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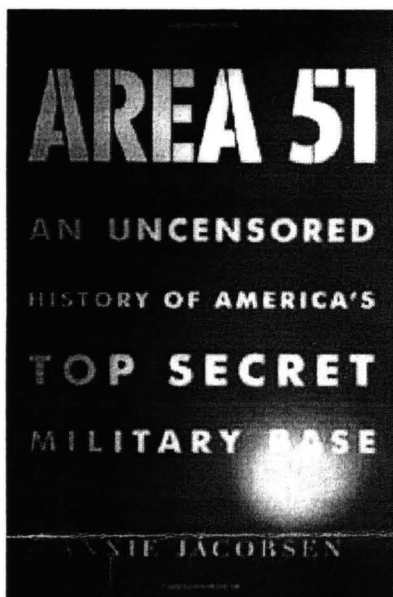
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Not on My Roswell – Why the Joe Stalin Saucer Explanation for Roswell Is More Disinformation



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In early May I was contacted by a publisher's agent to ask if I would review Annie Jacobsen's new book, *AREA 51-An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base* by Annie Jacobsen published by Little, Brown and Company New York, New York May 2011. Soon I received a high quality hardcover edition.

The book, *AREA 51* is a very well organized and detailed history of the notorious above top secret test facility in the remote deserts of Nevada, the development of nuclear weapons capability in the United States after World War II, and the engineering of spy planes and stealth technology. What captivates the reader is the idea of finally learning anything definite about the location whose existence has been denied by government officials who must realize how silly they appear when the public commonly equates the phrase "Area 51" with extreme secrecy about advanced and possibly extraterrestrial aviation technology.

It comprises 390 pages for the main text, with 384 notes, 46 primary interview sources identified with appropriate credentials and affiliations, also numerous secondary interviews, and an acknowledgement of numerous interviews with current employees of various federal agencies and defense contractors obtained under a promise of anonymity.

Most of this work is devoted to describing how this mysterious classified facility in Nevada was critically

important to our national defense because it was the center for the development and deployment of high tech spy planes. The story of Area 51 is right at the heart of the history of the US and the Soviets playing nuclear brinkmanship with ever more powerful and dirtier nukes. Our nukes were tested in the areas adjacent to Area 51 to the point that parts of the facility are contaminated.

However, the book also includes what Annie Jacobsen claims is the real explanation for the Roswell Event of 1947. Just to recap for those who have not been keeping score, these are the so-called official explanations for the Roswell, New Mexico Crash Retrieval Event of the 1947 July 4th weekend: an Army Air Corps press release that they had a "recovered flying disc" and shortly afterwards a deflated weather balloon, a classified project involving multiple balloons with some electronics attached called Project Mogul, the same story with the addition of dropped dummies being mistaken for extraterrestrials in response to the 1997 50th anniversary celebration in Roswell, a rocket gone astray with burned up chimpanzees inside, a Japanese attempt to scare Americans with the bodies of POWs inside, and now this new "explanation" as disclosed in *AREA 51*.

The interviews with former Area 51 personnel make this book fascinating. But we do not know how Annie Jacobsen "found" these witnesses. Granted she is an experienced investigative journalist. But the political history of UFO research contains other examples of how the media is used, wittingly and unwittingly, to thwart and deflect the search for the truth. More importantly, the public has to be kept in the dark. My reaction to Jacobsen's Roswell revelation is based upon my sense that when she was "given" this supposed true explanation for Roswell, she became part of the problem, and not the solution as I will demonstrate. (See *The Missing Times* by Terry Hansen on how the Media and the publishing industry have become little more than CIA servants when it comes to any story related to UFOs.)

According to Ms. Jacobsen's informant, the Roswell UFO Crash Event should be called "Stalin's Black Propaganda Hoax." A large, unidentified Soviet aircraft entered the USA via Alaska and launched a remote-controlled saucer-like advanced aircraft that crashed outside of Roswell, NM. The crashed vehicle was occupied by children who had been subjected to horrific surgery by Josef Mengele, the butcher of Auschwitz, who worked for Stalin after the end of WWII even though he died years later in South America. There is apparently no disagreement about the accepted sequence of events surrounding the Roswell Crash related to the discovery of the wreckage, the press releases, the cover-up, and the intimidation of witnesses as these events have been described by UFO researchers.

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The entire theory rests upon the testimony of an anonymous informant. He disclosed to Annie Jacobsen that the retro-engineering of Roswell wreckage was assigned to 5 specially selected engineers from a major defense contractor, the EG&G Company. The project was hidden with the highest possible security classification inside the Atomic Energy Commission. The work was done in an even more remote location in Area 51 called S-4.

The informant claimed that the vehicle that crashed at Roswell was actually a fake Martian saucer created by Nazi scientists captured by the Soviets at the end of WWII. Stalin's goal was to create a national panic in the USA and to intimidate the US military with his vastly superior aircraft technology. The inspiration for this idea was the broadcast of Orson Welles in 1938, when his dramatic radio recreation of a Martian invasion created unanticipated panic. Supposedly, what really panicked our military was the discovery that the writing on pieces of the wreckage of Stalin's was Cyrillic.

The need for an immediate cover-up and extreme secrecy was based upon "fears that the Russians had hover and fly technology, that their flying craft could outfox US radar and that it could deliver to America a devastating blow." (Page 37, AREA 51) The informant confessed to Jacobsen that the ongoing policy of absolute secrecy was also necessitated by the acts of this band of EG&G engineers – supposedly because "People were killed" in the USA as part of their experiments until the 1980s. No explanation was offered as to how or why a small group of aviation engineers would be charged with conducting medical experiments.

The author claims that the writing discovered on the debris from the Roswell craft was in fact block letters from the Cyrillic alphabet. This is apparently an indirect reference to the recollections of Jesse Marcel Senior and Jesse Marcel Junior who both described extremely light I-beam like material with strange lettering on it. No explanation is given as to why Jesse Marcel Junior, an emergency room surgeon and Iraq war veteran has still never seen enough Cyrillic writing in his lifetime to make the connection with his childhood recollection of the mysterious debris brought home by his father in 1947.

The radical "hover and fly" technology was attributed to two brothers, Walter and Reimar Horten. Supposedly these two brothers had created a new flying technology based upon a power source that was so unique, that the Project Paperclip scientists to include Dr. Werner von Braun were unable to identify the type of engineering used to propel the craft. Yet when describing the Horten's prototype aircraft with its unusual crescent shape, the comment is made that these craft could fly higher and faster up to 1200 mph because they were propelled by rockets rather than jet engines. These statements seem contradictory and there is little doubt that Dr. von Braun and many of the other Project Paperclip scientists were imaginative designers. (Page 41, AREA 51)

In the photo section of the book there is a pictured diagram of a Horten Brothers' design that shows a model diagram with rockets plainly labeled. There is also a definite statement about what didn't happen afterwards in the Soviet Union: "The Soviets couldn't advance their aerial reconnaissance program because so much of their efforts went into advancing surface to air missile technology." (Page 138, AREA 51)

If advanced hover and fly technology truly was possessed by the Soviets, why was it never used

against the United States with the exception of sending a fake Martian ship to Roswell? Why wasn't this technology used for surveillance of the United States in the same way that we sent the U2 spy planes over Russia? Why wasn't it used offensively against the US or against the Afghans in the same way we brought out the highly classified Stealth bombers in the first Gulf War? Where was the Stalin Saucer launched from? Where did the remote control technology go? Where did the advanced hover and fly technology go? No explanations are given.

The cleverness of AREA 51 resides in how the reader is set up to accept the Stalin Saucer theory. Here is a prime example of how the background is painted with broad brush strokes so no one will recall the key aspects of the Roswell story. On Page 17: "The local coroner received a mysterious call requesting several child sized coffins that could be hermetically sealed." This statement appears to refer to one of the primary Roswell witnesses, Glenn Dennis, who as a young man worked at the Ballard funeral home in Roswell New Mexico. He was a mortician, not the coroner, an elected county official.

Perhaps the story of the mortician Glenn Dennis was kept very brief so that it would seem to support the Stalin Saucer theory. Glenn Dennis was not named because even a cursory search into his story summons the story of his friend, the mysterious Nurse. The nurse was on duty at Walker Army Air Field right after the bodies were recovered outside Roswell. She was called into a room to take notes during an examination of the bodies from the crash site. This raises a major question: Why couldn't military doctors tell that the bodies recovered in the Roswell Crash were those of surgically-altered children as opposed to extraterrestrial humanoids?

This selection from Glenn Dennis' 1991 affidavit relates the description the Nurse gave to Dennis:

(11) She said she had gone to get supplies in a room where two doctors were performing a preliminary autopsy. The doctors said they needed her to take notes during the procedure. She said she had never smelled anything so horrible in her life, and the sight was the most gruesome she had ever seen. She said, "This was something no one has ever seen." As she spoke, I was concerned that she might go into shock. (12) She drew me a diagram of the bodies, including an arm with a hand that had only four fingers; the doctors noted that on the end of the fingers were little pads resembling suction cups. She said the head was disproportionately large for the body; the eyes were deeply set; the skulls were flexible; the nose was concave with only two orifices; the mouth was a fine slit, and the doctors said there was heavy cartilage instead of teeth. The ears were only small orifices with flaps. They had no hair, and the skin was black--perhaps due to exposure in the sun. She gave me the drawings.

In 2000 I delivered the transcript of the key interview of my friend June Crain to Glenn Dennis in person at the UFO Museum in Roswell. June Crain worked at Wright-Patterson AFB from 1942-1952 and I believe that her testimony plus the results of my investigation into her background and statements, establishes her as a key corroborating witness to a cover-up of at least three UFO Crash Retrieval Events involving Non-Humans, not Russians.

Glenn Dennis and I talked in private. When I left our meeting, whatever doubts I had about the nature of the Roswell event in 1947 were ended. He remains an honest man and a solid witness. His belief is that the

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being described by his friend, the Nurse, was not of this earth. What she saw that day so terrified her she resigned her commission and became a nun. He has protected her identity from everyone including frustrated UFO researchers.

The Stalin Saucer theory will be readily accepted by skeptics and those who have not studied the Roswell Event. It will gain traction for the very same reasons that I take issue with Annie Jacobsen's argument that Ockham's razor applies to make the Stalin Saucer explanation the most likely explanation. The argument is only valid if a priori, you accept that the crash of an ET spacecraft is not a possible explanation for what triggered the extreme cover-up and secrecy surrounding Roswell. Meteorites cannot exist because there are no rocks in the sky.

