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EDITORIAL

SCIENCE VERSUS SENSES!

Our most adventurous TV station, Channel 4, sometimes comes up with controlled investigations of paranormal subjects. Their launch of a fake UFO over Avebury in August 2003 was looked at in detail in previous Awarenesses and press reports found that witnesses were not fooled at all by the power driven balloon inspite of skillful editing of the footage to prove otherwise.

In the early months of 2005, Channel 4 produced a programme about a Russian schoolgirl with "X-ray vision" who can diagnose illnesses in people by just looking at them - and an actual exorcism carried out with the afflicted person wired up to innumerable machines and under the scrutiny of eminent scientists, psychologists and priests.

Now I only saw part of the Russian girl's ordeal at the behest of Channel 4, but one of our members saw it all and has complained about the methods used in this programme (see letters section). Apparently she was able to confirm illnesses on a one to one basis, but was then asked to correctly match the illnesses of 7 people standing together from a list of what these were. The gloating psychologist, Dr Richard Wiseman, explained that she needed to correctly pick 5 from 7 to beat pure guess work. In the event she could only achieve 4 from 7 which was enough for Wiseman and Co to denounce her gift. In fact she took nearly an hour to decide on her first choice, which indicated the "powers" were not in tune with the situation.

Hidden powers of healing and clairvoyance are probably derived from the subconscious/unconscious mind which is not accessible to scientists (Just think of how all the organs in your body operate without you knowing a thing about it until the controlling mind beguns to run low on "energy" generally from the age of 50 onwards leading to gradual failure of organs). In the same way "alien abductions" are coming via the subconscious as no physical proof is available other than skin marks and anecdotal reports. "Hypnotic Regression" tries to penetrate the subconscious mind to find out what actually did take place.

In the situation with the Russian girl - her powers were neutralised by scientists devising inappropriate tests which relate only to ability in the CONSCIOUS mind. Think of learning to drive a car - at the start the learner driver has to be fully conscious of where all the foot controls are and invariably stalls the engine. At the point where they are able to go in for the driving test, mastery of the pedals and most other basics has passed to the subconscious mind leaving the conscious mind free to negotiate only the variable hazards on the road.

Now let us consider the exorcism. Channel 4 put this out at 11 pm warning that people might get very disturbed by it. In fact the programme was so boring that it was a job to stay awake! The actual ritual of exorcism lasted barely 2 minutes and the host (with an unpronouncible name) struggled manfully to fill out 90 minutes interviewing a studio full of experts. The man who volunteered to be freed from evil spirits didn't look in the least bit disturbed to start with and the programme glossed over what his symptoms were. Our exorcist, a lay preacher, rambled through 2 minutes of dogma - and that was it! Did the high-tech machines the subject was wired up to show an enormous "blip" at the point of spirit removal? There seemed to be very little on the monitors to indicate this and the scientists in charge waffled round the findings. The volunteer appeared totally laid back

before and after exorcism.

It was quite obvious to me that an ultra-modern scientific approach to this most primitive and secretive of rituals would be inconclusive - again because the spirit possession is in the subconscious mind and cannot be accessed by scientists.

The famous debunker, James Randi (USA), is still holding on to his million dollar bounty for anybody to prove positively that a "paranormal" activity exists. The various claimants will always fail to prove their talent to Randi and associates, as they will be subjected to irrelevant scientific tests which access the wrong part of the mind!

N.B Some of the above are my personal views and are not proven, as I might then be claiming the million dollar bounty!!

THE EDITOR

NEWS IN BRIEF

"RODS" UNRAVELLED? Mystery objects with tube shaped bodies and sets of cross fins or wings have been seen on freeze frame video stills, as previously mentioned in Awareness. The most outstanding examples of these were seen on a video of men "skydiving" into a giant cave or hole somewhere in Mexico. Recent TV programmes have implied that all we are seeing are rapidly moving insects in the atmosphere. Why they should take on the "rod" appearance is generally a mystery, but probably comes down to the use of digital film and maybe some form of pixel bleed.

The pictures below show an army contingent in Thailand. Our researcher, Mike Soper, found by freeze framing a video tape of the activity that a "rod" was clearly visible in one shot and a definite insect is visible over the head of the soldier in the second. At normal playback speed, the men in the group were clearly showing signs of irritation from insect attack in this tropical area and swatted at the rapidly moving moths(?). The evidence is fairly conclusive, but still does not explain how 10-20 feet long "rods" have been identified on other films. Perhaps these are a product of zooming the lens on the cameras.





MORE LARGE CAT SIGHTINGS: Since the last edition, sightings of large cats seem to have intensified. There are many reports of an animal in west Oxfordshire known as the "Beast of Burford". This cat is known to killed 3 sheep by bites to the neck, but not to have eaten the victims. There is now a reward of £5000 offered by the Cotswold Wildlife Park at Burford for the capture of the "beast". However their management do not rate the chances of paying out as very high, because of the elusiveness of this sort of animal. Elsewhere we have a report in the national press of another black cat at Sydenham, London SE, that

mauled a 6ft tall man in his garden leaving a 6 inch wound down one cheek (March 22nd). This beast was described as 5ft long by 3ft tall. There is also an animal prowling in south Warwickshire. (Thanks to readers for clippings received). The illustration below is of a black cat taken near Carterton, Oxon, at harvest time 2004.





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What can be deduced from this new information? The latest cats are all black which might indicate they are some form of projection. The only known large black feline fitting the descriptions is the panther or tree leopard. In this case we might expect the animal to seize prey and carry it up into the trees for consumption. There seems to be no evidence of carcasses littering the countryside apart from road kills which abound. By now we might have expected anxious farmers to have shot at least one specimen and had had it paraded before the media. There seems to be some form of "Yeti" mystery here. Are there paranormal aspects to wild life which we do not understand? The same process might be in operation when reports of "aliens" are received.

"NEW AGE" NONSENSE: The concept that we/the Earth are now moving out of the Piscean Age into the "Age of Aquarius" is totally inaccurate. Concepts of behavioural change; arrival of many more UFOs; and a fashion style of gaudy beads and ephemera sold at such places as Glastonbury, seems to have been generated from the 1967 rock opera "Hair". Its hit song "This is the Dawning of the Age of Aquarius" is totally inaccurate in astronomical terms, but was a major hit in Britain and the US, and was taken to heart by many groups of hippies.

The actual move to Aquarius is about another 600 years and is calculated to occur around 2600 AD. We are currently in the area of Pisces and have been for 2000 years. Thus we have 600/2600 or 23% of Piscean existence left and will all be dead when the change occurs! The previous change from Aries to Pisces took place when the Romans ruled most of the known world. In astronomical terms, the definition of where we are in space is the point on the "celestial sphere" where the vernal equinox occurs. The "celestial sphere" moves relative to the sky about one degree every 70 years. This involves several alignments and was first defined about 70AD, at the start of the Piscean Age. Of course only astrologers will define behavioural differences in these ages - for astronomers they merely act as markers.

Nice concept but factually naive!

(Sources: Daily Mail O and A page, M. White, Inverness; G. Hudson FRSA, President Manchster Astronomical Society).

<u>SECRET BASES WEBSITE</u>: Some astounding revelations can be found on the website <u>www.secret-bases.co.uk</u> What one imagined to be classified information relating to defence matters is openly displayed by webmaster, Alan Turnbull who also produces "EYE SPY" magazine.

