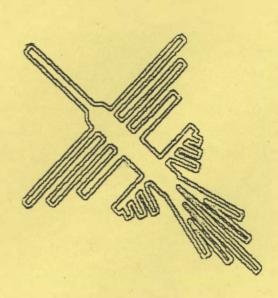
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MILITARY SECRECY - DO WE REALLY HAVE A CLUE?

There has been a steady trickle of unusual UFO related reports filtering through to the PRA in recent weeks. Many of them point to the probability of Military involvement and the continued shielding of sensitive information from the general public. Although we are aware that this has been going on for many years, there has been an increase in the number of reports of what appears to be military activity.

The continued probing of such investigators as Nicholas Redfern has revealed that there has been a great deal going on in the past that has been kept from the public gaze. Do we really have any idea of the technical advances now being made and the government involvement in the fog of secrecy descending over our land?

It has only recently been revealed that the American NSA (National Security Agency) is now actively monitoring TWO BILLION communication channels every day. (*This includes telephone, fax and mobile phone channels*). Remember that the NSA have listening stations not only in the UK, but in many other countries throughout the world.

A few mysterious incidents have come to our ears and a selection of these reports have been reproduced in this issue of the OVNI for the readers information.

BROUGHTON MOOR M.O.D. BASE

(Regular readers will recollect the FT activity over this base: see OVNI Nov/Dec 99)

From Sharon Larkin: Northwest Cumbria UFO Research & Investigations.

I have been very busy with all the UFO activity in the Cumbrian skies. Since obtaining a video camcorder, I have even managed to film a 'multicoloured' light in the sky near the 'dis-used' Broughton Moor M.O.D. base!

Last week (21-27th February) a TV film crew from 'Channel 5' came to do some filming of our group activies. While filming outside the Broughton M.O.D. base, the mysterious 'white jeep' turned up and parked alongside us, watching! (This jeep has previously been observed patrolling inside the security fence of the base).

The Channel 5 TV crew caught this all on film, then a strange looking plane flew over our heads twice. It may be totally innocent, but at the time it was quite unnerving.

I am currently trying to trace a witness to a 'Flying Triangle' a few weeks ago. Apparently the woman was walking her dog and was suddenly faced with this craft and then she walked underneath it!

Many other 'locals' have also seen this craft at Broughton Moor and it has been described as large, silent and covered with multicoloured lights. There may be some connection with the light that I filmed last week.

MYSTERY AT EGREMONT (CUMBRIA)

A a strange incident occurred at Egremont, Cumbria on a night in November last year. Egremont is situated a few miles Southeast of Whitehaven on the Northwest coast.

Mr Taylor in the company of Brenda and Louise Taylor were at their home, which is in a built up area of the town. Suddenly at about 9pm the house lights went out, as the electricity supply to the area was cut off. Almost immediately there was a "really loud noise" which was apparently caused by an aircraft flying low at a height estimated at only 400ft. "We all went out to look, as it was so low we thought it was going to crash" said Mr Taylor.

It was dark outside, but the sky was clear and the witnesses made out the shape of an aircraft (described as a "bomber type plane") heading north. It seemed to fly on for about two miles and then turned and headed back towards them. It was then that they realised the aircraft was following what they described as "a totally blacked out object with no lights at all". The object was a greyish/black colour and appeared to "glide" at a speed estimated to be about 50-250mph.

The aircraft and object then flew back over the house and were both on a southerly course, heading towards Sellafield (Nuclear Power Station). Within seconds, the aircraft was out of sight and about twenty minutes later, the electricity power came on again.

STRANGE LIGHT FORMATION OVER BOTHEL, CUMBRIA

The time was 8pm on Tuesday, November 30th when UFO witness, Mrs Harwood was driving on the A595 Carlisle to Cockermouth road and just passing through Bothel village. Suddenly she noticed a diamond formation of "very bright different coloured lights" (later described as being red, blue, green and white).

