

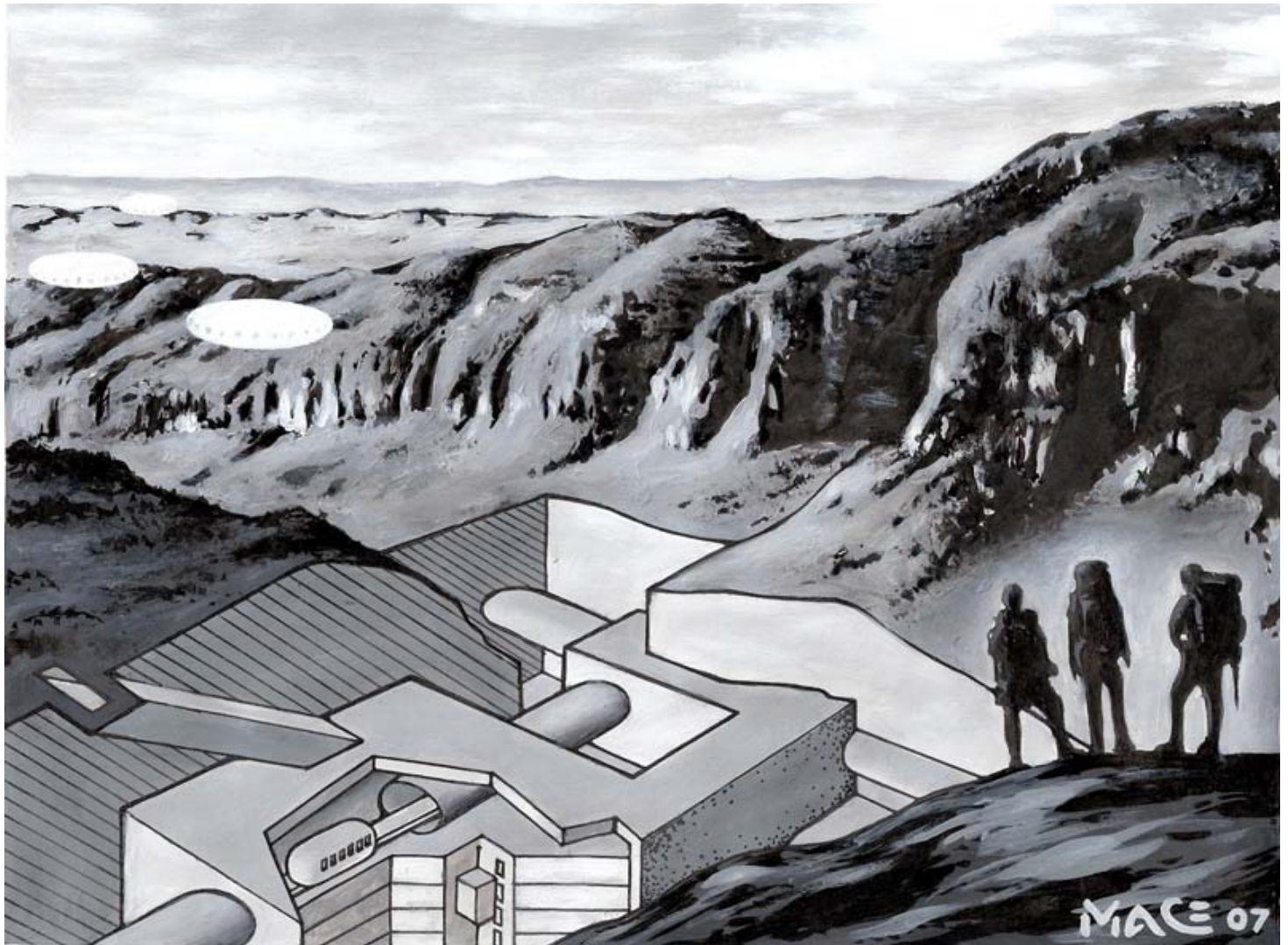
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I've been thinking lately, and sometimes that isn't easy. Before anybody gets the idea that I generally have difficulty thinking (those of you that know me can leave the room now), I don't. Except for those rare times when you can't quite pin down a concept because it's so weird and new that there doesn't seem to be any terminology for it yet.

It was probably like that for those early UFO researchers who were trying to name and quantify things that hadn't yet entered the realm of the known. In general I think they failed us, or at least they have failed me, because I don't like being stuck with the acronym 'UFO', and I don't like the term 'abduction'. I particularly dislike the 'starchildren' moniker, and don't get me started on the good old 'indigo' child. Now, don't get me wrong - by rejecting these terms I am not rejecting the concepts. Not at all. These concepts, these things, are real. There is no denying their existence. But the words used for them are another thing altogether. Words, naturally, come with preconceptions, they come associated with a whole galaxy of implication, and there just isn't any way to divorce the two in people's minds. Unfortunately for us the terms that that were coined by our trailblazers in the field have managed to garner, like iron filings to a magnet, a slew of ridiculous and negative connotations that do nothing other than to relegate us to the loony bin.

I'm sick of the loony bin. It smells, and some of the smell might start to rub off.

But what about other countries? Languages borrow from each other all the time. They're called 'loan-words.' We have lots of loan-words, and they usually describe concepts that we, with our stunted and unimaginative English, apparently didn't notice and didn't even attempt to label. Just for one example - 'deja-vu.' We have nothing that equates in English (which is why we keep using the French), yet it describes a feeling we all have had, so why did English never name that feeling? What were or are we lacking?

You might get an idea of just what we're lacking when you read the article on page 9, 'The Real KGB UFO Files.' It will give you some idea of how differently other cultures think about the world. I particularly like the section where the interviewee states that a human being, 'when entering ... into this zone (of electromagnetic disruption) ... he becomes inadequate, this human being.' It's true. We do become inadequate at the most daunting and inconvenient of times, and particularly when confronted by things we can't explain. Reason and rationale escape us. So now we have a new concept that we have to think of a new term for: 'sudden onset inadequacy when faced with the unexplained.' I think I'll call it SOI - Sudden Onset Inadequacy, for short. I can just imagine that term being utilised in UFO reports: 'At this point the witness was overcome with SOI and is unable to provide further details...'

(And reading back over this editorial I suspect I myself have been overcome with SOI...)

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Pee on the ruins before they build a temple over them. - *Sicilian proverb*



SIGHTINGS AND encounters AUGUST 2007



Carina, Sunday August 5 2007, 8.57pm

I saw two lights last night (Sunday 5th August 07) that appeared to be UFOs.

Looking slightly north-northwest from Carina North at 8.57pm, approximately above the Brisbane River, I saw a bright light travelling slightly northeast by east at about the speed of a plane and slowly decreasing in speed and curving away to the northeast. That took less than a minute and suddenly the light went out completely.

There was no noise whatsoever and the colour of the light resembled a car headlight. I could not see any shape of a craft around the light. The altitude was a little more than the approach height that landing planes use in that locality to the Brisbane Airport.

I ran to a window looking north in the middle of the episode, and waited there until about 9.07pm, and another light seemingly exactly the same came into view from the west-northwest. It seemed to travel the same path at the same decreasing speed, until it appeared to completely stop about another kilometre further to the

northeast with its light still shining. A plane took off from the airport to the southwest and then the strange light shut down also. I had watched it for nearly two minutes. Another plane took off from the airport in a couple of minutes and went out to the south-east by east.

Flaxton, Blackall Ranges, August 9 2007

My 22 year old son may have seen a UFO last night between 3.30am and 3.45am. He was up late working on his computer, and when he decided to go to bed, glanced out of his bedroom window. He noticed what he thought was a very large, bright star in the sky, when suddenly it flew off. He said that it would stop suddenly and then fly off in another direction. This continued for several minutes. He said that the light emanating from the craft was very bright, and that it had other colours that came from it as well, for example, blue, green and red. It was a very clear sky last night, and my son was so certain that he was seeing a UFO that he dragged me out of bed at 3.45am! We both went outside, but I didn't see it, and he said when we went outside, he saw the craft sitting still again before it suddenly disappeared.

I told a friend about my son's sighting, and she said that she may have seen the same thing or similar. She sits outside on her verandah at night, also in Flaxton, as she hates the TV. Anyway, she said that she has also seen what appears to be a very bright star which suddenly moves off quickly to one side for example, and then stops again. She has

called her partner out to watch it, and said that they wondered if it was a UFO. She said that she has been waiting to hear if anyone else has seen it and reported it. I don't know if this is the same as my son's sighting, but it sounds similar.

Mackay, August 6 2007, 6.30am

A friend and I were driving through to Townsville and noticed a star-like object in the sky, no clouds, just as the sun was coming up at about 6:30 in the morning. My driving partner in the back started to swear and told me to pull over because there was something in the sky. I pulled over and we were watching this star in the sky move randomly, as a fly or insect would towards a light at night time. Remembering we had his telescope in the back with all our gear he set it up to get a closer look. Meanwhile I was trying to video record it with my hand-held camera with no luck. I had a look via his telescope and what I saw, you wouldn't ever believe. It was a cell-like object with no real defined shape that looked to be harnessing energy from its surroundings, changing from some of the most unreal colours to the human mind and with no defined shape, like jelly in the air. We had to keep moving the telescope even though it was on the tripod because it was moving quite a bit. It was after it changed into a solid-like object and a solid colour of dark red that it moved real close to both of us. It appeared to be not even 50 metres away from us, then it disappeared.

