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Earlier: Monte Novo - A UFO was photographed on Monday, May 31, 2004, around 2:30 PM, by Eduardo Silva, 25, of the Instituto de Soldadura e Qualidade (ISQ) as he performed a water quality survey on the waters of Monte Novo. Two engineers and two students were together but did not notice the presence of the object until they checked the images picked up by the digital camera. The Portuguese Air Force had followed the tracks of a "spindle-shaped" object which had crossed the national air space. On Monday, Colonel Barbosa of the Armed Forces High Command explained that they were currently "cross-checking information from the radar images and eye-witness accounts." The reflection of the sun on the apparently metallic object agrees with the shadows of the trees shown in the photo. Source: Ruiz Chaves/Carlos Varela Correio da Manhã - <http://www.correiomanha.pt> Translation (c) 2004.

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PORTIMÃO -- On June 1, 2004, the witness saw what appeared to be a comet with a long very bright conical tail at 11:15 PM. Suddenly, it started moving very fast in zigzags to the southwest with a reddish point and it disappeared leaving a long bright tail behind it, that lasted for a few minutes. It was not a comet, it was not a meteorite, it was not space debris, because debris or meteorites don't circle and don't stop in the air. This UFO was seen in various places in Portugal and was on TV and in all the press.

Twenty people saw a big light on the horizon flying from south to north for 500 km over Portugal on June 1, 2004, at 11 PM. All the people that saw the phenomenon report that the UFO was travelling with a strong light, and with a strange tail of smoke. Neither the trajectory nor the speed was agreed by witnesses. The last sightings were around 500 kilometres from the first ones. The sighting was covered by Portuguese television, radio stations and newspapers

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to take account of it.

Members of SIGAP receive the bi-monthly journal Pegasus and details of the group's occasional talks. Membership in the UK costs £12, Overseas Membership £20.

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ENTITIES SEEN AT SILBURY HILL WILTS, UK

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By John Hanson and Dawn Holloway

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This previously unpublished sighting took place on the top of Silbury Hill, an ancient man made structure, lying off the A4 road, a few miles out of Marlborough, UK - a popular venue for tourists who travel from all over the world, to visit this and other ancient monuments such as the nearby historical Avebury stones. It involved three young people, Paul Baguley Sonia Bailey, and Robert, from the Leamington spa area. They decided to visit the area during the evening of the 30th of July 1994.

Paul: "We sat looking out over the open countryside. It was a warm night and we noticed what we took to be a bank of fog rolling in towards us from the direction of

Calne, obscuring some of our view near the base of the hill.

At this stage some of the others, who were assembled on the hill decided to move away, (by this time it was about 2am) when I noticed a smell like burning tyres, I looked round and saw a number of flickering orange lights appearing near to the West Kennet Long Barrow on the other side of the A4.

At first I thought these lights were cycle lights, then realised that this was not the case, as the light given off was illuminating the ground below the 'lights'. Then an incredible thing happened. Two objects appeared on the road. They were tetrahedral in shape with what ap-

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peared to be a humanoid lit up shape inside—with the light given off from these 'shapes' cutting a swathe through the fog."

Sonya: "We could clearly see the head and shoulders of the occupants, who seemed to be looking for something on the ground. I flashed my torch at 'them', which made them turn round to face us as if acknowledging our presence, at which point I knew from their lack of facial features - such as hair - that they were not human."

The next thing that happened was that the entities seemed to be kneeling down inside the tetrahedron. I shone my torch again, at which point the 'craft' started to move over the ground into a nearby field, before rising up some 10 feet in the air.

Rob, our other companion, was so frightened by what was happening that he fell over backwards, at which stage everything seemed to slow down. I felt as if I was walking through water. I turned round and saw what I can only describe as what looked like a black tarpaulin material covered in wet mist or dew, covering the form of some other people who had fallen asleep. What this material was I cannot say except it wasn't tarpaulin sheeting.

Rob told me to stay put. We looked out over on to the A4 and could see two or three 'light beings' still in their 'craft', although by now these had been joined by three

or four other similar beings.

At this stage we could see car headlights approaching from the Marlborough direction, which could not have been seen from the lower position.

They just knew - it was if they were synchronized with our thoughts, moving out of the way of the car, when a strange thing happened: we saw them decrease in size to what looked like a slit of orange light like door closing, until all that was left was a globe of orange light hovering over the road, which then faded away from sight as if it had never happened."

Authors' Notes: The locality is well known to us, and although we cannot prove that (from any physical evidence left at the scene) that this incident took place, we have no reason to distrust the statements given by the participants, all of whom are known to us, in this matter. This was not the only time we were to encounter strange phenomena in the area. On one visit to Avebury, Dawn photographed what can only be described as an anomalous cloud hovering over the stones, unseen with the naked eye, similar to what we have been picking up at Rendlesham Forest over the last few years.

Another photo taken by Dawn shows (35mm camera) at the base of Adams Grave shows a most unusual object again unseen with the human eye, just before a storm approached.

