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UFO believers glad the files are out there

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The Air Force has released thousands of top secret papers about UFOs.

More than 2000 pages of material dating back to the 1950s documents files of correspondence on apparent sightings from 1952 to 2009.

Communications about sightings began in 1952 when they were described as UFOs - unidentified flying objects. Later they were called UAS - unidentified aerial sightings.

The files contain reports by sightings of private individuals and military personnel; investigations by Defence and other departments and agencies into the reports; newspaper clippings on UFOs and letters from individuals who claim to be in touch with alien beings and craft.

The redacted files include communications about New Zealand's most famous UFO footage - filmed 32 years ago - of mysterious lights near the Kaikoura Coast filmed by a TVNZ camera crew.

"It sort of hovered along the treeline, then darted sharply up and to the left," Lloyd McFadden said.

Papers show that investigators believe a squid boat, atmospheric conditions and a possible meteor could have been behind the lights.

But UFO sighting researcher Suzanne Hansen said the lights were obviously not Venus, a squid boat or muttonbirds flying south.

"It is obviously something else we can't explain," Hansen told ONE News.

"We don't know what it is, but it is certainly something that is unidentified and non-conventional."

The complete Air Force investigation into the mystery is just one of the files among letters, theories, reports and drawings about UFOs.

The papers have been held by Archives New Zealand, which was set to make them available in February this year after requests from the public. They were originally supposed to be held until 2080.

The Defence Force said it needed to remove personal identification from the files in order to comply with the Privacy Act, and has now done that, deleting all names of military personnel.

Much of the 12 volumes contains correspondence of a fairly outlandish nature but there is also a 1961 sighting from a respected Air Force officer who insists he saw a mysterious cigar-shaped object, with what appeared to be a cockpit and undercarriage - a sighting that baffled him and his superiors.

Hansen, who has been investigating UFOs for more than 35 years, has been campaigning for the documents' release after witnessing numerous "sightings" in her life. She said the move is a step toward openness on the topic.

Hansen said her first sighting was when she was eight and it was also observed by hundreds of people in South Auckland and down through Waikato.

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She said the most striking sighting for her was in 1995, and this was also witnessed by a senior air traffic controller at Hamilton Airport. There were a number of sightings of "this unusual light and object" in that time period, she said.

Hansen has not yet seen the Defence files but hopes they will reveal more information on major sightings around New Zealand, especially Air Force reports from pilots and military sightings that have occurred.

She said the body of evidence worldwide from aviation, pilots, the military, astronauts and scientists confirm the reality of this phenomenon.

"It is sufficient to make us realise there is something going on that the public needs to look into more deeply and we need to try to understand," said Hansen.

Defence does not share the view that we are visited from outer space, or covertly by aircraft or machines of potentially unfriendly nations.

But as far as believers are concerned, the truth about whether this country has been visited by aliens is still out there.

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Experts Call On UN To Prepare For Extraterrestrials

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The United Nations (UN) should prepare a course of action, just in case the Earth should ever be contacted by extraterrestrials, scientists say in a new, extraterrestrial focused edition of the journal *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A*.

The special issue, according to Guardian Science Correspondent Alok Jha, focuses on "all aspects of the search for extraterrestrial life, from astronomy and biology to the political and religious fallout that would result from alien contact."

The issue is currently available online and is dated February 13, 2011. In one article, Professor John Zarnecki of the Open University and Dr Martin Dominik of the University of St. Andrews say that "a lack of co-ordination can be avoided by creating an overarching framework in a truly global effort governed by an international politically legitimated body." The UN's Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS) is ready made for the task, they argue.

According to the organization's official website, COPUOS was established by the UN General Assembly in 1959 in order to "review the scope of international cooperation in peaceful uses of outer space, to devise programs in this field to be undertaken under United Nations auspices, to encourage continued research and the dissemination of information on outer space matters, and to study legal problems arising from the exploration of outer space."

In their paper, Zarnecki and Dominik assert that COPUOS member states should begin focusing on potential extraterrestrial affairs as well, following a format similar to their subcommittees already focused on dealing with threats from asteroids and outer space objects, according to Jha.

Other studies included in the *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A* include a paper by Cambridge University Evolutionary Paleobiology Professor Simon Conway Morris advising those preparing for alien contact to prepare for a species that shares human-like tendencies "towards violence and exploitation," and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary Professor Ted Peters reflecting upon the impact of extraterrestrial contact on the world's religions.

"Because our religious traditions formulated their key beliefs within an ancient world view now out of date, would shocking new knowledge dislodge our pre-modern dogmas? Are religious believers Earth-centric, so that contact with ET would de-centre and marginalize our sense of self-importance?" Peters, a professor of systematic theology, wrote, according to the Guardian.

"Do our traditional religions rank us human beings on top of life's hierarchy, so if we meet ETI who are smarter than us will we lose our superior rank? If we are created in God's image, as the biblical traditions teach, will we have to share that divine image with our new neighbors?" he adds, noting that he believed traditional theologians would evolve into "astrotheologians" and that "contact with extraterrestrial intelligence will expand the existing religious vision that all of creation... is the gift of a loving and gracious God."

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Richard Suttner

More research could prove 'the truth is out there'

By The Associated Press

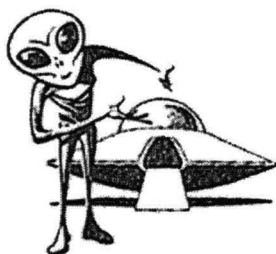
Nearly 200 people gathered at a UFO conference in suburban Philadelphia to discuss accounts of recent sightings, speculate about what one should do if taken aboard an alien spacecraft and generally insist that "the truth is out there."

The Mutual UFO Network, which organized last Saturday's conference at the Sheraton Bucks County Hotel, says it has 364 reports of sightings in the commonwealth last year. And officials say that may be understating the real number because people are too afraid of ridicule to come forward.

"This topic has been laughed at and deliberately made fun of so that people don't come forward with their experiences," said John Ventre, the group's state director.

Karyn Dolan, host of a weekly radio talk show called "Through the Keyhole," said the ever-present derision is one reason she enjoys going to such conferences.

"Nobody rolls their eyes at me. Nobody thinks I'm crazy," said Ms. Dolan, who was there to give a talk on "UFOlogy vs. Paranormal Research, Completely Different or Two Sides of the Same Coin?"



When she hears a news report about a sighting, Ms. Dolan said, "it is always accompanied with a chuckle. It really annoys me."

"A lot of us believe that the more research you do, the more documented proof you collect, the sooner we'll have disclosure," said Bob Gardner, chief investigator for the Mutual UFO Network in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Delaware.

Mr. Gardner said he looks into dozens of UFO sightings each year, and only about 20 percent are legitimate. The rest, he said, are people mistaking meteors or satellites, or dry lightning, or conjuring something from their imagination.

Topics covered in the morning session included whether a person abducted by aliens would be committing Christian-centric bias by praying to Jesus, as some have suggested. Another issue was whether mutual suspicion among UFO researchers and those who believe in ghosts, spirits, lies and/or demons has held up progress in both fields.

Holly Carmasino, 46, of Bristol, said she has had two encounters with mysterious craft in the last decade.

"I've always been a believer because I've seen things in the sky that just couldn't be explained," Ms. Carmasino said.

Ms. Dolan also echoed others in complaining that evidence such as photographs, first-person accounts, soil samples and recordings has been ignored by the public.

"They will look at a sharp photo and say it's a fake," she said. "Then they'll look at a blurry photo and say it's not a good one. Eyewitnesses are generally ignored, despite their validity in criminal cases."

Mr. Ventre, however, said that he believes the truth will eventually be known.

"Other than a sitting president coming forward and saying this is a real phenomenon, I don't know what else we can do," said.

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Dec. 20, 2010 North Dakota

North Dakota witness reports UFO under 500 feet

By Roger Marsh

A North Dakota witness reports that a silent object "300 to 500 feet" away cast a blue-white light through a living room window and then moved away at a high rate of speed on June 25, 2010, according to testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

The witness was first drawn to the object when a light shown through a living room window. "The glow of this object illuminated the area of floor below the window and drew my attention then to the top of the window as the object came into view shortly thereafter," the witness stated. While the witness states that the object "at its nearest point to me" was 300 to 500 feet, the object was then observed at a distance of two to three miles away and "climbing in an arc toward the Northeast." "This object did not display any F.A.A. required Lighting configurations. The light intensity did not waver during the sighting. It did not blink, flutter or fade. The object intensity remained constant from all angles during my observation."

No town name was mentioned in the public portion of the MUFON report, which was filed on December

20, 2010. No images or video were included with the report.

The following is the unedited and as yet uninvestigated report filed with MUFONND, June 25, 2010 - Fast moving bright blue-white object traveling Northeasterly. MUFON Case # 27053.

While at my home watching television in my living room a blue-white light came into view through the the upper portion of my living room window. The glow of this object illuminated the area of floor below the window and drew my attention then to the top of the window as the object came into view shortly thereafter.

The object appeared to be the size of a penny held at arms length. The object did not produce any sound that I am aware of. This object was traveling at a high rate of speed. Many many times faster than any conventional aircraft.

I quickly raced to my window, parted the lower window shades (the lower window is the only portion of this window with shades) and again observed this object. It was aprox. two to three miles away at this point. It was climbing in an arc toward the Northeast.

This object did not display any F.A.A. required Lighting configurations. The light intensity did not waver during the sighting. It did not blink, flutter or fade. The object intensity remained constant from all angles during my observation. The object was in my estimation 300 to 500 Ft distant at it's nearest point to me. I checked "Flight Aware" and found no aircraft to be in the area.

De Void

The mainstream media's lonely UFO web log

January 13th, 2011 Sarasota, FL

Speculation trumps news, as usual

by Billy Cox

From the moment in early December that WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange made a coy passing remark about how he'd also snagged some UFO documents, Internet speculation lit the room like coast-to-coast Christmas trees. De Void suspected if Assange had any decent UFO dish he would've dropped the bomb out of the gate. But what the hell — the clamor was kinda fun to monitor, and who knew, maybe the guy had an ace up his sleeve after all.



But the beer wagon clipped the fire hydrant last week when Tallahassee's Paul Robinson discovered Wiki's skimpy UFO stuff on a Norwegian news page. The results, which he posted Friday at Grant Cameron's Presidents UFO Website, were hopelessly pedestrian.

One intercepted cable from 20 02 recounted claims by the Raelian UFO sect that it had successfully cloned a 7-pound baby girl. Another summarized the short-lived Japanese cabinet debate on UFOs in 2007. A third mentioned that a UFO abductee predicted in 2006 how a tsunami would swamp Casablanca. The final dispatch was a five-sentence statement from the Belarus KGB chairman about its lack of involvement with paranormal phenomena (in toto):

"Unlike during the USSR, the department is not engaged in studying paranormal phenomena. [Back then] we had greater means and opportunities which we could spend on anything and everything. Today the situation is different. Then, when society was excited by something, it entered our sphere of interest. But when it comes to healers, UFOs and such, we just can't deal with them any more."

