letter states: "The craft appeared just below cloud level for most of the duration of the filming but entered the lower cloud base, which was estimated at 5,000ft.

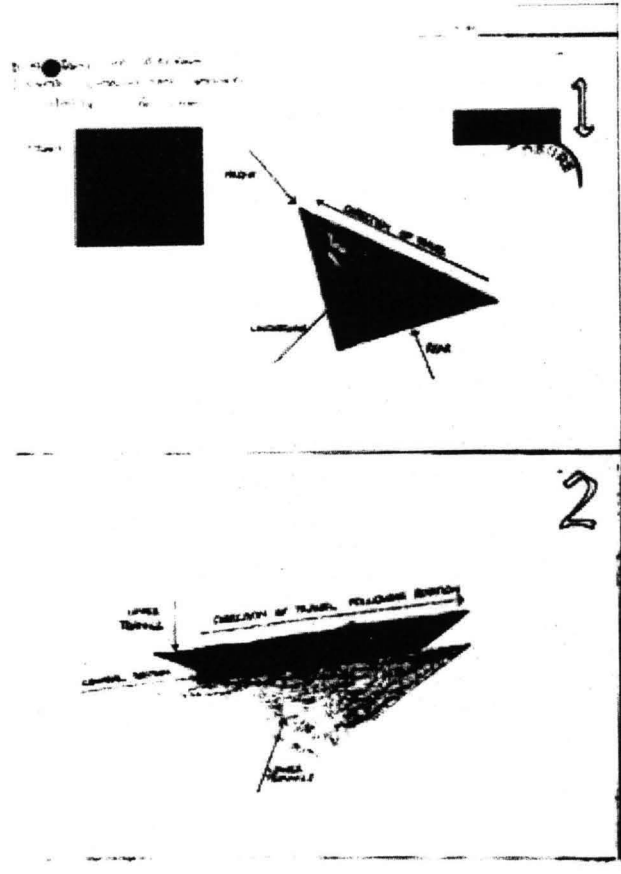
"The craft may have been flying over Wilmslow."

On July 11, 1998, two triangular-shaped objects were spotted flying above the Cuddington area. The triangles were reported to merge into one with a tail, estimated at 100ft long, appearing from the rear side.

A sketch of this sighting, including detailed measurements and the direction in which it was seen to travel, can also be found in the files.

In both cases, the MoD confirmed there were no military aircraft in the area at the time, and that there was no evidence to suggest any foreign breach of air space.

If you recorded either of the incidents, the Guardian would like to hear from you. Contact us on 01606 813620, or email northwich@guardiangrp.co.uk. The files are available at nationalarchives.gov.uk.



Sept. 16, 2010 Vladivostok, Russia

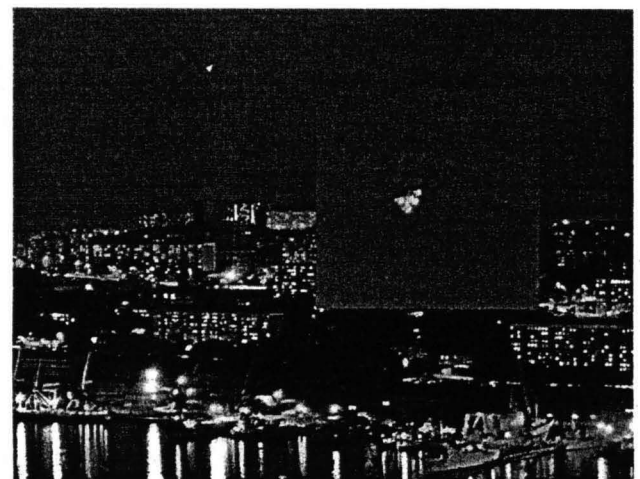
Hundreds see UFO over Vladivostok

By Masha Dimitriov

Hundreds of residents of Vladivostok have reported seeing a bizarre UFO hover over their city on the easternmost edge of Russia. The UFO event took place on the evening of September 14. Russian media has reported extensively on the event.

The triangular shaped UFO consisting of four golden colored lights was seen for a few hours and at least two witnesses managed to get photos of the object as it hovered overhead(see above and below).