According to Jacobsen, the Stalin Saucer Crash was kept secret because the military was afraid of how it would be perceived by the public. What about the rise of fervent anti-Communism in post World War II politics? If Stalin really tried to create a panic in the USA with a fake Martian saucer, why not expose his ploy and aid the effort to whip up anti-Soviet fervor, McCarthyism, and Le May's longing to go to war?

If the goal was to promote the war on Communism, why not use the opportunity of exposing the Stalin Saucer with its helpless mutilated child passengers as an example of godless Communism at its worst? Even if the cabal of engineers from EG&G was busy in deep secrecy at S-4 trying to outdo Josef Mengele, what difference would it make? Everything done by these engineers was kept under very high security, so why would their conduct matter if the public would never know anyway?

Who really benefits from disclosing this "new and improved" Roswell explanation? Perhaps the inclusion of the new explanation for the Roswell events was the price that Annie Jacobsen paid for getting access to the testimonies of Area 51 retirees. Such testimony would have been impossible to obtain previously because of security oaths.

We know nothing about the loyalties or motivations of the sole surviving informant who supposedly disclosed the truth about Roswell. We also do not know how their meeting was orchestrated or by whom. She relates that she interviewed the informant for 18 months in preparation for the disclosure of the Stalin Saucer explanation.

If you are an experienced interviewer, you have to consider the possibility that particular information is being given to you for a reason, especially if it seems significant and startling. In other words, just because you think you are the interviewer and therefore in control, you can't rule out that you are being played. The detached totally objective observer doesn't exist in physics, and it's a fallacy in the world of informants.

We have all had interviews with UFO witnesses who allude to secrets so extraordinary and so scary in their implications that they cannot be divulged. This is a technique used by interviewees to add to the credibility capital of their disclosures. This is what I call Disclosure Mystique. There are several possible motives for pretending to possess more information than what is surrendered to the interviewer. The motive may be to increase their importance as a source, or it may be to tantalize to the point that the interviewer is focusing more on the potential value of the information than upon the credibility of the source. This is when the interviewer may bite the hook along with the bait.

After finishing AREA 51, I wondered how it is classified in book stores. I went to the local outlet of a major bookstore chain and I asked for a copy. I was told AREA 51 was placed under the heading of "Military History." Given that this book reveals yet another Roswell explanation with no documentation and no source identification, why isn't AREA 51 placed in the "UFOs/Metaphysical" category like all the other marginalized but well researched UFO books?

Roswell is actually an ongoing investigation that comprises over 30 plus years of dedicated work by researchers such as Stanton Friedman beginning in 1978, Kevin Randle, too many others to name, and most recently covered in depth in Witness to Roswell- Unmasking the 60-Year Cover-Up by Thomas J. Carey and Donald R. Schmitt (2009 edition) or Roswell Legacy by Jesse Marcel, Jr. The real Roswell investigation includes the testimony of some 600 witnesses.

Many of these identified witnesses have chosen to disclose their knowledge in violation of their security oaths. Many times these decisions arose from a sense of mortality because of advanced age or terminal illness. I would ask any skeptic: Why would anyone risk their reputation or pension to expose their knowledge of the reality of Contact with Non-Human Intelligence? These witnesses are not making money from their disclosures and they are opening themselves or their families to ridicule at the very least.

AREA 51 contains a reference to a still classified CIA file about the management of the UFO problem. There is a lengthy description of how the CIA indirectly manages the news media to influence public opinion about UFOs. This fact also plays into the ultimate question that is raised by the existence of this particular book with its unprecedented disclosures about Roswell. (AREA 51, pages 64-68)

There is a further reference to the CIA's psychological strategy Board urging the National Security Council to "monitor private UFO groups" may be viewed as part of an ongoing strategy. There is no statement in the book to indicate that these policies have ever been terminated. In this sense, perhaps Annie Jacobsen may have been given a Trojan horse by the Secret-Keepers.

If you take the classic Crashed ET-UFO explanation for Roswell and compare it to the Stalin Saucer explanation from Annie Jacobsen's book, we should be warned by what factors they have in common: Both explanations involve a massive initial and ongoing cover-up of the Roswell Event, to include disinformation (lying), threats and intimidation (assault and extortion), and even assassination (murder), felony conspiracy to commit these acts, and innumerable violations of the Bill of Rights.

If these illegal acts are described in a UFO/Metaphysical book, they are dismissed as conspiracy theory. When the same extreme official misconduct is included in a Military History book like AREA 51, this is just history with no relevancy to our times. Once you establish that a suspect or a black budget agency has committed, or may still be committing, terrible acts, how can you trust anything they tell you?

In conclusion, I am encouraged by AREA 51 as it represents another albeit indirect official disinformation about Roswell. I suggest that the appropriate thank you gift to the key informant of the Stalin Saucer explanation would be five pounds of

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Greeley, CO
July, 11, 2011

Greeley UFO expert to appear on 'The Daily Show' tonight

By Mike Peters



Clifford Clift stands with some of the equipment he uses to investigate unidentified flying objects while at the Mutual UFO Network office located at 2619 11th St. Road in Greeley.
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He knew it was a big chance to take.

After all, if you're the national head of Mutual UFO Network and you're asked to appear on one of the country's most popular comedy news shows, you know what's going to happen: Someone is going to make fun of you.

But that didn't deter Greeley's Clifford Clift, who was interviewed on "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" a couple of weeks ago, and is scheduled to appear tonight.

"I had an idea of what it would be like," Clift said from his home Monday. "They weren't going to be serious."

He was correct.

The good part of the adventure was that the show flew Clift to New York City and got him a room in a \$250-per-night hotel with a view of Times Square. He thinks they spent about \$1,500 on his trip to New York for the three-hour interview.

Jon Stewart, the show's host, didn't interview

Clift. He was interviewed outside of New York in a field, by one of the show's reporters, Wyatt Cenac.

"Right away, I realized it was not a scientific interview," Clift said jokingly. "One of the questions was why the United States is losing so many UFO sightings to China? Do the E.T.'s prefer China?"

They had about 50 pre-written questions for him, standing outside in a field, and about half-way through the interview — as a sidelight — Clift pointed out to the crew that they were standing in poison ivy.

At one point, the reporter put on an E.T. suit and wanted to know what Clift thought of E.T.s. "I asked him where he was from," Clift explained, "and when he didn't answer, I told him his clothes made him look like he was from Uranus (pronounced 'your anus.')" "I'm not sure that one will get on the air. ..."

When the reporter asked Clift why all the UFOs were coming to Earth, he jokingly explained they were coming here for gold and water. He said there were shortages of both of those substances in the universe.

While the show is supposed to run tonight, Clift said they delayed the interviews so many times that he's not sure his interview will be tonight or postponed until later. The show is on the Comedy Channel at 8 p.m. in Greeley.

"I just played along with them" Clift said. "I'm hoping this will somehow get the word out that MUFON does scientific investigations of UFO sightings, and we're not just a bunch of nuts."

In the area of UFOs and encounters with mysterious aircraft or beings, "Maybe this will lighten things up."

From last page

Miracle-Gro. If all of us conspiracy theorists and UFO buffs are so totally out of touch with reality, why even bother to keep trying to bury Roswell? I am glad the Disinformation folks still care enough to lie to us. Perhaps we are closer to the disclosure of the truth than we have ever been. Our opponents may be on the ropes and the cover-up is threadbare and rotting. That's why the alternative explanations become more and more absurd.

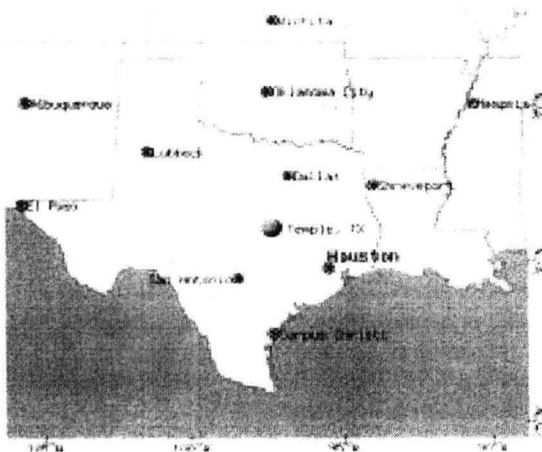
To this attempt to dismiss the Roswell Event with the Stalin Saucer, I can only quote a favorite line from the X-Files- "There are no answers for you here, Mr. Mulder."

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Texas witnesses recall UFO-EBE encounter

Date: 11 July 2011

Posted By : Edited by Albert Rosales
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Location. Near Temple, Texas

Date: March 22, 2009

Time: night

UFOINFO.com -- The main witness and his wife were heading southbound on I-35 from Waco when his wife pointed to a strange light in the sky moving at incredible speed. It suddenly stopped on a dime over a field about a mile or so off the highway.

He pulled his car over to the shoulder as they wondered what it was. Suddenly it appeared to land in the field and when it did they could make out a disk shape but due to the darkness it was hard to tell exactly. It was a cloudy night. He pulled his binoculars out of the back seat and when he focused in he saw what did indeed appear to be a saucer like object on the ground.

At first he dismissed it as a feeder for livestock due to the poor visibility but soon realized this object had what appeared to be a door of some sort that opened up and a reddish orange light could be seen when it opened from what appeared to be the interior. Then suddenly 3 men walked out of the craft and the door shut.

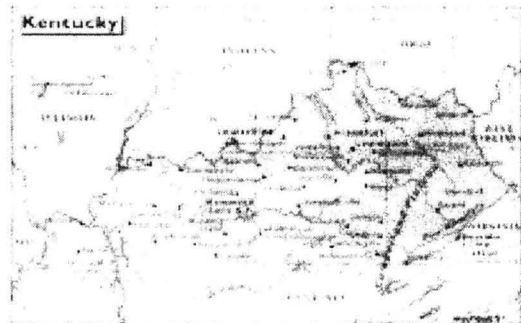
The craft then after about 3 minutes rose upward hovered for a brief time and then took off northbound at a very high rate of speed and the witness lost sight of it. He then refocused on the field to see if he could see any one or anything in the field but visibility was very poor. He did note that the men appeared to have been walking in the direction of a rest stop that was just off of the field near the highway. He wanted to make a turn and go northbound and stop at the rest stop but his wife would not let him, she was getting concerned that it could be "aliens". He never regained sight of the three figures.