Report on the Ozark UFO Conference 2004

By FSR Consultant George Wingfield, July 2004

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The Ozark UFO Conference takes place in the first week of April every year in Eureka Springs, Arkansas, and is considered one of the more balanced conferences on the subject compared with some in the U.S. that present sensational material however dubious its origin. Even so, (middle-of-the-road) ufologists still groan at the choice of some speakers here, and we must still carefully pick our way between fact and fiction.

This particular conference has not changed greatly over the years and many of the attendees - such as myself - return year after year as much for the camaraderie that has built up among many of the regulars rather than in the hope of gaining any new insight into the UFO phenomenon. The conference is organised by veteran ufologist (Lou Farish) who lives in the state of Arkansas, and the first such meeting was held in 1989. It all takes place in a large motel complex, the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks with conference facilities for over 600 attendees, against the scenic backdrop of Eureka Springs and the Ozark Mountains. Apart from the lectures by the various speakers, much of the serious discussion of the UFO topic takes place in the evenings between the regulars who tend to congregate in what is known as the Lone Star Bar.

This private bar is traditionally organised by Gary

Massey (of Sulphur Springs, Texas) and a few friends in a specially reserved suite at the conference hotel. The discussions, and indeed the drinking, goes on late into the night and often videotapes of UFO program segments are shown in the bar, played over and over, and subjected to close scrutiny. All conference attendees are usually made welcome in the Lone Star Bar.

Over the past 40 years perception of the UFO subject has changed considerably and likewise long term researchers and UFO conference attendees have often changed their ground too. Back in the 1950s and 1960s most UFO believers speculated in terms of nuts-and-bolts alien spaceships - or flying saucers - and these were thought of in entirely physical terms. The UFO contactees of the 1960s reported meeting physical extraterrestrials and travelling in physical flying saucers. But during the 1970s and 1980s came reports of alien abductions and experiences of a far less material nature sometimes akin to out-of-the-body episodes or astral travel. Then there were cattle mutilations, crop circles, channelled messages from extraterrestrial beings and a weirdness, and a possible psychic dimension, set in that seems to have become an inextricable part of such encounters.

Unsurprisingly, various UFO celebrities sprang to

prominence during these years of metamorphosis of the UFO subject. Some have claimed a special knowledge of what was going on as a result of their research, and some claim to have experienced alien encounters themselves. Often these luminaries have inspired huge excitement and enthusiasm among their audiences, but like the phenomenon itself, these bursts of conviction - and the belief that the aliens will land shortly with all being revealed - soon fade. Some of the old timers at the conferences have seen it all before and nod sagely, no longer knowing whether to believe anything at all. Others cling to their inner certainty that this planet IS being visited by beings from elsewhere and they are the ones most often in denial when fakery is exposed, refusing to be dismayed by successive disappointments of this kind.

Lou Farish welcomed attendees at Eureka Springs and opened the conference at lunchtime on Friday, April 9th. For the next two days the lectures continued almost non-stop. The first lecture, by Don Ledger, was about the Shag Harbour (Canada) incident of October 4th 1967.

Don Ledger and Chris Styles are the authors of the book "Dark Object: The World's Only Government-documented UFO Crash". Witnesses had claimed that a large object with flashing lights, which they had seen, crashed at night into the harbour of this fishing village in Nova Scotia. No aircraft was reported missing, but certainly something was seen burning on the water and navy divers conducted an underwater search some days later, though nothing was found. Unfortunately the case is far too dependent on eyewitness statements and a lot of rather unsatisfactory hearsay evidence. Even so, it made a most fascinating lecture.

Other speakers such as Beverly Trout, an abduction researcher, and veteran researcher Wendelle Stevens gave lectures based mainly on familiar themes. David Rudiak, who had spoken the previous year on deciphering General Ramey's celebrated Roswell telegram (which was said to include the key words "victims of the crash"), this time presented a piece of video footage said to have been taken in 1994 at the USAF's Nellis Range in Nevada allegedly depicting a UFO. It was indeed hard to say what we were looking at and many, including myself, found the footage unconvincing.

In my opinion the best presentation was that given by Grant Cameron who has previously spoken chiefly about things said by former US presidents relating to the UFO subject and their reactions to questions on it. This year his lecture was entitled "The UFO Capital of the World". Grant is a Canadian and lived during his teenage years in the 1960s near Carman, a rural community 40 miles from Winnipeg in Manitoba. This area saw a major UFO flap during this time and large numbers of people had seen strange objects in the skies. He and his friends were most excited by what was going on and spent many hours out on remote highways watching the night skies and sometimes observing strange glowing objects that flew silently across the prairies. Some of the places where these events took place he had revisited and filmed recently and this formed part of his presentation.

So why did the UFOs and their presumed occupants take such an interest in this remote and sparsely inhabited area which straddles the US/Canadian border? Grant Cameron has no doubt of this whatsoever. During the sixties when the Cold War was at its height, the US government was engaged in a vast program of installing nuclear intercontinental ballistic missiles in hundreds of underground silos in (nearby) North Dakota, South Dakota, and Montana. Nearly a thousand missiles were deployed then in silos spaced at roughly ten mile intervals across the northern and central parts of the US Midwest. These were controlled by USAF bases such as those at Minot and Grand Forks in North Dakota, and Malmstrom in Montana. During those times there were quite a number of reports of UFOs seen hovering over these highly secure areas and indeed over missile silos, including a well-known case at Malmstrom AFB. Were alien ufonauts acutely aware of the extreme threat to the human race posed by these nuclear missiles? And did they take measures which would neutralise them if they were ever fired accidentally or in anger? There are many who would tell you the answer is 'yes'.

