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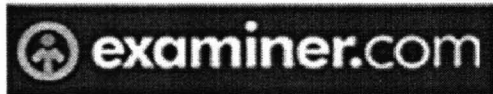
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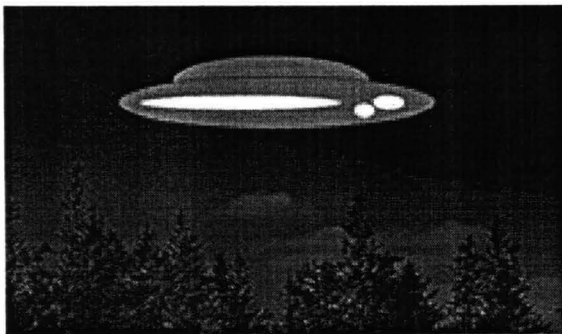
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UFO Flap in Kansas City, Missouri

May, 21, 2011
By Roger Marsh



A drawing made from witness accounts of the huge Grey color UFO over Lee's Summit and Woods Chapel Road at 4 a.m. on May 15.
Credits: Missouri MUFON

An unusual amount of UFO activity in the Kansas City area in April and May, 2011, has prompted a serious investigation by the Missouri Mutual UFO Network (MUFON).

MUFON Missouri Assistant State Director Margie Kay has received reports from multiple witnesses who saw UFOs, orange orbs, and an entity.

The following press release was issued by Missouri MUFON.

May 18, 2011 Kansas City, Missouri

A large number of calls were received at the MUFON office by Margie regarding orange orbs and a large silver UFO on the evening of May 14 and the early morning hours of May 15. The sightings occurred during a 9 1/2 hour period from 7 p.m. Saturday until 4 a.m. Sunday. Some of the reports were filed at mufon.com.

A 7-year-old was riding in a car with his mother on Highway 635 headed south in Kansas City North at 7 p.m. on May 14. He told his mother that he saw a large, round orange colored UFO moving in the clouds. The mother is a UMKC University professor and a member of the Kansas City chapter of MUFON.

Orange balls of light were spotted East of I-435 southbound at Gregory Boulevard (Raytown)

low in the tree line, going from north to south at 9:30 p.m. on May 14. Witnesses pulled over to the side of the highway to watch. The objects appeared to be shooting out of something at about 90 mph, then slowed to about 50 mph. All then rose into the clouds and disappeared. There were approximately 125 of these orbs appearing in a half-hour period, according to a local insurance agent and a friend who witnessed the objects. Another witness, who was called by one of the men watching the scene from I-435, claims to have photos taken from his house.

A woman saw a lighted craft just above the clouds on Saturday night, May 14 at approximately 10:32 PM over Independence, MO, South of 39th Street and Lee's Summit Rd headed in a NW-SE direction. It was not defined and difficult to see - only the large bright circular white light was clearly visible.

A very large Grey metallic saucer-shaped craft with a dome and one large horizontal long light and two smaller lights on the side was sighted in Lee's Summit, MO at 4:00 AM Sunday morning, May 15. Seven witnesses reported a similar craft. One witness to the event also reports seeing Apache helicopters, fully armed, circling Lee's Summit and Blue Springs for 7 days before this sighting. None were in the area at the time of the sighting.

Additionally, several reports were received in the month of April, including a sighting by a retired Raytown, Missouri police officer who saw a 50-foot triangular craft hovering over his back yard in the early morning hours, and a 4' tall green color entity standing 50 feet away from him near a fence. The witness had two hours of missing time.

Margie Kay, Assistant State Director for Missouri MUFON, and the Star Team Investigator for the area would like other witnesses who may have seen UFOs in the Kansas City area contact her at 816-833-1602 or margiekay06@yahoo.com.

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The New York Times

Review: New book says secret at Nevada's Area 51 is espionage, not UFO aliens

By Janet Maslin
New York, NY
May 21, 2011

At the beginning of "Area 51," Annie Jacobsen's cauldron-stirring book about America's most mysterious military installation, she offers a passing glimpse of a large-headed little space alien being interrogated by scientists in white coats. This is both a tease and a distraction. Yes, Jacobsen will eventually address the UFO issue with which conspiracy theorists eagerly associate Area 51, but her book is not science fiction. It is a levelheaded, revelatory but also mystifying account of the long-hidden U.S. weaponry and espionage programs to which she says Area 51 is home.

What has made Jacobsen privy to such inflammatory material? Her answer is strange and byzantine in the way that all things about Area 51 seem to be. Jacobsen, a national security reporter and contributing editor to the Los Angeles Times Magazine, happened to be at a 2007 family dinner with her husband's uncle's wife's sister's 88-year-old husband, the physicist Edward Lovick, when Lovick leaned over and said, "Have I got a good story for you."

That happened to be the year when formerly top secret records about the development of certain stealth technology -- notably the CIA's A-12 aircraft, code-named Oxcart -- were made public, even though the creation of the A-12 occurred nearly 50 years before. Lovick had been instrumental in A-12 research, and he did much more than relate his own story.

He plugged Jacobsen into a network of elderly scientists, pilots, engineers and other witnesses who had firsthand accounts of Area 51 and its surrounding area, the Nevada Test Range in the southern part of the state. ("I tell you all this, Annie, because you give a damn," one of them told her.) This testimony pointed her in the direction of extremely arcane documentation.

Using these sources, Jacobsen has put together a set of strong allegations about Area 51's covert history. Part of her book is devoted to the nuclear weapons testing that began with the Manhattan Project and continued under the aegis of the Atomic Energy Commission at Area 51. Jacobsen recoils at the weaponry developed and the ghastly results of atomic testing, but acknowledges ways in which it wound up keeping Americans safe.

Her book moves on to the surveillance technology that was meant to override the need for nuclear arsenals. And her research into the world of the "overhead" espionage, developed in extreme secrecy, is compelling and hard-hitting. One of her sources is Col. Richard S. Leghorn, whom she calls "the father of peacetime overhead espionage."

She has also spoken to Col. Hervey S. Stockman, the first man to fly over the Soviet Union in a U-2; Col.

Hugh Slater, an Area 51 base commander; and Jim Freedman, an Area 51 procurement manager and one of the few people privy to a wide range of the base's activities.

"Area 51" is guided by its author's political assessment of changing U.S. military strategy, particularly during the Cold War. It describes Area 51's strategic importance during the eras of Sputnik, the Bay of Pigs, the lunar landings and the Vietnam War, with a strong account of CIA-Air Force territorial fights about whose aircraft were better suited to combat situations.

She also writes about the reverse engineering -- analysis of equipment by taking it apart and reassembling it -- at which Area 51 scientists are thought to excel. She acknowledges the work on a Soviet MiG plane that was hidden inside a cargo plane for its trip to Nevada. But she does not take seriously rumors that alien spacecraft are reverse-engineered there.

Back to that little gray alien allegedly seen at Area 51: Jacobsen does have a theory about the base's alleged UFO connections. It goes back to the radio broadcast of "The War of the Worlds" in 1938 and the panic it engendered. Making a series of implications that are her book's most controversial aspect, she connects this kind of hysteria to the 1947 alleged flying saucer crash in Roswell, N.M.

Jacobsen links the appearance of a real, disc-shaped, hovering object with Stalin-era Soviet intrigue. She hypothesizes that the relic found in Roswell was the opening shot in the Cold War. She suggests that the supposed space creatures were human guinea pigs, the results of American experiments as monstrous as the Nazi ones conducted by Josef Mengele. And she argues that, once the rumors of a Roswell landing and cover-up began, U.S. intelligence sources may have found UFO rumors to be excellent cover for their own activities.

Although this connect-the-dots UFO thesis is only a hasty-sounding addendum to an otherwise straightforward investigative book about aviation and military history, it makes an indelible impression. But the book is most noteworthy for its author's dogged devotion to her research.

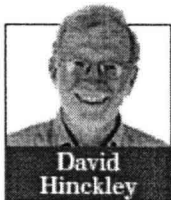
When it comes to EG&G, the secretive engineering company that plays a major role in the Area 51 story, she describes pressuring one unnamed EG&G employee persistently, no matter how hard he resisted.

"You don't want to know," said this anonymous source, when grilled about the most nefarious part of Jacobsen's UFO theory. She asked again. "You don't know the half of it," he replied, still stonewalling. And then, over lunch, she put a crouton on a plate and asked how the extent of her knowledge to the whole Area 51 story compared with the crouton-plate ratio.

The still-untold truth, this man finally told her, is bigger than the crouton. Bigger than the plate. To the delight of conspiracy fans everywhere, it remains bigger than the whole table, he said.

A companion documentary on this subject -- "Area 51 Declassified" -- premieres tonight at 10 p.m. (Pacific time) on cable TV's National Geographic Channel.

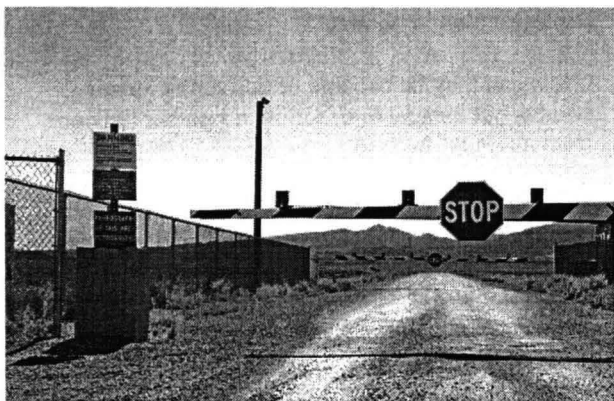
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National Geographic Channel's UFO specials full of alien evasions

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New York, NY



Barry King/WireImage

Guard Gate at Area 51 (Groom Lake, Dreamland) near Rachel, Nevada.

Overview

'When Aliens Attack'. Sunday at 8 p.m., Nat. Geo

'Area 51 Declassified' Sunday at 10 p.m., Nat. Geo

(Both specials get 2 stars)

It's not the mark of a great exposé when you come away knowing almost exactly what you knew going into it.

"When Aliens Attack" presents itself as a serious discussion of how Earth could or should respond to an invasion from another planet.

"Area 51 Declassified" promises that we will see previously unrevealed pictures and hear untold stories from some of the men who worked at one of the government's most secretive installations.

The appeal is obvious.

We've been fascinated since the beginning of civilization with the possibility that beings from somewhere else could drop in on us, possibly with hostile intent.

Area 51 has been Mecca for people who weave elaborate theories about how the government, or some other entity, is manipulating the world or hiding big secrets.

National Geographic gets credit, up front, for finding people who can talk about an alien invasion without sounding like late-night radio callers who hear the voice of the Lord coming out of their toaster.

Though it must be noted that the actual government officials here do seem to consider alien invasion a remote possibility and a low defense priority.

The problem with combating an alien invasion, and thus with constructing this special, is that we have no idea what form aliens would take.

Would they be reptiles disguised in human skin, as they were in the recently canceled ABC revival of "V"? Would they look like E.T.? Would they look like giant spiders or insects? Or would they look like splotches of green jelly? Or would they not be visible at all?

The possibilities are as wide as our imaginations, and the fact that writers and filmmakers have given us certain tangible images in the past doesn't make those forms any more likely than others.

It's tough to defend against an invasion when you don't know whether you need to be armed with nuclear weapons, Pop-Tarts or penicillin. So the discussion becomes so abstract that by the end, only the hard-core alien crowd is likely to remain riveted.

