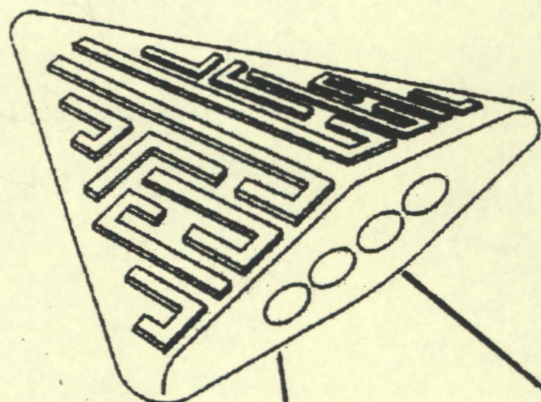
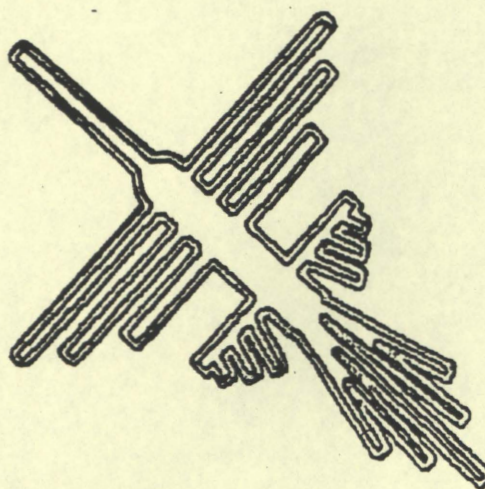


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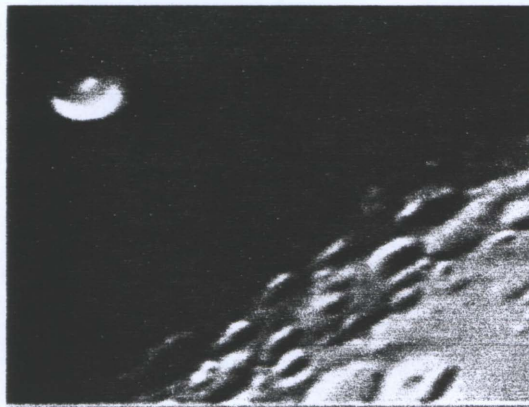
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## AMAZING PHOTOGRAPHS RELEASED FROM THE 'APOLLO 16' MISSION

Photographs just released on the internet on the 31st December 2003 claim to show a large disc shaped UFO visible hovering over the Moon's surface on the 27th April 1972.

The photographs are accompanied only by a brief text from Richard Boylan, Ph.D. stating 'For those of you for whom a picture is worth a thousand words, here is the link to the photos of the gigantic UFO which Apollo 16 commander took during their blast-off from the Moon back to Earth.'

[Http://www.edicolaweb.net/nonsoloufo/apol16\\_e.htm](http://www.edicolaweb.net/nonsoloufo/apol16_e.htm)



Apollo 16 mission was composed by the astronauts Ken Mattingly, Charlie Duke and John W. Young, who made the video.

Editors Note: We are puzzled as to why the media has not taken up this amazing series of photographs showing several stills from a video claimed to have been taken from Apollo 16. In one instance it has been stated that the photos were taken by John W. Young as Apollo 16 approached the Moon. Another interpretation is that they were taken during the blast-off back to Earth?

In view of today's excellent computer graphics we must be wary of hoaxes, such as the one perpetrated below.



Do you remember seeing this photo in the Nov/Dec issue of the OVNI ?

It was claimed that it had been taken by a photo journalist in a cave in Ras el Khaimah, UAE. The photographer was supposedly found dead and this 'being' was found on one of the photographs when the film was developed.

It transpires that this 'creature' is on display in Cheddar Showcaves & Gorge in Somerset (England) and is part of a tourist attraction called 'Crystal Quest'.

The picture had already been debunked in 1996 by the 'Fortean Times' - "Strange Days #1" pp. 27—28.

## BETTY HILL IS SERIOUSLY ILL



### **Betty and Barney Hill**

*(Photo by courtesy of Betty Hill)*

The two subjects of probably the Worlds first well documented Abduction case.

We have recently learned that Betty Hill, who is now 84 years old, is suffering from Lung Cancer and has been subjected to extensive chemotherapy for several weeks.

In an appeal published on the internet from Stacey Allen McGee ( Alternative Realities Center), fellow Ufologists were asked to write letters of support to Betty during this difficult time. The PRA duly wrote to Betty and received the photograph, reproduced above, in reply.

For those readers not familiar with this world-famous abduction case, a brief resume is given below.

### **The Barney and Betty Hill Case 1961**

While returning from a trip to the Niagara Falls in Canada, Barney and Betty Hill were driving through the 'White Mountains' area of New Hampshire when they spotted a light in the sky.

Barney thought that the light may have been a military aircraft of some kind and he stopped the car to look at the light through his binoculars. What he saw scared him, for there was a craft with strange looking beings looking out of the windows at him. Barney jumped back into his car and the couple drove off down the road.

It was then that the mystery deepened, for the couple 'lost' two hours of their journey home and like awakening from a dream they realised that they could not account for what had happened. (It was only later, when under hypnosis that Barney recollected nine figures straddling the road as their car approached).

