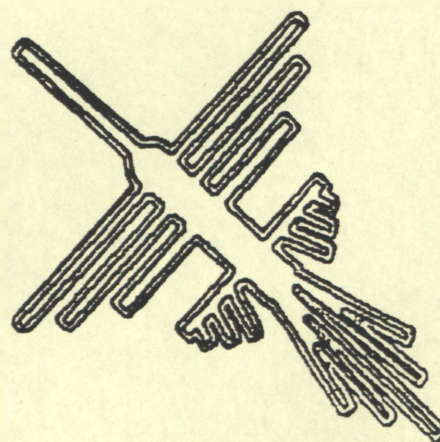
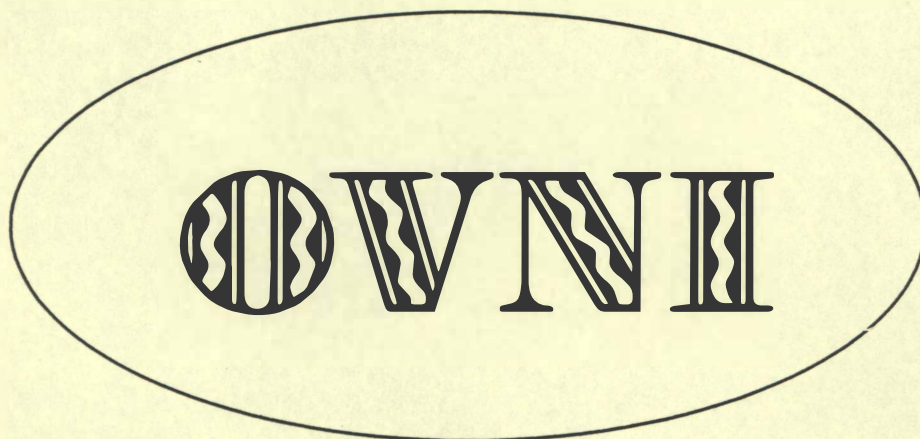
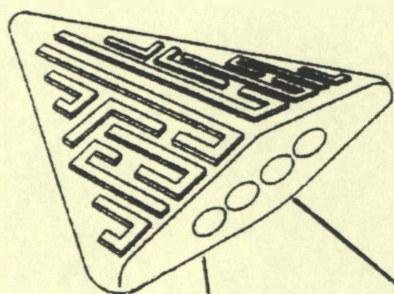


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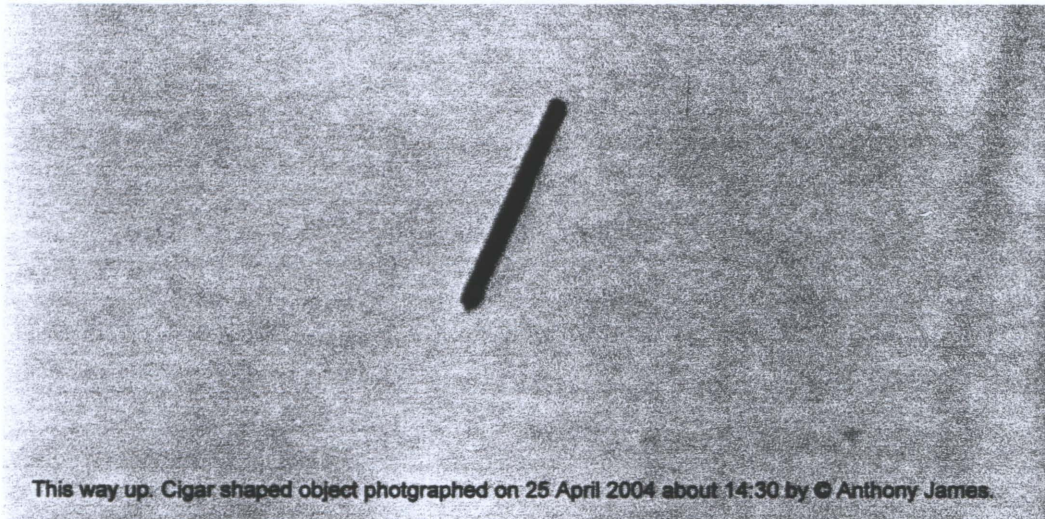
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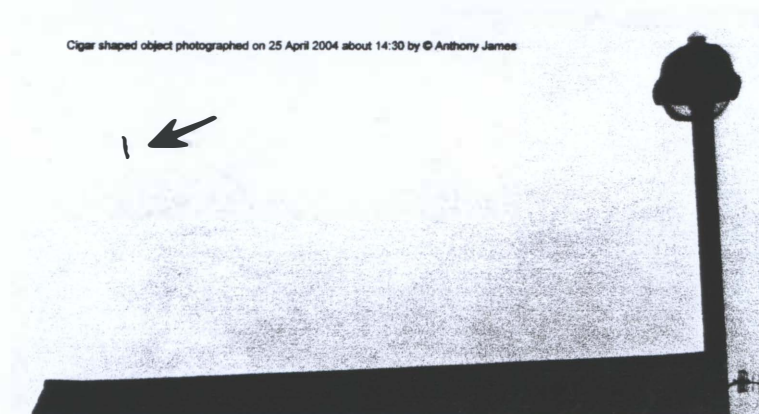
'Flying Cigar' Seen Over Nottingham 25th April 2004

This series of amazing photographs were taken by the well known researcher Anthony James near to his home in Nottingham. Anthony described what happened ...