"Area 51" is at least a tangible, definable place. But all that's "revealed" here is that in the years after it was established in 1955, it was used to develop Cold War spy planes.

None of the several interviewees suggests there was anything like an alien compound or research into the forbidden. They talk about test flights, an all-male work force and Spartan conditions.

It all ends up sounding rather mundane.

Fortunately for conspiracists, the interviewees also say they didn't know everything, then add they aren't telling everything they do know.

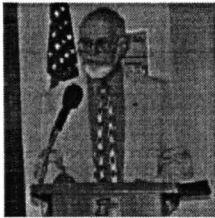
So no theories are conclusively disproven here, which means those theories can continue to circulate and flourish.

That remains the real fun of Area 51.



Ufologist questions government cover-ups of Roswell, Area 51

By Elva K. Osterreich, Associate News Editor
May 14, 2011
Alamogordo, NM



Dennis Balthaser talks to a full audience Wednesday at the First... (Elva K. Osterreich/Daily News)

Dennis Balthaser's quest is to question the government and hold it accountable for the truth.

He has spent a second lifetime, after retirement, investigating UFOs and secret government projects such as Area 51 and underground bases. His program Wednesday at First National Bank's Lunch and Learn series was about his journey scrutinizing the 1947 Roswell incident, Area 51, underground bases and the Pyramids of Giza.

"Whatever happened at Roswell, after 64 years, it refuses to go away," Balthaser said at the beginning of his talk. "There is no doubt in my mind the government is failing to disclose."

According to a Roper poll, he said 72 percent of Americans believe the government is not telling the public everything it knows about UFO activity.

"Today, cover up is a way of life," Balthaser said. "Most of us have been raised in a box. But I want my children and grandchildren to know what is in store for them."

When someone in the audience asked why those piloting UFOs have not communicated with humans, Balthaser responded by asking why they would want to.

"Their intelligence, knowledge and technology is far superior," he said. "Why would they want to communicate with us?"

Balthaser said it is time for the government to come clean and tell the public what happened in Roswell. There is no more reason to keep it secret, he said.

"What if we received bodies and some 60 years later we don't know what we have, where it came from or how it works?" he said. "I don't buy into the idea that it would cause panic not anymore."

Balthaser demonstrated some evidence that photos and claims made by the government at the time of the Roswell incident is falsified. He said he has interviewed 100 to 150 witnesses in the case and "probably 1,000" have been interviewed altogether

by researchers. These are not only first-hand witnesses but second- and third-hand, too, he said. Balthaser said there are always reports that don't coincide and people who exaggerate accounts. Balthaser believes the only way now to get real information from a witness will be in the form of deathbed confessions because, he said, there comes at a time when a person can no longer be threatened by government entities.

"I am completely frustrated with UFO research," he said. "I think the answers will come from good research and science."

He said the military personnel who "saw" the Roswell incident are the same ones who planned and deployed atomic bombs.

"How can they be capable of delivering atomic bombs, but incapable of telling a weather balloon from a UFO?" he said.

Then, Balthaser said, 50 years later the Air Force claimed the bodies recovered from the desert were anthropomorphic crash test dummies. The problem with that, he said, is the incident occurred in 1947 and crash test dummies were not in use, or even invented, until 1953.

When talking about Area 51, Balthaser said many secret aircraft, including the F-117A Stealth bomber, were tested in the Nevada desert. The area is included in the property attributed to Nellis Air Force Base. They may be working on a daytime stealth aircraft that cannot be seen during the day because it takes on the appearance of the background sky, he added.

Balthaser said rumors persist that there are up to 22 levels underground at Area 51, but there is no proof because no one can talk about it.

"Credibility and validity are the cornerstones of UFO research," he said. "You and I are paying for something the government says doesn't exist."

On the subject of underground bases, Balthaser said there are numerous rumors of such areas. For example, there is said to be such a place in New Mexico near Dulce on the Jicarilla Apache reservation where biogenetic research on animals and humans is occurring.

About the great pyramids, Balthaser said there is no evidence the great pyramid was ever even made as a tomb for a king.

"No mummy has even been found in the great pyramid," he said. There are no drawings on the walls or coffins. There is an entrance and exit vent for air, whereas in most pyramids made as tombs there is only one vent.

"Dead pharaohs don't need air," he said. "So why were air shafts built in?"

Balthaser believes the great pyramid is much older than people have been led to believe by researchers and it appears not to have been finished.

Each of the four areas addressed at the presentation has its own lecture, Balthaser said. He is available to groups who would like him to present them. His lectures are also available on DVD on his website at www.truthseekeratroswell.com.

DAILY MINER

UFO conference set for Kingman, site of reported landing

May 3, 2011

Kingman, AZ



Courtesy

Roswell researcher Don Schmitt and others are pictured digging at the Foster Ranch reported UFO crash site in Roswell, N.M., during the shooting of "SciFi Investigates" in 2006.

Erin Taylor
Miner Staff Reporter

KINGMAN - Planes taking off and landing at the Kingman Airport isn't unusual, but more than 50 years ago, a much more unearthly aircraft is said to have crashed north of town in the area near the airport.

UFO researchers believe that a saucer-like craft crashed here May 21, 1953, although it wasn't disclosed until a member of the U.S. Air Force went on record 20 years later and said he worked on the investigation.

Researchers will present information on that and other ET incidents during "The Arizona UFO Sightings First Annual Kingman Conference," slated for Friday through Monday.

The schedule includes a Friday evening "Meet and Greet" while a day of lectures will follow on Saturday at conference rooms in Hualapai Mountain Medical Center.

One of those lectures will be from Michael Schratt, a military aerospace historian, draftsman and researcher. Schratt will talk about a body, believed to be extra-terrestrial, that was allegedly found in the wreckage of the Kingman crash.

Roswell expert Donald R. Schmitt, who is the former co-director of the J. Allen Hynek Center for UFO Studies, will also talk about three archaeological dig projects he's organized at the alleged Roswell crash field in 1989, 2002 and 2006.

During the dig in 2002, Schmitt said excavators noticed a 10 foot-wide gouge in the earth that ran several hundred feet in length. After excavating some of the dirt, Schmitt said they found a symmetrical V

in the ground, which seemed to indicate something had crashed there.

Another dig is planned in Roswell this fall.

Schmitt said time is running out for researchers to contact witnesses who have information on or have heard stories about the Kingman crash. Organizers are hoping that those with any information will attend the conference and share what they know.

"We see it as being one last attempt," he said.

Schmitt said that when it comes to Roswell, many military eye witnesses who are now in the end stages of life are making "death-bed" statements about what they saw, including occupants inside the crashed craft.

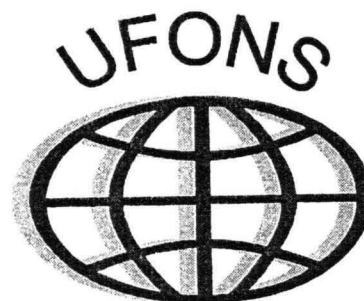
"They sure weren't from Texas," Schmitt said one man said. Schmitt and his team have interviewed more than 600 people in 20 years as part of his Roswell investigation.

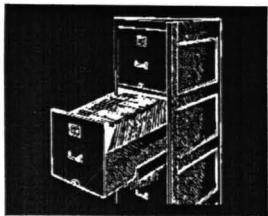
The conference will include a "Contact Day" on Sunday where participants will take a field trip to the alleged Kingman crash site. They will also visit a plot of privately-owned land near Meadview, where Charles Balogh of Phoenix will teach lessons developed by Dr. Stephen Greer of the Center for the Study of Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence. The night will end with a sky watch and "galactic meditation."

The conference will close Monday with a round-table discussion and talk by Len Kasten focusing on the challenges he says humanity faces as we realize we are not alone.

Cost for the full 4-day conference is \$150. The "Contact Day" excursion may also be purchased alone for \$105. Special rates are available for students and those who cannot attend the whole conference.

For more information, visit:
www.ArizonaUfoSightings.com





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U. S. Bomber Crewmen Report: 'FLYING SAUCERS' SEEN IN KOREA

THE WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1952—3

Sighted by B-29 Crews 'Saucers' Seen Over Korea

By United Press

The Air Force disclosed today that objects resembling "flying discs" have been sighted over Korea by crew members of two U. S. bombers.

Top officials have ordered a full investigation of the reports, which came thru regular military intelligence channels.

A spokesman said the objects were described by four eyewitnesses as globe-shaped, bright orange in color, and emitting an occasional flash of bluish light.

He indicated that several were sighted, but did not give the number.

The Air Force, which has thrown cold water on hundreds of previous "flying saucer" stories, apparently was impressed by the circumstances under which the new sightings were reported by its own personnel.

PARALLEL TO PLANE

The first report reached Air Force intelligence officers from two crew members of a B-29 Superfortress who said they saw the objects flying parallel to their plane at about midnight on the night of Jan. 29. The plane was over Wonsan, Korea, at the time.

This report might have been discounted as over-imaginative. But on the same night, a B-29 from a different squadron returned to its base after a flight over Sunchon, Korea, a considerable distance from Wonsan. Two crew members told intelligence officers that they had seen "flying discs" moving parallel to their plane at a high altitude.

ATTITUDE A CONTRAST

"The objects remained with the B-29 over Wonsan for five minutes and with the B-29 over Sunchon for one minute," the Air Force said.

While officials declined to elaborate on the bare announcement that a full investigation is underway, the open-minded Air Force attitude toward the new reports contrasted sharply with the blunt skepticism it has voiced about previous sightings of mysterious objects in the skies.



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REVEALED: THE 33 REPORTS TO POLICE

by **BRENDAN HUGHES**

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THE TRUTH is still out there as new details emerge of the true extent of UFO reports across Wales.

Police have released details of UFO sightings in North and West Wales over

the past decade.

A total of 33 reports of strange crafts in the sky were made to North Wales and

HIDDEN TRUTH?

a round unknown craft in the sky above Aberdyfi Estuary along the west coast.

Another witness saw a UFO illuminated by three glowing green, triangular

lights hover directly above their Colwyn Bay house last year before flying off.

The sightings show Welsh households are still looking to the skies in search of new forms of life.

But sceptics say people should think twice before claiming they have seen a real-life ET.

Former RAF electrical engineer Bill Bevan said he saw an alien aircraft on a clear night two years ago while in his back garden smoking a cigarette.

The 79-year-old said: "I saw a big, white disk hovering over a tree. It was about two thirds the size of the moon. It was a bright, shining light, and it disappeared in about four or five seconds."

Mr Bevan, of Builth Wells, Powys, quickly called his wife to come and see it, but it was gone by the time she got there.

He said: "It left me a bit shaken, but it left me so intrigued that I have been standing outside night after night to

try to see it again. I fully convinced me that there is life out there somewhere."

"I saw it, it was there and it just disappeared, and until my death I will still say I saw what I saw."

"I hadn't been drinking by the way, because I don't drink."