At one point one of the lights broke free from the other three and shot off upwards. Some have suggested that this may simply be nothing more than a bunch of Chinese lanterns tied together. Other witnesses are not sure, noting that Vladivostok has a rich history of what they believe to be alien events. UFOs are commonly seen in the region and throughout Russia.



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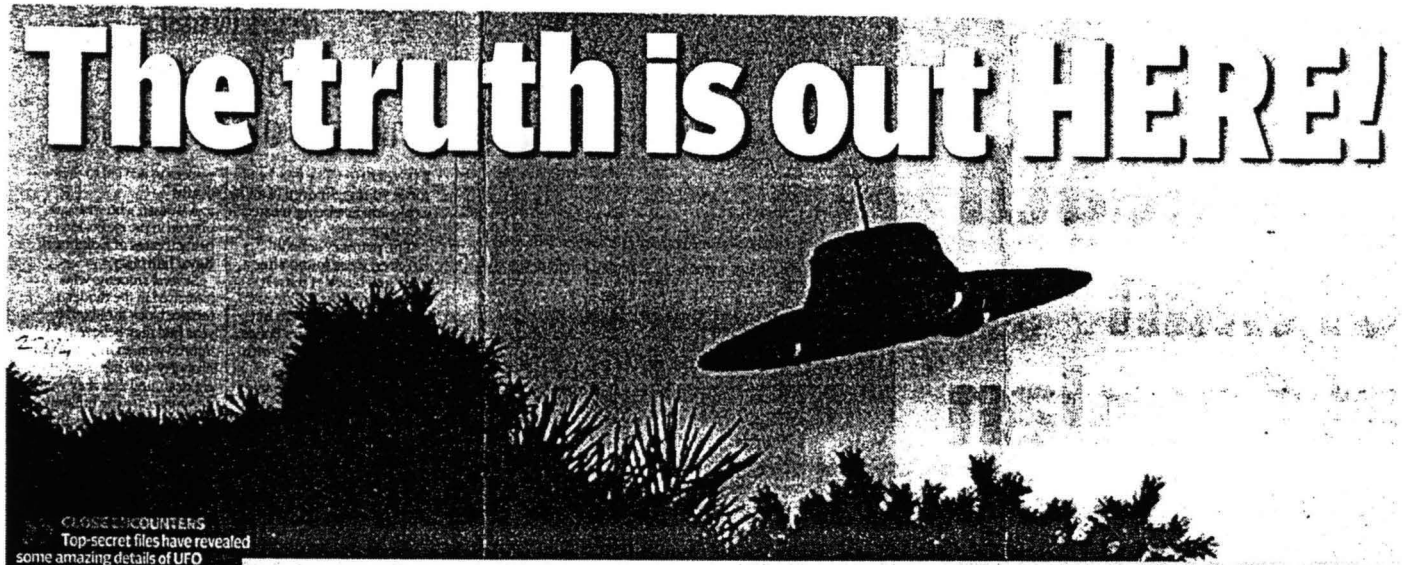
Chinese Airport Closed over UFO Appearance

An unidentified flying object disrupted air traffic over Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province, late Wednesday, the municipal government said Thursday.

Xiaoshan Airport was closed after the UFO was detected at around 9 p.m. and some flights were rerouted to airports in Ningbo and Wuxi cities, said an airport spokesman, according to *Xinhua*.

As the sources inform the incident has taken place a day before at the evening. Most of the passengers have been transported to other airports of the state, *Aysor* says.

The truth is out HERE!



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS
Top-secret files have revealed some amazing details of UFO sightings over the region. Below right: a drawing of a giant UFO spotted over the city in 1995 and, below far right, a sketch of a UFO seen over Cheshire

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- Top-secret files reveal UFO sightings over city
- Reports include mid-air scare for jet crew

