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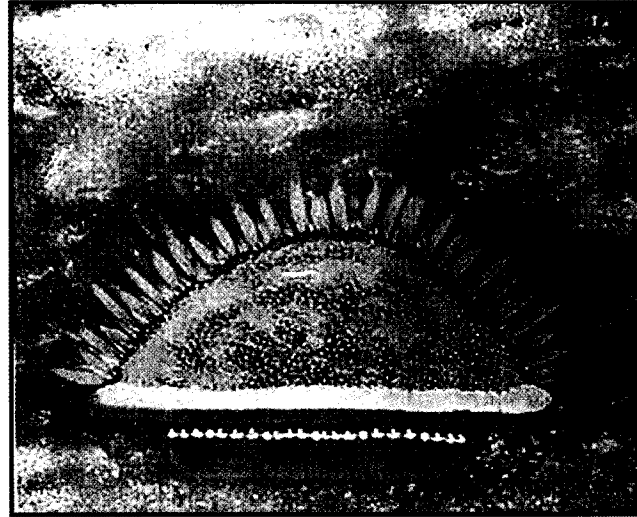
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Above is an aboriginal style painting used by an aboriginal researcher who regularly interviews other Australian aborigines about their possible UFO experiences. See page 16 for the full story



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The video screen grab above left (fig 7) is an enlargement of fig 6 in the "Flying Triangle Phenomenon" article, which starts on page 4. There is a white light to the left and the figure to the right of this is visible, but the structure is not apparent. The head of the figure appears to carry more detail than the original picture and what was described as the orange tail appears to be light coloured clothing...To the right (fig 8), a complete enlargement of the figure from the above video screen grab and seems to show something well known in ufology. Other than the apparent unearthly characteristics of the Flying Triangle phenomenon, this is probably the first solid evidence of non-human intelligence that has been connected to this phenomenon, says Tony Spurrier and Sue

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## Editorial Flying Triangles - the mystery deepens

George Wingfield, FSR Consultant, November 2004

The recent study of the "Flying Triangles", described by Leonard David at www.space.com, was produced by Robert Bigelow's National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS) organisation, based in Las Vegas, Nevada. For years, people have reported huge black triangular craft floating through the night skies, often displaying arrays of bright lights seemingly attached to the craft's superstructure. These have been seen in considerable numbers since the 1980s in the U.S.A. and also in Britain, Europe, Japan, Russia and other countries. Some reports of similar unidentified triangular, or boomerang-shaped, objects go back to the 1950s and 1960s.

In recent years this kind of sighting probably accounts for the majority of UFOs which are being reported. Opinion is divided as to whether these are extraterrestrial craft or whether they are secret experimental aircraft operated by some branch of the US government. And, of course, there are other possible explanations in addition to these obvious suggestions.

For the last few years NIDS has been collecting both historical and recent eyewitness accounts of such sightings. They hope to be able to move many of these triangular UFO sightings from the UFO realm into the realm of IFOs - identified flying objects. At present this intention remains little but a pious wish but already they maintain that correlation of some of the sightings with the proximity of certain USAF bases belonging to Air Force Material Command (AFMC) and Air Force Mobility Command (AMC) indicates that the triangles may be secret large troop or material carriers.

This reasoning seems extremely dubious to say the least. If these are experimental craft why would it be necessary to test them at very low levels in highly populated areas rather than over the south-western desert, as has been the case with all almost other secret aeronautical testing? If these craft are 'operational' troop carriers, as seems to be one possible NIDS suggestion, word of their existence would surely soon reach the public domain. Yet the NIDS report seems determined to establish that the "flying triangles" or "black triangles"

Colonel John B Alexander, US Army (Retired), is one of the leading lights of NIDS and is someone who has previously occupied senior positions in US military intelligence. He is generally held to have been the chairman of the Pentagon's "Working Group" on UFOs in 1987 as described in Howard Blum's excellent 1990 book Out There, where Blum gives him the pseudonym "Colonel Harold E Phillips" of the US Army's Defense Intelligence Agency. More recently Alexander was program manager in the area of Non-Lethal Defense development at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. One might think that he, of all people, would know whether these "aircraft" --as they are described in the report-- are of US military origin or not. Yet Colm Kelleher, NIDS Administrator and author of the report, is quoted as saying: "I cannot say whether these are US Air Force aircraft. We simply do not know". Nevertheless, Kelleher implies that the triangles are indeed aircraft of unknown origin. Can it be that there is a serious lack of communications within NIDS itself, since Colonel Alexander must have some idea of the answer to this question?

So what is going on here, and is NIDS being completely frank with us? Is there an alternative implication that some agency which is quite distinct from the US government is flying these machines over America? If that is the case, this hypothetical agency must have considerable resources, including stealth technology which would make some - but, oddly, clearly not all of these aircraft - invisible to radar. Barring some massive conspiracy to conceal their regular appearance on radar - except, oddly in some cases - one must assume that in general such "aircraft" are detected by radar unless they have advanced stealth technology. But, even assuming that it was some foreign country that had such technology and the resources to make such intrusions, what on earth would their objective be? All these inconsistencies, and many other factors as well, have lead researchers to infer that the flying triangles are not aircraft of human origin.

I have studied flying triangle reports since about 1983

Hudson Valley area of New York State. These are detailed in the 1987 book Night Siege --The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings by Dr J. Allen Hynek, Philip J. Imbrogno and Bob Pratt. Following those sightings in the US, there was a remarkable flying triangle "flap" in Belgium between 1988 to 1990. Curiously enough neither of these major flaps is given prominence in the article on the NIDS study. These earlier reports invariably described the unidentified objects as being triangular, wedge-shaped or shaped like a flying wing or boomerang. Then, too, their size was usually compared to that of a Boeing 747 (with a wingspan of roughly 64m/210 ft) or else "as large as a football pitch".

Then, as now, the triangles did not appear to be operated as if they were highly advanced secret aircraft. They were sometimes reported to instantly change direction in flight. They usually flew silently even when observed at very low altitude, without even that swish of air which can be heard from a passing glider. Sometimes they seemed to vanish before the eyes of observers just as if a light had been turned off. The multiple lights which they would usually exhibit, and which appeared to switch on and off in varying sequences, would have required a formidable power source and, consequently, powerful and noisy engines would have been needed to keep any such conventional craft aloft.

As noted in the NIDS study, the flying triangles are often observed to operate in highly populated areas and over major highways which would hardly be allowed if these were experimental USAF aircraft. The safety implications would be unacceptable, quite apart from presenting a major hazard to other commercial and military aircraft. Nor do they operate as would other stealth aircraft since they are often brightly lit and seemingly drawing attention to themselves rather than the reverse.

I think that one of the key questions here is whether the flying triangles are in fact solid "craft" or not. It is entirely possible that what is seen is some kind of hologram or projection in the sky which, while having the appearance of a real object, is not in any way substantial. Of course this suggestion begs the question of who, or what, might be responsible for producing such aircraft-like phantoms, or how such effects might be achieved? Or, for that matter, with what motive? To assume that the flying triangles are real material craft is not necessarily warranted unless we can conclusively prove that this is the case.

Most of the FT reports we have do not indicate that they are picked up on radar, but of course there are several cases where FTs do seem to have been tracked. Since the military and civil authorities are so secretive it's really not possible to say whether they mostly appear on radar or not.

If these FTs are normal holograms they would NOT be seen on radar. But if they are, say, alien holograms of a highly advanced kind, produced by methods quite unknown to us, they could appear on radar or not - as their controllers see fit.

A further question is why these black flying triangles invariably appear in darkness and never during the day. There are some photographs taken by witnesses which supposedly show the triangles but these almost always show clusters of lights in the night sky rather than the outline of any solid craft to which these lights are supposedly attached or from which they shine forth. Consequently, most of the photographs are not impressive and tell one little about the objects themselves. However there is at least one controversial photo taken in Belgium in 1988 showing what appears to be a thin wedge-shaped craft with bright lights on its apexes and another at its centre. Even so, with the proliferation of digital cameras in recent years, one might expect there to be many more pictures available of the triangles, especially if we are indeed looking at actual material craft.

Everything about these mysterious triangles seems to indicate an "other-worldliness" that is inconsistent with secret aircraft or operational US government aeroplane. They appear to move in ways that do not conform to the laws of aerodynamics. They are sometimes reported to "blink out" in situ rather than fly away. They are often seen to move so slowly and silently at low altitude that no known aircraft of such size could remain aloft without stalling, or betraying its presence by loud engine noise. Then, occasionally, they are said to shoot off into the distance, vanishing at unimaginable speed, without sound - which would be impossible for any plane or dirigible to do.

I have suggested that these triangles might be holograms or projections of some kind but an alternative interpretation could be that they are highly advanced craft that are able to penetrate our physical reality and then move out of it again, vanishing without trace. This leads, of course to the concept of interdimensional travel - the ability to move through space and time, and possibly other dimensions as yet unknown to us, in ways which we can scarcely speculate. And, if these things are indeed craft from unknown dimensional realms, who controls them? There are no easy answers to these questions.

If we are driven to the conclusion that these UFOs are not secret aircraft, then we struggle to express any concepts of what they might be in current scientific terms and, in seeking a solution, we realise that the laws of physics and our present day concepts of the physical universe are woefully incomplete. Such admissions are, of course, abhorrent to scientific orthodoxy, and for that reason ufology has long been - and most probably will remain - a bastard science in the eyes of the scientific establishment.

**Additional note, by FSR:** Some of the Belgian and Hudson Valley FTs had key points in common: Both produced a white light so bright that it dazzled police officers, and other witnesses, who tried to look at it. Both produced a single red beam of light that swept the ground underneath it and some distance from it. Both also produced a red ball of light while the red beam was

sweeping around, with the red ball of light dropping from the FT and moving around underneath it, independent of it. And both the Hudson Valley and Belgian FTs apparently had the ability to very quickly transform themselves into something else, e.g. into three single white lights, perhaps attached to each other, that shot off into the night sky very rapidly. A man-made secret craft? Unlikely, unless it was making use of a new physics. But, many years later, we still await such physics: the American air attacks in Afghanistan and Iraq have relied upon conventional aircraft, including the stealth bomber and "ordinary" bombers, and "ordinary" helicopters (some of which have either crashed or been brought down by enemy fire).

Final thoughts: 2% of the 2,199 ufo cases investigated

by the United States Air Force between 1947 and 1952 were triangular in shape, some boasting the same colour of lights as the FTs seen in the Hudson Valley and Belgium.

The 1947 sighting of "saucers" by Kenneth Arnold, was no such thing: he saw objects that were perhaps closer to a triangle shape than a saucer, or rather, half triangle, half saucer. They skipped through the air like saucers. They were also very large: another similarity to some of the FTs seen 40, 50 and now, nearly 60, years later. It was Major Donald Keyhoe who stated: "The Flying Saucers are real." Perhaps he should have added FTs - and Flying Saucer/FT hybrids - to his comment.

## What Is Behind The Flying Triangle Phenomenon?

By Tony Spurrier and Sue Addison: another dramatic article in their series for FSR

In our previous articles in FSR we have discussed how the field research into the Flying Triangle phenomenon began, using an extensive database of FT sightings collated by Victor Kean and Project Flying Triangle. From the outset we were able to witness the phenomenon and over the years continue to gain more information. This article covers the next stage of our research as we began to close in on the main area of activity...

During our time using a new research site, much of the activity came from one particular direction. After one night's watch, when we had not witnessed anything, we decided to move towards that location. This was to see whether it would warrant limiting our view on our next visit, but concentrate where there was most activity. We reached a point by a fallen branch, and thought this would be a good benchmark to set-up an observation point - the reason being that if something unusual was seen at night we can revisit during daylight and know exactly where the event was witnessed from, and attempt to identify any rational explanation.

Directly in front of us was a slope with bushes and beyond those a quite steep decline into an adjoining field. Around 100 metres away, the field began to slope up to the same approximate height as we were standing. To the left were two cottages approximately half a mile away at the far end of another field. We had always been aware of the cottages, although they are obscured from most viewing points, as they lie down in this gully.

On this particular night the gully was covered in a low level mist; which was only separated by the boundary hedges of each field. As we looked down into the gully we began to see something emerging from the left of the bushes in front of us. This thing was moving really slowly, but as it came into clearer view it was evident that it was in the left hand field, due to it being beyond the boundary hedge. The colour of what was being seen was identical to the mist, so we were tried to establish

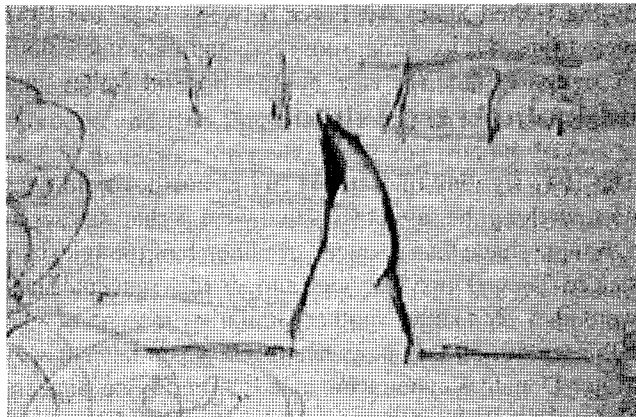
whether we were witnessing the elusive "grey triangle". However, as it came into full view it was apparent we were not looking at a craft at all.

