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QUEER AND DANGEROUS ANTICS

Both in the USA and here in Britain there are small groups of people—seemingly demented—who are obsessed with the need to parade around in front of the White House or in Downing Street carrying placards and banners calling upon the Government of the land to “come clean” about the UFOs.

Evidently these folk are unable to perceive that in all probability it is the “Aliens” *themselves*—certain of whom run this world—who have not the slightest desire whatsoever to “meet” or to “socialize with” mankind, and whose overriding objective is in fact to blanket out and suppress any interest on the part of the humans in what they, the “Aliens”, are up to.

Should this be the case, then one may visualize that those humans who are in positions of authority will long ago have received the severest of warnings from their Masters. Remember that, at Roswell and other UFO crash-sites, members of the American Armed Forces behaved with stunning brutality, warning American civilians that, if they talked to anyone about what they had seen, they would ‘cop it’, as we say in Britain, and would be taken out into the desert and quietly terminated with a bullet, *and that this fate would not only be meted out to them but to their families also.* (There are individuals still alive who have testified to this.)

Well now, I am not prepared to believe that any humane and democratic Government (there *are* a few that are truly ‘not too bad’ in this respect) would instruct its armed services to utter such terrifying threats. (On the other hand, from a Commie government, such as that of the former USSR or the current China, one would of course *expect* such behaviour as quite normal.) Nor do I believe that—unless under grave coercion—members of the armed forces of a humane and democratic country would willingly participate in the execution of such a policy.

We are consequently left with the conclusion that in all likelihood our Armed Forces are indeed under such a permanent duress and that anybody who parades around trying to persuade a Government to “come clean about UFOs” is putting human lives at risk. As I say, it may well be that such individuals are demented. But it is a dangerous game all the same.

And, incidentally, it would not be at all surprising if a Government, finding itself being badgered, should in such circumstances decide to authorize or to subsidise the making of a patently phoney “Roswell film” - however trashy—in the hope of snuffing out a dangerous level of public curiosity. G.C ■

UFOS SEEN BY CREW OF AN AMERICAN AIRCRAFT-CARRIER (1952 - 1958)

© By Chester C. Grusinski
(Michigan, USA)

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Dear Mr. Creighton—Would you be interested in details of several UFO sightings by crew members of the U.S. Navy’s 45,000 ton aircraft-carrier *Franklin D. Roosevelt CVA - 42* (see coloured photo enclosed)?

I was myself a member of her crew from 1958 to 1960, and I was one of the many eyewitnesses in one of the UFO sightings, in September or October of 1958. The ship was on a shake-down cruise off the U.S. Naval Base of Guantanamo in Cuba, at between 8.00 and 10.00pm, when a small light appeared and started following us and then headed straight for us. The sky was clear, the air warm, and, as I was not on duty I had gone up on to the flight-deck (where I should not rightly have been).

Suddenly the thing was overhead; it was cigar-

shaped, with a row of windows, through which we could see the figures of people watching us. I could feel the heat from the craft on my face. It was quite silent. Altogether I estimate that up to 25 other men who were there on the flight deck also saw it.

Through the ship’s intercom someone from the bridge watch was screaming for the officer of the deck or bridge to get up there at the double. Then suddenly the object turned to a red-orange colour. (This was when, against the dark night sky, I was able to see its ‘cigar’ shape.) And it vanished rapidly. Meanwhile the ship’s own movement had stopped suddenly. I estimate that the sighting may have lasted five minutes or more.

Special investigators from the CIA subsequently came aboard the carrier. (On the pretext that they were

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United States Naval Radio Station
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United States Coast Guard Radio Station
United States Commercial Radiotelegraph Station
Canadian Department of Transport Coastal Station

Receiving station will relay to military destination

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RUSH COLLECT (For Canadian Dept of Transport Coastal Stations)

Grusinski says these standard reporting instructions were posted at strategic sites aboard the aircraft carrier.

(Note UFO illustration, far right.)

allegedly investigating “gambling below-deck”!) But they questioned many sailors about this sighting. My own Petty Officer First Class questioned me about what I had seen and I replied that I did not know what it was. After that, I heard nothing more about the matter.