The lights were moving across the sky from right to left (North to South) and as she viewed them through her car windscreen, they passed almost directly overhead. The lights were described as being like a "Christmas tree shape, only horizontal". She could not hear any noise from the light formation from inside the car.

Mrs Harwood was shocked and said that her first thought was "what is a Christmas Tree doing up there?" She also mentioned that prior to her sighting, the car radio had been playing and then for some unknown reason, it cut out twice when the lights were in her vicinity.

The duration of the sighting was less than two minutes and it was discovered later that Mrs Harwood's son-in-law had viewed a similar object from Cockermouth (8 miles to the Southwest).

Sharon Larkin informs us that the investigation is still on-going.



Mrs Harwoods sketch of the mysterious lights

RAF SKENDLEBY - UNDERGROUND BASE

A Report from Peter Gregory of Skywatch International, Lincolnshire.

(This underground complex could still be used as a perfect protection for scientists or important military personnel in the event of any environmental or military emergency, speculated Peter.)

FRIDAY NIGHT THE 10TH OF SEPTEMBER 1999.

Sue myself and our son in law Earl arrived at RAF SKENDLEBY at 8-55pm. A bright light was plainly visible through the bungalow window but no evidence of anyone in or near the building at all. The first thing we did was to check the main gate which we found was securely locked. There was no cars parked either outside or inside the compound, not that we could see anyway.

Both Sue and Earl said they could hear a continuous low humming sound which was coming from inside the building.

Not being able to walk I sat in the car while Sue and Earl walked around the perimeter fence looking for parked vehicles, none was seen. They did however hear the sound of the large fans working in the ventilation shafts which does prove that the complex is up and running.

After spending another twenty minutes sitting in the car watching the entrance we came to the conclusion that the machinery may have been switched on and then left unattended, perhaps for the rest of the night.

We shall now be making regular late night visits to Skendleby hoping to discover just why a supposed disused underground base is fully operational again.

As I said before there could be a very simple explanation for what is going on. The base could now be used as storage or even sold, people with money do tend to buy very strange properties these days!

It would be very interesting to know if any of the other underground bases have been reactivated in the same way?

MYSTERIOUS CROP CIRCLE EVENT IN DONCASTER A report from Tony Craddock CSETI quoting an unnamed source (on file). (Edited by OVNI)

Although this report from a single witness cannot be confirmed by us, it is considered to be of great interest and hopefully will be substantiated at a later date. Ed.

I live just outside of Doncaster town centre and during June 1999 there were a string of Crop Circle reports to the local Doncaster paper and one in particular made it onto the local radio.

Although I never actually saw it, I heard that a large complex Crop Circle pattern had been discovered and it covered almost two acres of land. Burn rings had been reported in the middle of the fields.

After this Crop Circle had been discovered, the land which has a public bridleway, was closed off. The entrance to the bridleway was closed off at both ends and the bridleway which runs alongside the field was also fenced off. A nearby farmhouse had canvas sheets placed in front of it.

(It also appears that sections of the field were screened off presumably to stop the farmer and other bystanders seeing what was going on.: Ed.)

This was pretty exciting in itself, as my family live across from the farm and nearby stately home.

After a couple of days, I got a telephone call from my Dad to say that three army trucks with an insignia 'FL 15' (in white), turned up that night. In the morning they were observed parked at the side of a large canvas type tent near the farm.

The whole street became interested and people with binoculars were able to see men and a woman, dressed in blue overalls and military type combat gear. During the day they were seen taking pieces of machinery from the truck to the large canvas tent.

The activity went on for six day, then the day before they left, the canvas sections covering the field were removed until it was all off, but the 'best bit' was that the crop in the field (I've no idea what it was), was all gone and all that remained was just turned soil.

After this, the local paper stopped printing the Crop Circle stories and did not even do a follow-up to these events. We even gave them a video showing the trucks, the army personnel and the total field covered up/hidden with canvas.