Given the month-long hype, Cameron figured the reality check might rate at least a fraction of the pre-release publicity. Instead, the only next-day coverage he could find on this lusterless revelation came from "exopolitician" Michael Salla. When it comes to UFOs, Salla's glass is always half full. "Wikileaks cable," he announced in a headline, "confirms extensive Soviet UFO investigations."

But Salla's good vibes went up the same day U.S. Rep. Gabrielle Giffords was gunned down in Arizona, and of course by then, the collective attention span had swiveled elsewhere. By Sunday, clinical hypnotherapist Dr. Richard Boylan had conducted an "energy signature reading" on the Tucson tragedy, which afforded him the sort of clarity currently eluding everyone else.

"Was this assassination event," he wondered in an e-mail blast, "a desperate attempt by the Cabal to distract the U.S. Administration from its plan to begin formal consultations with Star Nations and begin a series of Public Acknowledgements of UFO reality." Well, we all know the answer to that. "Efforts have been quietly going on to move the U.S. Administration to begin such Public Acknowledgements," Boylan went on. "There were some subtle signs of progress in this matter. Then the Tucson massacre took place and put such efforts on hold while this assassination crisis gets sorted out."

Boylan's resume lists him as past president of the Sacramento Valley Psychological Association and the founder of the Star Seeds Project to work with human-alien hybrid children. He described 9-year-old shooting victim Christina Taylor Green as "our Star Kid martyr."

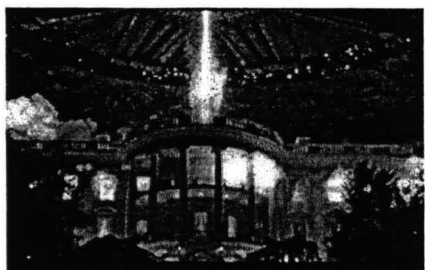
So yeah, between viral speculation about UFOs slaughtering birds and the MSM linking Tucson shooter Jared Loughner to UFOs, the new year is off to a bangup start. Grant Cameron could've screamed his brains out on the phone and it would've been OK with De Void. Instead, the Canadian researcher who spilled the Wiki beans in North America sounded like a guy who's worn out from trying to get mules to climb trees.

"I was shocked that there was no reaction to the article at all. Nobody picked up on it," Cameron says from his home in Winnipeg. "People seem to be interested, but it doesn't have any impact. A lot of people in ufology really don't care about anything but the midway act, the freak show."



Study: If aliens exist, they probably want to destroy us

British scientist Simon Conway Morris believes there are only two possibilities for alien life; either we're alone or aliens exist, and they are out to get us.



Scientist Simon Conway Morris believes that aliens, if they exist, will not come in peace, as seen in the 1996 movie "Independence Day."

Newscom/File

By Mike Wall, SPACE.com Senior Writer

January 10, 2011

When considering the prospect of alien life, humankind should prepare for the worst, according to a new study: Either we're alone, or any aliens out there are acquisitive and resource-hungry, just like us.

These two unpalatable options are pretty much the only possibilities, according to the new study. That's because evolution is predictable, and alien biospheres should thus produce intelligent creatures much like us, with technological prowess and an ever-increasing need for resources.

But the fact that we haven't run across E.T. yet argues strongly for the latter possibility — that we are alone in the universe's howling void, the study suggests.

"At present, as many have observed, it is very quiet out there," study author Simon Conway Morris, of the University of Cambridge, told SPACE.com in an e-mail interview. "And given many planetary systems are billions of years older than ours, I'd expect us to be best grilled on toast back in the Cambrian."

Evolution is predictable

Life on Earth has exploited just about every conceivable niche, tolerating extremes of temperature, salinity, pH and pressure. Conway Morris makes the case that Earth life thus exists close to the physical and chemical limits of life anywhere.

Further, Conway Morris says, evolution operates predictably, producing relatively predictable outcomes. These two suppositions argue that alien

life, if it exists, should be fairly similar to terrestrial life, generating intelligent beings much like us. These aliens may look unfamiliar, but any differences would be skin-deep.

There is reason to be wary of such creatures, according to Conway Morris.

"If intelligent aliens exist, they will look just like us, and given our far-from-glorious history, this should give us pause for thought," he writes in the study, which was published today (Jan. 10) in the journal *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A*.

Other researchers have raised this same point. The eminent physicist Stephen Hawking, for example, recently warned that aliens may be more interested in mining our planet for vital resources than in getting to know us.

Are we alone?

The prospect of greedy, imperialistic aliens is a troubling one, but Conway Morris thinks another scenario — also depressing — is more likely to be true.

We're likely alone in the universe, he writes. The cosmos is almost inconceivably vast, likely harboring at least 100 billion galaxies. And our solar system is relatively young compared to the rest of the universe — 4.6 billion years versus 13.7 billion years.

So there should have been plenty of time and opportunity for many alien civilizations to get a sizable evolutionary head start. The fact that E.T. seemingly hasn't contacted us is a strong indication that he's just not out there, according to Conway Morris.

The huge distances that would likely separate potential alien civilizations don't present an insuperable barrier to contact, Conway Morris said.

"At least so far as this galaxy is concerned, a distance of circa 100,000 light years doesn't seem insurmountable, given a relatively slow diffusion rate and a geometrical rate of establishment of colonies," he said.

Welcoming aliens with open arms?

While Conway Morris' study recommends caution when considering the possibility of alien life, another new report suggests that humanity would probably be happy to learn that we're not alone.

Writing in the same issue of the *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society A*, psychologist Albert Harrison predicts that the discovery of alien life — should it happen anytime soon — would be more likely to inspire delight than incite pandemonium here on Earth.

That's partly because E.T. would probably seem pretty non-threatening, and fairly abstract, when we first discover it. The first evidence of alien life would likely be a microbe from Mars or other solar system body, or an electromagnetic signal snagged out of the air, according to Harrison.

"This is how we're looking systematically for extraterrestrial life," Harrison, a psychology professor at the University of California, Davis, told

SPACE.com. "Because this is where we're looking, this is where we're likely to find it." Either way, such a discovery would be a far cry from "War of the Worlds"-style invading spaceships. There may be some ambiguity and uncertainty involved, especially with an electromagnetic signal, which could be tough to interpret. But that shouldn't be a major problem, according to Harrison. "There will be varied responses, but I think that on the whole we'll take it well," he said. "You have to remember, there are adaptive mechanisms that swing into play."

And finding E.T. might not be a single, drama-packed event, he added. Rather, it could occur as most science does, with a lot of back-and-forth discussions and appraisals of the evidence.

"What I think could very well happen is that slowly, over time, different people start concluding that we're not alone," Harrison said. "Some people have already concluded it. It won't necessarily have to be a big flashpoint, or like a bomb going off. It'll be more and more people saying, 'Gee, the evidence does show that they're out there.'"

Preparing for 50 years

Another reason people would likely take the discovery of E.T. well, according to Harrison, is what has happened in the last 50 years. Advances in technology, spaceflight, space science and our understanding of the cosmos have prepared us for the possibility that we are not alone.

"This creates the sense that anything could be possible," Harrison said. "And it creates the perceptions, I think, that E.T. may be out there, and that we'll eventually have the technological means to detect him."

For his part, Harrison is more sanguine than Conway Morris about the possibility of E.T.'s existence. Aliens may well be hard to find in such a vast universe, especially since we don't know exactly what we're looking for.

"It's that needle in a cosmic haystack," Harrison said. "Maybe they're just too far away, and we'll never run into them. There are a lot of unknowns."

And, though he doesn't advocate letting our guard down, Harrison is not quite as worried about aliens' possible malignant intentions as Conway Morris is. It's not necessarily inevitable that alien civilizations advance to stages of interstellar imperialism, cruising the cosmos for resources, Harrison said.

Despite the atrocities leading the news every night, societies here on Earth seem to be trending more toward peaceful coexistence, Harrison said. And even if an alien civilization got greedy and imperialistic, there's no guarantee it would be able to run roughshod over its neighbors.

"It's possible to have very acquisitive civilizations out there," Harrison said. "Maybe they get to a certain point, but they may collapse or be beaten back. No one civilization is necessarily going to take over, because there will be coalitions of other civilizations that will keep them in check." People around the world seem to share Harrison's more positive outlook. In the new study, he cites one poll that found that 86 percent of Americans believe that aliens are more likely to be friendly than hostile.

Maybe most of us have a bead on aliens. Or maybe we're just optimists — or suckers.



Jan. 16, 2011

Vietnam Veteran: UFO threat to pilots must be dealt with now

Bob Shmidt

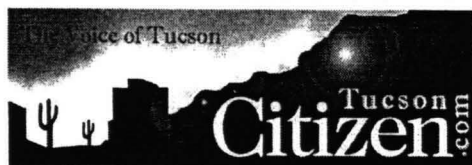
My flying career, if you can call it that, began in the US Air Force. I flew A-1 Skyraiders in Vietnam for three years. My memories of much of the war are ones I have had to learn to live with. However, my love of flying followed me into civilian life and for that I have no regrets. Obviously I have clocked up a fair few hours in the cockpit. Since honorable discharge from the Air Force I have owned and flown Cessnas, Pipers and a handful of less than reliable ultra-lights. I kept my Private Pilots license current until last year when health issues forced me to give up my life's hobby and stay put on the ground.

Throughout the years I have been in situations where I found myself praying: ice, storms, zero visibility. None of these were as frightening as a UFO encounter I experienced a decade ago, while high above San Diego. One clear June morning as I looked ahead of me I noticed movement out of the side of eye. To my shock a huge UFO, twice the size of my Cessna 172 was traveling alongside me. I stared at the UFO for less than a minute and it just sped off and vanished in a second. As it did my plane lunged to the side violently and started to dip. I managed to stabilise things and spent the next two hours wondering what the heck I had just seen.

Here's a dose of reality which might be hard to swallow for those wishing to stay in the cozy bubble our governments and media have created for us: Alien and UFO visits to earth are fact: totally irrefutable certainty. UFOs from other worlds are entering our air space all the time everyone that 'needs' to know it does. UFOs DO present a serious risk to pilots, military, commercial and private.

It is essential that the FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) and the ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) make study of UFOs and the dangers they present as well as advised procedures in the event of a UFO encounter a non negotiable part of training to earn a Pilots License.

It is also essential that the FAA generally comes clean to pilots about UFOs in the skies. The FAA should also train tower personnel on UFOs and admit that those odd things that are observed, from time to time, both on radar and visually are alien craft - so that all pilots can be informed of any nearby UFOs they need to take into account. Any less is knowingly risking the lives of aviators and commuters for the sake of a continuing lie perpetrated on the public. Aviation authorities have a responsibility towards both crew and passengers of planes and this is being ignored: in some cases with tragic consequence.



