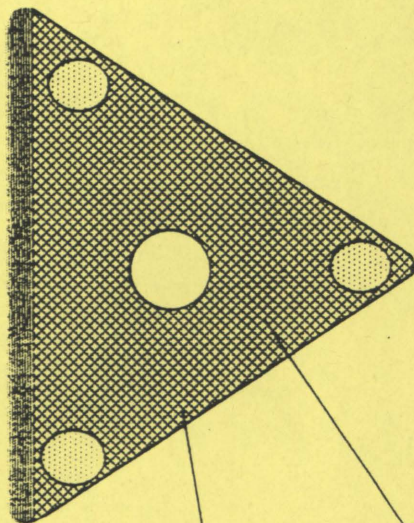


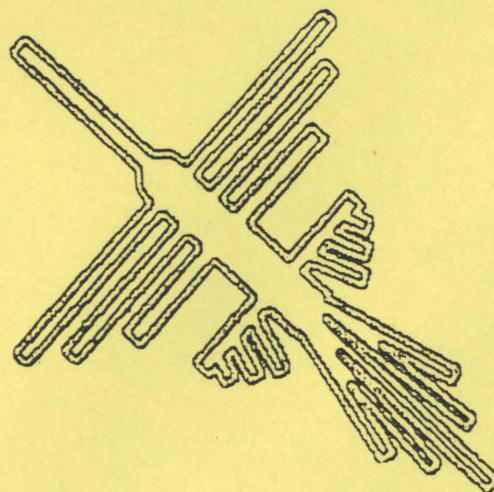
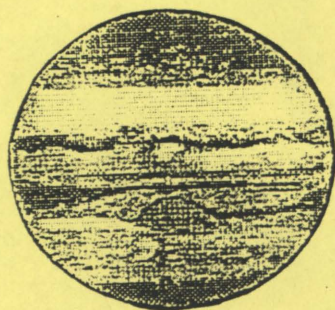
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MARS TUNNEL SYSTEM DISCOVERED?

At the latter end of June, NASA dumped 25,000 images of the planet MARS onto the internet. The images have been closely scrutinised by none other than ('Face on Mars') Richard Hoagland and this has resulted in an extraordinary series of photographs. One particular image (M04-00291) covers an ancient ocean bed and shows a rift that has appeared. This reveals nothing less than what appears to be a series of interlocking, reinforced and still intact, glass-like tubes, which may have been some kind of tunnel system.

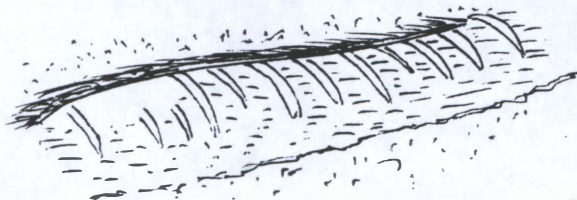
The tube structure which runs along a hollow in an ancient ocean floor, has the appearance of being reinforced by regularly spaced, cylindrical arches. This clear 'glass' tube can be seen running the length of the rift and there is a distinctive edge where the clear tube wraps around the arches.

The composition of the tube is given away even more directly by a brilliant specular reflection. This reflection is not associated with any kind of geological feature. The tube shows no resemblance to sand dunes photographed on Mars, which are usually irregularly spaced, vary in length and have a textured appearance. These are usually found on flat areas more associated with the wide plains and are not parallel with each other, even when the topography does not interfere with wind patterns.

By contrast, the arches are regularly spaced, nearly identical in length and breadth and wrap around what appears to be a highly reflective tube. The structure is completely different to the properties of the surrounding area. They appear to be sharp edged and tubular, suggesting that they are individually structured features rather than drifting mounds of piled up sand. The tunnel system appears to be comprised of artificial structures, which are spaced at regular intervals. It has been suggested that these could be the supports of some sort of underground transportation system.

The whole scenario now revealed, is reminiscent of past science-fiction stories concerning this mysterious planet. We were told that as the surface of Mars became too inhospitable to support life, the population had no alternative but to start living in underground cities. Then as supplies dwindled their very existence was threatened. They took the only avenue left open to them and that was to leave their planet in giant spacecraft and to look for a planet that would support their new colony. It just happened that there was an attractive blue planet not too far away.....

In a recent television programme, a NASA scientist explained that he was an avid follower of science-fiction as a youngster and now much of the fiction had turned into fact. In his planning for future Mars landing missions, he not only used the vast amount of data figures available, but he also had a 'feeling' of what a manned landing on Mars would be like. Could it be like returning 'home'?



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RICHARD F. HAINES PH.D, COMMENTS ON THE COLIN SAUNDERS INCIDENT 31-3-99



Dr. Richard F. Haines is a retired NASA research scientist and former Chief of the Space Human Factors Office at Ames Research Center. He was Assistant Professor of Psychology at San Jose State University before moving to the Research Institute for Advance Computer Science as the senior Research Scientist. He is acknowledged as being the world's leading authority on UFO/Pilot encounters.

Readers of the OVNI will recollect that Colin Saunders and members of his family had a close encounter with a 'Flying Triangle' (FT) along Fosse Way, Warwickshire at around 9.55pm on the night of the 31st March 1999. As a result of this, Colin produced a series of excellent computer drawings and also manufactured several models in an effort to identify the craft's shape and characteristics.

Dick Haines made the following observations:

Mr Saunder's clearly makes the (still unproven) assumption that this ufo was a solid, 3-D object whose changes in appearance result from the orientational changes relative to the line of sight. Whilst this is indeed possible I have come up with quite a different explanation which I have presented several times around the world (Porto, Portugal, Hakui, Japan, Santiago, Chile), under the general title "Fractal Energy Exchange Mechanism" (FEEM). I postulate, based on at least five separate lines of published evidence, that some ufo phenomena result from a clever and careful manipulation of energy following fractal geometry principles. In Mr Saunder's case, he described a 'materialization' - like effect in real time and a surface texture effect appearing "almost to be alive and moving or shimmering..." which is what my new theory would predict.

