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SPACEMAN VISITS DERBY CITY

On the evening of Monday the 5th of October, a crowd of 500 people made their way through pouring rain towards a white glowing marquee in the grounds of Mackworth College, Derby. The crowd of eager onlookers (including your editor), were about to meet the Russian Cosmonaut Colonel Alexander Volkov. Currently the record holder for the longest time spent in space. He has spent over a year in space, during three missions on the MIR spacecraft.

Colonel Volkov, who is holder of the Order of Lenin and Hero of the Soviet Union, was accompanied by Colonel Alexander Martynov, Head of Ballistics and an expert in automated control systems. Over the years, he had been responsible for the launch of space vehicles to Mars, Venus and other planets.

The audience took their seats and waited with baited breath as the introductions were made by College dignitaries. Finally Alexander Martynov rose to his feet and speaking English, with a strong Russian accent, he began the presentation by introducing Alexander Volkov, a smiling and cheery faced Cosmonaut, who unfortunately spoke only a little English. However with a beaming face and speaking through his interpreter, he soon had the audience hanging on his every word as the video showing life on the MIR spacecraft began to unfold on the large screen.

He showed scenes of newly hatched birds fluttering around in the spacecraft (A Japanese experiment), Cosmonauts drinking their fill from large globules of water floating around them (90% is recycled) and dinner being served from large toothpaste-like tubes. The scene then changed to show everyday life on the MIR, washing in a form of face mask, shaving and something that everyone is always curious about...how do they go to the 'Loo'? There was laughter from the audience, as he showed (on screen) that the 'Loo' is something like the nozzle of a large vacuum cleaner and when the bag is full...it is jettisoned from the MIR, out into space! (the word 'space junk' takes on a new meaning!)

Colonel Volkov, then went on to describe what it is like to 'spacewalk' and how his fingers began to get numb, in a temperature of -150C, while working outside the MIR craft on an EVA. He had also been able to see a number of structures on Earth, including the illuminated Eiffel Tower. He punctuated his talk with several amusing stories. He told of one experiment in space, where large mirrors had deflected sunlight down onto the dark side of the Earth and this had resulted in all the local roosters waking up and crowing! He recounted how one Cosmonaut had left his expensive Omega watch, just floating around and promptly lost sight of it! He spent hours searching around inside the MIR and at one stage, spent some time unscrewing a panel with eighty screws in it, just in case his watch had slipped behind it. When he finally opened the panel, it revealed a large piece of paper with the message "Alexander was here!". The watch later appeared floating through the craft and was promptly retrieved. Colonel Volkov added, that one of the things he had missed during his long sortie in space, was "people".

Colonel Alexander Martynov (Space Controller) opened a question and answer period during which, he spoke of power stations and factories working in space, of Moon bases to be used as launching pads for missions to Mars. The rockets, he explained, would be able to 'lift off' with a much larger payload, but this was possibly twenty years into the future! For longer journeys, the liquid fuel rocket would probably be replaced by a 'Solar Sail', which would transport a spaceship at a speed close to that of light.



Omar Fowler meeting Colonel Volkov. When asked if he had ever seen any UFO's in space, he replied "Niet".

(Photo by Garry Stapleton)



A 'still' from video footage received by the PRA the day after the Cosmonauts visit to Derby. It originates from an American electronics expert, who intercepted the American Shuttle's direct transmissions to NASA and shows a number of UFO lights passing the MIR space station. Alexander Volkov revealed that the MIR will be brought back to Earth by means of deceleration rockets in about a years time. It is planned to drop it into the Pacific Ocean.

THE QUEST CONFERENCE: LEEDS Sept. 98.

The Quest International Conference held at Leeds is an annual event not to be missed. Featuring a selection of world-wide Ufologists, it is always full of interest and often results in the showing of hitherto unseen video/film footage of UFO's and associated phenomena, this year was no exception.

Speakers included Nick Redfern (UK), Yvonne Smith (USA), Russell Callaghan (UK) and Jaime Maussan from Mexico among many others.

Revelations of some of the strange things going on in and around Mexico were made by TV personality Jaime Maussan. He spoke particularly of the increasing 'Chupacabra' activity in the countryside and quoted cases of 30/40 sheep being found dead and drained of blood, the only outward sign of attack being two puncture wounds in the neck. He showed grisly video scenes of animals that had been attacked and one unbelievable incident where a sheep had been attacked, then died 12 hours later, without any blood being found in the body! Jaime quoted that 12 people had also been attacked and a womans body had been found in the desert, drained of blood. An astounding night-time flash photograph was shown, of a huge whitish bat-like 'thing' sitting on the back of a goat, with large talons and a beakish' head poised above the goats neck. Could this be the mysterious 'Chupacabra?

More positive evidence of an usual phenomenon came in the form of video footage filmed from the edge of a huge deep cavern in Mexico. This huge hole in the Earth appears to be about a quarter of a mile across and was said to be over 1,000ft deep. The video showed 'fear nothing' sky-divers jumping into the void and after dropping some distance in free-fall, opening there parasol parachutes near to the bottom of the chasm...but 'something' had flashed across the screen! The video was then re-run frame by frame and the audience sat stunned, as a 'flying rod' (as they have been called) flashed across the screen in about three frames. What are these things? They show an obvious intelligence, as the 'rod' took evasive action to miss the parachutist as he dived downwards. Calculations show that these objects range from 2 to 5metres long and have a series of 'fins' along their sides. It has now been recognised that these 'flying rods' have been seen and video'd in various parts of the world, including the USA and Italy. It is a new phenomenon that seems to have appeared in only the last two or three years. (A still from the film is shown below.) Teams of investigators are now being formed to study this incredible phenomenon.