Southeast Queensland, reported August 13 2007

I seem to see distant white lights in the night sky that look like stars. Manoeuvring, disappearing and reappearing, moving at different speeds at different times over the years. I've seen them at Springbrook, on New Years 2000, a few times over Moreton Bay and Wynnum, Dingo Beach and Mackay. I thought I'd email first as there has been too many occasions and I can't remember the dates that I saw them.

Brisbane, Tuesday August 14 2007, 2.30am

I am 17 years of age and am a long time believer in ET and a constant watcher for UFOs. Early this morning at approximately 2.30am I braved the cold to go outside as I often do. As normal I had my eyes towards the sky not specifically in the hope that I would see a UFO but just because I enjoy looking at the stars and find them very beautiful. About two minutes after venturing outside I noticed two very bright red lights in the sky. They were very high up, above the clouds. At first I thought it was a plane or satellite but the objects began to alternate in colour from red to white and then to a very dim grey. I could not believe my eyes as this is my first sighting. One of the objects then began to move in a circular motion. It appeared to be hovering in a circular motion. The other object stayed still. I watched the objects for about one hour. The object on the left then began to come closer towards me, but then it stopped and went back to its original position. A third object then appeared very high above

the others to form a triangle. They stayed like this for about five minutes before the clouds came over and I couldn't see them anymore. This was the most brilliant thing I have ever seen. Looking at the objects made me feel happy and content. I hope to see more sightings in the future.

Ellen Grove, Brisbane, mid-1994, reported August 2007

This happened in June or July 1994 at 6.00pm on the school holidays. I was 17 nearly, and it was either a Friday or a Tuesday. I remember because I had cracked my ankle and was at the kitchen sink getting a drink of water when I looked out the window and was looking to the west. Anyway, the sun was going down and I saw a cloud, but there was this really bright star (at least that's what I thought it was). I stared at it for ages. It was like I knew that it knew that I was watching it. I knew it was not a star because no other stars were out yet -- because it was not dark enough! Not only that but it looked like it was in front of that cloud. Anyway I stared at it for a good 10 minutes, and the sky was getting darker. I look away for half a second to make sure the cup was under the sink and BAM the bright light was gone! Weird! It never moved at all, it shone the same brightness, there was a huge clearing so it didn't just move behind a tree since the trees were way too far apart for it to hide behind in half a second! But the feeling I had while watching it, it was like I knew what it was, and it was like it knew I was



watching it, and it was like it was waiting for me to look away to disappear. I remember it like it was yesterday! It was 6.00pm when I started to stare at it, but it wasn't until 6:30pm when I walked out of the kitchen onto the balcony to see if I could see it somewhere after it disappeared. Maybe I did stare at it for half an hour, I do remember looking at the clock before I went to the sink and after I left the sink to see where the light had gone though, and those are the two times that remained in my head after all this time. That's another thing -- as the time went by the star never moved at all, even though all the other stars that came out into the night moved in that amount of time, this one never moved.

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blue mountains UFO mysteries

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The Blue Mountains, west of Sydney, continues to be THE major UFO 'hotspot' in Australia, with stories that date back to the later part of the 19th century. UFO 'flaps' throughout the region are often accompanied by reports of ET abductions and 'time window' experiences from local residents.

It is 50 years since the big Katoomba UFO incident at Echo Point Lookout in 1957 [covered in full in the Gilroys' book "Blue Mountains Triangle"]. Since then there have been major UFO 'flaps' throughout the Blue Mountains from 1959-1961, 1963-1964, 1966, 1969; 1970-1973, 1975-1976, 1978-1979, 1980, 1982, 1985, 1989, 1990-1992, 1995-1996, 1998-1999; 2000, and 2001-2007.

There have of course been UFO sightings during 'non flap' years, but these have been in the minority. And during the 'flap' periods the Burratorang Valley, south of Katoomba, has been the scene of great numbers of sightings and other associated incidents.

The Burratorang Valley is of course the location of a vast underground Australian/American top secret advanced space technology base.

'Time Window' technology is one of the major areas of research being conducted in the Burratorang complex, thus there has been a considerable amount of reports of 'time window' experiences by people in the Katoomba region. Yet not all 'time window' incidents are linked to the 'base' for there are natural 'time window' phenomena also. These 'windows' can be small, normal house-window size or larger. They have been encountered not only in bushland, but also in town streets, even inside houses. They also appear in the sky or close to ground level. They can be square, oblong, even round, and appear day or night.

UFOs have been seen to appear in the sky then just vanish in mid air, over regions not occupied by underground bases. Those that occur over bases such as that in the Burratorang Valley are obviously linked to the experiments going on down below.

We are here dealing with other dimensions, many in fact, all taking one to different worlds, times etc. Some 'windows' take people to the past or future, others to other worlds on different dimensions.

Major areas of 'window' activity include the ACT, where another massive, deep base exists, Wollondilly, Cowra, Bathurst, Mudgee, Wollemi National Park, Baulkham Hills in Sydney's northwest, Gosford and the Central Coast region north of Sydney, the New England district, just to mention some areas within New South Wales.

Heather and I have lately uncovered a major extension of the Burratorang Base further south in the Wollondilly valley. Hereabouts there has always been mysterious UFO activity and also further south in the Canyonleigh mountain country southward to Goulburn. Saucer-type craft have been seen to fly up the Wollondilly Valley from the north and head towards the Canyonleigh-Goulburn districts.

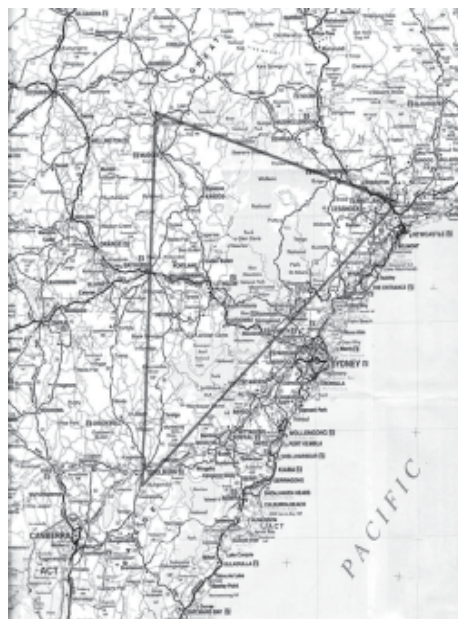
One moonlit night in November 2006 a large square-shaped craft was seen to hover over Goulburn, while a similar dark form was sighted by people hovering above patchy clouds, over Mudgee in January 2005, which had also been sighted by people as it travelled from the east. It remained hovering above the clouds over Mudgee for half an hour before moving on westwards.

On Thursday 19th April 2007 Heather and I carried out a Skywatch from the Wollondilly Lookout, situated on the road to Wombeyan Caves. Here we observed a mysterious gold light moving south to north at 7.45pm. Its movement was slow and it took half an hour before it disappeared over the mountains of Kanangra Boyd National Park, situated on the west side of the Burratorang Valley.

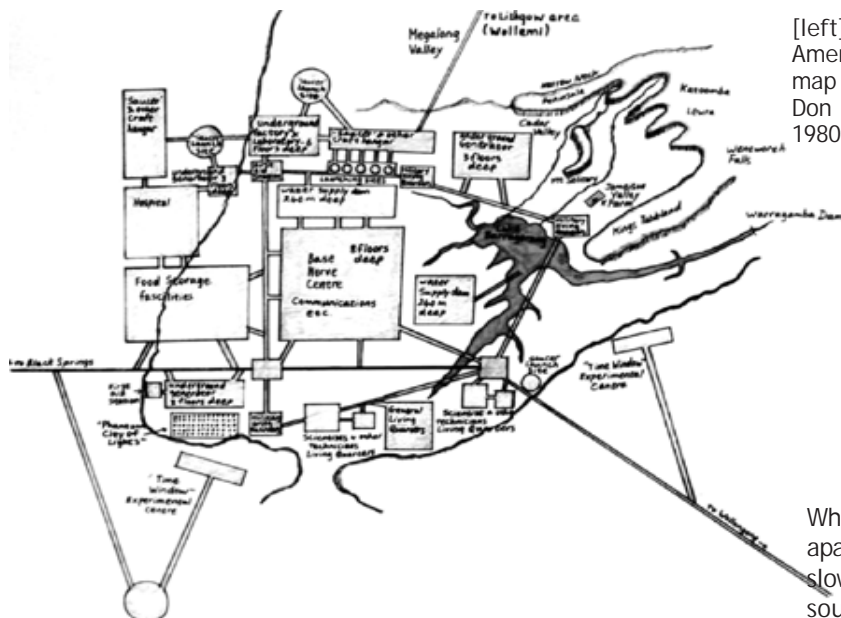
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[above] The Burratorang Valley, looking south from the far end of Narrow Neck Plateau. The area behind the long ridge extending from the west [ie from the right of the picture] is the frequent location of mysterious "light shows" and other UFO activity. Photo © Rex Gilroy 2004.