I noted the seeming absence of other automobiles during this event which, as you also know is very common. Does this imply some kind of time-passage? Articles in Flying Saucer Review and other publications continue to point in this direction. Do we face an energy array that is so magnetically powerful (not gravitational) that it somehow slows our perception of time?

Past U.S. Air Force studies conducted at Brooks AFB, San Antonio, Texas, have shown that the human nervous system is particularly immune to intense DC magnetic fields, but what about AC fields? Shouldn't there be a neural coupling within the central nervous system (mainly the brain stem and cortex) where AC fields might induce specific, non-focal perceptual effects?

Very sincerely, Dick Haines

FLYING SAUCERS OVER THE CARIBBEAN

By Ricardo Potts

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The interest in extraterrestrial contacts produces multitudes of "near encounters" every year, and UFO's frequently make the news, giving scientists headaches and fans delirium over these so-called paranormal phenomena. Latin America has its own distinctions in the matter, with peculiar observations throughout the region, specifically the Caribbean, that include sightings and even "near encounters" in Cuba.

The history began on the morning of October 15, 1995, with a dispatch from a radio station in Jaguey Grande, Malanzas province- 120 kilometers east of Havana- announcing that Adolfo Zarate, 74 years old and a farmer in the town of Torriente, had reported the descent of a saucer-shaped object, from which a human-like figure dressed in a space suit emerged. The alien collected some plant samples, returned to his ship and took off, disappearing to the south.

According to Zarate, who remained hidden during all this time, the departure of the ship caused "a burst of flames in a sugar mill and a cloud of white smoke." Zarate, who in spite of his age, seemed perfectly lucid and self-controlled, communicated what he had seen to the local authorities and later to the head of the police zone. Police chief Rafael Acosta inspected the site and found "two strips of pasture firmly compressed and burned, indicating the presence of a vehicle similar in size and weight to a light truck."

Broadcast on radio and television, the news generated calls to stations and newspapers concerning other appearances in various parts of the country. Reporters in the capital talked to a witness named Rafael Herrado Valdes, a resident of Sancti Spiritus - 370 kilometers east of Havana - who claimed that on the nineteenth of the month at 3am, he observed three round objects grouped in a triangle flying very fast and silently from north to south and then veering eastward to disappear.

Something similar occurred in Puerto Padre, in the province of Las Tunas - 680 kilometers east of the capital - where five residents said they observed a UFO flying over the area for several days. Zenaida Martinez, one of the witnesses, described it as "a big yellow light bordered by four smaller red and orange blinking lights, moving silently." These and others near encounters are described with a wealth of details in the only documentary on the topic filmed in Cuba - shown on national television on June 20th of that year. The documentary by Cuban filmmaker Octavio Cortazar includes descriptions given by numerous witnesses to the events, including the landing of aliens and even "abductions" or kidnappings of Cuban citizens by extraterrestrial invaders.

Curiously, the events of October 1995 coincide - or continue - reports of what took place on the same dates in other countries of the region where, that year, UFO's seemed to have intensified their tasks of "exploration" according to some ufologists or specialists in these matters. Thus, during the months of April, June and August, sightings and landings of UFO's were reported in Colombia, Chile and Panama. In October, the month they appeared in Cuba, UFO's were reported on the ninth in Chile, the thirteenth on Colombia and again on the nineteenth in Colombia. There the appearances were observed by hundreds of eyewitnesses, according to the Bogota newspaper 'El Espectador'.

Curiously, on October 18, in far-off Malaysia, press agencies reported the concentration of multitudes of fanatics in the town of Sepat Laut, south of the capital, because of the appearance of a UFO described as "the size of a soccerfield, several stories high, with blinking red orange and green lights."

Five centuries ago, a witness to such phenomena who was imprudent enough to report it to his neighbours, would have been burned at the stake as a heretic.

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Caribbean UFO's Contd.:

Today we have overcome such incendiary tendencies, instead we interview witnesses and publish their impressions in the press so that the news travels around the world and leads to new waves of observations.

Nevertheless, even discounting the majority of these observations as the product of excessive imagination, faulty soundings, meteorological phenomena and other terrestrial causes, a good number of the encounters resist such analysis.

For example, what about the coincidence in the observations reported from the Malaysian forests and the sightings in Cuba? Could the Cuban Zenaida Martinez know that ten thousand kilometers away other eyes would see, on the same day, "a great yellow light with smaller red and orange blinking lights?"

Such sightings have been reported for fifty-two years since the UFO was officially born in 1947 with the first observation made by US pilot Kenneth Arnold, who, from his small private plane, saw "a formation on nine round brilliant objects, similar to two coffee saucers joined at the edges." That became the popular name for the mysterious objects that have insisted on visiting humanity from time immemorial, according to ancient chronicles and legends.

Austrian writer Erick Von Daniken was one of the first to make a fortune writing about "paleocontacts" or visits by beings from other worlds in antiquity, based on architectonic monuments, drawings and carved objects attributed to technological artefacts that could not have existed in remote epochs. The tendency is revived and mystified by numerous "societies" whose members adore flying saucers and consider extraterrestrials to be the new messiahs for our worn-out civilization.

Some psychologists consider these movements to be a product of our times in which man has proved outer space while existential uncertainty grows; lacking the old myths banished by science, these groups await "cosmic messiahs" to solve their problems.