Years later, after I had left the Navy, I joined the FDR Reunion Group so as to be in touch with some of the others who had been with me on the flight-deck that night and who might help me to document the event.

The widow of one of my friends (he had since died) told me he had discussed it with her and had spoken of “a big red ball leaving the ship”. And gradually I learned of quite a lot of other UFO sightings from aboard our ship.

One other such sighting — now quite famous — had been on September 20, 1952, when the *F.D. Roosevelt* was taking part in “Operation Mainbrace” with the NATO fleets, in the English Channel and North Sea. Three photographs of the UFO, a fast-flying disc, were taken at the time, by a journalist named Wallace Litwin who was aboard our carrier. The disc was following the NATO ships. Those who saw the disc were numerous. And there were also many other UFO sightings in Western Europe on that same day during the NATO exercise. One of these sightings was of a flying disc, seemingly metallic, at 7.30 pm over the most important military airfield in Denmark.

In the course of my enquiries, I discovered evidence of at least three and probably more, other UFO sightings from my carrier.

One, in 1953, had been observed by the bridge watch and picked up on the Commander-in-Chief’s radar.

In 1956 there came another sighting, when the ship was anchored in the harbour at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and UFOs were seen by many of the crew, including officers. I learned that one of the witnesses drew sketches of the UFOs. The sketches were sent to the U.S. Department of Defence, and the witness was warned that he “should tell nobody about it for twenty years.”

In that same year, 1956, came yet another sighting - by a Chief Warrant Officer, and it was also registered on the radar of the Commander-in-Chief. The radar operators said the UFO vanished off their ‘scope’ after only two or three sweeps. And I also know that there were more cases yet.

But we can be sure that the Regulation JANAP 146 (E) will have prevented details of any of these cases getting onto the warship’s log-books. However I possess letters of testimony from a number of crew members. I also enclose herewith, along with a photo of the carrier *USS Franklin D. Roosevelt*, prints of two of the photos of the flying disc taken on September 20, 1952 by Wallace Litwin during “Operation Mainbrace”, and a sketch of the scene on our flightdeck on the night in 1958 when, off the coast of Cuba, I saw the big ‘cigar.’ This sketch was made by my companion and fellow-witness William Scott. Along with the photo of our carrier, I also enclose a copy of the official U.S. Navy’s MERINT radio-telegraph procedure chart for reporting UFOs, and a copy of the letter of promulgation issued on March 31, 1966, by the Joint Chiefs of Staff in connection with JANAP 146 (E) instructions for the reporting of vital Intelligence sightings (incidentally still in force today.)

Finally I should mention that the *F.D. Roosevelt* was decommissioned in October 1977, and sold for scrapping in March 1978.

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NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

"Operation Mainbrace", designed as a NATO show of strength against Soviet Russia, comprised no less than 85,000 men and 160 ships including eight big aircraft-carriers from USA, Britain and Canada. Two of the American carriers, The *Midway* and the *F.D. Roosevelt*, were 45,000 tonners.

The same day, September 20, 1952, at Pitreavie, Scotland (according to an INS Press report) the RAF staff officers engaged on "Operation Mainbrace" held an enquiry into this UFO sighting, and at the same time they investigated another report that ten men in an RAF bombing plane had been followed, on the same day, by a circular silver object while they were flying over Yorkshire.

In Britain it is claimed today that all the official RAF Intelligence reports on "Operation Mainbrace" are now "missing" (just as the U.S. documentation on the Roswell crash of 1947 is also all "missing"!)

The British Public Records Office is said to hold only a very little material on "Mainbrace", and even that is classified for 50 years.

In the USA, Mr. Chester Grusinski tells us that he availed himself of the provisions of the much-vaunted "Freedom of Information Act" and asked the National Security Agency (NSA) for details about his sighting, and was informed by them on November 3, 1992, that there is no record at NSA of the "incident concerning the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt CVA - 42".

Larry Bryant of CAUS (*Citizens Against UFO Secrecy*) also wrote, on July 27, 1980, to the Chief of Naval Operations, Navy Dept, Washington, D.C., and he too received no satisfaction.