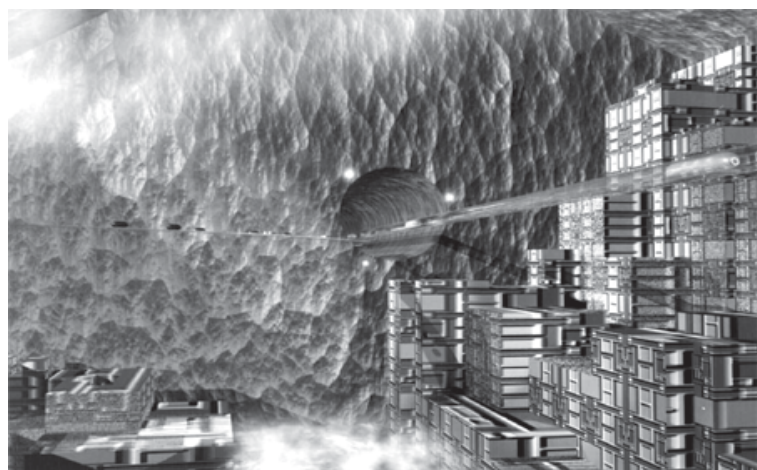
[above] The vast territory enclosed within the "Blue Mountains Triangle" - the scene of countless eerie UFO and other ET-related phenomena.



[left] The Burragarang Valley secret underground Australian/American space technology research centre, copied from a map provided by a former government employee to the late Don Boyd, former editor of "Psychic Australian" magazine in 1980. Sketch © Rex Gilroy 2004.



[above] An Australian/American secret underground space technology research base in the Burragarang Valley? In 1977 the late Don Boyd, editor of "Psychic Australian" magazine drew this imaginary sketch for an article by Rex Gilroy on the subject. People on remote dirt tracks even on the Burragarang fringe have often heard the throb and rumbling of machinery coming from beneath the earth. Sketch by the Late Don Boyd, Psychic Australian Magazine.



[above] A computerised illustration of what one of the underground city complexes may look like. A roadway and tube tunnel for bullet trains enters a huge tunnel that connects with other cities and towns. Note high-rise city buildings and clouds formed by the creation of an artificial atmosphere. Within these daylight-lit underground cities and towns thousands of people live with every imaginable modern convenience, parks, cinemas, sports and other recreational pastimes. Some boast artificial watercourses for fishing and swimming, parks and gardens etc. This vast underground 'empire' has its own currency and businesses, mining its own raw materials, all being ruled by a mysterious leader whose identity remains unknown above ground! Artwork © Andrew Leese 2006.

While this was taking place, two silver lights about 1km apart appeared from over the Kanangra Boyd wilds to move slowly eastwards over Burragarang Valley, before turning south-east to move low over the eastern arm of the Wollondilly Valley. Also about this time a light fog was gathering across the valley depths towards the northern end of the valley. At 8.00pm a pinkish glowing square of the valley floor, easily 1km in width, began to appear on the eastern end of the Wollondilly Valley at its northern boundary. This 'light square' reminded us of the two silver light squares that appear in the Burragarang Valley some kilometres apart, whenever there is UFO activity in that valley.

The pink glowing square began to alternate bright then dim for half an hour before fading altogether. Changing weather conditions forced us to abandon our Skywatch. However, there are other mysteries in this valley that we know of, all pointing to another extension of the Burragarang Base. From the depths of Wollondilly Valley mystery flying craft are frequently seen by people to emerge from or disappear into, presumed openings.

On the night of Thursday 7th June, together with club member David Thomas and his daughter Jade, I carried out a Skywatch out on Narrow Neck Plateau, overlooking Cedar Valley, which lies between Jamieson and Burragarang valleys. Here at 9.00pm we observed a bright, gold-glowing light ball of immense size, coming from the east [over the southern Sydney suburbs] to the low Blue Mountains, where about over the rugged country south of Blaxland, it rose high in the sky before suddenly "switching off" like a light!

A few nights later I made a lone walk up from my home to a lookout on Cliff Drive, overlooking Narrow Neck Plateau and Burragarang-Megalong Valleys. Here around 2.00am I spotted two silver lights rising up about 1km apart from behind the long peninsula behind which are located the entrances to the notorious underground Australian/American advanced space travel technology base. The two lights moved off to the west, to disappear over the Kanangra Boyd National Park on the far western side of the Burragarang Valley.

On Saturday afternoon 30th June, together with David Thomas, I waked out the 8km fire trail to the end of narrow Neck Plateau, where an excellent view of the whole Burragarang Valley is to be had. It was a full moon and we planned to walk back with torches in the dark. It was a rewarding venture. We arrived at the end of the 'Neck' at 5.51pm just on dark. Soon after setting ourselves up on the clifftop at 6.11pm, with our binoculars we spotted a bright, silver light momentarily appear and disappear just above the long peninsular for out in Burragarang Valley where the Base is situated.

On the southern side of Burragorang are cliffs, beyond which lies Wollondilly Valley, location of another 'Base' entrance. It was at 6.21pm that a bright red light ball suddenly appeared, rising above the Wollondilly Valley to move northwards over the cliffs, where it suddenly "switched off"!

Towards the east, over Lake Burragorang, which is the backwaters of Warragamba Dam, coming from the east and high in the sky, a glowing silver then red alternating light, which I observed to appear saucer-like, flew over the Dam, then suddenly "switched off". This sighting was significant, because we had observed a similar object disappear in the same place 4 weeks before. The time now was 6.42pm and immediately following this object we saw another gold "light ball" appear in the same place then "switch off"! The thought crossed my mind that these craft were entering time windows, which are of course already well known in that valley.

The glow from the full moon made the valleys look beautiful and mysterious and it was well worth the cold and blowing gale that we had to put up with for our determination to get a good view of the nightly goings-on in Burragorang Valley. From where we were we could not only view the lights of Sydney, but also the Megalong Valley on the immediate western side of the 'Neck'. We drank coffee from David's thermos and ate sandwiches.

Then at 7.13pm, at a point to the north-east up the Megalong Valley, below the Narrow Neck Plateau cliffs, and coasting over the gullies, we both spotted a large orange and red alternating light. Our binoculars picked it out to be disc-shaped. It vanished behind one hill to reappear again and repeat this process as it moved in and out of the hills and deep gullies. It was obviously heading south, I thought, but then it did not reappear. Perhaps this 'saucer' had entered an opening in the 'Base'.

As our hike out to the end of the 'Neck' took us over three hours, and despite both of us wearing our gloves most of the time, the wind was freezing our hands and the cold was getting increasingly worse, we decided to leave at 8.01pm. Heather was phoned on David's mobile and met us in the car at the Water Board gate, which lies about 3km from Cliff Drive. The Water Board controls this whole region, so that Burragorang Valley to the south is "off limits" [officially] to the general public. Unofficially of course campers are always attempting to penetrate those inaccessible wilds, and as our book "Blue Mountains Triangle" reveals, some of these people have had interesting, and often quite frightening experiences, involving Australian and American military personnel!

David and I intend on returning for more night-time [full moon] Skywatches out on the far end of Narrow neck Plateau. Full moons are excellent as the dirt road is clear, even when winding through the forest country that lies out there. It is a region where many UFO-related incidents have occurred over the years and a fruitful location for research, as the members of Blue Mountains UFO Research Club continue to prove.

As I type this article more information is coming to light from the Wollondilly Valley further south beyond Burragorang. The "Blue Mountains Triangle" appears to be rather active and a major 'flap' could be starting over the Blue Mountains skies. I should have more to report soon.

In our sequel to our highly successful "Blue Mountains Triangle" [URU Publications] book, we will be revealing the enormous extent of underground bases in Australia. The incredibly advanced space travel technology being developed in these bases is generations ahead of anything we [officially] have at present. Unofficially the authorities concerned, while denying the existence of UFOs, could be in contact with at least two ET life forms who have shared their knowledge with these scientists and this will be one of the subjects of the next book.

The new book will cover 'time window' experiences of people who have not only visited the past, but also found themselves on other worlds beyond our own. As many of these experiences occur to people on the Blue Mountains we are particularly interested, as are the fellow members of our Blue Mountains UFO Research Club.

Our club is the most active in the Sydney-Blue Mountains area, with our research team out on weeknights watching the skies and keeping sharp eyes on the Burragorang Valley, where hardly a night passes without something mysterious being seen.



[above] One day in September 1970 hikers Derek Wilson and Ross Fischer, while exploring dense bushland north-east of Mt Cloudmaker, came across a cyclone wire fence, which they could see was electrified. Photo © Rex Gilroy 2007.