Reference: Mufoncms.com

Kentucky witnesses report orange UFOs

Date: 13 July 2011

Posted By : by Roger Marsh
(Toronto, Canada)



Two Kentucky witnesses report watching "four orange orbs flying in formation" under 500 feet and silent as they formed a triangle in the sky, according to June 29, 2011, testimony from the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) witness reporting database.

"The formation turned slightly to the right as they went over the neighbor's home and we watched from the patio as they moved by," the reporting witness stated. "There was absolutely no sound and they did not vary from the formation as they slowly moved across the back yard area and over the homes that surround my back yard and slowly we lost sight of them as they moved on."

No images or videos were included with the MUFON report, which was filed on June 29, 2011. The event occurred on June 28, 2011. No town name was mentioned in the public portion of the report. The above quotes were edited for clarity.

Kentucky is a current UFO ALERT 5 rating, with a low number of UFO sightings nationally. Kentucky had 5 reports in May 2011 - while California had 55 UFO reports - the highest reporting state in the nation.



THE MORNING CALL

**The truth is out there — in
Emmaus**

**Borough man is a field
investigator for a UFO research
network.**



John Royer of Emmaus is a field investigator for an international UFO research group called MUFON, the Mutual UFO Network. (MONICA CABRERA, THE MORNING CALL / July 12, 2011)

**Daniel Patrick Sheehan
July 12, 2011
Allentown, PA**

One night in 1977, John Royer went out on the second-floor deck of his Bethlehem house to get some air, something he had done a hundred times without any complications. This time, however, he happened to look up into the sky as a big, black triangle with lights at the three corners passed overhead.

Big as the object was — it blocked out a sizeable swath of stars — it didn't make a sound. Royer, a Lafayette College graduate and engineer — and, by his own and his wife's testimony, a sober and level-headed man — went inside and summoned the closest person, a houseguest. She came out and saw it too.

"Oh, my God," she said, and went back inside.

Royer watched the object drift west until it disappeared beyond the tree line. And just like that, his life had changed.

It didn't change the way the Richard Dreyfuss character's life changed in "Close Encounters of the Third Kind." He didn't lose his job and start sculpting his mashed potatoes and shaving cream into renderings of Devil's Tower. And he didn't start seeing UFOs everywhere he looked, though in 2003, after moving to his current home in Emmaus, he saw another triangle flying over Emmaus High School.

But these experiences made him keenly interested in UFOs. And that led to his current position as a volunteer field investigator for the Mutual UFO Network, called MUFON.

It's a 42-year-old international group of enthusiasts who investigate sightings, compile statistical summaries — there were 14 UFO reports in Pennsylvania in June, for example — and pressure the government to be more forthcoming about what it knows regarding the phenomenon.

"Many reports are mistakes," Royer acknowledges, leafing through the dozens of sightings he has investigated across the Lehigh Valley and beyond in the past couple of years. "Some of them are idiots trying to play a game. Some are drunks. Some are people on drugs."

Some, though, are sincere — and often frightened — regular folk who have witnessed something strange and want the relief or reassurance that comes from sharing the story.

A few examples: A witness in York County saw a boomerang-shaped mass of green lights flying south over the borough. A Shimersville resident watched a red light bobbing in the sky. And a man in Emmaus had virtually the same experience as Royer, watching a dark triangle move above Chestnut Street and disappear beyond South Mountain.

Royer, 65, a retired Lincoln Technical Institute instructor, makes no firm judgment about any of these sightings — not even his own. He knows he saw something, but he can't say what.

"I think some of it is manmade technology," he said. "I also believe there is something flying around out there that we don't know anything about."

Preserving the anonymity of the witnesses, he notes the details and commits them to the growing record of sightings around the world. Like other buffs, he figures the phenomenon will reach critical mass one day and lead to something — alien contact, perhaps, or government acknowledgement that we are not alone.

"There are multiple people around the world who are politicians, who are in the military, who are saying 'Enough is enough,' " Royer said, citing cases of jet pilots who have been ordered into fruitless pursuit of bizarre sky craft but told to keep their stories quiet.

He does most of his research in a home office with a few framed paintings of UFOs on the wall and a model of the Mir Space Station dangling from the ceiling fan light pull. Here, he has begun writing science fiction and has formulated his own theory about aliens — that they are "flying archeologists" in a long-term study of humankind. UFO reports, he pointed out, date back thousands of years.

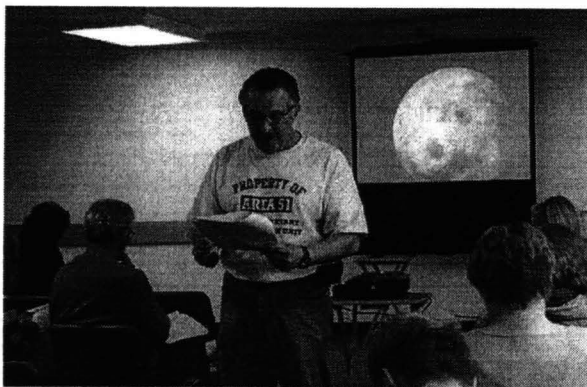
Playing Scully to Royer's Mulder is his wife, Mary, a friendly woman who seems to find his hobby interesting in the way many wives find football interesting.

"It's John's thing," she said. "All I can say is 'Anything's possible.' "

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UFOs, aliens and the paranormal

Newly formed Marin-Sonoma Mutual UFO Network meets monthly to discuss extraterrestrial phenomena



UFO enthusiast Jim Ledwith was the guest speaker at the June meeting of the Marin-Sonoma Mutual UFO Network.

Brittany Burnett

By BRITTANY BURNETT,
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Petaluma, CA

Members of the newly formed Marin-Sonoma Mutual UFO Network believe there is a need for like-minded people to meet and share information about UFOs, aliens and other extraterrestrial phenomena.

Meeting the first Saturday of every month, the group hopes to attract newcomers through a variety of guest speakers and performances relating either directly or indirectly to the subject of alien or UFO encounters.

"I try to bring in different and exciting speakers to each meeting," said Lorien Fenton, MUFON area director. Douglas Dietrich, former defense research librarian for the San Francisco Presidio Military Base, will talk at the Sept. 3 meeting. UFO enthusiast Jim Ledwith was the guest speaker at the chapter's June 11 meeting in Petaluma.

"It's all about educating the public," he said, "and I think the way to do it is through film." Ledwith spoke about Area 51, a military base in southern Nevada where experimental aircraft and weapons are developed and tested. The intense secrecy surrounding the base has made it the subject of conspiracy theories and UFO folklore. He shared videos and commentary about the site and accompanying alien-inspired documentaries. Upon arrival, attendees were given copies of "Area 51 Viewer's Guide" by Glenn Campbell and a list of suggested Internet sites that Ledwith recommends for individual, at-home alien researching.

Throughout the meeting, Ledwith took public comment and shared his thoughts with attendees on matters of alien encounters and Area 51.

He also talked about his interactions with the border of the military base, jokingly recounting his encounter with military police and eventually being escorted off the premises. As a token, each person in attendance received a photocopy of Ledwith's military restraining order.

Though Ledwith is not a member of MUFON, he believes strongly in acting as a "canary" in the world of extraterrestrials and the like.

"I'm on my own because I don't want to compromise anything," said Ledwith. "I'm all about saving planet Earth."

While the meeting was kicked off with a childhood photograph of Ledwith and a supposed UFO, he ended the meeting with a similar feeling of nostalgia, saying, "Trust is an irresistible force."

"I'm preaching to the choir here," said Ledwith. "It's important to get the truth out there, at any cost."

Those interested in the group can visit its website at www.mufonmarinsonoma.com or attend future meetings at \$5 for newcomers. The Sonoma-Marin chapter meets at the Petaluma Senior Center, 211 Novak Drive, from 1 to 3 p.m. the first Saturday of every month.

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Philadelphia, PA (no date noted)

UFO's Spotted In AZ Haboob



Two objects caught on video darting in front of a giant Arizona sandstorm have created a frenzy of speculation on the Internet.

The unidentified flying objects were seen in the giant storm, which is called a haboob, near Mesa July 6. One of the objects appears to grow, change its shape and then glow.

Some have mentioned reports that similar flashing lights and objects in the sky were observed in the sky around the time of the recent tsunami.

Locals Report UFO to National Reporting Center

By Sarah Miller

June 30, 2011

Hollywood, Maryland

HOLLYWOOD, Md. (June 30, 2011) -- When George Jones went outside the night of June 16, he was expecting to see some stars and the clouds. The last thing he expected was to see strange lights approaching.

"They looked pretty low to me," Jones said.

There were in groups of three, one leading the two trailing a couple seconds behind, and Jones described them as the orange-yellow color of an amber house light, only brighter. He said the lights were at a height a little higher than a helicopter would hover. Jones saw them approach, hover for a few seconds then fade away.

Jones had Ray Breeden come outside with him, and the two men saw another set of lights approach and disappear.

"Who knows how many preceded that before I saw the first one," Jones said.

Breeden said they were a little too high to be helicopters, but he agreed on the color, a shade of amber, and the formation with one leading and two following.

"It could be something from the base," Breeden said, though he thinks it was strange because there was no noise either before or after the lights approached and disappeared, like one would expect from an airplane or any other craft.

"If there was any sound, we would have heard something," Jones said.

Darlyn Breeden also joined the men outside and saw the lights in the sky. She saw the same things as Breeden and Jones, but she doesn't have any explanation for what she saw.

"It was fun though," Darlyn Breeden said.

For Jones, this is his second encounter with an Unidentified Flying Object (UFO). When he was a kid living in Suitland, he said he saw a cloud with lights in it about five stories off the ground moving along and hovering over people and animals it encountered. From the way others around him were acting, Jones said he was the only one who could see the cloud. It finally came over him, hovered for a few seconds, then "shot away."

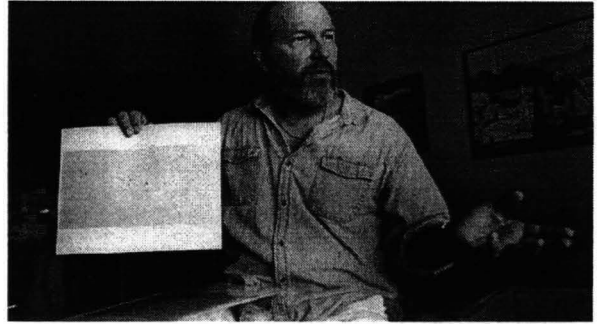
The family has registered their sighting with the UFO Reporting Center based out of Seattle, Washington at www.nuforc.org.