A 'still' from the video taken in Mexico, showing the 'sky-diver' (bottom) and the 'flying Rod' (top).

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Quest Conference contd:

According to Jaime Maussan there are over 100 video tape records of the mysterious 'flying rods' and this includes footage taken in Norway. The parachute sequence shown on the previous page, was taken during a November 1st 97 visit to the San Misto Pacas cave in Mexico.

The questions are numerous...Are they a living organism of Earthly origin, previously undetected? Where do they live? (They were seen to fly out of the cavern area). How do they live? How do they move through the air so quickly? Plenty of questions and as yet no answers!



Seen at the Leeds Conference: Omar Fowler, Jaime Maussan, Felicity Jones (PRA).

BRITAIN'S SECRET STEALTH AIRCRAFT?

We have suspected for some time that a British Stealth 'Flying Triangle' has been undergoing trials over various areas of the U.K. This triangular aircraft is believed to have a wingspan of approx. 14ft, has an unknown means of power, it is apparently telemetric controlled and is usually accompanied by a parent aircraft of some kind. We have had reports of night sorties in company with a highly advanced helicopter, daylight sorties in company with a large Chinook helicopter and several reports of a small triangular craft being accompanied by two Tornado aircraft.

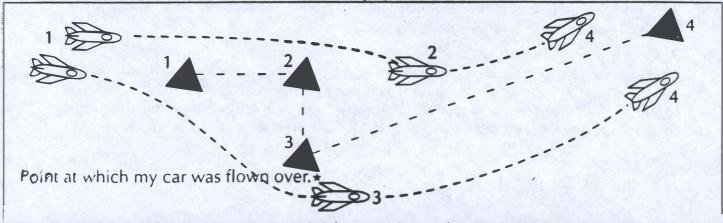
Skylink Magazine reported that at 3.10pm on the 12th June 97, a witness heard the sound of jet aircraft passing over his house, he quickly moved to the window in time to see two very low 'military' type jet fighters, as they flew over Chatham. The witness saw the two aircraft tilt to the left as they started to climb into the clouds, at the same time he saw a black triangular shaped object also rising vertically into the clouds and out of sight. Although the triangle was some distance away and appeared to be very small, "the shape was unmistakable".

The latest report that we have received, comes from that ardent researcher Peter Gregory. Although in poor health, Peter's enthusiastic research continues. He has sent us the report on the adjoining page.



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On 17th September 1998, Thursday night, I finished work in Louth at 10.00pm. I got in my car and headed out of Louth on the B1502 to join up with the A16 which would take me as far as Ulceby Cross roundabout. From here I took the A1028 as far as Gunby Corner roundabout where I would use the back lanes to take me through Bratoft, Firsby and finally home to Great Steeping. About 10.25pm I was about 4 miles past Ulceby Cross and about a mile from Gunby Corner roundabout on the A1028 when I saw something. I thought at the time that it looked to be a little odd. I was alone on a fairly straight piece of road high up on the wolds, with a really good view of the surrounding stary night sky, with just an occasional high patch of cloud. As I drove along, heading roughly south east, from the north east of my car I saw three objects flying erratically and well beneath the legal flight limit. I have lived below RAF Coningsby's main flight path since I was five, I am now thirty three. In that time I have learnt a little about the RAF's night flying aircraft. This lead me to the belief that the two aircraft, with the typical flight lights, were that of two RAF Tornado's. However, the first object I saw was visibly different. It looked from its lights to be of a triangle nature. On each point it had a really bright green, more of a bright glow than a light created by a bulb. There were no other visible lights, no typical flashing lights as seen on a conventional aircraft. The triangle craft completed flight maneuvers I have never seen before. It seemed to be flying slightly offset from flat side first. At this point my interest got the better of me and I began to slow down as I watched on. As the two aircraft and the object got closer to my car, the left back aircraft tried to get ahead of the triangular shaped object with a fairly typical curved flight path. When the aircraft got in front it seemed to slow slightly. The triangle, moving forward, flew 90° to the right and then back 45° to the left, as the second aircraft tried to get ahead. The two aircraft seemed to be deliberately trying to force the triangular shaped craft to stay on a specific heading. The two aircraft and the triangular shaped craft flew directly over the top of my car. Looking up through the glass sunroof on my car, even though it was night time and the sunroof is slightly tinted, I saw the size of the triangular shaped craft. Looking up at the two aircraft from underneath the position of the lights, the size and the noise the jet engines were making they could not have been anything else other than Tornado's, similar to those that fly over my house on their way to land at RAF Coningsby. The triangle shaped craft with the three green lights on each tip, I would say to be about three quarters the size of the other two aircraft. It is a shame that I was the only person driving on that road at that time of night, other than whilst driving and trying to watch the three flying objects I occasionally wondered from my side of the road. I watched until I could see no more as I continued towards Gunby Corner. The whole incident took place in the distance of about half a mile as I drove. It seemed to be the longest half a mile I have ever driven. What was about ten to fifteen seconds felt like ten to fifteen minutes. About six minutes later I arrived home and discussed what I had just seen.



'THE THREAT' by David M.Jacobs, Ph.D.

Reviewed By Omar Fowler

I had the pleasure of meeting with Dr David M.Jacobs a few years ago in 1992, when he addressed a conference held at Manchester University. The revelations he made then, have been superceded by the sensational claims made in his latest book 'The Threat'.