I was out walking the dog at about 2.30pm on Sunday 25th April, when I spotted a thin tubular shaped object slowly moving across the sky from South to North, at a fairly high altitude, just below the cloud level. Luckily I had taken my digital camera with me on the walk, this is an Olympus C-700 with a 10x zoom lens. I was on the Hemphill Estate when I first noticed it and started taking photos.



By the time it disappeared into the cloud about 20 minutes later, I was just over the border in a field in Nuthall, Nottingham. I had spoken to several passers-by and drawn their attention to this object in the sky and everyone thought how strange it was. There was no noise from the object as far as I could tell and it appeared to be dark grey in colour. I estimated its size to be about 50/60 feet long.

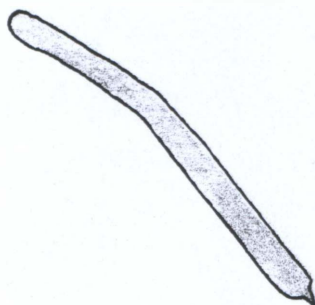


Actual size of the 'tube' as seen from the ground.

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Nottingham Cigar Contd:

Altogether I took 19 photo's of the object as it slowly travelled across the sky. Based on my regular viewing of Boeing 737's passing overhead from East Midland Airport, which I believe are about 100 feet long, I estimated the length of the object between 50 to 60 feet long. It appeared to have some kind of teat at one end, as shown in the photo (1).



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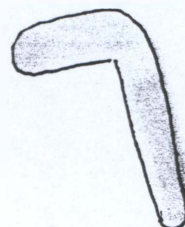
It was only after I had been watching it for some time that I noticed it appeared to bend or distort and I can only presume that this occurred when it hit some air turbulence (see 1).

The distortion of the object increased as presumably the air became more disturbed (see 2 & 3).

2



3



I can only assume that in view of the distortion of the cigar shaped object, it was in fact a balloon of some kind, although I cannot think of any balloon of this type ever having been seen before.

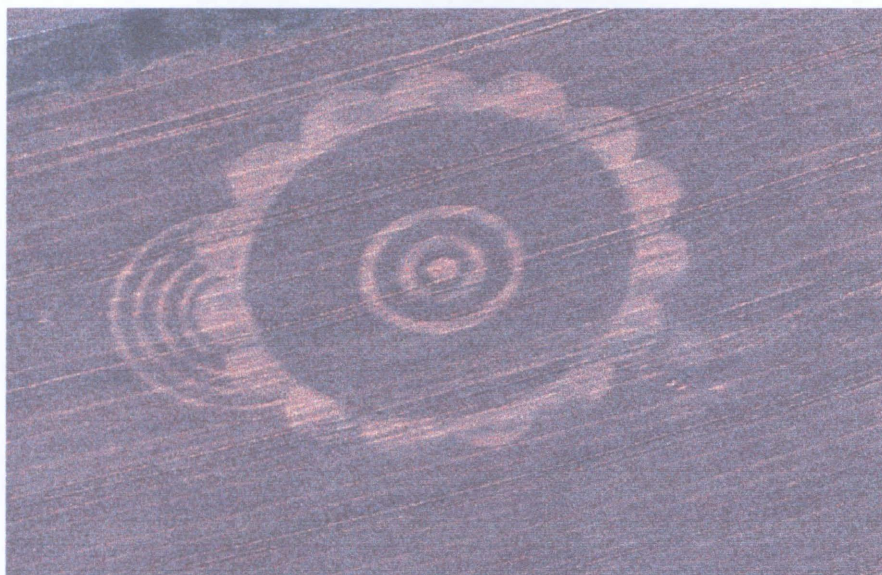
The slow movement across the sky would also indicate that this object was drifting with the wind, rather than being powered in some way. There was little obvious wind at ground level but it is quite possible that at a higher altitude the wind strength would have been much stronger.

Feel free to use these pictures as you wish.

Regards, Anthony James

Editor's Note: We are most grateful to Anthony for passing these photo's to us in the first instance. While the Copyright remains with Anthony, we have been kindly given permission to reproduce the photo's in the OVNI. The deduction that this object appears to be some kind of elongated balloon seems quite feasible.

THE FIRST 'CROP CIRCLE' OF THE YEAR?



This strange pattern in a field in Southern England was seen and photographed by the well know Crop Circle photographer 'Busty' Taylor earlier this year. He spotted it in a dirt field, not yet sprouting a crop. Busty commented "This photograph is on my website and how many of you think that we will see a lot of 'Simple Circles' this year?"