The following day, Barney felt he had a sore neck, then he noticed that there were some blotches on the bodywork of his car and his shoes were scuffed. Then they both began to suffer from stress and Betty had nightmares, in which she was taken into a room and examined by strange beings.



As a result of the couples continuing trauma they eventually sought medical help and this came in the form of Dr. Benjamin Simon a Boston psychiatrist.

During the following months they were interviewed carefully by Dr Simon. He finally drew the conclusion that it might be beneficial to the couple if he could take them through their missing two hours of time by using hypnotic regression.

Over the next few months the couple were hypnotised to 're-live' their two hours of missing time and gradually a terrifying story was revealed.

Under hypnosis Barney and Betty began to describe how their car had been stopped by a group of strange beings with "pear shaped heads" and "large wrap around eyes".

Barney described how he began to feel "very weak" and under hypnosis he said "I can't even think of questioning what is happening to me. I am thinking of a picture (film) I saw years ago of a man being carried to the electric chair. I think of this and I think that I am in this mans position - my feet are dragging."

*(Could this have been how Barney's shoes had become scuffed?)*

Inside the craft, Barney told how a device had been used to extract semen from him and how Betty had a needle inserted through her navel. She was told that this was in connection with a pregnancy test. This was unheard of in the medical profession at the time and this fact made Dr. Simon sceptical.

It was only in later years that a similar procedure was developed to test the amniotic fluid in pregnant women to detect 'Downs Syndrome' in the foetus.

It was while Betty was inside the craft that she saw a three dimensional star map of some kind on the wall. It was made up of large and small dots connected with lines. When she asked one of the 'beings' what it was, he said that it represented trading routes and expeditions between the stars. Betty was later able to draw the map from memory, while under hypnosis.

In 1974 in Ohio, amateur astronomer Marjorie Fish, who had been studying the 'Star Map', published the results of her findings. She claimed that she had found a star system that matched the map, then another astronomer found an even better match. However, using a computer, the noted astrophysicist Carl Sagan compared Fish's map with the original and stated that there was little similarity.

Sceptics said that the couple had misidentified a bright star or planet, triggering off a fantasy. Betty had shared her abduction experience with Barney, who considered that the event had been real. It seems unlikely that in view of the emotional trauma experienced by the couple, their experience could not have been a dream and in fact was truly one of the first well documented Alien abduction cases.

An interesting piece of information came to light later and that was the nearby 'Pease Air Force Bas' had tracked a UFO on radar that very night.

The 'Hills Case' was one of the first abduction scenarios to be scientifically investigated as is now termed as a classic case. Yet definitive answers to this and other similar cases reported since remain as elusive as ever.

Initially Dr Simon concluded that the couple were not lying, hallucinating or suffering from psychosis, but he later claimed that the episode was an unconscious fantasy.

However, he admitted "There are inexplicable things. I threw many tests at them during many months of therapy and I couldn't shake their stories and they were definitely not malingering."

When Barney died in February 1976, Betty believed that the interest in them and their abduction would end. It did not. For years Betty travelled around the World, visiting numerous countries such as Russia and South America etc. She spent a good deal of time lecturing and taking part in TV spots talking about the 1961 incident. She also gave telephone interviews sometimes more than 120 in a single month.

Betty is a no-nonsense type of woman and even in her advanced age (84) she is quick witted, agile and has a strong mind for dates, names and facts. We wish her well.

### A very strange aircraft over Crantock Beach.

**Sunday afternoon, 3.30 p.m. 21 September 2003.**

Crantock Beach lies alongside the tidal river Gannel, which flows near Newquay, Cornwall. The afternoon was a lovely warm, sunny day with clear blue sky and a few puffy white clouds, and hardly any wind, perfect to relax and enjoy the scenery.