Glancing through reams of material showing locations, aerial pictures and functions of nearly all the UK military bases, the following items stand out:

At the secret Boscombe down base, US Black Project aircraft trials were known to be taking place during 1994. On the date of 26/9/94, it is believed an incident occurred wherein one of these secret aircraft may have crash landed and parts of it carried away on lorries.

RAF Rudloe Manor, Wilts, was confirmed as a former logging site for UFOs. This activity is now believed to be carried out at RAF HENLOW near Luton. The base has a disused runway and is described as a "signals analysis centre". It is also confirmed that the Metropole building in London where UFOs were secretly logged and analysed in the 1950s, has been closed down - surplus to requirements.

Turnbull refers to "missing" bases on Ordnance Survey maps. The most sensitive sites such as the Aldermarston/Burghfield nuclear weapons factory were for many years airbrushed from OS maps, but are now beginning to reappear on updated editions.

Details are also given about the Government Pipelines and Storage Systems (GPSS). Major RAF and USAF bases are connected to major oil refineries using a massive network of underground high pressure pipelines. These lines are marked with identification posts above ground, which have distinctive yellow coloured roofs resembling bird feeding tables.

All this information does not infringe the Official Secrets Act apparently, which is surprising considering the age old paranoia about government cover-ups!

<u>UFO HOLIDAYS IN AUSTRALIA!</u> According to advertising seen, if one visits Wycliffe Wells, 4 hours drive from Alice Springs, Northern Territory, Australia, you will almost certainly be priviliged to a close encounter with UFOs. Apparently this area has been frequented by UFOs since World War II when soldiers working on market gardens there began to keep records. UFO spotting is now the main after dark activity at Wycliffe Wells Holiday Park. Local expert, Lou Farkas, says he once looked through the porthole of a spaceship but admits: "I couldn't see the alien bloke inside". Three years ago an aboriginal woman says she was approached by "silvery extraterrestrials".

A family holiday in Wycliffe Wells Holiday Park costs from £16.66 to £40 a night. Details on www.wycliffe.com.au You can book 11 nights with flights to Alice Springs, accommodation and car hire from £1299 through Travelbag (0870 8146545).

MR DERREN BROWN: The so-called "illusionist" is now a top attraction on Channel 4 TV and in personal appearances at theatres throughout the UK. His recent exploits include a tour of the USA when he was apparently able to convince audiences in 5 different aspects of paranormal activity - acquired healing ability as the result of contact with aliens; evangelical conversions including fainting of subjects ("Toronto Blessing"); and contacting dead relatives through mediumship, amongst others. In another programme he was able to freak out a group of students by pretending that a redundant hospital in south London had been the scene of mass murders and the place was now haunted. His most outrageous stunt

to date - playing "Russian Roulette" on himself - was later revealed to be a hoax, in that there was no live bullet in the gun he aimed at his head.

Does anyone know if Mr Brown's activities are carefully edited by Channel 4 so as to appear foolproof? Otherwise the conclusions implied are that all forms of paranormal activity can be recreated as "illusions" and we are wasting our time!

CROP CIRCLES EARLY IN 2005: The first formation was notified on April 17th at Ripley near Bournemouth airport, Dorset. This was a good 2 weeks earlier than in 2004 and further April formations in rape have been reported from Yorkshire, Sussex, Oxon and Lincolnshire. The Oxfordshire formation was in the style of a "galaxy" with 2 spiralling arms. The 70ft diameter component was accompanied by a separate "S" shaped feature and was placed south of Toot Baldon - the Oxfordshire "hotspot" location. It could only be seen on the ground however from a path running from Marsh Baldon (SU 577999) and was first reported on April 21st. (See drawings below). Another formation nearby at Garsington was spotted from the air in early May. This was a thin spiral passageway and could not be seen on the ground.





A sophisticated rape formation arrived in Wiltshire, Alton Barnes area, on May 1st, almost exactly on the site of a 2004 "dolphin" design. As this style had only been seen in later wheat formations previously, it may indicate that activity at the peak of the season in July and August this year may show considerable increases in design skills.

"WAR OF THE WORLDS": As mentioned in the previous Awareness a new Spielberg blockbuster is coming to cinemas this summer. The UK release date is now confirmed as July 1st and trailer footage seen indicates the action will be seen through the eyes of one family and it will probably not resemble the 1950s film in any way. If you don't like lots of noise and explosions - then stay away!

"SIGNS OF THE TIMES" CONFERENCE: The second conference of the series was held in Oxford on March 20th. Although not specifically designed for UFO specialists, there was a section on "ORBS" from Denette France and interesting conspiracy theories discussed by SPI founder, Brian Allan. We also heard about "spirit release" workshops from Susan White and an anthology of verse and spiritual anecdotes from Sydney Payne, who originated from Barbados. Digital photographs taken in the hall during the proceedings again showed "ORBS" had also invited themselves! It is much regretted that the size of the audience was a poor reflection of the hard work put in by the organiser, Ellis Taylor, although Ellis is preparing a third conference at another venue. (Details to be announced).

AGONY CORNER: (Anti-establishment comment on latest scares and cover-ups).

CYNICAL COMPUTER MANIPULATION: The May 5th General Election in the UK

MOON LANDINGS - OR MOONSHINE!

by Geoff Ambler

looks to have been the most laid back and uninspiring in modern times. Why should this be? With the electoral system used in Britain around 450 of the 650 constituencies are considered "safe" - they hardly ever change the party of their MP - only the remaining 200 move around regularly producing different results. In these "marginals" the political researchers believe that the election is decided by the whims of just 800,000 "swing voters" out of 25 million who were likely to vote in 2005. The profile of these special people is likely to be known from consumer information fed from computers. Their shopping habits, levels of debt etc will be known, and, in fact, their voting inclination can also be determined from such data. They will have been bombarded with phone calls, literature and given the royal treatment. The other 24.2 million folks are of no interest. This number rises to 45 million when you consider the number of Britons who could vote but never make their mark. In percentage terms it means just about 2% of voters are of any interest to the political parties. The jolly times of door-to-door canvassers, lively meetings, window posters and loud speaker vans are all but dead. Britain becomes less animated every year thanks to being programmed by computers!

Although this might sound amusing there are deeply worrying portents for the future. Should the government fall into the hands of extremists and the ultra politically correct, certain groups like us on the fringes could be targeted as "undesirable" and rounded up. To prevent this happening avoid exposing your name in market research interviews; do not use credit/debit cards, and in particular, store "loyalty" cards which are used to establish what sort of buyer you are. If feasible don't have a bank account or even a telephone number. Your credit rating and spending power are constantly being snooped upon and your post code is a potent weapon! In negotiating with larger companies, as soon as you hand over the fated 6 digits, the person at the other end can see immediately if you are from a posh part of Surrey or a desolate estate in Glasgow. You will then be treated accordingly as to how much money you are likely to spend - good post codes get more time and a higher ranking sales person to negotiate; codes indicating poor areas get a quick brush off. Cynical!