Ed: Well worth a look - (<http://www.busty-taylor.com/cropper/98busty2.htm>)

FRENCH VISITOR



The PRA welcomed a visitor from Paris on the 15th April.

Paul Ponsot is a student studying at the Jussien University (Paris VI D.E.SS) and has recently chosen 'Abductions in France' as the subject of a research paper, which will be completed later this year. Paul (Right) is pictured with Andrew Johnson. Later in the company of Omar Fowler, Paul travelled on to speak with Garry Stapleton, who has specialised in 'Abductee' research in the past.

MYSTERIOUS 'FT' ENCOUNTER IN DERBYSHIRE 1996

With thanks to Gavin Bevis of BBC RADIO DERBY for passing on this report.

(The witness, Mr Daryl Hopkinson, B Sc (Hons.) was subsequently interviewed by Omar Fowler)

I can't really remember the year or approximate month with any certainty, but I know it must have been in 1996-97, as I remember I was at college at the time. I cannot recollect the month or day but I do know it was about 10pm at night.

I was travelling along the B6052 from Eckington to Staveley and was driving past the entrance to Renishaw Hall, turning around a right hand bend.

Then across to my right, in the distance, I saw a light which at first looked like a bright star, but as it came closer, I thought it was a helicopter with a searchlights on the front. I continued driving slowly, heading for a left-hand bend near to the cricket club entrance. As the object came closer I noticed that the white 'searchlights' were much like a car headlights but strangely, the lights did not spill out at angles like car lights do, they more or less looked forwards. The object had also travelled at some speed, faster than a helicopter, as it was now in visual range.

As I turned the left hand bend, the object slowed right down and turned alongside me, still on my right hand side. I was now travelling in second gear, very slowly and continued to watch the aircraft. It continued to match my speed and direction for a short while. I had a good look at it and I remember thinking it looked like a Stealth Bomber, but the triangle was much wider and less pointed. The edges were rounded and it appeared to be black (although it was dark anyway). There were also two red lights on the wing tips that pulsed/glowed and did not flash.

I switched the car lights off in a panic, trying to evade 'it', (I went up the roadside bank twice) as it was still flying directly next to my car and much too slowly for an aircraft of that size to remain in flight. I also remember winding the window down slightly, but I could hear no noise. I was now near to a farmhouse and I seriously considered stopping and making a run for it to the house. As I approached the farmhouse the aircraft now flew behind it and after rounding the slight right hand bend, it was now a slight distance in front of me heading for barrow-hill (at this stage I noticed a pulsating red light at the rear of the craft). I continued driving slowly and the object appeared to speed up somewhat and gain altitude. I had only travelled a slight distance, say 200 metres and noticed the craft had flown at high speed over the Chemical Plant at Bolsover.

I continued driving towards a very narrow bridge and before I had even reached it, the object went off up into the sky in an approximate path towards Derby. I then lost sight of it.

My next concern was to get home quickly and then as I approached the narrow bridge, I was met by a Fiesta-type car that was flashing its headlights wildly.....I regret not stopping and exchanging details, but as you can imagine, I was somewhat bemused.

The following day, I mentioned the event to a local shopkeeper and told her about its Stealth-like appearance. Two days later, I returned to the same shop where the shopkeeper was rather excited to see me. She told me that she had told a friend of hers, who didn't seem to believe her, but the morning after, there was a phone-in on some morning TV show and a caller from Doncaster said that he had seen a black object resembling a Stealth bomber flying over towards Sheffield a couple of evenings ago. His account would seem to confirm the objects flight path when I first spotted it.

I do not recall seeing any windows, but I did not get a view of the top of the craft

Thinking about it now, I do not remember seeing the object visibly gaining speed, it did not 'surge' forward, it merely 'smoothly' accelerated off. Incidentally, I did not sleep much that night!

Darryl Hopkins BSc (Hons.)

CANADIAN UFO ENCOUNTERS

In recent weeks we have been in touch with Alan May, a resident of Newbury, Ontario, Canada. Your Editor recently took part in an internet audio link-up with Alan and his associates, discussing the 'Flying Triangle' (FT) mystery.

Al' related his story to us:

It was about 1992 when I moved to the outskirts of a small town called Florence, in Ontario, Canada that I first noticed what would soon become an almost nightly experience for two years.

A light appeared as a star in the East, then moved across the sky, slowed down and hovered. It then began to emit an orange ball of light around it, flickering brilliantly, as if to attract attention of the few people that might see it.

It was about two months after frequently watching this nightly display hovering over Florence (about 2 miles away) that I decided to flash an S.O.S. in its direction, with my 1 million candle watt spot light. I signalled to it twice and very quickly, then I noticed that it was heading towards me.

It glided over the top of me in silence and not a single noise emitted from it, even the crickets stopped their humming. It hovered maybe 150 feet overhead. Its form was in the shape of a triangle, with an eerie orange glow. There was a single light on each corner, forming the triangle .