Nancy Talbott gave a lecture on her crop circle research and once more we were intrigued at her stories of strange events surrounding some of the individuals who were involved with the circles in Holland and in Poland. The similarity of these happenings to events connected with UFO encounters emphasised again the paranormal aspect of the crop circle phenomenon despite the fact that it is generally thought these days that the vast majority of circles are manmade. Whatever the truth of the matter there can be no doubt of Nancy's sincerity as a researcher.

Another speaker was our own Timothy Good from England. Tim is always a polished presenter and he gave us a lecture entitled "UFO Contacts, Mystery Triangles and the European Union". Plenty of interesting material here and he moved effortlessly from one case to another, often ranging back in time to the fifties when "flying saucers" were in their heyday. This is undoubtedly the period Tim likes best, though many of the UFO celebrities of that time, such as George Adamski, are now viewed with a good deal of scepticism.

One other UFO celebrity speaker was Linda Moulton Howe whose presentation was entitled "Earth Mysteries Updates: From Mars to Cuba". Linda is an indefatigable researcher and covers the whole gamut of weird mysteries from cattle mutilations to alien abductions to crop circles and beyond. She is a regular speaker at the Ozark Conference and has a considerable following there. Last year she gave an excellent talk on the Hessdalen light phenomena in Norway and also presented the claims of extraterrestrial contact made by the notorious Brazilian Urandir Fernandes de Oliveira.

During the 2003 Speakers' Panel Discussion I had sharply criticized her promotion of Urandir and his outrageous claims which are generally dismissed as false by most UFO researchers and especially by AJ Gevaerd who has been the leading ufologist in Brazil for over

twenty years. For this disbelief I was quite severely attacked by some of the conference attendees who felt that I had mounted an attack on Linda herself though this was not the case. I'm glad to say that I appear to have been forgiven in 2004 and there was no further talk of the fraudster Urandir.

Controversies of this type rage from time to time and are then forgotten. New cases are presented and once more we set out in our quest for the truth behind the UFO mystery. Again and again we come away puzzled or disappointed, but some of us keep going back for more. I think

most of the old timers realise that we shall never know the truth, never find "one solution" – at any rate one in terms with which we are familiar. These things are seen through a glass darkly (to use a Biblical phrase) and there are no clearcut answers. Nevertheless, there are many of us who will continue to attend UFO conferences, such as the excellent Ozark conference in Eureka Springs which has become very much part of our lives.

George Wingfield. July 2004

The Real Wonderland – by Richard M Dolan

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What they say about Richard's book "UFOs and the National Security State"

"Thorough and Monumental." —*Dr. Edgar Mitchell, Apollo 14 Astronaut*

"Superb! The seminal work for this generation." —*Don Ecker, Editor, UFO Magazine.*

"The best history ever written about UFOs." —*Whitley Strieber, author of Communion.*

Dateline: August 5th 2004 Unless you consciously look for such news, you would never know that UFOs continue to be seen by people every day around the world. The difference between the reality of the phenomena, and how it is ignored, reminds me of what Alice experienced when she jumped down the rabbit hole into Wonderland.

But the twist in our society is that the reality of UFO experience is part of the normal, topside world, while mainstream media coverage is part of Wonderland. Indeed, our mainstream media has become so incompetent and downright screwy, our political and corporate leaders such self-serving liars, and our common culture so escapist and empty-headed, that I think "Wonderland" describes this warped reality quite well.

Ironic that UFOs are considered to be "bizarre" by the official, Wonderland, culture. But then again, maybe not so ironic. It's astonishing when I reflect on this. In my personal life, outside of my "ufological" world, I have probably spoken to 120 to 150 people who have shared their personal UFO experiences with me.

Basically, they find out that I write on this subject and soon confide to me something they often haven't even told their close friends – sometimes not even their spouse.

Last week, yet again, a person I met in Wonderland told me about her reality on the topside. This was an encounter from back in 1975, when she was a high school student and witnessed an enormous aerial object hovering low over a building in Rochester, New York, the town where I have lived these past nineteen years.

It was late fall, at a time (unbeknownst to her) when there were quite a few military UFO sightings along the northern U.S. border. The object was dark and huge, she said to me. It was absolutely not anything of human origin, she maintains. She never reported this anywhere, and in fact has hardly told anyone after nearly 30 years.

Another person I know – someone who is a fairly well-known celebrity in Western New York State – had a UFO sighting just outside Syracuse. It was late afternoon on a sunny day. Driving with a friend, in the small town of Manlius, this person asked his companion if she could see the large object outside her window.

She answered, "I'm really glad you mentioned that, because I didn't know what I was going to tell you." According to this person (who also never reported his sighting to any organization), he and his companion got out of the car and watched what