OXFORD LEMMINGS ERUPT! Following the famous Laurel and Hardy movie, "Chumps at Oxford", a modern day version was held on May 1st, when 100 students or other revellers defied barriers and jumped from Magdalen Bridge into the 2 feet deep river Cherwell resulting in 40 being injured of which 17 had to be taken to hospital. Some of these have spinal injuries which will take years to mend. The "Mayday Morn" ceremony has taken place for centuries, but "iumpers" have to take into account how deep the river is each year. In 2005 it was particularly shallow, plus the fact that the event was on a Sunday morning in warm conditions enhanced the attendance. Lemming like behaviour seems to occur in large crowds, when common sense goes out of the window and a form of "collective consciousness" takes over individuals. Thus sensitive people like ourselves should ensure objectivity by making decisions prior to being thrust into a large crowd scenario, and walk the other way if necessary.

IRAQ WAR DEATH TOLL: A figure of 11,000 US forces personnel from the first Gulf War are now claimed to have died post conflict. The cause is believed to be due to radiation from exposure to depleted uranium shells. Since only a few hundred soldiers died in the conflict itself, this is the sort of figure that the US government will be desperate to cover up. Something like 300,000 from the half million task force are said to be suffering ill health in addition. Can anyone confirm these figures?

In the latest campaign in Iraq, returning British forces, particularly Territorials, are said to be suffering severe trauma. Is high-tech war too much for the human body to cope with?

The date of the Apollo 11, Moon landing, was 20th July 1969 or the 21st July in Britain due to the time difference. I remember this well because I stayed awake until 4 am at my Chiswick lodgings listening to the radio until Neil Armstrong uttered the immortal words: "One small step for man - one giant leap forward for mankind," at the point of stepping on to the Moon's surface.

Thirty six years later doubts have been raised about whether the 1969 landing (and subsequent ones) ever took place at all. The whole project was a gigantic hoax. Long before the critics emerged in the 1990s, a film released in 1978 hinted how this could be accomplished. "Capricorn One", a very dramatic film starring Elliott Gould as an investigative reporter showed how the supposed first manned flight to Mars had been faked in a studio somewhere in the American backwoods. (Incidentally, the notorious O.J Simpson played one of the non-travelling astronauts).

From the mid-1990s the whole question of Moon landings erupted again with the release of comprehensive publications by David Percy and Marcus Allen questioning the authenticity of photographs taken on the Moon's surface. They deduced that shadows of the astronauts/equipment derived from the Sun were not correctly aligned, indicating they were using artificial lighting in a studio somewhere on Mother Earth. It is not the intention of this article to confirm or deny these anomalies, which have no doubt been seen by most readers, but to look at a broader overview of the Apollo project.

Allen and Percy stated that carrying men to the Moon would involve flying through the "Van Allen Belts" on the fringes of the Earth's atmosphere. Their argument was that the radiation levels found in this area would be too intense for human survival, but it was politically imperative to get men on the Moon by 1970, as promised in the 1961 speech by President John F. Kennedy, which would also maintain "Cold War" supremacy over the Soviet Union. In fact scientists confirmed that Van Allen radiation was not that dangerous and well protected space craft could pass through safely. Today, it is a fact, that of the 12 astronauts who were recorded to have set foot on the Moon, 9 are still alive - although at an age where physical and mental health might be deteriorating in any case. A new book, "Moondust, In Search of the Men Who Fell to Earth" by Andrew Smith, (Bloomsbury £17.99) has chronicled the lives of the only men to have set foot on the Moon - or not.

Unfortunately, you can argue either way. Our 12 heroes went to the Moon and back suffering no lasting effects from radiation and have gone on to live a normal life span, or conversely they never went at all so could be expected to live as long as ordinary Americans!

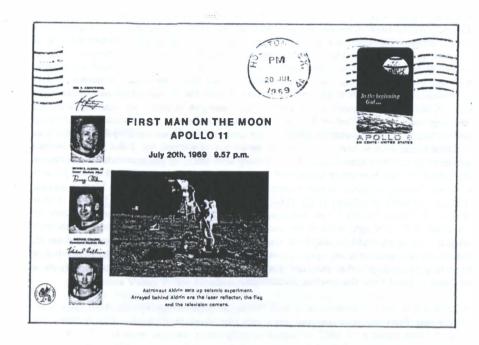
The very first man to set foot on the Moon (or not), Neil Armstrong, has long been a recluse, and his companion, Buzz Aldrin, turned to drink, depression, and, like many others, divorce. He is known to have roughed up a few reporters who asked awkward questions! Less known is that of later landers - Alan Bean is an artist who covers his paintings with Moon dust; Charlie Duke has become a minister; whilst Edgar Mitchell is espousing "New Age" philosophy and has commented many times on UFO matters. There is no indication that there has been premature deaths from radiation induced cancers or all have become mentally unstable (all-be-it mildly eccentric!).

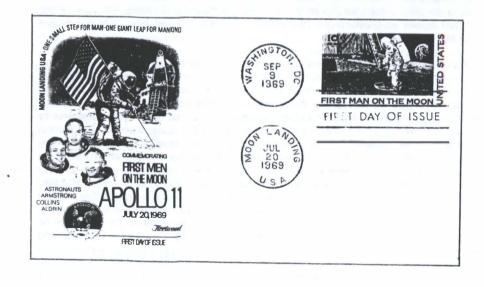
If you consider the full complement of astronauts who landed or who piloted the lunar modules, the number rises to 27. Each Apollo mission took 3 men, so on the 6 successful landings there were 18 involved; plus the Apollo 8 mission that flew around the Moon on Christmas Day 1968; followed by Apollo 10 which tested the release and retrieval of the lunar lander in orbit round the Moon, but did not land; and the doomed Apollo 13 which had to be aborted in flight, but successfully made it back to Earth. A further 9 astronauts can be added making 27 in all who passed through the Van Allen Belts, went to the Moon and returned to Earth. (No full crew lists available, so it is possible a few of the 27 went wice). The chances of a confession - that everything was faked - would seem probable after 36 years. Add to this the many thousands of back up staff involved at the Florida launch pad or at Houston, Texas, command centre - there must have been at least a handful whose consciences were burning.

The biggest colluder of all had to be President Richard M. Nixon who wired congratulatory messages to the Moon on July 20th, 1969, and was present when Armstrong, Aldrin and Collins came down in the ocean after their safe return. Just 5 years later, Nixon had to resign the Presidency in disgrace or be impeached after the "Watergate" revelations. Having a corrupt president in the White House at the time of Apollo might add some weight to the faked landings argument.

Another strange fact is that after the final landing of Apollo 17 in 1972, no more Moon landings have been planned since. Thereafter the Americans concentrated their efforts on the Space Shuttle projects which continue to this day even after 2 disasters resulting in loss of crew and craft. Of course each lunar landing project was highly expensive and with no response from the Soviet Union during this period - American supremacy in space was firmly established. The Russians launched the first unmanned space capsule in 1957, and the first man in space, Yuri Gargarin, in 1961, and had the edge over the USA in the "space race" until the Apollo programme started. It is not known if they had plans to land men on the Moon - something like downing 3-4 instead of 2. Instead they concentrated on building the space station "Mir" in Earth orbit, which remained operational for 20 years until it bccame a technical joke. In support of Percy/Allen - perhaps the Soviets were aware that men could not pass through the Van Allen radiation area and made no attempt to go for a manned landing on the Moon. They had, of course, sent several unmanned missions there. However one supposes, that armed with the knowledge that astronauts/cosmonauts would be "fried" by the radiation, you might have expected protests of fakery coming from Moscow, and in any case their widespread spy network would know in advance of any subterfuge America might be planning.