The pattern of Alien intervention with our human species, described in this book seems utterly fantastic and more suited to the world of Science Fiction. We are asked to accept the stories of our participation in the Alien breeding programme, which is intended to produce a hybrid species that may ultimately take over control of our world.

Dr. Jacobs leaves nothing out, the stealing of eggs from our females, the wholesale theft of sperm from our males (by whatever means) and then the later introduction of the Alien/human hybrid to the human mother. It appears that most of these procedures are carried out by small 'Greys', working under the supervision of a taller Alien controller.

The human victims are often subjected to the Aliens peering closely into their faces, with the huge black Alien eyes performing some kind of 'mindscan' operation on the helpless human. A common feature being the inability of the victim to move, other than to follow the movement of the Aliens with their eyes. It seems that a 'downloading' of information is then made, either to steal the memories of the human, in order to pass them onto the 'hybrid' or in turn, to infiltrate the mind of the human victim with some kind of Alien control procedure. At times a glowing multifaceted orb may be cupped in the hands, which apparently facilitates the 'mindscan' operation.

It seems highly probable that the Alien hybrid programme has been going on for years and that in many cases they may have achieved their goal. We are told that the Aliens have produced the ultimate hybrid and that many of them are now on Earth and may be working alongside their unsuspecting human colleagues.

At this juncture, we could well ask, what is the basic human species? A very young child has no blueprint for living and like a very young animal it is dependent upon its parents for survival. From an early age we are subjected to a period of learning to conform and behave to a pattern as decreed by the society and culture that we are born into. Our human brain, could be likened to a new computer, with only a small percentage of its capability being used.

Are we in the throes of having a new computer programmer?

It might well be the case that "The Earth is in danger and humans are the problem," but at times Dr David M. Jacobs appears to be making claims in his book that border on near hysteria. There is only one minor problem...his deductions are made on well researched material! What he has related in his book are conclusions reached as the result of his extensive investigation into numerous 'contactee' incidents.

A world-wide pattern of identical abductions has been established and we should share his concern as to what is our ultimate destiny?

Readers may now turn to page 7. 'A Flying Triangle Abduction Case In North Yorkshire 1996' and note the similarities between this incident and the many abduction cases investigated by Dr. David M. Jacobs and referred to in the above article. Unless every abductee is well read in the matter of Alien Abductions, it is difficult to account for their similar recollections, other than to accept that they have shared the same experience.

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Miss 'MF' Interviewed by Omar Fowler on 13-9-98

This alleged incident took place on the 3rd of July 1996 in a village called Bilton near Harrogate, North Yorkshire. Miss MF (32) had finished an early shift at her place of work and as it was a nice sunny day, she decided to take a walk and into the nearby countryside. As she walked along she came across a pleasant looking field and finding a comfortable spot, sat down to read a book, the time was 9.45am.

It was sunny and warm as Miss MF sat quietly reading, then quite suddenly she was aware a large shadow moving over her. She looked up and was astonished to see a large black triangular craft overhead. It was twice the size of an aircraft and had a white light at each corner and hovered over her.

"I was amazed at the size of it and also the fact that there was no noise. In the quiet of the countryside, there should have been a noise from it, but there was nothing and that unnerved me. There were three lights on the triangle, but there were also other lights near it, which kept on flashing away", commented Miss MF.

Then suddenly a beam of blue light shot down from the FT and covered her. "The next thing, I felt that I was going upwards, very, very fast and I felt really sick. My nose was hurting and I'm scared of heights, I couldn't see anything, I was going up so fast and just seemed to black-out."

"The next moment, I was in a strange building everything was very bright white, so bright I couldn't see anything and there was a furny smell to it. I couldn't see much, because it was so white. I felt that I was laid on something, but I don't know what it was."

Miss MF then went on reluctantly to describe what happened next, there were strange small 'beings' around her and they were doing something down near her legs, but she couldn't see or feel anything. She went on to say: "I know that people see these drawings of Aliens on T-shirts and things, but these weren't like that. They had black eyes, there was no whites to their eyes, they had no eyebrows, no eyelashes, no cheekbones, no ears, no mouth or any facial hair or anything similar to our skin. It was just one skin tone a translucent white, I couldn't see any pores, any hair or any bone or anything."

"There was a taller Alien, he seemed to be in charge of the others and looked the same as the others, but he was about 6ft. I say 'he', 'it', I don't know what it was. He stood over me and then stared into my eyes and then I got this feeling of euphoria and happiness, which is odd. I thought that we could communicate because I'm sure that he could see what I was seeing and I had a feeling that I should be at peace, which is not a normal reaction, I should have been terrified."

"That was the last thing that I remember, the next thing was, I woke up in the field (from where she had been abducted), but I was in a different spot from where I had been originally and I found my book in the hedge. My watch had stopped, although I didn't notice this at the time and I had a rash on my arm.

When I got home 5 1/2 hours had elapsed, when I went in, I've got five dogs, the dogs reacted strangely to me, instead of coming up and jumping all over me, like they normally did, they were like whimpering and cowering away and sniffing all the way around me. I had an awful headache and nosebleeds. I thought it was like some kind of dream, but I've kept having really bad flashbacks and I have just felt really ill." (This investigation continues O.F.)

Tuesday 1st August 1995

We left the concert at The Orangery, Settrington House (near Malton) at about 2205 hours and drove, via Scagglethorpe on to the A64 towards York. As we drove past the Huttons Ambo turnoff at the end of the dual carriageway, Felicity looked to the left and saw 2 yellowy-orangey lights in the sky above Westow. This was very similar to a sighting she had in the same place on the evening of 26th July 1994.