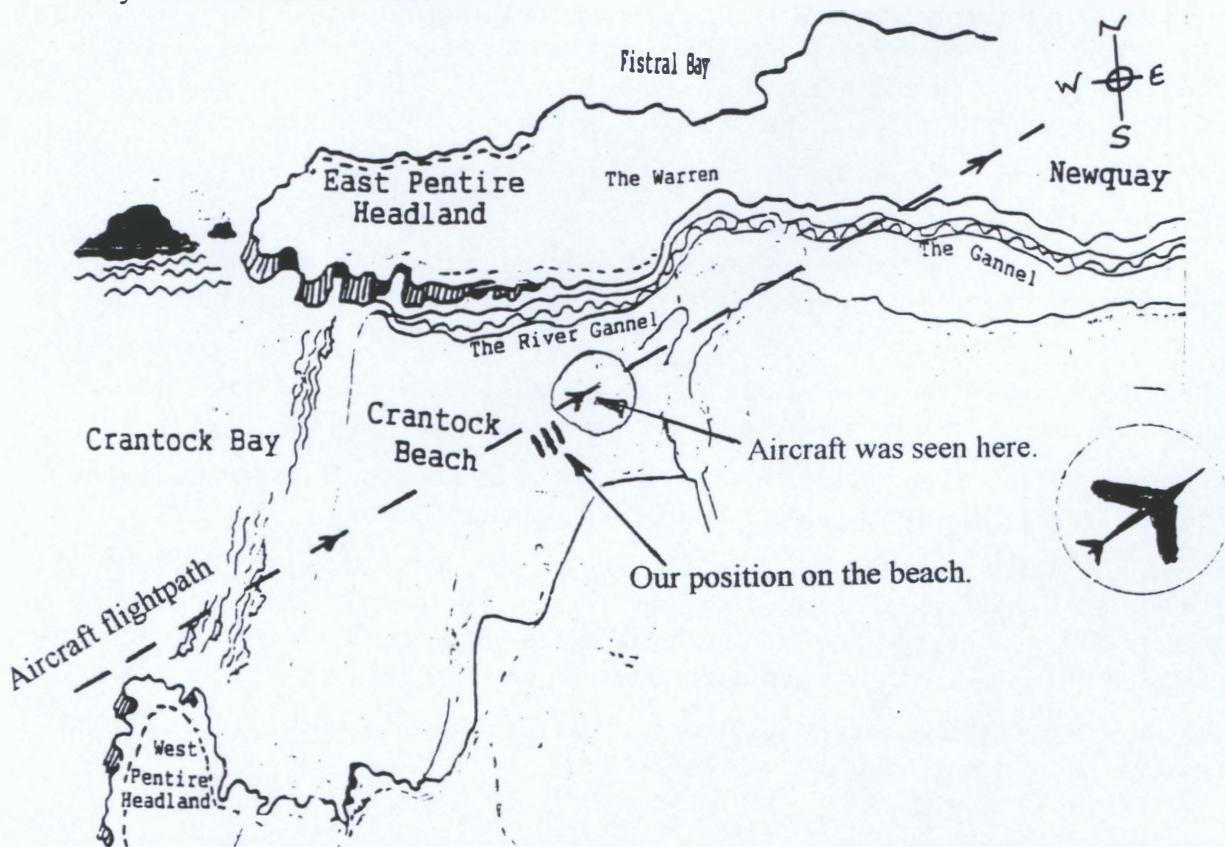
I was sitting on the beach with my daughter Jane and her friend Rod, when our interest was centred on the sound of a low flying aircraft coming towards us from the sea. It was a heavy engine sound something like a helicopter or Sunderland flying boat. We all followed the sound but to our amazement we couldn't see anything against a clear blue sky.

The sound now was directly overhead and quite loud, then suddenly it appeared, a swept wing aircraft, brown in colour, about one inch at arms length, just about to enter a small white cloud. The cloud was only about five inches long at arms length so we all waited to get a second look at this aircraft as it came out of the cloud. To our amazement nothing came out the other side, but the sound continued until it faded away over Newquay

What is so strange is that we all clearly tracked the sound of this aircraft for about five or six minutes, but it was only visible for a few seconds. Another couple at the side of us were as baffled as we were.

The enclosed sketch shows the aircraft flightpath and our position on the beach.

Roy E. Swann. PRA member.





## A BELGIAN CROP CIRCLE : 25th June 2003

Photographed by Jean-Marie Van der Hoop



On the 25th June 2003, I received a telephone call from Gerard Grede (SOBEPS) informing me that a Crop Circle had been discovered near Waremme (Belgium).

A few hours later 'we stood in it'. The actual site was at Mielen-boven-Aalst. (A photograph of the circle is shown above).

The aerial photographs were taken on the 29th June, as I had driven on my BMW motorcycle to Avernas-le-Bauduin where I rented a little micro-light aircraft piloted by Henri de Seraing to fly over the circle.



Valiant researcher Jean-Marie Van der Hoop

Flew in this micro light to obtain a series of outstanding aerial photographs!



## ORBS AND SPHERES

By Margaret Fry (Wales Federation of Independent Ufologists)

I was lucky to get this as BBC Wales have been printing some of my reports on their Internet website and this gentleman was looking for someone who knew something about the subject to share this with, and maybe throw some light on it. He had not previously taken an interest in UFOS, but felt he now ought to know more about the phenomenon. He spotted my name and got in touch with me.

It is one of the clearest and most detailed photos I've seen. Chris who owns his own business of central heating, had taken his Kodak digital DX 4330 camera out into the back garden to photograph Mars which was at its closest point to planet Earth on the 31st August 2003. This was at Shoreham, West Sussex, England, the time approx. 2 a.m. It was our summer time, a clear night with plenty of stars visible. He found Mars looking large, bright and red and took 12 shots within 3 minutes.. When Chris developed these on his computer, on the second shot there is a round Object above his neighbour's house side, at the top right hand of the photo. It has an electric blue circle of light surrounding it, but no other detail. The next shots 3, 4, and 5 are of the dark night sky with specks of light/stars visible, and about to the centre of the sky the red light of Mars. Below in his garden are two flowering bushes, the one to the left light up by the flash light, and part of the neighbour's roof with a window visible at the right of the photo.

On the 6th shot there is this same round Object much lower and larger to the centre of the photo, now in minute detail. There are raised rings of bright pink, with two raised round blobs to the top left. In the centre is a hole. In the bottom part of the circle the rings are closer to each other indicating the Object was tilting towards the camera, but the electric blue aura around it is all of even width.

I asked Chris if I may send this to UFO Magazine, Yorkshire, OVNI and Queensland, Australia for our UFO Magazine readers, and he agreed, he also agreed to answer these questions.