December 29: The Cash-Landrum UFO incident, 30 years ago today

by Cherlyn Gardner Strong

Dec. 29, 2010 Tucson, AZ

A bizarre incident occurred in the United States, one day following the Rendlesham series of UFO incidents in the United Kingdom, in 1980. It involved two women and a child returning from an evening dining out in Texas.

The evening of December 29, 1980 started out normally for Betty Cash, Vickie Landrum and Landrum's seven-year-old grandson, Colby. While driving home to Dayton, TX, on an isolated two-lane road in the dense woods, the three noticed a light above some trees around 9:00 pm. Within minutes the light became brighter, revealing a diamond-shaped object.

The trio noted an intense heat emanating from the object, which caused Vickie Landrum to tell Cash to stop the car, fearing that they would be burned. Cash considered turning the car around but the narrow road prevented such a maneuver. The women got out of the car, but Landrum quickly returned to it to comfort her grandson. She was not scared as she thought that it was the second coming of Christ, she would later say.

Betty Cash remained outside the car, which became too hot to touch due to the extreme heat, both on the metal body of the car and the vinyl inside. It was said that Landrum pressed the vinyl of the dashboard with her hand, leaving an imprint that remained for weeks.

Soon, at least 23 helicopters approached the object and surrounded it. Cash returned to the car and the three returned home.

That night, all three experienced nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, burning eyes and a feeling of sunburned skin. Cash's symptoms became worse. By January 3, 1981, Cash was admitted to the hospital. Large, painful blisters formed on her skin. She lost large patches of skin and clumps of hair. Landrum experienced similar symptoms, though not as severe.

Landrum telephoned a number of U.S. government agencies and officials about the encounter, eventually finding NASA aerospace engineer John Schuessler. Schuessler had an interest in UFOs, and together with associates with MUFON, research began on the case. Although Cash and Landrum were found to be credible witnesses, and a policeman and his wife had also come forward about seeing the helicopters on December 29th, there were no answers.

Cash and Landrum eventually sued the U.S. government for \$20 million, but a judge dismissed the case. The judge said that there was no proof that the helicopters belonged to the government and there was no diamond-shaped craft in their possession.

The case continues to fascinate, 30 years after the incident, profiled over the years in books, magazines and television shows. Colby Landrum appeared on the television show *UFO Hunters* last year. His grandmother Vickie Landrum passed away two years ago in 2007.

Betty Cash passed away 12 years ago, in 1998. She died on December 29th, exactly 18 years after the incident.

Wellington, West Palm Beach UFO sightings were probably floating lanterns, expert says

By Mitra Malek

Palm Beach Post Palm Beach, FL
Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011

Glowing orange and red lights floated across parts of Florida's sky New Year's weekend, including in the Wellington and West Palm Beach areas, setting off a state of wonderment among witnesses.

But those UFOs weren't so unidentified after all. The drifting bulbs and streaks were probably floating lanterns, said Brian Vike, founder of the paranormal blog *The Vike Factor*, which fielded about 250 e-mails, 30 or so from Florida, noting the strange sightings worldwide.

"They're all lit up and glowing," Vike said. "They'll go up and down and sideways, so it looks pretty weird." A woman and her fiancé saw two "red orange" lights float over them while taking a walk in Wellington around 6:55 p.m. Jan. 1, the blog showed.

A West Palm Beach resident saw four red lights "spread equally apart coming in from the south heading north" at about 10:30 p.m. on New Year's Eve,, according to the blog.

Wellington resident Carol Coleman spotted a "reddish-orangish-yellowish" glow at perhaps 9:30 p.m. Jan. 1, but didn't think much of it other than noting it was "strange."

"It reminded me of the tails of the fireworks," said Coleman, who didn't write to *The Vike Factor*. Massachusetts resident Brian Milne and his wife spotted similar floating orbs of red on New Year's Eve in Fort Myers. The couple had a pretty good idea of what flew slowly above because they have set off paper lanterns in Cape Cod.

"If you don't know what the thing is, you're going to think it's a UFO," Milne said. "A couple of them up there gives it an eerie feel."

The lanterns are often made of a flame-retardant paper, similar to a paper bag. In the opening, which faces the ground, a wire frame holds a candle. The flame heats the inside of the paper, making it glow like a lantern. The heat causes the lantern to rise, like a tiny hot air balloon, up to about 500 feet, Milne said.

When the flame dies and the bag cools, it floats back down. Vike said he's fairly certain people spotted floating lanterns over the weekend. In fact, many wrote to him later confirming it. "There's some good stuff out there that you can't explain, but this is probably" the lanterns, Vike said.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

There They Go Again—or Do They?

'SAUCER' REPORTS MOUNT

Flying 'Things' Described, Seen
In California, Ohio, Korea

(By Combined News Services)

Report of mysterious objects skipping around the skies kept 'rolling in' Friday—or at least persons on both sides of the globe were seeing them. The latest included separate "spottings" in Southern California, Ohio and Korea.

If they were there they were elusive, as jet fighters from Wright-Patterson air base failed to catch up even close enough for a photograph and a DC-3, with expert observers and newspapermen failed to spot any in the air over Washington, D. C.

The Far East report came when a Canadian destroyer reported sighting two such objects and recording them on its radar. They were supposed to have been seen July 10 by its 40 officers and crew men.

The hour-long Washington search was sponsored by the National Broadcasting Company and the "We The People" television show which had hoped to turn up a few unidentified objects for TV audiences.

The radar screen at Washington airport kept a double check on the reporters' plane—but all in vain.

Self-styled "flying saucer" experts interviewed during the TV program offered several different explanations for the phantom-like objects.

ONE interviewee said they were "visitors from outer space—other planets." Another theorized that they were caused by weather phenomena.

The Air Force's theory on recent "flying saucers" over Washington has been that they were "heat mirages." This explanation has it that the "saucers" actually are lights from the ground reflected through heat waves and mirrored against the sky.

The Dayton "flying saucers" out-distanced two jet fighters sent out from Wright-Patterson Air Base. The unexplained lights disappeared in mid-air when the jets took up the pursuit.

Wright-Patterson field, the Air Force's intelligence center for evaluating nationwide reports of "saucer" sightings, is being sent a photograph of five mysterious lights in apparent formation over New Salem, Mass.

A DAYLIGHT "shot" taken by 21-year old Coast Guardsman Shell R. Alpert on July 18 showed unidentified objects to be brilliant flashes of light with small rays

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piercing out in front and in back of them.

Close examination of the photo indicates they could be clouds, lights—or even "flying saucers." Alpert, a photographer from Denver, said his camera probably caught an unexplained "natural phenomenon."

MEANWHILE, two mysterious objects "giving off a bright yellowish light" and one of them swinging over the earth "like a pendulum for 10 minutes" were sighted late Friday night by two deputies from the sheriff's station at Lancaster in southern California.

Deputy Sheriff Tom Morrissey said he and deputy William D. Mallette spotted the mysterious objects in the night sky at about 11:25 p.m. while cruising in a patrol. Morrissey said he and Mallette stopped a passing car whose passengers observed the strange sight with them.

He said the two bright objects were stationary at first, then both moved slowly to the west. He said one of them swung away and disappeared over the southeastern horizon while the other "remained for about 10 minutes, swinging like a pendulum over the earth" before moving out of sight to the west.

The Korean report, addressed to the commanders of the Far East Naval Forces and the Fifth Air Force, said the ship's radar registered "fixed" objects July 10. It placed them two miles high and seven miles away.

The report said the objects disappeared before dawn.

A SECOND report a day or two later dismissed the radar find as the planet Jupiter. One officer commented, however: "Jupiter doesn't come in pairs and it is several million miles out of range of our radar."

The only previous report of "flying saucer" sightings in Korea cropped up last February. Crews of two night-flying bombers said they saw saucer-like objects moving over North Korea.

Tokyo, too, had a saucer report. Kosuke Miyazaki, 27, of the Central Meteorological Observatory said he saw a greenish-white thing with a tail flying through the sky Friday night.

HEADQUARTERS of the Air Force air Defense Command at Colorado Springs reported there has been a flurry of reports of saucers and other unidentified objects for the past two weeks.

And so seriously are the reports viewed that fast interceptor planes are kept on the ready to jet aloft to find out what goes on—if possible.

"We've really been scrambling," and ADC spokesman said. "Those planes are kept loaded and ready to go and their pilots are never more than a few feet away. They're in the air within seconds of a report that seems definite

enough."

The thing is not geared up just for saucers, though. The system is the same as that worked out to meet any enemy attack.

FURTHERMORE, the ADC isn't saying what might have been found. The results of the scrambles aren't for it to announce. Findings are turned over to technical experts at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Dayton, O.

The ADC, which commands and coordinates the three regional air defense commands in New York, Missouri and California, does say that its radar equipment has been picking up a lot of unexplained blips.

"For the past two weeks," the ADC reported, "headquarters has received a number of reports of unidentified airborne objects in its area through the normal detection channels of the ADC."

"In the normal performance of its assignment, it has sent fighter interceptor aircraft aloft whenever objects are detected in the area with sufficient definiteness to warrant an interception."

"It should be pointed out that radar in many instances picks up certain natural phenomena, such as ionized clouds, which may give the appearance of solid objects on the scope."

"Other manmade objects, such as flares, weather balloons and so on, may also register on the scope, and some interceptions have revealed that these are often what the unknowns turn out to be."

The Lima News
Aug. 2, 1952
Lima, Ohio

Objects Appear in Lima Skies

"Flying saucers" were back over the Lima area again Friday afternoon.

W. M. Stevenson, living about 3½ miles east of Lima on Route 81, told highway patrolmen he spotted what he described as two saucer-shaped objects in the sky above his farm about 2:30 p. m. Friday.

"One was high overhead, going west," Stevenson told patrolman Dwight Carey. "A plane approached and the object changed direction and headed northwest. About that time another object came into view behind the first one. Then they both flew out of sight."

Carey said he relayed the report to District A headquarters, Findlay.

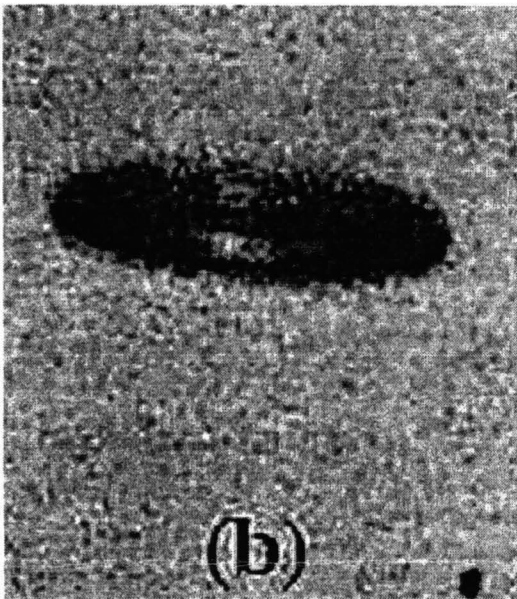


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New Zealand's X-files are out

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UNEXPLAINED SIGHTING: A possible UFO sighting as reported by the Journal of Scientific Exploration, is seen in an undated file photo.