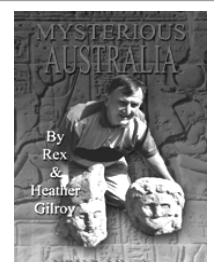
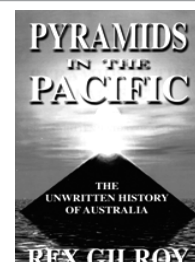
[above] Following the fence for some distance they found a locked gate, with a track going off into the bush in the direction of a metal shed, just visible in the distance through the foliage [ie upper centre of the gate frame]. It was here that they were soon confronted by, of all people, an American Military Policeman [there was no mistaking his uniform]. Photo © Rex Gilroy 2007.



[above] It is obvious that 'someone' doesn't want anybody to know what is going on beyond this fence! Photo © Rex Gilroy 2007.

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the real kgb ufo files

An interview with the former Deputy Commander of the KGB, Nikolay Alekseyevich Sham

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On October 24th 1991, documents were provided to former Soviet cosmonaut Pavel Popovich, the then President of the All-Union Ufological Association in Russia. These files contained copies of UFO reports sent to the infamous KGB. An accompanying letter was written by the Deputy Chairman of the Committee for State Security USSR, N.A. Sham. The files consisted of handwritten reports, typed testimonies, notes from KGB informers, crude drawings and eyewitness reports of UFOs. This cooperation between UFO researchers and the KGB was unprecedented and was a landmark in UFO research in the Soviet Union and possibly the world. Sixteen years later we have managed to catch up with the now former Deputy Commander of the KGB, and published here for the first time is an interview with the man himself.

In June 2007 I was asked for an interview by NTV. NTV is one of the largest TV companies in Russia. Apparently they were making a new UFO documentary and wanted to discuss with me my research into the Alien Autopsy film and the book I had co-authored with Paul Stonehill (*Mysterious Sky-Soviet UFO Phenomenon*).

The journalist Alexey Egorov, along with his cameraman and translator Elena Volkova duly arrived and the interview took place at my home in West Yorkshire. After the interview we discussed many things and Alexey informed me that he had interviewed the former Deputy Chairman of the KGB Nikolay Sham, and discussed with him their release of official KGB UFO files to Russian UFO researchers. This is covered in our book *Mysterious Sky*. Alexey went on to say that he could provide me with a transcript of his interview with Nikolay Sham. This duly arrived via email and was quickly translated by my colleague Paul Stonehill. Nothing has been omitted from the following interview, although Paul Stonehill has inserted a few

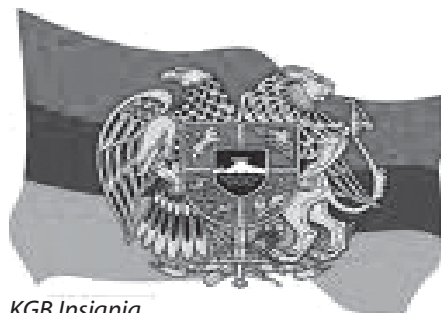
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Nikolay Alekseyevich Sham was born in 1940. He was in the KGB from 1966 to 1991. From 1974, he worked in the central administration of the KGB. He was involved with operational, technical and scientific projects. In 1986 he was with the commission that investigated the Chernobyl disaster. His rank was deputy chief of the 6th Directorate of the KGB (this is where revolutionary scientific ideas and hi-tech technologies were researched and provided protection from foreign agents; this is also where the Soviet economic espionage against other nations was generated). He left the KGB in 1992, because of health reasons. In 1999 he headed a private corporation, Greenmaster, involved in the production of various devices using technologies of the defense industry. Later he was the General Director of First Leasing Company (2003). He is mentioned in Russian media in connection with paranormal phenomena.

The former KGB Major-General, Nikolay Sham, who for a time served as a KGB

deputy chairman, had turned over to cosmonaut Popovich a 127-page record of anomalous events observed on the territory of the former Soviet Union and in the Russian Federation.



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INTERVIEW:

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Nikolay Alekseyevich Sham (NAS)

Alexey Egorov (AE)

AE: "Nikolay Alekseyevich, this document here from the KGB, sent to Cosmonaut Pavel Popovich; did you send it?"

NAS: "Quite right."

AE: "What year was it?"

NAS: "It was in '91; the document's registration indicates so, that is why the year was '91."

AE: "Hence, you sent a complete file of documents from the KGB?"

NAS: "Quite right. I simply (unclear-PS.) story, why the accumulation of these documents took place specifically in the KGB. There was a special decree of the Government and the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union about the commencement of the research of these



Former KGB
Deputy Commander
Nikolay Alekseyevich Sham

phenomena that occur in nature. According to this decree all law enforcement agencies (KGB, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Interior Affairs, and the border guards) had to inform and report to the Center about facts they had been receiving regarding all such phenomena in nature. And all the agencies had factually accumulated the information. But the KGB was not engaged in research of such issues; it is just that some administration, some special department, if they would get some eyewitnesses of all that was happening in the atmosphere... they would take explanations and mostly hand-written materials that were sent there, describing how they saw (phenomena-P.S.), what they felt during (sightings-P.S.); describing the background of the event, and so on. All that we had eventually accumulated... accumulated, and by the same decree a few academic institutes were obliged to undertake (measures-P.S.) in order to research all these effects, various phenomena, and come to some conclusion of every incident. The main institute in the Academy of Sciences selected and appointed (to head the research-P.S.) was the Institute of Space Studies. All interesting facts were always addressed. Experts, scientists left for the place of the incident, asked questions, took soil samples, took various measurements, and so on; and reached some conclusion based on the results of the event or a fact (that was being researched-P.S.). This work was conducted for several years, and some time in mid '85-'86, in that area, it was completed, this work... and produced was a report about all the events that were registered through a number of years over the territory of the Soviet Union.

I remember that report; I held it in my hands. Of course, I do not remember all of the details there, but from what I remember now, up to 70 percent of all phenomena that were somehow registered had been explained".

AE: "They were explained from the point of view of classical science?"



Soviet Cosmonaut Pavel Popovich

NAS: "Quite right."

AE: "And, (remaining-P.S.) 30 percent?"

NAS: "Well, 30 percent... of those 30 percent, half were explained; not just one explanation, but variations of: it could be explained this way, or that way. But not in the sense that again, (it was-P.S.) some extraterrestrial civilization, its manifestation, and so on. No. And some 10-15 percent could not be explained at all... what it was, what effects, manifestations, what kind of phenomena occurred in nature, atmosphere, and so on".

AE: "Do you remember any examples of what could not be explained?"

NAS: "Mostly it... things that could not be explained, when some object materialized. Observed was a materialized object, mostly they were spots, some luminescent points, something else of different configurations and so on. As for materialized objects, that truly, if they were photographed, they had a materialized background in the shape of a saucer, some cylinder, or something similar. All such things, of course, could not have been explained: what it was, how one can comprehend all of it. That is what I remember from everything that took place back then. Moreover, all these sharp increases in public interest, they take place periodically. Time after time, the same question... you are fifth or sixth party that come with the same question. Also, from the West I was approached, why? Because these materials; this digest, travel all over the world".

AE: "All comes from this letter, because after this letter, the KGB secret files were sent to ufologists".

NAS: "No, there was not any secret document".

AE: "That is, the documents were not secret before?"

NAS: "Of course... quite right. Imagine, some citizen saw some luminescent loop, and he wrote about it. The officer on duty of some administration or a special department received this information, registered in the logbook, wrote an accompanying letter, and sent to the Center. What secrets are here? No secrets at all. On the other hand, the explanation for all such phenomena in most cases... you understand, tests were conducted, launches were performed, airplanes fly about, helicopters fly about, and the space is full of space (manmade-P.S.) objects and fragments of the space objects that periodically descend and enter the dense layers of the atmosphere. That is on one hand. On another hand, so-called "mirage" phenomena, mirages. You know, you have heard of mirages. Things related to crashes, disasters; aircraft crash when (the craft-P.S.) falls apart in flight and falls to the ground and so on. That is, a multitude of things that due to some optic distortions and so on, sometimes create

such background, that really it can appear that you are in some fairy tale world, and are surrounded humanoids, that another civilization attacks the Earth, and so on. In all of my life I have never met such a fact or event, or something similar, as a result of which one could with some certainty and credibility say, that this was appearance of an extraterrestrial civilization. In all of my life, regretfully, nothing like that happened. At the same time, if we, for example, will find explanations for all of that... Here in Russia now, for some years there is research, various experiments; at their core lies, to say generally, registration of the Galactic and Universal influence on the Earth. If one can imagine this entire world...

AE: "In this file people write... 'I saw a strange object, a luminescent cloud'. This is not a hallucination; here he exactly..."

NAS: "And I want to address this point... how one can explain such things. Here, based on the results of the work that is being performed here in Russia. What is the heart of the problem? If we imagine this Earth where we live-it is constantly subjected to the effects of the external environment. In fact, we have... we have gravitational fields. Further... we have the Sun, and gigantic energy of the Sun comes to the Earth. Correct? Then, we have heavy planets, we have galaxy, we have so-called "relic radiation"; we have a tremendous amount of electromagnetic fields with different frequencies, and so on. And human being, it is also such a being that has everything moving inside, shifts. You know, there is some aura around a human being; a human being emits some radiation, and so forth and so forth. As a principle, one cannot exclude that in conjunction with certain factors and creation of certain fields, with manifestation of certain electromagnetic fields with certain frequencies there comes some influence on human beings. And results of these studies demonstrate, really definitely and truly demonstrate, that a human being, entering into the area of influence of such natural phenomena... he starts changing, this human being. That is, in principle, he comes to the point where he ceases to comprehend. That is, entering into the field, into this zone, that can continue for dozens of minutes... he becomes inadequate, this human being".