UFO believer tries to spread the word

By John Wilkens

July 4, 2011

San Diego, CA



Mike Orrell, with an enlargement of his UFO picture taken in 1990. "I've been given a great gift that I have been trying to share," he said.

— Nelvin C. Cepeda / U-T

Twenty-one years ago this month, on a hazy afternoon near Julian, Mike Orrell took a picture. It changed his life.

Whether it changed it for the better depends on your attitude about UFOs.

Mainstream science scoffs at the idea, but at least one-third of the public believes in UFOs, according to public-opinion surveys that have been consistent for 50 years. A larger number regularly reports believing the government is hiding information about extraterrestrials.

Hollywood, with "Super 8" the latest example, regularly spins stories around aliens. Most bookstores have a robust science-fiction section. It would be hard to flip through TV on any given night and not find someone talking about visitors from other planets.

How does something with sketchy factual underpinnings continue to hold such sway in popular culture and the public's mind?

Mike Orrell's story is a window into that world. Born in San Diego 54 years ago, he grew up in La Mesa. When he was 13, his father, a San Diego policeman, was killed in a dune buggy accident in Mexico. Reeling, Orrell went looking for answers to some of life's biggest questions: Why are we here? What happens when we die? Are we alone in the universe?

A baseball coach introduced him to metaphysics, and he liked what he heard, a mixture of the spiritual and the scientific. It wasn't long before he was immersing himself in literature that talked about the departed trying to contact loved ones back on Earth.

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He said he had a string of episodes where the doorbell rang and nobody was there. One day when it rang he flung the door open and said to the emptiness, "Dad, I love you." The doorbell incidents stopped, he said.

So it would be safe to say he was predisposed to believe in the paranormal when he was driving from San Diego to Julian on July 1, 1990. He pulled off Highway 78 at the Inaja memorial park, where 11 firefighters were overrun by flames in 1956.

Reading a plaque there, he noticed the fire had happened one day before his birthday. It was, he said, an omen.

He didn't notice anything in the sky when he took the photo. Neither did his girlfriend, Ronnie Spielvogel, or a friend who was traveling with them. But when Orrell got the film developed, the shot looking down the canyon had nine specks in the sky, in the upper left corner of the frame.

He had the photo enlarged, which made the dots bigger and redder and, in the grand tradition of all UFO photos, fuzzy. The specks had no wings, so they weren't birds or airplanes. They weren't the result of imperfections on the negative or in the print.

They were unidentified flying objects.

Given 'a great gift'

Seth Shostak is a senior astronomer with the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence Institute, which is probably the closest thing we have in this country to an "official" agency exploring aliens. The nonprofit corporation, based near San Jose in Mountain View, uses mostly private donations to research evidence of life on other planets.

He hasn't seen Orrell's photo but he gets pictures like it all the time. He said he hasn't seen one yet that's convincing proof of alien spacecraft.

"I'm open to it, but the evidence just isn't there," he said. "If UFOs are real, why can't you go into Balboa Park, into the Reuben Fleet museum, and see evidence of alien invasions?"

Actually Orrell's photo was in an exhibit recently, at the Air & Space Museum in Balboa Park. "The Science of Aliens," a traveling exhibit that originated in London, included props from science fiction movies and examples of real creatures that look otherworldly. The Inaja photo was added to give the exhibit some local flavor.

Like most "ufologists," Orrell acknowledges that the vast majority of the thousands of UFO sightings every year can be explained. They're really satellites, aircraft, weather balloons, reflections of light and so on.

But he's never doubted the validity of his own case. Convinced that the photo shows alien ships, and that the aliens are emissaries from a higher being who wants to help us, he's spent the

past two decades trying to get people to listen to him.

In between various jobs over the years — artist, custodian, security guard, drywaller — he's gone to UFO conferences and met with a Russian test pilot and, just last year, put together a 12-minute YouTube video, "UFOs in San Diego." It's one of some 900,000 UFO entries on the popular site.

He's explored connections between the objects in his photo and relics from ancient cultures and believes there are higher levels of civilization out there. He thinks something cataclysmic will happen to our planet next year. And that UFOs will transport the worthy to safety.

"I've been given a great gift that I have been trying to share," he said. "I believe I was chosen to spread the UFO gospel and to my dying day that's what I'm going to do."

He's knows there are people who think he's nuts. For the record, he said he's never been treated for mental illness, never even been in therapy. "Metaphysics is my therapy," he said.

Spielvogel, his girlfriend, said Orrell has "a big heart" and is passionate about trying to help mankind. A lab assistant in a cancer-research facility, she thinks the stuff about the world ending next year "is pretty far out there," but she also doesn't think we're alone.

"I believe the universe is so big there's got to be other things besides us," she said.

Shostak, the astronomer, wouldn't dispute that. It's why the institute he works for exists. But that doesn't mean the "other things" are zipping around Julian in space ships.

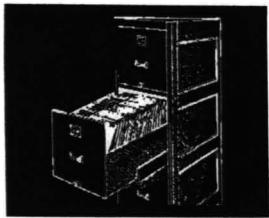
"Why so many people need to believe (in UFOs) is a good question," he said. "Maybe part of it is because we all like powerful authority figures, someone who can interfere in our life and maybe improve it."

And don't underestimate the influence of the entertainment media, he said. "They've made aliens as common as fire hydrants. People see it often enough and they think maybe there's some truth to it."

Keith Taylor, former president of the San Diego Association of Rational Inquiry, a skeptics group, has a simpler explanation for the staying power of UFOs.

"It's the manifestation of deliberate ignorance," he said. "Our culture has developed to the point where we choose to believe what we want to believe."

And see what we want to see.



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Saucers, Planes or Stars? Sky Gazers See Something

Fort Smith squinted skyward Monday night, searching for something — flying saucers — unusual phenomena — unidentified flying objects?

Many saw something, they'll attest.

But just what was a mystery today.

A deluge of reports of unidentified objects sightings were received between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. by the airport, law enforcement officials and radio stations.

The more the stations broadcast the reports, the more who scanned the skies.

Ed Stacy, chief of the Federal Aviation Agency tower at the Municipal Airport, said personnel observed nothing they could not identify.

He said there was nothing not visible on a clear night.

Stacy suggested there were aircraft away up there, their lights on, their jet engine noise not penetrating the thousands of feet between sky and earth.

"Reports of this nature occur from time-to-time, but there seemed more excitement last night than usual," Stacy said.

Reports of sightings began pouring in at 9:15 p.m.

They still trickled in after midnight, authorities said.

Hundreds throughout the county, including Fort Smith police patrolmen, told of sightings.

Sgt. J. W. Gilbreth Jr., 38, a six-year veteran of the Fort Smith Police Department, sighted the objects with his eyes and with the use of binoculars.

This is how he described them:

Four red lights, stationary but seeming to rotate like a police patrol car warning beacon, were spread out in the sky like points on the corners of a square.

One set of red and green lights appeared, then a white blinking light, then a steady white beam of light, all moving separately, in straight lines, from one to another of the four red lights.

"What we saw were lights," Gilbreth said. "What they were on, I can't say."

Gilbreth said he observed them for about an hour. Others said the lights were visible for about three hours. Gilbreth said he saw crowds of about 60, 350 and 600 watching the lights as

he drove around the city.

Fort Smith police contacted Little Rock Air Force Base about the sightings. The base reported that it knew of no aircraft in the area.

"Apparently they saw something over there last night, but we don't know what it is," a base spokesman said.

Capt. James Ector, information officer at the base, said that from Jan. 1, 1947, to Dec. 31 of last year, 10,047 sightings of unidentified flying objects were reported and all but 646 were explained to the Air Force's satisfaction.

Gilbreth said the lights he saw made no sharp maneuvers,

no fire, no smoke and no noise. He said other witnesses told him that when the lights disappeared, they seemed to "just blink off, not gradually fade away."

Gilbreth did not see the lights go out because he was talking by telephone at the time with Air Force personnel at the Little Rock base.

The following conversation was monitored over the police radio:

"Car eight to car four — did you see that UFO?"

"Ten-four (transmission signal that means yes or okay)."

"What did it look like?"

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A VIEW OF AN UFO — Many citizens throughout the area spotted UFO's Monday night over the city. This photograph is a time exposure showing the path of an "oh-ject." (Southwestern Photo by Bill Spruell)

The lights changed colors from red to silver to green to blue and back to red, witnesses said.

And at Paragould residents reported seeing what looked like a bright star traveling across the sky in an erratic pattern.

The light would zoom ahead, then hover in one spot, moved up and down, and two smaller lights would break off of it, travel away, and return, witnesses said.

Newsman Ken Bock of Radio Station KDRS, Paragould, said that he was asked to look at the light and he observed it moving in what he described as "very tight circle."

Saucers

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"Like a star... only one light is green and the other bright red."

"Car four, is that one straight ahead of you?"

"Ten-Four."

Crowds gathered on street corners. Citizens clad in slippers or barefoot scanned the skies with their searching eyes.

Monte Lumpkin of Alma, who was traveling down Rogers Avenue, said he saw two white objects "traveling low over the city."

Youths with binoculars or telescopes had a field day. There were discrepancies in what was seen. One man said that it was two white lights traveling together. Another commented that he saw only one light — "and it was red."

Yet, there are many possible — "and logical" — explanations for the phenomenon, according to Jerry Bain, controller at the FAA tower.

"Yes, I saw something up there," Bain said. "But I believe it was high — intensity strobe lights from a high-altitude jet passing overhead. These have been known to start saucer scares in the past."

Bain said that the Memphis office of the Federal Aviation Agency, which has charge of radar in the Fort Smith area, had been notified.

"They say they have not seen anything on the scanner that cannot be accounted for," Bain said.

An ex-serviceman said that he believed that "the lights came from two planes refueling overhead."

"I was watching it through highpowered binoculars," he said. "I could see the tanker. The white lights were on the tanker and the red lights were on the jet. By listening closely I could hear the engines' roar."

The lights could also have come from a satellite passing above, Bain said.

The Associated Press said that at Pine Bluff, residents reported sighting four red lights in the pre-dawn darkness today.

The lights appeared to be very high, slowly moving north-eastward, with three arranged in a triangle formation and the fourth light, very dim, described as "seeming to be out of formation."

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Five separate incidents in area investigated in project

UFO sightings probed by MOD

By Brian Hossack

A SERIES of UFO sightings in Inverclyde were probed by a specialist department at the Ministry of Defence.

Information previously kept top secret through a government 'X-Files'-style project reveals senior figures at the military probed five separate incidents in the area between 1999 and late 2009.