- 1) MF - Did you carefully wipe the lens before starting to photograph on the night of 31st August 2003 approx 2 a.m  
CHRIS - No
- 2) MF - It was a dry, warm night, so therefore it could not have been a droplet of mist or water?  
CHRIS - Yes, I fail to see how a droplet of water or mist could be on the lens in only one of twelve distinctinctive shots, given the time between.
- 3) MF - The bush to the left of all 12 photos is flooded with light, was this from your window, an open doorway - or light from the neighbour's house? Other?  
CHRIS - It was just the flash of the camera
- 4) MF - Why did you take all twelve shots from the same angle and area of the sky?  
Why did you not turn the camera about, as you were looking to photograph Mars?  
CHRIS - I was taking lots of photos of Mars and it is in every shot, if you will look carefully at the photo shots (it is there, microscopic compared with the Object and below, slightly to the left - MF)
- 5) MF - I do note pin points of Lights/stars in the photos, Mars was appearing extra large and red that night.  
CHRIS - Yes it was.
- 6) MF - I note the pattern of what appear to be raised pink circles do decrease at the bottom of the circle, this would suggest the sphere was tilted towards you, yet interestingly the aura of electric blue light is of even depth all round  
CHRIS - I can't explain that, as I did not see it at all, may be the Object was round?
- 7) MF - Personally I do not think a speck of dust or drop of mist would produce such distinctive detailed type of pattern, with a decreasing wideness of circles at the base or a hole in the centre or two raised blobs to the left of the top of the sphere  
CHRIS - I think you are right and if a speck of dust or water or mist, why on only one picture I took of 12 photos inside of 3 minutes?  
The BBC decided to put it out on their Internet, and AUFON, Victoria derided it saying it was time the Media ignored these pictures of spheres



MF - With regard to my personal views on these Orbs/Spheres, which may or may not prove correct. Unlike some Researchers I do not believe they are indigenous to our Planet and been here for aeons. I think they are part of an ongoing Alien technology and fairly recent that Extra-terrestrial Intelligences have come up with. If our Civilisation is advancing Technically through the centuries, why not the Beings from planets visiting us? We used to get many reports of orange balls, which some Researchers attributed to Ball lightning. Has it occurred that with the advent of these Orbs, we scarcely get any reports of orange balls now. Ditto since the advent of the triangular type UFO craft, the George Adamski type hardly ever puts in an appearance.

In the last UFO Magazine (issue October 2003) that Graham Birdall produced there were excellent articles and photos of Orbs. I think Chris's photo beats them in clarity of detail. He himself knew nothing about the subject of UFOS and thought what he got on camera was a solid Object. Who is to gain-say his view?

Well do these orbs/spheres momentarily solidify? or is the answer that the spectrum of our vision is so limited that this is the reason why we do not see Orbs? UFOS appear to appear and disappear, when in fact they may still be there, but invisible to our human eye sight. Animals have different vision to ourselves, particularly cats. They appear to be able to see more etheric like things, such as ghosts. Do they also see Orbs and things invisible to us?

I have seen UFOS over a 48 years span since the 17th July 1955, and contemplated on these ideas whilst actually watching them. I have had well over a 1000 people report to me in 38 years of investigating, and repeated reports over these years of people being feet apart—One sees the UFO and the other nothing, is it simply a case of it being out of eye alignment, such as happens with rainbows?

Years ago a Mr. Montana in Kent came to me with an extraordinary experience. He had been a Guide in the famous underground Kent, Chislehurst Caves and was taking a party of tourists around the labyrinth of passages when suddenly a large orange ball of light appeared just feet from him. They turned around and went this way and that, but this Object just was always ahead and a few feet from him. The tourists were panicked and he unnerved when in desperation he poked his Guide stick into the centre of it. In that split second the enormity of what he had done struck him, and he expected to drop dead, but the light just exploded outwards silently and disappeared.

There is still so little we understand about our own planet, that one has to retain an open mind. So I do not totally exclude any ideas my fellow researchers come up with.

Compiled by Margaret Fry co-founder of the Wales Federation of Independent Ufologists and Representative in Wales for Contact International UK



## AN ALIEN BASE IN SIBERIA

By Omar Fowler

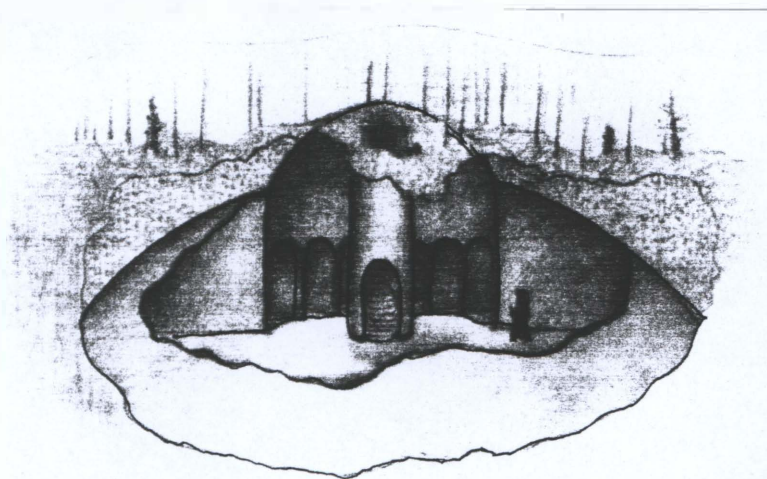
My article in the last issue of the OVNI referring to the likelihood of an established Alien base in Siberia has resulted in a great deal of interest and comment from our readers. There has also been a demand for the full text of psychic Peter Gregory's story 'Alien Contact: The Oona Story' (£3 plus postage).