Almost everyone on my parents street took photographs of how things developed over the six days while the 'military' were there.

I heard a story from a friend in Whitby, saying that their local radio had reported army carriers coming and going from RAF Fylingdales (Early Warning Radar Station) to places as far as South Yorkshire...and that was actually reported on the radio.

Has anyone else heard of these Crop Circle activities in Doncaster?

(Our thanks to Neil Cunningham for passing this information to us)

The events described above are reminiscent of military activity that occurred around the 'Charlton Crater' in the West Country, back in the early 60's? Ed.

AIRBORNE MYSTERY SIGHTING OVER CANADA

A local Derby man recently contacted us and related an amazing sighting made while flying over Canada last year. He explained a strange structure seen by him and other witnesses in the cloud layer below.

Details of the sighting were forwarded to Dr.Richard F.Haines in Los Altos, California, for his analysis and comments. Dr.Haines is a NASA consultant and the World's leading expert on aerial UFO encounters. He is a long-standing colleague of your Editor and expressed his pleasure in being able to assist us with his observations.

The main witness (who will be referred to as Mr 'DD'), contacted us last year shortly after returning from a trip to Vancouver, Canada. His amazing sighting is detailed below, followed by the comments of Dr.Richard F.Haines.

Mr DD was on a Canadian Airlines flight No.BA 85, operated by British Airways. The aircraft was a Boeing 747 (Jumbo Jet) and Mr DD and his companion were sitting in seats 26-27 over the aircraft wing. The aircraft was about one hour away from its Vancouver destination and the aircraft had commenced its descent. It was believed to be at an altitude of 20,000ft when the 'structures' were observed.

The incident happened at 0100hrs GMT on the 6th October 99 (1700hrs local time 5th Oct.). The location was 53 degrees N - 117 degrees W (Alberta, Canada). Approx. 7,000ft below the aircraft at a distance of 5 - 10 miles at an angle of 30 degrees, starboard of the aircraft heading. The observation was made for 45 - 65 seconds.

The weather conditions were: smooth 10/10 cloud cover 7,000ft below the aircraft with isolated columns of cloud rising from the base cover to 4,000ft below the aircraft. It was daylight, with unlimited visibility and no turbulence. There were no (mountain) peaks or land visible due to the cloud cover.

The Observation

The aircraft seats 26 - 27 J are overwing seats, however when the aircraft commenced its initial descent, it was possible to see ahead and below, over the leading edge of the wing and it was from this position that the observation was made. Three stationary objects were seen.

Object (1) was a rectangular structure, brown in colour and had the proportions of a house brick standing on end.

Object (2) was a black triangular structure, standing vertical on its base and 'docked' onto object 1.

Object (3) was a white/silver shallow dome, poking through the base cloud. The curve of the dome suggested that there could have been a larger structure below.

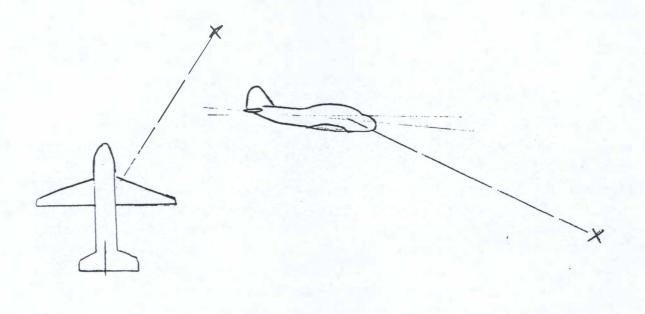
Mr DD's companions comments: She only saw the dome shape and thinks that it could have been a lake.