Then I heard a loud heavy 'clunk' and what sounded like the noise of a giant electrical motor/hydraulic pump coming from inside the craft. The three triangle pattern of lights blinked out and were replaced what now appeared to be the light pattern of a modern jetliner (shape-changers?). Meanwhile, it was still hovering and as the orange glow surrounding the triangle began to fade out, the sound of the motor increased a little.

Then it seemed to just 'glide' away as if there some giant fans just pushing this thing around at ground level. Then it seemed to increase its speed and height and blended right in with the silhouettes and blinking lights of the other jetliners in the area. I last saw it heading West into the night.

That was the beginning of contact with what Al' has called '**The Messenger**'

Al' has stated that he has seen visions of the result of the approaching Earth climate change, with the coming of more hurricanes, fires and floods caused by the melting of the ice caps.



One of the many photo's taken by Al' of a hovering FT near his home.

For Al' 1992 was the beginning of a 12 year period of consistent harassment and home surveillance, including break-in's into his home, visits by MIB's and helicopter surveillance which continues to this day.

Late News (29/4/04) Al's website is now being viewed by 'Lockheed Martin' & 'Gulfstream Aerospace' !

UFO INCIDENT AT TAURANGA-NEW ZEALAND 11.20PM 2nd JAN.2004

A report from our colleague Mr Harvey L. Cooke Tauranga UFO Investigation Group

Witnesses: Don & Liz B, Ken & Sonja W. Event: L.I.T.S. Conditions: Near Total Darkness

Using a coin . What size coin ,held at arms length, would correspond to size of object(s):- REFER DRAWING .

Discribe trajectory of object(s):- REFER DRAWINGS

Your feelings--Fear, apprehension, pleasure, joy, etc:-

Any noise:- NOT THAT WE COULD HEAR

Did the object(s) appear to pulsate:- AT ITS LATER STAGE (SEE DRAWING)

Have you studied anything about strange aerial objects (U.F.O.s):-

Any other information:- JUST READ THE ODD BOOK & NEWSPAPERS

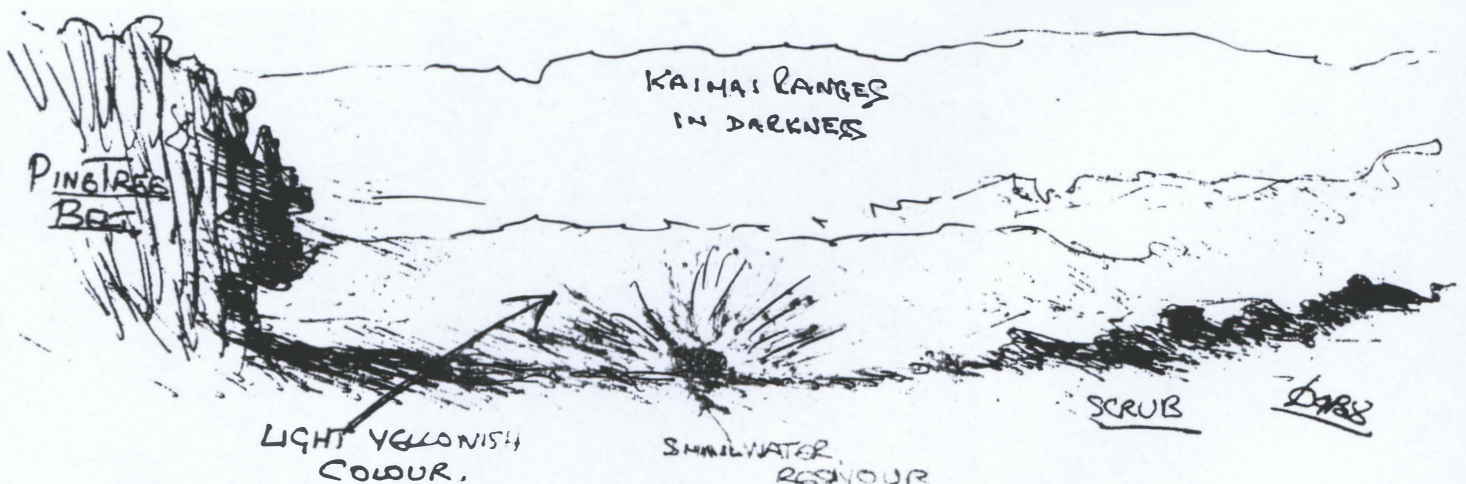
LIGHT MAINLY YELLOWISH BUT OCCASIONAL RED & BLUE TINGES.

ANIMALS OUR CAT WAS ACTING STRANGE PRIOR

TERRAIN THERE IS A DEEP GULLY BEHIND AREA THAT WE VIEWED (NO ROAD AHEAD)

THE DRAWINGS ON THE BACK ARE PROPORTIONATE TO OUR VIEWING 1.K AWAY

Sketch if possible:-



Do you wish your name suppressed:- ☒ (YES) ☐

REFER TO BACK PAGE FOR CHANGES
& TIMES WHEN I HAVE DONE BY SKETCHES

NZ UFO Report Contd.