We have also received a valuable contribution from PRA member Tommy Dunford of Malmesbury and this has been included in this article.

Apart from our own contribution to this subject, the 'NEXUS' magazine (Dec/Jan 04) has coincidentally also published an article on a number of mysterious structures known to exist in a remote part of Siberia since 1853!

An extract from the article, complete with drawings, has been printed below with the kind permission of Marcus Allen, the UK Manager of NEXUS MAGAZINE.

At present, the only things that point to the existence of these constructions are ancient place names that have in part and all manner of rumours. But each of those toponyms represents hundreds, if not thousands of square kilometres.



In 1936, alongside the Olguidakh ("place with a cauldron") River, a geologist directed by elderly natives came upon a smooth metal hemisphere, reddish in colour, protruding from the ground with such a sharp edge "that it cut a fingernail".

Its walls were about 2 centimetres thick and it stuck out of the ground roughly a fifth of its diameter. It stood leaning over so that it was possible to ride under it on a reindeer. The geologist despatched a description of it to Yakutsk, the regional centre.

In 1979, an archaeological expedition from Yakutsk attempted to find the hemisphere he had discovered. The team members had with them a guide who had seen the structure several times in his youth, but he said that the area was greatly changed and so they failed to find anything.

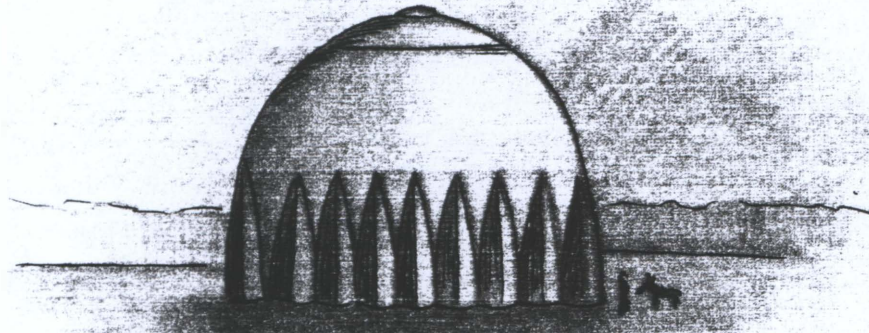
It must be said that in this locality you can pass within ten paces of something and not notice it, so earlier discoveries have been pure luck.

Back in 1853, R. Maak, a noted explorer of the region, wrote: 'In suntar (a Yakut settlement) I was told that in the upper reaches of the Viliuy there is a stream called Algy timirbit (which translates as "the cauldron sank") flowing into the Viliuy.

Close to its bank in the forest there is a gigantic cauldron made of copper. Its size is unknown as only the rim is visible above the ground, but several trees grow within it.

The same thing was recorded by N.D. Arkhipov, a researcher into ancient cultures of Yakutia:

\*Among the population of the Viliuy basin there is a legend from ancient times about the existence in the upper reaches of that river, of bronze cauldrons or *olguis*. This legend deserves attention as the areas that are the supposed location of the mythical cauldrons contain several streams with the name Olguidakh - 'Cauldron Stream'.



And there is a passage from a letter penned in 1966 by another person who visited the Valley of Death. Mikhail Koretsky from Vladivostok wrote:

'I was there three times. The first time was in 1933, when I was ten - I travelled with my father when we went there.' (*The complete article can be read in the NEXUS MAGAZINE Dec/Jan 04 issue*)

**From PRA member Tommy Dunford:**

I read your recent article 'An Alien Base In Siberia and Alien Contact' and I was absolutely intrigued to say the very least.

During the 1970's I was a member of the 'Trowbridge Wiltshire UFO Society. My function then was to research and investigate foreign UFO sightings and naturally I had various contacts in Europe who provided me with essential information.

The significant report in question concerns my research into a news item which had appeared in the 'Weekend' publication on the 25th June 1980: 'MID SPACE ALIENS DROP IN ON SCIENTISTS IN SOUTHERN RUSSIA'.

My Russian colleague, who was then a scientist, provided me with the initial updated news report which differed from what the 'Weekend' had indicated, although this was some years later (11th January 1989). In the report, a top Russian Astro-Physicist, Professor Vitinas, claimed that a 700 page blueprint was retrieved from a 'star ship' that crashed in a remote part of Siberia in the summer of 1988.

Furthermore another sighting in Siberia was observed by hundreds of people that included a Red Army Major and was also confirmed by Radar. The TASS newspaper reported 'A Giant UFO Was Seen Hovering Over The Western Siberian City Of Omsk'.

These extracts may prove to be useful in one way or another to add to your fascinating earlier report on Alien bases in Siberia.