We could see what could only be described as a hooded entity moving slowly through the mist, although the mist was not being disturbed during the entity's movement. This was clearly visible with the naked eye and even more intriguing through binoculars, as there was a dark mass where you would expect to see a face (see figure1) We began moving towards the entity (this was done in turn so that one person was always stationary with the entity in perfect view). Due to the slope we had to stop as we would have lost sight of the entity. It was at least 300 metres to the entry of the field it was in and to get any closer we would have had to lose sight of it. It was at this point that we realised how large this entity was; we could now gauge the height of the entity against the cottages. It was incredible to see it was level with the upstairs windows, with the low level mist below the downstairs windows.

*Figure1. Sketch of Entity (top left of next page)*

Although the entity may not have been as far away as the cottages, this still made it extremely tall. I was personally watching it through binoculars when it vanished. I mean, it just vanished; it was moving along slowly, then it just wasn't there. Again, there was no disturbance to the surrounding mist, no sudden movement of the entity. It didn't fade away and nothing else was apparent that could account for it moving out of view. This event was something we had not experienced before and seemed more ghostly than something related to ufology. During our research we discovered that people working at US nuclear power stations were reporting ghostly activity; maybe we had experienced something similar that night.

This event disturbed some of the group and on our next



visit we decided not to return to that particular observation point, so that everyone would feel comfortable. Once we reached our regular observation point we noticed an unusual light in the area where had been on the previous occasion. With the naked eye it looked like an oblong white light with an orange tail. I managed to video the light before it went out and we stayed the rest of the night without seeing anything unusual. We reviewed the footage through the camera a couple of times during the night and noticed that, when the light went out, it appeared to rotate rather than to switch off. We were all intrigued by this and although some people felt extremely sick during the sighting, nothing else unusual was noticed.

A few days later we decided to have a look at the footage through a television set, to see if we could learn anything more about this apparent rotating light. We replayed the footage and noticed something that wasn't evident when watching the footage through the camera. What we described as an orange tail seemed more like a figure on the bigger screen and it appeared to turn towards our direction during the segment of footage. We decided to play the footage through our PC and capture some images to see if we could identify the source of the light and the figure. Below are captured images from the footage.

Figure 2 below, shows the light once the camera had focused using 10x optical magnification. This clearly shows the white light, with a smaller white light to its left, and the orange coloured anomaly. This was basically the view we had on the night, but we were not aware of the smaller white light to the left. The horizontal lines along the top are purely noise created by the video camera when the footage had been paused.

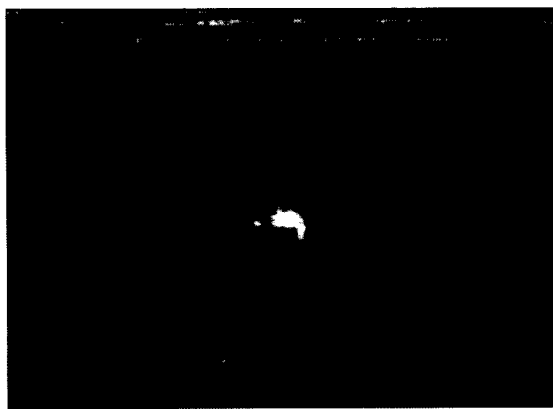
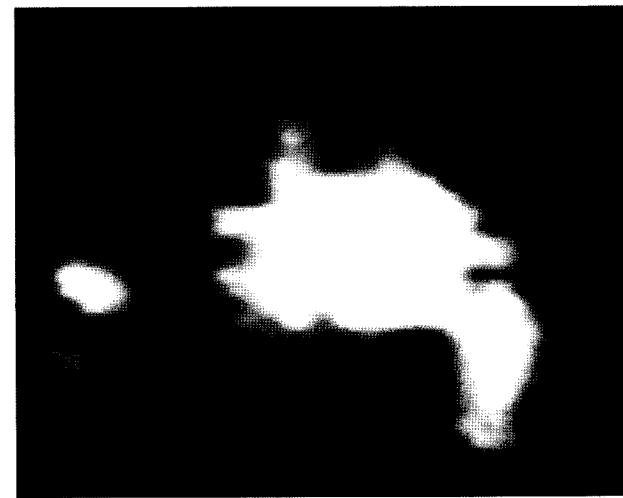


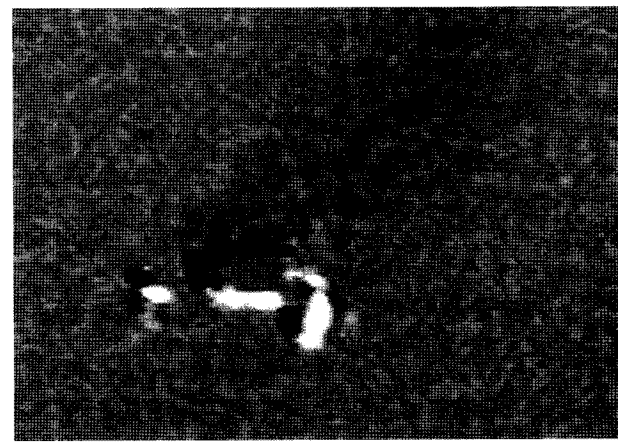
Figure 3 below, is an enlargement of fig2 and shows not only an apparent figure standing in front of the main white light, but also appears to show a triangular structure behind the lights and the figure. We were now contemplating that we may have inadvertently captured footage of a stationary but hovering triangle, along with something from within the triangle.



Figure 4 below, is a further enlargement which appears to show the figure with a grey coloured head. This figure doesn't appear to be silhouetted by the large light to its rear, which you would expect. This does seem to show some form of structure and some apparent straight edges culminating a triangular shape.



We embossed fig 3 using Adobe photo deluxe to get fig 5 below; this is the only image we have tampered with.



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other than enlarging segments. This image appears to confirm there is a straight diagonal edge on the right hand side, with a less defined edge to the left. We have on a number of occasions witnessed the Flying Triangles flipping upright during flight but have never managed to capture this manoeuvre on video tape. Perhaps we had, inadvertently, on this occasion, while the triangle was not in flight.

Below is Figure 6. As we mentioned before, the main white light source appeared to rotate rather than switch off, so we looked at this part of the footage to see



whether the apparent figure was any clearer. This is the full screen grab during the rotation process of the light. The light appeared to rotate to the left and the direction of the light can be seen pointing to the left hand side in this image. But more importantly, the figure is still visible.

Figure 7 on page 1 is an enlargement of fig 6. The left hand white light remains unchanged and the main white light is now pointing towards the left and seems more yellow. The figure is still visible, but the structure is not apparent. The head of the figure appears to carry more detail and what was described as the orange tail appears to be light coloured clothing. See page 1 for fig. 8.

Once again as we learn more about the phenomenon the more questions it poses. We have witnessed the Flying Triangle phenomenon flipping up into a vertical position and now we possibly have video evidence of a stationary hovering triangle completing a similar manoeuvre. This poses the question of the aerodynamics required for it to do this while moving slowly, but, even more intriguingly, how was the FT able to do this when stationary?

The video footage clearly shows the legendary FT centre light rotating, yet how can this be possible on a solid craft? Was the large entity seen in the field on the previous occasion linked with this latest sighting, or a separate phenomenon altogether? As you can see, these and many more questions need answers.

By chance we met with an old friend, who is a practicing medium and simply showed her the close up picture of the figure and asked whether she could shed any light. From the discussion that ensued we were told that we should recreate what we had done that night - go there with the same people at the same time and see what hap-

pened. Doing this was no problem at all for us and we arranged to visit the area again soon afterwards. We all went to the same viewing point but we decided to alter one aspect of the previous visit we had made to the area. 15 minutes before the previous sighting had occurred, I would go to the area where we believed the Flying Triangle had been seen hovering.

After arriving at the site on our next visit, I moved to the location and was scouting the area while thinking back to the footage. I was really amazed that I could have been standing in the exact spot where a Flying Triangle had previously been hovering and perhaps even an extraterrestrial had stood. I then had a call over the radio, "what's that?" I turned round and witnessed what we had been waiting for many years, a very close encounter with the Flying Triangle Phenomenon. What I saw over the next few minutes was to answer some of the questions we had been asking ourselves, but it also changed our perception of this phenomenon.

**In the next article we will disclose this encounter and how it impacted our continuing research.**

**Important postscript to this account, by FSR:-** On two occasions, June 14th and July 24th 1984, a huge FT/boomerang hovered over the Indian Point nuclear power station plant in the Hudson River area of the USA. The lights, when first sighted, were white with some yellow, as in the case described above, which happened close to a (British) nuclear power station. There were multiple witnesses to the Indian Point sighting; one of them described one of the objects as being the size of three football pitches. This particular object moved at a very low altitude (at 300ft ~ the legal ceiling is 1000ft) - over the only one of the three reactors that was functioning. The plant's entire security and alarm system failed and the computer that controlled all communications and the alarm systems failed, during the slow overflight. Source: "Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings" by Dr J Allen Hynek, Philip J Imbrogno and Bob Pratt, first published in 1987 - now re-published with additional chapters.

**Newflash, November 10th, 2004: 'Flying Triangle' Activity Over Yorkshire, UK.** By Omar Fowler. Local investigator Russell Kellett says Yorkshire has been the subject of numerous UFO reports in recent months. On 5th October at 9.55pm Mr & Mrs 'JM' were driving along the A64 (Selby to Scarborough) road. They had just turned off towards the town of Norton when they were confronted by a mass of lights in the sky. Mr 'JM' described them as "bright white and bright red, there were so many and they were so close!" He pulled the car over to the side of the road and lowered the window to watch as "four massive triangles passed overhead heading North. They had two red lights at the back and a white light at the front." The following morning, Mr 'JM' had developed a painful eye infection. He visited his doctor who in turn referred him to the local hospital. (The investigation continues. More in next issue of FSR)



## In memory of John Mack, who said aliens are from "higher space-time dimensions." Died September 27th 2004

UK Press tributes by The Independent, The Sunday Times and The Guardian

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John Mack, professor of psychiatry at Harvard University, may have been criticised by some branches of academia in his home country, the USA, for his research into alien "abductions", but his untimely death in a road traffic accident in London in September was the signal for an outpouring of praise and extraordinary views - and empathy for Mack's views - from the serious British newspapers. Whitley Streiber, in the USA, also wrote movingly of Dr Mack, on his website. An edited selection of the UK media tributes are reproduced below.

I met Dr Mack in London in 1994, in the company of the then editor of FSR, the late Gordon Creighton. The conversation scanned the many facets of the ufo/alien subject and, as befitted Gordon's (and, it transpires, Dr Mack's) interest in matters that go beyond our known physical existence, we moved on to discuss the nature of consciousness, the potential of the mind - can it exist beyond the brain? for example - and where ufo and aliens might fit in in a world where 'spirit' might exist alongside, or interact with, our known physical world.. In Dr Mack we lose a man who, rare in his profession - like astronaut Gordon Cooper, who has also recently died - dared to speak of matters that disturb those who prefer to keep their heads in the proverbial sand. Knowing what we now know of quantum mechanics "entanglement" - in which it is possible to transfer information instantaneously over any distance - some may say he was on the right path in his thinking. Paul Whitehead, FSR.

### The Independent:

The salient interest of John Mack's later life was alien abduction. He believed that "aliens" from higher space-time dimensions are visiting Earth, and that this phenomenon is occurring in the context of the threat to the earth as a living system, a response to the ecological devastation that our particular species has undertaken.

The aliens are engaged in what he called a "cosmic correction"; they appear to function "as a kind of intermediary between the Source of creation and us, emissaries perhaps of that correction." He believed that our planet evidently has a place in the larger fabric of meaning and significance in the cosmos, and this one species cannot be allowed to destroy it for its own exploitative purposes. He said that the alien encounter experience seems almost like an outreach program from the cosmos to the spiritually impaired. Mack used hypnosis and other techniques to retrieve "memories" of abductions by aliens. His 1994 book *Abductions: human encounters with aliens reported accounts...* (was followed) ...by *Passport to the Cosmos: human transformation and*



Professor John Mack

alien encounters (1999).

### The Sunday Times: The aliens are always with us.

A Harvard professor killed in London had been vilified for his belief in the 'third realm'. His theories may not be as mad as some think, says Bryan Appleyard.

I learnt of the death via an e-mail from the sychology of the Paranormal Network, an academic group that studies aberrant "anomalous" phenomena - subjects such as telepathy, ghosts, clairvoyance and alien encounters and abductions.

I was shocked, mainly because I knew the man and liked him, but also because of the banality of his death. Such a bizarre, anguished and exotic life had surely earned a stranger conclusion than an encounter with an alleged drunk in Totteridge.

(At a meeting in London)...we embarked on a three-hour conversation about the fabric of reality and the way

we have deceived ourselves about the true nature of the world. He spoke very slowly and very quietly.

In 1990 Mack had met another acquaintance of mine, Budd Hopkins. Hopkins, a New York artist, had in 1964 seen an unidentified flying object over Cape Cod. He then discovered many people had seen UFOs. In the mid-1970s he also began to come across people who claimed to have encountered and been abducted by aliens.

Using hypnotic regression, he retrieved what appeared to be memories of, among other things, surgery conducted by these aliens on their human victims. Hopkins had become convinced of the reality of these memories and, when he met Mack, he invited him to meet some of the abductees.