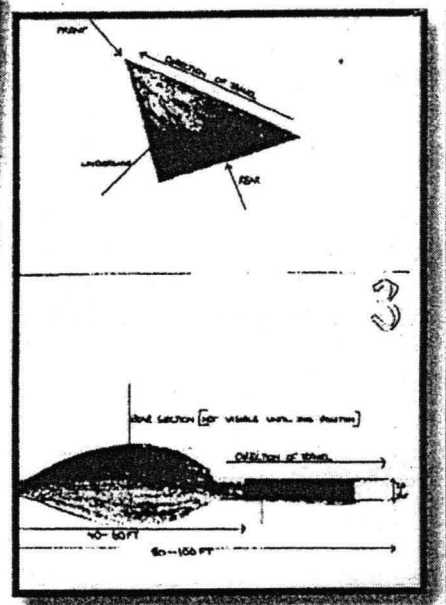
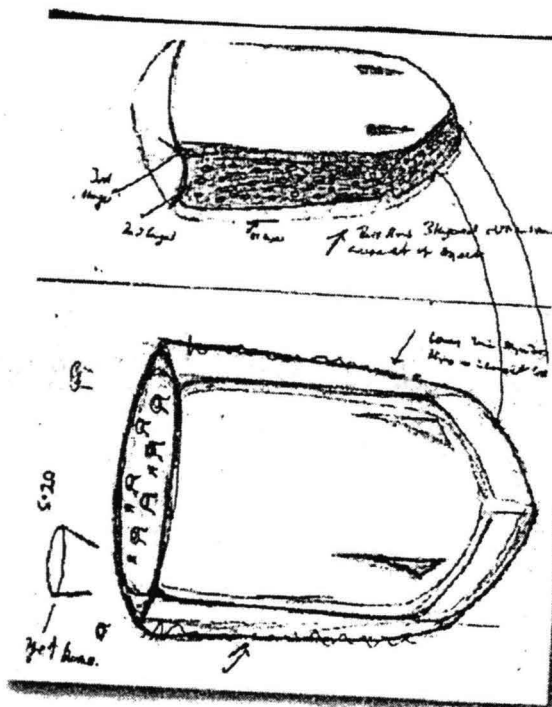
ALICE MCKEEGAN

AMAZING details of UFO sightings over Manchester are revealed in top-secret files made public today.

One report includes sketches of a giant UFO the size of 20 football pitches spotted in the sky over the city - just hours after two pilots saw a mystery craft hurtle past their packed jet as it headed to Manchester.

The incidents are among hundreds of sightings revealed in files released by the Ministry of Defence and National Archives. They include more than 5,000 pages of UFO reports, letters and drawings between 1995 and 2003.

In the Manchester jet incident, on January 6, 1995, pilot Captain Roger Willis and co-pilot First Officer Mark Stuart both saw the lit object fly past their aircraft at high speed. A report from the



Commercial Air Transport Air-
miss Reports, revealed that
the first officer 'ducked'
as it went by. It reads:
"It made no attempt
to deviate from its
course and no sound
was heard or wake felt.
He felt certain he saw
a solid object - not a
bird, balloon or kite."
Air traffic control
records show 'no

known traffic at the time' and
'no radar contacts' were seen as
the BA flight 5061 flew 13,000ft
over the Pennines from Milan.
They said they had vir-
tually ruled out it being
a hang-glider, para-glider
or microlight and
there was no evidence
of any military activity,
meaning the incident
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Other reports in-
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Cuddington, Cheshire, at about
1pm on January 11, 1998. The

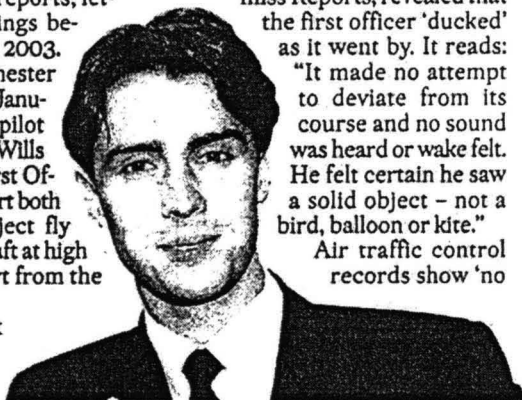
MoD sent a letter back to the
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had been 'no other reports of
UFO sightings'. The authority
added: "We are satis-
fied there is no cor-
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tary aircraft."