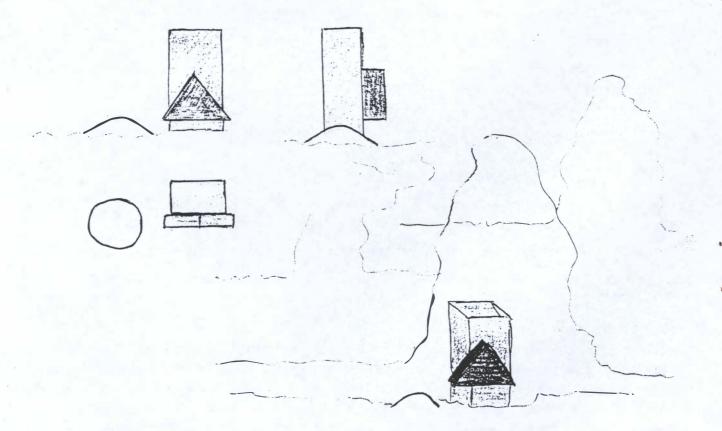
Mr DD's comments: I think that object (1) was the top of Mt. Robson (3954m/12972ft.) and that object (3) could have been a snowfield. However, object (2) is a complete mystery!

Editors Comments

Drawings of the observation are shown on the following page and the witness has shown the structures to have sharp angular lines. However the estimated height of the aircraft (20,000ft.) minus the distance to the estimated cloud cover (7,000ft below), would leave the distinct possibility that the top of Mt. Robson (12972ft.and described as the most spectacular part of the Candian Rockies system) was partly responsible for the sighting. In any event there are several peaks in the Rocky Mountains, on that aircraft approach path, are around the 11,000ft height. However, the question remains that the witness, Mr 'DD' has shown a structure with distinct lines and angles.

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Witness 'DD's Drawing of the structure

Canadian Rockies Sighting: contd.

A Comment from Victor J.Kean ('Project FT' Co-ordinator)

If when viewed through an aircraft window, the top of Mount Robson can look like a "rectangular structure"...and a "snow field" can look like a "shallow dome", then the "triangular shape" could merely be a flat part of the mountain. The angle of view through the double thickness of an aircraft window would produce distorted images.

I do not have a photograph of Mount Robson, so I cannot check this possibility. However, I have checked my Encyclopaedia Britannica CD and it states that Mount Robson is composed of horizontal shale strata, for me, that clinches it!

Comments from Dr. Richard F. Haines U.S.A.

Thank you for the most interesting airline passenger sighting report you sent me for my comments:

- (1) As you may already know, sightings of large, dark, non-aerodynamic objects with very high drag coefficients have been reported by pilots at high altitudes for many years. Aerodynamic forces do not seem to be implicated here. Indeed, I am now studying ufo reports that (a) include detailed facts about the sighting, (b) contain drawings of the object, and (c) are clearly not aerodynamic, i.e. the object should not be capable of flight. I have about 150 so far worldwide and seek more. The more bizarre the shape of the object the better. And so, the objects in your report are not all that unusual.
- (2) The witness's report indicates a vertical angle (below horizon) of about 30 degrees arc. This would likely place the objects somewhat below the normal eye-scan limit of the First Officer, particularly as they tend to sit low in their seats during long flights and only scan out ahead of their aircraft horizontally and somewhat above that. Nevertheless, you may want to write to BA and see if any report was made by this crew.
- (3) A check of my AIRCAT files for that month indicate only the following:

12 Oct. 1999 0220 L Phoenix, Arizona USA 6 min 1 ufo, 2 pilots

25 Oct. 1999 - - - - Heathrow, UK MD - 81, 35,000ft, bright light passed jet

? Oct. 1999 1800 San Mateo, Mexico, DC-9, stationary huge sphere, 3 red lights

(4) I find it quite unlikely that these objects could have been solid structures at ground level, given the alleged atmospheric (cloud) conditions. One could research the cloud cover, visibility, precipitation, etc. at that time and place on the internet. If you have access look at:

http//www.fedworld.gov/east.htm

http://directory.netscape.com/Science/Earth_Sciences/Meteorology/Weather_Phenomena

http://directory.netscape.com/News?Weather/Ultraviolet Forecasts

http://iwin.nws.noaa.gov/iwin/us/ultraviolet.html

http://www.sjc.org/ "airlines and Flights"

The Trip.comhttp://www.flightexplorer.com/

In this regard, one could research that flight path with FAA sectionals looking for all large geometric ground structures present. I am only now collecting such flight charts for North America and don't yet have that region. They are expensive.