So far as I am aware, the only books in which reference is made to the "Operation Mainbrace" sighting of 1952 are:-

1. Aimé Michel: *The Truth About Flying Saucers*. (Translation, American edition, Criterion, New York, 1956).
2. Dr. Jacques Vallée: *Anatomy of a Phenomenon* (1965).
3. Timothy Good: *UFO Report, 1992* (published by Sidgwick and Jackson, London).

As regards Mr. Grusinski's 1958 sighting, so far as I am aware, there is nothing else published yet except for a slightly shorter account, also furnished by Mr. Grusinski himself, on pages 21/23 of Issue No. 9 (1995) of the excellent *Ohio UFO Notebook*, Editors W.E. Jones and I. Scott, Box 162, 5837 Karrie Square, Dublin, Ohio 43017, USA.

What a relief it is to read a straightforward account like this from such a worldly-wise person as an American sailor, for there is no denying the fact that we have seen a number of very peculiar "UFO books" lately! For example we have just seen one man in Scotland producing a book "proving that the UFO mystery has been solved by him". *UFos simply don't exist!* And here in England we have recently seen a book proving that UFOs are all due to *allergy!*

Are these writers simply demented? (We know that madness is vastly on the increase, all over the world.)

Or is it not perhaps more likely that such authors are being hired, being paid, to write such balderdash by those whose prime intention it is to spread total confusion and instability among us?

TAIL-PIECE

In March 1992 I received a press-clipping from a notorious British tabloid newspaper dated February 23 of that year. There was a photograph, allegedly taken on April 16, 1989 by a U.S. seaman aboard the giant carrier *USS Nimitz* in the Eastern Pacific, and showing a large alien disc landing on the deck of the ship.

I dismissed the story at the time as the usual non-

sense, and put it in my "loony bag". But a good deal has happened since 1989, and I find myself beginning to wonder.....

Here is that original press story, of 1989. Let us study it very carefully. Was it indeed all true?

SPACE-SHIP AHOY

Amazing pictures of an alien UFO touching down on an American aircraft-carrier have landed President George Bush in a heap of trouble.

The sensational shots of a silver space-ship on the *USS Nimitz* were taken in 1989, but hushed up by the Bush administration for fear of creating world-wide panic.

Terrified sailors on the *Nimitz*, which had been on routine exercise in the Eastern Pacific, watched helplessly as the alien craft paralysed the ship's defence systems and came down on the flight deck.

Then a door in the spaceship slid open and four non-humanoid figures encased in glass-like capsules floated out.

Speaking in mechanical English, they sent this message to the stunned captain:

"The human race faces extinction unless sweeping new 'Green' policies are adopted throughout the world".

MOLE

But this warning from super-beings who could see how the Earth was destroying itself never got through - until now.

It is believed that a mole in the Defence Department, dissatisfied with President Bush's arms cuts after the collapse of the USSR, leaked details of the aliens' visit to the President's Democrat rivals.

And now they have released this picture as proof to the world, so that they can embarrass Bush as the Presidential election race heats up.

A secret military document handed to the — (name of a British newspaper) describes the historic first contact with a civilization from outer space.

It reported: "At 16.30 hours, Western Seaboard Time, on April 16, 1989, the *Nimitz* lost radio contact with the outside world and could neither receive nor transmit messages.