Britain has its PSL, meaning Project Stellar Light, whose president affirms he has received "cosmic telepathic messages for the past sixteen years" and distributes his "extrasensory contacts to beings of other worlds."

Such claims have prompted Arthur C. Clarke, well known British astronomer and writer to remark that "the saucers have taught us little about extraterrestrial intelligence, but much about human stupidity." Nevertheless, the controversy over the UFO's raises a disturbing question for those who believe in their existence: "If they really visited us, why do they reject 'official' contact with this civilization?"

One reply would be the thesis of "cosmic non-intervention in local matters," since, if the extraterrestrial being captured earthly events on radio and television programs, what do they discover? Assassinations, attacks, local wars, economic crisis, unemployment, hunger and poverty for billions of people.

If they are advanced as one assumes, they would opt to stay out of the conflict, for each civilization has to arrange its own affairs by itself. Real or imaginary, the UFO phenomenon can also be viewed as a sane call to the crew of this great cosmic ship we call Earth to listen to the voice of reason, since it would be a shame for all of us, skeptics and believers if the mysterious visitors never contacted us because of the image of a planet destroyed, polluted and engaged in small wars that could lead to a world conflict.

Perhaps for that reason, the millenary search for extraterrestrial beings is no more than a search for our own destiny, in a confrontation that would permit an evaluation of where we've come from and offer a point of reference for a better understanding of who we are and where we're going.

A UFO SIGHTING FROM WW2

Place: TOBRUK, LIBYA Date: 11th December 1941 Witness: Mr Dan Butcher

On the morning of the 11th December 1941, on the day after the relief of Tobruk, I came in from the battlefield outside the perimeter on my way to our camp under the Pilastrino cliffs on the other (western) side of the Fortress.

It must have been about 10am when we reached a point about half a mile from the harbour and suddenly the sky became full of warring aircraft: Stukas, Me.109's and our own Hurricanes. We halted the lorry in which we were travelling and the three or four of us, sappers of the 54th Field Company, Royal Engineers, took what little cover there was to be found. We then settled down to watch the conflict.

It was spectacular and noisy. At an altitude of about 25,000ft. Italian Savoias were bombing the harbour; below them was a turmoil of twisting, roaring fighters, bursting flak (*anti-aircraft fire*), smoking casualties and drifting parachutes.

In a short while, the whole circus drifted away in scattered running dogfights towards the south; the noise subsided, the flak died out and the last whizzing nosecap struck the surface of the desert. The sky was clear. We jumped aboard our vehicle and resumed our journey, past the town and along the coast road towards the west.

At Airenite, two miles from the harbour, where the road leads off to Acroma, we came across a group of about five soldiers gazing up into the planeless sky. Seeing them just ahead of us standing on the banked roadside, to our left, we began to make uncomplimentary remarks about them. We supposed that they were men of the relieving forces and therefore new to the conditions in the Fortress. We thought they were somewhat jittery, and seeing aircraft where there were none to be seen. When we drew nearer we saw they were men of the garrison and therefore of considerable experience in aircraft recognition. Disbelieving the evidence of our senses, yet fearing more raiders, we halted again and joined them.

On being asked what they were looking at, one of them (a man in the Kings Dragoon Guards, I think), invited us to sight along the cliff-like face of a great cumulous cloud, which towered almost vertically above our heads into the blue void. We looked, but I could see nothing. It was not until a pair of field glasses (Binoculars) were passed to me and I sighted along my companions pointed finger, I located the thing and after that I was able to find and detect it quite easily by the naked eye.

What I saw through the glasses was a silvery sphere, with the naked eye it appeared somewhat larger than the planet Venus as seen under desert conditions. That is to say that it was large enough for me to distinguish it from Venus. The sphere reflected the sunlight and as I watched, it floated like a pearl in space. It struck me at once as something alien, remote and fairy-like. **We all had the impression that it was observing the scene.**

We discussed what altitude the object might be, but we could only judge by the height of the clouds which passed under it. We were all practised in judging height and distance in relation to aircraft, but we confessed to be at a loss in this case. Our guess was that it was somewhat higher than the high flying Italians that we had just seen; say about 30,000 to 50,000 feet. The man who first saw it, said that there had been two other globes, which had moved off towards the south-east.

We observed the object for some time, about half an hour, but it never moved from its position which was about 85 degrees above the south-eastern horizon. We also discussed its identity. At first sight, I had jumped to the conclusion that it was a parachute, but close scrutiny ruled that out, it was plainly a globe, we all agreed on that.

Most of us thought that it might have been a meteorological balloon, although why there should have been three of them together and then why two should take off from the other, we could not explain. *Contd.*

WW2 UFO Contd.:

Some of us conjectured that it might have been the planet Venus. I could not agree with this, as it seemed too big and not all that far above the clouds and others agreed with me. I knew that certain Bedouins were reputed to be able to see Venus with their naked eye in daylight, but I doubted my own capacity to do likewise. I was sceptical about any of us being able to distinguish the planet in the sunglare of a desert sky near noon. It looked more like a balloon than a planet.

Tired of waiting for it to show some signs of mobility, we took leave of our acquaintances and journeyed to our camp, half a mile across the Acroma road. Once there we pointed out the mysterious globe to the rest of our section and to others who were there, about fifty men in all.

Most visitors to our camp were shown it and assuming the the discovers of the object must have shown it to their own units, then hundreds of the Tobruk garrison must have been witnesses. All day long it hung there, confounding the adherents of Venus, by its stubborn immobility, and testing the credulity of the meteorological-ballooners by the same token. Only those who thought that it might have been some sort of secret weapon left there by the high flying Savoias gained a few converts: they waited for it to strike!

All of us eventually grew weary of speculating about it, it was too boring. It was there, a mystery and that was all there was to be said. We went about our duties and only occasionally glanced up to the zenith to see if 'it' was still there. Our imagination had dried up and we had accepted it.....