- ① 11.20 PM INITIAL SIGHTING BY ELIZABETH,
- ② 11.30 LIGHT GOING LOWER
- ③ 11.35 LIGHT SHOWING HIGHER AGAIN + DARK BAND MOVING ACROSS LEFT TO R. & THEN GOING OUT.
- ④ 11.45 SPARKING BRIGHT LIGHT MOVING UP & DOWN & ZIG ZAGGING AS SHOWN BY DOTS. (20 SEC TIME FRAME)
- ⑤ 11.55 BLUE FLASH BAND FLASHES ACROSS IN A PERFECT STRAIGHT LINE, LIGHT EXTREMES START PULSATING (ARROWS) (20 SEC INTERVAL)
- ⑥ 12.00 MIDNIGHT DARK BAND APPEARS AGAIN & MOVES FROM L TO R & BACK (5 SECONDS)
- ⑦ 12.10 LIGHT FADES FAST

THESE SKETCHES WERE MADE IMMEDIATELY AFTER SIGHTING
WHILST FRESH IN MIND.
TIMES ARE NOT EXACT BUT REASONABLY CLOSE.

MASSIVE 'FLYING TRIANGLE' SEEN OVER HOLLAND

(From the Filers Files)

'Flying Triangles' continue to be seen throughout the world, particularly in the United States, where they continue (with other UFO types) to show an interest in Nuclear Installations of various types. This ranges from 'hardened' missile bunkers to Nuclear Power Stations. An early report is shown on the following page.

The sighting in Holland shown below begs the question, are we about to see a further rash of FT sightings in Belgium similar to the 1989/90 'Flap' ? Ed.

ALMELO, Overijssel -- A 47-year old witness was walking a dog outside on Sunday, January 11, 2004, around 8:15 PM, when he saw a huge massive triangle-shaped object. At the moment of the sighting the sky was very clear and the stars were very clearly visible. The huge triangle with red lights on each of the three corners. The witness states, "In the middle of the object there were five lights in a small triangle, there were three indigo blue-colored lights in the middle, and two red lights on each side. The wind blew suddenly very hard from another direction possibly caused by the craft. There were no engine sounds.

The craft moved slowly from the east to the west with two bright white sphere lights on top." The object was very big, much bigger than a jet and was 250 meters distant and a height of also 250 meters. It was moving slowly at a constant speed of 30 km/h as it passed overhead the witness. When the object had passed the witness, he noticed that above the object it had a hilly shape and on top of that 2 sphere-shaped bright lights. The sighting caused some psychological side effects: "I came home nervously and stayed in that condition for a couple of hours. I had a strange, restless feeling. During the sighting I was for a moment frightened, a kind of panic almost," He also reported the sighting to the Air Force Base Twente, but they said they don't do anything with the report. However, even though it was Sunday, a half hour later he could hear fighter jets fly over! Thanks to:

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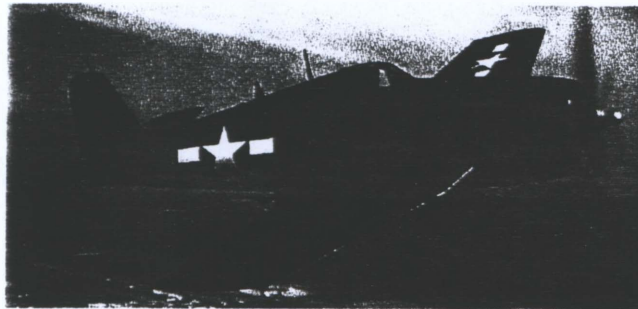
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Here's a real 'oldie' for our readers, thanks to our colleague Daniel Wilson of Ohio, USA.

UFO Sighting Over Nuclear Reactor

Hanford, Washington

July 1945



Grumman F6F Hellcat

With the permission of the writer, Byron D. Varner, of the privately published book *Living on the Edge: An American war hero's daring feats as a Navy fighter pilot, civilian test pilot, and CIA mercenary*, and interviews with the author and principal, Rolan D. Powell by Walt Andrus, the following article was composed. Mr. Varner served as a Navy Public Affairs Officer during the last thirteen years of his naval career.

Several former shipmates arrive at NAS Pasco when he does, along with a number of new pilots untested by war. The Navy selected them to form a new air group and prepare for carrier operations in the Pacific. Rolan looks forward to imparting his expertise to the new pilots recently out of flight training. It will require daily practice in air tactics, maneuvers, bombing, strafing, dog fighting, gunnery, and other tricks of the trade necessary for air combat. A lot of flying. For certain he will try to impress upon them the importance of survival tactics.

The base has another mission for the experienced pilots, as well. About 60 miles away stands the Hanford plant, its atomic activities known to only a very few. These battle-scarred veterans are to protect that plant in the event of an air attack. Although they don't know what this is all about, they will follow orders, as military people are taught.