As a professional dealer in stamps, I get from time to time special Moon Landing covers which turn up in various collections. In the examples illustrated overleaf the top cover is correctly postmarked on July 20th, the day of the landing, and the precise hour is also quoted. There is also a reproduction photograph of the astronaut, Aldrin, on the Moon's surface setting up experiments. The stamp is the official US Post Office issue for the Apollo 8 mission - the first manned mission to fly to the Moon but not land. The date of release of this stamp was May 5th, 1969. The Moon Landing stamp shown on the lower cover was first issued on September 9th, 1969. As can clearly be seen the cancellation denotes "first day of issue". It should be noted that the US Post Office is a very conservative body which allows no speculation on its issues and ensures only DEAD named people are portrayed on the stamps. No doubt they made their own checks on the authenticity of these Moon missions not offering Apollo 8 commemeration issues until 5 months later and the Apollo 11 stamp until 7 weeks after the landing. This of course would also be prudent in the event of mission





failure.

The main mystery is how the top cover could show a Moon photograph and be postmarked "Houston 20 Jul 1969" - clearly there would not be time to prepare a photograph and despatch covers. This implies that either the postmark has no meaning - just being arranged for collectors - or that the Aldrin photograph is a simulation prepared in advance. A large number of commercial firms issued special covers for the Moon landing event - obviously one of the biggest money spinners of all time. The US Post office did not have a part to play in either of the covers illustrated other than provide the stamps which are the genuine issues. A circular cachet inscribed "Wessex Covers" can just be made out at the bottom left of the top cover, and the name "Fleetwood" is inscribed on the lower cover. In order to have covers and other souvenirs available within hours of the Moon landing there is likely to have been simulations in use. NASA would have created a mock up of the Moon's surface somewhere in the American desert for Armstrong and Aldrin to practice months in advance of the mission. Just how many pictures of these practice areas were released to the press is not known, but the inference is vast numbers of photographs, both from the Moon's surface and mock-ups were circulating at the time. (I refrain from using the word "fake"!) Other covers of the Moon landing I have seen show the familiar photographs of the astronauts on the surface in EVEN light without the suspicious shadows the debunkers have mentioned. Thus the 1969 items could be doctored, cleaned up and enhanced to suit commercial needs. so when when conclusions are made 25 years after the great event, caution is needed in interpreting photographs that may not not be exactly in their original form, or may even have come to hand from the practice simulations.

It is notable that such revelations as "Faked Moon Landings" do not emerge until many years have elapsed from the missions and back checking is more difficult. For instance the "Roswell" UFO incident of 1947 remained virtually uncommented upon for 32 years until 1979 when certain authors helped to create the hype we now associate with "Roswell". The veracity of the incident still depends on the anecdotal evidence from witnesses who are/were passed their prime. We know for certain the remains of some sort of craft or balloon was found in the desert there, but the jump to proving this was a space vehicle with alien bodies on board cannot be surmounted. No official documents released have indicated such a possibility.

Having discussed the "Moon problem" many times with data research members - the obvious solution would be to photograph the various pieces of equipment or "space junk" left behind on the Moon by the 6 Apollo landing missions. So far no such photograph has been presented by NASA possibly due to being unable to resolve objects as small as a car on the Moon's surface. Also the long term scientific experiments set up on the Moon's surface by the astronauts are hardly ever mentioned now. Are signals still being received? The Hubble telescope has photographed galaxies millions of light years away in space and US spy satellites in Earth orbit clearly showed details of vehicles moving along roads in Iraq which were displayed on news bulletins before the 2003 invasion, so it does appear that the technology is there to rephotograph the old Moon landing sites if there is a will. However when controversy is thrown up by non-scientists, then NASA tend to ignore the problem rather than use their incredible facilities to clear the air. (The above does not completely solve the problem because the hardware from UNMANNED landings on the Moon will be there too. Thus the exact co-ordinates of where the relics of the 6 Apollo landings are to be seen would need to be known.) N.B Further news is on page 27.

The "Martian Face" at Cydonia discovered from the footage of the 1976, Viking surveys of

Mars more or less went unchallenged until the more recent surveys showed that the "Face" is most probably an optical illusion.

In constructing this piece, I have convinced myself that the Apollo landings must have happened because producing dodgy photographs is only one of several aspects of the missions that would have to be faked over a 3 year period. If Apollo 11 never happened why go to the trouble of "inventing" 5 more manned missions to 1972. The chances of ground staff involved exposing the hoax would be ever more likely. NASA could merely have stated they had no budget available to fund future missions. Finally the Russians as known space explorers and competitors would certainly have known if it was possible to get through the Van Allen radiation belts and would have cried "foul" as they were now a long way behind in the "space race". Having seen the skills of computers in enhancing the charms of smart young ladies for presentation in glossy glamour magazines, it is not impossible that somebody could have modified 1969 footage to fit the theories of faked Moon landings!

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT - TEST RUNS

by Data Research

As most readers now know, state departments and local government offices are obliged to reveal their files to members of the public upon enquiry as from January 1st, 2005. Data research members have sent requests for information from the following bodies:

(1) Thames Valley Police Headquarters, Kidlington, Oxford.

(2) RAF Brize Norton, Carterton, Oxon. (Probably the busiest RAF base in the country handling large transport aircraft).

(3) RAF Fairford, Gloucestershire. (Base with very long runways that hosted giant B.52 bombers during the recent Iraq invasion).

Each of the bodies replied promptly to our requests and had a specialised officer nominated to deal with F.O.I enquiries - so the legislation has been taken seriously. Having said that, the results were extremely disappointing - only Brize Norton offering a single report that could possibly be considered as a UFO. Thames Valley police claimed to have no UFO catagory on their computers, so couldn't help. A second letter sent by us to the police resulted in an icily polite response (mainly waffle!) reminding us that monetary charges would be forthcoming if we pressed this further. Some of the replies received have been reproduced overleaf.

How should we approach the targeting of information in future? Clearly hunting for any old UFO reports of a non-specific nature will bring scant results. Most likely the word "UFO" is fed into the site computer and if no catagory drops out, that is all the work they are prepared to undertake. RAF Fairford sent their reply virtually by return of post, as can be seen, so are unlikely to have searched hundreds of paper files. The only way we can establish hard facts is to reference a specific date when members of the public have reported UFOs to the press or to CIUFOR directly. For instance, the most recent reporting of fireballs which appear to crash are most likely to have been investigated by the police and fire brigade as we know call-outs have been made.

If readers have already tried out the system in other areas, Data Research would be interested to hear about what replies have been received. We also need to know how many years of information are stored, before it is removed from records.



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Dear Mr Soper

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: RELEASE OF INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

- Your correspondence dated 12 January 2004 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000.
- Please find enclosed a copy of the only UFO report we hold at Royal Air Force Brize Norton 2.
- If this information does not address your requirements or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you still be dissatisfied then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SWIA 2HB.
- If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Please note that the Information Commissioner will not investigate the case until the internal review process has been completed. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioner's website, http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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7 February 2005

Dear Mr Soper,

Request for Information

- Your correspondence dated 4 February 2005 has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. Your request has been assessed and this letter is to inform you that we have found no evidence that the information you requested is held at RAF Fairford.
- If you are dissatisfied with our decision to refuse information or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of this request, then you should contact the undersigned in the first instance. Should you remain dissatisfied, then you may apply for an internal review by contacting the Director of Information Exploitation, 6th Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB.
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Date: 25th February 2005

Dear Ms Copeland

Reference No: RFI2005000158

Thank you for your letter dated 18th February 2005 concerning our response to your request for information reference FRI2005000086.