The files feature a
letter from the MoD
to then Tatton MP
Martin Bell, who had contacted
them on behalf of a constituent
who claimed to see a UFO hover-
ing over Hartford, Cheshire,
on July 9, 2000. The letter said
the department believed there
were 'rational explanations' and
they would not divert resources
to every report, unless there was
evidence of a 'potential threat'
to Britain.

Nick Pope, a former MoD
civil servant who worked on the
official UFO files, said: "What-
ever you believe about UFOs,
there's some fascinating
material in these real life
X-Files."

The files are available to
download for free for a month
at nationalarchives.gov.uk/ufos.

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SIGHTING First
Officer Mark
Stuart

CHURCHILL ACCUSED OVER WARTIME COVER-UP

SIR Winston Churchill was
accused of covering up a
close encounter between an
RAF aircraft and a UFO
during the Second World
War, the declassified files
reveal.

The former prime minister
allegedly ordered that the
unexplained incident over the
east coast of England should be
kept secret for at least 50 years
because it would provoke
'mass panic'.

The claim was made by a
scientist, who wrote to the
government in 1999 to ask
for more details about the
incident because his
grandfather was one of
Churchill's bodyguards.

He described how his
grandfather, who served with
the RAF in the war, was present
when Churchill and US General
Dwight Eisenhower discussed
how to deal with the UFO
encounter.

The incident allegedly
involved an RAF
reconnaissance plane
returning from a mission in
France or Germany towards
the end of the war.

It was over or near the
English coastline when it
was suddenly intercepted by
a strange metallic object
which matched the aircraft's
course and speed for some
time before it simply
disappeared.

WRITER'S APPEAL FOR UFO DETAILS

■ Nick Ive

AN AUTHOR of a book about UFOs has made an appeal for witnesses to a sighting over an Oxford school nearly 40 years ago.

According to a former pupil at Cutteslowe Primary School, a mystery object was spotted over the playing field during one lunchtime in the summer of 1976.

The woman, who now lives in Swindon, was six-years-old at the time of the incident, and although she does not wish to be identified, she is hoping other pupils will come forward to back her story from that day.

John Hanson, a retired CID Officer with West Midlands Police, has just written his first book on UFOs called *Haunted Skies Volume 1* and was contacted by the woman named Zoe who is now in her 40s.

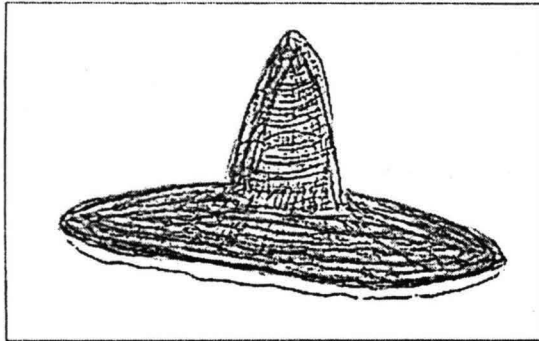
The 64-year-old based in the Midlands said: "A lot of people who sight UFOs don't want to be identified because of fear of ridicule.

"But she says an incident occurred at the school in the summer of 1976. She was one of about 50 pupils who saw this object at lunchtime.

"She tried to approach it, but couldn't because the atmosphere was extremely cold.

"It's hard to give distances and heights of what was seen, but it's pretty strange.

SIGHTING: Schoolchildren witnessed mystery object



■ UNEXPLAINED: The UFO seen over Oxford in 1976; right, the new book

"It is an incident that has never had any publicity, but it has been playing on her mind and her husband has contacted me to see if we can find any other witnesses, whether they are teachers or pupils.

"We would like any information to build the case up as there is very little know about it.

"Oxfordshire has had a number of incidents over the years but there has never been anything published on this particular incident."

According to Mr Hanson, the vast majority of sightings involving UFOs take place in or around ancient landmarks. It is unclear whether that is

the case with land surrounding Cutteslowe School, but Mr Hanson revealed: "About 90 per cent of sightings occur over or near ancient ruins or Roman roads. This is because they are energy lines.

"It could be these energy lines that are creating UFOs. We always think of aliens from the future or a super intelligence - but I'm sure it's nothing to do with aliens.

"It could be a natural phenomenon, not that the government would admit it.