**Rolan Powell as a McDonnell
Douglas test pilot**

The standby aircraft are always armed and ready to defend the plant, although few pilots seriously believe it will ever come under enemy attack, given the current state of Japan's diminishing effectiveness. But, like the shark attack that Rolan never expected to face, an air emergency does occur. It is noon time, and no planes are in the air. The bullhorn's jarring sound of General Quarters sends the pilots rushing to the ready room for a quick briefing and on to the aircraft for immediate takeoff. Radar had detected a fast-moving object that is now in a holding pattern directly above the Hanford plant. It is extremely high and Rolan can't see it at first. As they rapidly increase altitude the pilots all spot it at about the same time and head directly for its position.

UFO 1945 contd:

None of them can recognize it, but they can see it well from their vantage point. It has a saucer-like appearance, is bright, extremely fast, and very high. The F6F has an operating ceiling of 37,000 feet, but on this day they exceed that considerably and still can't get close enough.

"What the hell is that?" one pilot yells over the radio.

"Nothing I've ever seen before," answer another.

Rolan calls the base to report the situation. They tell him to go higher.

"If we go much higher we can ruin these engines."

"Blow the engines if you have to, but use full military power, full throttle injection, maximum, continuous. Go for it!"

Rolan wonders what the pilots will do when the engines quit and the tower operator tells them to "glide back towards the airport and hope that you make it."

Even with the emergency settings, the F6F can't get close enough to determine the exact nature of this object. It doesn't make any overt moves, gives no signals, just hovers there as if observing, staying well enough out of reach. The pilots can't believe its ability to hover like this. When some of the engines begin to fail, and fuel consumption gets critical, the planes return to base one by one, and the strange craft disappears as quickly as it came. It doesn't return.

To obtain more details on this pre Kenneth Arnold sighting and how such events were treated during World War II, Walt Andrus interviewed Rolan Powell, who now resides in Round Rock, Texas, with his lovely wife Donna.

The six F6F "Hellcats" made visual contact with the object described by Rolan as the size of three aircraft carriers side by side, oval shaped, very streamlined like a stretched-out egg and pinkish in color. Rolan reported that some kind of vapor was being emitted around the outside edges from portholes or vents. He speculated that the vapor was being discharged to form a cloud for disguise. The object was observed at noon in a clear sky at an estimated altitude of 65,000 feet.

Rolan and his fellow pilots pushed their F6Fs to 42,000 feet, which was well above the aircraft's rated ceiling of 37,000, but they were unsuccessful in making contact with this large unknown craft above them. After hovering in a fixed position above the Hanford Nuclear Reactor for an additional twenty minutes, the object disappeared going straight-up as the six Hellcats limped back to the Pasco Naval Air Station (Washington). Mr. Powell does not know where the other five pilots now live or their full names. The squadron consisted of 12 veteran fighter pilots, survivors from a former squadron of 45 called Air Group III aboard the second U.S.S. Yorktown, fondly known as "The Fighting Lady."

When quizzed about the exact date of the sighting, Rolan didn't have his flight log available as a reference, but estimated that it was six weeks before the Japanese surrendered aboard the Battleship Missouri in Tokyo Bay on September 2, 1945. This would place the sighting during the middle of July 1945.

Library research disclosed that the Hanford Engineering Works Plant (Richland, Washington) was actually a large plutonium-production facility constructed adjacent to the Columbia River, using the water to cool the reactor piles. Opening for operation in September 1944, the Hanford site was a Fast Flux Test Facility (FFTF) to provide material for producing atomic bombs. This ultimately led to the dropping of bombs over Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, and Nagasaki, on August 9. Hostilities ceased on August 14, 1945.

It is conceivable that unidentified flying objects may have had an interest in our nuclear energy program in 1945. Now, Rolan and his fellow Navy fighter pilots know what they were guarding at Hanford, which at that time was part of the ultra-secret Manhattan Project.

Rolan D. Powell, Byron D. Varner, Walter Andrus
Source: MUJ-344

Sighting Directory For This Case
NICAP Home Page

'THE STORM THAT WASN'T'

By Ernie Sears: Paranormal Researcher & SUFOG Member

Thursday the 25th March..a heavy, cloudy, day. 4.00pm approx. Sat on my lounge settee here in Netley Abbey I felt the room "vibrate" and heard a rumble at the same time as a "flash" illuminated EVERYTHING! The whole sky. At the same moment my door chimes sounded, the fire alarm too, and I leapt out of the settee wondering what the hell was going on! No one was out there but I saw that ALL the fire doors had shut themselves. Puzzle, I went looking for a fire or whatever..only two people standing at a window who had also seen and heard the incident described. BOTH said it was "weird"..Not the `usual` thunderstorm. All over in seconds. I phoned a UFO Group colleague on the far side of Southampton who, yes, had heard and seen the incident..also described as `strange`. Her TV had gone off.

I rang the Police Central Control to see if any other reports. The phone stayed silent...no ringing tone. I tried the standard 0845 045 454 45 police number. Nothing. Silence.