Secret Defence Force files reveal hundreds of UFO sightings, details of a top-level government investigative body, and previously unseen reports into the Kaikoura mystery.

More than 2000 pages of formerly classified files were made public yesterday after two years of lobbying by UFO researchers and media. The files include: Sketches of a "spacecraft" sighted over the Wairau Valley.

Letters from a Wellington mechanical engineer who claimed to have deciphered a tabloid that "detailed a drawing of a machine that is several thousand years old".

300 pages of correspondence from a Christchurch man, with accompanying sketches, detailing his contact with aliens over 20 years. Defence Force spokesman Commander Phil Bradshaw said yesterday that the number of reports had fallen in the past 10 to 20 years and the Defence Force had "no official interest" in UFOs. "If you look at the reports, obviously some of them are highly questionable, but others are written very genuinely. People definitely see things that are unexplained."

As an engineer, he believed the mathematical probability of extraterrestrial life was high, but "as for little green men", he was less convinced.

The Defence Force collates information relating to UFOs but does not investigate sightings beyond ruling out basic factors, such as whether any aircraft were known to be in the area at the time.

Defence Minister Wayne Mapp said people could "make what they will" of the reports, but he believed that "a quick scan of the files indicates that virtually everything has a natural explanation".

Many of the files relate to the Kaikoura sighting of December 1978, when both a Wellington radar team and crew of an Argosy cargo plane reported strange lights and inexplicable radar readings in the Clarence area, near Kaikoura. Prime minister Sir Rob Muldoon took a special interest in the investigation and "asked [that] he be informed of Defence's conclusions to the study it was undertaking".

According to a Defence Force letter from 1984, Kaikoura was the only UFO sighting fully investigated by the air force.

When sightings continued and worldwide media coverage ensued, the air force said it was forced to investigate.

The Kaikoura investigation failed to pinpoint a single cause of the unexplained lights and radar readings, but concluded almost all the sightings could be explained by factors including unusual atmospheric conditions, lights from a Japanese squid fleet, or a glow from the planet Venus. Wellington man John Cordy, who was in the air traffic control tower and witnessed the inexplicable radar readings, said the government conclusion sounded "like a Tui advert". "Unusual atmospheric conditions on a clear starry night? Squid boats doing 180 knots? Venus rocketing around my radar screen? It's a little insulting."

The files also reveal that a government-run unidentified flying object investigating committee existed until the mid-1970s, and included top officials.

It was chaired by the deputy director of Service Intelligence, and its members included a squadron leader from the directorate of Service Intelligence, the director-general of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, the head of the Meteorological Service, and the director of the Carter Observatory.

The committee was abolished in 1976 after infrequent meetings, the last of them in 1970. Calling for its disbandment, the Carter Observatory director at the time, WJH Fisher, remarked that "most UFOs are only unidentifiable by the person reporting them". The defence secretary, JF Robertson, concluded it was "increasingly inappropriate" for his department to oversee investigations into UFO sightings, and the committee was disbanded.

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RUDE SHOCK WHILE GETTING THE COWS

Among the hundreds of UFO sightings in New Zealand, only one was ever fully investigated. Public and media interest in the Kaikoura UFO sightings in 1978, coupled with strong personal interest from prime minister Robert Muldoon, led to the air force preparing a detailed report. This is the first time it has been made public. "The Kaikoura case was a special one in which the government asked the RNZAF to investigate," states an official Defence Force letter in the files.

Numerous other UFO "sightings" in New Zealand have been reported by the public to the police, the Civil Aviation Authority and the Defence Ministry.

Some reports were cross-checked "primarily to determine whether there may be a physical reason for the phenomenon, like a large aircraft or a meteorological balloon catching the sunlight at high altitude," the letter states. Otherwise, they were dismissed.

EARLY INTEREST

The early files are almost entirely made up of newspaper reports and articles by New Zealand's first UFO group, the Civilian Saucer Investigations (New Zealand), led by Harold Fulton and formed in 1952.

Mr Fulton produced a regular newsletter documenting sightings in both New Zealand and overseas, all of which were in the files. The group was later followed by the Adamski Correspondence Groups, based in Auckland and Timaru.

American flying saucer expert George Adamski claimed that flying saucers were made of aluminium and other minerals, some of which had been found to come to Earth in a "jelly-like form, already disintegrating and by the time you pick up the jelly there is nothing but a bad odour left".

SILVERY SPACEMAN

At 5.35am on July 13, 1959, Blenheim farmer Eileen Moreland was getting the cows when she noticed a green light above her in the clouds. Soon an oval-shaped UFO with two green beams of light and "fiery orange jets" settled above her, enveloping her in a "peculiar green glow". Fleeing for the shelter of nearby pine trees, she claims to have seen two men inside the craft, dressed in "silvery, shiny suits from the waist upwards" and with headgear "like divers' helmets which glittered very brightly".

The object appeared to hover for a few seconds, then, with a high-pitched whistle took off, leaving behind "a waft of hot, peppery air". In what appears to be an official summary of facts, the author said Mrs Moreland seemed to "quite honestly believe" she had seen the craft, which flew off "at a speed that would make a vampire look like it was standing still". Of the alien spacecraft, she said: "It was certainly a nice machine, whatever it was."

CAPTAIN RAINBOW

A subject of much public speculation was the 1955 sighting of an unexplained light between

Ohura and Raglan, "showing apparent movement, changes in colour and fluctuation in light and intensity".

National Airways Corporation pilot Captain WT Rainbow was summoned to Wellington to report on his sighting of the mystery object. Dozens of articles about the sighting featured in national newspapers before the director of the Carter Observatory concluded that the planet Venus, rising in the night sky, was responsible.

Captain Rainbow later said, "personally, after all the newspaper reports, phone calls, RNZAF statements plus personal embarrassment, I would have to have the little men waving to me before I made any further reports of this nature".

KAIKOURA INCIDENT

On December 21, 1978, both a Wellington radar team and crew of an Argosy cargo plane reported strange lights and inexplicable radar readings in the Clarence area, near Kaikoura. At the time the radar team said no other aircraft were cleared to be in the area, while the crew reported strange lights around their aircraft which tracked them for more than 60 kilometres.

They "observed a very bright light", alternatively described as a "very bright orb" and "pear shaped with a reddish tinge that then turned white".

An Air Force Orion was sent on a reconnaissance flight to Kaikoura on January 2. A January 1979 report into the Kaikoura incident, entitled "Report on Unidentifiable Visual and Radar Sightings", noted the air force had traditionally adopted a "low profile" interest in reported UFO sightings. However, after mass sightings over two separate dates just weeks apart, and increasingly "negative" media coverage, the air force said it was forced into beginning an investigation.

The reporting officer said: "Because the prime minister [Muldoon] took a close personal interest in what went on and specially asked [that] he be informed of Defence's conclusions to the study it was undertaking, I believe he would wish to see a copy of the air staff report."

The air force report concluded that almost all the sightings could be explained by natural but unusual phenomena, including lights from a Japanese squid fleet or a glow from the planet Venus.

Following the Kaikoura sightings, hundreds of Official Information Act requests were sent to the Defence Force and the government seeking information on "what really happened".

MINISTRY POSITION

A letter from then secretary of defence D.P.G. McLean in 1984 to the Ombudsman explained why the ministry did not want to release information about UFO sightings to the Mutual UFO Network in Christchurch. He said the privacy needed to be protected and individuals should not be exposed to public ridicule.

"Some reports of sightings come from those who are genuinely puzzled about something they have seen and are made in good faith. Others are taken up by those for whom UFOs, it seems, will explain all the mysteries of the universe. The

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ministry should not, in my view, willingly get drawn into the pursuit of chimera and should avoid providing fuel for fevered imaginations." In another response to an OIA request, this time by conspiracy theorist journalist Ian Wishart, a Defence Ministry official, said it held no information "whatsoever" to suggest that aliens had landed in New Zealand or that "they or their spacecraft have been sighted here".

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS

The files are full of letters and sketches from members of the public who claim to have seen UFOs and aliens.

More than 300 pages of the files are taken up by correspondence from one Christchurch person, who sent the Defence Force hundreds of letters and accompanying sketches detailing his contact with aliens over 20 years. In one letter, he asks the Defence Force to stump up for a deposit on a house as a reward for all the inside information he had provided. It respectfully declined.

A Wellington mechanical engineer claimed to have deciphered a tabloid that "detailed a drawing of a machine that is several thousand years old". He asked for Defence Force backing to harness quantum dynamics and create his sophisticated flying unit which would "dramatically affect the whole human race in this millennium". The Defence Force responded by citing limited resources, saying it would be "inappropriate to divert skilled manpower" to the project.

A Kaitia man detailed his plans for a futuristic jet, incorporating heat-resistant probes and a giant music speaker attached to the jet stream. The Defence Force said his correspondence had been forwarded to a defence scientific unit, and promised to respond if there was any interest.

UFO HOTSPOTS

Whether Mainlanders are more keen to report sightings, or whether there are simply more unexplained objects in the skies above the South Island, there is no doubt there are some UFO hotspots.

Between April 3 and May 12, 1972, five chunks of "space debris" were found in Ashburton. About 15 people reported seeing the "Ashburton balls" falling from the night sky. They were later found to be spherical titanium pressure vessels. Nasa data showed the only two possible origins of the debris were United States and Russian satellites.

The Defence Ministry report found the Russian satellite had passed over New Zealand about the time the objects were seen, and concluded this was the origin.

In August 1982 alone, there were three sightings in the Marlborough region. On one occasion, three motorists spotted a two-metre-high figure with a "general outline of a window dresser's model" standing in the centre of State Highway 1 between Christchurch and Blenheim. The occupants told police that it had "no distinguishable features, and glowed like a fluorescent light".

In the second incident, a man travelling from Blenheim to Amberley spotted "four flashing red lights in an arc, with two more red lights above it". The motorist told police he thought it was an aircraft but became concerned when there was no engine noise.

In the third, motorists described an object "like a big crash helmet" which hovered more than two metres high above the road.

In January the same year, four Air New Zealand cargo loaders at Christchurch Airport, used to seeing aircraft at night, were left scratching their heads over a bright "pulsating orange and white light" in the sky above Christchurch airport. In August the year before, a Temuka family claimed they were tracked for 12km by a UFO as they drove home from Pleasant Pt. No investigations were undertaken, and the phenomena remain unexplained.