As previously explained we do not have a category for Unidentified Flying Objects. All incidents reported are recorded with a date and time. The logging of incidents of this nature would be allocated to the category Miscellaneous/Other and the details of the incident would be recorded in text in the details box. To search, extract and produce a report of all records in the category miscellaneous/other; then individually read the text details to determine any UFO details and extract them into a manual report would be time consuming and costly. We are able to search our system by date to match a specific report if requested.

The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the "appropriate level" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice. For your information I have attached details of Fee's calculation.

Please accept my apologies for not previously explaining the difficulties involved in retrieving the type of information requested.

Yours sincerely

Malcolm Hopgood Freedom of Information Officer

Thames Valley Police provides you the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Constabulary's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

ANCIENT UFO CASES AND SIMILAR RECENT EVENTS
By Michael Soper

Ancient

Whilst Libius Trose or Libius Drusus promulgated the laws at the beginning of the Italian Wars, a globe of fire at appeared in the sky at sunrise with a terrific noise and burning, in the north. In the territory of Spoletum a globe of fire, golden in colour, fell to earth from the sky and was seen to gyrate. This became greater in size, was seen to rise from the Earth, was borne east and obscured the disc of the sun in magnitude.

The event was in BC90 and 45 miles North of Rome and is very much like the Houston Texas event of 29th December 1980 when two ladies were burned, Betty Cash and her friend Vicky Landrum and Colby (who was seven years old).

Recent

December 29th 1980, Nr. Houston, Texas, Behaviour, Hovering, scorching.

Betty Cash tried for years to bring a prosecution against the US government concerning the cancer burns she received on highway FM1485 when driving home to Dayton at 9pm. She was accompanied by Grandson Colby Ladrum aged 7 and Vicky Landrum that evening and had her way blocked by a searing, blazing object hovering over the road ahead. The heat was softening the plastic windscreen surround through the windscreen. Vicky's fingers left indents in the plastic even though the object was sixty yards away. In the non-flaming stage the object was diamond shaped, dull aluminium, blue dots ran along its centre. Then 23 assorted black helicopters escorted the object way. Soon after the melted road area was removed intact. There were other witnesses.

Ancient

In BC22 when Quintius Flaminius and P. Furius Philon were consuls at Ariminium (Rimini) there shone a great light, like day, at midnight, when three moons appeared in quarters of the sky different from each other....

BC216 things like ships were seen in the skies over Italy. In Sardinia a Knight was making his rounds, inspecting the posts, guarding the ramparts, when a stick in his hands burst into flames. The same thing happened to Roman soldiers in Sicily who saw the Javelins in their hands burst into flames. Riverbanks and shores shone with flames and the circumference of the sun seemed diminished. At Arpi 180 miles East of Rome in Apulia a round shield was seen in the sky and "the moon fought with the sun" (phenomena like St Elmo's fire – the apparent diminution of the sun's disc is reported several times at intervals of years BC, the round shield may have been a disc). At Antium a very old city on the coast some 45 miles from Ostium, stalks, coloured like blood fell into harvesters baskets. At Faleris in Etruria the sky split into two parts. At Capua the sky was on fire and one saw figures like ships (the consuls were CN Servilius Germinus and C Quitius Flaminius II).

Recen

July 1st 1954. New York State, Behaviour, Moving, Scorching.

At Walesville, New York state, just before noon an object was tracked on Radar and F94 Starfires were scrambled from Griffiss AFB. Guided by the radar, the pilot and navigator broke through cloud and saw the object ahead as they closed. They were both overcome by intense heat and had to bale out. The plane crashed into a house filling four and injuring five. The story broke to a reporter who was on the scene. Soon a USAF staff car appeared and dragged the airmen away – interviews with them were prohibited, the official story concerned an engine fire (the engine is about 1.5 to 2 metres behind the back wall of the cockpit – that they should feel heat is unlikely).

Ancient

BC213 at Hadria in the gulf of Venice the strange spectacle of men in white clothing was seen in the skies, they seemed to stand around an altar.

BC209 when M Valerius Livinus II and M Claudius Marcellus IV were consuls there fell a thunder bolt (several days journey from Tuscullum and before the gate of Anagnia, a town 40 miles east of Rome) where flames came out of the ground for a day and a night and no-one could see what fuel fed them.

BC168 at Lanuvium, 16.5 Roman miles from Rome, a thing like a torch burned in the sky, and at Anagnia 40 Roman miles East of Rome, the previous year, a similar thing was seen in the sky, burning...at Fregellae. In the house of L Atreus a lance he had brought for his son then in the army, burst into flames in broad daylight for several hours but it was not damaged by the flames.

Recen

4th November 1957 at Fort Itaipu, Basil, craft plummeting, hovering humming, heating.

At Port Itaipu Brazil, at 2am two sentries watched as a UFO plummeted towards them – a 100-foot diameter disc surrounded by an orange glow. It then hovered 150 feet overhead emitting a steady hum. The sentries were rooted to the spot. However an intense blast of heat caused one sentry to faint and the other ran away. The heat could even be felt within the fort where the power had failed, the two sentries were placed under medical care with severe burns.

Ancient

BC129 at Terracina, between Rome and Naples in serene weather, a fire from the sky reached down the sail of ship, capsized the vessel, and burnt all in the ship.

Recent

May 22nd 1973 at 3am, Nr. Catanduva, Brazil, Craft hovering, probing, beaming.

Librarian Onilson Papero was driving home through the rain when he saw a circle of light about eight inches in diameter inside the car, which moved in front of his face. He was surprised to find he could see through the circle. Then through the windscreen he saw a blue light coming towards him and pulled over to avoid a collision. He was overcome by a feeling of heat and suffocation and got out of the car. Whereupon he heard a buzzing sound overhead. He saw a huge craft like two soup plates placed together over his head. This was 36 feet wide and 25 feet thick and dark grey. He then saw a transparent curtain moving round the craft and then a tube was lowered down from the middle. At this point he panicked, tried to run and found himself held – as though caught in a lasso. He then turned and could see the blue light running over his car. Examining the structure which was clearly visible, he began to faint. The key to his briefcase was inside his pocket – yet the case was open inside the car and the contents strewn everywhere though he knew he had left it locked. A doctor's examination stated he was "normal".

Ancient

Food does fall from the sky....this happened on July 15th and 17th 1822, seeds were scattered from Norway to Patagonia in June 1830 at Griesau Silesia (Meteorology p.465) and in Prussia, Heinsberg, Erklenz, and Juliers in 1852 on March 24 and 25th (La Belgique Horticole, 2-319).

The quantities were so huge that a meteorological explanation was very difficult to convey especially as sometimes huge falls are from a clear sky.

In 1848 the British Association describes how a ship in the Arabian Sea HMS Vulture saw two wheels of fire approaching which exploded leaving an oleaginous substance in the water. The boat shivered to the topmast....