Next morning I rang the Southern Daily Echo Newsdesk. No reports. No headlines envisaged. They would `enquire around`. Nothing came back from them. Later that same day our SUFOG founder and magazine newsletter editor Steve Gerrard rang me. He spoke about the "storm" and confirmed the police phones `went down`. He had been "out" in it when the event occurred. Described it as "strange". Met hailstones too. Next day I rang the Echo newsdesk again. No reports! Normally this kind of incident would make the front pages even. I spoke to our sheltered flats complex manageress...she confirmed she'd encountered the huge flash and `strange` single roll of thunder while some two or three miles away in her car..it `scared` her, she said. I came across a close friend who was dozing in bed before going on her hospital nightshift who was aroused by the thunder and flash of lightning plus the sound of her front door opening!

She went out into the passage and, yes, the locked door was open to the full stretch of the security chain! I sent an email to Meridian TV on the Monday..29th March..asking for any information and WHY had it not made the news. No reply..then or since. Nothing! I later said to Southampton UFO Group's Steve Gerrard..he'd heard NOTHING from anyone..since he is connected with the Hampshire Police Authority, this was unusual. His comment was `just a storm`.

Today...7th April..my TV Meter man came. He is into and interested in UFOs and the Paranormal..has had "experiences"! I casually mentioned I was `up to my eyes` in the stuff and mentioned also the `funny storm`. Before I could go on he said he'd had something strange happen that both he and his wife had no answer for.

Storm Contd:

Went on to describe a recent occasion when his wife went out the back door and locked it, taking the key with her. When she came back she walked in asking why he had left the door open. He went and looked..sure enough the locked door WAS open to the extent of the security chain! I could hardly wait to tell him, amid my own chuckles, of the strange "coincidence" with my friends door! I also asked him WHEN did their experience occur. He thought..and then said it was on Thursday 25th March.! He was SURE since it was some sort of date that was important to him. I'd casually said it was about two weeks before. I then spoke about certain so far unfounded suspicions I had about the matter and my ongoing "communications". This, eventually, brought about some discussion on the Iraq problem. HE came back with a late night News item..about TWO WEEKS AGO..that had Bush promising an `experts` examination of the `UFO Enigma` right NOW! Something I didnt know! DO YOU? I reminded the TV meter chap that Blair and Bush are due for a meeting to discuss Iraq in the next week or so..was there a connection or is this all speculation. I have now also recalled the email from our Steve Gerrard that gave information from the Dorchester Conference of the 4th April that alleged UFO MAGAZINE would resume publication in May! Coincidence? I also recalled, today, that I'd told our Steve that the sky `looked different` and `something had changed` following that instant storm. I still feel that. Strongly!

I rest my case! iF ANYONE can add anything on all this I would be happy, indeed, eager, to hear.

By the way, our fire doors here, covering 54 flats in two blocks, all out, took three days to replace the `burnt out` system. I refuse to believe NO ONE else suffered damage in the area... the search goes on. My next stop is the Chief Constable of Hampshire. Who I have a casual and infrequent acquaintance with.

By the way. My TV meter man lives at Wimborne. just east of Bournemouth, which possibly confirms the witnesses who saw the lightning being right about it covering the whole sky!

A 1970`S sighting I had of an orange "globe" hovering over Wimborne..the local Bournemouth Echo had one other confirming report when I rang them.. maybe another "odd" coincidence when I found where my meter man lived about a year ago.

OK. Why am I interested in that "storm"? It`s the SECRECY!

NO ONE...but no one, is replying, even..over a week later.

Ernie Sears

Editors Note. Ernie's experience of the 'storm that wasn't' sounds to me like the effect of a 'CME' (Coronal Mass Ejection) hitting the atmosphere in his vicinity. There is a well documented case of a similar incident in Canada that occurred a few years ago, when a major city suffered a 'power outage' from a Cosmic blast.

The Evening Sky May 2004

May evenings bring great views of the two brightest warm-weather stars: Arcturus and Spica. Arcturus shines high in the southwest and presents a distinctive pale yellow-orange hue. Spica, the one really bright star in the longest constellation of the zodiac, Virgo, lies almost due south.

Venus is at its stunning brightest when May starts. Venus floats high in the western sky after sunset and does not sink below the horizon until around three hours later. However, Venus is descending fast and by the end of the month, sets in twilight just one hour after sundown. Venus is actually swinging closer to the Earth. As the planet approaches our line of sight to the Sun, it shows less and less of its daylight side until it disappears from view.

Saturn and Mars glow to Venus's upper left. They are much dimmer, especially Mars. Around May 10th, Mars is positioned half way between Venus and Saturn. Over the following two weeks, Mars will pull closer to Saturn and pass it around May 24th. The word 'planet' means 'wanderer' and we can see why the ancients so named the planets. Now is an excellent time to observe a planet moving. If you monitor the position of Mars each night you will observe a definite shift in its position against the background stars as it goes by Saturn. Jupiter, the second brightest planet after Venus, shines in the southern sky at dusk.