RECENT SIGHTINGS

Though the extraterrestrial fervour of the early 1950s has diminished, there have still been many "sightings" in recent years – and Wellington is not exempt.

In 2000, two UFOs were sighted above Roseneath. The first was a small triangular shape with an orange light at the back and a white "beam of light" at the front, while the second was described as larger, with a white light.

Apparently, the smaller UFO flew underneath the larger one, before a beam of light from the mother ship danced across Evans Bay Parade. In 1998, a Porirua resident who refused to be identified, but who officials said sounded "calm and puzzled", claimed to have seen a large, oval, reddish-pink bright object with flashing lights appear at high altitude above the western hills of Porirua. After zooming across the valley, it hovered above the eastern hills for 25 minutes, occasionally "shuddering in place [up and down] before steadying down again".

In January 1995, three teenagers reported seeing a star-like object moving in a "zig-zag fashion" in the sky above Eastbourne, from where they were lying watching the stars by the Marsden Memorial. The object circled overhead, then returned to hover above Eastbourne.

News clippings are always appreciated!

We encourage you to submit any UFO-related newspaper clippings to us. Please be sure to include the name and date of the newspaper along with the article itself. We always credit those who submit articles that are used. Please understand that we may not be able to use all articles we receive due to space limitations.

30 YEARS SINCE BRITAIN'S BIGGEST UFO MYSTERY

Truth STILL out there

WHEN I worked as an MoD investigator looking into UFOs it was our most mysterious real-life X File. Nothing has changed.

I travelled to Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk yesterday to reopen the investigation into Britain's most famous UFO sighting - with the men who saw it 30 years ago.

Former US airmen John Burroughs and Jim Penniston are still angry about what they believe was a cover-up of the most compelling evidence yet of extraterrestrial visitors.

In the early hours of Boxing Day, 1980, the pair were on guard when they spotted strange lights in the forest, between US air bases Bentwaters and Woodbridge.

Thinking an aircraft might have crashed, they went to investigate. In a small clearing they encountered a triangular-shaped UFO.

Jim, who got close enough to touch it, described weird symbols like Egyptian hieroglyphs on the craft's side.

As they watched, the UFO started to rise before shooting off at an incredible rate. Jim wrote in his notebook: "Speed: Impossible."

It was to be the first of a series of sightings.

Two nights later Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt, deputy base commander at Bent-



By **NICK POPE**
UFO expert

waters, was at an awards ceremony when a young officer burst in and told him "It's back". He quickly gathered a team and retraced John and Jim's path to the clearing.

There his men used a Geiger counter to take radiation readings. The levels were eight times higher than normal.

As the team continued into the forest, their radios malfunctioned and their powerful searchlights cut out.

Then they saw it. The UFO was back. Lt Col Halt later said: "Here I am, a senior official who routinely denies and debunks this sort of thing. In the middle of some-

thing I can't explain." He was carrying a hand-held tape player and you can hear the men's fear: "It's coming this way... It looks like an eye winking. It almost burns your eyes... he's coming..."

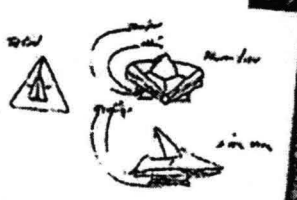
At this point the UFO fired a beam of light just feet from the group before firing more beams across the air bases.

Sceptics have since blamed a burning truck of manure, flashing lights of a police car and even a beam from a lighthouse at nearby Orford Ness.

But witnesses insist the claims are part of a government whitewash. There have been allegations of attempts at brainwashing, hypnosis and even "truth serums".

For John and Jim, the search for evidence continues - but they vow they will uncover the truth.

Jim said: "Thirty years of misinformation must end."



X FILE... US airmen Jim and John, right, saw UFO, sketched at time, above



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Mystery of UFO 'a cover story'

RENDLESHAM: Forest crash 'was Apollo capsule'

By Jonathan Barnes

THE Internationally-famous Rendlesham "UFO incident" story was a cover-up to save the blushes of blundering US helicopter pilots, a special investigation claimed last night.

BBC Radio Suffolk broadcast a live programme to investigate the enduring mystery of the UFO "crash" in the Suffolk forest nearly 30 years ago - a story which has gripped enthusiasts across the world.

Host Mark Murphy spoke to a number of people who have an interest in the story in an attempt to uncover some truths during the live show, which was broadcast from the Cold War Museum on the former USAF Bentwaters base and the "landing" scene.

He said, after looking at the various theories, the one that seemed most plausible was that the "alien spacecraft" was actually an



INTRIGUE: Behind the headlines, above, Mark Murphy, right, is proposing a "plausible" theory

Apollo space rocket capsule which had been dropped following a helicopter accident early on Boxing Day 1980.

"The Woodbridge airbase was home to the Apollo recovery team which would be called out if the rocket landed anywhere other than the Pacific," he explained.



"For whatever reason, it seems the helicopter crew went up on Christmas night and took the capsule out for a trip, suspended below it on chains.

"The helicopter was flying low and it smashed into the runway lights, causing it to drop the capsule into



ANSWER TO THE MYSTERY?: An Apollo space rocket capsule "went missing" at the time of the incident

the forest. They then came back the next day to recover the capsule. It was then taken to an air force base in America and, apparently, its dimensions match up with those in the forest supposedly caused by the 'alien spacecraft'.

"Lots of people saw lights in the sky that night and there was one couple, who are no longer with us, who swore they saw a helicopter carrying on chains what looked like an upside down ice cream cornet."

The theory was proposed by Graham Haynes, who runs the Cold War Museum, and Mr Murphy added: "It seems a plausible theory."

"I'd love to believe it was a UFO that landed that night - but where's the proof?"

Radio Suffolk and the East Anglian Daily Times is joining forces for an investigation into the incident, which is called Rendlesham Revealed.

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WACKYLEAKS

US diplomatic cables will reveal UFO sightings



UFO fans hope WikiLeaks will soon be spilling the beans on ALIENS.

The controversial website's founder has revealed that in some of the secret US files it holds there are "indeed

Revelation... Assange

By VINCE SODIN

references" to flying saucers.

The news sent space-watchers into overdrive speculating about what the information might be.

British author and researcher Nick Pope, who investigated unidentified air threats for the MoD, said: "I can't wait to see what

these documents say. The US government denies having any interest in UFOs, so it's very strange the subject is mentioned in secret documents."

WikiLeaks founder, Australian Julian Assange, has caused global outrage by releasing 250,000 US diplomatic cables, many of them relating to Afghanistan and Iraq. He made the UFO revelation in

an online Q&A session after a question about extraterrestrials.

Assange is believed to be in hiding in England as the latest revelations from the whistle-blowing website create global uproar.

Cops in Sweden want to quiz him after two women said they were attacked when he visited the country in August.

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MoD slaps restrictions on Hill access

ASSANGE: MY LIFE'S AT RISK

THE founder of WikiLeaks last night claimed his life was at risk for exposing government secrets.

In an extraordinary rant, Julian Assange, above, also revealed he would publish classified U.S. files about aliens and UFOs.

The reclusive Australian insisted he had received death threats after disclosing hundreds of thousands of confidential files on his whistleblowing website.

He first sparked fury by publishing U.S. army logs from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan that suggested soldiers were complicit in murder and torture.

Then this week he disclosed around 250,000 cables from U.S. embassies, many containing sensitive information and embarrassing verdicts on leaders including David Cameron.

During a question and answer session on The Guardian's website, Mr Assange said: "The threats against our lives are a matter of public record, however, we are taking the appropriate precautions to the degree that we are able when dealing with a superpower."

In a warning to the authorities, he said the leaked American cables, along with "significant material from the U.S. and other countries", had been copied to more than 100,000 people in code.

"If something happens to us, the key parts will be released automatically," he said.

Mr Assange, who is in hiding somewhere near London, added: "In yet-to-be-published parts of the cablegate archive there are indeed references to UFOs."

Mr Assange said his decision to dump secret U.S. files on his website was revenge against "abusive elements" in Washington.

BY TRISTAN CORK
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For believers in UFOs and aliens, Cradle Hill has long been a place of pilgrimage and mystery, from the nights when hundreds gathered there in the 1960s and '70s to last year's visits by Robbie Williams.

But now, it seems, the Ministry of Defence has grown tired of the free-for-all access at the hill near Warminster in Wiltshire, and has slapped a no-civilian-vehicle ban on tracks leading to it.

Military chiefs said soldiers are having to deal with everything from "very significant" amounts of dog mess to littering - and even people abusing the troops as they go about their work in the area.

Now an unlikely coalition of UFO spotters, horse riders and dog walkers are planning to get together and stage a protest at the hill, in a bid to stop the restrictions imposed by the Ministry of Defence.

Cradle Hill is one of several imposing hills that surround Warminster, but is the gateway to Salisbury Plain and is owned and managed by the Ministry of Defence, which has imposed a restriction on vehicles climbing the track from Parsonage Field barn.

Forty years ago, the hill attracted thousands of sky-watchers after the Warminster Thing UFO flap of the mid-1960s.

On warm summer nights well into the late 1970s, hundreds of people could be found on Cradle Hill gazing into the night sky.

The hill has retained its mystery to this day - an annual UFO and paranormal festival stages a skywatch

there even now, and Take That star Robbie Williams was a regular visitor to the sky-watches when he lived in Wiltshire in the summer of 2009.

Even as recently as last autumn, those still keeping up the vigil on Cradle Hill were rewarded with a UFO sighting - a strange, silent white and blue pulsing light moving low and fast across the sky.

But the hill and its access roads are well-used by many in Warminster as well, from dog walkers and horse riders to late-night boy-racers and young people.

A spokesman for Ministry of Defence Estates said the time had come for access to be restricted. "We have received a number of complaints about dog walkers failing to control dogs in the area. These include very significant dog fouling, abuse of troops, attacks on sheep, deer and horse riders."

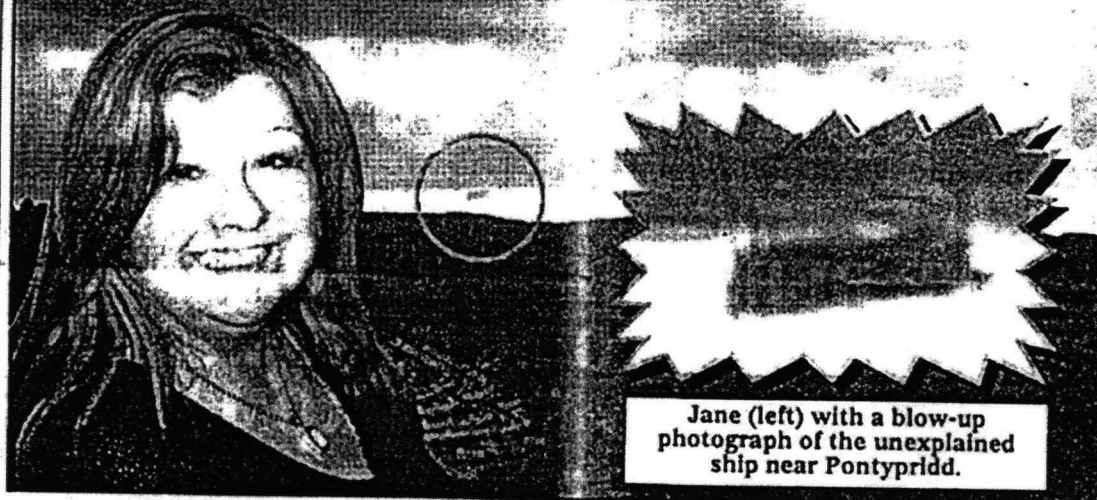
"We have, therefore, decided to protect the safety of other people using this area by stopping civilian vehicle access to the road from Cradle Hill to Parsonage Field barn. Pedestrians, cyclists, riders and drivers of horse drawn vehicles still have unrestricted access," he added.