Mack met them and also came to believe in their accounts. In 1994 he published a book, *Abduction: Human Encounters with Aliens*. It caused a media firestorm. A Harvard professor had announced that these tales of alien abduction were true. The Harvard authorities were appalled. They attempted to get rid of Mack. But on what grounds? The belief that aliens had visited Earth could hardly be grounds for dismissal. If it were, then 5m Americans were wholly unemployable. That is one estimate of the number who might have suffered alien abduction. If all who had encountered aliens or seen UFOs were regarded as unfit for work, then half the nation - including three or possibly four presidents - could not hold down a job.

Mack... held on to his job... He pursued his own interests via the John E Mack Institute. The website - [www.johnemackinstitute.org](http://www.johnemackinstitute.org) - describes its goals.

"Our Research, Clinical, and Educational initiatives examine the nature of reality and experience while providing a safe environment for healing discoveries. Our aim is to apply this emerging knowledge to pressing psychological, spiritual and cultural issues."

Mack continued to write about his meetings with abductees and also to endure bitter criticism and abuse from full time UFO sceptics like the writer Philip J Klass. Mack went on to become the foremost villain of the sceptics and the saint of the believers. Through him flowed the multiple crises of modernity and secularity. Is this all there is? Is what we are being told about the nature of the world true? Or have we lost some deep, ancient wisdom that now only surfaces as aberrant and ridiculed phenomena such as alien abduction?

**"Other cultures have always known that there were other realities," he told the Seattle conference, "other beings, other dimensions. There is a world of other dimensions, of other realities that can cross over into our world." Long before aliens came into his life, Mack had always believed something like this.**

His psychiatric work was ... controversial. He became involved with EST - Erhard Seminars Training - which he described to me as "a technology for blowing your mind, basically". He also took up Stanislav Grof's holotropic breathwork that uses rapid breathing to enter

an altered state of consciousness.

"I travelled into past lives, emotions and events. I realised the psyche could travel. It was not limited to the brain and the body. Spirituality, rather than being an embarrassing high-mindedness, which is what it is in secular culture, became very tangible."

He was obsessed with the idea that the contemporary scientific account of the world was simply wrong. Alien abduction came as yet further evidence.

Why, he wondered, do we not believe the tales of abductees? In other cultures - and in our own in the past - people routinely accepted encounters with spirits.

The default human belief condition is that there is another world in close proximity to ours and the two routinely interact. We are the weirdos in denying what everybody else takes to be a self-evident truth.

But Mack's belief in abductions was subtly and importantly different from that of people like Budd Hopkins. Hopkins is a "nuts and bolts" believer. He thinks the aliens are as solid as you and me and they intend to take over the world. Mack, in contrast, became a "third realmer".

The first realm is that of the mind, the second that of the world, but there is a third realm to which modernity denies us access. And it is there that the aliens live. Sony used to advertise its PlayStation computer game console by saying it was "the third place", a direct reference to this idea, which implied that playing computer games created a new reality outside the mind and outside the world.

What exactly this means is hard to imagine, rather like trying to picture a four-dimensional cube. But it is clear what it implies: that modern man wears blinkers, he has been denied - or he denies himself - access to the true nature of the world. The scientific imagination has concealed from us the teeming reality of the third realm.

Of course, it would be easy to dismiss all this, to say that Mack was crazy and his followers gullible. Nobody has provided any physical evidence of the abduction phenomenon.

All we have is thousands of accounts, many of them retrieved, dubiously, under hypnosis. I have been hypnotised myself and I saw a flying saucer, a vision that seemed like a memory. But I am sure I have never seen any such thing. Hypnotism generates new visions more persuasively than it retrieves old ones.

To say that, however, is to say very little. Whether these things are "true" or "real" is, in fact, a trivial matter.

The important issue is the fact that they are seen, felt, endured, suffered and celebrated by millions. This points to deep truths about the way we apprehend the world. John Mack was troubled by something that troubles us all - maybe not aliens, exactly, but a discontinuity, an absence, a lack. After our talk I took him to Paddington station. He struggled still with his raincoat and his case. He was a man who did not fit in the world and now he has left it. I shall miss his strange, troubled presence.

### **The Guardian: Psychiatrist criticised for giving credence to alien encounters.**

John Mack, the American psychiatrist whose research gave considerable credence to accounts by people who claimed to have encountered aliens - derisively dismissed by some of his fellow academics - has died....It was his study *Abduction: Human Encounters With Aliens* (1994) that became a bestseller. It was based on the testaments of about 100 self-proclaimed abductees, who contacted Mack at his office at Cambridge hospital, one of the teaching hospitals run by Harvard University, in Massachusetts.

Mack's interest in the testimonies of people claiming contact with non-human beings had started relatively late in his career. As he explained in an interview: "When I heard about this phenomenon in 1990, I was very doubtful. I thought it must be some kind of mental illness."

Eventually, however, he came to accept that his duty was to help those with abduction stories, known as "experiencers", to deal with their feelings. Mack said his line with such cases was to be "questioning and sceptical"; and that he considered the abduction phenomenon "an authentic mystery", meriting more research.

While he never solved the mystery, Mack suggested two years ago that alien abductions were occurring in the context "of a planetary ecological crisis that is reaching critical proportions, and that information about this situation is often powerfully conveyed by the alien beings to the experiencers".

His peers were divided about his work, although there was general agreement that he was never afraid to be a trailblazer, or to give serious attention to what detractors considered a fringe issue or an alternative approach. Such was his academic weight that he was able to pursue his controversial interests from his base at Harvard - though, while his work on alien encounters brought him many media appearances and made him wealthy, there was a price to be paid.

Some of his colleagues hinted that extraterrestrial visitors, and their alleged impact on humans, were not a productive area of research. Matters came to a head when Harvard launched an inquiry lasting 14 months into Mack's methods, following the publication of *Abduction*.

Born in New York, Mack graduated from Oberlin College, Ohio, in 1951...Early in his career, Mack focused on the psychology of sleep and dreams, and began building his professional reputation by applying a psychoanalytic approach to such troubled groups as children contemplating suicide and teenagers obsessed by the threat of nuclear war. This led him to become a strong advocate of disarmament; in the 1980s, along with his other roles, he became academic director of the Centre for Psychological Studies in the Nuclear Age.

In 1983, he set up the Centre for Psychology and Social Change, which sponsors research projects that combine psychology with ecological or ethnic issues, and earlier

this year was renamed the John E Mack Institute. Mack, who was divorced, is survived by three sons.

John Mack's funeral was held in London on Oct 13th.

### **Betty Hill dies at 85**

Betty Hill, who along with her late husband in 1961 had the first publicized and best-documented UFO experience in the White Mountains, died Sunday in sleep after a battle with lung cancer. She was 85.

On a return trip from Canada, the Hills said they were abducted for two hours by a UFO on Sept. 19, 1961. After going public with their story, the two gained worldwide notoriety. Their story became the subject of a book and later, a made-for-TV movie starring James Earl Jones and Estelle Parsons. They traveled across the country and made numerous television and radio appearances telling their story. When her husband, Barney, died in 1969, Ms. Hill continued the job alone. In 1995, she published "A Common Sense Approach to UFOs".

### **Gordon Cooper dies**

Gordon Cooper, one of the first astronauts and who set a space endurance record by travelling more than 200 million miles aboard Gemini 5 in 1965, has died aged 85. In his post-NASA career, Cooper became known as an outspoken believer in UFOs and charged that the government was covering up its knowledge of extraterrestrial activity. "I believe that these extraterrestrial vehicles and their crews are visiting this planet from other planets which obviously are more technically advanced than we are here on Earth," he told a United Nations panel in 1985. "I feel that we need to have a top-level, coordinated program to scientifically collect and analyze data from all over the Earth concerning any type of encounter and to determine how best to interface with these visitors in a friendly fashion."

He added, "For many years I have lived with a secret in a secrecy imposed on all specialists and astronauts. We can now reveal that every day, in the USA, our radar instruments capture objects of form and composition unknown to us."

In 1957, Cooper commented:

"While working with a camera crew supervising flight testing of advanced aircraft at Edward's Air Force Base in California, the camera crew filmed the landing of a strange disc object that flew in over their heads and landed on a dry lake nearby. A camera crewman approached the saucer, it rose up above the area and flew off at a speed faster than any known aircraft."

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**Flying Saucers in The Bible: A new interpretation.**  
**A report for FSR by Frank Carlisle, biblical scholar**  
**FSR 49-3, AUTUMN 2004**  
**SOLVING THE RIDDLE OF EZEKIEL'S WHEELS -THE CHARIOTS OF**  
**THE CHERUBIM / THE CHARIOTS OF GOD. See picture, front cover**

**INTRODUCTION**

The purpose of this article is to address the biblical question of "angelic chariots", and to ascertain exactly what is written therein on the subject. Does the biblical text describe the physical appearance of God's angelic chariots? I believe that after you read this article you will be able to discern the answer to this question for yourself, as the answer is resoundingly clear. Let me start by laying a biblical foundation for angelic chariots, as well as for the Chariot of God himself, both of which are referenced with various, controlling metaphors in the Old Testament, that also appear in the early interpretive writings of the Jews, Gnostic Christians, and Greeks. I believe that what one will discover is that one can only understand such texts within a modern context.

The Old Testament abounds with texts that speak of how angels came to earth in ancient times riding in heavenly vehicles that are represented metaphorically as "horses" and "chariots" of God. Psalm 68:17 is probably the most definitive example of the Old Testament "angelic chariot" texts. This Psalm addresses the chronology of the Jewish Exodus from captivity in Egypt, their encampment at Mount Sinai, and the events that transpired at that time. "The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands multiplied: the Lord was among them at Sinai, in the [heavenly] Temple/Sanctuary."

There are also many Old Testament texts that speak of how certain biblical figures ascended into the heavens, and are acknowledged by biblical scholars as the "heavenly ascension" texts. One of the best, and probably most well-known examples of these texts is found in 2 Kings 2:1 and 11, which speak of the heavenly ascension of the prophet Elijah, as therein it is written in verse 1: "Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up into the heavens by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal." Verse 11 continues with: "As they continued walking and talking, a Chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into the heavens."

There are also many references in the biblical text that speak of the Chariot in which God, himself, came to visit earth, as is described above in 2 Kings 2 as the Chariot of fire. The reference to "horses of fire" is to the angelic "chariots of God" that accompany God's Chariot which, in the early Jewish interpretive writings is acknowledged as being a "Merkabah."

The biblical prophet, Ezekiel, metaphorically describes God's Merkabah as being a heavenly "throne" [Ez. 1:26],

as the Glory of the Lord [Ez.1:28] and as "The Gory of the God of Israel" [Ez. 9:3]. The word Merkabah is derived from two Hebrew words. The first word is "merkab", which means "a chariot, and also "a seat, as in a vehicle." It is also derived from the word "rakab", which means "to ride on" or "to ride in." Accordingly, that which the prophet describes metaphorically as a "throne" and "the Glory of the Lord", is to be understood to refer to God's Merkabah, the literal translation of which is "Throne-Chariot", and is that in which God comes to the earth in visitation.. The noted Dead Sea Scroll scholar, Dr. Geza Vermes, makes the following statement about God's Merkabah: "The divine Throne-Chariot draws its inspiration from Ezekiel (1-10)...It depicts the appearance and movement of the Merkabah, the divine Chariot supported and drawn by the cherubim, which is at the same time a throne and a vehicle."

Additionally, the metaphor "Glory of the Lord" is found throughout the Old Testament, and always speaks of God's heavenly presence in a very literal sense, and as in his Throne-Chariot. On closer analysis of the Hebrew metaphor, one finds that the word "glory" gives specificity to the word, within each of those contexts. The word "glory" literally means "mass" or "substance", and variously rendered by biblical scholars as "glory, body, or house", and is therefore to be understood as being a reference to God's heavenly House, Abode, or Dwelling Place. Thus, the Merkabah Glory of the Lord can be seen as being a Throne-Chariot that has both substance and mass, and as God's heavenly Dwelling Place.

Many of the early Jewish Merkabah related writings, as well as the early Gnostic Christian writings, have their interpretational roots in Ezekiel's biblical vision of the Merkabah and the four chariots of the cherubim. Both bodies of literature represent Ezekiel's living creatures as heavenly chariots, inside of which were angelic beings. In the section that follows, I will present a wide variety of text sources, all of which represent the Merkabah and Ezekiel's living creatures, wheels within wheel, etc. as wheel-chariots.

Of all of the biblical texts that deal with the subject of heavenly chariots, none parallels the description that is found in the chapters 1 and 10 of the biblical book of the prophet Ezekiel. In these two chapters Ezekiel describes the physical appearance, operation and movement of what he describes metaphorically as "living creatures, burning coals of fire, wheels within wheels, and cherubim", all of which are synonymous terms that describe the "chariots of God." Ezekiel likens the chariots to liv-

ing creatures to which he attributes various anatomical parts, each of which has a specific anatomical location and associated function.

While biblical scholarship has, for some time, supported an angelic chariot in Ezekiel, and despite the fact that the prophet renders a detailed description of their physical appearance, operation and movement, scholars have, heretofore, been unable to render a drawing of it physical appearance that is based on a viable translation of the Hebrew text - until now (see front cover). One has but to read a few of the various English Bible renderings of Ezekiel chapter 1, in order to see that each renders various areas of the text differently. One of the reasons for this is that, in ancient Hebrew, one word often has multiple meanings that at times differ vastly from each other. Another reason is that, in the Hebrew language, all words are derivatives of what are called root words. While it is not always the case, there are times when components of the root word meaning influence either the direct translation of or may influence the meaning of the word within a particular context.