Well, I hope that these few comments have proved helpful.

Richard F. Haines

(This investigation is ongoing:Ed.)

THE LATEST REPORT FROM PETER GREGORY (Mablethorpe, Lincs.)

FLYING TRIANGLE MYSTERY.
SECOND SIGHTING FOR YOUNG COUPLE.

Date. 17th of February 2000.

Location. Top of Miles cross hill near Alford, Lincs.

Time. 7-52pm.

Weather. Fine but cloudy.

Observers. Earl and Ayesha Wheatley.

Earl and Ayesha Wheatley who saw a flying triangle near Ulceby cross on the 6th of January this year have had another sighting. This craft was observed less than a mile from the spot of their first encounter, the description is very similar.

Again they were travelling along the Al104 up Miles cross hill from Alford. They were in a line of traffic approaching the top of the hill and had just passed the crossroads to Well when a large triangle shot across the road from their right.

It had three red lights in a triangular pattern with one small flashing white light in it's centre, there was no engine noise. The FT's flight path was almost identical to the one seen in January, moving towards Skegness and open sea.

Earl said it was quite large, he estimated it's size to be about twice the width of the road. He also said it was flying far too low to be a conventional aircraft.

When Ayesha was asked if she felt any physical effects she replied, "I felt a little dizzy for a few moments but nothing else."

Earl felt no effects at all.

The interesting thing about both sightings is they occurred on Thursday evenings, perhaps there is a pattern emerging here which is worth investigation. Skywatch will keep you updated.

New Physical Evidence Of Abductions - Triangle Changes To Sphere & More

Filer's Files #07 -- 2000, MUFON Skywatch Investigations George A. Filer, Director, Mutual UFO Network Eastern February 18, 2000, Majorstar@aol.com (609) 654-0020 Web Site at www.filersfiles.com. -- Chuck Warren Webmaster.

NEW PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF ABDUCTIONS

Marilyn Ruben at Alien Abduction Experience and Research reports that a significant breakthrough in the search for trace physical evidence of alien abductions may have been uncovered in ordinary household dust according to biophysicist Dr. William C. Levengood of Pinelandia Biophysics Laboratory of Michigan. Microscopic glassy particles have been found in household dust of individuals claiming to be abductees. Glassy particles have been found in bedrooms, kitchens, family rooms, hallways, basement stairs, and so on. Glassy particles have not been found in dust where abductions are not known to occur. The glassy particles come in a variety of shapes, including hollow or solid spheres. The particles are occasionally amber in color and vary in size from 1 micron or more, which is 1/1,000 of a millimeter or larger. Other more elongated particles include a "pseudo crystal" and an octopus shape. These forms are often clear and contain definite non-cellular, non-plant structure. A visual inspection of the "pseudo crystals" under 450x magnification gives the appearance of a fiber optic arrangement, while the octopus structure sometimes appears to have exploded outward at its center as if releasing something.

Household dust is best collected from areas not commonly dusted, such as the top ledges of doors and window frames. Unexplainable whitish dust in recently cleaned rooms of abductees' homes has also tested positive for these glassy particles.