UFO author expert Kevin Goodman said a protest was being planned for January. "We want to let the army know we're here and we have a right to use the land," he said.

Meanwhile, an unlikely ally in the form of horse riders could join the campaign.

The British Horse Society's West Country rep, Sylvia Sullivan-Tailleur, said the closure of access to vehicles could mean disabled riders would not be able to drive up the hill to their horses.

UFO was size of oil tanker



Jane (left) with a blow-up photograph of the unexplained ship near Pontypridd.

by John McBurnie

WHEN the Ministry of Defence recently released a series of previously-secret reports detailing sightings of UFOs spanning decades, there was enough material to keep the sceptics poo-pooing for months.

One report stated that wartime Prime Minister Winston Churchill had ordered a cover-up of an encounter between an RAF pilot and a UFO.

But there was nothing in the revelations to surprise seasoned paranormal investigator and UFO hunter Jane McCarthy — particularly as one of the sightings described exactly a mysterious object which she witnessed herself a few years ago.

"Three of us were sitting on a mountain overlooking Pontypridd when a black helicopter flew over us, close to our heads," she recalled.

"It had no markings and we were suspicious, so we drove in the direction it was heading.

"From Devil's Tooth Hill, on the other side of Pontypridd, we looked out across the valley and took many photographs.

"One of them showed a strange object which seemed to be travelling across the sky.

"It was the shape of a large oil tanker, with pipes sticking out."

Later that year, an airline pilot filed a report of an incident which he experienced while driving home from work in the same area.

"He, too, saw a strange shape moving across the sky, not far above him," added Jane.

Dumbstruck

"He pulled over to the side of the road and stepped out of his car.

"Fifteen other drivers did the same and they stood and watched in silent amazement.

"What he describes is a craft which was the size and shape of a large oil tanker, with tubes protruding from it — exactly the same description as the vessel which I saw."

The pilot also wrote in his report, "It was flying at about 3000 feet and was the largest flying object I have ever seen. A Boeing 747 would have been dwarfed by it.

"All the people watching were dumbstruck as this object moved slowly through the air almost directly above us.

"As a pilot, I have a fairly good idea of how sometimes a normal aircraft can trick people into seeing a UFO, but this was in no way normal."

He telephoned the control tower at Cardiff airport.

They said they had nothing on their radar, and a nearby air force base reported the same.

For the past 30 years, Jane's life has been full of similar weird experiences.

Formerly a claims manager for a large insurance broker, the mother-of-one, who lives in Cardiff, is now occupied full-time by investigating paranormal happenings.

Alien
aircraft
and ghostly
goings-on
are nothing
unusual
for Jane

The spirit world has always fascinated Jane, who said, "I've always been very receptive.

"My earliest memory of a paranormal experience is of my mother taking me to church when I was four years old.

"We went to the altar for the priest to bless us and, when he put his hand on my head, I felt it go right through me.

"I came away thinking, 'Wow — so that's why people go to church!'

"However, it wasn't until I was in my 20s that I became serious about the paranormal."

Jane has travelled the country, answering calls for help from people who have been troubled by ghostly occurrences, does psychic readings, gives talks and has written books on the subject.

She also became interested in UFOs after an experience which she describes as "a weird night" shortly after she and her husband, Chris, moved into their current home 20 years ago.

"We were about to go to bed late at night when we looked out of the bedroom window towards school playing fields at the back," she recalled.

Spheres

"In the pitch blackness, we could see lights arranged in the shape of a triangle.

"It was very strange because it was impossible to drive a vehicle on to the field at that time.

"However, it wasn't the puzzle of how the lights got there that bothered me.

"It was the fact that I woke up having no recollection of actually going to bed that night.

"When I opened my eyes, I was lying on top of the bed, not in it.

"And, although I was fully conscious, I couldn't move. I was scared.

"For several moments, I lay as though paralysed.

"Chris had exactly the same experience.

"Neither of us can explain it, and Chris is the biggest sceptic I know.

"He doesn't like getting involved in my investigations, and wants a physical explanation for everything he sees.

"All he will admit about that episode is that it was a weird night."

However, the couple's clearest view of UFO activity came during a trip to Ireland when they were driving along a dual carriageway towards a conference in Dublin.

"Just above the roof level of some nearby houses, we saw a helicopter chasing seven or eight large metallic spheres which were flying in formation about 10 feet ahead of it," said Paul.

"At first, we thought it was some sort of stunt and the helicopter was carrying the spheres on some sort of transparent platform mounted in front of it.

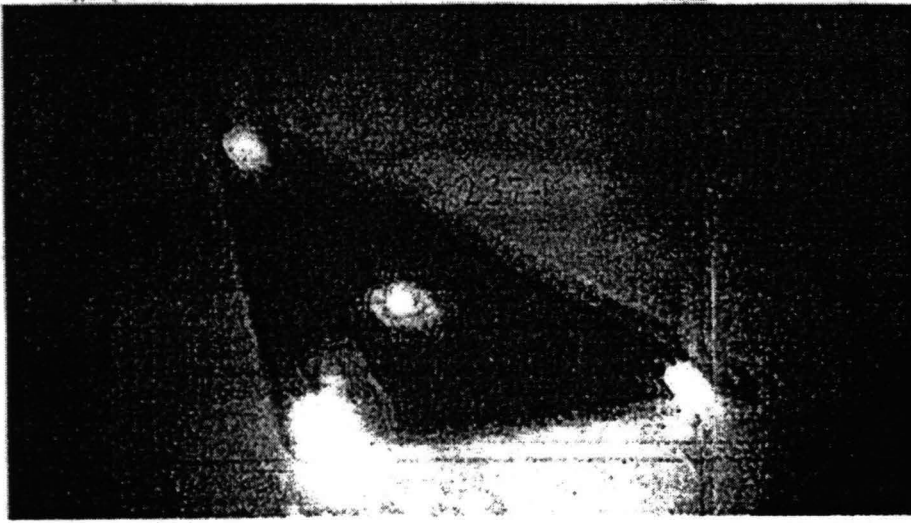
"But," said to Chris, "That's odd — how are they connected?"

"It was broad daylight and they were no more than half a mile away, so we could see it all very clearly.

"We watched for several minutes and there was just no visible sign of a platform or any wires or cables.

"Suddenly, one of the spheres broke formation and shot away, disappearing into the distance.

"That's what convinced us we'd been watching UFOs."



UFO sightings have been reported around Sutton this month with possible explanations offered including a military aircraft or even an elaborate hologram. triangle-SO

Sightings and theories abound in UFO riddle

By Nick Horner
News Reporter

FOLLOWING last week's article on a UFO spotted flying over Sutton on the eve of Bonfire Night, the *Observer* has been inundated with sightings and possible explanations.

We reported a black triangular object, some five times the size of a commercial airliner, had been seen over the streets of Boldmere by Matt Somerton and David Allen headed in the direction of Wylde

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Green shortly after 6.30pm. The silent craft sported three main lights and smaller blinking lights and was seen over Jockey Road and at the back of the Spar in Boldmere Road before disappearing in the direction of Pype Hayes Park in Erdington.

A request for further sightings led to more than a dozen responses with six responses from the United States and several closer encounters in Sutton.

Josephine and Roger Bridgewater from Erdington spotted a craft over Hurstwood Road in Erdington and Josephine recalled saying 'My god that is big for an aeroplane'.

This was at around 6.40pm on November 4 - a similar time to the previous sighting in Boldmere.

"I said to my husband it is just not moving," Josephine recalled. "It looked black with these lights on. If it had have been a plane, where were the windows?"

On Bonfire Night Ron and Jorina Bowden attended a display at a cricket club in Clarence Road, Mere Green, and saw lights directly inline while gazing beyond Sutton's TV mast.

Ron saw two red lights and diamond shapes in the distance, 'moving like no aircraft I have ever seen before'.

Jean Ayre, from Walmley, contacted the *Observer* to report a burning light on what looked like hot air balloons with no baskets.

She was told they may be Chinese lanterns, with a lit candle providing the hot air to make them fly.

Jean said this was feasible but "what was really strange was they were all following in an exact line on the same path" which she felt

would be impossible for lanterns to do.

Jean's sighting was backed by Brian Walker of Eachelhurst Road who had gone to close his curtains after the bonfire display at Pype Hayes Park when he saw two initial lights, followed by six more all in formation heading north.

These were followed by eight or nine more, but Brian doubts they were lanterns as they performed a precise 90 degree turn.

Chris Brown said that while at home in Pype Hayes on Saturday night he saw 34 lights fly over Pype Hayes Park from Sutton.

"They were too close together and too low to be commercial planes, and definitely not fireworks as they would have burned out."

Haydyn Brown also saw a "large bright light that moved slowly and silently across the sky; but then it moved quickly upward and disappeared" on November 6, shortly after 6pm.

Simon Deeming from Laneside Avenue, Streetly, said the Boldmere sighting may have a military explanation.

"My belief is that what was seen is one of the aircraft that will possibly succeed the mythical 'Aurora', which is an aircraft that out-performs the Black Bird by at least three thousand miles per hour," he said.

Steve Davis said: "We design them here in California. The government ones are classified and incredibly huge, much bigger than your report, with a new kind of secret structural design that we cannot divulge."

But Clayton Jones, from the USA, commented: "The Black Triangle sightings are not real."

NOW here's a question: who has posed a greater threat to American security — the hacker Gary McKinnon or WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, who was yesterday arrested in London in connection with rape and sex assault charges in Sweden?

Mr McKinnon, who is autistic and in a fragile mental state, allegedly hacked into U.S. military and Nasa computers more than eight years ago. He passed no information to anyone. He published nothing. The United States suffered no damage to its national security from his activities, which involved a search for information about UFOs and little green men.

And yet Mr McKinnon has been pursued with ruthless determination by the American authorities, who insist he be extradited and stand trial in the U.S., where he faces up to 60 years in jail. The Obama administration even swept aside a personal plea from Gordon Brown when he was Prime Minister that he should be dealt with by the British courts.