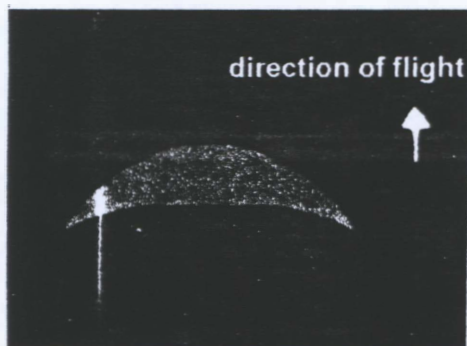


## A SELECTION OF THE LATEST UFO REPORTS

Dear Mr Fowler,

This is Nikita Samuell and I wish to report my UFO sighting. I live in Nottingham near Wollaton Park.

Last night, Monday 24th November 2003 at 2.35am an object rather like a fat boomerang flew silently right over the top of my house, it seemed quite low, less than 2,000ft.



I estimated the speed to be about that of a commercial airliner (350mph?). The dull reddish/orange glow made it stand out, maybe reflecting the city lights? There were no flashing lights or any navigation lights.

The sky was clear and it was frosty and the object was travelling East. Although there are buildings around I got a good clear view. The sighting lasted about 20 seconds and it was certainly strange.

It was not a flock of birds as I know it was just one large object, about the size of say, a matchbox at arms length.

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I have just received the following sighting report, of an event that apparently occurred only 2 hours ago:

Date: November 30 2003

Time: 18:40

Location: Altrincham, Cheshire

"The triangular object was spotted whilst walking down bold street it appeared to be transparent with a clear outline. Within the outline seemed to be see through liquid."

"Static for 2 seconds then seemed to rise towards south east for 5 seconds in a sharp fast movement"

Unfortunately, the witness did not submit any contact information.

Best, Dan

—  
Dan Bright  
[www.TheUnexplained.info](http://www.TheUnexplained.info)

**Sent:** Wednesday, November 12, 2003 10:51 AM

**Subject:** Re: Triangular ufo

Cheers 4 ufo info v interesting. My nephew, Joel, who use to live in Australia was driving home late one night from the coast to Camden [c70km from Sidney] and a light caught his attention. He looked up thru' his open sun roof and he saw a black triangle with lights at each angle and one in the middle. He said it was following him only about 40 ft above. He was v frightened and suddenly the craft beamed a kind of blue- grey light onto his hands and it lit the car up, no engine failure or the like and he carried on driving. He said the really weird thing was that as the light hit him, he felt that he could sense an entity or being that could read his mind and also felt the presence of a military officer. It freaked him out. He had only a few kms drive left until he got home and the craft followed him right up to the house. He ran in and told his mum [my sister] and she called the police and reported it all.

If u r interested a few friends meet up at a ladys house called Dawn. We are a sort of lay-back discussion group. The people are Cindy Luffmann, Peter, John, Fi, Lousie and Kieth. All nice people. We meet up on the third thursday of each month next week at around 8pm. 7 Greystones close, All-Cannings, near Alton Barnes her tel no is 01380 860741. Love Maria.

UFO Reports Contd. From: daniejon2000@yahoo.co.uk

## National UFO Reporting Center

## Sighting Report

Occurred : 12/16/2003 22:50 (Entered as : 12/16/2003 22:50)

Reported: 12/17/2003 9:01:19 PM 21:01

Posted: 12/19/2003

Location: Glen Rose, TX

Shape: Triangle

Duration:

Triangle carft observed by TXU Nuclear Power Plant.

I was walking out to my truck to head to work. I work the night shift and its located very close to my home so that allows me to leave about 5-10 min. before 11:00 p.m. to make it there on time. Just as a habit I looked up to the night sky to gaze at the stars. Off in the distance toward the west and moving east/north east I spotted what I thought was a very low flying plane. As I continued to watch the object some things began to occur to me. On the out skirts of my home town there is a TXU Nuclear Power Plant about 5 miles out.

We don't often see low flying anything because of it. As the object came closer I noticed 3 very dim lights on it. On the left was a green light and on the right was a red light. In the middle, slightly higher was another red light but it was noticeably smaller than the two on either side of it. I know that all planes have lights that display these colors but these lights weren't blinking that were on constantly and did not flash once. I was still thinking that this might be a plane but there was no sound and with how low it was flying anything moving or flying through the air would have some sort of engine noise but this thing was perfectly silent and steadily moving ahead.

Not until the object passed over head did I see the true shape of it and it was a perfect triangle and looked mostly black or a dark grey. I jumped in my truck and tried to follow the flying triangle but lost sight of it behind nearby houses and trees as I made my way to the road. By the time I reached the road it was hardly visible and disappeared into the night sky. I estimate the size to be about that of a private jet or small commercial carrier and the speed at about 50 mph and the height that it was flying between 120-130 feet. I don't know or assume the object had anything to do with the nuclear power plant but I think they may have some sort of radar that could have possibly detected the object. Please email me back if you or anyone else might have any info on this event or let me know if there were any other reported sightings in the area.

Thank you to this witness for their report.

Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO Research Canadian Toll Free UFO Hotline 1 866 262 1989 - Free call.

