

MYSTERY FIREBALL OVER SOUTH WALES.

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On Friday, 3 October 2003, most newspapers had the photograph of a “bolide”, or fireball, taken by a schoolboy, Johnathan Burnett [See front cover of this issue –Ed]. Once again there is this strange temporal synchronicity that seems to occur around celestial (if potentially ufological) phenomena. This time when there is talk of the Earth being protected from meteoric impacts by an alien “gun”.

This photograph was submitted to NASA who published it on the Internet. NASA appeared to think it important, or did it just feel it was a welcome addition to the plan to frighten everybody to death with tales of doomsday meteoric impacts? But the details given for the object just did not fit the object depicted in the photograph. Why? It may just be put down to the way astronomers have treated the subject of meteors for so long.

But what is to be made of the extraordinary statement: “And a photo of a fireball over Wales taken by a local teenager and posted by NASA on its website, turned out to be an aircraft condensation trail. “? - What absolute drivel. The trail in no way bears the slightest likeness to an aircraft con-trail, it is a blatant falsification. Someone at NASA blundered when they put the picture on the web because the exploding object (or perhaps *vapourising object* would be more applicable here, for I know of no debris retrievals) revealed something it should not have: This fact originally unknown to that person (the textbooks giving no help), but he/she knows differently now, big-brother *is out there*: All in all there is here an imprint mildly reminiscent of the Roswell propagandist manoeuvres. The upper echelons are out to suppress the truth.

On the previous page I said the Burnett ‘Bolide’ was too slow for a meteor, on the other hand it was too fast for an aircraft.

It is obvious that, now that meteors have become a sensitive ufological issue, the debunkers will have had a major plank removed from their austere edifice, they cannot now so glibly pass off various sightings as being of meteors, or as they like to call them ‘bolides’; a strange



First picture of fireball taken by Johnathan Burnett



Second picture, 2 minutes later

and somewhat out of date name for a large (badly understood) meteor.

Over recent years the danger from meteoric impacts has been over egged, of late it has to have been noticed that the ‘dangerous meteors’ have of late become ‘dangerous asteroids’, not due I suspect to PC, but something else, of which - ‘the people cannot be told’! ■

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➤ (i) France

French government continues to fund research into UFOs. Trans-en-Provence ‘landing’ case still baffles scientists

A book called *A Crack In The Sky*, published before 1982 (and edited, I believe, by Gordon Creighton) dealt with the subject of the then French government’s attitude to UFOs. France had been witness to many UFO sightings and alleged interactions with aliens since the early 1950s and the French defence ministry finally admitted that there

were good grounds to believe that UFOs did in fact represent alien visitations of some kind.

The book is worth reading, if you can track it down, but if you can’t, *The Humanoids*, published in 1969 and edited by the then FSR editor Charles Bowen, details – in a chapter written by Jacques Vallee - the UFO wave of 1954. If one doubts the sanity of the French defence ministry in declaring UFOs to be for real – in terms of alien ‘visitation’ in some way - a reading of the 1954 wave, and subsequent books by Vallee, should dispel those doubts.