



ESO PR Photo 45c/98 Shows the measurements (with error bars) of the radial velocity (V_r vs. orbital phase) of Gliese 86 with the new 1.2-m Swiss telescope and the CORALIE spectrograph at La Silla. They have been “phase-folded” with a period of 15.83 days and the diagram thus represents one revolution of the planet around the star. The fully drawn line corresponds to the best orbital solution, obtained by least-square fitting a simple two-body model (star + planet) to the data. As can be seen, the agreement is near perfect and the dispersion of the measurements around this line is very small.

“1066 AND THE INTERNET AND ALL THAT”!

Almost a thousand years ago a warlike Scandinavian tribe who had settled in Northern France, the so-called Normans (“Norsemen”), landed in Britain and defeated our Saxon King, Harold, at Hastings in 1066.

And as soon as he had got safely and comfortably settled in here, their ruler, William of Normandy, the “Conqueror”, despatched a group of officials to various areas of the country to draw up an “Inventory” of precisely what it was that William had acquired by conquering England.

The result, a few years later, was the remarkable assessment which we know as the *DOMESDAY BOOK*, completed 20 years later, in the year 1086.

Such an efficient and effective job was done by the King’s Commissioners that today I am able to know that, in the little town in “Herfordshire” where I was born and

where I still live, the entire place was owned by the Abbot of St. Albans, that there were a total of 1200 pigs here; 14 ploughs (vitaly important “high-tech”); four shillings’ worth of fish caught in a year in the three local streams; and a mill; and the population consisted of 22 villagers, 9 smallholders, 5 cottagers and 5 slaves - all ruled over by precisely 4 *Frenchmen!* The total value of the place was £20 and Ten Shillings (“£20 before the Conquest in 1066”!)

It all sounds to me like pretty good accounting and stocktaking. And I feel prepared to bet that this is precisely what the INTERNET is ultimately designed for — STOCKTAKING BY THE NEW MASTERS OF THE PLANET! (*I wonder whether today Rickmansworth has got 4 Aliens running it?.* G.C.■

A DEVICE TO STOP ALIEN ABDUCTIONS?

A man named Michael Menkin, of Bellevue, Washington State, claims to have invented a special type of hat that prevents alien abductions!

The hat consists of a leather motorcycle cap modified with several layers of an anti-static material normally used to protect printed circuit boards.

Michael Menkin says his hats work as “*thought screens*”. He claims that they might be 100% effective in preventing alien abductions. He says that, to achieve full protection, they should be worn at all times, even during sleep.

We thank Dean Ladds, our Glasgow “back room boffin”, for sending us a CNI news report about this, based on a story in the newspaper *Las Vegas Star Ledger* of

March 23, 2000, and also the text of an announcement from Michael Menkin himself which has been put out on the *Internet*.

The full text of this announcement from the inventor is as follows:

EXPERIMENTAL DEVICE TO STOP ALIEN ABDUCTION.

<http://www.Alien.Scalpel.com/device.htm>

This request references reports of alien abductions as reported by Budd Hopkins, David Jacobs and Raymond Fowler. I made a device which may help people abducted by aliens as reported by the above investigators

The device works by blocking alien telepathy and mind control. I call my device a “*thought screen helmet*”. My

device consists of a leather helmet lined with layers of special conductive plastic, the same material used to prevent static electricity damage to printed circuit boards.

When worn over the head, I believe the device may insulate an abductee from alien telepathic control. Its function is not proven, I realize, but a shield for blocking alien telepathic control is worth trying.

To date I have one abductee trying my device. *He has not had any memorable alien contact for three months, so the device may work. I am still working with this person and hope to confirm its operation.*

I am trying to get other abductees to try the device to confirm its operation. My "thought screen helmet" cannot be tested in a laboratory. The only way to test it is for an abductee to wear it for a period of time and determine if the telepathic control of aliens is blocked or neutralized.

If the "thought screen helmet" works it will minimize alien activity with a person and allow that person to resist aliens. If I cannot verify the function of my current "thought screen helmet" configuration, I plan to test different materials to find one that does work.

If your organisation can put me in contact with the kind of abductee described by Jacobs and Hopkins who is interested in trying the device, I will mail it to them for free, worldwide. There are no catches. It's available to any serious abductee who wants to test it for free, anywhere in the world. Several sizes of "Thought screen helmets" are available.

If your organisation can't put me in contact with an abductee, can you post this appeal on the notice section of your website or in your newsletter?

Contact Michael Menkin by email, telephone or regular mail. Email address: Mmenkin@nwlinc.com Telephone: 425-454-2355

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COMMENT BY EDITOR, FSR.

In case readers may think this sort of story sounds a bit too far-fetched, I would remind them that one of our reports from Jorge Martín in Puerto Rico mentioned a very strange and interesting thing which could be related to this same matter, *for it was a suggestion that the method being employed by the U.S. Government to keep their live alien entities in secure conditions where they could not be rescued was to surround them by a special kind of powerful magnetic field!*

However, it has to be said that as far as is known from human research, telepathy is not blocked by electrostatic screening (e.g. in tests with a "Faraday Cage" -a metal enclosure completely screened to exclude electromagnetic signals).

If we take it that claimed abductees can be influenced by alien signals which are not telepathic, rather indeed electromagnetic, then the idea of the screened helmet makes some sense. G.C.■

A "TUBULAR" CRAFT PHOTOGRAPHED OVER THE MOJAVE DESERT, CALIFORNIA IN 1998. BY GORDON CREIGHTON.

Several British newspapers reported in mid-June 2000 that an Englishman, Mr. David Hastings, aged 67, and his co-pilot, David Patterson, were flying in a twin-engined *Cessna Skymaster* when they saw and photographed a cigar-shaped craft.

Mr. Hastings, who has been flying for 40 years, said: "There is no doubt in my mind that we had an encounter with a UFO, and I have got the picture to prove it. It appears to have heat coming out of it, because it was creating an air flux in the same way that you get a distorted wavy view of a road on a hot day".

The incident had happened in June 1998, when they were at 10,000 ft. above the Mojave Desert. They were on their way from New York back to the home, in San Francisco, of Mr. Patterson, a former WWII pilot, after attending a U.S. Army Air Force (Second Air Division) Convention.

Mr. Hastings, of Salthouse, Norfolk, is Chairman of the Second Air Division's memorial library here in Norwich. He said "We realize there was something heading straight for us. All of a sudden the cockpit went black as the object flew overhead, blocking out the sun."

He showed the print to U.S. Navy officers at the

time, and he says: "They asked to keep the picture for a while, and when I picked it up again from them a few days ago, I asked them what they thought it was? They refused to say anything, and simply answered: "No comment".

The photo is thus two years old. He had not allowed it to be published until he was being interviewed for the June 2000 edition of *Pilot Magazine*. He said: "Quite a few airline pilots see UFOs while they are flying — but I have never heard of one being photographed like this."

The tubular shape, sharply cut off at both ends like a cigar, is not a frequently seen type of UFO, but there have been occasional sightings



Pilot David Hastings