In chapter 1 of the Old Testament book of Ezekiel, the prophet describes the appearance of four heavenly objects, to which he refers with the various synonymous metaphors "living creatures" [his description of an unknown technology], "burning coals of fire" [his description of them as fiery, amber-colored coals or orbs high in the heavens], "wheels within wheels" [his description of a disc-shaped craft under which there is as spinning (turbine-like) wheel], and "cherubim" [which are acknowledged in the early writings as "the chariots of the cherubim"].

While it is the view of mainstream biblical scholarship that the four objects Ezekiel describes are "feather-winged cherubs", the voices of the past, as are reflected in early interpretive literature, paints a totally different picture, as you will see. I will now take you on a brief journey into antiquity, whereby you might be able to clearly discern the voices of both the prophet Ezekiel himself, and from those ancient people who wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls. You will soon see that the various metaphors the prophet uses to describe what he sees are indeed all synonymous, controlling metaphors, each of which shapes the theological thought and direction within the two texts. So, away we go, as far back as the year 593 B.C.

I will also let you listen to the voices of the early Greeks who made the first translation of the Hebrew biblical text into another language. As such, it is important in that it contains certain renderings that do not always follow the original Hebrew text, which scholars render to as "textual variants." The Greeks translated the entire Old Testament into what is called "Koine Greek", which is a dialectical Greek that varies from "classical Greek." The Greek Bible, which also contains the New Testament Greek books as well, is better known as the Septuagint, which scholars also refer to as LXX, which refers to the supposed number of 72 Jewish scholars who

were commissioned to make the translation. That number was later rounded-off to 70, which corresponds to the numeral LXX. You will also hear the voices who wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls [DSS], as their voices have a great deal to say about Ezekiel's various metaphorical representations, as well as those of other early Jewish and Gnostic Christians who have something to tell about Ezekiel's four angelic chariots.

So, away we go on our voyage into the distant past whereby we might hear and see what the many voices tell us:

Ez. 1:13: "As for the appearance of the living creatures [a flying technology he had never seen; that was alive and a creature], they looked like burning coals of fire..."

Dead Sea Scrolls:

"...and there were living beings inside of burning coals, like burning coals of fire."

Ez. 10:15: "The cherubim rose from the earth. These were the living creatures that I saw by the river Chebar."

Ez. 1:20: "...for there was a living Spirit inside of the wheels." [Biblical text: "God makes angels ministering Spirits."]

Ez. 1:16: "The appearance of the wheels and their construction...and they each had the same shape...like a wheel the middle of another wheel."

Dead Sea Scrolls: "And when the wheels moved forward the holy angels go to the back; they emerge from within the glorious wheels with the likeness of fire."

Now, listen not just to the voice of Ezekiel and the voices of ancients who wrote the Dead Sea Scrolls but listen also to the voices of other of the early Jewish writings, as well as those of the Gnostic Christians and early Greeks of the 4th and 5th centuries A.D.

"Ben Sirah 49:8": both as the early Jewish writing and from a later Greek translation that appears as a "canonical work and part" of the Catholic Bible:

"It was Ezekiel who saw the vision of glory that God showed him above/upon the chariot of the cherubim."

"Hypostases of the Archons"; an early Gnostic Christian text: ...the four-faced chariot of the cherubim. Greek Septuagint [LXX]: a variant rendering from the Hebrew text in Ez. 43:3:

"...and the vision of the chariot that I saw was like the one that I saw by the river of Chebar..."

Are you beginning to get a mental picture of the "chariots", which are shaped like "wheels" inside of which there are angelic pilots, "fiery coals/orbs" in the heavens inside of which there are living angelic beings, real or are? "Listen and see", and I will tell you more about Ezekiel's four angelic "chariots!"

Ezekiel describes four angelic chariots as "living creatures" with various anatomical parts, like wings, legs, heads, etc, each of which has a corresponding anatomical

cal location and function, all of which describe the angelic vehicles he sees first in the heavens, and then land on the ground in front of him! Read and be amazed and astounded. As you read my new Ezekiel translations, compare what the prophet describes to the "chariot" it describes.

Ez. 1:23: Under the dome their wings were horizontal, the one [and, therefore and necessarily at an angle] the one towards the other; each one had two wings that covered [concealed] its [central, hollow] body on the one quadrant [side], and each one had two wings that covered their bodies on the other quadrant."

Ez. 1:11: "Their wings bisected from the top, and two wings covered their bodies: and two of each of those wings joined one to the other [at a distal point; as two covering wings on each of four quadrants].

This represents a visual and descriptive perspective of one half of the chariot, or two of its four sides or quadrants, as such better describes a wheel-shaped chariot.

Ez. 1:8: And they had a man-like hand, under their wings on their four quadrants [which describes a circular or wheel-shaped chariot].

The Hebrew word for side/s is "reva", and is derived from a root meaning "to be quadrate", thus, the "circular" or "wheel-shaped chariots" have four quadrants, or quarter-sections. Ezekiel represents this perspective in three verses. What they each describe is the horizontal-extension and connection [at the distal point] of "two covering wings" on "two" of the chariot's "four quadrants" and thus describe a 180-degree view, so to speak. Accordingly, Ez.1:6 states: "And they each had four wings."

Greek variant in Ez.10:21: Heb text: "...and they each had four wings."

Greek text: "...and they each had eight wings"

This describes the full wheel-chariot" or the "full-Monty view", as I also call it! The Greeks knew how to add!  $2+2+2+2=8$  Bingo! They understood the "chariots" more than present day scholars understand "feather-winged cherubs" that are clearly NOT in Ezekiel.

Ez. 1:22: "Over the heads of the living creatures [chariots] was something that looked like a shining glass dome..."

Ez. 1:18: "Their [hollow, arched] backs were tall and awesome, and they were encircled by round eye[-like] ports."

The back is the lower portion of the "composite dome" of Ez. 1:23; "and under the dome their wings were horizontal..." Accordingly, it is also to be understood as being a "circular" back as well. This fact is easily ascertained. Is it not abundantly clear what Ezekiel describes in the text? Do not the Dead Sea Scrolls see them in the same light?

Ez. 10:2: And he said to the man clothed in linen; 'go within the spinning wheel, under the cherub.'

Ez. 1:8: "And they had man-like hands under their wings on their four quadrants."

Ez. 10:7: "And the cherub [chariot] stretched forth a hand from within the cherubim [chariot]

Ez. 10:8: "And the cherubim appeared to have a man-like hand under their wings." ["on their four quadrants" ; 1:8]

Ez. 10:6: "And the man went in and stood within the spinning wheel. [Heb. "galgal", and not the word rendered in chapter 1 as wheel/e, which is "ophan". This wheel spins"! It is a rotating turbine wheel that is located on the chariot's underside! See below!

Ez. 1:16: "The appearance of the wheels and their construction, was like the [sparkling, amber] color of Tarshish [a cut, amber-colored gemstone; compare to the view of the chariot in the photo rendering!]; and they each had the same [double-convex, disc] shape: and their appearance and their operation looked like a [spinning] wheel [ophan] within the middle of another wheel [ophan].

Ez. 1:7: "Their legs were riding and did not bend, and looked like they were made out of highly polished brass [amber colored metal!], and the soles of their feet were hoofed and flat like those of a calf."

These voices from the past are from the biblical book of Psalms, and from a group of Jewish Literature of the Middle Ages that speak of both God's Chariot as well as the myriad of heavenly chariots that were present at Mount Sinai, when the Israelites gathered at Mount Sinai, while Moses made his way to the top of the mountain, whereby he made his ascension into the heavens and into the God's heavenly Temple, according to a second Rabbinic tradition and my new translation of verse 18.

Here are some other voices from the past which speak about the biblical prophet Moses and the children of Israel, and the events that transpired there, during the great Exodus from out of captivity in Egypt.

### **Psalm 68:17-18; my new translation**

"The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands multiplied; the Lord was among them at Sinai, in the heavenly Temple. You [Moses] were captured and lifted away into [heavenly] captivity..."

Tahnumah Midrashim:

"Twenty-two thousand chariots descended at Sinai, and each of them looked exactly like the ones Ezekiel saw."

"Twenty-two thousand chariots descended at Sinai, and each of them looked like the Merkabah."

Now I will leave you with the words of Ezekiel, by means of my new translations of what he saw from the original Hebrew text. You will see and hear very clearly what he sees and describes in the heavens, as you already understand the various metaphors he uses to describe the. Listen to his detailed description of the chariots' physical appearance, operation and movement through the heavens, as all this comes to life in your mind.

## EZEKIEL CHAPTER 1:4-24: A NEW TRANSLATION

Vs.4) "And I looked [up into the heavens], and saw a whirlwind come from out of the north; an immense cloud that was surrounded by brightness and fire flashing forth continuously in a circle, and in the middle of which there was something that looked like a round amber metallic object. 5) And from out of the middle of the fire there came what looked like four living creatures. This was their appearance; they had [within them] the form of a man 6) but each of them had four faces and four wings. 7) Their legs were rigid and the soles of their feet were [round and flat] like the sole of a calf's foot; and they sparkled like polished brass. 8) They each had a manlike hand [that was capable of opening and closing] under their wings on each of their four quadrants; and they each had their four faces and their four wings. 9) Their [upper and lower] wings coupled-together [as a double-convex saucer], and when they moved they did not turn their wings to either side; they just moved straight forward [in any direction]. 10) As for the likeness of their faces, they each had a humanlike face of a man in front, the face of a lion on the left quadrant, the face of an ox on the right quadrant, and the face of an eagle in the back. 11) Their [two] wings bisected [horizontally] from the top and two wings covered their bodies: and two wings of each [the upper and lower wings] joined one to the other [at a distal point]. 12) And they moved straight forward: wherever the [angelic] Spirit desired to go, the living creatures moved and, [in so doing], they did not turn [tilt their wings from a horizontal position]. 13) As for the likeness of the living creatures [as I perceived them in the heavens], they looked like, [amber-colored] burning coals of fire that had lights within them that flashed forth intermittently and the fire was bright, and from the fire there came forth [what appeared like] flashes of lightning. 14) And the living creatures darted back and forth [through the heavens] like flashes of lightning, without turning their wings [to either side] as they moved. 15) And as I looked, one of the living creatures landed/stood on the earth, [whereby I then perceived it as being] and behold, a wheel [was fastened] on the side of the four-faced living creature. 16) The appearance of the wheels and their construction was like the [sparkling, amber] color of [the gemstone] Tarshish; and they each had the same [circular] shape: and their appearance and their operation was as if there were a [spinning 10:2,6,13] wheel in the middle of a [larger] wheel. 17) And when they moved [through the heavens], they moved in any direction and in so doing, they did not turn their wings [from a horizontal position] as they moved. 18) As for their [circular] hollow backs [which looked like rings or rims] they were tall and awesome, and were encircled with [round] eyes [like ports]. 19) When the living creatures moved, the wheels [which joined to their

side] moved beside them. And when the living creature lifted up from off of the earth, the wheels also lifted beside them. 20) Wherever the [angelic] Spirit desired to go, and the wheels rose along with them, for there was a living Spirit inside of the wheels. 21) When the living creatures moved, the wheels moved; and when the living creatures stood still [hovered] the wheels also stood still because there was a living Spirit inside of the wheels [who navigated them]. 22) And there was something that looked like an awesome, clear glass dome that spanned out over the heads of the living creatures. 23) And under the dome their wings were horizontal, the one [extended] at an angle towards the other; each of them had four wings that covered their [central, hollow] bodies on one side [quadrant], each one had two wings that covered [concealed from view] their bodies on the other quadrant. 24) And when the living creatures moved, I heard the sound of their wings, which was like the sound of roaring water, like the voice of the Almighty, the voice of speech, like the tumultuous sound of an army: when they stood [landed] upon the earth, they covered their wings [from making the sound they made while in flight].

### EZEKIEL CHAPTER 10: SELECTED VERSES

Vs. 2) And he spoke to the man clothed in linen and said, 'go within the spinning wheel, under the cherubim.' Vs. 6) When he commanded the man clothed in linen saying: 'go within the wheel, underneath the cherubim' then he went in and stood within the spinning wheel. Vs.7) And the cherub opened his hand from within the wheel and said to the man, 'The cherubim appeared to have a man-like hand under their wings.

I hope that you enjoyed your journey into antiquity listening to the voices of the ancients, and to the words of the prophet Ezekiel, whose vision has inspired many of the ancients to seek the awesome knowledge it contains. I also hope that you have learned from them, and you are now well-equipped to answer the question I ask you.

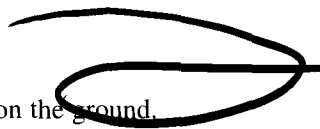
So, I ask you, did the biblical prophet Elijah really mean of the very same "whirlwind" that Ezekiel describes, literally "ascend into the heavens in a chariot?"

### THE LOCATION AND FUNCTION OF THE CHARIOT'S ANATOMICAL PARTS

Each of the chariot's anatomical parts occupies a specific anatomical location and related anatomical function unless otherwise stated in the text. There is one exception, which relates to the "encircling eyes" that are located within the chariot's "back."

**The Head:** The chariot's head-portion consists of a dome that is made of a clear, crystal-like material and occupies the chariot's superior-most position. It is part of the chariot's top-mounted, composite dome, the crystal dome of which serves as a rotating, navigational dome.