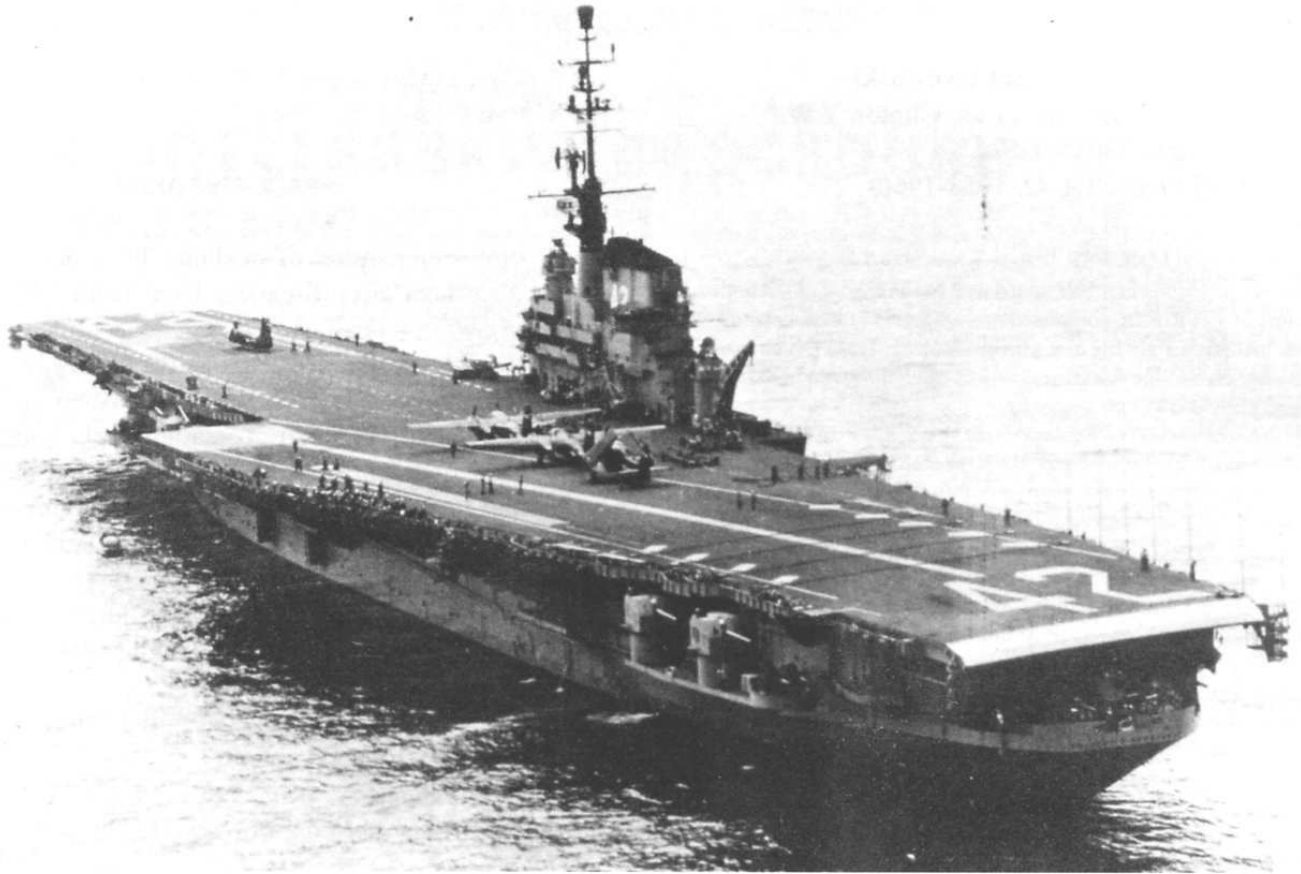
"Shortly afterwards the ship's navigators and communication computers simultaneously started tracking an object in the upper atmosphere.

"At the same time, almost every other mechanical device on the ship, including defence systems and even aircraft, failed to operate.

"The Captain and crew were powerless to do anything. They were forced to sit back and watch as the craft docked on their ship". The *Nimitz's* contact with U.S. Sea Command was restored within minutes of the UFO landing.

Seconds after the four strange beings emerged from the spaceship, they demanded talks with the captain.

The secret document went on:



USS Franklin D. Roosevelt CVA-42

“The aliens claimed that they had been monitoring our culture, and warned us that we are coming to the end of the line as far as the environment is concerned.”

DANGERS

“They pinpointed three main dangers:

- Damage to the ozone layer by CFC sprays and leaking fridges will soon be irreparable.
- Destruction of the Brazilian rain-forest will destroy the Earth’s ecological balance.
- Sweeping changes must be made in Westerners’ diet — away from red meat farming and towards greater consumption of cereals, nuts, and fish”.

It is thought that the space-ship was smuggled to NASA’s Space Centre at Cape Canaveral in Florida a few days after the sensational landing.

Scientists there were ordered to keep their mouths shut, and even today no one has revealed what happened to the four aliens.

A White House official told our newspaper: “President Bush has nothing to say at this time. This information is classified”.

Political enemies of President George Bush were reported at the time to have already suggested that “at least one-tenth of America’s sea-forces could be under the direct command of alien ‘friendlies’.”