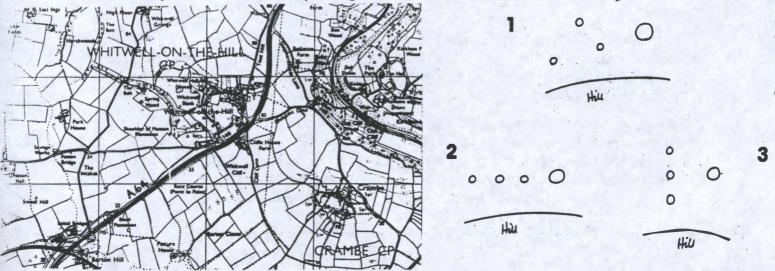
Peter stopped the car in the layby on the westbound side of the A64 near Whitwell-on-the-Hill (see map) and we got out to watch these lights which appeared to be fairly central in direction from our viewpoint. There were three in a triangle with a fourth, brighter to the right. Then 2 disappeared and reappeared. Then 2 changed places. The third light of the triangle was dimmer than the rest and seemed nearer the ground (see diagram 1). As we watched, two additional lights came in to the formation and these merged into one light which disappeared in an instant. Then all the 4 lights made a straight horizontal line (see diagram 2). Interestingly, whenever I sent out thoughts, the bigger light on the right pulsated brighter. The 3 lights on the left made a vertical line with the bigger light to the right (see diagram 3). The feeling that Felicity got was that the right hand light was like a teacher, with three pupils!

We watched these lights for between 15 and 20 minutes, between approximately 2230 and 2250, at which point we decided to try and find them. So we got back into the car, took the next left to Kirkham and drove up to Westow. The lights had by this time disappeared, so we carried on to just before Westow Grange and stopped the car. Felicity got out and went into a field on the left of the road beneath some power lines. She saw a glow towards Westow Grange over the hill and what appeared to be one of the lights disappearing into the distance towards Malton. However, by this time, Peter had had enough and wanted to turn the car around. Felicity felt a need to go to the tumulus and long barrow, but Peter wished to return home. So we retraced our steps and returned to the A64.

The lights we saw were <u>above</u> the hill in the sky and did not seem to be cars. They could not be street lights either, as they moved in a series of patterns. Perhaps we didn't drive far enough in order to locate them. By coincidence, on our way home to York, we saw a flashing blue light on the road from Leavening towards Howsham. Was this related in any way, we wondered?

The evening was fine, warm and clear, with a long twilight which meant that one could see the tops of the hills, even so late in the evening.

This account was written by Peter and Felicity Jones at 12.00 midnight on Tuesday 1st August 1995. Typed up by Felicity Jones at 1600 hours on Friday 18th September 1998, when the details were still as clear as they had been over three years ago, details taken from this handwritten report.



A GUATEMALAN CITIZEN TRAVELLED IN A SPACE SHIP WITH EXTRATERRESTRIALS! A contribtuion from Guatemala by Dr. Oscar Rafael Padilla Lara.

Guatemala C.A.

Miguel Angel Paniagua lives in a small village in Guatemala. Miguel claims that he has travelled in a Spaceship and has been in telepathic communication with extraterrestrial beings of human shape. Their bodies were "transparent" and "they floated around at floor level". (Miguel is not on his own! Transparent beings were described by Larry Warren at the scene of the 'Rendlesham Forest' UFO landing).

Miguel stated that one morning at around two o'clock, or a little later he saw a 'ship' descending from the sky and it landed near to his house and about 15 meters from where he was standing. It came to rest on a tripod landing gear and intermittently flashed different coloured lights. A short time passed and then two 'beings' came out of the craft. They took him on board the craft and then flew him to two different locations in Guatemala City on then on to Petén.

During the flight, Miguel said that it was communicated to him by "their voices within my head" that a long time ago (the number of years were not specified, as the beings are not limited to time or space), three of the aliens 'mother ships' were damaged and had to land. One of the ships is buried in Guatemalan territory near Peten, another is buried in Mexico and the third is buried in Argentina. It appears that the extraterrestrials are now visiting us frequently, as they are trying to recover their buried equipment which has been there for many of our years, as we understand time.

Miguel went on to say that when the aliens visited Petén, they used some kind of ray directed into the earth and by this means they began extracting objects. Some were later stored in the ship and others were stored in tunnels, which had been specially excavated by the aliens. The visitors conversed with Miguel and he was informed that the products in the buried ships were of great interest to them and he was shown a great number of object that had been retrieved. "They looked like bottles containing coloured liquids, but I was unable to find out what they were" commented Miguel. "They also told me that the 'Maya' people had been taught by them and this explained why their culture had been superior to that of the ancient Greeks." Many of the Mayans had apparently been taken to another planet and Miguel believes that it is possible many of them are still living there today.

The story related by Miguel Angel Paniagua seems unbelievable, but he has said himself, that what took place was outside our understanding of reality and ventures into the unknown.

Miguel spoke of being taken to several places in the ship, which was travelling at a speed which cannot be described. It seemed to take only seconds to travel from one place to another, which was something totally unknown to him. It is because of this reason, that he has no logical explanation for many of the things that happened.

He hopes that one day he will have the opportunity to meet the 'visitors' again, as he has so many questions that he wants to ask them, as he is sure that "they know everything". He had never seen anything like the ship he was in and he believes that he will never experience anything like it again.