Home - Phone/Fax 1 250 845 2189 HBCC UFO Forum Board <http://216.147.50.102/HBCC-UFO/index.php>  
email: [hbccufo@telus.net](mailto:hbccufo@telus.net) Website: <http://www.hbccufo.com>

## National UFO Reporting Center

## Sighting Report

Occurred : 11/29/2003 20:36 (Entered as : 11/29/2003 20:36)

Reported: 12/2/2003 3:01:26 PM 15:01

Posted: 12/9/2003

Location: Limerick, PA

Shape: Triangle

Duration: 1 minute

slow moving triangle with three lights, that stopped rotated and shot off in the other direction

My family and I where traveling on Swamp pike in Limerick back from dinner on a clear night, when I looked out the back window of our car(moving south) I noticed three lights. I first thought it was a small piper plane from the nearby Limerick airport. When the object slowly drifted over us from the nothwest, I then saw that it was one solid triangle with three lights (each light on a point) and a red flashing light in the middle of the craft. I got my family's attention and pointed at it. The craft slowly drifted over to the barren field to the left of the road and slowed down, almost stopped. The craft's blinking red light then changed to the color of green. My dad then slowed down the car and pulled the car over slightly for a better view of the craft. The triangle then started moving again but now in a west direction towards the Limerick Nuclear power plant. I moved to front of the car and we all saw the bottom of the triangle again but the glare from the lights of the town ahead and I noticed it was dark silver (the silver metal was not made of panels). The craft then moved to the right of the road and then couple seconds later it suddenly disappeared.



## FLYING TRIANGLES AND NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS

According to a number of accounts from 'Abductees', we have repeatedly been warned by the 'Aliens' about the dangers of using Nuclear Power. The reports on the previous page show the interest being shown by 'Flying Triangles' in our Nuclear facilities. The Greenpeace report printed below should give us equal concern over the activities of mankind + Nuclear Power.

### SELLAFIELD AS HEAVILY CONTAMINATED WITH RADIOACTIVITY AS CHERNOBYL

9 October 1998

Amsterdam -- The area around the Sellafield reprocessing plant (UK) is as heavily contaminated with radioactivity as the zone around the stricken Chernobyl reactor in Ukraine. This is the conclusion emerging from the analyses of soil samples from both areas as commissioned by Greenpeace to the University of Bremen (1).

Over the past few weeks the University of Bremen analysed the samples taken by Greenpeace in the area around Chernobyl. A comparison with radioactive pollution in the area around the UK reprocessing plant at Sellafield leads to the alarming conclusion that some of the figures for radioactivity at Sellafield are even higher than those for the Chernobyl area.

'Sellafield is a slow-motion Chernobyl, an accident played out over the last four decades', said Mike Townsley of Greenpeace International. "While an area of 30km radius around Chernobyl is prohibited access for people and any agricultural activity, there are no such restrictions around Sellafield".

Greenpeace will present these results today in Hamburg, to urge the new SPD/Green coalition Government to act now on their long-held policies of opposing continued reprocessing at Sellafield and La Hague in France. The SPD and Greens will meet on Sunday 11th October to discuss their nuclear policy, and it seems possible that they will cancel their second set of contracts for reprocessing. They will also examine ways to cancel the base-load contracts already signed for an initial period of ten years.

'The region around the plutonium factory at Sellafield is as similarly contaminated with heavy radioactivity as the area around the calamitous Chernobyl reactor in Ukraine' said Heinz Laing of Greenpeace Germany. "An end must be put to this now. The nuclear industry and the German Government share the blame for this insidious disaster. Not one gram more nuclear waste should be allowed to be delivered to Sellafield or La Hague. Deciding to stop this is the least a 'Red-Green' coalition must do immediately."

People living by the reprocessing plant in Sellafield are today filing a suit against the Federal Export Office in Eschborn, which authorises nuclear exports abroad in the name of the Federal Government. The accusation made by the complainants says reprocessing German nuclear waste at Sellafield impairs their right to life and freedom from bodily injury.

On the 20th October, the English and Welsh Environment Agency will meet to consider new authorisations for radioactive discharges from Sellafield. Greenpeace believes that this latest revelation, combined with the commitments made by the UK Government at the OSPAR meeting last July to substantially reduce discharges from reprocessing at Sellafield, should serve as a warning to the Environment Agency that levels of contamination around the Sellafield plant are already so severe that any further contamination presents an unacceptable risk to both current and future generations.

#### NOTE:

(1) Pollution with the americium-241 radioactive isotope in a soil sample eight hundred meters from the reactor in the Chernobyl disaster, for example, is around 1,300 becquerels per kilogram. In soil sampled seven miles away from the Sellafield plant, pollution from this isotope is as much as 30,000 becquerels per kilogram. The analyses carried out for Greenpeace by the University of Bremen also found cobalt-60 values of up to 40 becquerels per kilogram, and pollution from caesium-137 in concentrations of up to 9,400 becquerels per kilogram, seven miles from the UK reprocessing plant. Seven miles from the Chernobyl reactor, on the other hand, fewer than ten becquerels of cobalt-60, and approximately 7,400 becquerels of caesium-137, were measured per kilogram.

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## **The Evening Sky January 2004**

January nights can be freezing cold so please wrap up warm if you are spending even a short time outdoors looking in wonderment at the stars. Should you decide to pass the whole night outdoors lying on your sun-bed you will enjoy dark, crystal clear, star-filled skies. Once your eyes are accustomed to the dark you will experience every shadow, every nuance of light the night sky has to offer.

The Orion star constellation still dominates the south-eastern sky throughout the night. The Red Giant star Betelgeuse is easily identified lying to the upper left of Orion's Belt while Rigel the Blue Giant star lies to the lower right. Orion's Belt consists of three bright stars in a row. If you look below the Belt and slightly to the left you will see the hazy, shimmering glow of the Great Nebula in Orion.