The data, made available to the *Telegraph* through the Freedom of Information Act, tells how unidentified flying objects were recorded in the skies above Inverclyde by a special Air Command department of the Armed Forces.

One entry in the MOD files details a sighting in Greenock at 9.25pm on 1 May 1999. This described how a local man saw five lights going into a centre and breaking away to form a circle in the night sky. They continued to circle before vanishing.

On 22 February that year another report was made of two bright stationary lights hovering over Inverclyde. The lights were described as sitting low on the horizon, where they remained in the sky for 30 minutes before shooting off.

While the majority of the sightings were made over Greenock, the files reveal a UFO was also seen on 25 May 2003 above Kilmacolm.

This entry describes how a woman saw a large bright light hovering in



IN SIGHT: Debbie and Hugh Scobie who captured footage of two objects in the sky above Larkfield in 1999.

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Scotland
June 28, 2011

the sky just after 11pm. The light stayed in the sky for a short time before disappearing.

The Ministry also recorded a sighting above Greenock on 15 February 2005. A man reported a large yellow conical craft in the sky while walking his dog just after 1am.

On 25 December 2009, two orange lights were seen hovering over Greenock just after 5.30pm. As well as being recorded as an official sighting by MOD experts, the lights were caught on a mobile phone by a couple, with the story making headlines in the *Tele* that week.

Debbie and Hugh Scobie, from Berwick Road, captured footage of the two objects in the sky above Larkfield.

This was the second UFO sighting in Inverclyde in a matter of weeks after a floating disc was recorded appearing to float over Coronation Park on Friday 13 November.

The information was released as the Ministry of Defence closed down their department dedicated to investigating unexplained sightings in British air space.

A spokesperson for the MOD said: "The MOD has no opinion on the existence or otherwise of extra-terrestrial life. However, in over 50 years, no UFO report has revealed any evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom."

"The ongoing programme to release departmental files on UFO matters to the National Archive will continue."

My close encounter with ageist aliens, by angler who got away

By Richard Alleyne

AN ANGLER who claimed to be abducted and then rejected by aliens for being "too old and infirm", and two policemen who saw a spaceship hovering over a road are among a list of close encounters disclosed by a former government UFO investigator.

Nick Pope was employed by the Ministry of Defence to analyse alien abduction and sightings as part of its now-defunct UFO Project.

Over the years, he had to investigate hundreds of possible sightings and encounters to decide whether they had any merit or were a threat to Britain's "territorial integrity". While none showed real proof of the existence of extra-ter-

restrials, many remain a mystery. For the first time, he has compiled his top 10 sightings.

"The vast majority of the people were mistaken," said Mr Pope, 45, who worked for the department between 1991 and 1994.

"Most of them turned out to be aircraft lights, weather balloons or meteorites.

"Quite a lot of times, especially at night, alcohol had played its part.

"Clearly other people were delusional and others even showed signs of mental illness. But some people may have seen something very interesting and as yet unexplained."

He said during the department's operating life - from 1950 to 2008 - the most con-

vincing sighting came when American air force personnel reported seeing space craft hovering over their base at Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk. At the same time, radiation levels around the aerodrome rose sharply.

A former Army officer, Alfred Burtoo, 73, claimed he was abducted in 1983 by little green men while out fishing.

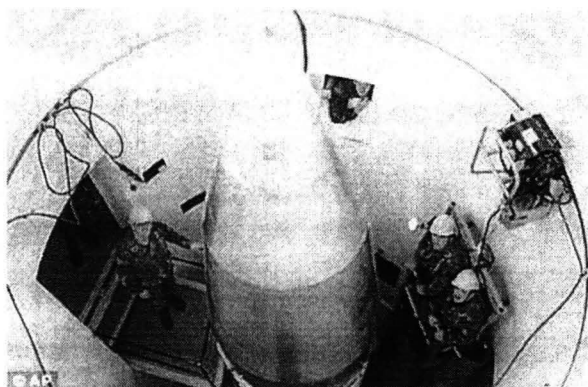
He said he was taken on-board the ship, but heard a voice say "You can go. You are too old and infirm for our purpose".

In Somerset, a couple saw a UFO over a field and when they investigated they found cows standing silently in the middle of the field, facing each other in a perfect circle as "if in a meeting".

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Did UFO cause power failure at nuclear missile base? Missile technicians claim sightings coincided with October outage

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When Warren Air Force Base in Wyoming lost control of 50 nuclear, inter-continental missiles last October, officials said a communication failure between the control centre and the weapons was to blame.

However, three missile technicians stationed at the base have raised fresh questions in the case, amid reports UFO sightings coincided with the incident.

UFO researcher Robert Hastings says eyewitnesses claim the interruption to the power supply also lasted much longer than the Air Force admits.

A power failure on October 23, 2010 meant that one-ninth of America's nuclear arsenal went offline for almost an hour.

A U.S. Air Force spokesman said there had been a 'hardware issue' relating to an underground cable linking the command centre with the missiles.

This disrupted 'communication between the control centre and the missiles, but during that time they were still able to monitor the security of the affected missiles'.

Defence officials insisted there was never any danger of an accidental launch. But the incident was deemed serious enough for Barack Obama to be briefed on it later.

There was no evidence of foul play and the U.S. never lost the capability to launch the missiles, although it could only have done so from an airborne command and control centre, he said. Another official said there had been similar breakdowns on other bases in the past.

But Robert Hastings says more was involved. According to Hastings, three missile maintenance technicians have agreed to speak to him on the condition of anonymity, revealing the

military has kept UFO sightings that occurred during the power outage under wraps.

The witnesses, he said, reported sightings of 'a large cigar-shaped object high above the missile field'.

Hastings told AOL: 'They said the object was seen in the sky above the field, throughout the weekend, both during the (missile) disruption and the following day.'

His witnesses claim the power outage lasted several hours longer than officials reported. 'I have detailed information about the events. The Air Force said this (missile) disruption lasted 59 minutes. It actually lasted the better part of 26 hours,' he said.

'It was intermittent and involved a very specific sequence of these five missile alert facilities going on and offline. I have all of that down to the most minute detail.'

The eyewitnesses agreed that what they saw 'was not a commercial blimp.'

'It had no passenger gondola and no advertising on its hull,' Hastings said.

'Further, its aspect ratio (length to width) was very similar to a WWI Zeppelin: long and thin, and not at all like the squat shape of a corporate blimp.'

The witnesses did not, however, claim the alleged UFO was connected with the outage. It is not the first time Hastings has reported UFO sightings at nuclear missile sites.

He organised a press conference last September, when six former Air Force officers stepped forward to reveal they had seen or had been involved with sightings at missile sites.

They claim that since 1948, aliens have been hovering over UK and U.S. nuclear missile sites and deactivating the weapons - once even landing in a British base.

The men said they were encouraged not to speak to the media about their sightings.

Captain Robert Salas, who was among the six, confirmed: 'We're talking about unidentified flying objects, as simple as that.'

However, Lieutenant Colonel John Thomas, director of public affairs for Air Force Global Strike Command headquarters at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, denies there is a policy to silence eyewitnesses to unexplained phenomena at Air Force bases.

'I have no reason to dispute anybody's claims of anything they may have seen historically, because those occurrences and reports took place decades into the past and probably will decades into the future,' he told AOL.

'This incident is separate from all of that. We took it very seriously and we're very confident that we understand fully what happened.'

'If people see things that are unusual, they are encouraged to report them,' he said, adding: 'When people join the military, they don't give up their First Amendment rights.'

The alien 'killed with a coal shovel'



It is a sunny spring day in 1940. Soldiers are marching south along Saltwell Road, in Gateshead, towards Low Fell. Nearby, five-year-old Robert Hall is playing with his friends in the maze of red brick Tyneside terraces, not far from the train tracks.

Earlier in the day, he had seen something whizzing about in the sky and, after he tired of playing with his friends, he decided to go to his Hedley Street home around the corner.

Robert, a retired window cleaner, says he was confronted by an aircraft the like of which he had never seen before. He described it as "a big egg-shaped thing surround by bright light".

Robert says it was then that he spotted strange-looking creatures standing in the back lane. He says three of them were built like men, but ranged from 2ft to 4ft in height, one looked like Big Foot while another had long flowing hair and a coat that partially covered a skeletal body and bat wings.

"Other children were petrified and in shock. They were trying to get over the railway, but there was barbed wire and they were getting cut and were screaming," he says.

The story sounds like something from a low budget sci-fi film but the man telling it is no attention-seeking youngster. Robert Hall is 76 and he has been telling the same story all his life.

And now he is telling it in a television programme that has brought his story to a world-wide audience.

Recalling what happened, Robert says the creatures spoke to him in perfect English, with no accent, and asked if they could examine him. "I told them it was 1940 and we were at war with Germany," he says. "They took blood out of the back of my neck and put some jelly on. I kept my eyes shut. I was so frightened I was shaking."

After 20 terrifying minutes, he was allowed to go. "I was up that street like a shot," he says. "My parents thought I was kidding and so did the soldiers."

The next day, Robert says, two men with black suits came to the house and warned him that if he said anything, he would disappear.

One close encounter would be fascinating enough, but the pensioner says things took an even more sinister turn a few days later when an alien tried to snatch him off the street.

He says a grey alien, fitting the common description of an extra terrestrial with big eyes



Stories of alien abductions peaked in the Sixties and Seventies, but one case that predates them is said to have taken place in the North-East. **Gavin Havery** reports

and a large head, grabbed him. "He was on me in a couple of seconds," he says. "I fell over the kerb and bashed my toe. My Uncle Ernie saw what was happening and bashed its head in with a coal shovel."

The alien's body was allegedly put in a coal sack and Robert was sent to find a local policeman, Sergeant Brookes. He says the Army was called and took the body to a church.

Robert says strange small triangular marks appeared on his left cheek, which remained until he was about 12 or 13, before disappearing, leaving no trace.

Seventy years after his alleged close encounter, Robert's story has become the subject of a television documentary.

RESearcher and broadcaster Richard Hall, who is not related to Robert, studies all things out of the ordinary for his digital television programme, *The Rich Planet Starship*, and richplanet.net.

In 2008, he was giving a lecture on UFOs at the Caedmon Hall, in Gateshead, when he was contacted by Robert, who lives nearby.

Richard, who is 43 and lives in Sunniside, but is based in Consett, says: "It is a fascinating story and it is a very, very early case in terms of modern day grey alien abductions."