Editors Note: Dr Oscar Rafael Padilla Lara is an 'ABOGADO Y NOTARIO' (member of the legal profession in Guatemala: Solicitor and Notary Public) and a member of many UFO investigative bodies such as APRO etc. The above story may have been embroidered by the village witness, but in view of some of his observations, it could well have a basis in an actual event that took place. The 'glass-like' figures, the telepathic contact and the fact that the beings were not limited to time or space, could give some credibility to this story.

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GIGANTIC FLYING TRIANGLE CRAFT SEEN OVER HULL 7TH OCTOBER 1997

(Our thanks to the Hull UFO Society - HUFOS for drawing this incident to our attention)

The witness (ref: GP), lives in Hull and is an engineer with a major oil company. He has travelled widely throughout the Middle East. His background no doubt assisted in his methodical study of this huge craft during the short time that it was visible. (GP drove to Derby to relate his experience to the PRA. This is an abbreviated report of the incident.)

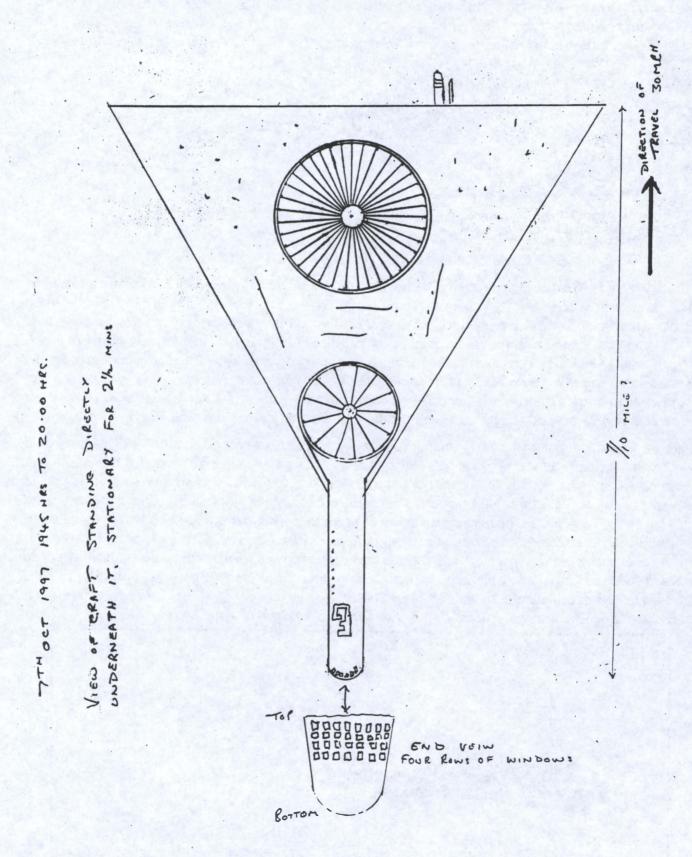
I had been adjusting new security lights outside my house, the time was 7.45pm. My wife had been walking back and forth in the garden to assist me with setting the infra-red trip. She drew my attention to a series of red streaks of light forming in the sky directly in line with the Humber Bridge. The centre one was exactly straight, one coming alongside of it came up and curled over to the right a second one came up next to that and curled over to the right, then another light came up on the left and curled over to the left again until there were five streaks of light in the sky. They stayed on for so long and then they started clicking out. They were about a mile away and looked about two miles long. I heard a buzzing and a 'crack' as the lights went out.

I was just standing there looking around and wondering what it was, when all of a sudden I saw a series of 'fiery red lights' up on the right. There were about five, three of them were very large and the one on the end was slightly smaller and there was another one that was smaller still. The lights were flickering, like a blacksmiths forge. I thought that they were helicopters at first, but the lights were about ten times bigger than a helicopter. Then I saw other lights over on the right, then I saw an orange glow and I suddenly realised that this the result of the city lights bouncing off the bottom of a huge craft and it was a Triangle, I thought I just don't believe this. It was moving blunt side forward at about 30mph. The sheer size was enormous! You could see the lights curling around the edges of the Triangle and you could see the bottom of it, just an orange glow. Anyway, it stopped and it did a turn, overturned (went too far) and then corrected itself. It went a bit further on for about a quarter of a mile, stopped and did the same thing again. I wondered if the wind was turning it, but there was no wind at all.

We were looking up (GP and his wife), I was standing in the flower bed and my neck was aching and I looked down and then when I looked up, it had gone! I thought that's crazy, all I did was look down! That was it, it had gone. I looked all around but couldn't see anything, then I looked up and I was amazed, there was something like a rib-cage and two giant circles underneath it and there was like a tail on the end of it. It was right above us, it was gigantic. The red balls that I had been looking for, must have been above it. I just kept looking and looking and every now and then I would look down to see if the trees and grass, the garage were still there, it was beautiful, you could see everything crystal clear. Electro-magnetic forces....all this was running through my mind., I was frightened to death, in case I was going to get some sort of forcefield on me. It was absolutely silent, no noise, no wind, it was just hanging there. It seemed an eternity, but it could have only have been two or three minutes.