It was only towards the end of the afternoon that I realised that it had declined a little to the south-east: say about seven to ten degrees. At dusk, it was shining like a star, more golden in colour than it had been in daylight. I did not see the going of it: I was asleep. Next morning, we searched the sky for it, but could not re-locate it.

Dan Butcher's Additional Remarks:

(Written 26 January 1968)

As this sighting occurred twenty-six years ago, I had better say something concerning the transmission of its memory.

- (1) It was sufficiently unusual and striking to remain memorable. Together with the air-raid and the recent relief of the fortress.
- (2) It occurred when at the age of 23, I was keenly aware of everything that was going on around me.
- (3) At the time I kept a diary and recorded the sighting in it.
- (4) Six months later, I made a copy of my diary and expanded it. Unfortunately this diary was lost in 1945.
- (5) After the loss of my diary, I was careful to preserve my recollections as much as possible.

The general reaction amongst us (at the time), seemed to be of awe and bafflement. One could not escape the notion that it was watching us and I for one, felt that something very peculiar was hanging up there.

I momentarily viewed the whole set-up, of warring armies as if from its vantage point. With a feeling of awe, I realised my own ant-sized space among these armies lost amid desert and sky.

Dan Butcher

Editors Note: Dan Butcher was known personally to me for several years. After serving in WW2, he later contracted Polio and was confined to a wheelchair. He wrote a number of interesting documents about the UFO subject and was a talented artist. He died a few years after writing this report.

Omar Fowler

Mysterious Ground Complex Sighting Over Greenland

As an offshoot of a recent broadcast by your Editor on BBC Radio Derby, an unusual aerial/Ground observation over Greenland was reported by the brother of the witness (now living in Australia). As the result of this interesting story, the witness a Mr Denis Frawley, was telephoned 'down under'. He agreed to send us details of this unusual incident, which has been reproduced below:

It was early December 1992 and I was returning to Australia via Los Angeles from England. This flight takes the northern circular route, almost up to Iceland. It then travels down the east coast of Greenland, then across the United States.

I had a window seat on the aircraft, as I like to see where I am going. There was not a lot to see on this journey as the terrain is pretty barren. It is made up mostly of snow and mountains, which showed up in black and white patches.

We were quite a way down the coast of Greenland when I saw the sunlight reflecting off something in the distance. As we approached closer, I saw that one of the mountain tops appeared to be raised like an umbrella. The raised part was white, while below that there appeared to be very large windows, which were black in colour. Alternatively they could have been solar collectors of some kind. They were too symmetrical to have a natural explanation. My first impression was that it looked like an 'Airport Control Tower'.

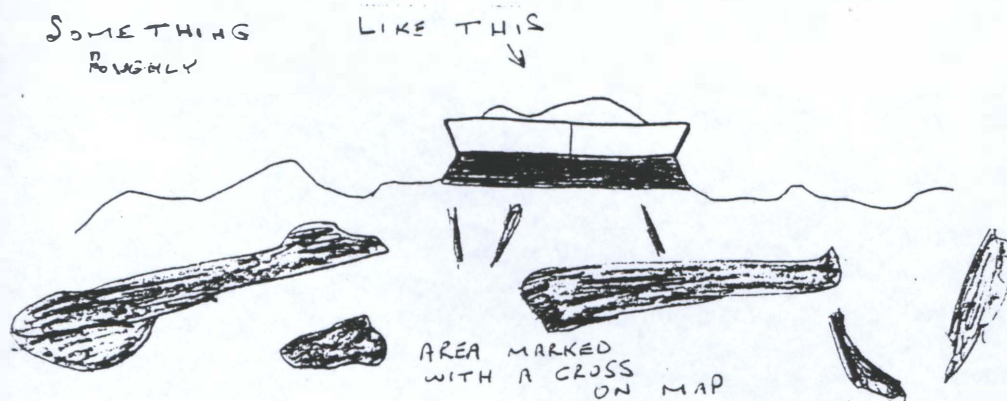
I could see that three sides of the mountain and they were similar to the mountains that we had been passing. I could not see any roads or any signs of habitation. I thought at the time "Am I supposed to be seeing this?"

Although Greenland belongs to Denmark, I know that the United States has a base at Thule, which is right up on the other coast. There is a possibility that it could have been one of the 'Early Warning' radar stations that had been installed during the 'cold war'. Although I could not see any aerials or scanners of any kind.

The big question is, what was it? Is it a secret American Base, a secret Russian Base or could it be an 'Alien' Base?

During our telephone discussion, Mr Frawley mentioned that the base appeared to have been built in the crater of an long-extinct volcano, it had "opened up like a flower".

For your information, Mr Frawley's drawing and a map of the location have been reproduced below:



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Dear Editor,

With reference to the letter from Dr. Richard Haines, he may be correct in his theory (still unproven) that "Some UFO phenomenon results from a ...manipulation of energy following fractal geometry principals." but taking into account "it is the eye that sees, the brain perceives", it is not surprising that Colin Saunders *perceived* the FT as a "solid 3-D object". What else?

Personally I doubt that craft resulting from a manipulation of energy following fractal geometry principals could contain an intelligent crew...but, then again, perhaps they do not.

Victor J.Kean (Berlin).

From: Malcom Stroud, Armley, Leeds.

Dear Mr Fowler, You may remember from our correspondence some months ago that I wanted to attempt to 'define' and draw some well documented UFO's.

I have now attempted a few and enclose my first attempt below. It is based mainly on the Derek Sheffield book as this is the most detailed account I have found. It is only a first draft, as I know there is much more information and research to be done even on this one object, but I had to do it for my own satisfaction.