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I wonder whether there could possibly be any truth in all this? Much that has happened or has been reported since 1989 makes one far more inclined to look seriously at weird stories of this kind. G.C ■



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CROP CIRCLES AND STIGMATA: SYMBOLS OF DIVINE ORIGIN?

Crosses and religious symbols appear imprinted in crops and on the human body. Is it evidence of supernatural intervention or a product of the human psyche?

© By George Wingfield, MA(Hons), Editor of the *Cerealogist* and a Director of *Flying Saucer Review*.

In my recent article, *Pope John Paul II and the Third Secret of Fátima*, (FSR 40/2), I mentioned the Italian stigmatist Giorgio Bongiovanni and I said that George Wingfield was preparing a report on him for us.

This extraordinarily interesting report has now appeared in issue No.14 (Summer 1995), of *The Cerealogist*, which Mr. Wingfield himself edits. I am most grateful to him for letting us have it for FSR also, and here it is. I believe that the matters with which we are here concerned are of enormous importance for every one of us.

EDITOR OF FSR

The highly controversial idea that some crop circles — genuine circles, that is — may be of divine origin is one that I have touched on before in previous issues of *The Cerealogist*. It is not a popular theme either with scientists, who generally deride such interpretations, or orthodox religionists who view such manifestations as very possibly satanic. Nevertheless crop formations which were quite clearly in the shape of Christian crosses frequently appeared in the wheatfields of England during the years 1988 to 1991 and were very striking to those who recognised their symbolism.

None of these formations was ever claimed as man-made or shown to be of mundane origin. One particularly well known formation was the 1988 Celtic Cross at Charity Down which appeared on the front cover of *Circular Evidence*. Although the rather uneven double-ringer nearby was said to be the work of Doug & Dave (and may well have been), the pair backed off any claim to the Celtic Cross when confronted by Colin Andrews who had examined it in minute detail when it was fresh.

This formation was very special to Colin who had anticipated the appearance of a Celtic Cross circle near his home, which was then in Andover. He had even sent me to look at a similarly shaped Celtic Cross gravestone in the nearby churchyard of Goodworth Clatford. Days later, on September 10th, this crop formation appeared just two-and-a-half miles away.

Since Colin's Celtic Cross there have been others fascinated by the circles who have told me of their quite overwhelming feelings that particular circles were something of divine origin. Whether or not this belief is justified, or merely the product of auto-suggestion, there is no denying the extremely powerful influence which the

circles have exercised on many people.

Earlier that summer an extraordinary series of quincunxes had appeared imprinted in the wheatfields near Silbury Hill. The first of these, found on July 15 1988, was shortly preceded by the sighting of a huge luminous oval object in the night sky near Avebury and from this a long thin beam of light had been seen to project obliquely downwards towards the ground near Silbury Hill. The witness to this event, Mary Freeman, said she felt "awed" and "honoured" by this strange experience which was for her like seeing the light on the road to Damascus.

Within two weeks a series of four huge quincunxes — each with circles positioned like the five on a dice — had appeared near Silbury. The two formations in the field opposite were later joined by a lone circle, exactly placed in such a position that it formed the end point of a long shaft cross, or Christian cross, into which each quincunx was now transformed. Although this was not easily visible except from the air above, the implicit sacred symbolism did not go unnoticed.

In June of 1989 three more of these long shaft crosses, each made as a quincunx plus an extra circle in line, appeared in Wiltshire and to those who saw them they were very striking indeed. Whatever agency made these crosses there could be little doubt that the religious motif was intended. The first was found below Scratchbury Hill near Warminster on June 2. Another found at Cherhill on June 20 is shown in the accompanying photograph. It was also in June 1989 that the bizarre happenings which occurred during Operation White Crow took place at Cheesefoot Head. These are described in *Crop Circle Enigma*.

Could some secret midnight team of clerics have produced this rash of crop circle crosses? It certainly did not seem that way and at the time there was no suggestion that they were man-made; nor has anyone ever claimed, or been found to have made, these. Further Celtic crosses, or quincunxes with rings bisecting the outer circles were seen in 1990 and a number of other crosses of varying style, such as the one at Astley Green near Manchester, were also discovered that year.

This was all when the crop circle phenomenon was at its height in England. The mystery was undiminished and it