AE: "Can the same objects often be called hallucinations?"

NAS: "Quite so... in the mind of the human being affected by all that, it can (be a hallucination-P.S.), on one hand. On the other hand, because the Earth, too, is not of one origin, that is, there are so-called break-up lines. What is the break-up line? To speak figuratively, it is electrolyte. In the fissure, there is electrolyte. And as this is electrolyte, and imagine, there is some movement of this firmness, naturally it comes (movement-P.S.), currents are registered, and the mechanism... of the equipment in the cables registers currents up to 27 amperes!

AE: Can you imagine the power that comes

as a result of these waves, radiation that comes from the very Earth?

NAS: Neutron streams. Neutron streams, they come from space, neutron streams come from the Earth. And this gigantic energy component in various shapes...and what is a human being in comparison to all this power as such? The water, too...it is the stuff that, as it is said, the original mother of all that exists."

AE: "These accumulated documents the ufologists nicknamed Blue File... Do you know the fate of the Blue File (name given for the KGB UFO documents-PS), what happened with it, after ufologists were given these documents?"

NAS: "Also, there was some interest two-three years ago in the same subject, in this file. I offered them to just meet, I know some ufologists, I offered to meet them in order to...and I organized this meeting; I do not know what happened after that, but I did previously speak with these comrades on the subject of all these documents. And they said, generally, with regret, with resentment, they told me that all of the materials that had been accumulated in the institutes and so on, it did, to say figuratively, left Russia.

AE: "They say, for five hundred dollars..."

NAS: "In fact...with such (great-P.S.) resentment I was told of all these things. Indeed, some unscrupulous people used the situation, the lawlessness and uncertainty that exist in the country, and tried to make business out of it. And in fact, these materials left the country".

AE: "I can give this example. The letter was addressed to Pavel Popovich. Three days ago we posed a question to Popovich, and he said: let me go through this file, I want to understand, what is there, because he (Popovich-P.S.) did not see.

NAS: "In this case, it was, so to say, the enthusiasts of this field (ufology-P.S.), they are in the world, enthusiasts of this field, because a human being in its essence is such, he needs something that is always certain, that is why people have sorts of hobbies..."

AE: "How seriously can we take these here shots of the flying saucer?"

NAS: "Firstly, I know absolutely nothing about this. This is the first thing. I can only comment that in the Soviet Union during the period of, so to say, blooming of the rocket-space system industry here, every year more than 100 satellites of various types had been launched. We had that main spacecraft that is still with us, the piloted Soyuz craft, and its descending capsule. At the same time, our other organizations developed completely different systems, including (those for-P.S.) evacuation of the crew, and landings. These systems had been tested, and really they were in their essence, unique, these systems. It seems to me, one of the



Russian UFO photograph taken by Semyon Teglyov in Kazakhstan on April 27, 1995

emergency breakdown situations connected to the experimental work to develop these systems, is depicted in this film. This is most likely. Usually, when there was an emergency breakdown situation, naturally, the site would be sealed off, and experts would arrive there. In principle, all these developments were conducted in the interests of the Ministry of Defense, interests of the Armed Forces. They were not the only developments; they were done in the interests of the Ministry of Defense.

AE: "And that, precisely, is what could have taken place?"

NAS: "Quite right. That very "Buran" (This was a Soviet attempt to create a space-shuttle like vehicle PS) that we created, the orbital craft, it was preceded by a bunch of experiments, connected with tests of various models and so on and so forth. That is, we had a massive volume of undertakings in that direction; various undertakings. Long-term orbital stations, like Mir, this currently international...All of this was preceded by military developments, they were completed these military developments, they were in use and so on"

AE: "If this here autopsy took place, would you be informed?" (Most likely TNTTV show The Secret KGB Files broadcast in the USA in 1998).

NAS: "Of course, naturally...Such event, it just could have gone unnoticed, could not have. Why? Because the KGB, counterintelligence, it was concerned with all our military-industrial sites, that is why...such event, if it truly took place, of course the KGB would have been in the know. I have no doubts about that whatsoever. That is why here, whatever is taking place (in the film-P.S.), and I do not know what it is. Why? Because, in reality, experiments did take place..."

And then, we had lots of programs for the study of the planets of the Solar system. If

you look at all the apparatuses, which descend, be it on Mars, be it Venus, or our moonwalkers and so on. And there, imagine, how many experiments were conducted here on Earth to supply this or other Martian program, or a program connected with launch of our apparatuses to Venus? These apparatuses were of various shapes. Mostly, of course, they were spherical. Why? Because, for example, it lands on Venus with a parachute, naturally, the best is the spherical shape. As for the strategic weapons that we had created...Strategic weapons, before they are added to the armory, they (weapons-P.S.) go through a whole series of design experiments. When it flies, the missile, one part separates, the second part separates, the third...There are emergency landings, with breakdowns, and the missile has these discs, these parts...There can be anything, in fact...and in all the cases, you can imagine, you prepare for turning over for utilization some strategic complex. And suddenly, in the final stage, an emergency breakdown takes place. The chief, general designer, he has to understand the reason for this breakdown, that is why all fragments had were always collected. And always, special units were dispatched..."

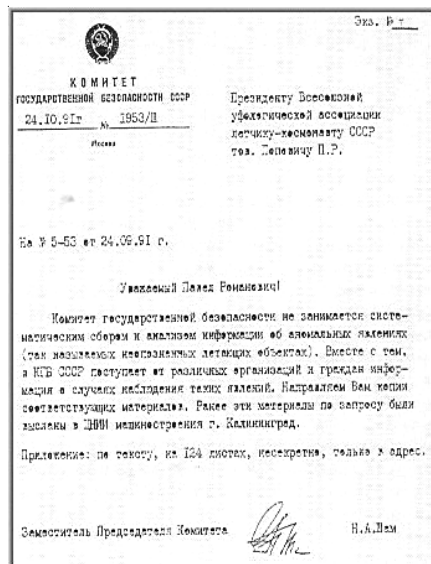
NG: "Nikolay Alekseyevich, in 1991, with this file, at that moment, what was your position in the KGB?"

NAS: "From September '91 I was Deputy Chairman of KGB and remained at that position until June of '92. And, then left because of health reasons".

AE: "In your service, what did you oversee or control that is connected with what we now call UFO; what units and projects were under your control?"

NAS: "That subject of UFO appeared in mid '70s. I already mentioned...From mid-'70s there was a sharp increase, related to these unidentified flying objects. There was a resolution of the government and Central Committee of the Communist Party of the

[below] KGB document that accompanied the release of the UFO files



Soviet Union to conduct related projects to bring clarity to these phenomena that took place in the country. This resolution was made, and all law enforcement agencies—Ministry of defense, KGB, Ministry of Interior Affairs—were obliged to receive information from citizens regarding such events and send this information to the center.

Thus, this system was created, worked out, and from all the corners of the nation, wherever something happened, related to such events and phenomena, all this came to us, to the Center. And from the Academy side, several institutes were obliged to conduct research of the phenomena that were registered on Earth.

The Institute for Space Studies was designated to be the main one. And for several years this work had been conducted; it was completed some time in mid '80s; a report, a fundamental report was produced, where, generally, all collected matters, related to the events in this or that corner of the country, all were put on shelves, systemized, materials were related to every (appropriate-P.S.) event, location of the event, time of the event, what eyewitnesses, what did they observe, what did they feel at the time, what effects and what shape the thing had—all



[above] Russian NTV journalist Alexey Egorov and Philip Mantle

this was systemized; they even made tabular shapes, shapes and silhouettes (outlines-P.S.) of UFOs that had appeared in the atmosphere.

In most cases, experts went to the most interesting sites. Performed appropriate measurements, conducted questioning of eyewitnesses, and conducted various researches of sorts, and so on. And as a result some conclusion was made for every event.

I remember, around seventy percent of the events were provided with real and objective explanations. What were they connected with? Tests of aviation technology, missile technology, launches of space objects, parts of spacecraft objects falling into the atmosphere, aircraft technology disasters, some cataclysms in nature connected with something being discarded and so on. That is, everywhere they found an explanation.

But in thirty percent of cases, it is as if half of an explanation was given, but not a single one, meaning that yes, something took place, but facts that certainly confirm what is, are not sufficient. And in some instances, simply due to lack of information and due to dearth of any material proof at the incident site, no conclusions were made.

The annual report was completed somewhere in mid '80s. The KGB itself, naturally, did not research these issues; we did not have such direction. There simply was collection, gathering; and periodically the materials, as they say, were dumped into the Institute of Space Studies or other departments, depending again on the contents of an event, as they say. That is what took place".