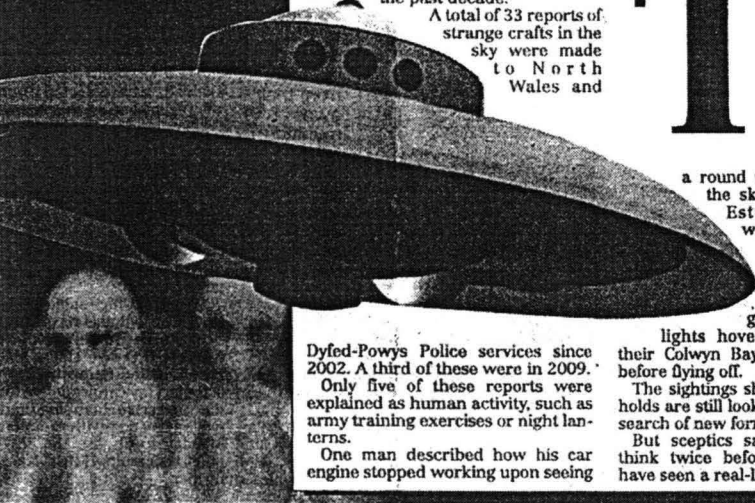
Bill also said his late father revealed to him that he and his neighbour saw a UFO over two decades ago in the Rhondda Valley.

Bill said: "He was stood with his neighbour and across the other side of the valley they saw a cigar-shaped object in the sky. He had never talked about it before because he didn't think people would believe him." Phil

Dyfed-Powys Police services since 2002. A third of these were in 2009.

Only five of these reports were explained as human activity, such as army training exercises or night lanterns.

One man described how his car engine stopped working upon seeing



OF STRANGE CRAFTS SPOTTED IN THE SKY

Hoyle, of the UFO Investigation and Research Unit, has carried out numerous investigations into paranormal activity in Wales.

The 54-year-old said he has interviewed many reliable sources, such as army personnel, who have seen unidentified "structured crafts" landing and taking off.

He said: "I have interviewed people from the military and many reliable people, and quite a number have seen structured crafts leaving the scene."

"Some people have said they have touched the craft."

Mr Hoyle's 12-strong team has also been investigating the new phenomena of "animal mutilation" through its Animal Pathology Field Unit.

The father-of-one said: "South Americans have come across cattle that have been clinically killed and dissected."

"What has happened is that this has moved over towards Britain, but the majority of the incidents that take place over here are sheep."

Mr Hoyle, of Shrewsbury, has been investigating UFO sightings for the past 30 years and is in no doubt that we are not alone. He said: "What people have to remember is that they say there is no evidence. We don't pre-judge anything, and we look at information from the most

>> Phil Hoyle

incredible sources. How can you call all these professionals delusional?"

Martin Griffiths however – a senior astronomy lecturer at the University of Glamorgan – is a hardened UFO sceptic.

Mr Griffiths says strange objects in the sky can be explained through natural occurrences, such as ball lightning and man-made sky lanterns.

The 49-year-old said: "If people think they see a UFO, be a bit more critical about it. It's probably not somebody visiting from the planet Zog."

"Don't think automatically that something in the sky is an alien craft. It is probably something else."

Joe McGonagle, who has researched UFO sightings for 12 years, is also unconvinced by the reports.

He said: "There is no tangible evidence that we have been visited by aliens. There's lots of speculation, but no evidence."

Mr McGonagle said police forces in Wales were fuelling the UFO speculation by not making public when an alien encounter has been proved to be something else.

But Mr McGonagle still believes intelligent life exists somewhere in the universe.

He said: "I'm convinced that the probability is very high that there is life on other planets."

"Whether that life is visiting us here on Earth however, I very much doubt."

WHERE, WHEN AND WHAT WAS REPORTED

Dyfed-Powys Police reports

■ **Caerns, 2002** Bright light in the sky over the mountains towards Caerns. Did not make a sound or have flashing lights.

■ **Aberdyfi Estuary, 2004** Round craft of 200 to 300m in length. When seen his car engine stopped.

■ **Whitemill, Carmarthen, 2004** Something strange in the sky, like a streak of light.

■ **Beguildy, Knighton, 2004** Lights that looked like a lighthouse in the sky, and then later it was round with black spots with a ray of light.

■ **Pembry, 2005** Something with two lights has landed in field. Later discovered to be orange flares from army exercise.

■ **Llanrhy, Llandrindod Wells, 2005** Oblong shaped bright yellow craft, going horizontally across, about 10 to 15ft off the ground.

■ **New Quay, 2006** Spotlight from across the hill thought to be a UFO.

■ **Meifod, Powys, 2007** Triangular shape in sky with different coloured lights in each corner. A pulsing pink light lit up the vehicle. There was no sound to the object.

■ **Llanelli, 2008** Four low flying brightly lit objects.

■ **Newtown, 2008** Flashing balls of light thought to be two UFOs.

■ **Llanidloes, 2009** Three orange lights thought to be UFOs. Object seized and discovered to be a night lantern.

■ **Beacons Reservoir, Brecon, 2009** Report of a UFO in the sky.

■ **Llangattock, Crickhowell, 2009** Large, vivid orange object, cylindrical in shape. Later thought to have been a night lantern.

■ **Ffrwdgred, Brecon, 2009** Three lights, travelling at 20 knots.

■ **Glanamman, Ammanford, 2009** Report of large orange sphere in the sky, looks like a hot air balloon. Later clarified to be Chinese lanterns.

■ **Crickhowell, 2009** Report sighting of a red flare, possible UFO sighting.

■ **Brecon, 2009** Reporting sight of bright white light, then two orange lights, not high up and no sound coming from them.

■ **Newcastle Emlyn, Cardigan, 2009** Three large orange lights in a triangular formation with white light around them.

■ **Cardigan, 2009** Two waves of UFO with red lights go past, high up in the sky.

■ **Llanelli, 2010** About 100 red lights in the sky. All very bright, all slow-moving, going from west to east. Moving too quick to be Chinese lanterns and too slow to be an aircraft.

NORTH WALES

■ **Beaumaris, 2004** Three lights in a triangular pattern, travelling East.

■ **Denbigh, 2005** UFO in the sky

■ **Penmaenmawr, 2005** Two sightings of immense white light moving quickly and silently across the sky.

■ **Penmaenmawr, 2005** Intense bright light moving swiftly in a South-easterly direction.

■ **Abergale, 2006** Caller was suspected of being drunk, claimed to have seen a UFO.

■ **Blaenau Ffestiniog, 2007** Bright light witnessed disappearing into the clouds.

■ **Llangollen, 2007** Family saw a flame shimmering in the sky.

■ **Pwllheli, 2008** Luminous orange light with a white circle of light around it, making no noise and hovering around the area for 10 minutes.

■ **Denbigh, 2009** Three large red lights about the size of the moon before flying off. Shortly afterwards a fourth craft appeared in the sky.

■ **Prestatyn, 2009** Red, yellow and orange lights moving backwards and forwards really quickly, with no noise.

■ **Wrexham, 2010** Very large, orange in colour, but changed to red, blue and green.

■ **Bangor, 2010** A large, black triangular shaped craft appeared. It made a noise similar to a lawnmower. It hovered in the sky for just over a minute before vanishing.

■ **Colwyn Bay, 2010** Glowing green triangles at the back of the craft, which eventually faded out.

'UFOs are a familiar sight in the borough'

■ by KATE NELSON
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UFOS are often seen in the borough according to the professor who pressured the Ministry of Defence into releasing classified files this week.

Dr David Clarke singled out a sighting in Bromley, in 2003, from thousands of reports which were revealed in the biggest ever disclosure by the Government's National Archives.

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Dr Clarke, who lectures on folklore and the supernatural, said although many happenings could be explained by aircraft and other natural phe-



QUESTIONS: Dr David Clarke.

nomena, the occurrence in Bromley left many questions unanswered.

The report, dated November 18

2003, sent to the MoD states: "Two adults and 1 child in Bromley, Kent, saw 20-30 red flashing lights in the sky accompanied by a whirring noise and they recorded the occurrence on video tape. The family called the police who confirmed the sighting. The policeman, using a lamppost as a marker, concluded the lights were zig-zagging / turning across the sky at a speed faster than any man made aircraft.

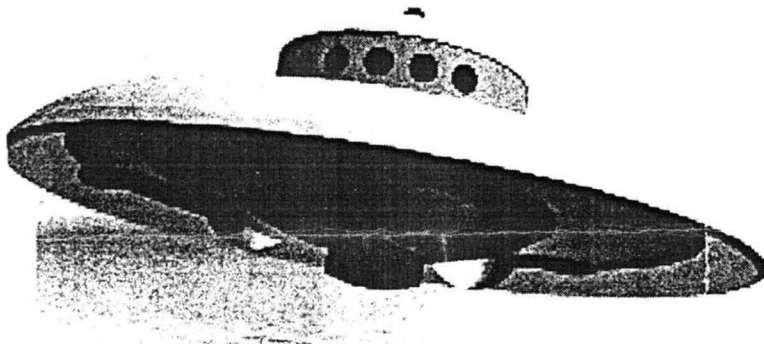
"A crew of police helicopter airborne at the time also confirmed the lights but they thought they might be lights of an aircraft on approach to LHR (London Heathrow). However Swanwick Mil (a military air traffic control centre) declared that there were no aircraft in the approach pattern, at that time all aircraft on their radar were at high level."

Dr Clarke, who teaches in Sheffield, said: "Bromley and Kent in general have a lot of reports. The Bromley report did stick out as one of the highlights because it had a police helicopter crew which is seen as a credible witness. It is unexplained but there are possible explanations.

"There's got to be something interesting about the fact that the government has collected all these reports. Thousands of people have seen things but there are lots of bizarre things that go on that science has not yet explained."

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NORTH KENT: Reports of sightings are made public

Three UFOs seen

ALIENS will not be beaming up north Kent residents any time soon despite a trio of reported UFO sightings, an expert has said.

John Jenkins, chairman of Truth Research Investigations, has responded to government documents released last week detailing UFO sightings across the country.

The files — which show reports to the Ministry of Defence (MoD) from 2000 to 2005 — detail three sightings in Dartford and Gravesend, including a fleet of eight UFOs in one night.

Mr Jenkins, who investigates paranormal activity in north Kent, said:

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"I'm not sure there are aliens coming.

"I'd like to think they are, but I doubt it."

In 1998 the MoD received a report of a cartwheeling object in the sky above Gravesend.

The round object, emitting a bright beam of light, appeared at 12.30am on October 12.

Eight round objects, all emitting a bright golden light, were spotted above Gravesend on May 29, 2000.

The UFOs, which were visible for 10 minutes, glided through the sky, appearing

after what was described as a "small whirlwind".

On November 1, 2000, an object appeared above Dartford Bridge at 9.31am where it stayed for 10 seconds.

The report said the object showed "erratic movements, darting from side to side".

But Mr Jenkins says the information, released after requests under the Freedom of Information Act, does not give the full picture.

He said: "The really interesting ones are reported by military personnel, but they have got to keep things a secret sometimes."

Downloaded the records for free for a month at nationalarchives.gov.uk/ufos

FBI X-FILE: ALIENS REALLY DID LAND

Secret memo claims UFOs crashed at Roswell

By VINCE SOODIN

REAL-life FBI X-Files claim flying saucers piloted by aliens DID land on Earth.

Sensational memos support stories that extraterrestrials died when they landed in a US town and their bodies were taken to a high-security airbase.

The FBI has released the top-secret documents – like something out of TV sci-fi thriller The X-Files – for internet archives. They show that agent Guy Hottel reported in 1950



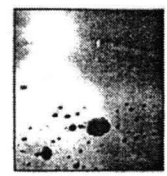
Secret... FBI report on flying saucers that three circular spaceships had crashed three years before. Hottel said he was told by a US Air Force investigator that the craft that hit the ground at Roswell, New

Mexico, each contained the bodies of three aliens only three feet tall. The Washington agent was told US radar had interfered with their controls.