PETIT RECHAIN, BELGIUM 30-31 MARCH 1990

The drawings included here are a way of presenting and stimulating a discussion of the object. The drawings could have been done differently, and more accurately.

The Photograph

No information is to hand as to angle it was taken at (whether the object was above or some distance away). I have not been able to read an account of its origin or the circumstances of it being taken.

There is no real evidence of movement or camera shake, apart from the distortion of the lights. There is no blurring of the edges of the object. Only two of the four lights seem distorted, as if the object was moving, or rotating, but neither of the other two are distorted in the same way. The flare on the otherwise circular image of one corner light may be the same effect as produced the distortion on the other two. The central light appears to be undistorted, which may be significant.

The issue is complicated by the possibility that the lights were flashing. Analysis of video film of another triangle of lights (18 August 1996, West Leigh, Havant: UFO Magazine Nov/Dec 1996, p 25) showed that the central (in that case red) light flashed twice in 15 seconds, and that flash lasted less than 1/50th of a second. It is conceivable that a flashing light with a period much longer than the exposure time but with a duration of a fraction of a second could have produced an unsmeared spot whereas the constant lights were smeared.

The striations in the lights could have a number of causes, which can only be guessed at here. It could be a lens effect. It could be rain on the lens. It could be atmospheric. They seem to be directional in a vaguely circular pattern centred on the middle light. The most interesting idea is that they are distorted by some effect connected with the propulsion or lift system. This might offer an explanation as to why the right hand light is not distorted in the same way - whatever the distortion is, it is directional and does not interpose between the observer and that light. It could be imagined as a cone spreading out from the centre light to the eight o'clock position, with the lower light most affected, the left hand light affected less and the right hand one not at all. This is just speculation.

However, there are reports of the atmosphere around triangular UFOs being seen to be 'distorted' (14 Jan 1997, The Wirral, in 'Alien Encounters', May 1997). Also, the lower edge is sometimes reported as 'wavy'.

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The photograph has been reproduced in two orientations, rotated 180 degrees, e.g. in 'UFO Magazine, UK, Nov. Dec 1996. It has also been reproduced with different aspect ratios; the length of the object's image in the reproduction above is compressed by about 0.61 compared with that in 'UFO: a Deadly Concealment', Derek Sheffield, London 1996. This reconstruction used the Sheffield 1996 blue-enhanced reproduction.

The UFO Magazine 1996 reproduction seems to show all the lights as white..

The enhanced photograph in Sheffield 1996 shows many features not evident in the UFO Magazine 1996 photograph. However, I have been cautious in not accepting everything which can be seen in the enhanced photograph as real. It does, though, enhance many features which can be seen in the un-enhanced photograph.

Working from the lower light in Sheffield 1996 clockwise, there is a clear straight line from it to a point below the top left light. The corner and return visible in Sheffield 1996 has been clipped and is not so clear in UFO Magazine 1996. The straight line which disappears behind the glare seems unambiguous in the enhanced photograph, but could conceivably be an effect of the curious striated distortion of the light's glare. The corner seems to be more rounded in the un-enhanced photograph, but it is difficult to be sure.

The almost parallel 'wingtips' of the object cannot be seen in the un-enhanced photograph. Although they are very striking in one of the enhanced photographs, they do not appear on the other enhanced photograph in Sheffield 1996. It might be that the clipped portion shows the left hand one clearly, but I am not convinced by the Sheffield 1996 photograph that they are actually there. Both of the apparent 'trailing edge wingtips' could be an artefact of the false-colour processing which seems to have been used. Conceivably they could have been added to mislead.

It would seem from the overall geometry of the image that something very like these wingtips are indeed present, however, and the object cannot be a simple triangle in shape. The precise shape of these wingtips can be modified at a later stage, but the blue-enhanced image will be taken at face value, as no other shape (as tried previously) works particularly well either. The orientation of the left hand 'wingtip' seems clearly to run from front to back corner, but this orientation apparent in Sheffield 1996 cannot be reconciled with any of the possible centre lines running from nose to trailing edge. In the present version, an averaged centre line constructed by bisecting the leading edge angle and halving the trailing edge length has been used. This is less satisfactory, in that it does not agree with the most obvious interpretation of Sheffield 1996, but it is allowed by it. The other wingtip is open to wider interpretation.

The top line in Sheffield 1996 is the most clearly silhouetted in front of a brighter sky, and there is a suggestion of blurring here, or even a bulge. If this were the blurring of movement or rotation (possible around a point on the right hand side of the centre point), though, one would have expected it to be more pronounced, and a comparable length to the linear distortion of one of the lights. However, it is not impossible that some rotation can be seen here.

The top right corner is the 'missing' one, not seen in the unenhanced reproductions. The enhanced photograph shows what appears to be a 'trailing edge wingtip', then a return line which could be parallel with the other wingtip.

In fact, the outline of the object is so uncertain that no perspective can be interpreted into the image (either in the direction of the wingtips or the span of the object), which robs us of a good deal of information. I have estimated the perspective in two ways completely contradictory to each other on different attempts, so have abandoned the attempt at interpreting perspective, for now at least. There is then no way of estimating the foreshortening of the object in any direction, and no independent evidence to hand to estimate the position of the horizon, assuming the object is horizontal.

However, there is still much information to be gleaned from the geometry of the object seen in the image. It can be treated as an axonometric drawing. Parallel lines in the object are then parallel in the drawing, but distances are foreshortened by an amount proportional to the angle of view. This is a much more satisfactory way of treating the photograph than any of the perspective interpretations yet attempted, none of which were reliable or geometrically possible. It corresponds to the flattening out of perspective seen in a fairly distant object under magnification.