MASSACHUSETTS FLYING TRIANGLE

CANTON -- On February 8, 2000, I was traveling south at 5:15 AM, when I saw a bright light off to the west. I traveled for three miles on Route 95 watching the strange light when something told me to pull over into the breakdown lane to watch. A flying triangle passed overhead just ahead of my truck and I noticed its lights were not setup like a normal planes. There were eight yellow/white lights. One was one on each of the three corners. Two were in the front side by side, three at the bottom middle side by side, and several across the back. Two blue strobe lights were at the middle rear of the craft. As it passed in front of my truck, I rolled down the window but could hear no sound. This craft was as large as my hand at arm's length. A jet plane at this height would have been very loud, but there was no noise. The triangle traveled about ten miles in about two minutes (300 mph) from Route 1A in Walpole to Route 138 Stoughton, Thanks to Peter Davenport NUFORC

INDIANA GOLD TRIANGLE

GRISSOM AIR FORCE BASE -- I live less than 20 miles from the base the former home of the Air Force 1 backup plane for the President. I'm used to seeing aircraft, but several years ago I saw some very strange craft in midafternoon of a lovely bright, clear summer day. I happened to glance out my second story window and was amazed to see 200 yards to the south three large triangular craft. The three triangular unburnished gold appearing craft were rising silently from the ground in formation. One was in front with two to the rear. They had no markings, windows, or protrusions, and a rather flat surface rounded at the corner wit an overall "soft" appearance. There were no lights, no openings, and no contrails. The trajectory was a bit more than a 45% angle and they were moving rather slowly as they took off. They appeared for only a few seconds and then were simply no longer there. These craft appeared very close and the experience seemed quite surreal. I have seen pictures of the Aurora and they are similar. Thanks to AzimBlue9@aol.com and dcs@comteck.com

A Report from Anthony James (EMUFORA)

In my last report, I mentioned a report from two U.S. Police's Officer who had a sighting in Ohio. It seems that the night shift is the best time for people to see UFO's, especially if your job is to keep watch.

OFFICIAL MILLSTADT, ILLINOIS POLICE DEPARTMENT UFO REPORT Police officer

On January 5, 2000 at approximately 04:28, I, Officer Craig A. Stevens was on patrol in the village of Millstadt. I was monitoring radio traffic when I heard a report via CENCOM, (Central Communications) that the Highland Police Department had a report of a large object flying in the air.

CENCOM dispatched Lebanon PD to respond. Later I heard Lebanon state that he had observed the object and that it was heading in the direction of Shiloh, and to have Shiloh PD on the look out for it. I then heard that Shiloh had spotted the object. I drove to the East end of town to see if I could observe the object. Then I drove to the North end of town in the Liederkranz Park parking lot. While I was sitting there, I observed a very large flying object coming from the Southward direction. The object was flying very low from 500-1000 ft and was flying very slowly. The object was making no noise; I could only hear a very low buzzing sound. Then the object began banking to the North- east and continued to cruise away from me toward the area of Dupo.

I contacted dispatch and advised them that I had seen the object. I exited the patrol car and took the Polaroid camera from the trunk and attempted to take a picture. The camera was very cold as it was only 18-20 degrees outside and the pictures did not seem to exit the camera properly. I returned to the station and drew a sketch of the object and typed this report. (Photograph included in police report).

First Witness

Golf Course Owner/Business man

I got home around 4 in the morning and looked in the North-eastern sky and I saw a bright star. Then it did something so I took another look and noticed that it was moving, so I kept watch as it got closer. As it got closer, I could see underneath it and there were a lot of red lights shining down. It was under a mile away and as it got closer I began to get a side view of it. It was two or three stories high with many windows and very bright light coming from the inside. If someone would have walked passed the window I would have seen him. It was moving very slow and I heard nothing and it kind of scared me you know. I just stood there watching it.

As it left Highland going out toward the Southwest, the rear of it was not as bright. There were windows but they were not as bright. I stood there for a while then got in my truck and went down to the police station and told the lady there, the dispatcher. I told her I saw this object and to call Lebanon PD and tell them that its heading their way. She alerted Lebanon PD and asked me to wait for their response. As I waited, another police officer came in and told us that he and his colleague had just seen the UFO.