It was rumoured that the bodies were examined at Area 51 airbase in Nevada – and US authorities were accused of a cover-up. They said another reported "spaceship" was just a weather balloon.

But British expert Nick Pope – who has investigated UFOs for the Ministry of Defence – said last night: "These documents are the real-life X-Files. They could be the smoking gun that proves UFOs are real."

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Lure... asteroid belt

ET clue in mines

By PAUL SUTHERLAND

ALIENS could be tracked down by watching asteroid belts for signs of their MINING operations, experts claim.

Infrared telescopes could pick up heat from dust created by drilling before other signs of ET life are detected.

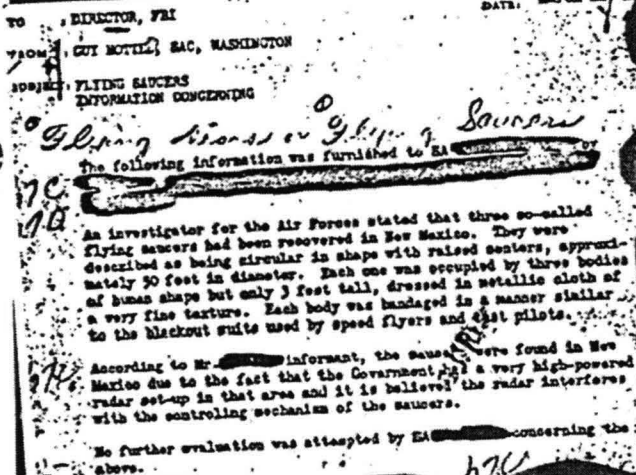
Edinburgh University astronomer Dr Duncan Forgan said ETs may mine asteroids for metals if they run out on their own planets – or it becomes too costly.

He added: "We are assuming aliens live on Earth-like planets with similar technologies."

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ALIENS WERE HERE

FBI release secret memo on 'three flying saucers recovered at Roswell'



PROOF: The FBI memo and a recreation of the "alien autopsy"

ALIEN watchers last night seized on a newly-released FBI memo as proof that flying saucers did land in the US at Roswell.

The note, written by Guy Hottel – special agent in charge of the Washington field office in 1950 – claimed: "Three so-called flying saucers had been recovered in New Mexico."

Hottel added: "They were described as being circular in shape with raised centres and approximately 50ft in diameter."

"Each one was occupied by

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three bodies of human shape but only 3ft tall."

The aliens were described as "dressed in a metallic cloth of a very fine texture".

Hottel claims to have been given the information by an Air Force investigator, whose identity was censored in the memo.

He says the informant claimed the saucers had been forced to land in New Mexico because the high-powered radar set-up in that area had affected the craft's controls. The

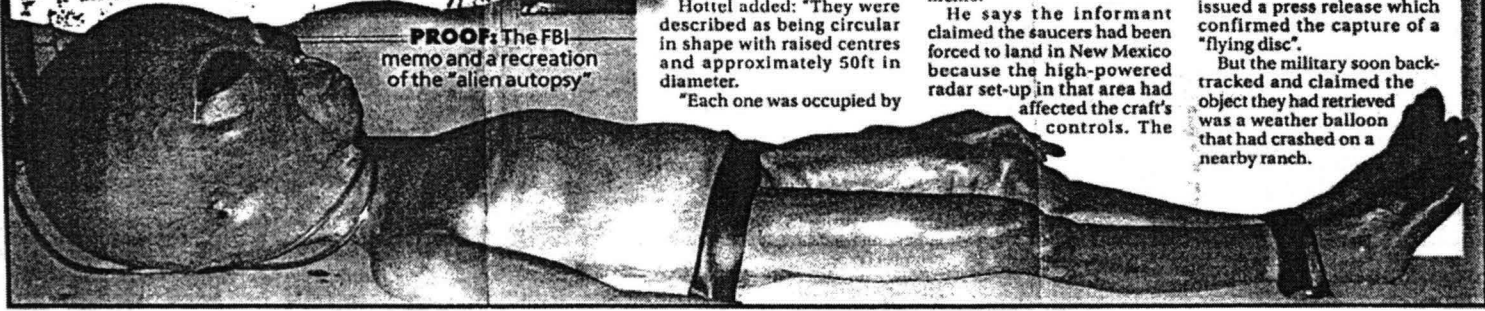
release of the secret memo is likely to fuel claims of a government cover-up of the Roswell incident.

The town became infamous after reports that a flying saucer had crashed at a nearby military base in July 1947.

The US military are rumoured to have recovered bodies of aliens from the scene and carried out post-mortems.

At the time, the authorities issued a press release which confirmed the capture of a "flying disc".

But the military soon backtracked and claimed the object they had retrieved was a weather balloon that had crashed on a nearby ranch.



The truth is out there in these UFO papers

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UFO activity in the skies above Faversham has been uncovered in newly released top-secret documents.

Flying saucers, a "spinning top" and an aeroplane's close encounter with a missile-shaped object are among the weird and wonderful sightings in the county, revealed for the first time on Thursday last week.

The previously hushed-up and hidden papers hold the tale of a motorist who called police to report a cluster of UFOs. The mystery craft, which were up to 50ft wide, were said to have hovered over his car as he drove coastbound along the M2 to Faversham in April 1999.

Dozens of sightings in the county are contained in the latest batch of previously top-secret documents, released by the National Archives.

They also include letters between the Ministry of Defence (MoD) and a TV journalist, who was investigating a "War of the Worlds" incident in 1967, in which six small "flying saucers" were spotted in a perfect line from the Isle of Sheppey to the Bristol Channel.

Officials were treating the



incident as a real alien invasion until it emerged the objects were in fact a student prank.

But the documents reveal the MoD intervened in the journalist's investigation, amid fears that intelligence interest in UFOs might be jeopardised if a retired RAF Captain was interviewed for the programme.

A separate file tells how one

person's breakfast at a Folkestone cafe was interrupted in January 2001, when he saw a silver "spinning top" yo-yoing in the sky.

On the same day, he also saw unidentified "air jets" zooming around above the town's harbour, while in April that year he reported three more UFOs, which he said looked like "silver tinsel stars", bobbing above Ashford's Tesco store.

Another person reported a near miss involving an Alitalia flight and a brown, missile-shaped object as the aircraft - en route to Heathrow from Milan - flew above the Lydd Army ranges in April 1991.

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Was distant roar a cigar-shaped alien craft?

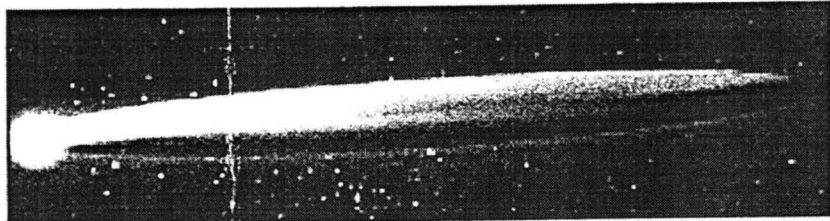
A star gazer was left so terrified when a UFO flew over his garden he contacted the Ministry of Defence (MoD), intelligence files have revealed.

The shaken man believed he may have had a close encounter with aliens when a "cigar-shaped vehicle" suddenly appeared over his house in Barnes.

He told defence officials the mysterious craft had a white light "flashing round and round underneath".

His sighting was one of thousands revealed last week when the National Archives released previously classified documents on paranormal reports.

The man, whose identity has been censored, said he was struggling to sleep and went downstairs at about 12.15am to get a glass of



Interplanetary visitors: An artist's impression of what the man may have seen

milk. He said: "I decided to take my milk into the garden and sit on the bench.

"After a few moments I heard a 'distant roar' of engines getting louder. Suddenly a huge 'craft' appeared over the house, heading in a westerly direction at speed.

"It was a large cigar-shaped vehicle with big projectiles on each side like wings. It seemed to have two very bright lights at the front

and a white light flashing underneath. I think there were also coloured lights at the ends of the projectiles but I'm not certain - I was too terrified."

The MoD said it did not have the resources to investigate the sighting, in October, 1998, but believed it could have been an airship.

□ Have you ever seen a UFO? Email pteed@london.newsquest.co.uk.

UFO 'X-Files' released... but are we all alone?

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One report from along the A20 by Bexley, dated September 27, 2000, states: "Revolving lights right hand side of road, then saw it on the left hand side. Looked like a tornado spinning, in a field, what looked like a big white projecting light."

Dr Clarke, who teaches in Sheffield, said: "Kent in general has a lot of reports. There's got to be something interesting about the fact that the government has collected all these files. Thousands of people have seen things but there are lots of bizarre things that go on that science has not yet explained."

Another report, from September 1998 tells of an object 'larger than a plane' with a 'round front going to a point' and 'red and blue' lights travelling at around 2,000ft in Erith.

By KATE NELSON
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Two brothers contacted Gatwick air traffic control to tell them of the happening and the file was passed to the MoD.

The Government department which investigated UFO sightings closed in January last year because it claimed it was an "inappropriate use of defence resources".

Dr Clarke said it meant there was now nobody who was collaborating UFO reports.

He spent over five years researching

the reporting of UFOs at the National Archives and urging the Government to publish its files. Eventually, he was recruited by them to work on the disclosure project.

On September 4, 1967 the country was thrown into turmoil when six flying saucers were placed in fields around Britain, one of which was on a golf green in Bromley.

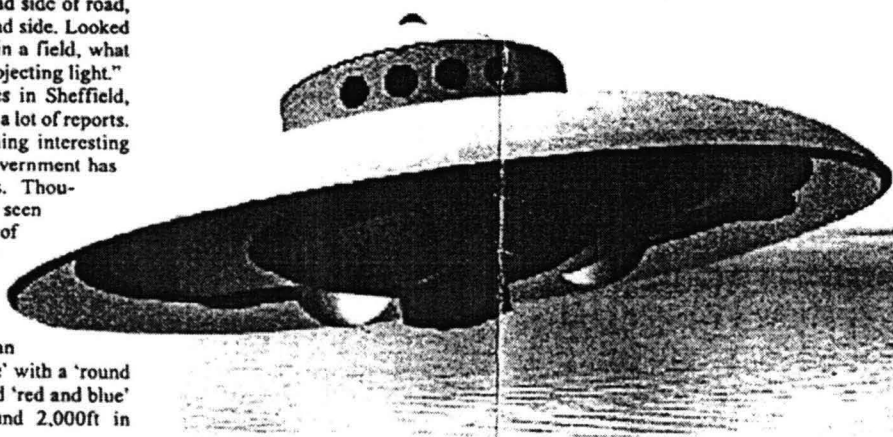
Whitehall was put on alert for an alien invasion after hoaxers Christopher Southall and Roger Palmer carried out the prank to raise money for charity as part of their college's Rag Week.



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Top-secret files reveal hundreds of UFO sightings

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HUNDREDS of previously top-secret documents have been released by the National Archives, detailing sightings of UFOs.

Above Folkestone harbour, on January 28, 2001, a UFO was spotted by someone on their way for breakfast.

He said: "I witnessed a silver spin top bobbing at height 300ft. It appeared to be yo-yoing in the sky and was the size of a football. I witnessed the object for a good 10 minutes.

"At this point I went to a cafe for breakfast.

"After breakfast I came out and the object had gone. On this day I did go to hospital as a patient, admitted for my own safety."

Two months later, on April 4, 2001, the same person saw three more UFOs that "bobbed about" over the Ashford Tesco in Park Farm.