Mr Assange, by contrast, is apparently completely sane and well aware of the consequences of his actions. He is in the process of publishing 250,000 confidential cables on his WikiLeaks website, many of which have been carried by newspapers all over the world.

Some argue that publication of these secret documents has gravely damaged U.S. interests. Almost everyone seems to believe that American diplomats will find life more difficult, since people will be less willing to confide in them if they think their private conversations will end up on the internet.



Wanted: Gary McKinnon and WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange

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So which of these men is the REAL threat to America?

Weaknesses

In other words, Mr Assange has done the United States some damage, though we can argue about the extent. Mr McKinnon has done it no harm at all. Indeed, he has arguably done it a favour by illustrating the weaknesses of its supposedly invulnerable, top secret computers, which he hacked into effortlessly in pursuit of little green men.

Moreover, if the American authorities had pondered the lessons of Mr McKinnon's hacking, they would have tightened security controls over confidential information. In fact, they did the opposite. Unbelievably, the cables published by WikiLeaks are said to have been accessible to more than two million American military personnel.

Rather than persecuting Mr McKinnon by insisting on his extradition under an agreement which grotesquely favours the United States, the Obama administration should be thanking him while turning its mind to tightening security — and to the prosecution of Mr Assange, who is evidently driven by a leftist, anti-American political agenda.

Why doesn't it? It seems likely that the U.S. authorities have no legal redress against Mr Assange, despite the damage he may have caused, on the grounds that the U.S. Constitution protects free speech. So they are throwing the book at his alleged source, 23-year-old Private Bradley Manning, who is in custody facing serious charges as a military employee.

Mr Assange is, of course, the architect of the leaks and yet he remains beyond the reach of American justice. Or does he? There are grounds for suspecting that the U.S. Government might be behind his arrest on sex charges yesterday, which could lead to his extradition to Sweden.

Yesterday's Mail carried a compelling account from Richard Fendlebury in Sweden. The suggestion is that during a short visit to Stockholm in



by Stephen Glover

August, Mr Assange slept with two young women with their consent. Reading the somewhat sordid tale, one gets the firm feeling that while he may be a vain and self-regarding man of loose morals, he is not obviously a rapist.

Further evidence may be produced which shows him in a more damning light. As things stand, though, it is difficult to avoid the suspicion that the Swedish authorities may be pursuing Mr Assange with disproportionate zeal because of his role as the founder of WikiLeaks.

Outrage

And that raises the question as to whether the United States is pulling the strings. It would be a terrible condemnation of the American Government if it emerged that it had connived in framing him for a crime he did not commit — much worse, in fact, than any of the stories of alleged American misbehaviour, such as its alleged spying on senior figures in the United Nations, revealed by the WikiLeaks cables.

The United States has a strong case for trying to bring Mr Assange to justice under transparent processes, if it is able to do so. Confining him to prison on a trumped-up charge would be an outrage.

I write as a friend and admirer of the United States, who is sympathetic to its complaints

about WikiLeaks and Julian Assange. But why does the Obama administration, which one would have expected to be more broad-minded than its predecessor, continue to treat the harmless and vulnerable Gary McKinnon as public enemy number one?

The U.S. response to Gordon Brown's utterly reasonable plea in August 2009 that Mr McKinnon stand trial in Britain and serve any term of incarceration here — ironically, revealed by WikiLeaks — is deeply worrying for anyone who values the transatlantic alliance.

Here was the Prime Minister of America's supposedly most important friend, which has paid dearly in blood and money as its major ally in Iraq and Afghanistan, almost literally prostrating himself in front of the United States Ambassador to the UK. And yet he was brushed aside almost as though he were an office boy.

Is this how American Governments really see us? In all the WikiLeaks revelations nothing has depressed me more than the supine expressions of subservience to the United States made by William Hague and Liam Fox while they were in opposition. We would appear to have a Foreign Secretary and a Defence Secretary who live in awe of that country, and are probably unprepared ever to lift a finger of protest against it.

Mr Brown should not, of course, have gone as a

supplicant to the U.S. Ambassador. He should have stated that this is what America owes us as a valued friend. This is what British public opinion wants and justice demands — that this British citizen be tried by a British court and not be paraded as dangerous criminal in the United States.

When they were in opposition both David Cameron and Nick Clegg campaigned for Mr McKinnon to stand trial in Britain. In July 2009, the two men criticised MPs who had pledged support for him and then reneged in a Commons vote. Mr Cameron said that he did not believe that Britain's extradition arrangements with the United States were intended to apply to cases such as Mr McKinnon's.

Obsessive

God knows there have already been enough U-turns and broken promises by this Coalition, but surely even it dare not go back on a matter of such enormous principle. If the Obama administration cannot be persuaded to withdraw its request, the extradition law will have to be changed.

Let the U.S. government do what it can within the law to bring Mr Assange to account, though my strong suspicion is that it will be unable to do so. Gary McKinnon is an entirely different case. Stop this obsessive targeting of a guileless man who wished no harm to America and did it no harm, and whose actions only revealed the hopelessly lax security which Julian Assange has exploited.

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Unidentified Frying Object

THE MYSTERIOUS object seen in the sky above Osgodby, which is still puzzling the good folks of Scarborough, was in fact only one of three almost identical sightings reported to our group, all of which occurred on the same day, at around the same time, and in the same area.

The Osgodby sighting, the only one to have so far reached the media, was reported to us (the Scarborough UFO Society) that same evening of 7th November. A couple were driving along the Filey road and had just turned off into Eastway when they saw three unusual objects in the sky. They pulled up in a lay-by and filmed them on a mobile phone camera.

The second object is the most spectacular: it is clearly circular and moves behind a lamp post in the middle ground, indicating that it is neither a tiny object nor something near to the camera. It seems to tilt as it moves through the sky. On the audio of the clip, which we transcribed, you can hear the man saying, 'it's changed shape a bit, hasn't it, look, can you see...' but his wife notes that 'it's 'cos it's turned, you can't see the top', that is, it had merely changed its orientation so that the top could not now be seen.

The next evening at dusk we visited the location of this first sighting and spent two hours searching the skies with binoculars, with camera at the ready. If it were anything organic, such as an unusual bird or insect formation, there was a chance it would appear again at the same place and same time of day. If we did see something, it might even merit a footnote in some etymologist's text book. But although we repeated the exercise on two further evenings, under similar sky and weather conditions, we saw nothing unusual.

Then the following Sunday, a woman contacted the Scarborough UFO Society (SU-FOS) website to say that she and her partner

had seen the object from Shepherds Drive in Eastfield, about half a mile away, on the same day and at around the same time as the other sighting. During a telephone conversation she described the object in detail and it turned out to be similar to the one sighted at Osgodby. She also took a photograph of the object on her mobile and it does indeed look almost identical to that first sighting. All four observers noted that the object was travelling in a direction almost opposite to that of the clouds.

At this point we were trying to advance some hypothesis. Although a formation of starlings had been widely suggested by various members of the public, we dismissed the notion early on. Starlings do not fly round and round in perfect circles like puppies chasing one another's tails and if they did they would not keep that formation over long distances.

Whatever it was, it had Nick Pope, the former head of the MoD's 'UFO Department', baffled. He was quoted in one tabloid newspaper as saying: 'It's pretty spooky. At first glance it appears to be a cloud - then it seems to be bombing along purposefully.'

The idea that it might be smoke rings was put forward fairly early on in the investigation, not least because the first witness actually says, even as he is filming it, '...it looks like a big smoke ring'. He then dismisses the idea. Yet when we plotted the two sightings on a map and drew a straight line between them, we saw that, when extended, it passes directly through McCain's factory at Eastfield. So we took a walk that way, but though we saw plenty of smoke and steam we observed no smoke rings.

Then we were contacted by someone who had been returning from a visit to the tip at Eastfield and taken photographs of some interesting aerial phenomena. Anyone who looks at these photographs cannot doubt

that they are smoke rings, and indeed the photographer himself easily identified them as such. The day and time coincide exactly with the other sightings.

We set out to find the exact spot where these smoke ring photographs had been taken, following the route that this third observer must have taken.

This was not as easy as we thought it would be, for angle, distance, zoom etc. all come into play, but eventually we found it and stood in the exact spot where, and looking in the same direction in which, the photographs were taken. McCain's factory can be seen in the background, merrily puffing steam or smoke into the air.

So there you have it: smoke rings.

One question may still be puzzling readers: how can smoke rings travel against the wind?

They can't, of course - and these didn't. They travelled in a different direction to the clouds! Contrary to popular perception, wind travels in different directions at different altitudes, and it is not at all unusual for wind near ground level to travel in an opposite direction to the clouds.

Smoke rings - or more technically 'vortex rings' - can be quite spectacular objects. According to one source: 'They undoubtedly rank amongst the most eccentric sky phenomena on the planet and the physics behind them is very complex'.

So they are not something you're going to see every day, of course: the conditions have to be just right, but keep your eyes on the skies and you may spot one. If you do, please report to SUFOS.

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Russ to speak on UFO sightings

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SCARBOROUGH will be making international headlines after it was revealed that the area has become the latest hotspot for UFO sightings.

Russ Kellelt, a Filey-based UFO investigator, will be interviewed by a major American broadcaster and a Japanese TV station in the wake of the revelations.

Tomorrow he will be interviewed for ABC News after the station spotted a recent story in the Evening News.

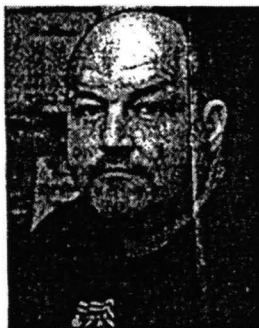
He said: "They seemed to be really interested. They said they had seen me on the Internet and were really interested in my story. They contacted me because of your article."

The article was published last month and offered a possible explanation for an unusual sight in the sky above Osgodby. A video had appeared on a national newspaper's website which showed a strange formation moving about.

Mr Kellelt said at the time that he had witnessed similar sightings in the past and the phenomenon was caused by flocks of birds.

He said: "North Yorkshire is a hotspot. We've had just as many sightings here as other areas which have been hotspots. These areas change from time to time. You will get a lot of things going on and then it will cool off."

As well as recent sightings Mr Kellelt will be talking about historic sightings



Russ Kellelt...
"North Yorkshire is a hotspot"

from this area including the Silpho Saucer in the 1950s and when a jet fighter crashed off Flamborough Head in 1970.

The small saucer was said to have landed near Silpho in November 1957 and was said to have been witnessed by three men.

The object was reported to have weighed 35lb, was 18in in diameter and covered in strange symbols. It was claimed the saucer also contained a copper book, with 17 thin sheets, which were covered in more than 2,000 words.