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**The Four Faces:** Three of the four faces are insignias that are part of a circular ring-like unit that connects superiorly to the clear domed head, occupying the chariot's mid-portion, and inferiorly with stationary, hollow and arched back. The face identified as "the face of a man", or "human face", is of the chariot's angelic pilot, who sits in the chariot's navigational dome.

**The Back (rings/rims):** The arched, hollow back occupies the lower part of the chariot's composite dome. It is encircled by eyes, which confirms the fact that it is also circular. The encircling eyes are explained below.

**The Eyes:** The eyes surround the chariot's hollow, arched back. The eyes are round and function as ports for looking out from the chariot's hollow, top-mounted dome.

**The Wings:** The wings give the chariot its overall circular or wheel-like shape. The chariot has two horizontal wings on each of its four quadrants that extend at an angle, the one towards the other thus connecting together at the distal point. The wings are for flight.

**The Wheel in the middle of the wheel:** The greater wheel references the chariot's overall shape, which is circular like a wheel. The wheel in the middle of the greater wheel is a spinning, turbine-like wheel, which functions as the chariot's propulsion system.

**The Body:** The body is the hollow, central portion of the chariot that is concealed by two horizontally-extended, connecting wings that present on each of the (circular) chariot's four quadrants and, like the composite dome, is an inhabitable part of the chariot. The opening hand that is located "under their wings on their four quadrants", the function of which is established below.

**The Legs:** The legs are straight and unbending, and provide support for the chariot while standing on the ground. Thus, they are incapable of movement or "walking" on the ground. The four legs are positioned underneath the chariot's wings and are attached to the chariot's body-portion which is "covered" on all four quadrants by the "two covering wings." The legs are made of a polished amber-colored metal that are likened to highly polished brass.

**The Feet:** The feet are round and flat, like that sole of a calf's foot, and are made of the same material as the legs. Their round, flat, beveled shape provides the chariot the

ability to stand in a level position on the ground.

**The Hand:** The opening and closing hand is located under the chariot's wings and functions as an entrance into its hollow, central body.

**The Spirit of the Living Creature:** This references the angelic spirit(s), inhabitant(s), or living beings that are stated in the biblical text to be located "inside of the wheel." It also references the face of the man."

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"Architect Laurence Owen called to report that he and his wife and had seen a giant flying wing craft hovering above the Hudson River on August 12, 2004. The architect, his wife and a friend were riding in a cab driving down the West River Drive looking towards New Jersey near the former World Trade Center at 8:45 PM, when they noticed several com-



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mercial aircraft heading towards the New York Airports flying at several thousand feet altitude. A huge V-shaped craft was just hovering above the Hudson River as the aircraft flew by. The V-shaped craft was at least twice as big as the commercial aircraft and had six or eight lights on its rear perimeter inside the V. There were also two lights on the front of the large object. Laurence held his arm up and the thumb on his outstretched hand covered the huge craft. The craft was hovering near the World Trade Center Site, but over the water. They saw the craft for two minutes until it went behind a building and disappeared."

Although the following reports are of FTs, we cannot be sure that the triangle or boomerang is their true shape - or even where they go to when they move behind something.

## 'Triangle passes over man...'

(See page 1 for artist's impression)

In the early morning hours of October 2nd, 2004 this witness reported that as he drove home from work on a rural road, he saw what appeared to be a fire between the trees and off some distance away. As he drove, he again noticed the "fire" which seemed somewhat brighter and appeared to be moving.

He neared an intersection near his home and exited his car to see if he could get a better look. As he stood in the road, he couldn't imagine what was about to take place.

Slowly, from behind trees, emerged a huge triangle shaped craft. The witness started to run but realized that there was no where to run to, so he stood in awe and watched. The craft slowly came into full view, a perfect triangle which the witness estimated to be some 300 feet in length and width, and only a hundred feet or so high, blocking out all the sky. He noted three large domes, comparing each dome to twice the size of his car, burning brilliantly a reddish orange, lighting the treetops and illuminating the entire bottom of the craft. He also noted "rib-like" structures evenly spaced and running the width of the craft.

As the object passed over the witnesses head, he stated his skin burned, tingled and felt really strange. he also noted that the sound seemed to emanate throughout his body and being a professional musician, assured me that he could never adequately reproduce the throbbing hum he heard.

The object passed over the witness, made a westward turn without banking and was gone from his sight.

The witness went home and tried all day to sleep but could not get the object off his mind. He reported to me on Sunday. He had managed some sleep early that morning and awoke to a nosebleed, metallic taste in his mouth and his skin feeling sunburned on his back and face. He also noted that when he brushed his hair, strands of it coming out in the brush. He also has been weak and nau-

seated since this encounter.

The subject of electromagnetic effects came up. He noted his car radio was on and he thought it was affected as was his cell phone and his car kept running. However his watch lost 15 minutes and he remembered having to reset it Saturday evening for the first time he had owned it.

Having been in daily contact with this witness, v Melvin Redfern DCH and myself find him somewhat improved psychologically since the encounter. He, from our multiple interviews, is 100% sincere and truthful about this traumatic experience. This is a preliminary report and much remains of this most interesting. Updates will be posted at the MUFON Tennessee website. By Kim Shaffer, MUFON Tennessee State Director. Contact: kshaffer@ufologie.net

Meanwhile over Paris, France, came an similar to those seen recently in the US and the early-late 1980s/early 90s over Belgium and Hudson Valley, US. This report is courtesy of our new French correspondent, Pat Gross, of www:ufologie.net

The witness reports on July 2, 2004: "In the evening Tuesday to Wednesday, around midnight, I watched the sky from my balcony and suddenly I saw a group of luminous balls (faint) passing in triangular formation. During one second or a second and a half I did not believe my eyes, but I ended up telling my wife to come see it. She arrived too late, but only 15 seconds afterwards, whereas I explained her what I had just seen. Another triangle, completely different, appeared on the other side of the balcony and turned behind a building. And she did see this one.

"I had time to look at it with the binoculars but that did not resemble a plane at all, whereas I am used to watching planes fly over!!" Note by FSR:- A drawing of the FTs at ufologie.net shows a striking similarity between the Belgium and Hudson River FTs.

**And over India came an FT that exhibited similar features and behaviour patterns as early US and Belgium FTs...**

## India: amateur astronomer sees FT

On Tuesday, October 5, 2004, at 10:20 p.m., a UFO was seen over the city of Jaipur, in India's Rajasthan state. Eyewitness Sanket Sharma reported, "I'm an amateur astronomer and have been studying the skies for years. I have formed a habit of looking at the skies for a few minutes every night when I park my car.

I was in for a surprise today (Tuesday, October 5, 2004) when, after parking the car, I looked up in the sky and found a rather big object with several lights below it. It came from a northeasterly direction and went straight

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towards the southwest. It was not moving very fast.

"It was shaped like a triangle or boomerang with lights installed along the edges. Some of the lights were focused in different directions like it was searching for something. I ran inside and called out my mom and dad, but unfortunately, by the time they had come, it was gone. I saw it for a good five to six seconds.

"The body (fuselage) seemed black, and it was shaped like a triangle, a boomerang or an American Stealth bomber with about six to eight bright lights along the

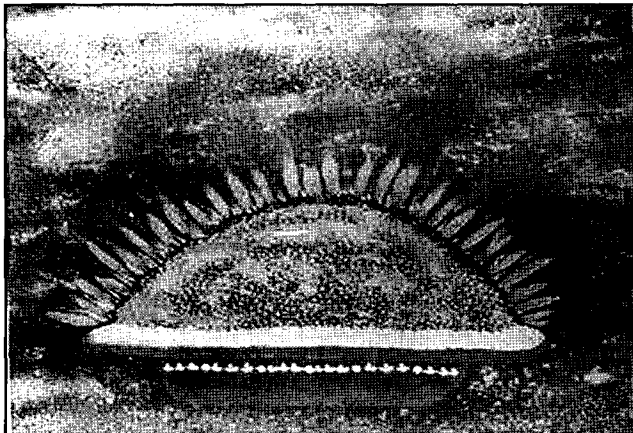
edges. I cannot estimate its height and speed precisely, but it was extremely low for a flying machine."

Jaipur is about 200 kilometers (120 miles) southwest of New Delhi, the capital of India. (Many thanks to Prasant Solomon of UFO India and Jim Hickman, executive director of Skywatch International, for this report).

More new Saucer/FT reports on pages 18 - 21.

## Should we be paying more attention to reports of sightings of low altitude 'dancing lights' by the world's indigenous people?

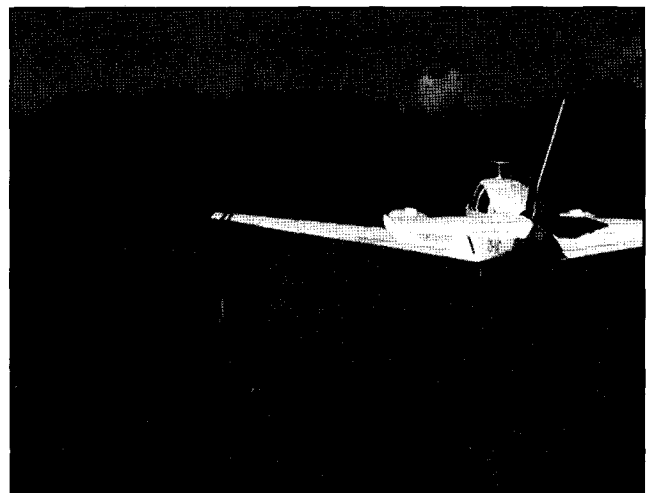
### FSR's special correspondent in Australia, 'Omega', reports



What is happening with UFOs in remote regions, far away from our familiar hurried lives? As FSR readers, we should all be familiar with the concept of the indigenous UFO witness. Native central and south American witnesses have delivered some of the earliest and finest accounts of abductions and near encounters in print. Researchers have historically set their sights on these indigenous encounter cases as altogether more authentic and far less contaminated by modern life.

Isn't it time there was a systematic survey of indigenous UFO accounts in order to actively preserve a better learning resource for future humanity to study? Can we better represent these indigenous UFO contacts while gathering the mass data of a pan-global phenomenon? These native sightings exist outside the mass communication of the information age, so they may be heavily under-reported. They are so often only temporarily preserved within the oral tradition and should be methodically collected before quite literally they die out. We need to develop strategies in order to estimate the true extent of UFO contact in under-developed nations. Few native witnesses will ever come into contact with a sympathetic researcher or UFO educated journalist to pass this information on. Even if they meet such an open-minded interviewer, will they chance a remark to an outsider on such delicate matters?

This protracted loss of witness data means we must begin to collect these reports through a massive expansion of local indigenous investigators. Like the Aboriginal UFO investigator at the start of this article, only special local investigators can hope to communicate across indigenous cultural and language barriers. Is there currently an authoritative global body capable of collecting, translating and recording these valuable contributions to world ufo history? This article focuses on reports of fantastic low-level light displays as evidence of witnessed UFO events. The following reports are recent, arising from native people who were interviewed during the last year. Their answers reveal to us that a significant UFO presence is currently facing humanity in the developing world.



'Omega', FSR's first international roving reporter seeking native accounts of UFO contact.

Firstly I will take you to Thailand and adjoining regions. One warm, misty day filled with humidity and calm, we trekked through the jungles with a guide called Mongkol. After some time the subject matter was steered to the beliefs of the local people who inhabited many of

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the hillside villages. When asked the question 'have any of the villagers seen lights in the sky?' I was expecting the guide to give me a perplexed look. Instead Mongkol started to tell me of many secret events recounted to him by the hills people who lived scattered amongst the thick foliage and undergrowth of the jungle valleys. To focus on any one single event would be impossible. For one to do that, the people who had the sighting would have to be interviewed, which would be an impossible task for me to do due to time constraints. However, many of these anomalous light events seemed to have a familiar UFO ring about them. One instance comes to mind. The guide mentioned that one evening some hills people saw many low-level lights parading in the sky. After observing these unknown and apparently sentient lights, the villagers decided to keep all knowledge of this strange happening strictly to themselves. They did not mention the incident to any one else in the mountainous region. Shortly after taking this decision, the villagers heard that an adjoining people, just over the mountaintop, had begun describing a near-identical light event. The hills people no longer felt shackled, as their experience had been shared by so many throughout the locality. Word soon spread to yield many more individual accounts. Interestingly, they all seemed to share one central theme: a grand procession of dancing lights.

**One large light appeared overhead, hovering there for quite some time, then several more lights joined the primary light.** Then they all began to traverse the night sky at treetop level. These silent craft exited in a finale befitting such a wondrous sight. They all ascended and merged in with the brilliant star field above. The villagers marvelled at the manoeuvres and the magnificent aerial light display.

Sightings reported to me in Laos and Burma were of a similar nature to this dancing light phenomenon. There was far less fear and stigma evident from the villagers who had not felt threatened by their encounters.

Now let me transport you to the steamy heat of the Guatemalan jungles. Once more I brought up the subject of ovnis (UFOs) with a guide called Noah. He was quick to tell me of the sightings of the indigenous people living in that area. I had the privilege of staying near a very large lake in the highlands of Tikal, which appeared to be the local centre of UFO activity. The guide told me of many reports by fishermen, who had seen lights hovering over the lake in the middle of the night. One particular night recently, there was a power outage.