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Assuming that the photograph was taken at an elevation of 45 degrees, all the vertical dimensions would be foreshortened by a half. This is the assumption on which the drawing was made. The depth shown on the drawing is likely to be a lower limit, as I feel that the photograph was probably taken at a slightly higher elevation than 45 degrees.

It is worth noting that the lights do not show up any other details on the underneath of the object, when this might be expected if any were present. Sheffield 1996 describes circular cupolas being present underneath triangular objects.

I am not aware of any witness statement which describes the object photographed, which could be said to be a fairly conventional delta-wing, and not triangular. One complicating factor is that there were at least two types of triangular craft in the air during the Belgian wave, one large and one small, including probably the simple triangular craft often seen and photographed elsewhere. In addition, I do not have an account of the behaviour of the Petit Rechain object. On the evidence of the photograph alone it could have simply been a straightforward jet aircraft.

Size

The size of the object is unknown. Estimates of the size of unknown objects are notoriously unreliable in any case (Hendry 1980). Sheffield 1996 gives the size of the Belgian objects as about 46m across, similar to some other estimates of FT dimensions. For instance, an RAF meteorologist estimated a flying triangle in 1993 as midway between a Hercules and a 747 in size (report to MOD/ Hough and Randles/ Pope).

Parallels

There has been at least one other sighting of an aircraft with a similar form, in Ohmiya city, near Tokyo, on 17 August 1994 at 00.10. The sketch provided shows 'clipped' wings, a flat nose, three white lights in the corners, and no centre light. Interestingly, this shape is described simply as 'triangular'. The whole object was reddish orange, emitted a variable vermilion light, and a very short 'tail' was said to be attached to the rear of the object. Although there is no evidence of a tail in the Petit Rechain object, the nose could be flat or rounded. The Ohmiya object moved fast and low, made no audible sound, at one point manoeuvring oddly (J.S.P.S. via Fowler 1997). This is not similar enough to count as an instance of the same type of object, but at least it does provide a parallel.

Discussion

The Petit Rechain object must be seen as linked, by its lighting scheme alone, to a family of triangular craft whose performance and behaviour are far beyond that of jet aircraft. These triangular vehicles can, for instance, accelerate within a second to supersonic speeds in any direction (including vertically) without a sonic boom. Their sound is described as a soft hum, and they can hover silently for up to 45 minutes with no effect on objects or people below, or travel at walking pace. Their lighting scheme seems to be variable in layout and colour, or completely absent, but typically consists of three white lights at the apexes and one red light at the centre (never in an approved pattern). There is sometimes a searchlight directed at the ground. Their size is typically described as about 30m across, but can be from a few metres to much greater than 30m. Their colour is typically dark or black, but white, grey and metallic have been reported, as well as light emitting. They are often described as moving in jumps or steps, and at least once an odd distortion of the edges was described (Wirral, U.K.). Occasionally they are emerging from or going into seas and lakes. Most outlandishly, they are also reported as splitting into two and reforming, and also changing shape - the latter indicating either an illusion or a substance beyond our imagining.

The characteristics of the object photographed is not at present known for certain, but could well encompass the following, which are descriptions applied to the Belgian objects in general:

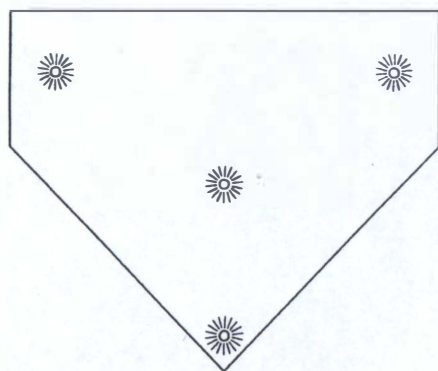
- Operating sound a soft hum, with no reaction force or exhaust (1).
- Able to hover for at least 45 minutes (1).
- Able to travel at any speed from zero to over 1125mph in any direction (including vertically) (2, 3).
- Able to accelerate at 46g (3).
- Uses electronic counter-measures against other on-board radar (4).

The colour of the object may be dull grey and metallic (Sheffield 1996).

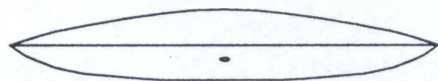
Its size is taken to be about 46m across (Sheffield 1996).



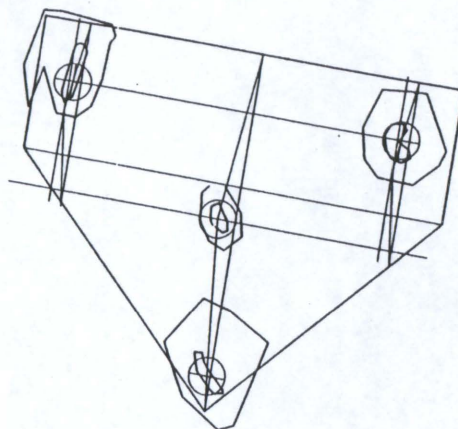
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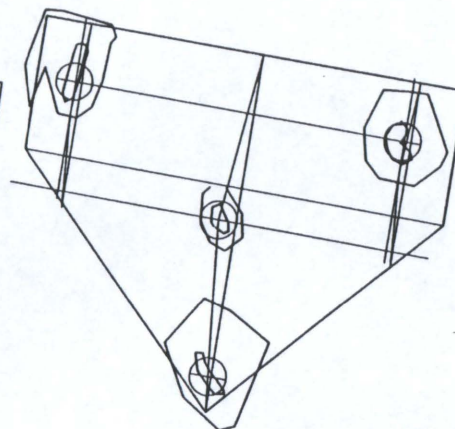
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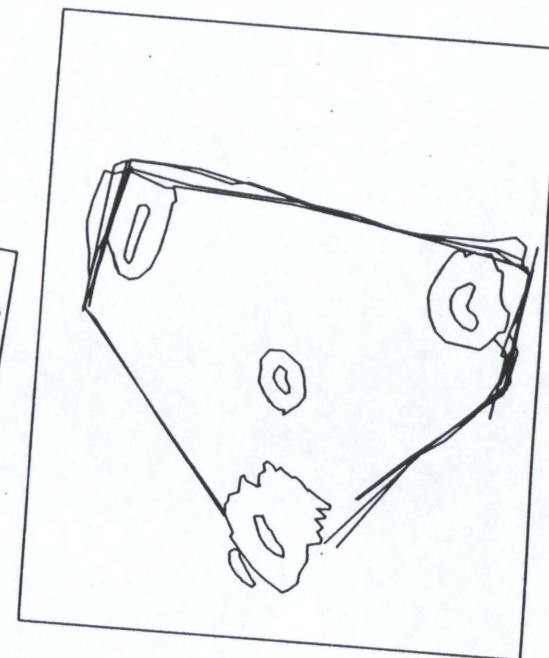
Underneath,
front and side views