"I don't know the history of Cutteslowe School or the feature of the landscape but I'm sure there is a connection with some sort of ancient ruin."

UFOs have been spotted over the skies of Oxford on numerous occasions, according to the Ministry of Defence.

Two years ago the government released an "X-Files" document that revealed UFOs were spotted locally eight times in the six-year period between 1986 and 1992.

There have also been scores of sightings since the release of those papers with the year 2000 being the biggest year with four separate reports recorded.

● If anyone has any information on the incident then they can call Mr Hanson on 0121 445-0340.

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'GREY DISC' UFO PASSES OVER HOME

A STUNNED homeowner has revealed how she was just metres away from a UFO as it glided over her Maidstone house.

Fiona Goodwill caught a glimpse of bright orange lights and a large grey disc in the sky on Friday night, just after 10pm.

She said: "Looking out of our bedroom window, my husband, who is usually a sceptic, and I saw about five orange lights flying one after the other in a straight line, heading towards us from west to east.

■ BY JOE BILL

"While we could clearly see at that time two other aircraft with lights flashing as presumably they prepared to land at Gatwick, these other lights were not those of an aircraft, or a Chinese lantern.

"After a short break, four further lights appeared over the horizon, followed by another two, again, all bright orange.

Mrs Goodwill then went to find a pair of binoculars to get a closer look at the unidentified flying objects floating in the night sky. She said: "On my

return to the window the lights began to disperse and it was then that something caught my eye above. Looking up, it appeared like a large disc of light grey with markings.

"It silently glided over our houses, much lower than the aircraft do around here, and I firmly believe it was the underside of a UFO craft.

"And no, it wasn't a cloud. It was spooky but exciting."

In a statement to website www.uk-ufo.co.uk, Mrs Goodwill said: "I have not witnessed anything like this since I was living in North Yorkshire when I, and others, saw a UFO off the A1 while driving home from work in October, 1980."

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These new reports come a little more than a month after other UFO report in Medway. Again, witnesses dismissed the suggestion the orange lights could have been Chinese lanterns, with two people reportedly sighting six UFOs on Saturday, June 5, at 10.40pm.

A report on Vike Factor website states: "It approached from the west at approximately 1,000ft and possibly one mile away. It was moving in an arc towards the south, totally silent and in no way a helicopter or plane or anything identifiable.

"Its speed was a steady pace similar to that of a helicopter given the same height. It then slowed to a stop, hovered, reversed and began moving away towards the west.

"Then another appeared over the rooftops following a similar course, and then another, and all were identical in appearance, speed, height etc.

"The wind direction was opposite to that of the lights, so I can rule out with total confidence Chinese lanterns or hot-air balloons.

"Besides, having seen both before, I would have recognised them as such and these lights were definitely driven by their own power and with purpose."



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Hundreds gather to tell stories of Bigfoot

By Lynn Arave

HUNTSVILLE, Weber County — If Sasquatch, alias "Bigfoot," exists, does he have a permanent address in the Ogden Valley area? The way some valley residents talk, there could be a "Sasq-Wasatch" creature stomping around this area on a regular basis. Purported sightings of a strange creature fitting the description of Bigfoot date back to at least 1968, and interest in the elusive beast has never been higher here.

Bob Taylor, who owns a tire store in Roy, said he was on an archery hunt in Scare Canyon, east of Ogden Valley in the mid 1980s, when he watched something roaming around and stepping over a wire fence as if it wasn't even there. He said what he saw fits Bigfoot descriptions. "It's undeniable to me," he said. "I saw what I saw. ... I've never seen anything like it."

Doug Wilson said he and two other men were traveling up the Powder Mountain road back in 1965 searching for deer with a spotlight, when they saw some sort of creature with eerie eyes. "We never really decided what we saw," he said, explaining they rarely even dared talk about it.

About 400 people gathered Monday night in a park behind the Texas Pride BBQ restaurant in Huntsville for what was billed as "Dave's Bigfoot Show" — a chance for some people to tell their strange tales of the unexplained.