It was later proved to have been a hoax and it was believed to have been built in a workshop in a back street off North Marine Road.

The Lightning jet fighter was piloted by Captain William Schaffner of the United States Air Force - a vastly experienced

pilot with combat experience behind him in Vietnam.

He reported seeing a strange object flying alongside him before he ditched in the North Sea. When the wreckage was recovered, a month later, the cockpit was empty and no trace of the pilot's body could be found.

Mr Kellelt has organised two UFO conferences in the Scarborough area and agreed that reported sightings in this area had increased over recent months but added that verifying their authenticity was more difficult in the age of email.

He said: "When it was handwritten you had something solid and you could still check a person's identity."

Mr Kellelt said that it was more difficult to check an anonymous email. He added: "I don't take their reports seriously if you can't get back to that person on a landline I don't want to know."

He first became interested in the subject after he experienced a "close encounter" in West Yorkshire, in 1988, when he was at a level crossing.

He said: "I was hit by a beam of light. I was on my motorbike and it was coming from above. I thought it was my friend messing about. I looked round and there was nothing."

"Then I realised that the light was coming down from the sky."

At the time he thought nothing more of the event until the next day at work when people asked if he had seen himself in the mirror - his face and hands were completely sunburned.

Eyes of the USA are on local skies

MILLIONS of television viewers in the United States of America will be made aware that Scarborough and North Yorkshire has become the latest hotspot for sightings of UFOs.

A camera crew for ABC News travelled to the area and interviewed a number of people about close encounters.

Miguel Marquez, a 43-year-old TV reporter who used to live in Roswell in New Mexico, said that people were always interested in unidentified objects. He said: "I think a lot of people feel that we are not alone in the universe."

He attended the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell - the nearest town to an alleged UFO crash in 1947.

He said: "I went to school in Roswell which makes me more aware of stories about UFOs. America hasn't only got Roswell, there were the Phoenix lights and Area 51. When I saw the story about



TRUTH OUT THERE ... Russ Kellett, right, with the camera crew submitted

Yorkshire I thought 'how interesting'."

Mr Marquez said that Yorkshire had not really been on the UFO map until it was revealed as a hotspot last month.

He said: "Do we ever find what we are

looking for? For this report we are talking to the people of Yorkshire and finding that sceptical people are seeing things that they can't explain."

The finished report is likely to be broadcast to an estimated audience of four million people within the next few days as part of the ABC News programme Nightline - the American equivalent to Newsnight.

The camera crew travelled to the Scarborough area after seeing a story in the Scarborough Evening News.

Filey-based UFO investigator Russ Kellett was interviewed for the report.

He said: "I think they've established that this area is something of importance."

"The video images I showed them speak for themselves. I'm not there to sell myself - it's what is going on and it is in this area. They listened to me but we will just have to see how it comes out."

UFO ON TOUR

Rotherham, Harrogate...now it hovers over Oswestry

A UFO seen twice over Yorkshire was in a close encounter of the THIRD kind yesterday - above Shropshire.

The triangular craft with three yellow lights hovered

EXCLUSIVE
by LYNSEY HAYWOOD

above Oswestry for half an hour before disappearing.

It was identical to the one pictured in The Sun two weeks ago over Rotherham. And on Monday

we told of a further sighting in Harrogate. John Thomas, 33, who snapped the UFO above his home yesterday, said: "It looks like the same craft." Student Lisa Walker, 18, said: "My pals and I all saw it." Ex-MoD expert Nick Pope said Shropshire is a UFO hotspot, with two sightings in 1993. l.haywood@the-sun.co.uk

The Sun
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Flying visit... UFO
over Shropshire
yesterday morning

York Press
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North dubbed UFO hotspot

FOOTAGE of a UFO in North Yorkshire has led to the north of England being dubbed the world's leading hotspot for strange sightings in the sky.

The pictures of the mysterious object were snapped in Osgodby, near Scarborough, on Sunday evening and follow a recent surge of spooky sightings in the region.

Reports of UFOs have also come from Whitley and Hemingbrough, near Selby, as well as in Harrogate, with the latest footage being sent to a national newspaper by Paul Sinclair after his son-in-law captured it on camera.

He said: "It really looks like a flying saucer."

"Crowds of people saw it. There's definitely something happening here."

"There appeared to be two objects, one with a hooked tail, the other disc-shaped."

Ex-Ministry of Defence UFO expert Nick Pope said: "At the moment, the north of England seems to be having more than its fair share."

"Arizona has been famous for lots of sightings, but it seems the north is now overtaking it."



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DAILY NEWS

New York, New York

Bizarre blackbird, fish deaths spread: 500 birds dead in Louisiana; 100 tons of fish die in Brazil

By Jaime Uribarri and Michael Sheridan

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A dead starling (l.) and red-winged blackbird lay along the side of the highway in Pointe Coupee Parish, Louisiana.



Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Dead fresh water drum along the Arkansas River.

It isn't 2012, but a rash of animal deaths is making this year look like the End of Days.

Following on the heels of thousands of red-winged blackbirds dying in a small Arkansas town, several hundred more mysteriously died farther south in Louisiana.

Officials are trying to determine what killed an estimated 500 of the small birds, who littered Louisiana Highway 1 near Pointe Coupee Parish when they fell out of the sky, according to Baton Rouge's The Advocate.

Among this new batch of dead birds were several starlings, the newspaper reported.

"We have sent bird carcasses to two individual labs to obtain toxicology reports," Bo Boehringer, spokesperson for the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, told the Daily News.

He said it was not clear what had caused the birds to die off, despite random theories including fireworks or hail, as well as the wrath of God and government conspiracies. Boehringer downplayed any connection between the red-winged blackbird deaths in Louisiana to the ones in Arkansas, several hundred miles away.

"It's too early to connect the two scenarios," he said, noting that it could be a week or more before the results come back.

Meanwhile, as officials in Arkansas continue to investigate what may have killed nearly 100,000 fresh water drum in the Arkansas River, wildlife experts in Maryland are looking into their own massive fish kill in the Chesapeake Bay.

"We are seeing small/juvenile menhaden, croaker, spot fish dead, in very large fish kills," said Dawn Stoltzfus, director of communications for Maryland's Department of the Environment. "The numbers are estimated in the hundreds of the thousands at this point."

Officials began receiving reports of the dead fish last week. The species there generally leave for warmer waters during this time of year, but it was not clear why that did not happen, she said.

"The drop in water temperatures has been quite quick in December, and cold stress is the likely cause [of the deaths]," Stoltzfus said.

The last time the Chesapeake saw such a massive fish kill was in 1976, records show, when about 15 million spot died due to the cold.

Mysterious animal deaths so far this year have not been limited to the United States.

Nearly 100 tons of dead fish, consisting mostly of sardines, hit the beaches of Paranagua, Brazil, on Sunday.

According to Paraná Online, a team from the Environmental Institute of Parana is conducting tests to determine what killed them. As a precaution, the sale of seafood in Paranagua has been suspended.

The website also reports dead fish have begun to appear along the coasts of Antonina, Guaraquecaba and Pontal do Pontal do Paraná.

"We desperately need a solution to this," said Edmir Manoel Ferreira, president of the Federation of Fishermen of Paraná.

First dead birds, then dead fish ... now crickets

Paralysis virus has disrupted supplies to pet shops across North America

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PORT ALLEN, La. — A virus has killed millions of crickets raised to feed pet reptiles and those kept in zoos.

The cricket paralysis virus has disrupted supplies to pet shops across North America as a handful of operators have seen millions of their insects killed.

Some operations have gone bankrupt and others have closed indefinitely until they can rid their facilities of the virus.

Cricket farms started in the 1940s as a source of fish bait, but the bulk of sales now are to pet supply companies, reptile owners and zoos, although people also eat some.

Most U.S. farms are in the South, but suppliers from Pennsylvania to California also raise crickets.

The virus had swept through European cricket farms in 2002. It was first noticed in 2009 in the U.S. and Canada.

The virus marks the latest in a recent series of mass animal deaths.

Blackbirds fell out of the sky on New Year's Eve in Arkansas. In the days that followed, 2 million fish died in the Chesapeake Bay, 150 tons of red tilapia in Vietnam, 40,000 crabs in Britain and other places across the world.

However, biologists say these mass die-offs happen all the time and usually are unrelated.

Federal records show they happen on average every other day somewhere in North America.

In the past eight months, the U.S. Geological Survey's National Wildlife Health Center has logged 95 mass wildlife die-offs in North America and that's probably a dramatic undercount, officials say.

The list includes:

- 900 some turkey vultures that seemed to drown and starve in the Florida Keys.
- 4,300 ducks killed by parasites in Minnesota.
- 1,500 salamanders done in by a virus in Idaho.
- 2,000 bats that died of rabies in Texas.
- And the still mysterious death of 2,750 sea birds in California.

Officials blamed the deaths of 5,000 red-winged blackbirds in Beebe, Ark., on New Year's Eve fireworks.

Experts say the loud cracks and booms likely sent the birds into such a tizzy that they crashed into homes, cars and each other before plummeting to their deaths.

The Associated Press and Reuters contributed to this report.



Vero Beach, Florida

Holy Cow: Dead Fish, Dead Birds, Dead Crabs And Now Dead Cows!

By Robert Paul Reyes

Jan. 17, 2011

On New Year's Eve thousands of black birds fell from the sky in Beebe -- Arkansas, not a particularly cheery omen for the new year. The next day thousands of fish were found dead in the Arkansas River, and almost every day since there have been mass deaths of animals all over the world.

Now it's hundreds of cows have been discovered dead on a farm field in Wisconsin: "The owner of the cattle told sheriff's deputies he suspects the cows died from a virus - most likely IBR (infectious bovine rhinotracheitis) or BVD (bovine virus diarrhea), which can cause respiratory and reproductive problems, the Wisconsin Rapids Tribune reported.

Samples of the dead animals were sent to Madison to be tested, but officials said other animals and people in the area will likely not be affected by whatever killed the cows. The Portage County Humane Society is handling the investigation, the newspaper said."

God must have been drunk when he created cows, they are such ridiculously looking creatures. You'd think people and nature would pity cows, and treat them with respect. But it seems like the universe is aligned against cows: They are mutilated by extraterrestrials, tipped over while sleeping by drunk college kids, and it's not uncommon for a tornado to whisk a cow into the air.

Now the hapless bovines are dying by the hundreds from heaven only knows what. When the blackbirds dropped from the heavens in Arkansas on New Year's Eve I thought it was an aberration, but it turned out to be a sign of dreadful things to come.

There is no threat to humans or other animals, the sheriff said. The small town sheriff isn't a veterinarian, scientist, or physician, and I don't find his words reassuring.

I wouldn't feel so bad about all of these mass deaths of animals if rats and snakes were also dying by the hundreds or thousands. This phenomena started with dead birds, and now it's dead cows. Is it working its way up the food chain? Are we next?