In the pitch dark 4-5 ovnis were highly visible as the only source of light, hovering over the treetops and intermingling with each other in yet another aerial dance. This event lasted for 15 minutes, and then finally these enigmatic spheres of light disappeared, perhaps to an unseen dimension. The power came on once again a few minutes later. Another native man from Honduras told me that although he had not had an experience of seeing an ovni for himself, his mother had a visitation some years ago. He proceeded to tell me of one evening when

his mother decided to go outside and check her garden as she had been having an on-going problem with locust cutter ants. With a small torch in hand, she was flashing small beams of light at a cluster of plants in one particular area.

**To her amazement she looked up only to see a large hovering silently and directly overhead, a very large bright sphere of light.** Emanating from the craft were many multicoloured lights that were pulsating and strobe-like. The silent craft was motionless for some time. It then moved very slowly, in a direct path to a pyramid and an old pyramid building complex, situated several kilometres away. The lady watched this manifestation hover for some 15-20 minutes before finally it disappeared. Are the dancing light UFO formations a way of alerting traditional cultures to the UFO presence? Why should such light events appear to indigenous people around the world? The joyful and uplifting spectacle of seeing lights dance in the night sky can fit into most traditional societal belief systems, including those concerning spirit deities and ancestral ghosts. How have the strongly traditional people reacted to their experiences? Perhaps, UFO witnesses are people who have been deliberately "opened" by something unknown entering their lives. Some of them are likely to react to this new uncertainty with a more actively stimulated sense of curiosity. Perhaps they are people who will begin seeking out further knowledge and pursue a kind of personal verification for their experience.



**UFO over Noro Township, Western Province, Solo Islands, submitted by the Quitales society.**

A large silent moving low altitude formation of light certainly an effective beacon. It cannot be easily looked as mundane when each individual component a typical UFO light formation appears to act with intelligent co-ordination to its peers. Massed aircraft cannot be made to silently swing in random arcs across the open sky. Natural luminous phenomena cannot sustain such intensity nor do they move in organised repetitive patterns.

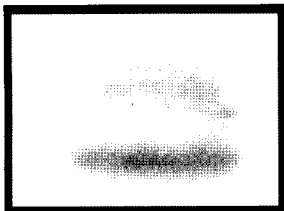
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What is far less clear is to what extent overt close contact and daylight UFO activity have penetrated our indigenous cultures in the last fifty years? We need to strategically assess how close this phenomenon has come. What can we gauge about populations and specific parts of our planet that these entities seem to give priority. Finally, we come to Australian Aboriginal reports which originate from oral history and anecdotes collected by other researchers in the Northern Territories. This is merely a taste of what might be going on in remote areas of Australia. The next chapter of my indigenous survey will be from among the Australian Aborigines.



Northern Territories flying disc. Taken 100 km north of Alice Springs. Unknown photographer.

Near Alice Springs, ten years ago, on an evening when the last mast had just been put in place, a very large silver-grey disc was seen hovering over the brow of a hill. This was seen by at least 100 aborigines from a settlement and many other locals who were attending a nearby fair. The craft was seen to emit a strobe effect searchlight on to the grounds. West of the Tanami mines area in 1999, at an aboriginal settlement, a disc was reported to have come down to land. It hovered about 1 meter off



It was silver in colour and had a blue strip around the middle, it had a high dome on top also on the underside. It looked like 2 plates with about 1metre gap in the middle.

## Sightings Roundup - Pilots see UFOs, and other cases

Introduction by FSR: It is a common fallacy, put about by debunkers, that ufos are only seen by people who are inexperienced observers and/or who are unreliable witnesses. There are thousands of reports from high calibre witnesses such as civilian and military pilots - and other military - personnel. That is why certain bodies (official and/or top secret) in the US, Britain, France, the Soviet Union and other countries and regions have taken a great interest in the



A glowing object traverses below the cloud base

' the ground. "People" were reported getting out of the craft. They had 3 fingers on each hand and spoke to the Aborigines in their own Aboriginal dialect. They went towards the people but the Aborigines ran away. The craft was said to be about the size of a service station.

It is also reported that, while around the campfire, Aborigines often tell of a cloud that comes down and hovers over their water well. The cloud then ascends and takes the water up with it. "When we see the clouds we know that we will get a visit by the lights.

"We see a mist that forms into a cloud then a light appears, then the cloud starts to glow inside."

Aboriginal children often call on the local elder to tell him that the lights are back. Many of the elders have reported a silver craft with a blue band around the middle. In another contact story the aborigines asked UFO occupants if they wanted diesel fuel but the entities asked them where the blue crystals are. The children pointed out where the crystals were to be found, and when they turned around the entities were gone.

In this brief article we have seen diverse indigenous witnesses from around the world describe UFOs. My personal investigations suggest that we could develop international report gathering structures that would allow us to access a much larger stream of UFO data from the developing world. It would be inspiring to develop these regional collecting points for reports of alien objects active among the countless indigenous settlements in our world today.

this day to be observed by pilots, as the following case shows. The following cases are courtesy of Filers Files and other sources.

### Canada - Corporate jet pilots See UFOs

EDMONTON, ALBERTA -- "I am a highly experienced corporate jet pilot operating out of the West Coast of British Columbia. I was a crew member on our com-

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May 10, 2004 on a flight from Syracuse, New York to Calgary, Alberta. No passengers were on board, only the two pilot crew. As we approached Empress, Alberta at 39,000 feet and preparing for descent, we noticed a very bright light in the northwest sky at about 12 degrees above the horizon. As the bright light (same intensity as Venus or Jupiter) traveled southeast and came closer it "seemed" to transform into nine plus objects. The other pilot maintains that there were twelve objects. The salient feature was that the three trailing objects were 1/3 of the brightness of the forward numbers which were at least as bright as Venus at 12:23 AM. The objects appeared to be flying in an organized formation at 700 to 1000 nautical miles per hour and possibly very much faster. There was no apparent trajectory and the lights appeared to maintain a perfectly level altitude throughout the duration.

"We were in perfectly clear conditions and we have the absolute conviction this was NOT a meteor, nor a meteor breaking up because of a total lack of trajectory. The objects were flying at about 10,000 feet at a distance of perhaps 5-15 nautical miles at their closest point. Distances and altitudes can be extremely hard to judge with certainty. Both pilots agree the duration of the event was about 15 seconds. There was no other aircraft in the vicinity this early Sunday morning since this occurrence was definitely spectacular enough that other aircraft would have asked Edmonton Centre what this was."

HBCC UFO Note: There were six other reports, some spectacular, that occurred at, or near Edmonton during our time frame. Pilots words: "If one considers there is linkage to these events (ours to one or more of the other 3), and considering the others apparently involve low altitude movements (close to treetops) it all becomes very very intriguing. I now wonder what really did take place that early morning, knowing that these lights were making low altitude movements "close to treetops." Thanks to Brian Vike, Director HBCC UFO

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**Additional, later report by other pilots:**  
Atlantic Ocean - Beacon Type Flashes

On August 30, 2004, at 10 PM, commercial pilots report, "Twice in the last month over the Atlantic ocean at Flight Level 360 myself and my First Officer have witnessed a flashing beacon type light at orbital altitudes near the vicinity of the Big Dipper." The object appears to be very fast based on the frequency of the flash and its location. I just want to know if we may have a satellite with some type of spin on it that would cause this sighting. I have not seen this type of flash from the many other satellites, etc., that I have seen over the years. Note: No known satellite has flashing beacons.

**Australia - "Invisible" UFO**

The witness reports, "Driving home through farm and

bush areas, I looked off to my right and saw a strange disturbance in a paddock on September 21, 2004, at 1:20 PM. At first my stereo was turned up and I didn't notice the sound, however when I turned my stereo down, I still noticed a deep bass humming noise coming from the paddock. I got out of my car to have a closer look at the paddock and to see from where the noise was coming from, although on closer inspection I found there to be no machinery or any man-made instruments in the immediate area. Standing near the boundary of the paddock I felt like there was something present there although nothing could be seen. There was, however, a large shadow moving around the paddock and the animals were avoiding the middle where this shadow was located."

**Tapachula, Mexico: Six luminous spheres** flew over the Mexicanos Pemex Petroleum Storage Facilities on August 29, 2004. The Disaster Prevention Office Juan Carlos Zuñiga Rodríguez said: "Six large spheres having the shape of a circular plate and the size of a commercial airliner, performed flight maneuvers over the distribution terminal at an altitude no greater than 1000 meters, flying at abnormal speeds and directional changes." A variety of photographs were taken and showed at least six luminous spheres flying over the area. This data was presented to researcher Jaime Maussan, who immediately commenced verification of the images. He stated. "The tests yielded positive results regarding a central object made of unidentified material and which appeared to be covered by some sort of radiation very similar to that of the spheres." UFOs are frequently seen around the oil facilities and points adjacent to the Izapa archaeological region. Thanks to Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology for the translation (c) 2004.

**Chile - "Yes, We Saw Spacecraft"**

LA SERENA -- Information continues to arrive regarding the apparition of mysterious entities in the Coquimbo's Panul Sector (4th Region). The Diario La Region de Coquimbo reports, "Yolanda Santibañez and Edmundo Ramírez both claim that on the same week of the humanoid sighting in Coquimbo, whose account appears in yesterday's edition, an unidentified flying object flew over the the area.

A pair of local residents who live on a property that serves as a repair shop at the edge of the highway told us that they had seen strange things, and that they themselves saw some sort of flying saucer in July. Edmundo Ramirez, another resident of the Panul sector, claims that such episodes occur repeatedly. It made no noise, and was elongated, and had no lights. It arrived from the north, passing slowly over the eucalyptus trees in the La Romana sector. Then it descended along that terrain as if heading toward the sea, and then vanished. The sector [both witnesses] have indicated as the place where the

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vehicle disappeared is the same area indicated by the other witnesses claiming to have seen a small, glowing-red 80 cm. tall humanoid.

"Eduardo Vega, his brother and two other workers of the Argandoña brick works are the witnesses to this event, which they have shared with the greatest respect and seriousness, which they hope will be reciprocated." Thanks to Scott Corrales, Institute of Hispanic Ufology for the Translation (c) 2004.

## Minnesota - Four Spherical Orbs sighted

LAKEVILLE - On September 7, 2004, the witnesses saw four green solid lights in the horizon about three miles away. These spherical orbs rotated counterclockwise for almost ten minutes and changed course spontaneously. They rotated clockwise for a while and eventually stopped rotation and started a decent towards the ground. As they descended the orbs slowed their rotation and sunk towards the earth. The total spectacle took about fifteen minutes so the witnesses decided to hop in their cars and follow the celestial visitor. The observer stated, "We reached the main road about five minutes later and the UFO sank faster then we could track it, so as far as we know it just disappeared. These spherical green-lighted orbs seemed inquisitive and changed their rotation at an unrecognizable frequency while my companions could only watch in awe. I haven't seen a UFO with this much complexity and mystique ever." Thanks to Peter Davenport Director [www.UFOCenter.com](http://www.UFOCenter.com)

**Washington County - A retired algebra professor** who was driving home on Sunday, September 20, 2004, along Highway 11 around 9 PM, saw a large acorn shaped object moving low in the sky over Buffalo Mountain. The discernible shape was made by noting the arrangement of lights on the object which he stated were quite like a "marquis". The object was flying in ever tightening circles. The lights were flashing in random, fast way, exhibiting more than five different colors, that reminded him of a Christmas tree. He pulled his car over and watched the bizarre object rise, fall and finally moving up and behind the mountain out of view. This witness states that, "In 1966, he and his late wife, along with hundreds of Johnson City citizens witnessed a gigantic black disc shaped object block out all the stars in the sky on a summer night." He also remembered that the giant disc had multiple arrangements of lights on the bottom which flashed sequentially. The Johnson City Press did a full page story on the sighting.

**Flying Triangles (FTS) continue to be seen: FSR continues to stress that FTs were first sighted in the 1940s and that true FTs, as distinct from the Stealth bomber and similar aircraft, are very unlikely to be of man-made origin.**

## 23 silver objects seen in Veracruz, Mexico

On October 19 at 11:30 a.m., a flotilla of 23 silver crescent-shaped UFOs flew over the port city of Veracruz, 350 kilometers (210 miles) east of Mexico City. Ricardo Antonio Lopez Mendez, a resident of Veracruz, described the sighting of a flotilla of UFOs, which flew and hovered over the seaport city at 11:30 a.m. The crescent-shaped UFOs, which were of a brilliant silver color, remained in view for approximately 45 minutes. According to Mexican ufologist Ana Luisa Cid, "Eyewitnesses described several semi-spherical objects which changed colors. They were seen by both a police patrol and a commercial jetliner while over the city. Cell phones were affected, and animal reacted violently to the passage of the mysterious objects."

Eyewitnesses in El Centro, the main plaza of Veracruz, first noticed a strange formation flying parallel with a major thoroughfare, Sra. Cid reported. "They saw the objects fly over their street. One said, 'Look! A flight of ducks.'" But his friend replied, "Those aren't ducks. That's a flotilla of UFOs!"

Ten minutes after the initial sighting, a police patrol, Car 87, entered El Centro, viewed the phenomena and attempted to radio their central headquarters. They were unable to raise the police dispatcher. At the same time, a woman witness attempted to use her cell phone. She finally managed to get through to her friend, a helicopter pilot who believes in UFOs. *The pilot told her that a commercial pilot had also seen the objects and had radioed the tower at the airport.* The UFOs were reportedly seen by the crew of an AeroMexico Boeing 737, which had just taken off for the flight across the Gulf of Mexico to Miami, Florida, Sra. Cid added.