He said they were low in the sky, about 200ft up, and took the form of three "silver tin-



Tesco in Park Farm, the site of a reported UFO sighting in 2001

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sel stars". He added: "I believe these UFOs to be three wise men in spirit form, checking that I was safe in my bed after my rebirth."

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Another unexplained occurrence took place in Tenterden on August 13, 1999.

It was filed by a woman who said she was watching the

sun set when a "large brilliant light in the sky" appeared and after a while "moved off fairly quickly".

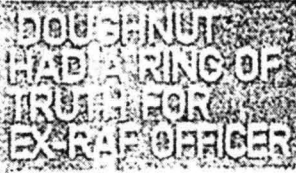
Folkestone police were also called after a "squashed elongated disc with a yellow glow" was spotted in Hythe.

Recorded on July 22, 1998, the observer said it lasted for about 20 seconds before fading away.

■ What do you think? Have you ever spotted a UFO? Email kentishexpress@thekmgroupp.co.uk or write to 34-36 North Street, Ashford, Kent TN24 8JR.

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THE doughnut-shaped phenomenon above was photographed by a retired RAF officer and sent to his old bosses tasked with investigating UFOs.

The photographer wrote to his former colleagues at RAF Fylingdales in North Yorkshire saying: "You must admit they are unusual."

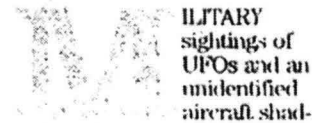
The man, whose name was blanked out in the newly released documents, said: "I noticed a partial aura in the sky, a minute or so later there was a clap of thunder, then a short while later a ring like a doughnut appeared – the ring was orange in colour with a white/cream finger pushed through, the head of the column glowed an orange colour, behind the doughnut was a second cloud of colour, and a further ring of orange."

The man took the pictures while he was on holiday in Habarana, Sri Lanka, in March 2004.

He believed it was probably an "air burst" – an explosive device detonating in mid-air.

MoD investigators, who examine alleged sightings to see if there is any threat to UK airspace, advised the man to contact the Sri Lankan authorities.

Release of secret files shines light on UFO 'close encounters'



MILITARY sightings of UFOs and an unidentified aircraft shadowing a Lancaster bomber feature among thousands of close-encounter documents released by the Ministry of Defence (MoD) today.

The extra-terrestrial files reveal how the phenomena were discussed at the highest level of government and security services worldwide, including the United Nations (UN) and the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

In January 1979 – during the peak of the winter of discontent – in addition to discussions on trade union strikes, the House of Lords had the only full debate on UFOs ever held in Parliament.

The previously-classified records show that in December 1977 the Government used its influence to talk down a call by Grenada president Sir Eric Gairy for a UN agency to conduct research into UFO sightings.

Gairy eventually withdrew his proposal, but continued his campaign for a full UN debate on UFOs – calling on the UN General Assembly to make

Reports of sightings of extra-terrestrial phenomena have been discussed at the highest level, as **Darren Devine** discovers

1978 "the year of the UFO".

And the documents show that between 2002 and 2005 the MoD dealt with 28 official reports of UFO sightings over Wales.

They included objects with legs spinning over the Valleys, a flying disc above Newport and a large black object hovering over Rhyl.

The files show that on January 31, 2005, an orange ball of light with "spiderish legs" was spotted over Port Talbot.

Also on July 12, 2003, two round black objects with legs were sighted spinning over the Rhondda.

And on November 11, 2002, two objects of different colour were spotted moving up and down above Cardiff docks.

Beyond Wales, the files reveal a resident took a picture of a triangular-shaped object tracking a Lancaster bomber during an air show in Wethersea, Yorkshire, on June 15, 2002.

The MoD said the object might have been a commercial

helicopter from an off-shore oil or gas installation.

One of the 35 newly-released files shows 15 unidentified aircraft were detected on radar approaching the UK between January and July 2001 in the months leading up to 9/11.

The MoD received just one UFO report – with no radar corroboration – on September 11 itself.

The files also feature claims the Home Office had emergency procedures for dealing with landed and crashed satellites and UFOs.

And they include US policy files, including CIA papers discussing the use of UFO reports for "psychological warfare".

The files further detail an alleged UFO sighting by the crew of HMS Manchester off the coast of Norway and how the logbook recording the incident could not be recovered.

Dr David Clarke, author of the "The UFO files" and senior lecturer in journalism at Sheffield Hallam University,

said that following the introduction of the Freedom of Information Act, requests for details about sightings have increased dramatically.

Mr Clarke said: "I was one of the MoD's most 'persistent correspondents' and eventually persuaded MoD and other government departments to release their information on this perplexing and controversial subject."

"You can see from the files that I wasn't the only one interested in the subject, with the phenomenon discussed at the highest level of government right across the globe."

UFO enthusiast Russ Kellet, 47, says it's "convenient" that the ship's logbook covering the period when men on HMS Manchester and other Royal Navy craft reported seeing the unidentified object went missing.

He said: "If somebody has got it (the logbook) on their desk and then somebody official comes in and they're talking and it just goes then it's

"Of more interest, despite repeated radio calls to Dutch Military Radar, the controller insisted that he could not see the UFO."

"After landing, our Dutch exchange officer, on my squadron, called Dutch Military to discuss the event. The controller insisted that no other radar contact was made at the time in the vicinity."

Two other RAF fighter jets flying out from Laarbruch nearly collided head-on with the UFO and saw it at the same time, the pilot said.

been lost. So they're not lying. It's just gone to another department and they can't find it so it's been conveniently been misplaced."

Ministry of Defence investigators suggested the ship's log covering the period was "blown overboard by a gust of wind".

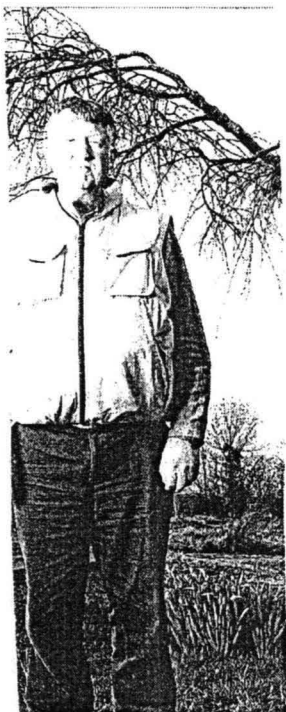
The sighting was made between either October 26 to November 6 1998 or February 8 to March 3 1999, but confusion remains as to exactly when.

Today's release is the largest disclosure of documents so far by The National Archives.

The files contain more than 8,500 pages of UFO sightings and reports, colour photographs and drawings, RAF investigations, unusual radar detections, parliamentary briefings and – for the first time – documents on the Government's policy on UFOs.

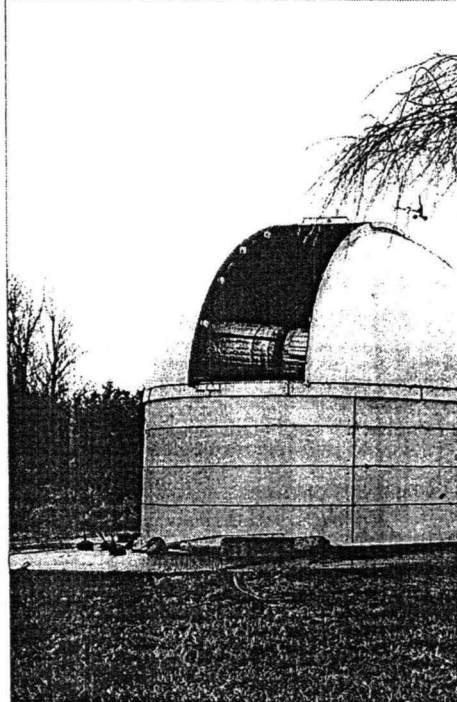
The policy files show the discussions and correspondence that led to a change in government policy on UFOs and the formation of a sighting hotline.

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



ARE WE ALONE?

Eamonn Ansbro believes we receive regular visits from UFOs, and he claims he can pinpoint where and when they will appear. **Fionola Meredith** meets the astronomer at the research-grade observatory he has built in Co Roscommon



Ansbro first became interested in unexplained flying objects in 1990, when Hermann van Bellingham, an astronomer at Schull Planetarium, mentioned that the planetarium had been receiving phone calls about odd lights in the sky. With his background in meteorology, Ansbro was intrigued. "Restaurateurs, solicitors, farmers – all kinds of people had been phoning in. Over the course of 12 months, I met all of them. I was totally confused by their stories. They just didn't fit. There were multiple sightings of balls of light, and disc-shaped objects. There was nothing in meteorology or physics that could explain it. I became convinced that we were dealing with something strange that did not fit into our paradigms."

Ansbro says some people who witnessed these "constructs" found it difficult to cope with what they had seen. "There was one case that made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up. It happened in July 1993 and it concerned two families living about a mile apart in remote west Cork. In one house, a man woke up one morning and found himself lying on top of the bed. The floor was open and the room was covered with stones. He knew something extraordinary had happened."

"He went to his sister's house a mile away and told her what had occurred. His sister then told him that she had got up to go to the bathroom in the night, and had glanced out of the window. She saw a disc shape hovering above her brother's house. She got her two teenage children out of bed, and they witnessed the disc too."

Ansbro says the encounter profoundly shocked both families. "It really challenged their whole world view. It affects the whole notion of our existence that we are not alone."

YOU GET THE sense that astronomer Eamonn Ansbro is a man weary of being ridiculed. He does not want to be regarded as a kook, an eccentric, part of a wild-eyed, credulous band of hysterics. He is a serious man, a scientist, and he speaks quietly, with down-to-earth conviction. But what he has to say is deeply controversial, leaving him shunned by mainstream science. Ansbro believes that extra-terrestrial intelligence exists, and that surveillance spaceships regularly visit Earth, travelling on specially programmed orbital tracks.

Governments are aware of these UFOs, he says, but are helpless to intervene. Most challengingly of all, Ansbro claims that, using a theory developed by the British aeronautical engineer Roy Dutton, he can predict where and when UFOs will appear, with 80 per cent accuracy or more. "They are not a million miles away," announces Ansbro. "They are here in our own backyard."

Ansbro lives with his wife Catherine on a remote, windswept hillside near Boyle in Co Roscommon, where the skies are large, clear and unpolluted, and Eamonn can get on with his work undisturbed.

Tucked away down a lane, their house looks unremarkable, until you notice the 360-degree sky-scanning cameras mounted on the roof, mon-

itoring the heavens for any unusual activity. Out in the back garden, among the daffodils, and watched over by the couple's sheep, is Ansbro's research-grade astronomical observatory: two large robotic telescopes and a range of advanced optical equipment are housed in a series of corrugated iron sheds and containers. This is a home where the solar system is under constant surveillance, where interstellar probes and the limits of astrophysics are the stuff of everyday conversation.

Ansbro chose Boyle as the site for his observatory precisely because there have been so many sightings of UFOs – or Anomalous Observational Phenomena, as Ansbro prefers to call them – in the surrounding area. "Serious people run screaming from the term UFO," it really has become debased," he says with a wry smile.

He claims that the town commissioner first invited him to Boyle in the mid-1990s to investigate the odd things that local people had apparently witnessed in the night sky. Eighty or 90 residents queued up to describe what they had seen. One couple, both in their 20s, told Ansbro that they had noticed what they first assumed to be a lorry sitting in the middle of a field, and were shocked to see it suddenly start rising up into the air.