Richard says other abduction cases were reported in Brazil in 1957, and in the US in 1961, increasing throughout the Sixties and Seventies. "There is a case of a recovered UFO in Missouri where small alien creatures were al-

legedly recovered and, obviously, we have got Roswell in 1947 (an alien spacecraft allegedly crashed at Roswell, in New Mexico).

"But this predates all of that, which makes it a very interesting case."

Richard carried out a three-month investigation into Robert's claims. He verified that street and shop names checked out. He also managed to confirm there was a Sgt Brookes working the area at the time.

Richard says Robert's description of the creatures - the small stature, the grey skin, the large eyes, the craft itself, elliptical shape and the metallic surface with the bright light - are common features of alien abduction stories.

"There's also the fact that they tried to interfere with Robert's neck."

"I don't believe that they took blood, as Robert claims," he says. "They were possibly trying to put something in."

"Interestingly, Robert says the creatures had a short, white hand-held device which could subdue or immobilise somebody and there's the triangular marks that were left on his face."

"These are all things that we find in abductee cases, again and again."

Richard's investigations are ongoing and he is keen for anyone who can back up Robert's claims to get in touch with him.

Robert, who has four children and three grandchildren, is sincere and earnest about his alien encounter all those years ago.

Richard, who has met Robert's sister, says it is a story he has stuck to since he was a little lad. Robert says: "I got the p's taken out of me for years, and at school the teacher would say 'there's the boy who believes in little green men'."

"They weren't bloody green, they were grey. I will take it to my grave."

■ To watch Robert Hall tell his story and to find out more about Richard Hall's work, log on to richplanet.net. *The Rich Planet Starship* is on Sky channel 201 every Friday at 8pm. To contact Richard, call 01207-266-684 or email richard@richplanet.net

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Robert Hall

Top 10 UFO incidents in the UK Former MoD UFO specialist Nick Pope reveals the UK's most bizarre alien encounters.



A Lancaster bomber with an object flying about it

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1. In December 1980 a UFO landed in Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk and was witnessed by United States Air Force personnel at two nearby military bases. The craft had strange symbols on the side that looked a bit like Egyptian hieroglyphs. The following night the UFO returned and was seen by the Deputy Base Commander. Radiation levels at the landing site were unusually high.
2. Former Army officer Alfred Burtoo was fishing by the Basingstoke Canal in August 1983 when he encountered a landed UFO and little green men. The 73 year old said he was taken onboard the ship, but heard a voice say "You can go. You are too old and infirm for our purpose". He told his wife he'd seen a UFO but didn't mention being taken onboard, because he thought she'd tell him "No more fishing for you, old man".
3. In a sighting that took place over RAF Shawbury in March 1993, the Meteorological Officer witnessed a huge, triangular-shaped craft fly slowly over the base, firing a beam of light at the ground, while emitting a low frequency humming sound. From a slow speed, the UFO then accelerated away to the horizon many times faster than a military jet. The man had eight years experience serving in the RAF.
4. On the same night as the sighting at RAF Shawbury, a couple saw a UFO over a field, hundreds of miles away. When they investigated, the UFO had gone, but all the cows were standing silently in the middle of the field, facing each other in a perfect circle.
5. A man contacted the Ministry of Defence in 1985 claiming to have been in contact with aliens who wanted to establish diplomatic contact with the authorities. He wanted to arrange a meeting between the British Government and an entity called Algar. But his letter stated that Algar had been killed by other aliens and concluded by saying "and that, of course, was that".
6. In 1986 a commercial pilot said that a UFO had passed close to his aircraft. Trying to be rational about it, he speculated that it might have been space debris re-entering the Earth's atmosphere, a meteorite, or a missile, accidentally fired into his flightpath. He concluded by saying, with remarkable understatement, "If it's a missile, myself and my crew are not impressed".
7. In another near miss between a commercial aircraft and a UFO, from 1991, a UFO passed rapidly in front of the Al Italia jet, which had 57 passengers on board. The pilot shouted "look out, look out" as the UFO flashed past. Neither the MoD nor the Civil Aviation Authority ever found an explanation.
8. In 1984 two police officers in North London were called out as a result of a woman who had seen a UFO. When the police officers arrived they saw the UFO too, observed it through their binoculars and made a sketch in their police notebook.
9. Retired policeman Philip Spencer encountered an alien on Ilkley Moor, Yorkshire, in 1987 and claimed to have been abducted. He even has a blurred photograph which he claims is the alien.
10. In 1980 in Lancashire, police officer Alan Godfrey encountered a UFO the size of a bus, hovering five feet above the road. When he returned to base it was later than expected. Subsequently, under regression hypnosis, PC Godfrey recalled having been taken onboard the UFO.

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Worlds apart on UFOs

I'VE had an enthusiastic response to last week's column on the UFO phenomenon.

The vast majority of it was supportive, but one Gazette reader wasn't happy.

In an extremely aggressive manner, they suggested that anyone who was broad-minded enough to believe in the existence of UFOs was a crank.

Well, I've a few questions I'd put to those who aren't just content with denying the existence of UFOs, but also vilifying those who do.

The universe is a big place, and as far as I'm aware, we earthlings haven't yet explored every nook and cranny of it.

How the sceptics can then say that there isn't life in outer space is beyond me. How could they know?

Have we been visited by more advanced life-forms from other worlds?

The only cogent (but not necessarily correct) argument I've ever heard is that the vast distances between star systems would make travelling to them impossible.

Well, NASA and other bodies have been looking at several theoretical possibilities as to how this could be accomplished for some time. The general consensus seems to be that it would be at best difficult, and at worst impossible.

Of course, as our knowledge of the sciences advances, history tells us that what seems

By MIKE HALLOWELL

impossible today may simply be difficult tomorrow, and what is difficult today may prove to be as easy as falling off a log next week.

Any pronouncement that interstellar travel will never be possible is very presumptuous indeed.

Whether we have actually been visited by extraterrestrial life is another matter, of course. Again, how do the sceptics know?

Were they personally present at every alleged UFO sighting or alien encounter? No; therefore they simply have no way of establishing that the witnesses were either mistaken, hallucinating or lying.

If interstellar travel is possible, then it is highly likely that a number of advanced civilisations have engaged in it and visited other worlds, including ours.

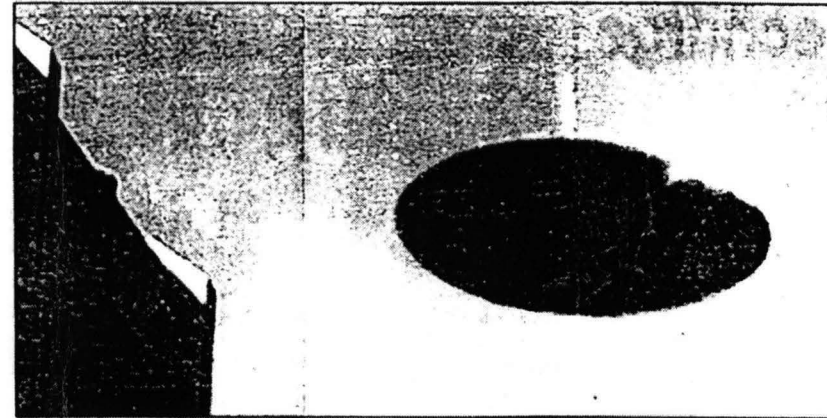
Seen in this light, it actually makes more sense to believe in UFOs than not to.

Sceptics (well, the rabidly cynical ones, anyway) are the first to shout, "Where's the evidence?" when confronted with an alleged paranormal encounter.

They're missing the point. How many sceptics out there have evidence that they ate breakfast yesterday? None, more than likely, but we'd have no reason to disbelieve them.

They might even have the eyewitness testimony of their spouse who shared breakfast with them.

Sceptics would argue that eating breakfast is a mundane event which is perfectly believ-



WATCH THE SKIES ... do you believe in UFOs?

able, while claiming you've seen an extraterrestrial craft and its occupants is not.

Actually, what this demonstrates is not that UFO sightings are false, but that the sceptics just don't possess the vision to accept they might be true.

The witnesses were there at the time, the sceptics were not, so whose testimony would it be more logical to believe?

I can sympathise with moderate sceptics who do not accept the existence of UFOs, but who at least reached their conclusions after a period of sober reflection and research.

Unfortunately, the rabid sceptics out there aren't satisfied with this, and for some reason feel the need to decry those who claim to have

seen UFOs as cranks and those who believe them as idiots.

Why? Let me tell you: Deep, deep down they're scared. They're scared that we really have been visited by alien lifeforms, and so enter a state of denial which they reinforce by launching vicious, personal attacks on anyone who thinks differently.

That way, they can kid themselves that there are no UFOs and therefore there's nothing at all to worry about.

If the only way they can maintain their shaky stance is by heaping abuse on those who think differently, then I pity them.

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Human rights protect foreign criminals more than Britons

Laws can stop crooks being sent home while offering little help to deported citizens, say MPs

By Tom Whitehead, Home Affairs Editor

FOREIGN criminals have more protection under human rights laws than innocent Britons fighting extradition, a committee of MPs has warned.

Offenders fighting deportation are able to use human rights defences to avoid removal whereas Britons facing transfer under extradition laws find it almost impossible to do so, the joint committee on human rights suggested.

It means that the likes of Gary McKinnon, the alleged computer hacker who is fighting extradition to the US, have fewer rights than foreigners who have committed crimes and should be deported.

The MPs said Britain's extradition policies do not provide "effective protection" for citizens and called for the agreement between the UK and US to be renegotiated. There are concerns that the nature

committee, said: "A perverse combination of EU law and the Human Rights Act has left innocent British citizens with less human rights protections than foreign criminals."

Those facing extradition to the US have also found it difficult to argue they are at risk of human rights abuses. There are also concerns that, to extradite a Briton, the US authorities need only show that they are suspected of a crime and provide an accurate description. If Britain wants to bring a US citizen here, prosecutors must show evidence of a crime.

The JCHR report said the Government should renegotiate the treaty with the US to ensure that British citizens get the same protection as Americans. US authorities should have to show enough evidence to establish probable cause before a Briton could be extradited, it recommended. Judges should also be able to refuse extradition requests if the alleged offence took place wholly or largely in the UK - known as the "forum" argument, the MPs and peers said.

The committee's report follows a series of high-profile cases, including that of Mr McKinnon, in which campaigners have argued it would be best for the defendants to be tried in Britain.

Theresa May, the Home Secretary, has said a review of extradition arrangements was considering whether the UK-US treaty is "unbalanced".

Dr Hywel Francis, chairman of the JCHR, said Britain's safeguards were "clearly inadequate" and were failing to protect human rights.