Venus is undoubtedly the superstar of the January sky, glowing prominently in the south-west at evening twilight. Mars, though much dimmer is clearly visible high in the southern sky, while Saturn is low in the eastern sky. Jupiter rises in the east around 10.30 p.m. Mercury is visible low in the south-east about 45 minutes before the Sun rises.

Look out for the Quadrantid meteor shower on the evening of the 3rd. Yet, the best time to observe is between midnight and dawn on the 4th when some 40 fast moving meteors an hour will whiz by. A gibbous Moon sets about two hours before dawn so this 'window of complete darkness' is perfect for meteor watching. Remember, wrap up warm and be comfortable.

Full moon occurs on the 7th. January Moon names are Wolf Moon, Quiet Moon, Snow Moon, Cold Moon and Chaste Moon. The word January comes from the Roman name for this month and was named after the god Janus who had two faces. This deity ruled over beginnings and endings, the past and the future so now is an excellent time to work on putting aside the old and making plans for new and positive conditions.

The Earth is closest to the Sun on the 4th at 91.5 million miles (perihelion). The Earth is three million miles closer to the Sun in the middle of winter than at the height of summer!

A truly mystical sight appears in the sky on the 24th. The crescent Moon pairs with a very bright Venus evoking emotions of wonderment, enchantment and the supernatural. We live in an electronic, cold, rational world but we beat with a warm heart for we are people of the Earth, of nature, of the sky and of the cosmos.

Enjoy Your Evening Sky!

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Please watch your mailbox for exciting news on how to join the new The Evening Sky discussion group! You will be able meet fellow readers of The Evening Sky and discuss your interests...from time to time I am sure Walter Berg will post a few messages.

Please don't forget to visit The Evening Sky on the web at <http://www.theeveningsky.co.uk> so recent additions include some new articles written by Walter on subjects such as Starting Astronomy, The Greenhouse Effect and Global Warming, Ozone Layer Depletion and much much more.

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## TALE ENDERS

**WHO WAS OUT THERE?** The U.S. and Russian crew of the International Space Station reported a brief, unexpected metallic crunching noise outside the outpost early Wednesday, November 26th 2003.

Astronaut Mike Foale told NASA's Mission Control the noise sounded as if something had struck the aft end of the Russian Module that houses the crews sleeping quarters, kitchen and lavatory.

Both U.S. and Russian ground-based experts could find no evidence of penetration of the station's airtight hull or the cooling system for the electronic equipment that is responsible for many of the operations.

Later Foale used the video cameras on the station's 57 foot robot arm to scan the external areas of the outpost from which the noise seemed to come, in search of potential damage. News-Tribune Nov.27, 2003.

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**Dorchester 9th One Day Conference.** Speakers for the 4th April 2004. Reg Presley, Philip Mantle, Busty Taylor, Crichton Miller, Paul Vigay, David Kingston. E-mail David Kingston@btopenworld.com

**NOT A LOT OF PEOPLE KNOW THAT!** On the 6th December 2003, at 1904 UT, Asteroid XJ-7 passed a mere 93,000 miles close to the Earth. Passing in fact between the Earth and the Moon.

**THE 13th ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL UFO CONGRESS CONVENTION & FILM FESTIVAL** February 8 -14, 2004, Flamingo Resort—Laughlin, Nevada. Details on [www.ufocongress.com](http://www.ufocongress.com) or from Omar Fowler phone 01332-761464.

**MARS LANDER HAS LANDED IN THE MUD.** Mars controllers at NASA celebrated the successful landing of the Exploration Rover (3rd Jan). The Rover scans the land with a pair of panoramic cameras that detect visible light. The mission is to search for evidence of water on the planet. Where there is water there is life! Buried at the base of the Rover's mast lies a third eye that is sensitive to heat or thermal infra-red radiation.

A close-up of the Gusev Crater is shown in the new detailed images that reveal a mysterious substance right over the Rover's feet, which scientists described as a "strangely cohesive" clay-like material with alien textures. Lead Rover scientist said "I don't understand it. I don't know anybody on my team who understands it. It looks like mud, but it can't be mud." *We will have to wait and see! Ed.*

## STUNNING NEW CONTACTEE STORY JUST IN!

We have just received news via the internet from Giorgio Piacenza, who is Peruvian born and working as a Sociologist in Miami. He has sent us an extensive report on a contactee Sixto Paz Wells. To quote Giorgio "Sixto Paz is one of the most famous contactees in the world and has been interviewed in the world's most prestigious radio and TV programs, but how was he able to establish contact with the UFO's and their crew?" **Read the next issue of the OVNI, which will be devoted to the revelations made by Sixto Paz Wells. Scanning through the history of Mr Sixto Paz Wells, I consider that he will become more famous than Adamski. Ed.**

## NEXT PRA MEETING

Meetings for 2004 will all take place on the last Tuesday in the month (except December: no meeting).

The next meeting will be held at the Royal British Legion, Allenton on Tuesday 27th January at 8pm.

Direct from the USA, the video we have all been waiting to see

Sci-Fi's 'Rendlesham Forest'

(The full length programme, not the edited 1 hour programme recently shown on Sky TV)

£1 on the night. Non-members welcome. Free UFO book raffle.

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