AE: "Who took the lead in the government to issue resolutions; was it Brezhnev himself; did it fascinate him, was he interested in it? Why all of a sudden in the mid '70s this resolution came about, and who took the lead?"

NAS: "I do not know about taking lead. After all, at the time we had a military-industrial commission, and in fact, many things were originated there. But who specifically at the military-industrial commission all of a sudden took the lead, I do not remember... Most likely it (the initiative-P.S.) could have been the military-industrial commission, or, let's assume, we had the rocket-space technology field; the Ministry of General Engineering Industry, it could have come from there. Or, for example, from the same Academy of Sciences. That is, where would the initiative come from? Well, the initiative came about because the media, as they say, began to play up with things, as such. And since it began to play up, our government and Party always reacted to such things. I cannot say, who took the lead with the release of the resolution. The topic was named, I recall, Setka AN (A sharp increase in UFO activity in 1977/78 had forced the appropriate departments with the USSR Academy of Sciences to agree a research program for anomalous phenomena. The code name for this program was SETKA AN-P.S.), the name of this subject, the Setka AN program. And since then..."

AE: "Why Setka AN?"

NAS: "I do not know why it was exactly Setka AN. I cannot say. That did not interest us; what was interesting was why? Because... As a matter of principle, all these things, (unclear)... that take place in the atmosphere, and that assume such various forms, all this, generally, first of all are connected with, of course, power engineering, with electromagnetic fields, with massive radiation that surround us. This radiation... just the enumeration, as they say, God knows how much there is, starting with... (unclear)... was given a Noble Prize for discovering this relic radiation. These scientists had discovered first, launching a specialized satellite, and see how the Americans had developed that topic, and received a Noble Prize for it. And our program was terminated, did not get to be developed.

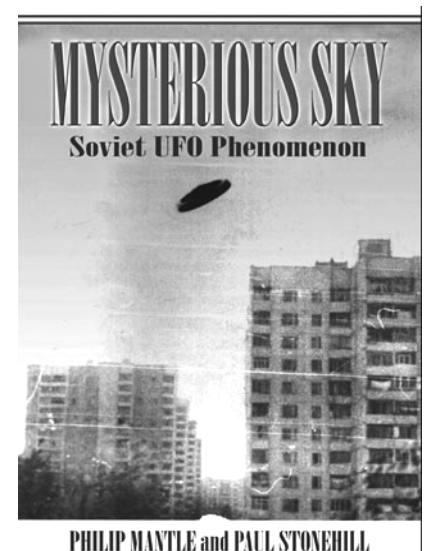
End of interview.

You don't have to be Einstein to see that Sham is still a little guarded all these years later. It is nonetheless interesting to note that he readily admits that a large percentage of things did remain unidentified and he did clarify what western researchers had speculated about for years, the fact that the Soviets used UFO stories to mask weapons testing. The reason for this is that they were breaking a number of international treaties at the time.

Space here does not allow a more in-depth look at the KGB UFO files but they are covered extensively in the book I co-authored with Paul Stonehill. It is: *Mysterious Sky-Soviet UFO Phenomenon*. Published by PublishAmerica this 408 page illustrated book is available via Amazon.

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INCIDENT AT BINBROOK

RAF BINBROOK-- SEPTEMBER 8 1970

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On September 8th 1970 at around 10.00pm a single Lightning Jet Fighter departed from RAF Binbrook. This particular RAF base is located in North Lincolnshire near Grimsby. The ground staff were used to Lightning Fighters being scrambled in a hurry at any time day or night. RAF Binbrook was a front-line fighter station and its aircraft shared QRA (Quick Reaction Alert) duty with other east coast airfields to provide cover should an unknown aircraft appear on radar. The pilot of the jet was Captain William Schaffner of the US Air Force, who was on his second tour of duty as an exchange pilot with the Royal Air Force. Schaffner was a well experienced fighter pilot with combat experience in Vietnam. He had been stationed at RAF Binbrook for some time and his wife was living on the base with him. The aircraft was an XS894 Lightning F6 of 5 Squadron, whose call-sign on the night in question was Foxtrot 94. The jet tumbled into the North Sea and disappeared leaving many in mystery.

Very early the next morning a recovery effort was made but no trace of Captain Schaffner's plane could be seen. Over one month later the wreckage of the aircraft was found on the sea-bed by Royal Navy divers, however there was no sign of Captain Schaffner.

The events which ultimately led to the crash of the jet starts at a radar station called Saxa Vord, whose task was to spot unknown aircraft approaching the North Sea or the Iceland Gap. The Cold War was at its height in 1970, and Russian aircraft made regular trips into the North Atlantic and along the British Coast to test the reaction of fighters. On the night

of the crash a radar operator at Saxa Vord picked up the blip of an unknown aircraft over the North Sea halfway between the Shetlands and the Alesund in Norway. The craft was monitored for several minutes at a speed of 630MPH at 37,000ft in altitude, and on a south-westerly heading. Saxa Vord noted that the unknown was turning through 30 degrees to head south. At this point it increased its speed to 900MPH and climbed to an altitude of 44,000ft.

Radar operators at Saxa Vord sent a scramble message to the ORA flight at the nearest NATO Airfield which was RAF Leuchers, located on the east coast of Scotland not too far from Dundee. At Leuchers two Lightning intercept aircraft, who were prepared for such a message, scrambled, and within minutes were in the air and heading out over the North Sea. After checking the position of their tanker, a Victor K1A, the two fighters were guided north by Saxa Vord, but it was then that radar operators on the Shetland Islands saw something on their radar screens which they thought to be impossible.

The unknown they had been tracking at speeds and altitudes consistent with modern Russian warplanes suddenly turned through 180 degrees on a northwards heading and within a couple of seconds vanished off their screens. Later they predicted that for this to be possible the unknown's speed must have been at an astonishing speed of 17,400MPH. Within the hour the mystery aircraft reappeared several times, approaching from the north, and on each occasion the interceptors were sent north to check out the unknown aircraft showing

up on radar. Again the unknown turned around and vanished from radar screens.

At this point two F4 Phantoms from the US Air Force had been scrambled from an American base at Keflavik, Iceland. They had much more advanced radar than the British Lightnings, however when they tried to get close enough to identify the mystery object they found they were just as useless as the Lightnings. The alert had reached such an alarming level that the contact was being monitored at the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System at Fylingdales. The information they were collecting was then passed on to the North American Air Defence Command at Cheyenne Mountain, and the US Detection and Tracking Centre in Colorado Springs. RAF staff at Fylingdales heard that the Strategic Air Command Headquarters at Omaha, Nebraska was ordering its B-52 bombers into the air. This order could have only come from the very highest level of command, and what had started as an ordinary sighting of what was thought to be a Russian aircraft had now been passed on to the White House and President Nixon himself. At around 9:45pm a request was made from a high level within the North American Air Defence through Strike Command at the UK headquarters at High Wycombe for RAF Binbrook to send Captain Schaffner to join the Lightnings to look for the mysterious craft.

NATO forces were at full alert because of the mysterious object picked up by radar over the North Sea. The object had at first been thought to be a normal Russian aircraft out to test the reaction of Allied Air Forces, but the strange craft had begun to behave in a way that left radar operators lost for answers.



At approximately 10:06pm Captain Schaffner took off from Binbrook's main runway and shot off into the night sky. At this point the mystery now involved five Lightning aircraft, two Phantoms, three tankers, the President of the United States and a Shackleton being scrambled over the North Sea. The mysterious craft was now flying parallel to the east coast 90 miles east of Whitby at 530MPH and at an altitude of 6,100ft, which was a most ideal course for an interception by a Binbrook Lightning. The following is an official transcript of the conversation between Captain Schaffner and the Radar station at Staxton Wold:

Schaffner: I have visual contact, repeat visual contact. Over.

Staxton: Can you identify aircraft type?

Schaffner: Negative, nothing recognisable, no clear outlines. There is ... bluish light. Hell that's bright ... very bright.

Staxton: Are your instruments functioning, 94? Check compass. Over.

Schaffner: Affirmative, GCI (ground control). I'm alongside it now, maybe 600ft off my ... Jeeze, that's bright, it hurts my eyes to look at it for more than a few seconds.

Staxton: How close are you now?

Schaffner: About 400ft, he's still in my three o' clock. Hey wait ... there's something else. It's like a large soccer ball. It's like it's made of glass.

Staxton: Is it part of the object or independent? Over.

Schaffner: It ... no, it's separate from the main body ... the conical shape ... it's at the back end, the sharp end of the shape. It's like bobbing up and down and going from side to side slowly. It may be the power source. There's no sign of ballistics.

Staxton: Is there any sign of occupation? Over.

Schaffner: Negative, nothing.

Staxton: Can you assess the rate?

Schaffner: Contact in gentle descent. Am going with it...50...no about 70ft ... it's levelled out again.

Staxton: Is the ball object still with it? Over.

Schaffner: Affirmative. It's not actually connected ... maybe a magnetic attraction to the conical shape. There's a haze of light. Ye'ow ... it's within heat haze. Wait a second, it's turning... coming straight for me... am taking evasive action...a few...I can hardly...