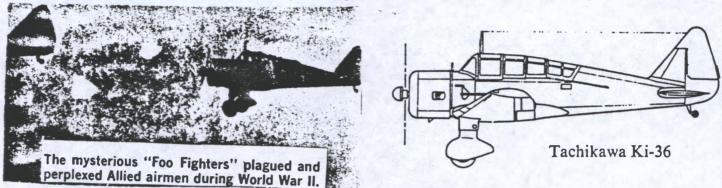
It seemed to be up there for ages and ages, my wife was chattering away, but I didn't say anything, I was just keeping quiet, I was just taking everything in. I was trying to memorize every little piece, there must have been over a thousand lights underneath it, all the lights, no matter what it was, they were all pale blue lights. It was really high, but you could see everything, I reckon you could have got three 747 Jumbo jets, wing-tip to wing-tip, across the middle. I know that you say, hold a ten P piece up at arms length....if you had held up a cricket bat, that would have been more like it! It really was massive. At intervals, I put my head down and tried to remember what was what, then I looked up again to check, I was doing this and then I thought, the length, how can I get the length? I thought an imaginary plumb line, one at each end. I though, one end was more or less over the river at Hull and the other end at Greenwood Avenue. Anyway the next day, I took the car and set the day-trip on the speedo' and drove from one point to the other and it was seven tenths of a mile! It could have been a little smaller, but it rules out 20 feet and rules out half a mile. I know it seems really bizarre, but that's what it was! (Lights were reported by several witnesses during the same period).

Mr GP's Drawing of the HULL 'Flying Triangle'.



Throughout WW2 there were isolated reports of hovering silver balls/balls of light apparently observing a scene of conflict during various operations. There is no doubt that such encounters took place, as they have been reported by responsible aircrew members and military personnel. However a number of writers who happily churn out a new book of the old 'pot boilers' in time for Christmas, take no apparent effort to research their material and presumably just pick various stories out of a UFO file to fill the book.

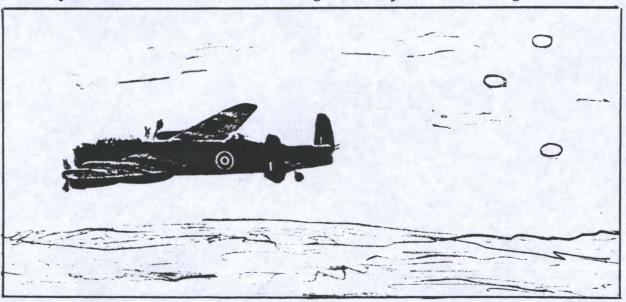
I have come across two books recently which have shown the well worn photo (depicted below) of 'Foo Fighters' either described as 'Allied Aircraft over Europe' or 'American Aircraft in the Pacific'. Both statements are totally incorrect, as the aircraft are Japanese Tachikawa Ki-36's over Mongolia in 1939.



A LANCASTER BOMBER PILOT'S REPORT FROM WW2

Ex-Lancaster pilot George Barton has written to us from his home in South Africa, to relate an incident that took place in June 1944. "I was flying from Elsham Wolds, in Lincolnshire, with 576 Sqdn. 1 Group Bomber Command. I remember the incident very well, the raid in question was just after 'D-Day' June 1944 and was the second of three raids we made on 'Stuttgart' in the Ruhr, Germany. Bomber Command (on night raids) never flew direct to the target, but flew a series of 'dog legs', the idea being not to let the Germans know where we were heading for, until the last possible moment. Anyway on this particular night, it seemed that 'Jerry' knew every move we made, as he had dropped fighter flares (to illuminate the bombers) at regular intervals along each of our 'dog legs' and our losses were quite heavy."

"When we eventually got back to base and into debriefing, I was pretty tired and not really paying much attention to the chap who was debriefing us and in fact my mind was wandering. It was for this reason that I became aware of what the guys at the next table were saying. One particular chap chap was rather excited and was therefore talking in a loud voice, I took him to be the rear gunner. Apparently as they were approaching the Target Area, he became aware of spheres following behind them, it was as though they were caught in the aircraft's slipstream. He thought it was a new German secret weapon so he asked his skipper to take violent evasive action, while at the same time, he tried to shoot them down. Neither action did any good, as the spheres easily kept their position behind the aircraft. I got the impression that the spheres were the size of a large football." "I had no idea of what he was talking about at the time and it was not until after the war that I heard about 'Foo Fighters' and put two and two together!"



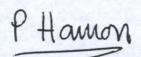
Swadlincote, Derbys. UFO Report: 11th January 1996. (Source: Dominic Beglin of BUFORA)

The event occurred on 11th January 1996, it was a Thursday evening and a programme on the television had just finished. The programme was called "Secret History" - The Roswell Incident on Channel 4, the time was approximately 21.30 hrs.

On reaching the darkened kitchen, having picked up the empty mugs and walked from the Living Room, I noticed flickering lights outside the kitchen window (towards the top third section of the window). When I looked out of the window to get a better look at the lights, I saw a beautiful flickering craft with a red light on the top of it. I rushed outside as quickly as possible (due to bare feet) and stood on the patio watching this silent hovering craft just 20 feet (6 metres) away from me. It was hovering just above the garden fence approximately 10 feet (3.3 metres) off the ground. The red light on top of the craft was large in comparison with what seemed to be hundreds of small flickering lights all over the craft - all going on and off at different intervals while the red light stayed on constantly - it was not as bright as I thought it should be.

The craft, to my surprise, then did a step like motion and dropped down twice. It then went behind a house on the right at the top of the street and at this time the craft must have been almost on the ground. The craft was moving slowly to the right and I walked along the pavement outside my house to see if I could still see the craft but this was not possible due to the row of buildings. As I was barefoot and couldn't see the craft because of the buildings blocking my view I walked back to my house and as I reached it a low flying jet roared over the top of the houses. It was so low that it was bigger than the two semi-detached houses of mine and my neighbours. The jet appeared black, its wings were swept back and it had three lights on the underside of the jet, one light under the nose of the jet and one light under each wing. The lights were quite big and yellowy white in colour.