MORE POLICE OFFICERS SEE UFO

Police Officer

We all use the same dispatch, County Dispatch, so of course we all heard it 'cause we're all on the same channel. So Lebanon gets the call and he's out there saying "OK, I thought I'd never say this, but I see something and I don't know what it is". So when he gets closer he said, "OK, well it's something big and I still don't know what it is". He kept saying that he was trying to get closer for a better look. He then said "OK, its just took off, its gone, its heading towards Scott or Shiloh, you might want to contact them".

The second he said that, I saw this object, a great big wide thing. It was really wide, had three huge white lights sighted down towards the ground, you know, lighting up the sky beneath it. And it just gradually moved on, wasn't moving like a jet, just gradually moving. I told dispatch that I had a visual and described it and that it was heading towards Fairview. My partner was going nuts; he was on patrol on the other side of town and was asking for a description. I said, "It's flying and got three big white lights shining down, its wide and looks like an arrowhead or something". It was dark, but because the lights on it were so bright, I got a good visual on it. I rolled down my window then stopped the car cause' I wanted to take a picture, we all carry a Polaroid. I got out of the car and then that thing was gone, it all of a sudden sped up and was gone. I met up with a few of the other officers who had also seen it and as we were talking, Milstadt, they use county dispatch also, were saying something on the radio and they had also seen it. And we're like' "hay, we're not nuts! Somebody else has seen it".

Milstadt apparently, they'd seen it for a while. I talked to the officer who saw it and he was probably the closest to it, he said it was only about 500 feet at the closest.

SIX HOURS EARLIER

Business man

I live in Lake Forest, Illinois, which is about 30 miles North of Chicago. I'm a 36yr old guy who's never seen a UFO and never read a book about them. Anyway, it was Tuesday 4th January 2000 and I was preparing to leave town for a couple of days and I was taking the trash out at about 10:30pm. We can see planes on approach to O'Hare at Chicago and they're pretty high when they come over. I happened to look Northeast and my reaction was 'Whoa!' ... cos' I thought it was a 747 but way to low coming directly towards me. It was very bright and big and it startled me initially. As it got above me it looked more like a triangle, almost V shaped. It was much bigger than the B-2; I've seen that at air shows. This was much bigger, much quieter, much slower, but much, much bigger. Bigger than a 747. It was about 80 yards long. I watched it for about a minute and I was thinking 'how can it go so slow'. I lost sight of it when it passed beyond the trees in my back yard.

The sightings carried on up to 7:45 am from all over Illinois from East to West. Over 70 people made reports of this craft, which appears to be triangular, with a concave rear and very large in size, bigger than a 747. The lights were bright and many witnesses reported a deep humming sound associated with the craft.

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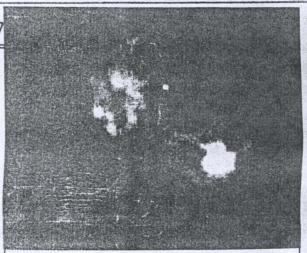
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The rapidly contracting line of the three planets Jupiter, Saturn, and Mars draws all eyes towards the western sky as soon as the darkness of night falls. In the month of March Jupiter moves closer to Saturn and the long span of sky separating the pair from Mars narrows spectacularly. By the end of the month your fist, stretched at arm's length will hide all three planets. Wow!

These three planets are farther away from the Earth than usual as they travel around the opposite side of the Sun. The planets are preparing for the Grand Planetary Conjunction of May 5th 2000 when all 'naked eye' planets and the Moon will be in a straight line. Soothsayers have predicted tidal-waves, hurricanes, electric-storms, lava flows, pole shifts and even melting of the ice caps. Personally I wouldn't worry too much. Over half a dozen Grand Planetary Alignments have occurred during the last thousand years and we are still here!

Venus is the 'Morning Star' but its height at sunrise declines significantly in March.