Another man, who lives at the edge of Lough Key – by all accounts something of a UFO hotspot – was out on the forested eastern shore of the lake with some friends, just as dusk was falling, one evening in October. Using a pair of binoculars, he says he saw something the size and shape of a bus moving through the sky at roughly double the height of the trees. The man's two friends took fright and legged it, but he stayed and watched the craft slowly descend towards the lake.

Strange tales indeed. But where is the proof? Ansbro acknowledges that it is vital to begin from a position of scepticism, but – to use the classic *X-Files* terminology – he evidently "wants to believe". He insists that there is "compelling documentation" that physical objects, with flight characteristics not yet achievable by known technology, are being routinely reported in our skies. "There have been 3,600 military and commercial aircraft encounters worldwide, most cases corroborated with radar and multiple witnesses both on the ground and in the air. There are over 4,000 landing-trace cases where these UFOs have left physical evidence. There are numerous daytime and night-time photographs of clearly non-human constructs from all over the world; files and video evaluated and deemed authentic by competent experts in optical physics and related fields."

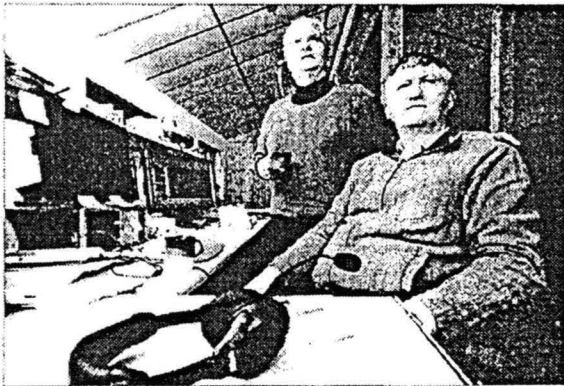
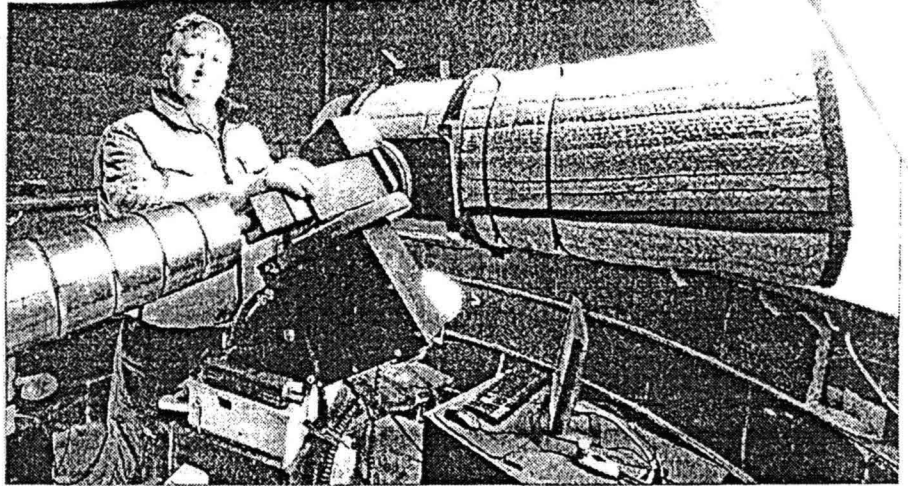
Ansbro says that these reports often come from exceptionally qualified and unbiased firsthand observers such as airline crews, police officers and military pilots; they aren't spurious friend-of-a-friend accounts, or the kind of stories that begin, "there was this guy...". As far as he is concerned, they are credible, and worthy of further serious-minded scientific research.

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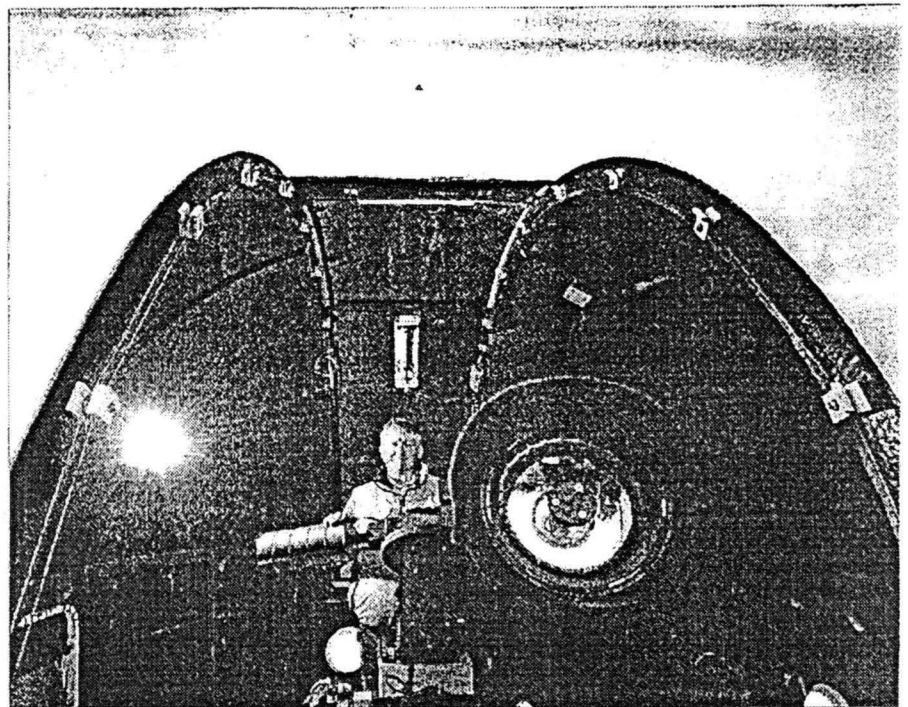
But Ansbro is ploughing a fairly solitary furrow. He is frustrated that so many mainstream scientists in the Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence (Seti) project refuse to see his work as legitimate. He says that conventional Seti strategies, focusing on distant stars, and working on the basis that other civilizations use an advanced technology that is nonetheless similar to our own, is a logically flawed approach that – despite more than 40 years of effort – has yielded no data. “It’s like trying to find an Italian restaurant at the end of the galaxy – it’s just not going to happen,” Ansbro says impatiently. Instead, he advocates a programme of “rigorous and coordinated Setv [Search for extra-terrestrial visitation] research”, to test the numerous reports of near-Earth visitations.

Putting it bluntly, few people seem to be listening. Presenting his case at a Seti conference in the US, Ansbro was resoundingly snubbed. In his own words, his views “caused ructions”. Fellow scientists stormed out of the room, and Eamonn and Catherine were rather pointedly not invited to the conference dinner. But Ansbro is used to these kinds of reactions. He quotes a line from the 1994 Harrison Ford film, *Clear and Present Danger*: “I’m afraid if I dig any deeper no one is going to like what I find.”

It’s impossible to tell whether Eamonn Ansbro is a genius pioneer or a deluded maverick. Even he admits that no one knows for sure what the UFOs he has spent decades chasing, recording and researching are. But whatever the truth, Ansbro insists that they present “tangible, mocking proof that the universe is a much stranger place than mankind wants to accept”. In the meantime, the sky-scanning cameras in Co Roscommon maintain their lonely vigil.

SKY SCANNER Astrologer
Eamonn Ansbro in the back garden of his home in Boyle, Co Roscommon where he has built a research-standard observatory, and (above) with his wife Catherine inside the structure. There are 360-degree cameras (below left) mounted on the roof of their house.

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Bobbies dazzled by mystery sighting

I write regarding Tristan
Cork's article on UFO
sightings.

You have obviously
received a lot of
correspondence on the above
subject. See what you think I
might have seen one night in
1957, as follows.

I was a member of the
Somerset Constabulary and I
was a road motor patrol
officer stationed at
Keynsham in 1957.

It was a lovely night - full
moon - no cloud or wind
about 1.30am. My colleague
and I had just completed a
half hour static check on all
vehicles at Monksbury Fork
by the garage.

My colleague was sitting in
the front passenger seat
marking up his notebook by
the light of a small lamp. I
was sitting in the driver's
seat looking towards
Monksbury Church tower in
an easterly direction.

Suddenly I saw a terrific
blue and white explosion
very high in the sky and a
long way off - I saw it just
under the top of the
windscreen.

It dazzled me and made me
jump - it lit up the area and
frightened the sheep. It was
like daylight.

My colleague said: "What
the hell was that?" And we
both expected to hear an
enormous bang - but
nothing, not a sound!

Where the blue and white
mass was I saw two trails of
debris the same colour as the
stationary mass. The two
trails fell silently towards the
earth and it all started
changing colour to bring
deep red - then orange - then
fading. Still no sound - no
aircraft around. It was weird.

Whatever it was had been
static above our atmosphere.
There remained a dull glow.

Our control told us to find
our position in the form of a
map reference as a ranking
RAF officer wished to speak
to us by phone at Keynsham
Police Station.

When we had related
everything to him I asked
him if he could tell us what it
might have been. He said it
was not an aircraft or atomic
bomb for the characteristics
did not match up. He said it
had been seen in France,
Exeter, Staffordshire, Kent,
Southampton etc.

I then telephoned Bristol
University Observatory and
they had seen it.

The man I spoke to said for
certain reasons it must have
been above the earth's
atmosphere - it was
stationary and or a sudden
catastrophic explosion had
probably totally destroyed it.

He asked could it have been
an alien space station?
Remember this was the year
1957 - neither we nor any
other earthly nation had a
space station in those days.
We were recovering from
World War Two and the
Korean War.

So, there are the facts - just
what does Tristan Cork make
of it. What indeed was it? We
will never know.

Harry Gibbs
Retired police sergeant,
Bradford on Avon

Close encounter of a hit

Steve Glen talks to Melanie Dakin about the time he saw a UFO

SHOW

NURTURING vocal talent
has been a life-long career
for north London resident,
Steve Glen. As a songwriter
and record producer Steve worked
with artists such as Cliff Richard,
Gloria Gaynor, Roger Daltrey, Hot
Chocolate, Bucks Fizz, Suzi Quatro
and Dollar.

Now he's coming to Harrow Arts
Centre with The Steve Glen Band for
a night of song and amusing
anecdotes from his years in showbiz,
including his close encounter with a
UFO on the A41 by Henly's Corner.

"It's a true story," insists Steve. "I was driving on the Hendon Way with my writing partner
Mike Burns and he pointed up in sky and said 'what's that up there?' I nearly drove off the
road. I was producing The Toys at the time and the band was following behind us in a van. I
veered off onto West Heath Road and stopped by the Leg Of Mutton Pond. It was right above
us. It was massive - about four or five houses wide and when we got out to have a look, an
orange cloud came out of it."

When I ask Steve if anyone might have slipped something in his dinner that night, he's
adamant it really happened.

"The reason I've not talked about it much for 30 years is everyone said at the time we must
be on drugs but all six of us saw it. We asked each other 'did you see that?' and we all said,
'yes'. We went straight back to Mike's house in Long Elms and wrote the song *No Doubt About
It*. I'd never written one so quick, and it was Hot Chocolate's biggest seller."

Steve has lived in Harrow Weald for the past seven years and grew up in West Hampstead.
He went to Mount Stewart School and Claremont High School in Kent.

"I was discovered at Claremont by England's answer to Glenn Miller, Cyril Stapleton,"
recalls Steve. "I joined his band as a singer and met Pete Townshend's father, Cliff, who was a
clarinettist in Vera Lynn's husband's band The Squadronaires. I toured England with them and
it gave me the spark."