To give the pilot credit, he flew directly over the UFO. It seems that someone else was interested in the 8ft x 8ft (2.6m x 2.6m) silent craft on that night 11th January 1996 as well.



The Evening Sky

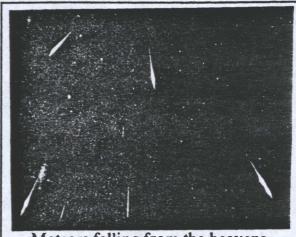
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On the evening of the 17th, right through to the morning of the 18th, the Earth will plunge through an interplanetary river of dust. This river is sparse and thin, composed of sand-bits and dust-clouds separated by miles of vacuum. For a few hours, many of these particles will tear into the Earth's upper atmosphere at a speed of more than 150 thousand miles an hour. Each will produce a momentary streak of light in the sky, a shooting star of the Leonid meteor shower.

How dense the river of meteoroids will be at the place where they plunge through is anyone's guess. However, East Asia will be centred, facing the oncoming stream so we in the UK should see quite a spectacular sight. You need to observe between midnight and dawn to face the oncoming stream and of course a dark observational site is crucial. Remember your winter woollies.

The Leonid meteor shower is well known and peaks every 33 years. The last Leonid 'storm' occurred in 1966 which I observed from Devon. A really great Leonid meteor storm struck in 1833 when 150 thousand fire balls fell to the Earth every hour, many hitting the ground in flames! I personally would relish such a storm on the 17th and I am keeping my fingers crossed.

So concerned are the Space Agencies who operate over 500 Earth satellites that they are shutting down or rotating many satellites (including the Hubble Space Telescope), to present their least vulnerable profile to the potential meteor sand-blasting.



Meteors falling from the heavens

The Moon is full on November 3rd and a New Moon occurs on the 18th. A New Moon means that no Moon will be shining on the night and morning of the Leonid shower! Do make an effort to venture into the night but be careful you do not get bonked on the head!

Jupiter and Saturn shine brightly in the south eastern evening sky. Mars rises well before dawn and Mercury struggles up from the glare of the Sun at evening twilight.

Evenings at this time of year offer a beautiful contrasting scene of bright and dim constellations and increasingly long, colourful twilights. Autumn is my favourite season. The sharp long shadows and the smell of the Great Earth Mother beneath one's feet fill one with awe. You can literally smell autumn and it is the most wonderful smell on Earth.

Autumn is also a time of contemplation and reflection. The winter solstice approaches and another year begins to fade. Our great little planet 'Earth' continues to orbit the Sun and as you look out across the universe, maybe for one fleeting moment, you can allow your spirit to float freely, unfettered among the stars.

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

International UFO Hunter From Jackson Heights Dies At Age 88

by Dan Havlik

Colman von Keviczky, an internationally renowned researcher of UFOs who gathered thousands of documents and photos he said" proved the existence of flying saucers, died last week at North Shore Hospital in Long Island. Von Keviczky, a Hungarian immigrant and longtime resident of Jackson Heights, was 88.

According to Antonio Huneeus, a fellow UFO researcher, von Keviczky's death was caused by prostate

cancer.

While von Keviczky was not well known in the United States, he was considered in international circles and particularly in eastern Europe to be a "patriarch" of UFO studies in the world, Huneeus said.

Europe than he was here,' said Michael Luckman, the

director of the New York Center for UFO Research.

"He recently appeared at a UFO conference in Budapest, Hungary, where he was mobbed by the media and attendees. He was a real hero in the field of UFOs."

A retired major with the Royal Hungarian Army and the founder of the Intercontinental UFO Galactic Spacecraft Research and Analytic Network (ICUFON) which he ran out of his Jackson Heights apartment on 75th Street, von Keviczky was best known for his controversial UFO theories regarding the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI) space laser program.

Von Keviczky often claimed that SDI, or "Star Wars" as it is commonly known, was created by President Ronald Reagan not to defend against a nuclear missile attack from the Soviet Union, but in fact to repel an alien

invasion from outer space.

To draw attention to this belief, von Keviczky organized a protest of about 100 people in front of the United Nations building in Manhattan in 1994 imploring the UN to come clean about Star Wars.

'He was absolutely the number one figure in the world in pushing the idea that the Star Wars program was aimed at UEOs," Luckman said.



"He was much bigger in Colman von Keviczky at a UFO press conference in Ne York in 1997.

"He felt it would be the biggest mistake this planet could do to fire on UFOs without provocation."

And von Keviczky was not shy about confronting anyone with his views, Huneeus said.

A prominent member of the Hungarian-American community, the retired major was once part of a delegation that attended a SDI briefing organized by the Reagan White House. After the President's science advisor gave a speech explaining SDI, von Keviczky roared out that Star Wars was really aimed at intergalactic forces and not at the Soviets. The major was never invited back to the White House.

Von Keviczky actually worked in the United Nations' public information department in the mid-1960s but was fired in a flap over UFOs. According to von Keviczky, he was commissioned by then Secretary General U Thant to work on a study on how the problem of UPOs could be inserted into the UN's agenda. Soon after leaking news of this assignment to the press, von Keviczky found himself out of a job. The order to fire the major reportedly came directly from the White House.