A total eclipse of the Moon occurs on May 4th. The Moon will already be eclipsed when it rises. A total lunar eclipse occurs when the Earth passes directly between the Sun and the Moon causing the Earth's shadow to fall upon the lunar surface. This can only happen at Full Moon. On the 4th at least some part of the Earth's dark shadow touches the Moon for three-and-a-half hours. Mid-eclipse occurs at 9.30 p.m. The Moon's colour changes from the very bright white to a dim, orange, coppery colour. Sunlight is bent and refracted in the Earth's atmosphere and the colour of the Moon during a total eclipse is the colour of a thousand sunsets on Earth. You can see the curve of the Earth as the shadow recedes across the Moon's surface. A lunar eclipse usually occurs within two weeks either side of a solar eclipse. (The Sun was partially eclipsed on April 19th.) The period of totality lasts over an hour because the Earth's shadow is much larger than the diameter of the Moon.

Comet Neat becomes visible this month and if you look carefully, you can spot Comet Neat after twilight in the western sky. Comet Neat will pass the bright star Sirius in early May and enter the constellation of Ursa Major by month's end after passing through the constellation of Cancer.

Though our modern world is disconnected from nature and the cosmos it is a mistake to underestimate the power of the Moon, especially during a total eclipse. It is also a mistake to ignore the signs and omens of the cosmos.

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

Walter Berg - walterberg@theeveningsky.co.uk

*The new look website has been released, with lots of great new features including **forums** for you to discuss the latest edition of The Evening Sky, please visit the new website at <http://www.theeveningsky.co.uk> and take a look for yourself!*

TALE ENDERS

ANY STRANGE KNOCKINGS? The well known UFO researcher Anthony James (previously of EMUFOA) has now hung up his binoculars and has settled down to the more Earthly (?) pursuit of Ghost hunting! Anthony has decided to leave the UFO phenomenon for the PRA and others to investigate.

CROP CIRCLE DETECTOR? Jeff Whitear (PRA) has come up with a novel way of detecting where a Crop Circle may form. Jeff has suggested that in view of the H/F radiation that has been detected in the circle area, it may be possible to pick up radio distortion where a Crop Circle is likely to form. It requires two people with walkie-talkie' radio's to walk either side of the field and work their way from one end to the other. One transmits and the other receives. If there is H/F activity in the centre of the field, the person receiving the signal should pick up a marked interference with the signal! Worth a try I think!

BURTON-ON-TRENT UFO 24/1/04. 7.40 pm. The location of the event was near the Stapenhill Cemetery on the outskirts of Burton-on-Trent, Staffs. The witness first noticed a rectangular cream object cruising NW to SE at about 3/400 feet overhead. The witness estimated the length of the object at about 50feet and it appeared to have two large square exhausts on the back. There were no lights visible on the object but "it was kind of luminous". There was no sound heard from the craft. It then banked away, revealing a definite circular profile which had not been visible when the object was overhead. It then appeared to "fade away" rather than going out of sight. *Source: Dan Bright: 'The Unexplained Info'.*

OVNI 'WORLDWIDE'. Several readers have asked how widespread the OVNI journal is distributed? Apart from the UK (and that includes 'The Outer Hebrides' Islands), the OVNI is regularly sent to France, Belgium, Germany, Sweden, Canada, the USA, Australia and New Zealand!

EASTER AND ALL THAT... The release of the Mel Gibson film 'The Passion Of The Christ' caused a sensation when it hit the cinema screen. The cruelty shown inflicted on Jesus Christ bordered on sadism, although it is believed to have been based on the punishment of the time.

The Christian religion as such, is based a great deal on the resurrection of Christ and great prominence is given to this claim detailed in the Holy Bible. There is however an even greater mystery written in the Holy Bible that is rarely mentioned. When Mary Magdalene went to the sepulchre and found that Jesus was no longer there, **who was the mysterious figure waiting to give her the news that Jesus had gone?** "They saw a young man sitting on the right side, **clothed in a long white garment** and they were affrighted." (St.Mark 16. 5.). Also St.Luke 24. 4. "And it came to pass they were much perplexed thereabout, behold **two** men stood by them in **shining garments**." St.Matthew 28.2. "And behold there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it. 3. **His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow.**"

Just a passing thought.... Where did these 'shining white' guys come from?Ed.

SNEAKY: In case you didn't notice, the price of a second class stamp has now risen to 21p. This is the second rise in recent times. So far the PRA annual sub. has remained stable. We may have to reconsider the position when the new postal package 'measurement/rather than weight' system comes into operation.

THE NEXT PRA MEETING

Will be held at 8pm on Tuesday 25th May at the Royal British Legion, Allenton, Derby.

A presentation by Andrew Johnson **'The Case for Anti-Gravity'**

What evidence is there that technology, other than 'conventional' aerospace technology exists?

Could this be thought of as being 'Anti-Gravity' or something attempting to control Gravity?

Another fascinating presentation from Andrew, with audio extracts from Nick Cook & Bob Lazaar.

Plus all the latest UFO news. £1 on the night. Non-members welcome. Free UFO book raffle.

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