Watford
singer
Collette
Spinner



Steve went on to work with Mickey Most: "the Simon Cowell of
his day", and during the '80s, lived in the Beverly Hills Hotel in
Los Angeles. He went on to have many successes including the
Eurovision Song Contest winning *Making Your Mind Up* with
Bucks Fizz and *Is There Anybody Out There*, another UFO-inspired
hit, for Roger Daltrey.

More recently, Steve has put his career on the backseat to
support his daughter, Charlotte, who was diagnosed with
Leukaemia while in her teens. She had Hodgkins Lymphoma and
needed a stem cell transplant.

Two years on, Steve feels the time is right to start up again.
He's hoping to set his new find, Watford singer Collette
Spinner, on the road to stardom.

Guesting with band in Harrow is fellow songwriter Barry
Mason.

"Barry wrote *Delilah* for Tom Jones. These gigs are to big up the
songwriter," adds Steve. "We're a dying breed. If people stop
buying records we'll be gone. Can you imagine a film without music
or going through a day without hearing a song?"

● The Steve Glen Band will perform two shows at The Harrow Arts
Centre on Sunday, March 27 at 2pm and 7pm. Details: 020 8416 8989



Steve Glen with Gloria Gaynor in 1986

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.

SENSATIONAL declassified FBI files reveal how the White House was sent into a panic by suspected alien sacrifices of COWS.

More than 8,000 cattle were snatched by mystery aircraft, mutilated, then dropped from the skies above the US south west in the late 1970s, special agents told their directors.

Terrified farmers in New Mexico, Nebraska and Colorado feared they would be ripped apart by extra-terrestrials in flying saucers.

Details of the probe are spelled out in internal memos released by the FBI online.

The cattle killers took sick **TROPHIES** including tongues, lower lips, sex organs, eyes and ears. In some cases the doomed animal was drained entirely of its **BLOOD**.

One investigator set out his theory: "These animals are picked up by aircraft, mutilated elsewhere and returned and dropped from aircraft."

"Identical mutilations have been taking place all over the south west.

By GARY O'SHEA

Whoever is responsible is well organised with boundless technology, financing and secrecy."

The feared alien sacrifices sparked alarm in Washington's corridors of power.

In January 1979, then US Attorney General Griffin Bell wrote to spooked senator Harrison Schmitt, saying: "The materials sent to me indicate one of the strangest phenomenon in my memory."

Mr Schmitt represented New Mexico - where, from 1976 to 1978 there were numerous mysterious incidents at a ranch in Dulce.

One chilling police report detailed a feared alien sacrifice there: "This 11-month-old bull was dropped by some type of aircraft north of Mr Manuel Gomez's ranch house. The sex organs had been

removed with a sharp and precise instrument. The bone had also been removed.

"The bull sustained visible bruises around the brisket seeming to indicate that a strap was used to lift and lower the animal from the aircraft... flesh underneath the hide was pinkish in colour.

"A probable explanation for the pinkish blood is a control type of radiation used to kill the animal... both the liver and the heart were mushy. Both organs had the texture and consistency of peanut butter."

The bull had been seen alive the previous day but during the night a low-flying craft had been heard near where the remains were found.

FBI agents were sent to remote farms across rural America to probe the killings.

A police report of another incident at the Dulce farm,

EW-E-F-O... how Sun reported sheep slayings



dated June 13, 1976, told how an odd craft visited another animal mutilation.

"A suspected aircraft of some type had landed twice, leaving three pod-marks in a triangular shape. The diameter of each pod was 14 inches."

An FBI document dated January, 1979, said: "The Department of Justice advised that their criminal division has been aware of the phenomenon of animals being mutilated in a manner that would indicate such acts were performed by persons as part of a ritual or ceremony."

Swoop

Kenneth Rommel, who led the FBI's Animal Mutilation Project probe, wrote a bombshell memo on March 5, 1980, on one alien swoop.

It stated: "In July 1978 a UFO was reportedly sighted by a resident of Taos, New Mexico, hovering over a pick-up truck. The following morning powder flakes were reportedly recovered from the truck roof."

Locals told the FBI the flakes came from **COW HIDES**, he added.

Possible theories for the mutilations examined by the FBI included claims the CIA or US Department

of Energy had carried out biological warfare tests on the cows, that religious cults were to blame or that "they have some connection with unidentified objects".

Ex-MoD UFO expert Nick Pope said: "These documents show how seriously the authorities took the matter and that they were prepared to debate theories about extraterrestrial involvement."

"The papers also show there is confusion about which part of the government should take the lead. I had similar problems while on the MoD's UFO project."

"When reports of animal mutilations occurred in the UK it wasn't clear whether MoD or the Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Food - now DEFRA - should investigate."

Last May The Sun told of a string of sheep mutilations in a 50-mile area between Shrewsbury and Powys.

Nick said: "As in the US, some people blame Satanists, some think it's aliens and others suspect some secret government programme."

"The situation is complicated by a separate but possibly related mystery of whether there's a small population of pumas, panthers and lynxes living wild in the UK."

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COVERT UNIT IN UFO HUNT

THE US Air Force had a secret unit that probed UFO sightings for 22 years.

Project Blue Book ran from 1947 and examined 12,618 sightings - 701 of which were filed as "unidentified".

Reports went direct to the FBI's Washington HQ but documents do not reveal staff numbers or budget.

Investigators FAILED to get to the bottom of the mystery sightings, then closed Blue Book in 1969 citing "extreme pressure on Air Force funds".

A Department of Air Force memo - in a newly released FBI dossier - tried to rubbish theories of alien visits saying the 22-year probe concluded:

- No UFOs had been a threat to national security

- None of the sighted aircraft were more technologically advanced than anything in "present day scientific knowledge"

- There was no evidence of "extraterrestrial vehicles"

The truth on UFOs is definitely out there

The picture of a Lancaster bomber tracked by a UFO in the Shropshire Star reminded me of a similar occurrence.

When I was working in Shrewsbury about 12 years ago I saw a UFO tracking a Chinook helicopter flying over the countryside towards RAF Shawbury. The cloud cover was bright and overcast at the time. The UFO was elliptical in shape and the same light grey as the cloud cover. I only saw the UFO because it had what I can only describe as an ionisation layer around it. This gave the UFO a clear outline. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. It was certainly a UFO.

I have often wondered if anyone has seen something similar. The truth is definitely out there!

Anthony Dunford, Market Drayton

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An ignoble extradition

Duncan Campbell

New clear evidence of hacker Gary McKinnon's Asperger's must persuade parliament to protect him

Extradition, extradition, extradition. The attention being paid to the attempts made by the Swedish government to extradite Julian Assange and what is happening to Bradley Manning in Virginia has inevitably obscured another battle being fought out behind the scenes, that of Gary McKinnon, the hacker with Asperger's syndrome who left rude messages in the Pentagon's computer system a decade ago.

Every member of both houses of parliament should by now have received a letter containing fresh details of McKinnon's medical history and that of close members of his family. The decision to make public this intimate side of his life has been taken because McKinnon's family now feel that there is a real possibility the government may bow to repeated requests from the United States and allow the extradition.

What MPs and members of the House of Lords will learn is that McKinnon's mental problems were first noted back in 1983, when he was only 17. When he was diagnosed three years ago as suffering from Asperger's syndrome, suggestions were made in some quarters that this was a convenient way for him to avoid being extradited. This new evidence - which will form part of a debate in the Lords, initiated by Lord Maginnis, on March 23 - gives the lie to that scepticism.

In the letter McKinnon's mother, Janis Sharp, writes: "On 10 February 1983 we were compelled to take my son

to see a neurologist because of our grave concerns regarding the sudden deterioration in Gary's mental health and the loss of his intellectual faculties, leading us to fear that Gary may have a brain tumour." She goes on to spell out the family's painful medical history.

She had taken the decision to go public with the family's many problems because she feels that MPs and members of the House of Lords need all the ammunition available as McKinnon runs out of legal options to fight extradition.

To her credit, Theresa May, the home secretary, stayed the extradition process once the coalition government took office. She is, according to the Home Office, "looking afresh" at the medical evidence, and is asking McKinnon to submit to a further examination - which he has agreed to, provided the examiner is an expert in Asperger's syndrome.

May then has to make what may be a speedy decision as to whether allowing extradition would be a breach of McKinnon's human rights. What politicians may want to digest is the assessment made by Professor Declan Murphy - an expert in Asperger's and autism and a psychiatrist regularly used by the Home Office - that "[Gary] now has a fixed autistic-like idea, which is currently unshakable, that his best outcome is to take his own life".

Thanks to WikiLeaks, it has emerged that Gordon Brown, when prime minister, approached the US ambassador in the UK, Louis Susman, on McKinnon's behalf. Brown's reasonable suggestion - that McKinnon would plead guilty to hacking offences but would serve any

sentence in the UK - was then snubbed by a secretary of state who this week has been lecturing Middle Eastern countries on tolerance and humanity.

It is perfectly possible for the United Kingdom to refuse to grant an extradition request. Life will go on. Last July Switzerland refused an American request for the extradition of the film director Roman Polanski, who was convicted of a far more serious crime than computer hacking, and so far Hillary Clinton has not instituted a no-fly zone over Geneva.

Coincidentally, this month the National Archives released official and previously censored documents about UFOs. It was McKinnon's belief in the existence of UFOs that sent him on his weird and wonderful hacking mission through the computer systems of Nasa and the Pentagon. The Ministry of Defence documents show this was something that even quite senior government figures around the world were concerned about, although many "flying saucer" sightings have turned out to be pranks or misunderstandings.

When confidential government documents are released in 30 years, detailing discussions about a computer hacker with Asperger's syndrome who did no harm beyond embarrassment to the American military, we must hope that future generations see that our ministers stood up for decency and common sense, and did not bow to demands for an ignoble extradition.

Duncan Campbell is a former Guardian crime correspondent

Lords to debate on hacker's case

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Support: David Burrowes MP and Gary McKinnon's mother Janis Sharp

MEMBERS of the House of Lords are to debate the future of Gary McKinnon, the computer hacker who is facing extradition to the US.

Mr McKinnon, who is autistic, has admitted hacking into almost 100 American military computers in 2001 and 2002 but says he was looking for proof of the existence of UFOs.

The 45-year-old from Palmers Green, who suffers from Asperger syndrome, faces up to 60 years in jail if he is convicted but says sending him to the US would breach his human rights.

Extradition proceedings were halted by the Home Secretary Theresa May last year, but the case now appears to be stuck in a stalemate.

Mrs May has asked for a new

assessment by two government-appointed psychiatrists, but Mr McKinnon's lawyers say the two psychiatrists have no particular expertise in Asperger's and have asked for an alternative expert.

Now Lord Maginnis of Drumglass has called for a debate in the House of Lords to discuss Mr McKinnon's future. The debate was scheduled to take place late yesterday.

Mrs Sharp said: "I wrote to all the Lords and the MPs explaining Gary's situation. So many people have responded, so I am really pleased."

Enfield Southgate MP David Burrowes met Mrs Sharp last week and has pledged to write again to Mrs May in a bid to break the deadlock.

Visitors from outer space?

By MIKE HALLOWELL

THERE was a time when people didn't think too much about whether life existed on other planets.

In fact, there was a time when people didn't even realise that other planets existed.

But then things changed, and the advent of the UFO phenomenon made people wonder; could the strange objects seen hurtling through the ether possibly be spacecraft from other worlds?

A growing number of people believe they are. As readers know, I've covered many UFO stories over the years, and I'm in no doubt that we are indeed being visited by extraterrestrials who seem to be particularly interested in what we're doing here on planet earth.

