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Those UFOs Over Belgium: Message To Superpower?

By James R. Black

In its frankness after a huge wave of UFO overflights in Belgium began last year, the 1,990 Belgian Air Ministry distinguished itself as refreshingly atypical of most military forces in a face-off with the unknown. This and other reasons may have created an opening that didn't go unnoticed by UFO superpowers, who may have been, in their own way, acknowledging the site of an evident global power shift.

By now most UFO watchers have heard of the so-called Belgian Triangle—the mysterious flying wing which for the last year and a half has entertained thousands of witnesses over the city of Brussels, appeared on military and civilian radar screens, played tag with F-16s, and generally made a nuisance of itself to an admittedly baffled Belgian Air Force. The Belgian flap is not yet over, but it has already taken its place as one of the most consistent, well documented, long lasting, and downright brazen events in UFO history.

But in all the hubbub about the Brussels sightings, has anyone asked themselves why that particular city has been afforded such special attention? Statistically, the most puzzling UFO reports seem to congregate around important strategic targets: high-tech research labs, military proving grounds, nuclear test sites, weapon storage bunkers, and so forth. Cities that have had long-standing waves or especially spectacular incidents are often located near such facilities (e.g., Albuquerque and Gulf Breeze) or have great political importance in themselves (e.g., Washington, D.C., which suffered three aerial "invasions" in the summer of 1952).

So what's so special about Brussels?

Brussels, it turns out, is about the closest thing there is to the capital of Europe. First of all, it hosts the headquarters of NATO, which—with the recent collapse of the Warsaw Pact—has emerged as the only military organization of consequence in Europe. Brussels is also a major hub of the emerging European central banking system, and home to a large array of international organizations and multinational corporations.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, Brussels houses the executive offices of the twelve-nation European Community (EC), including the Common Market and the European Atomic Energy Commission. This will assume even greater significance next year when the EC members remove most internal trade barriers, thereby creating the richest and most important economic entity on the planet. An integrated European currency and

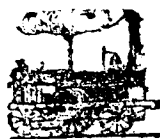
unified armed forces are probably not far behind.

Whoever or whatever is behind the UFO phenomenon seems intent on making a big impression on this emerging European superpower. By dancing with impunity in the skies over Brussels, the Belgian Triangle is not just toying with the Belgian Air Force; it is putting the entire European power structure on notice. Apparently the lesson has not been lost on the Belgian military establishment, which—having considered and rejected the whole range of conventional explanations—has officially turned to local ufologists for help.

By the end of 1992, Brussels will be the centerpiece of the New Europe; shortly thereafter it may be recognized as, in some sense, the capital of the world. What better place to play "take me to your leader"?

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