Staxton: 94? Come in 94. Foxtrot 94, are you receiving? Over. Come in 94. Over.

At this point radio controllers at Staxton Wold had guided the Lightning Jet from Binbrook to the mysterious craft that had now been causing havoc for radar trackers and RAF Stations for nearly four hours.

Just as contacted was lost with Captain Schaffner, a radar operator who had been tracking the Jet and the object watched in utter astonishment as the two blips on the radar screen which represented the fighter and the unknown slowly merged together, decelerating rapidly from over 500MPH until they became completely stationary at an altitude of 6,000ft above the North Sea around 140 miles away from Alnwick. Two and a half minutes later the single blip came to a halt and it started to move again, accelerating to 600MPH and climbed to 9,000ft heading south back toward Staxton. Shortly after these events the single blip separated back into two. One maintained its southerly heading at between 600 and 630MPH and descended slowly, the other turned through 180 degrees to head north-westerly and vanished at a speed that was later calculated at around 20,400MPH. During all these events a Shackleton MR3, which had been on patrol duty off the Firth of Fourth, was ordered to hold station around Flamborough Head. At this point Staxton Wold re-established contact with Captain Schaffner.

Schaffner: GCI ... are you receiving? Over.

Staxton: Affirmative 94. What is your condition? Over.

Schaffner: Not too good. I can't think what has happened... I feel kinda dizzy... I can see shooting stars.

Staxton: Can you see your instruments? Over.

Schaffner: Affirmative, but er...the compass is useless.

Staxton: Foxtrot 94, turn 043 degrees. Over.

Schaffner: Er ... all directional instruments are out, repeat useless. Over.

Staxton: Roger 94, execute turn right, estimate quarter turn. Over.

Schaffner: Turning now.

Staxton: Come further 94. That's good. Is your altimeter functioning? Over.

Schaffner: Affirmative GCI.

Staxton: Descend to 3,500ft. Over.

Schaffner: Roger GCI.

Staxton: What's your fuel state 94? Over.

Schaffner: About 30 per cent GCI.

Staxton: That's what we calculated. Can you tell us what happened 94? Over.

Schaffner: I don't know. It came in close ... I shut my eyes ... I figure I must've blacked out for a few seconds.

Staxton: OK 94. Standby.

At this stage the Shackleton arrived over Flamborough Head and began circling before XS894 was vectored into the area by the Staxton controllers.

Schaffner: Can you bring me in GCI? Over.

Staxton: Er... Hold Station, 94. Over.

Several minutes passed as Schaffner was left to circle the Flamborough area along with the Shackleton. In the meantime, Strike Command at Hight Wycombe had instructed Staxton Wold to request Schaffner to ditch his Lightning off Flamborough. Although the Captain had plenty of fuel to reach either Leconfield or his home base of Binbrook, it appears the reason for the decision to "ditch" was fear that the Lightning had somehow become contaminated during the mysterious events above the North Sea. However a few weeks after the crash when the wreckage was recovered and examined there was no trace of any kind of contamination.

Staxton: Foxtrot 94. Can you ditch aircraft? Over.

Schaffner: She's handling fine. I can bring her in. Over.

Staxton: Negative 94. I repeat, can you ditch aircraft? Over.

Schaffner: Yeah ... I guess.

Staxton: Standby 94. Over. Oscar 77. Over.

Shackleton: 77. Over.

Staxton: 94 is ditching. Can you maintain wide circuit. Over.

Shackleton: Affirmative GCI. Over.

Staxton: Thanks 77. Standby 94, execute ditching procedure at your discretion. Over.

Schaffner: Descending now, GCI. Over.

Between six and seven minutes then elapsed.



The remains of Captain Schaffner's jet as it was recovered from the North Sea.

Shackleton: He's down, GCI. Hell of a splash ... he's down in one piece though. Over.

Staxton: Can you see the pilot yet? Over.

Shackleton: Negative. We're going round again, pulling a tight one.

Two minutes later:

Shackleton: The canopy's up ... she's floating OK ... can't see the pilot. We need a chopper out here, GCI. No, no sign of the pilot. Where the hell...

Staxton: You sure he's not in the water, 77. Check your SARBE receptions. Over.

(NOTE: SARBE was the Search and Rescue Beacon Equipment carried by all RAF aircrew.)

Shackleton: No SARBE yet. No flares either. Hang on. We're going round again.

Another two minutes elapsed.

Shackleton: GCI. Over.

Staxton: Receiving you 77. Over.

Shackleton: This is odd, GCI. She's sinking fast but ... the canopy's closed up again. Over.

Staxton: Can you confirm pilot clear of aircraft? Over.

Shackleton: He's not in it, we can confirm that. He must be in the water somewhere.

Staxton: Any distress signals or flares yet?

Shackleton: Negative GCI. Going round again. Over.

Ninety seconds later the crew of the Shackleton were back in contact with Staxton Wold.

Shackleton: She's sunk GCI. There's a slight wake where she was. Still no sign of the pilot. I say again GCI, we need a chopper here fast. Over.

Staxton: A Whirlwind's on its way from Leconfield. Are you positive you saw no sign of the pilot?. Over.

Shackleton: Nothing GCI. The first pass we assumed he was unstrapping. He must have got out as we went round for a second pass ... but why shut the canopy? Over.

Staxton: That's what we were thinking. Maintain patrol 77, he must be there somewhere. Over.

Shackleton: Roger GCI. Over.

Shortly after, the search and rescue Whirlwind from nearby Loconfield arrived on the scene and began a systematic search of the crash site. The aircraft was then joined by lifeboats from Bridlington, Flamborough and Filey as the weather began to deteriorate. The search continued well into the next day but there were no transmissions from the beacons carried by the pilot on board the aircraft. Official reports of this incident say no distress flares were seen. On October 7th divers from HMS Keddleston examined the wreckage and said that Captain Schaffner's body was still in the cockpit, but the biggest mystery was that when the aircraft was brought to the surface and returned to Binbrook there was no trace of the

Captain, just an empty cockpit. When the wreck was finally lifted from the sea five miles away from Flamborough Head, it was taken directly to RAF Binbrook.

Strangely enough many of the cockpit's instruments were missing. These included the B2B compass, voltmeter, stand-by direction indicator, stand-by invertors indicator and the complete auxiliary warning panel from the starboard side of the cockpit below the voltmeter. This was a massive breach of regulations, and though the Ministry of Defence crash investigation team was promised the instruments would be returned they never were. The ejector seat also seemed to be mismatched, and there was suspicion later among the investigators that it was not the one fitted to the aircraft when it took off from Binbrook on its final flight. They were even given assurance by the commanding officer of the 5 Squadron that the seat had not been tampered with but some of the investigators were not at all convinced.

After the investigators' job was over they were told not to discuss the event with their families because of national security. Something did indeed happen that night in September of 1970 and still remains a mystery to this very day.

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FLYING SAUCERERS

A SOCIAL HISTORY OF UFOLOGY

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REVIEW: PHILIP MANTLE

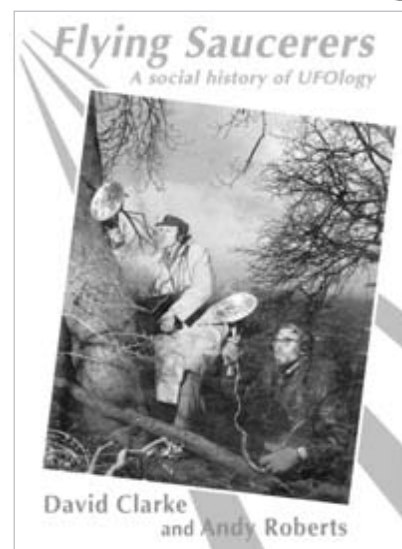
If you are looking for a book on UFO sightings and close encounters then this is not a book for you. Alternatively, if you are looking for a book that delves into beliefs, myths and legends and their origins with ufology, then look no further. It goes without saying that both the authors have done their homework; they are veterans of British ufology and have spent many long hours researching and investigating this subject in both face-to-face interviews with witnesses and more recently in the national archives in Kew.

Very few UFO books are different these days but 'Flying Saucerers' is certainly that. This book deals exclusively with the social history of ufology, a history of ideas, revealing how the notions of a few individuals evolved into one of the most pervasive modern day myths. This is definitely not a book for those who are

from the 'nuts-n-bolts' camp of ufology. The aim of this book is to present ideas rather than claims or facts and allow the reader to reach their own conclusion. Surely this has to be welcomed and is a refreshing change in UFO literature. As I said previously, this book does not deal with UFO sightings but with the evolution of the subject in the UK - the British flying saucer clubs, contactees and cults. It also looks at the 'hippy' involvement and celebrity counter culture during the 1960s, plus it has a long chapter looking at the interest which famous people have had, both believers and sceptics. This includes the likes of Patrick Moore, Arthur C. Clarke, and Lord Mountbatten etc. What other UFO books deals with this type of topic? None I hear you say, and you would be right.