(Note: the US Air force identified the angel hair falls as rayon)

Recent

17th October 1952 at Oloron, France, Craft hovering, angel hair and release spheres.

As hundreds watched what at first appeared a cloud then became clear as a cigar shape hovering at forty five degrees they witnessed approximately 30 red discs with yellow bands round their middles being released. From near the forty-five degree tilted torpedo, angel hair fell in prodigious quantities (this describes the entrapment of electric charge in plastic enclosures since the small spheres were sparking between themselves and producing the angel hair (electrets microphone theory). The angel hair was evidently a food or a fuel burning readily when ignited.

Ancient

AD457 In Brittany, France, a thing like an immense globe was seen in the sky, which emitted two beams (like rays). It was like a dragon which sent out of its mouth the two immense beams and on the beams hung a ball of fire, one beam stretched beyond France and the other one towards Ireland – ending in fires.

Recent

 $\overline{6}^{th}$ November 1957 North of Ottawa, Canada, huge sphere emitting bright beams, electromagnetic effects.

At 9.00 to 9.30pm 100 miles north of Ottawa a group of electronic technicians and ham radio operators saw a bright sphere hovering above a hill sending out bright beams. Two radios failed except for a rapidly modulated single tone, which swamped them all. The craft disappeared after the 'demo'...(NICAP 1964 rpt p.165.

References.

Older cases from Harold T Wilkins "Flying Saucers", and 'New Lands' by Charles Fort.

ARCHIVE PHOTOGRAPHS - EX PROBE, APRIL 1967

The pictures below show saucers of marked similarity. The UFO at bottom was photographed in 1950 in Oregon, and its near-twin was filmed four years later in France.

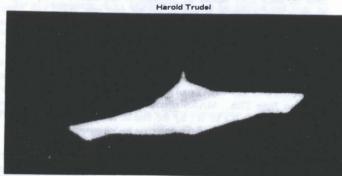
SPACE SHIP OVER RHODE ISLAND

November

PHOTO by

1966









A UFO flashes across Toronto's night sky in this five-second time exposure.

APRIL 1967

ASTRONOMICAL NOTES 2005

by Data Research

We regret we were unable to publish the annual guide in the last Awareness due to lack of space and data sources, but here are the details for May to December 2005.

Information is provided on the movements of only bright objects in the sky which could be confused with UFOs. Thus 99.9% of all stars/planets are not involved. Only those with negative "magnitude" will stand out in the sky, which therefore only includes the planets Venus, Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and occasionally Saturn plus the star Sirius. It is also important to know if the Moon is visible as it can sometimes be obscured by cloud and give off strange glows if low in the sky. Venus is always the brightest object other than the Sun and Moon and will be to the west if seen in the evening or to the east as a "morning star". Mercury is bright but difficult to see being very close to the Sun. Jupiter tends to be seen for long periods, high in the sky and is usually magnitude -2.0 to -2.5. Mars can be distinguished by its yellower colour (stated as "red") when seen in UK conditions and varies considerably in brightness depending on its position in orbit around the Sun.

During the period May - December 2005, JUPITER is first seen in the evening, but disappears by August; reappearing just before dawn in November. MARS becomes more prominent each month reaching its closest point to Earth in November when it should be well placed for viewing all night. VENUS appears for a short time around sunset through the summer months and then becoming extremely prominent - as bright as magnitude -4.6 at the end of the year. There is a chance of seeing MERCURY in June (sunset) and December (dawn). If checking a UFO report - lights in the sky type - eliminate all the visible bright planets for the month in question by referring to the monthly guide which follows:

MAY: JUPITER is the dominant planet visible until 4 am from darkness at magnitude -2.3. VENUS is just emerging as an evening spectacle and will be low in the sky towards the west until an hour after sunset by the end of the month - very bright at magnitude -3.9. The summer star Arcturus is just emerging and may stand out from backgroung stars by its orange colour. The MOON will be full on May 23rd and the darkest nights will be from May 3-7.

JUNE: JUPITER will be seen in the short night time low to the south west and magnitude -2.1. VENUS can be made out towards the sunset for about an hour at magnitude -3.9. MERCURY is also visible mid-month and is spectacularly close to Venus on June 24th and again on June 27th. MARS may just be visible in the early hours gradually increasing in brightness from +0.3 to -0.1 by the end of the month. The MOON is full on June 22nd and the darkest nights will be from June 1st to 5th.

JULY: JUPITER can be picked out to the south west close to Venus at magnitude -1.9. It will set at 1 am at the beginning of the month but only up to 11 pm by the end. VENUS is still at magnitude -3.9 in the evening twilight to the west. MERCURY may just be seen at the beginning of the month. MARS will be increasing in brightness to -0.5 and appears around midnight. The MOON is full on July 21st and the darkest nights will be from the 1st-5th. On July 8th, the Moon and Venus will be very close together to the north west. On July 4th the American space probe "Deep Impact" is set to blast the core of comet Tempel 1 so may produce a visible display in the night sky.

AUGUST: VENUS will be visible setting an hour after the Sun at magnitude -3.9. JUPITER is now fading and will set by 9 pm by the end of the month. MARS is brightening rapidly increasing from magnitude -0.5 to -1.0 by the end of August. It will rise by 10 pm at the end of the month. The MOON is full on August 17th and the darkest nights will be 1st - 4th and again from 28th - 31st. The PERSEID meteor shower, the strongest of the year, will peak on August 12-13th nights.

SEPTEMBER: VENUS and JUPITER will be almost together in the sky on 1st Sept. around 7.30 pm just above the horizon with Venus at magnitude -4.0 and Jupiter -1.7. MARS will again be increasing in brightness from -1.0 to -1.7 on the scale. it will be rising at 8 pm so should be easy to see to the east. The MOON is full on Sept 18th and the darkest nights will be 1st - 2nd and again from 27th - 30th.

OCTOBER: Darker nights are now with us and stars should be visible from 7 pm with the end of British Summer Time on October 30th. VENUS is still low to the west at sunset but will be on view for 2 hours by the end of the month becoming extremely brilliant at magnitude -4.4. The MOON is full on October 17th and the darkest nights will be 1st - 2nd and again from 27th - 31st. MARS will again brighten from -1.7 to -2.3 during the month rising at 8 pm down to 5 pm by the end of October. It looks to be well placed to view high in the sky to the south. There will be a partial eclipse of the Sun on October 3rd. In London this will be seen from 8.48 am to 11.17 am with 57% of the disc in shadow.

NOVEMBER: VENUS is now extremely bright at -4.6 and setting at 6.30 pm. MARS is also reaching maximum brightness and reaches its closest point to Earth or opposition at magnitude -2.6. It should stand out well - high in the sky to the south. JUPITER will return in the morning at around 5 am, magnitude -1.7. The Moon is full on the 16th with the darkest nights 25th - 28th Nov. The LEONID meteor shower should reach a peak on Nov 17th, although this has been a rather poor display in UK skies.

<u>DECEMBER:</u> VENUS will again dominate at -4.6 magnitude setting at 6.30 pm. MARS is high to the south waning from -1.6 to -0.6 by the end of the month. JUPITER is seen before dawn to the south east at magnitude -1.9. MERCURY may be picked out near to dawn at magnitude -0.6. The MOON is full on December 15th and the darkest nights will be 25th - 30th. The constellation of Orion should now be seen before midnight with the brightest star, SIRIUS, just below it. The GEMINID meteor shower should peak on the 13th.