Judges should play a more active part in extradition cases, MPs said. Making countries show there is a case to answer first would reduce the likelihood "that a person could be extradited on speculative charges or for an alleged offence which they could not have committed".

Measures to allow a judge to refuse extradition where the alleged offence took place wholly or largely in the UK are already in the Police and Criminal Justice Act 2006 and it "is difficult to understand" why they had not been put into practice, the committee said.



Gary McKinnon, the alleged computer hacker facing extradition, has fewer rights than foreign criminals

of the agreement makes it easier for the Americans to extradite someone from Britain than vice versa.

The contrast in the rights of Britons accused of crimes and foreign convicts is at its most stark in extradition cases within Europe. Under the European Arrest Warrant system, countries have a "mutual recognition" that other members have an appropriate judicial system.

That means those facing extradition under the system find it almost impossible to argue they are at risk of human rights abuses.

In contrast, foreign criminals facing deportation do not fall under a similar system and are often able to argue that their removal will breach their right to a family life or that they face torture or abuse on their return home.

Dominic Raab, a Tory member of the

Did aliens attack Dartmoor ponies?

BY ELEANOR GASKARTH

The deaths of 15 ponies whose mutilated bodies were discovered on Dartmoor over 30 years ago is the work of "an alien culture whose motives are unclear" - a new book has claimed.

Author Mike Freebury says a spate of bizarre sheep killings in the same Devon area between 2005 and 2008 were also the result of extra-terrestrial activity.

Mr Freebury, a former finance manager from the West Midlands, has been researching the strange and gruesome occurrences for the past 11 years.

'I can't see what else could be responsible (for the deaths)'

Mike Freebury, author

His new book, *Killers on the Moor*, focuses on the discovery in April 1977 of 15 dead ponies in Hollowcombe Bottom valley, near Postbridge. It later documents his night time surveillance operations to try and identify those responsible for the deaths of 70 sheep over a three-year period from 2005.

The 1977 ponies were found with broken backs and necks, some still bleeding, and are reported to have decomposed at an unusually fast rate.

Speaking at the time, secretary of The Dartmoor Livestock Protection Society, Joanna Vinson, told reporters: "We have spent many hours dissecting and examining what was left of the carcasses. Whatever happened was fairly violent."

"We are keeping an open Turn to PAGE 3

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Author claims to shed new light on 'alien-related' pony massacre

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mind." Mystery and media speculation surrounded the find, made by a walker and his family, with predicted causes of death including a lightning strike, a poisonous plant, drowning, lazy owners and satanic rituals.

But the most eye-grabbing theory, put forward at the time by the Torquay-based Devon Unidentified Objects Centre, was that a vortex from a UFO could have thrown the ponies into the air, inflicting the fatal injuries.

A media frenzy began, the *Western Morning News* leading with the headline: "Outer space theory on deaths of moor ponies," and other local and national newspapers ex-

ploring the alien angle.

During his research into the pony massacre, Mr Freebury began to look for similar strange animal deaths on Dartmoor, and in March 2005 stumbled onto the sheep mutilations that had been disturbing the Westcountry's rural community.

Over the next three years there were regular discoveries of dead sheep, often with their necks broken and eyes, tongues and sex organs gouged out.

Police investigated the deaths but nobody was arrested.

After trawling through archives and interviewing landowners, Mr Freebury became convinced that the

mutilations were connected with the 1977 ponies.

Dismissing widespread reports that the sheep were victims of occultists, he said the manner they were slaughtered did not support the idea, and furthermore claims that their bodies were not laid out in significant shapes, as has been suggested.

Following months of investigations, including 12 nights spent on Dartmoor hoping to catch the killers in the act, Mr Freebury now believes that the "only plausible answer" lies out of this world.

He said: "By a process of elimination I can't see what else could be responsible. I don't say that lightly, I understand that people will come



The new book *Killers on the Moor* by Mike Freebury, below



at me for saying these things.

"Anyone with a logical mind will review the evidence and agree that what I am saying has a fair bit of veracity to it and presents a solid case."

When asked what form he believes the aliens take, the author replied: "We just don't know. When you start looking at UFOs they come in all shapes and sizes."

"There are probably several races involved, and they all probably have their own agendas. They are not all attacking the animals, but there obviously must be some that are. There must be a purpose behind it - and that's the most chilling thing about it."

Killers on the Moor is published on July 28.

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Human rights

Government urged to renegotiate extradition deals with US and EU

Peter Walker

A parliamentary committee has urged the government to renegotiate its much-criticised extradition treaties with the US and EU to avoid future cases like that of Gary McKinnon, the hacker who has spent nine years fighting removal to America.

Swift action was needed in particular to make sure Britons were not sent overseas for trial over alleged offences committed wholly or mainly inside the UK or, as is currently the case, without any evidence being offered against them, the joint committee on human rights (JCHR), which comprises MPs and peers from all three major parties, concluded following an inquiry.

Such measures would prevent future cases like that of McKinnon, who has become a focal point for opposition to the laws. McKinnon's supporters argue that any trial should take place in the UK given that his hacking activities were undertaken from a bedroom in north London.

The issue has been highlighted in a more recent case, in which Richard O'Dwyer, a Sheffield undergraduate, faces extradition to the US for operating a website linking to other sites carrying pirated TV shows and films - a practice that is possibly not even an offence in Britain.

The fact that EU countries can request



Gary McKinnon has spent the past nine years fighting extradition to America after hacking into the Pentagon computer system

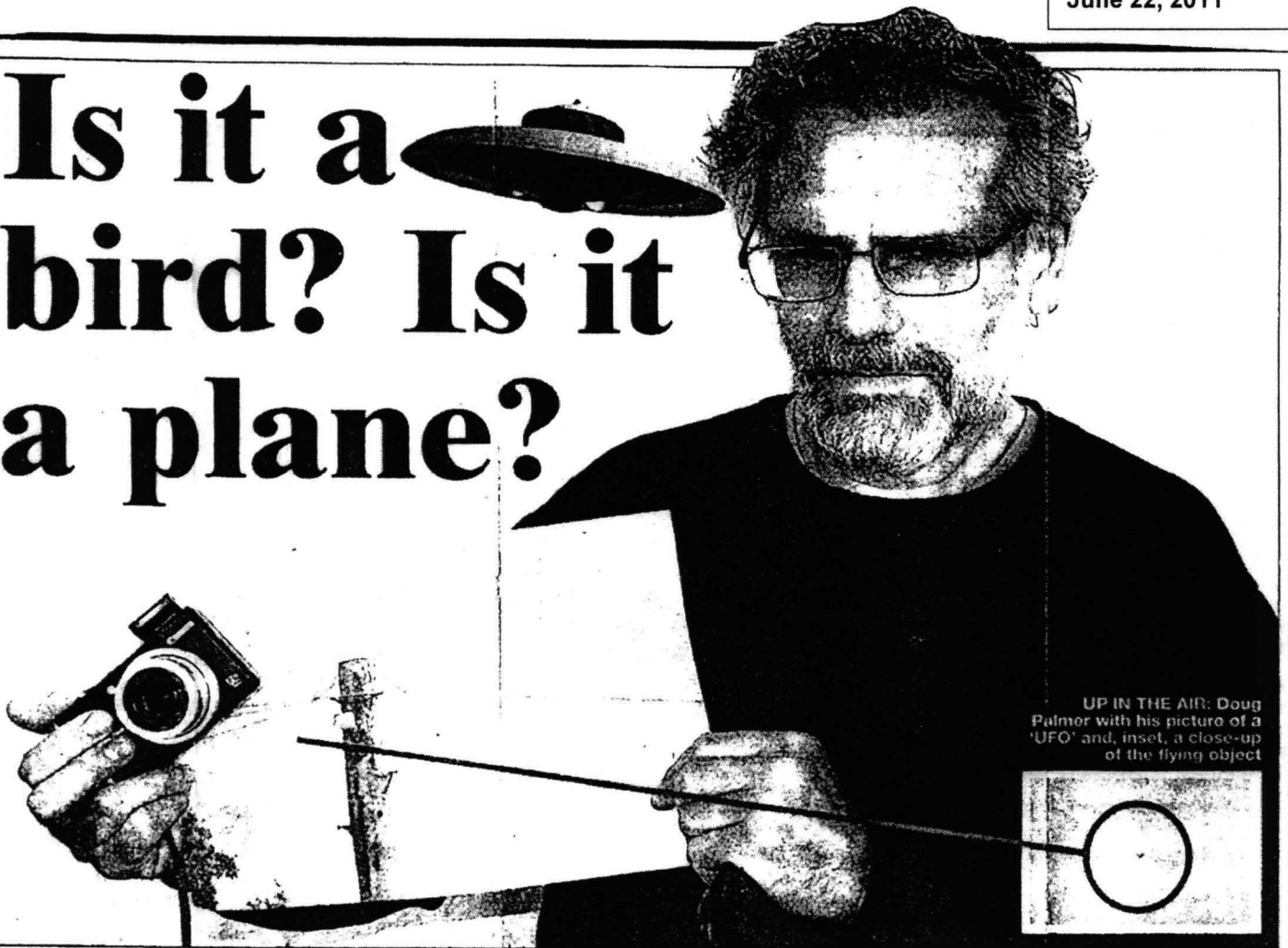
extradition without offering prima facie evidence had led to people languishing in jail overseas on "speculative charges", the report said. Other concerns included a sizeable number of warrants for trivial offences - examples include theft involving bicycles or even piglets - and a lack of legal assistance abroad. A recommendation is that the government immediately enacts a so-called forum provision, which would give UK judges powers to decide whether an alleged offence would be better tried in Britain. This would most likely eliminate cases such as those of McKinnon or O'Dwyer. The provision exists in law but needs a vote of both houses of parliament to become active.

This should be done, the committee said, adding: "It is difficult to understand why this has not yet happened."

McKinnon's mother, Janis Sharp, said she welcomed the report. Her son's fate now rests with David Cameron, who discussed the case with President Obama and hinted that McKinnon, who has Asperger's syndrome, could remain in the UK.

"I'm very pleased. It puts more pressure on the government over Gary," she said. "But I don't see why they need to wait. I have been talking to Richard O'Dwyer's mother and things seem to be getting worse. It is ridiculous. Gary has already lost almost a quarter of his life. It has been more than nine years since the arrest."

Is it a bird? Is it a plane?



UP IN THE AIR: Doug Palmer with his picture of a 'UFO' and, inset, a close-up of the flying object

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IT may not be enough to convince the sceptics but Doug Palmer thinks the image he captured on his camera may be a UFO.