Over the years a number of alien spacecraft are alleged to have crashed-landed on earth, and there are persist-



EVIDENCE? ... Major Jesse Marcel holding fragments of the alleged Roswell UFO crash debris.

ent rumours that the bodies of extraterrestrial occupants have been recovered and whisked away to secret locations by governmental authorities.

Notorious

The most famous case of this nature was the notorious 'Roswell Incident'.

In July 1947, a lozenge-shaped object was said to have hurtled towards the earth at high speed and crashed near Roswell, New Mexico.

Dozens of witnesses, from military personnel to funeral directors, later came forward to verify that the story was not only true but that at least one of the occupants had survived and was being held by the US military at a secret location.

In December 1980, US military personnel based at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge near Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, were alerted when strange lights appeared nearby.

An investigation was carried out, and the deputy base commander Colonel Charles Halt led a security patrol to investigate.

The expedition into the forest, which was recorded on a chilling audio tape (www.youtube.com/watch?v=sSXu3g2T-a8),

was later the subject of a book, *Left At East Gate*, written by my good friends lecturer Peter Robbins, and former USAF Security Officer Larry Warren.

Larry was actually an eyewitness to some of the events that occurred.

Despite monumental efforts by sceptics, the Rendlesham Forest incident has never been satisfactorily explained.

Some military witnesses claim that they saw, and even touched, a pyramid-shaped UFO hovering just above ground level. The object seemed to be dripping molten metal onto the forest floor, and was covered in strange hieroglyphics.

The Roswell and Rendlesham Forest incidents are just two of a growing number of UFO-related events which seriously challenge the credibility of officials who deny that anything strange is going on.

There are currently reports circulating that a piece of metal recovered from another "sky crash" in New Mexico, this time in 1945, may be made available for analysis.

The fragment of metal is said to possess bizarre qualities, and, when bent or crumpled, immediately unfurls and resumes its original shape.

Similar fragments were said to have been recovered at Roswell.

If even one of these events is finally proven to be true, then the cat will be well and truly out of the bag and world leaders will be forced to admit, at long last, that we are not alone in the universe. But what will this mean for humankind?

In all probability we will see a groundshift of monumental proportions amongst the world's religions and political systems.

If it turns out that our extraterrestrial visitors are hostile in their intentions, then we may be forced to put our differences aside and unite in a global effort to fight a common enemy. If this all sounds like science fiction, then just remember; there are hundreds of eyewitnesses who, on the basis of what they have seen, would beg to differ.

■ Got an eerie tale? Send it to wraithscape@mikehallowell.com



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In search of Nessie, the Loch Ness Monster

By Darrell Laurant
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Henry Bauer has something in common with me, and most probably with you — he's never seen the Loch Ness Monster.



In his case, however, it isn't from lack of trying. The Virginia Tech science professor emeritus has made a number of trips to Scotland hoping to catch a glimpse of the world's most elusive aquatic beast, only to be disappointed. But not disheartened.

"Almost all of the sightings have been random," he said, "and they tend to catch people by surprise."

In other words, you can't meet "Nessie" by appointment. That is, if he or she actually exists.

There appear to be three possibilities:

1. The Loch Ness Monster is nothing but a figment of some Scotman's imagination, a legend that has morphed into a mass hallucination among the believers.
2. There was a Loch Ness Monster once upon a time, but now it's dead.
3. A family of Nessies still occupies the mile-wide, 20-mile-long lake, and it's only a matter of time before their existence is proven.

Bauer describes himself as "about 95 percent certain" of the third option. He will be one of the speakers at an "UFOs at the Lake Conference" at the Mariner's Landing Resort on Smith Mountain Lake, which is a neat coincidence. A movie in production called "Lake Effect" has been filmed there, and one of its components is a Nessie-style monster.

The producers of "Lake Effect" didn't enlist Henry Bauer as a technical advisor, but they should have. As the pursuit of Nessie has changed from hobby to obsession, he has read everything he can find on the beast, pro and con.

"I'm a scientist," he said, "and so I have an open mind, both ways. I'm just trying to help get at the truth."

The initial spark for Bauer was a chance encounter with a book by Tim Dinsdale, described as the only person ever to capture the Loch Ness Monster on film. You've probably seen a famous still photograph from that footage, a grainy image of what appear to be eel-like loops protruding from the water of the Loch.

Naturally, that photo has come under withering fire from debunkers. It's a boat, it's a sturgeon, it's an imperfection in the film.

"I took a year's sabbatical in 1972," Bauer said, "to study at the University of Cambridge in England. Naturally, I took a side trip to Loch Ness, Dinsdale happened to be there, and I met him."

Bauer leans toward the theory that the Loch Ness Monster (or monsters) is a prehistoric creature that somehow became landlocked when the Ice Age closed off Loch Ness' former connection to the ocean.

"There is another body of water called Loch Morar, also near the ocean, and there are legends surrounding creatures there, too," Bauer said.

If you're picturing Loch Ness as a small body of water, think again. This is no glorified farm pond. "It's 700 feet deep at one point," Bauer said.

Nor is it surrounded by Loch Ness Monster tourist attractions. "There aren't any summer cottages and only a few hotels," Bauer said. "The local planning committee is very conservative, and they want to keep the place pretty much like it's always been. You can buy a Nessie doll in some stores, but that's about it."

Obviously, there are Nessie questions with no current answers. Since there have been sightings since the 1930s, the creature either has a very long life span or it has reproduced. And if one of the beasts has died, why was no carcass ever found?

On the other hand, Bauer said, no one has been able to explain certain sonar findings that appear to show large objects in motion.

For all its size and presumably carnivorous diet, Nessie has never tried to eat one of its human neighbors, or even a tourist. Rather, the beast seems reclusive and shy, appearing only by chance and disappearing just as quickly.

Or else this is all a hoax. Like any true scientist, Henry Bauer just seems to be enjoying the puzzle. "I guess you'd say I'm into oddball science," he said with a chuckle.

The itinerary for the May 7 event at Mariner's Landing also includes representatives from the UFO Club of Virginia Beach and Virginia MUFON (the Mutual UFO Network), a man who claims to have been abducted by aliens, a licensed social worker who has counseled individuals who claim to have been abducted, and Phil Reynolds, an expert on the Mothman Mystery (among other things, a movie starring Richard Gere) from West Virginia.

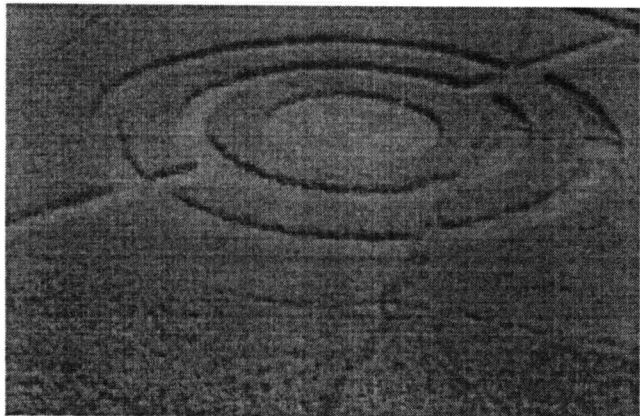
The cost is \$49 for the day, with lunch, \$69 with lunch and dinner included. And you don't have to be a believer in any of this, just interested.

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Another Crop Circle Discovered in Indonesia

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Indonesia



A new crop circle has been reported in a rice field in Cikarang, Bekasi, West Java. (Photo courtesy of Ufonesia)

A new crop circle has been reported by a group established to investigate UFO sightings in Indonesia.

Beta-UFO, set up in 1997, said the latest crop circle had appeared in a rice field in Cikarang, Bekasi, West Java.

"The locals didn't know," group member Julius Perdana told Detik.com on Monday. "We had to climb up a hill to see it [the crop circle] for ourselves."

Julius said the crop circle was discovered three weeks ago but the group had only become aware of it on Sunday.

The news portal did not say how the group had been alerted to the find.

He said the crop circle — which fringe groups claim have extraterrestrial origins — was 90 meters long and 30 meters wide in some places and consisted of two circles topped with hexagons.

"There are no police lines or spectators," Julius said.

He said the design differed from the previously discovered crop circle discovered in Sleman, Yogyakarta, but more closely resembled another discovered in Magelang, Central Java.

Beta-UFO had taken photos of the crop circle and would send them to researchers at Central Java's Diponegoro University for further examination.

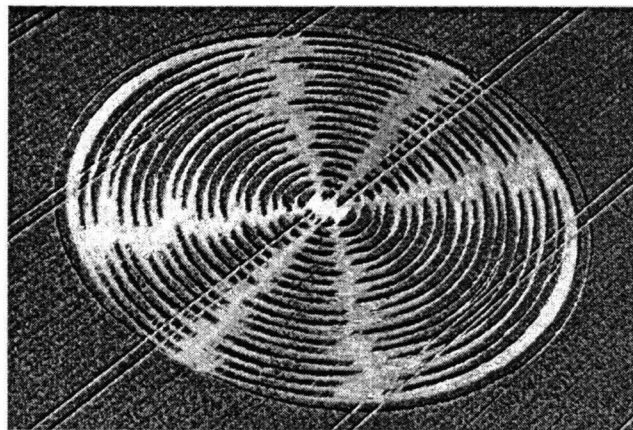
"We will wait for the researchers to say whether it is original or man-made," Julius said.

The New York Times

'What on Earth?' Probes Mysteries of Crop Circles

By JEANNETTE CATSOULIS
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A scene from "What on Earth?"



A cheery, chummy documentary about the pastoral patterns inaccurately described as crop circles, Suzanne Taylor's "What on Earth?" musters a gaggle of enthusiasts to dish on the phenomenon.

They're a diverse bunch — farmers and philosophers, scientists and a singer-songwriter — and Ms. Taylor, a former actress who first became involved with the group in the early 1990s, uses her familiarity to encourage them to open up. Merging homey interviews with photographs and film of the hundreds of varieties of patterns (which pop up mysteriously overnight and are found all over the world), the film makes no pretense of objectivity or analysis. Everyone on screen — most sporting little blue flowers in their lapels, like a club insignia — is convinced of an intelligence behind the designs.

"I knew that something beyond the beyond was going on," one interviewee says, echoing the metaphysical beliefs of many circle fans. But it's the film's geometrists who enthrall most, revealing that many of the shapes — one of which famously made the cover of a 1990 Led Zeppelin album — hold entirely new answers to Euclidean problems.

Set mainly in the bucolic beauty of Wiltshire, England (a hotbed of circle activity), "What on Earth" touches on famous hoaxes and enjoys a brief visit to the conspiracy-theory place. The film's main attractions, though, are the patterns themselves: fantastically precise whorls and curlicues, radiolaria and mandalas that drift across the screen like the endlessly reforming crystals in a kaleidoscope. Whether designed by nature or by little green men, they make you want to believe.

WHAT ON EARTH?

Inside the Crop Circle Mystery

Opens on Friday in Manhattan.

Produced and directed by Suzanne Taylor; directors of photography, Gail Bates, Allen Branson, Keith Clarke, C. J. Davies, Mary Duprey, Matt Krinsky, Sherril Schlesinger and Ms. Taylor; edited by Ms. Duprey; music by Bruce Hanifan; released by Mighty Companions. At the Quad Cinema, 34 West 13th Street, Greenwich Village. Running time: 1 hour 21 minutes. This film is not rated.