Sourcebook: "Stargazing 2005" by Heather Couper and Nigel Henbest. Pub: Philips at £6.99.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor.

Why is our world full of "sceptics", dis-believers, untrusting and close minded individuals? And we wonder why we have problems!! It's not surprising is it!

I have just been watching a programme on Channel 4 this evening: "THE GIRL WITH X-RAY EYES" - Natasha, a Russian teenager with a psychic ability to diagnose a patient's health problems with her x-ray vision. She had been doing this successfully in Moscow for 6

years and saved peoples' lives with her diagnosis and with medical corroboration also. She decided to submit herself to a panel of scientists (CISCOP) in the USA (sceptics to be exact!) who put her under controlled test conditions. The first test was with a group of patients who she had a one-to-one contact with - and she was 100% correct in diagnosing their illness. The following day the panel arranged another test wherein a selected group of people with differing problems were presented as a group having had no prior contact with Natasha. Each person was blindfolded so there was no eve contact and the girl was given a list of what the problems were and told to match them with the 7 people presented. After struggling for a long time on her first decision, she eventually correctly diagnosed 4 of the 7, but this was just one short (5 out of 7) that was required by the scientists (sceptics) to have proof of paranormal or psychic abilities. They concluded her ability was purely an illusion! ILLUSION? She had been giving the service to genuine patients for 6 years successfully in Moscow. How on Earth can that be an illusion? The problem is its an impossibility to test the paranormal with a voltmeter - you can't see it, you can't touch it it's just there, a god given gift and it only requires one to believe and trust. If you can do neither then its unlikely to be successful - that it why we live in a society that is so paranoid and fearful of each other; nation spies on nation and citizen spies on citizen; our every action and our every word is monitored by the "Big Brother" syndrome. George Orwell's "1984" is here and now.

It is all because of a lack of trust that is brainwashed into us from the very top, so it is little wonder we are so paranoid - eliminate the mistrust and we could possibly live in a peaceful world, and a world where a 17 year old girl with the "God Given Gift" can help the less fortunate than ourselves - so would be able to use her gift for the benefit of everyone.

I really don't know why anyone from another galaxy would want to come here!

A.W. Bastick, Rhoose, South Glamorgan.

Editor; My investigations of psychic power indicate that it emanates from the subconscious or unconscious mind - that which controls most of your body quite happily for 70+years. To tap into the wealth of abilities there is the province of only a few of us and probably needs a unique set of circumstances for it to happen successfully. Once the gifted person is subjected to mathematical and scientific "reason" the flow of energy stops and the debunkers gloat! No doubt the healing power of Jesus Christ was exactly along these lines, but my indications are that 2,000 years ago the subconscious mind would have been a lot more powerful and not so easy to divert. (see also my editorial).

Dear Editor.

I was saddened to learn that UFO Magazine had gone into liquidation as it was a great magazine, but at least it explains why I have been unable to buy it for almost a year. Also while I have the greatest respect for Arthur C. Clarke, I feel he is wrong to think that for any race to come here, the Earth would have to be "special". Surely any planet where life has evolved is special in its own right and any such life evolving on another world need not follow the same course that our planet followed. After all, just look at all the amazing forms of life that exist here today and ask yourself how many more there might have been if it were not for the two mass-extinctions that took place here on Earth. The first, around 220 million years ago, wiped out around 90% of all life, and the second, around 65 million years ago, wiped out about 65% of all life. So it does not surprise me in the least that there could be one alien race that might have a minor interest in this planet, and in particular, the human race. Perhaps one of the species visiting the Earth has had space flight for so long

that they have forgotten their own beginnings, and they might see a bit of themselves perhaps as much as a billion years ago.

Perhaps you could sell Awareness in shops for £3 which was the price of the now defunct UFO Magazine, and then it might end up paying for itself, which would allow money to be used for other things. I am sure there would be quite a lot of people who would pay £3 for it including me. You might even be able to outsell UFO magazine and if you include more merchandise I.E cups, books, videos, DVDs, doormats and keychains you will be able make even more money!

Ian Black, Glasgow G22

Editor: Nice thoughts about getting into the shops - we do sell a few at the Inner Book Shop, Oxford, but a quantum leap forward in presentation is needed to interest the Big Boys, I fear.

Dear Editor.

Enclosed are some recent reports I have received. Since UFO Magazine ceased we have lost our focal point and voice, so I feel it behoves the few remaining active researchers/County Groups to keep in touch with each other and share UFO reports in order to keep the Ufology movement going in the British Isles.

I should like to say I have been unable to do much the past 2/3 years firstly due to my own cancer, and then caring for my daughter who has been having chemotheraphy and radiotherapy for two years. Now thankfully she is better, so I am able to do more in the Ufology business.

As you will gather from the enclosed the 17th July 2005 makes it 50 years since I saw a UFO land in Bexleyheath, Kent. There were some 75 witnesses to 2 UFOS landing at the same time in Bexleyheath and Upper Belvedere, North Kent that day. Not to mention dozens of witnesses to UFOS in the sky that week. John Hanson a retired policeman who is based at Alvechurch, Worcs has been investigating this independently for over 4 years now, and he has suggested to generate a bit of publicity about this in order to find some of those 75 witnesses.

We therefore would like to invite anyone who is able to make the long journey to Kent on the 16th July to join us, as we propose meeting in the evening for Dinner at The Crook Log Pub, The Broadway, Bexleyheath on the 16th July. On the 17th July we intend going around to the actual spots where this occurred at Ashbourne Avenue/King Harolds Way. Bexleyheath seems to have a dearth of B & B. So you should look on Internet/and or contact The Tourist Board for places in North Kent –

Bexleyheath, Bexley, Sidcup, Eltham, Welling, Erith, Dartford, Crayford, Woolich are all near by, are suburbs merging into one another, if you wish to spend the 16th July night, but please let us know by the lst week of July, so that we can book an area at The Crook Log Pub for Dinner. It is a very popular Pub, and one has to book.

John Hanson is negotiating with the local press, and I have asked the help of the Richard & Judy Show (we will have to wait and see if that proves successful). We are hoping some witnesses will join us and also members of the Woolwich UFO Group.... And of course any county group members whom we are affiliated with. We look forward to meeting you

Yours sincerely, Margaret Fry, Abergele, N. Wales, LL22 7DD Dear Mr Black

Thank you for your recent letter addressed to the Prime Minister regarding 'unidentified flying objects'. Your letter has been passed to the Ministry of Defence and this office is the focal point within the MOD for correspondence relating to UFOs.

First it may be helpful if I explain that the Ministry of Defence examines any reports of 'unidentified flying objects' it receives solely to establish whether what was seen might have some defence significance; namely, whether there is any evidence that the United Kingdom's airspace might have been compromised by hostile or unauthorised air activity. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no 'UFO' report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us. We believe that rational explanations, such as aircraft lights or natural phenomena, could be found for them if resources were diverted for this purpose, but it is not the function of the MOD to provide this kind of aerial identification service. We could not justify expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond our specific defence remit.