The Sun is nearing the peak of its 11 year sunspot cycle. Engineers are worried because sunspots increase solar activity which generate huge solar storms often ejecting material into space. This material reaches the Earth and disturbs our geomagnetic field, producing spectacular aurorae. Near the peak of the last sunspot cycle in 1989 the power grid in Quebec failed due to induced geomagnetic current caused by solar activity. Several satellites mysteriously disappeared at



A two light year wide gas cloud where a young star is forming at its centre.

the same time. Multi-billion pound failures are predicted this year. Solar ejecta may destroy communication satellites and blow power transformers on Earth supplying the national grid. There are now around one thousand satellites in orbit and their owners are rather worried

Spring arrives on March 20th when the Sun reaches the Vernal Equinox. This century will see many early equinoxes with several falling on March 19th. This is due to the corrective effect on the calendar when a leap day was included in February 2000. The Moon is full on March 20th.

Early or late March is an excellent time for an all night observation session. Choose a dark location away from bright lights, set up your sun lounger, wrap up warm and settle back. Face south towards Orion and watch the stars roll by. Look out for satellites and if you have a pair of binoculars scan the firmament overhead. See Venus rise in the early morning and enjoy the colours of dawn twilight. I will accept no excuses, not even a sick note. Go out into the night, be close to the Earth, close to nature and close to the cosmos. I can't tell you how much you will love it. Go on, try it!

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

TALE ENDERS

MEL GRANT gave members of the PRA a treat at their last meeting on Feb. 29, when he gave a talk on his work and theories in the field of 'abductees'. The meeting was fully attended and Max has promised to return at a future date when he will show video extracts from his collection of recordings made during the regression of people who believe that they may have been abducted by extraterrestrials!

ANTIGRAVITY DISC is finally here, according to the 'Future Horizons' catalogue. This 3ft antigravity disc can take off and land vertically, it can hover tilt and bank in mid-air and land again. Assembled and tested \$1,250.00. If you want to take a look, their internet code is: www.futurehorizons.net. Is it for real?

(Our thanks to Mr W.D.Ray of Liverpool, for sending in this article to the OVNI)

CHADDESDEN AGAIN! This area of Derby is frequently being visited by UFO's judging by the number of reports that we received in recent years. The latest (but not the most recent report) comes from Mr P.Macrorie, who described how a large dark ball, with coloured lights around its centre, appeared in the sky near his family at about 6.30pm on the 24th September 1992. Mr Macrorie was in a car at the time and turned off the main road to get a better view, but when they looked again, the object had gone.

RIAP, KHARKOV, UKRAINE is the latest group to contact us, with a view to the exchange of ufo information in the future. The Research Institute on Anomalous Phenomena, under the Directorship of Dr Vladimir Rubtsov has expressed a particular interest in the "Flying Triangle" craft. They consider it of great importance and have commented that "Probably this is the best documented UFO type in history." They have also asked for the web-site address of 'Project FT' ... which is:

http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/tspurrier/tri_test.htm

CUBANA the national airline of Cuba, recently carried an extensive article on the subject of UFO's over Cuba and its neighbours. It is hoped to reproduce this in the next issue of the OVNI.

WHAT'S GOING ON AT GIZA? There is a big question mark over the subject of Top Secret excavations planned at Giza (Egypt). It is believed by some scientists that there may be a labyrinth of tunnels and massive vaults, some the size of a cathedral under Giza. This 'classified' archaeological project is possibly underway at this very moment and includes scientists from Japan, Europe and America.

More information may be found at: http://www.cyberspaceorbit.com/ (Source: Kent Steadman)

BEST WISHES for a speedy recovery to one of our stalwart members, Melanie Cunningham, who has been unwell for some weeks. Melanie has been one of our keenest 'FT' observers and recently took a short section of 8mm showing an FT over Belper, Derbyshire.

NEXT MEETING

Will be at the Royal British Legion, Allenton, Derby (Off the 'Spider Bridge' on the A5111 Ring Road).

at 8pm on Tuesday 28th March.

A video show of the very latest UFO video footage from Space!.

Non-members welcome (£1 on the night). Please Note: NO SMOKING in the meeting room.

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