During the three-hour event, host and organizer David L. Carver, of Eden, talked with more than a dozen eyewitnesses from the area about their alleged sightings of Bigfoot. "For every (eyewitness) person that's here, I could have brought three more," Carver said, explaining that sightings in the North Fork, North Ogden, Monte Cristo, Powder Mountain, Causey Reservoir and Mountain Green areas seem to be the most plentiful, along with the high Uintas region to the east.

Nick and Jamie Froerer and a friend talked about a sighting they had in the fall of 1997 at the summit of the North Ogden divide road. They saw something weird cross the road after dark and stopped, thinking it was someone pranking them. However, "that wasn't a guy in some suit," Nick Froerer said. "The hair on my neck was standing. We were just shaking," Jamie Froerer said.

Jay Barker of North Ogden said he operated the Cold Springs Trout Farm in North Ogden. One morning in the early 1980s, he found large footprints around the farm and several dozen fish scattered about the lawn. "I have a cast, 14 inches long with five toes," he said, adding the creature took some of his fish.

Soon after, he said, one his neighbors spotted a creature — fitting the Bigfoot description — running off with one of his smaller pigs in hand. The neighbor had a gun. "He pulled the trigger, and it didn't go off," Barker said, and the creature escaped up Coldwater Canyon. Later, the neighbor reused the same bullet, and the gun did fire. "Bigfoot apparently can't be killed, and he likes fish and pork," Barker said. "He exists. It's a mystery." Barker also recounted one of the state's first reported Bigfoot sightings, which he and seven other people had in the Cuberant Lakes/Fish Lake area of the high Uintas in 1977. He said they watched a Bigfoot there for about three minutes.

Later that same night, Dave Beeson, a member of that group, said they heard weird screams and the sound of the breaking timber back at camp. Something pushed against their tent in the night, collapsed it and then sat on it for a long time with several terrified boys trapped underneath.

After the tale telling Monday night in Huntsville, Ogden resident Rob Alley said he thought it was enlightening "I enjoyed the Bigfoot show," he said. But he isn't concerned about Bigfoots roaming around the area, since they've never physically hurt a person.

Julianne Salazar also said the show was interesting and that she has had her own Bigfoot experience in Weber County. "I've smelled it and heard it," she said, adding she wouldn't be surprised if one resides in the area. She believes there are many local Bigfoot stories yet to be heard. Her husband, David Salazar, said he has a strong interest in Bigfoot, too.

Even a light rain at times through the evening didn't send any of the Bigfoot show's crowd away.

Carver's already talking about a "Bigfoot 2" show. He organized the Monday event because one of his grandchildren needed a project, and "it got out of control," he said. "The Bigfoot program took a life of its own."

He posts assorted Bigfoot information on a blog at davesbigfootshow.blogspot.com.

About 20 people, likewise Bigfoot enthusiasts, attended a similar event in 1997, held in nearby Eden. They told stories of sightings then, too.

The first reported sighting of a Bigfoot in Ogden Valley dates back to the summer of 1968, when a woman living in Wheeler Canyon might have seen the creature.

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Bigfoot, Nessie and Little Green Men

Do they exist? Caught on camera or just a hoax?

Just as recently as March of this year sightings of Bigfoot have been reported in Nebraska USA and tales goat decapitations, believed to be the work of the Chupacabra, also known as 'The Goat Sucker' have been reported in Chile in early August. Each year tourists flock to Loch Ness in the hope of spotting the legendary Loch Ness Monster. But do these 'monsters' really exist? And with so many alleged sightings and reports of aliens, beasts and giant sea creatures why are so many keen to discount the existence of monsters and the paranormal?

Dr Melvin Willin of the SPR and author of Ghosts Caught on Film (David & Charles) says:

"Experiences are subjective and always open to change as more knowledge is accepted or rejected"

In his new book for David & Charles, Dr Willin discusses all manner of monsters, from big cats to aquatic vampires and living dinosaurs, and of course not forgetting Nessie and Bigfoot, evidence of which have all been caught on film and collected in Monsters Caught on Film, on these images Dr Willin explains: "Your 'boggle' threshold may well be different to mine, so let us explore these images in a spirit of learning and enjoyment, lest future generations are appalled at our naiveté or intransigence." Stacy Hill

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