With regard to the records of 'UFO' sightings reported to the MOD, it was generally the case that before 1967 all "UFO" files were destroyed after five years, as there was insufficient public interest in the subject to merit their permanent retention. However since 1967, following an increase in public interest in this subject, 'UFO' report files are now routinely preserved. Any files from the 1950s and early 1960s which did survive are already available for examination by members of the public at the Public Record Office, Ruskin Avenue, Kew, Richmond, Surrey, TW9 4DU (Tel: 0208 876 3444 Fax: 0208 878 8905). Files from 1967 onwards will be routinely released to the Public Record Office when they have reached 30 years old, in accordance with the Public Records Act of 1958 and 1967

Requests for information from files less than 30 years old are handled in accordance with the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information (the Code), which encourages the provision of information unless its disclosure would, for example, cause harm to defence, invade on an individual's privacy, or if it would take an unreasonable diversion of resources to respond to a request. Information requested is supplied wherever possible providing it does not fall under one of the exemptions of the Code.

In your letter you also mention "a top secret room - no. 801" in the former Metropole Hotel where UFO reports were examined, and question whether it is still in use. Room 80 l, Metropole Building is believed to have been used by the Flying Saucer Working Party which was set up in August 1950 at the suggestion of Sir Henry Tizard who thought "flying saucers should be investigated". Records show that at the 11th meeting of the Joint Technical Intelligence Committee in June 1951 the Chairman of the Flying Saucer Working Party presented his report. The Committee decided that "the document should be regarded as the final report and, in view of the conclusions the Working Party should be dissolved". The papers of the Flying Saucer Working Party and the final report have been released to the Public Record Office. Due to the public interest in this report, a copy has also been included in the MOD Freedom of Information Publication Scheme and can be viewed at www. foi. mod. uk, search under UFO, and then Report. Directorate of Air Staff is the only department within the MOD which deals with UFO reports today and our interest is limited to that described above.

Finally, you mentioned UFO reports possibly held by the F.B.I and C.I.A. Clearly this is a matter for the US government. If you wish to request information under the US Freedom of Information Act please look at the US Bureau of Administration's web site at www.foia.state.gov/ which shows material already released and gives details of how to make a request.

I hope this is helpful.

(The following letter is from our extraterrestrial member "RA", who is also claiming to be a producer of crop circles by the sound of things. Some of our intellectual readers may find his analysis of ancient symbols interesting. He has so far not told me what will happen in the FUTURE, but makes up a jolly good tale around recent past events which have been reported in Awareness - Ed).

Dear Editor.

Thanks for Awareness, It's nice to get my crop circle post. So, you got a Mercury's Caduceus by the White Horse. And there was you making fun of me being Hermes. You humans, you're so full of jolly japes. The Tesla says, Mac UK, signed Jo, the wonderful Cleopatra. What does Mac mean?

The World ending in 2012, hmmmmm, I was getting to that, Hopefully, the World will not be ending in 2012. This would upset my plans greatly, so thanks for the tip. We will look out for 2012.

Some sensationalist journalism coming up

To demonstrate my wild claims about Ancient Codes. I have unearthed the 22 Keys of Hermes Trismegistos. These 22 Keys form an Ancient Greek Codex very similar to the one in World War II, a game of intelligence. The basis of this theory is that a language very similar to English existed before the Roman Empire. This is borne out by this Hermes Codex, which demonstrates that the first 22 letters of the English Alphabet are identical or very similar to the letters of this Codex.

The 22 Keys are the 22 letters of the Phoenician Alphabet. These are on the left of the chart. The English equivalents are in the middle, and the letters of the Ancient Athenean alphabet are on the right, with Theta and lota swapping position, and the 23rd letter 'breaking apart'.

So look, this is part of my proof that we've been here for some time.

Theta and lota are swapped to form the word HIT, which was invented as a keyword to the pattern of this Codex when English was invented. Theta's ancient pronunciation is a hard T, which in English is the similar J Gamma is a hard G (biG), which is similar to C. Digamma is W, which is close to F. Zeta is ZD, which is like G, and Phi, F, is very close to V.

This means that although consonents are a bit different, essentially, English code words could have been written in 1000 BC, and some, much earlier. And this is where my game comes in, my friends, because the code works in exactly the same way.

Hermes Trismegistos was associated with the Great Pyramid, which contains the number Pi, 22/7, and the Golden Section, 1: 1.618. So Pi is the 16th letter, and is 7/22nds from the end.

The Greek letters are formed from the Phoenician Alphabet, hence phoenetic language. The Phoenician Alphabet was based on Egyptian Hieroglyphs.

The place for Greek scholars to look is Hesiod's Theogony, I feel.

This theory demonstrates how English, which contains many Greek words anyway, was designed directly from the Ancient Greek Hermes Codex, which was known from Ancient Greece, knowledge being passed on from generation to generation.

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MOON LANDINGS UPDATE

The controversial subject was given another airing on Channel 5 TV, on June 1st, 2005 entitled "The Truth Behind the Moon Landings" with Buzz Aldrin and Marcus Allen prominent. Surprisingly, this programme was well balanced between the 2 sides and much of the photographic evidence offered by the debunkers was demolished. A mock up of the lunar landscape was devised in the American desert, and a local hero chosen by NASA? to sort out the nonsense produced shadows heading in all directions from one light source. The American flag which "waved in the breeze" was shown to have been mounted on a particularly springy aluminium pole which took some time to dampen down in the airless conditions, and the flag itself was made of a translucent material which illuminated as well on the opposite side to the light source. Why no stars were seen on any pictures taken by Apollo 11 on the surface of the Moon was explained by the fact that the powerful illumination of the Sun at the landing spot neutralised the weak light from the stars. The same is true trying to stargaze in London or any other large built up city.

Other points raised in my article on pages 7-11 were discussed. The Van Allen radiation belts are dangerous, but only after several hours exposure - Apollo would have passed through them in a few minutes. The most significant new finding was there is still one scientific experiment in operation out of about 30 set up on the Moon's surface by Apollo teams. Laser signals are sent and received back by one of the remote American observatories to calculate astral distances, and their spokesman was most surprised why no debunkers had visited or even mentioned the fact! Geoff Ambler.

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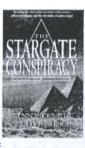
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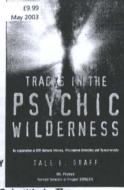
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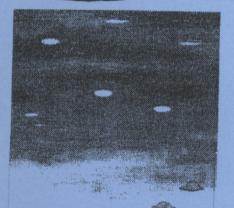
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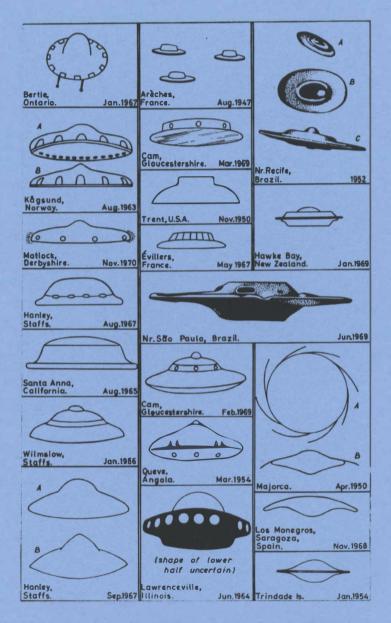
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