Shape 2



Shape 1



Photograph

INTENSE 'FT' ACTIVITY OVER BRADFORD

A Summary of Reports from Russell Kellett of the I.U.F.O. Research Network, West Yorkshire

There has been an increase in the number of incidents being witnessed and reported over and around the city of Bradford, West Yorkshire. The reports showed a marked increase during the month of June.

Russell Kellett has been one of the key witnesses and has succeeded in taking two video sequences of what appear to be FT craft, passing overhead during the early hours of the morning. He has reported that as the craft flew over, a droning noise was heard, not unlike a turbo-prop. (This is similar to the sound heard from FT craft during the 'Belgian Flap' 1989/90).

Sequence one, taken at 0020hrs on the 16th June and sequence two, taken again at 0020hrs on the 22nd June, show a triangular series of three white lights, with a red light in the centre of the triangle. The FT was initially video'd using an infra-red setting on the camera, in order to obtain the maximum resolution, but this was later found to be unnecessary because of the brightness of the white lights.

There are no red or green (Port & Starboard) identification lights visible and no 'strobe' light can be seen. The craft/lights were viewed by one witness, through 25 x 60 binoculars, but it was impossible to make out any craft shape because of the bright white light illumination. The object has been reported travelling from West to East and also in a NNW direction.

The FT series of lights can be seen moving 'broad' side first and although the video sequence runs for only a few seconds, it can be clearly seen that the lighting arrangement is unconventional and does not conform to CAA aircraft identification requirements. We understand from one of our contacts, a commercial pilot, that the lighting as described, is strictly illegal for a conventional aircraft.

Local airports were unhelpful and an attempt was made to obtain information on current military aircraft lighting arrangements by contacting RAF Waddington. They were not forthcoming with any information and only insisted on taking the incident details in order to complete an RAF UFO report form.

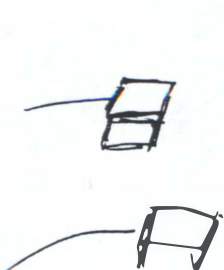
It has since been disclosed that six UFO's were video'd by a witness, as they passed over Bradford during the afternoon of Saturday 1st July. The video was later shown on NE TV and Russell Kellett took part in the discussion that followed.

Although there has been complete cloud cover, people have reported hearing a noise overhead at night, "as though there was a large craft overhead". We have also heard that "The house started to vibrate, as though there was something overhead,"

Currently Mr Kellett's video footage is being analysed and enhanced. So far, the early response is that it does not conform to a conventional aircraft.

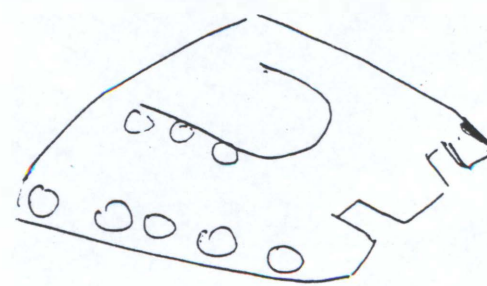
We are grateful for the assistance given by Keith McNulty for one of the very latest reports to be received. This concerns an ex-RAF engineer, now retired, who has stated that he saw two bright objects that could have been square, or triangular, passing over south Leeds at 9.30pm on the night of Sunday 18th June.

Another witness reported seeing an unusual object, low and just above the trees, while travelling in a car between Skipton and Long Preston on the night of Tuesday 13th June. The three witnesses agreed that the object was about the size of a large car. It was described as being dark coloured with bright orange lights.



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South Leeds Objects



Skipton/Long Preston Object

The Evening Sky

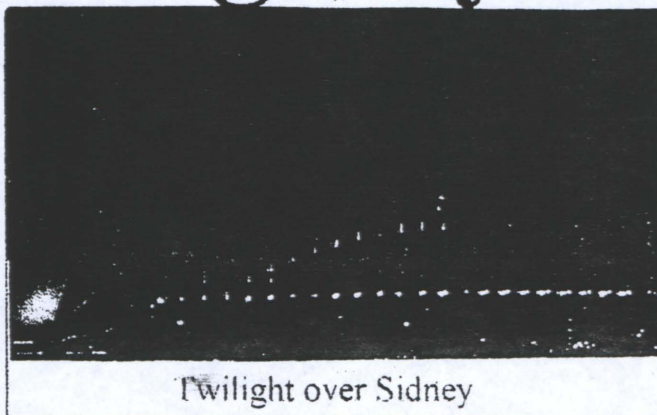
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The night sky is a little darker this month and all the stars in heaven will appear to sparkle with a new brilliance. The constellations of Ursa Minor, Draco, Hercules, Ophiuchus and Scorpio span the sky in a band running north to south.