Mr Palmer was enjoying his day at his St Andrew's Road home when he spotted a strange object 'flying' quickly but erratically across the cloudless sky.

It was so odd that he quickly grabbed a camera to get a shot.

Mr Palmer, who runs a camera shop in West Allington, hasn't been a believer in UFOs in the past but he hasn't got any other explanation for what he saw.

He said: "I was just looking out the window at the time from

Trader believes he has snapped UFO

where I live just near the Co-op.

"It was going quite fast and flying in an up-and-down motion and it took about 45 seconds to going out of sight.

"It is very hard to say if it was 10 miles away or perhaps a bit nearer.

"I think it was a UFO because I don't know what else it could have been.

"Maybe it could have been a balloon but you don't get them going fast or flying like that and

it wasn't round it was more oval.

"It was flying fairly low but then it could have been very far away.

"It did have a funny motion, maybe like it was spinning."

Mr Palmer rang the police to see if anyone else had reported sighting the unidentified flying object but no-one had.

"I'd be interested to hear if anyone else saw anything unusual at about lunchtime on Tuesday, June 7."

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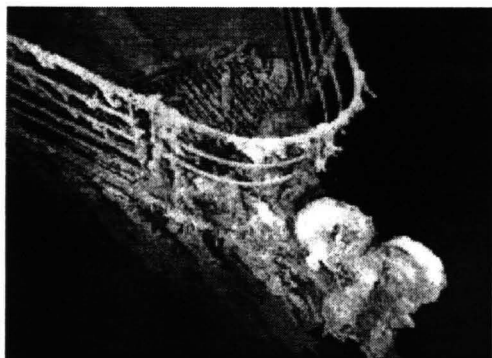




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Bermuda Triangle Not The Only Odd Water Sargasso Sea, Lake Michigan Spawn Spooky Stories

By George Webster for CNN
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(CNN) -- Tales of missing maritime vessels and rumors of drifting, crewless ships have long colored the popular imagination when it comes to legends of the high seas.

Certain locations have become synonymous with unexplained disappearances and for intrepid sailors with a taste for the paranormal, these places can hold a spookily magnetic appeal.

So if you fancy a sailing holiday with a supernatural slant, you'll need to know where the fiction ends and the facts begin. To help you along your way we delve deep into some of the world's most mysterious waters.

Bermuda Triangle

The vast triangular area of ocean with imaginary points in Bermuda, Florida and Puerto Rico -- popularly known as the "Bermuda Triangle" -- has long been associated with mysterious disappearances, paranormal activity and even fissures in the fabric of space itself.

Interest in the region began after a group of military planes carrying 14 men inexplicably vanished somewhere off the coast of southern Florida in December 1945.

Before losing radio contact, it's claimed the flight leader was heard saying: "We are entering white water, nothing seems right."

Almost immediately afterwards, a further 13 crew-members -- dispatched as a flying search party -- themselves vanished. Neither group's remains were ever discovered and the Bermuda Triangle legend was born.

Numerous further disappearances, including a large oil tanker, a pleasure yacht and a small passenger plane were attributed to the area's paranormal forces.

A raft of books, like "The Devil's Triangle," "Limbo of the Lost," and "The Riddle of the Bermuda Triangle" all contained supernatural explanations -- from UFOs to "wormholes" to technology left over from the mythical lost continent of Atlantis.

However, in later years, skeptics have argued that the number of ships and aircraft reported missing in the area is,

statistically, no more significant than in any other part of the ocean.

Indeed, the area is today one of the most heavily traveled shipping lanes in the world, and most appear to get by without so much as dipping oar into another dimension.

Sargasso Sea

Next door to the Bermuda Triangle, and stretching far out into the Atlantic Ocean, is the eerily calm Sargasso Sea.

Despite sitting in the middle of the otherwise freezing Atlantic, the water in the Sargasso is warm and embroidered with sargassum -- the dense seaweed from which it gets its name.

The area has an intriguing reputation for robbing sail boats of their crew, leaving nothing but empty, wandering vessels.

Among its victims was the tall-mast ship "Rosalie," which sailed through the area in 1840, but was subsequently found drifting and derelict with her sails set and no crew on board.

Grisly 19th-century paintings show sailing vessels being devoured by monstrous weeds, and the area has featured in books by Jules Verne, among others.

But the mystery of the Sargasso is no longer much of a mystery. Surrounded by some of the strongest surface-water currents in the world, the "sea within a sea," as it is known, is effectively cordoned off from the rest of the Atlantic.

This isolation gives the region its uncharacteristic temperature and surprising tranquility -- causing wind-powered sail boats to come to an absolute standstill and creating all the ingredients for a nautical fairy tale.

The "Devil's Sea" The "Devil's Sea," also known as the "Dragon's Triangle," is a region in the Pacific roughly located around the Japanese island of Miyake, about 100 kilometers south of Tokyo.

Ancient legends tell of dragons that lived off the coast of Japan, bequeathing the region its nickname.

According to author Charles Berlitz, Japan lost five military vessels -- as well 100 scientists studying the region -- in the space of just two years between 1952 and 1954.

Like the Bermuda Triangle, the region was included in a 1972 article by naturalist and paranormal expert Ivan Sanderson, titled "The 12 Devil's Graveyards Around the World."

The "Vile Vortices," as they are otherwise known, all occupy the same latitudes south and north of the equator and are said to be hotspots for peculiar physical anomalies and unexplained phenomena often attributed to electro-magnetic aberrations.

Sanderson hypothesized that hot and cold currents crossing these vortices might create electromagnetic disturbances affecting instruments and vessels, in turn causing ships' disappearances.

However, while much mystery around the area may remain, American author and pilot Larry Kusche has long-since debunked many of the claims made by Berlitz and others.

Michigan Triangle

Lake Michigan, in the United States, has been the site of countless sightings of strange objects and phantom planes.

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According to marine historian Dwight Bower in his book "Strange Adventures of the Great Lakes" the Michigan Triangle legend was born in 1937, when Captain George Donner unaccountably vanished from his freighter cabin during a routine coal delivery.

Having given strict instructions to be woken from his bed as the ship drew into port, Donner was nowhere to be found three hours later -- despite his cabin door being locked from the inside.

Thirteen years later, Northwest Airlines Flight 2501 -- carrying 55 passengers and three crew -- left New York City

for Minneapolis, only to seemingly evaporate from thin air as it passed over the Michigan Triangle.

The wreckage has never been discovered, despite being the subject of an annual search by the Michigan Shipwreck Research Associates, and investigations still continue in trying to explain the incident.

So, for sailors in search of a real close encounter, it could well be that Lake Michigan is, in fact, the best place for a creepy cruise.

Legend has it . . .

*A haunting in Argonne?
 Big Foot sightings at Duck &
 Wabikon Lakes?*

Melissa Tholson

Whether you believe in the supernatural or not, you'd be hard-pressed to find someone who hasn't experienced something that made the hair on the back of their neck stand up. Maybe you saw something moving in the shadows or heard a strange, unidentified noise or maybe you've just sensed something unusual. Most of the time we tell ourselves our minds are playing tricks on us and forget about it.

But what if you really did experience something supernatural?

According to Chad Lewis, a paranormal researcher and author who recently visited Crandon to talk about his findings, thousands of places in Wisconsin alone hold stories about the paranormal.

"Every type of place has a haunted history," said Lewis.

From schools, old homes and theaters to cemeteries, bridges and secluded places in the woods, thousand of reports have emerged about paranormal incidents throughout Wisconsin. In Forest County alone, reports have surfaced over the years about ghostly apparitions, UFOs, Bigfoot sightings and haunted houses.

As a local legend has it, a janitor hung himself in an upstairs storage room of the old Argonne grade school sometime in the 1950s. The school was closed in the 1990s, and the story goes that those who dared go upstairs and write their names on the wall would see a



Has he been roaming Forest and Florence counties?



The Brown Lady might be the most famous ghost picture ever taken. The ghost pictured is reportedly that of Lady Dorothy Townsend, who lived in Raynham Hall Mansion in Norfolk, England in the 1700s. The story goes that her husband suspected her of being unfaithful. Even though she is listed as having been buried in 1725, many people think her death and funeral were faked. Instead, Lady Townsend was locked away in a remote part of the house until she passed away some years later. This particular ghost picture was taken in 1935 and appeared in *Country Life* magazine.

Reports have been made of paranormal events happening closer to home.

man hanging from the rafters or hear the sounds of a rope squeaking or the janitor moaning. The school building has since burned down, but some claim to have seen strange lights where the building once stood.

The accuracy of that particular legend could not be confirmed. Still, it is not uncommon that, even when stories are proven false, many people still travel to supposedly haunted locations and experience paranormal activity, Lewis said.

"For some people seeing is believing, and for others believing is seeing," he said.

Another local story tells of a fisherman (15 years old at the time) who claimed to have seen Bigfoot while muskie fishing on Wabikon Lake in July 1983. According to a witness account given to the Bigfoot Field Researchers Organization, at about 8 p.m., the young fisherman heard splashing in the bull rushes and went to investigate. When he approached the area he began to smell a "strong, bad odor like fish mixed with rotten cave." He cast out his lure. Moments later, about 20 feet from him, an 8- to 9-foot-tall muscular creature with a man-like face and a lot of brown, matted hair stood up in the water. The

fisherman said the creature let out a high-pitched scream, which to this day gives him the chills, before running away. The fisherman claims he is certain the creature was not a bear and didn't resemble any animal he'd ever seen.

Another man claimed to have heard strange whooping noises while cleaning a deer in the woods in Florence County near Duck Lake Road in November 2008. He claims that while he has spent a lot of time in the woods over the years, he has never heard anything like the noises he heard with his father that night. After listening to a variety of recorded wildlife sounds, the hunter identified the noises he heard as the same sounds associated with Bigfoot sightings in Washington in the 1970s.

There are countless other stories from people in the area -- some more credible than others -- who claim to have seen or heard something they can't explain. However, if you decide you want to investigate these or other potentially haunted areas, be sure to get permission from the property owners, bring a flashlight and camera and don't go out alone. Paranormal experts claim that between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. are the peak hours for activity, although anytime can produce results.

If it is raining, snowing or foggy, reschedule your ghost-hunting trip as these conditions can interfere with your investigation. Experts also encourage potential ghost hunters to remain skeptical and look for any causes for the phenomenon such as natural or man-made factors. By eliminating all other explanations, your evidence of supernatural activity will become stronger.

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