"There were 23 objects, semi-spherical, of a color silver, which flew in a V formation. The objects actually changed color throughout the flight. At the moment they changed color, to red or to green, they changed their position within the formation. The objects changed from green to red, doing it each time more and more rapidly. The objects finally broke formation and disappeared in all directions." Source: ufologie.net and UFO roundup

## Huge triangles sighted

Michigan - ANN ARBOR: On Thursday, August 19, 2004 at around 10 PM, the observer was driving home on the M-14 Expressway when he noticed a large bright object just over the trees up ahead. As he got closer, he saw three large circles with a flashing orange circle in the middle of a triangular pattern. He states: "I was the only car on the westbound side of the expressway so I slowed way down to around 15 mph to observe an object flying at 200 feet in altitude and just past the Gotfredson exit about fifty yards off the expressway. As I got closer and was more directly under it, I noticed that the intense lights were attached to the structure of a triangular shaped object that was slightly darker than the night sky."

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It probably wasn't more than 30 feet deep. The lights did not throw any reflection up to the structure and had no reflective properties at all. Even the ground below was not lit up by any light. With as bright as these lights were and how close it was to the ground, I couldn't understand why nothing was lit up? This flying triangle was large about the size of a 747 or so. The ends of the triangle were blunted, they were not sharp. The object made no noise as it hovered over crop fields and woods. The craft was staying stock-still. I watched the object for two more minutes and it never moved. The only motion was the orange light blinking in the middle of the three other lights." Thanks to www.UFOCenter.com.

**Illinois - LAKE IN THE HILLS:** A network computer engineer for 20 and his chemist wife witnessed a triangular shaped object moving across the sky on August 20, 2004, from 10:25 to 10:27 PM. At first glance it looked like three lights heading south. Then the flying triangle flew right over their heads at a low altitude and its length was longer than three large commercial aircraft. The witness looked at the flying triangle (this object) through Tasco mini binoculars. The object had three lights with one located on each corner. The object tilted toward the west and then leveled off. The witness grew up in Elk Grove Village with a commercial flight path over the top of my parents' home since I was two years old. The witness states, "This was something that I have never seen before and my wife agrees that this was the strangest object we have ever seen. The object only stayed in sight

for three minutes and completely vanished right in front of us in the partly cloudy sky." www.hbccufo.com

**FT: 'No mistaking it' - ex Marine Corps employee**  
BROOKPARK, USA: "Driving home from work on 4 West at approx. 11:45 PM, on September 22, 2004, I was talking on the phone and looked up at a bright light that caught my attention. I was driving west just passing Ridge Rd. and saw the triangle in a banking maneuver that was quite clearly back dropped against the sky, and I saw the VERY bright lights at each point with a subtle, somewhat pulsating red light in the center. It was straight-ahead and only a couple miles up. I was too far away to get out of the craft to notice whether anybody else was also observing it. It banked to the south and traveled at a relatively slow rate, while I was able to keep watching it out the window.

"I could make out the low, thin profile and the lights beneath it. As I was still viewing it, I passed a tree line at the same elevation obscuring the view, and as I cleared the tree line, it was no longer visible. I have seen this Triangle type before in the late 80s on my way home from Connecticut, where it was amazingly low over the highway traveling at an exceedingly slow speed. The entire highway was apparently watching it as well, as we were creeping along and there was no place to pull over for those people stopped on the side of the highway. Last night's sighting wasn't quite as dramatic, but having been in the Marine Corps, there was no mistaking it for a conventional aircraft or other natural phenomenon."

## Major case revisited

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### "This Navy sighting was dynamite" - Major Donald E. Keyhoe

From the NICAP records, by Major Donald E. Keyhoe

It was early in '59 when I learned of this hidden report - a startling encounter with a UFO (Unidentified Flying Object). The lead came in a brief message from Admiral Delmer S. Fahrney, former Navy missile chief, whom I had known for years: FSR 49-3, AUTUMN 2004

"Captain James Taylor, USN, Ret., has an important UFO sighting made by a naval pilot and his crew. Call him at Spacetrionics, Inc., in Washington, District 7-9481."

That night, when Captain Taylor gave me this dramatic Navy report, I could see why it had never been released to the public. Later, Admiral Fahrney and I met at the Army-Navy Club and discussed the details. Fahrney knew, as well as I did, of other hidden UFO cases - some of them highly significant. But this one stood out in importance.

It had happened in 1956. Cruising at 19,000 feet, a Navy R7V-2 transport - a four-engine Super-Constellation - was flying west across the Atlantic Ocean. The next stop was Gander, Newfoundland. Final destination, Naval Air Station, Patuxent, Maryland.

The night was clear, visibility unlimited. In the senior pilot's seat, Commander George Benton was checking the dim-lit instruments. At thirty-four, Benton had a decade of Navy flying behind him. He had made two Atlantic crossings more than two hundred times. Back in the cabin were two extra Navy air crews, en route home from foreign duty. Most of these men were asleep. Including Benton's regular and relief crews, there were nearly 30 airmen-pilots, navigators and flight engineers aboard the Constellation.

As Commander Benton finished his cockpit check, he glanced out at the stars. Then he leaned forward, puzzled. A few minutes before, the sea below had been dark. Now there was a cluster of lights, like a village, about twenty-five miles ahead.

Benton looked over at his co-pilot, Lieutenant Peter Mooney. "What do you make of those lights?" Mooney peered down, startled.

"Looks like a small town!"

"That's what I thought." Benton quickly called the navigator, Lieutenant Alfred C. Erdman. "We must be watching

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off course. There's land down there."  
"It can't be land." Erdman hurried forward from his map table. "That last star sight shows---" He broke off, staring down at the clustered lights. "Well?" said Benton. "They must be ships," said Erdman. "Maybe a rendezvous for some special operation."

### Giant flying saucers

"They don't look like ships," said Benton. He called Radioman John Wiggins. No word of any unusual ship movements, Wiggins reported. And no signals from the location of the lights. If they were ships, they were keeping radio silence. "Wake up those other crews," Benton told Erdman. "Maybe somebody can dope it out."

In a few moments, two or three airmen crowded into the cockpit. Benton cut off the automatic pilot, banked to give them and the men in the cabin a better view.

As the transport began to circle, the strange lights abruptly dimmed. Then several colored rings appeared, began to spread out. One, Benton noticed, seemed to be growing in size. Behind him, someone gave an exclamation. Benton took another look. That luminous ring wasn't on the surface-- it was something rushing up toward the transport.

"What the devil is it?" said Mooney. "Don't know," muttered Benton. He rolled the Constellation out of its turn to start a full-power climb. Then he saw it was useless. The luminous ring could catch them in seconds.

The glow, he now saw, came from the rim of some large, round object. It reached their altitude, swiftly took shape as a giant disc-shaped machine.

Dwarfing the Constellation, it raced in toward them. "It's going to hit us!" said Erdman. Benton had known normal fear, but this was nightmare. Numbed, he waited for the crash.

Suddenly the giant disc tilted. Its speed sharply reduced, it angled on past the port wing. The commander let out his breath. He looked at Mooney's white face, saw the others' stunned expressions. Watching out the port window, he cautiously started to bank. He stopped as he saw the disc.

It had swung around, was drawing abreast, pacing them at about one hundred yards. For a moment he had a clear glimpse of the monster. Its sheer bulk was amazing; its diameter was three to four times the Constellation's wing span. At least thirty feet thick at the center, it was like a gigantic dish inverted on top of another. Seen at this distance, the glow along the rim was blurred and uneven. Whether it was an electrical effect, a series of jet exhausts or light from openings in the rim, Benton could not tell. But the glow was bright enough to show the disc's curving surface, giving a hint of dully reflecting metal.

Though Benton saw no signs of life, he had a feeling they were being observed. Fighting an impulse to dive away, he held to a straight course. Gradually, the strange machine pulled ahead. Tilting its massive shape upward, it quickly accelerated and was lost against the stars.

Commander Benton reached for his microphone, called Gander Airport and identified himself. "You show any other traffic out here?" he asked the tower. "We had something on the scope near you," Gander told him. "But we couldn't get an answer."

"We saw it," Benton said grimly. "It was no aircraft."

He gave the tower a concise report, and back at Gander teletype messages were rushed to the U.S. Air Defense Command, the Commanding Officer, Eastern Sea Frontier, the Director of Air Force Intelligence and the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

When the Constellation landed at Gander, Air Force Intelligence officers met the transport. From the start, it was plain they accepted the giant disc sighting as fact. For two hours, Benton and the rest were carefully interrogated, separately and together: How close did the object come? What was its size . . . estimated rate of climb . . . any electrical interference noted . . . what happened to the other luminous rings?

From the answers to scores of questions, the majority opinion emerged. The flying disc was between 350 and 400 feet in diameter, and apparently metallic. No interference with ignition noted; instruments not observed and radio not operating during this brief period. Time for the giant disc to climb to the transport's altitude, between five and eight seconds, indicated speed between 1,400 and 2,200 knots; the disc had accelerated above this speed on departure.

Not all the men in the cabin had seen the luminous rings. Of those who had, most were watching the huge disc approach and did not see the "rings" disappear. If they, too, were flying discs, in a rendezvous as some suggested, they apparently had raced off while the other one was checking on the Constellation.

At one point, an Intelligence captain asked Benton if he had seen any indication of life aboard the disc.

### "Intelligently controlled"

"No, but it was intelligently controlled, that's certain. Benton looked at him closely. "That size, it would hardly be remote-controlled, would it?" "I couldn't say," replied the Air Force man. Nor would he tell what the Gander Airport radar had shown about the disc's speed and maneuvers. "What's behind all this?" demanded Mooney. "Up to now, I believed the Air Force. You people say there aren't any flying saucer---" "Sorry, I can't answer any questions," said the captain. "Why not? After a scare like that, we've got a right to know what's going on." The Intelligence officer shook his head. "I can't answer any questions," he repeated.

As quickly as possible, Intelligence reports with full details were flashed to the four Defense commanders already notified, with an extra message for the Director of Naval Intelligence. After the Constellation reached Patuxent, the air crews were interviewed again, by a Navy order. Each man made a written report, with his opinion of what he had seen.

Five days later, Commander Benton had a phone call



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from a scientist in a high government agency. "I'm informed you had a close-up UFO sighting. I'd like to see you."

Benton checked, found the man was cleared by the Navy. Next day, the scientist appeared, showed his credentials, listened intently to Benton's report. Then he unlocked a dispatch case and took out some photographs.

"Was it like any of these?" At the third picture, Benton stopped him. "That's it!" He looked sharply at the scien-

tist. "Somebody must know the answers, if you've got photographs of the things." The other man took the pictures. "I'm sorry, Commander." He closed his dispatch case and left.

At the time when I (Donald Keyhoe) learned of this case, I had served for two years as Director of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena.

## THE UNACKNOWLEDGED THREAT OF SECRET AND COVERT OPERATIONS BY THE US Government and the Military/Industrial Complex

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Email sent September 30th, 2004 11:54 pm. Subject: "Important information for the election." Steven Greer, MD

Since the end of the Second World War, the US military industrial complex has secretly sponsored at great public cost the R&D of new technologies for energy generation, air and outer space flight, futuristic weaponry and other mostly military ends, which have not been made available for the common good. Yet today's environmental and economic emergencies dictate that the accumulated know-how be used for the benefit of mankind in its peaceful applications.

"[There] exists a shadowy Government with its own Air Force, its own Navy, its own fundraising mechanism, and the ability to pursue its own ideas of the national interest, free from all checks and balances, and free from the law itself." Senator Daniel K Inouye.

"In the councils of Government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the Military Industrial Complex.. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists, and will persist. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals so that security and liberty may prosper together. President Dwight Eisenhower, January 1961

The above address by two-term Republican US President and five-star Army General Dwight Eisenhower was issued as a prescient warning when he left office in 1961. Many have wondered why such a conservative, pro-military president would issue such a warning. We now know why. The Disclosure Project, an NGO based in the United States, has identified several hundred military, intelligence and corporate witnesses to illegal and extra-constitutional projects that have suppressed information and prevented public access to technologies which could provide a definitive

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replacement for oil, coal, nuclear power and other conventional energy sources. These technologies have been both acquired and developed by military and industrial interests in the US, UK and other countries that have repeatedly lied to or withheld this information from legally constituted authorities and the public. This information has the potential to completely transform the present state of the world in the areas of technology, energy production, propulsion, the environment and geopolitical issues related to oil and energy supplies. In short, a sustainable, non-polluting and affluent civilisation could be created by the wise application of these technologies, and many of the most pressing challenges facing the world community could have been avoided if it had not been for the deliberate suppression of technological knowledge. While "national security concerns" have been invoked as reasons for such secrecy, in reality the policy is driven by the resolve to maintain the current "status quo" based on the pre-eminence of oil, fossil fuels and related special interests.

By the time President Eisenhower left, a transformation had occurred in the structure of Western military, intelligence and corporate programmes. The urgent pressure of the nuclear arms race and the Cold War with the Soviets had created an atmosphere of extreme secrecy, dwarfing the secret infrastructure surrounding the Manhattan Project that built the atomic bomb during the Second World War. The fate of the free world was at stake, and no expense was spared to create the means to advance technologies within the dark womb of secrecy. A culture evolved that required such secrecy for national survival and the "need-to-know-only" requirements of such programmes were further reinforced by the well-known espionage scandals of that era, including that of the Rosenbergs.