Twilights at dusk can be captivating, especially if the western sky progresses through all the colours of the rainbow and a glorious deep-red Sun hangs mirage-like above the horizon. Such twilight horizons are hypnotic, can move you emotionally and hold your imagination the way they held the imagination of our ancestors at the dawn of human awareness.

Jupiter and Saturn are the only planets easily visible in the sky this month. Both rise in the eastern sky before the first glimmer of dawn twilight. Do not lie in bed. Get up early to greet these god-like worlds and to witness the Sun rise. I will accept no excuses for laziness: be there!

An asteroid named Vesta, just visible to the naked eye, glides north of Sagittarius this month. If you look towards the southern sky about two hours after dusk you will glimpse this 'big' chunk of rock. Vesta is around 400 miles in diameter and moves slowly but noticeably through the star fields. A pair of binoculars will aid observation: Vesta will still appear to be a faint point of light without detail but you can monitor its movement more easily.



Twilight over Sidney

The Earth is farthest from the Sun (aphelion) on July 4th at just over 94.5 million miles distance. The Earth is over three million miles farther away from the Sun in Summer than it is in Winter!

Three eclipses occur this month. Unfortunately, none are visible from the UK. A partial eclipse of the Sun happens on July 1st and another partial eclipse of the Sun happens again on July 31st. A total lunar eclipse occurs on July 16th. All three eclipses are visible from the Pacific Ocean region. What a pity we all can't afford to nip over to a south sea island and observe them in paradise!

I have to agree with Prince Charles' comments regarding his approach to science. Intuition and reason should be valued equally. Indeed, the only way to connect with nature and the cosmos is emotionally. We are overcome and moved to tears at the sight of a golden twilight because of emotion and not because of logic and reason. The left and right hemispheres of our brain occupy equal physical space and are equal partners. Intuition is as valuable as reason when comprehending this marvellous universe and giving meaning to it.

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

TALE ENDERS

THRUXTON AIRFIELD (Wilts.) was the scene of a glowing UFO sighting by Crop Circle photographer "Busty" Taylor and his fellow pilots, on the night of 17th June at 10.40pm.

MANSFIELD UFO. Ms. Amie Wragg saw a UFO Tuesday 6th June at 10.20pm, she heard a high pitched buzzing noise and saw an unusual shiny lit, round object, near the ground. She watched the object disappear and later smelt a strong smell similar to burning sulphur. *Source: 'The Chad' 7th June & Anthony James.*

CROP CIRCLES MYSTIFY RUSSIAN OFFICIALS. Saturday 24th June 2000. The overnight appearance of crop circles in a field in southern Russia has puzzled farmers, with witnesses saying that aliens landed there. Russian TV reported that a farmer from the village of Yuzhnoye, Stavropol Territory had called in local officials to investigate "An act of vandalism", after finding four circles in his field of ripe barley.

CZECH CROP CIRCLES have been discovered by a pilot while flying near the town of Krasna Lipa, Decin district in the Czech Republic, between 12th - 18th June 2000.

A UFO HOVERED OVER THE CAPITAL OF AZERBAIJAN for several hours, starting at 9.45pm on 24th September 1999. At the time a conference of astronomers was being held at the Shemahinskoy Astrophysical Observatory. The experts were amazed when they were shown high quality video of what was reported to be a huge hovering spaceship. *Source: Susan Cerdan USA. & Moscow's Komsomolskaya Pravda.*

FASTER THAN LIGHT! Scientists claim they have broken the ultimate speed barrier: the speed of light. In research carried out in the United States, particle physicists have shown that light pulses can be accelerated to up to 300 times their normal velocity of 186,000 miles per second. The work was carried out by Dr. Lijun Wang of NEC research institute in Princeton, who transmitted a pulse of light towards a chamber filled with caesium gas. A report has been submitted to the scientific journal 'Nature'. *Source: David Kingston*

GALACTIC RADIO PULSARS - A SHOCKER. According to a new book by Dr. Paul LaViolette (BA in Physics, PHD in Systems Theory), galactic radio pulsars (Pulsars) are part of a vast network of ETI communication beacons. He writes: "Their pulsation patterns are so highly ordered and so incredibly complex that attempts to describe them in terms of natural processes borders on absurdity." *Source: Tony Craddock CSETI & "The Talk of the Galaxy" published by Starline Publications <http://www.ethric.com>*

A BLEAK FUTURE? Gloria Heather Dixon (Editor, 'Strange Daze' Magazine) comments: I believe that in some disturbing ways e-mail and the internet are creating an introverted and depersonalised society and that social skills will gradually decline as we interact on a regular level with a screen, while we surf the net and e-mail unknown people across the world! Imagine where we may be in another twenty years. Imagine a world without books or more alarmingly imagine a world without books for our children and their children. Or in the immortal words of John Lennon "Imagine there's no heaven, it's easy if you try."

DOES '76P' MEAN ANYTHING TO YOU? According to a 'current buzz' on the internet, NASA were "extremely excited" as a comet designated 76P approached the vicinity of Mars. It is astonishing that they have since become silent and there appears to be a blanket of censorship on the subject. This has given rise to speculation that something is amiss! The prophets of doom are once again in evidence, with Nostradamus and his "King of Terror" coming down from the sky. *Source: PRA member, Bernadette Pattison (Australia).*

NEXT MEETING

Will be at the **Royal British Legion**, Allenton, (off the A5111 Ring Road by the 'Spider Bridge'), Derby
at 8pm on Tuesday 25th July.

An evening of 'Flying Triangle' videos, including the very latest shots from Bradford (June 2000)

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

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