Von Keviczky's interest in UFOs was pricked after he immigrated to the United States in 1952. During this time period, UFO

mania was rampant in U.S. and several flying saucers were reportedly spotted hovering over the Capitol building in Washington D.C.

According to Huneeus, who is international coordinator for the Mutual UFO Network, von Keviczky never actually had a "close encounter" with a UFO himself but collected thousands of documents from the U.S. government via the Freedom of Information. Act which showed that this country's military was keeping tabs on extraterrestrials.

The documents totaled 10,000 pages of reports and photographs of flyovers and brief landings by alien spacecraft at military installations across the United States, Luckman cla med. Von Keviczky compiled the documents into packets and issued what he called "memorandums" to various researchers and governments around the world alerting them to the existence of UFOs. Some of von Keviczky's UFO memoranda were published in Hungary and Japan as commercial books.

Much of the archive of UFO military documents, which is still in storage at the major's Jackson Heights apartment, has been used as evidence by UFO researchers from around the world to prove the existence of flying saucers and extraterrestrial life.

'He was the Paul Revere of UFOs," Luckman said.

Huneeus added that von Keviczky and his apartment, with its trove of UFO material, was one of the "must see" stops for international UFOlogists visiting New York.

But von Keviczky also attracted the occasional inquiring governmental agent.

Luckman noted that two snooping "FBI guys" paid an unannounced visit to the retired major's apartment several years ago but were met with a stern response from the burly Hungarian.

"He told the two guys that he had nothing to give them that they didn't already have because his archive was composed of declassified military documents," Luckman recalled.

"And then he told the two men that if anything, the government owed him money for all those years after he was fired from the

The memorial service for von Keviczky, which was attended by prominent Hungarian nationals and New York City UFO researchers, was held last Thursday at the Hungarian Reformed Church in Manhattan. Von Keviczky is survived by his wife Yolanda and his son Attila, from a previous marriage.

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TALE ENDERS

ALL UFO GROUPS IN THE U.K. AND EUROPEAN MAINLAND ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN "PROJECT FT". At present there are 33 UFO groups assisting in this 'Flying Triangle' research and the database (Director: Victor J.Kean) has over 7,000 FT sighting reports (Aug. 1942 - to the present day). See: http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/Tspurrier/ufosight.htm. All contributing groups will receive a report of the project's findings. Send your data to: Tony Spurrier, 18 Argyle Road, Edmonton, London. N18 2PP, or E-Mail Victor J.Kean: 100545.1505@Compuserve.com

WITH REGRET we report the sad passing of the well know Essex UFO Group Chairman and researcher RON WEST on Thursday 15th October. Ron was a valuable contributor to the 'Project FT' programme and was well known in UFO circles. He died peacefully at home after a complicated illness.

AUSTRALIA IN A BIT OF A STATE says PRA member Bernadette Pattison (Queensland). The Sydney water has been undrinkable for weeks, and the state of Victoria has been without power (gas) after an explosion in the gas lines in the Bass Strait. There have also been more power station problems along the East Coast, since the massive electrical failure a few months ago. (see OVNI May/June & July/Aug.)

THE PROPHECIES OF NOSTRADAMUS (Century 10, Quatrain 72) In the year 1999 and seven months, from the sky will come a great, frightening King, to raise again the Great King of the Mongols. After, Mars shall reign happily. (Sounds as though the 'Millennium Bug' isn't the only thing we have to worry about!)

DAVE CHORLEY, of the famous Crop Circle hoaxing pair (Doug & Dave) has died. (No details available)

A 'SKY WATCH' is being organised by IUFON (Bradford) & UFO Magazine, for the night of Friday 13th/14th November. The PRA may hold an organised watch (depending on the response to the Editor) or individuals can participate by spending a few hours watching from their back garden.

ERIC HOWARD (A psychic from Ossett) Is becoming very concerned about a geological fault developing close to St. Agness Head, Cornwall. "Things are on the move", he said. (If St. Agness disappears, remember you read it here first!)

L.A.P.I.S. CONFERENCE AT BLACKPOOL ON 14/15th NOVEMBER: A wide range of home and international speakers. £12 daily. Details: Sam-01253-691301, June-01253-356821-Paulette-01253-398410.

LARGE FT SEEN NEAR FROME in Somerset, 18 August 98. James M. an experienced aircraft enthusiast stated that the FT "looked boomerang-shaped and black and travelled at the speed of a military jet towards Trowbridge." "The weird part is that it moved to the left about 500 yards, without turning on its 'nose' and without tipping its wings, it stayed on the same heading as before." (Source: UFO Roundup 25 August 98)

FT SEEN CHASING A 747. Mr James A. Hill heard a roaring noise and looked up from his garden (Wanborough, nr. Swindon) and saw a 747 jet being followed by a 'Flying Triangle' (July 1996). He rushed for his binoculars, in time to see the 747 heading towards Cirencester, still being followed by the FT. He observed contrails from the 747 but not from the 'golden' FT. "It may have been effect of the sun" said Mr Hill. "The FT was bigger than the 747 and there were no lights on the tips or in the centre. The FT was about a 1/4 mile behind the jet, then speeded up to within a few hundred yards, then both went out of sight". (Source: 'Awareness' Contact International Research, Wheatley, Oxon.)

NEXT PRA MEETING will be held at the Royal British Legion, Allenton, Derby at 8pm on Tuesday, 24th November. An audio/slide presentation of UFO cases investigated by Omar Fowler over the last 25 years.

£1 on the night: non-members welcome. (There will be no meeting in December)

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