However, such a culture of generally regarded justifiable secrecy also created opportunities for abuse with

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the military, intelligence, corporate and laboratory complex. Classified programmes, appropriately structured to require a genuine need-to-know situation in order for one to have access to them, became increasingly "compartmented", restricted and shadowy. Mechanisms for funding became Byzantine and obscure; programme structures were hidden with cover stories, "store front" operations and became virtually impenetrable; and the people within such programmes found themselves at once increasingly isolated and strangely empowered.

It was in this womb, awash with billions of dollars of so-called "black budget" funding, that extreme (and many would maintain essential) secrecy gave birth to the monster of rogue, illegal and powerful "unacknowledged special access projects" (USAPs) dealing with a number of unusual phenomena and technologies. In the world of USAPs, compartmentalisation is so great, the need to know so restricted and the information so important, that meaningful supervision by the constitutionally required authorities in the US, UK and other countries became simply impossible. Here, "unacknowledged" means that nobody is ever told about the project unless he absolutely needs to know and is directly required to be involved in operations. Even if a senior official inquires, the answer is "no such project exists."

Moreover, the milieu of the "revolving door" world of military, intelligence and corporate programmes created corporate and financial influences that ran counter to genuine "national security" interests or any legitimate public interest. Especially in the United States, the multi-billion dollar expenditures on military technologies, research and development programmes and outsourced services and operations allowed for a comingling of public finances and private interests. This, combined with the extreme compartmentalisation of programmes, allowed for serious abuses of the public trust to take place.

Ultimately, such programmes - networked carefully with other programmes and corporate research - became so restrictive that legal authorities were routinely and as a matter of course left out of the loop. Ultimately, those left out of the loop would become members of Congress and even the US president.

Indeed, when President Eisenhower left office, operations had become so complex and out of control, that he was convinced he was being shut out of vital developments and operations. In the years since, matters have decayed exponentially to the point that we estimate today some \$100 billion per year go into unacknowledged programmes escaping the substantial knowledge of the US president and US Congress.

#### **USAP AND ADVANCED ENERGY AND PROPULSION SYSTEMS**

The "crown jewels" of such USAPs are those connected to very advanced energy and propulsion systems. In the 1940s and 1950s, a concerted effort was made to

investigate a number of phenomena related to emerging sciences, including those associated with electromagnetism and electro-gravitic/magneto-gravitic technologies for their promising potential in creating energy and propulsion systems valuable to urgent defence projects.

During that era, particular interest was paid to what the public call UFOs (unidentified flying objects). It is important to note that the term UFO was only coined after covert programmes discovered that such objects were neither unidentified nor "flew" in any conventional sense of the word. Indeed, the majority of the information and culture associated with UFOs is disinformation designed to deflect serious scientific, media or mainstream governmental inquiry. People have been systematically deceived for half a century.

UFOs well-documented aerial phenomena, some of which are extra-terrestrial vehicles whereas others are advanced covert government aircraft using energy and propulsion technologies that could transform life on earth. It should be noted that the man-made devices are the result of illegally classified research and development (and acquisition) of technologies as well as the study of retrieved extraterrestrial vehicles.

Once technological breakthroughs were made, the secrecy associated with these projects became extraordinary. Indeed, the clandestinity surrounding these advanced energy and propulsion devices far exceeded the secrecy that shrouded the development of the hydrogen bomb.

From a November 21, 1950 (authenticated) top secret Canadian document:

I [the author] made discreet enquiries through the Canadian Embassy staff in Washington who were able to obtain for me the following information: (a) The matter is the most highly classified subject in the United States Government, rating higher even than the H-bomb (b) Flying saucers exist (c) Their modus operandi is unknown but concentrated effort is being made by a small group headed by Dr Vannevar Bush. (d) The entire matter is considered by the United States authorities to be of tremendous significance.

Putting aside the aura of silliness that surrounds the subject in pop culture, the media and the tabloids, over 2000 pages of documents released to the Disclosure Project by the US, UK, Spanish and other governments clearly establish the importance of the matter at the time. Space here does not allow inclusion of even a sampling of these documents but they may be viewed, in part, on our website and reviewed in the book Disclosure by this author.

Today, this subject usually elicits laughter, embarrassment and dismissal. This is certainly understandable since at least 99 per cent of everything said, written, filmed or otherwise placed in the public domain on the subject is outright deception. But in the corridors of power - and especially in the corridors of covert programmes - the matter is of utmost importance.

This is because at the core of this enigma lies a body of

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science that eliminates in one generation the need for oil, fossil fuels and the related pollution and establishes a truly sustainable world civilisation exempt from poverty as we know it. The relentless ridicule associated with the UFO subject matter is deliberate and staged: It hides a profound body of knowledge dwarfing the changes that have transpired from the industrial revolution until today by several orders of magnitude. In a letter to Congress, first CIA Director Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter had this to say:

It is time for the truth to be brought out. Behind the scenes, high-ranking Air Force officers are soberly concerned about the UFOs. But through official secrecy and ridicule, many citizens are led to believe the unknown flying objects are nonsense. I urge immediate Congressional action to reduce the dangers from secrecy about unidentified flying objects. We have identified nearly 500 military, corporate, intelligence and laborato-

ry witnesses to events and programmes connected with these matters. The body of evidence is overwhelming and definitive. In May 2001, we held a press conference at the National Press Club in Washington, DC at which more than 20 such witnesses provided testimony and documents regarding their direct, first-hand involvement in the subject.

It was the most-watched webcast in history, and ultimately over a million people viewed the event over the Internet. The event was reported by CNN, ABC, NBC, International, major networks like the BBC, the Voice of America, ravnad, the Chinese News Agency, Telemundo, The Washington Times and other media around the world. Tens of thousands of people wrote to the press and members of Congress asking for an investigation of the subject and a general declassification of information.

More in the next issue of FSR

## Close encounter in 1923: Veteran Teacher Remembered When UFO Visited

By Len Wells Courier & Press (USA) correspondent

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22-8-4. Norman Massie died last week at the hospital in Carmi (Illinois, USA) He was 91. The Mount Erie native had taught school in Wayne County for 37 years and once served as principal of the Geff Grade School.

Many Wayne County residents remembered him simply as "Coach Massie." For years, he taught basketball skills to grade schoolers at Center Street School in Fairfield. Even more residents around Southern Illinois remember Norman as a sales representative for World Book Encyclopedia, a job he held for more than 20 years until computers and the Internet came along, reducing an entire set of books to a few mouse clicks or a couple of CDs. While the folks in Southern Illinois will remember Coach Massie for his many years in education, perhaps the world will remember him for what he witnessed 81 years ago - when he was just 10 years old.

It was a warm day in June 1923 when Norman led a team of horses into a pasture near his Mount Erie home, looked up and saw what he was convinced until his last days was a spaceship.

In a 1998 interview with Norman, he told me, "I opened the gate to let the horses into the pasture. I let them through, and as I was closing the gate, I looked back down the field and there was an object with lights all around it," Massie said. "I kept walking closer to the object until I got about 50 feet away. I stood there and watched the five men who were on board."

I've heard Norman tell this story many times, and it was always the same - never embellished from one time to the next. "The machine was metallic and stood on three legs. The top was a dome with holes in it. The best way

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I could describe the top was it looked like melted gold," Massie said.

"I got close enough that I could hear them talking. A guy sat in a chair and the others called him the commander. Four others made trips back and forth in a ship. I didn't know what was going on until the ship landed. Then, one of the crew members told the commander that the repairs had been made." Massie said the whole experience lasted about five minutes. In a matter of minutes, he said, it came to a hovering position; the tripod telescoped up into the belly of the thing, went straight up about 200 feet and whizzed off to the west like a bullet. Norman's mom and dad tried to convince him that he really hadn't seen anything - that he had made the whole thing up. Then, in 1990, he got up the nerve and told his son who served as a colonel in the Air Force about the incident. "He told me there was nothing wrong with it. He said the Air Force files are full of pictures of UFOs. He accepted my story as the truth."

Norman Massie was never afraid that people might think he was a crazy old man for what he had seen. "In my own mind and my own heart, it existed and I saw it with my own two eyes."

Norman is gone now. He leaves his wife, four children, seven grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and a remarkable story from his childhood. His story has traveled around the globe, and is still shared by those who remain convinced we've received visitors from other planets. **Footnote by FSR: note the striking similarity in Norman's description of the ufo that he saw to the recently produced biblical ufo representations on the front cover of this issue of FSR.**

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## Soviet Army fought UFOs

Alexander Dremin, Pravda, Russia, November 2004

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**Summary:** Soviet military encountered many UFOs, maybe for this reason in the end of the 60s a secret laboratory of researching "flying objects" was created in the USSR. Soviet military encountered many UFOs, maybe for this reason in the end of the 60s a secret laboratory of researching "flying objects" was created in the USSR.

UFO researchers often blame the military of hiding the cases of alien rockets and disseminating false information of UFO. Army officers are not interested in the disputes about alien civilizations, they are interested in knowing what impact UFO can impose to military equipment and personnel.

**1947.** Antiaircraft guns of Transcaucasian Military District fired on the flying cigar-shaped object which came from the side of the Turkish border. The object's flying altitude was below 4,000 meters, and the guns were capable of reaching a target at the altitudes up to 12,000 meters, but that time the fire made no harm to the "cigar". Then the cigar increased its speed and flew away over the mountains.

This incident could cause much trouble, because earlier the border guards and military ships monitoring service missed this target. Then the military was unable to trace this flying object over the country's territory. The Border District command ignored and ordered the monitors not to disclose the information that the object reached a speed up to 2000 kilometers per hour.

**Similar case took place in 1984** in Turkestan Military District. Near the city of Astrakhan air-defense system marked the ball-shaped object flying at the altitude of 2000 meters along the Caspian seashore in the direction of the state border. The object did not respond to the inquiry made by the military on the radio. Two fighter-planes took off, but they were unable to bring the object down. After being under fire, the object descended up to 100 meters, and at this low altitude the planes were unable to continue firing. Despite being fired at, the object was having a regular speed. The ball passed over several military units, which allowed to make its photo. Near the city of Krasnoyarsk the military tried to bring the object down with the helicopter. However, it quickly increased its altitude so that the helicopter could not reach it. After firing all its supply of shells, the helicopter landed, and the ball abruptly flew in the direction of the sea and disappeared from the radar screens.

In the same area the similar scenario case happened later. The object having the shape of cylinder demonstrated its invulnerability. Such a demonstration could be the purpose of its flight, because this UFO was having a speed of 100 kilometers per hour. One can blame the military of inhuman actions on bringing down flying objects. But what can they do if the object was moving in the direction of the state border and they had the order to destroy such objects?

**In 1985 near the town of Krasnovodsk** the radar station under the command of Captain Valuev registered the disc-shaped object in size of 1,000 meters! The object was immovable, and some time later a small disc in size of 5 meters flew out of it and then landed on Krasnovodskaya

spit. Patrol boats rushed to that area, but when they reached the distance of 100 meters from the object, it took off and flew one kilometer away. This happened five times. Then the object flew up at a huge speed, reached the bigger disc, which finally flew away spaceward.

**In the end of the 1960s** a secret laboratory of researching "flying objects" was created in the USSR. Among the laboratory's tasks was researching anti-gravitation, but the research results were made secret. Its testing area was near the town of Kapustin Yar on purpose. In the end of June of 1971 the military could see over this area a black cigar-shaped flying object floating under the clouds at the altitude of 800 meters. The object was 25 meters long and had about 3 meters in diameter. It had neither stabilizers nor wings nor engines and was moving at the speed of 150 kilometers per hour producing no noise. In 1978 Soviet Ministry of Defense accepted Network MO program. Special military unit in the town of Mytishi was in charge of collecting data, and newly established "space troops" were designated to fight possible threat from space. In the beginning of August 1987 five soldiers of Leningrad Military District went to the North of Karelia region on a special mission. They were required to guard the object of unknown origin. It was found on the territory of another military unit near the town of Vyborg. The item was 14 meters long, 4 meters wide, 2.5 meters high. The object had neither doors no hatches, and all attempts to open its hull were unsuccessful. The military tried to break off some object parts, but were only able to take some rods from its stern. In the end of September the object disappeared from the hangar without leaving a trace.

**Footnote: The Summer 1994 issue of Flying Saucer Review** contained an article entitled "Soviet UFO Secrets", by Bryan Gresh. Brian Gresh was stated as being the Senior Vice-President of Altamira Communications Group and an associate of George Knapp, described as a renowned UFO researcher. The article details information obtained by both men during a 10 day visit to Russia in March 1993. Here is an extract: "The trip to Russia...was arranged by our man in Moscow, Nikolai Kapranov. Kapranov is a Russian physicist who served as Security Advisor to the Soviet Parliament. Our goal was to talk, face to face, with those who were in the know... One of the bigger gems was Boris Sokolov, a retired Russian colonel from a distinguished military family. Sokolov ran an unprecedented study, the likes of which, he is undoubtedly correct in saying, will never be repeated. "For 10 years," Sokolov says, "the entire Soviet Union became one gigantic UFO listening post." The year was 1980.

"We had 40 cases where our pilots encountered UFOs," said Sokolov. "Initially, they were commanded to chase, then shoot, the UFOs. But when our pilots would engage, the UFOs would speed up. The pilot would give chase, lose control and crash." That happened three times. Twice, the pilots died. "After that," Sokolov said, "the pilots received another order: When they see a UFO they should change course - and get out."

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