If there is one minor criticism of the book is that it ends in the 1970s, however, to continue into the 80s, 90s and beyond may have made

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the book too large and possibly difficult to get published. Alternatively we may see a follow-up, who knows? All I can say is that if you are interested in where the ideas behind today's ufology came from then this is the book for you. Look no further than 'Flying Saucerers-A social history of Ufology' it has everything you need to know.

NEWS AND SCIENCE



NEW CROP CIRCLE EVIDENCE

Wiltshire Gazette & Herald

July 20 2007

The strongest evidence so far that some crop circles are not man-made was presented to a gathering at the Coronation Hall in Alton Barnes yesterday. Norwegian film maker Terje Toftenes presented the DVD he has made of the extraordinary circumstances surrounding the creation of a massive crop formation in East Field, Alton Barnes, on July 7 2007. Most formations are discovered the morning after and some have even been created in fields with observers sitting on overlooking hills. But on the morning in question, dedicated UFO hunter Winston Keech had a battery of cameras, from CCTV to state-of-the-art digicams, trained on the field on the off chance that something might happen. He was joined by Gary King and his partner Paul Presdee-Jones, on a spur-of-the-moment whim. They had met the previous evening at the "croppies" cafe at Cherhill, near Calne, when Mr Keech had become rather excited about a DVD that was being shown about lights that sometimes accompany the appearance of crop circles. He had explained that something similar had happened to him in 1990 when he witnessed the creation of a simple circle in crops in East Field.

Little did he know he would witness the creation of something a lot more complex. At around 1.35am on July 7 Mr Keech, helped by Mr King, completed the last sweep of the area using a camera equipped with night vision. No formation was visible in the field. Then it became intensely dark and nothing was seen. But at 3.13am there was a flash of what Mr Keech described as sheet lightning. It appeared on the video footage and lasted four microseconds. Twenty minutes later, at 3.20am, there was enough light to make out the formation in the field below. It was one of the largest ever seen. It measured 1,033 feet long and consisted of 150 circles, the largest of which was 164ft across. Ms Presdee-Jones said: "We all went mad. Gary was dancing a jig."

Mr King told the gathering: "I had to be the first one in the circle. As soon as it was light enough to see where we were going, we went down. The corn had a glass-like quality to it and it snapped like glass when we stepped on it. My dog, Blue, went berserk.

"He is a dedicated meat eater, but he started eating the crop as though he was ravenous. Then he was violently sick."

Mr Toftenes pointed out another extraordinary element in the situation. He said: "Although from the air the circles look perfectly round, they are, in fact, ovals. Allowance has been made for the undulations in the ground and the only place you can see that the circles are perfect is from the air."

UFO BRINGS TOWN TO A STANDSTILL

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/>

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A crowd of 100 stunned stargazers brought a town centre to a standstill when five mysterious UFOs were spotted hovering in the sky. Drinkers spilled out of pubs, motorists stopped to gawp and camera phones were aimed upwards as the five orbs, in a seeming formation, hovered above Stratford-Upon-Avon for half an hour.

The strange episode started just after 10.30pm, when the lights were seen hovering slowly over the town before three of them formed a triangular shape with one positioned just to the right. A few minutes later a fifth came into view travelling towards the others at breakneck speed before slowing down and stopping a short distance away.

Tom Hawkes, who captured these amazing images [below] and 15 other revellers were in the bar when they spotted some commotion outside. Tom, 30, said: "We walked outside and there was a growing crowd of about 60 people looking up at the sky. I saw this light appear, then three others. They came over our heads in formation but then manoeuvred into different positions. Three had formed a triangular shape and one was to the right. Then another one came hurtling towards the rest at what looked like



a very fast speed. But as it neared them it suddenly slowed and stopped altogether. By this time more people had poured out onto the street. Two pubs had emptied, some people had come out of their houses and drivers slowed their cars. The objects were there for about half an hour. It was very eerie because they didn't make any sound and they stayed still before moving slowly beyond the horizon. There were no stars in the sky, just them. It was the most extraordinary thing I've ever seen and the way in which everyone gathered in the street to watch them reminded me of a scene from Independence Day."

Hillary Potter from The British Earth Aerial Mystery Society (BEAMS) said they were being inundated with similar calls from across the country but said it was rare for such phenomena to be witnessed by so many people.

A Mod Spokesman said: "The MoD does not have any expertise or role in respect of UFOs or flying saucer matters or to the question of the existence of extra terrestrial life forms, about which we remain totally open minded. I should add that to date the MoD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena. Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the United Kingdom from an external military source, and to date no UFO report has revealed such evidence, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each sighting reported to us."

Birmingham Air Space which covers the skies over the town said they had not heard of any unusual activity showing up on the radar.

UFO SHOOT-OUT IN RUSSIA?

Brendan Burton, [http://](http://www.americanchronicle.com/)

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August 22 2007

A UFO and alien occupants were shot at by Russian special military forces in a confrontation northwest of Ceremchova ICBM site 62 (Saskylach-Kovo) on the 12th January 1985, according to a remarkable report leaked from one of the USG 'Deep Insiders' known as 'Request Anonymous'. This ground-breaking disclosure - codeword: 'SEVEN PRINCE - SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE ACTIVITIES / REPORT OF CONTACT - STATION: RA-49 - SOURCE: CAC-049-0031' - was put into the public

domain on 21st August 2007, as part of an ongoing multi-billion dollar operation initiating full public disclosure of Extraterrestrial contact during the last 50+ years. What follows is the text of the report put into the public domain as of 21st August, 2007. Full details, including photographs of the report can be found at the *Open Minds* website and the *Serpo* website.

"On 22 Jan 85, CAC made contact through agent-communication-device-AN23, signalling the CO that a contact was requested. Contact was made at site 6. A polygraph (SC requested a routine PG) was administered. No deception was noted. The entire interview was recorded both on audio and video by CO3. The language used during the interview was in Russian. CAC advised of the following:

On 12 Jan 85, while working normal duties at Regional II, Soviet Control Centre Command, CAC was informed of an incident at the Ceremchovo ICBM facility involving a UFO. Specific information was requested by Command Central. The initial cable from the on-scene Soviet commander reported that a UFO had landed northwest of missile site K3. Soviet military personnel responded to the scene.

A dark-coloured UFO was found on the ground east of the missile command facility. One missile technician was standing near the east boundary, looking at the UFO. As Soviet military personnel came within close proximity of the UFO, two (2) occupants of the craft exited through a door. The occupants approached the east perimeter fence of K3. Soviet military personnel challenged the occupants to stop. Three (3) of the four (4) occupants stopped. The fourth occupant continued to advance towards the fence. One Soviet Military Security official fired several rounds from an AK-47a rifle, hitting the occupant. The occupant fell to the ground. The three (3) other occupants advanced towards the injured occupant and retrieved the body. The four (4) returned to the craft. Approximately two minutes later, an opening appeared on the side of the craft. A bluish-green beam of light came out of the craft and struck an unoccupied jeep, completely vapourising it. As the author of the report stated, the jeep just disappeared. An armored vehicle moved up towards the craft and fired a volley of 12.7mm rounds at the craft. The craft was struck near the undercarriage.

The four (4) occupants, minus the injured occupant, exited the craft and walked towards the Soviet military personnel. As one of the on-scene commanders stated, the four (4) occupants did NOT appear to be afraid. They approached the armored vehicle and sat on the ground. Soviet commanders on scene assumed the occupants were surrendering. Several attempts were made to communicate with these occupants using the Russian language. The occupants did not seem to understand the speaker.

The occupants were carried to a jeep and transported to the Saskylach-Kovo Military Barracks, Building Number 45. The occupants were placed inside detention cells, one (1) occupant per cell. CAC arrived at Saskylach-Kovo Military Barracks, Building Number 45 on 13 Jan 85. CAC was allowed to enter each cell and attempt to communicate with the occupants. CAC used English, French and German languages. The occupants would appear to listen while CAC was speaking, but would not answer. The occupants appeared to be very passive. Two other KGB officials, one speaking Spanish and the other speaking English, attempted to communicate, but to no avail. The Soviet Military Command Centre commander advised that Moscow was requesting the occupants be flown to Military Barracks 10 (intelligence records indicate Barracks 10 was located in Obninsk, south of Moscow).

On 14 Jan 85, at approximately 0630 hours, the cells where the occupants were located were empty. No signs of a forcible exit was observed. The craft, which was being guarded by the elite Soviet Border Patrol Branch G, also disappeared. CAC reported Soviet KGB officials took over 100 photographs and one (1) video recording of the occupants.

So is this nonsense, a hoax, or part of the hypothetical Disclosure Business hinted at by the Deep Insiders over the last eighteen months? This is not the first incredible UFO story of 2007 - we have already witnessed the reports of an upsurge of international UFO reports during the last twelve months - we have seen the California Drones, we have read about the CARET ("Commercial Applications Research for Extra-terrestrial Technology") project, we have heard about the death of a Wackenhut security guard and an Alien at Area 51 during the 'Gate 3 Incident' - and now we have a similar incident reported above which took place in Russia in 1985.

One thing is for sure, the UFO phenomena is certainly not fading away - indeed, it seems we may be approaching a 'Glasnost' in terms of previous secret history.



ALIEN DISCLOSURE FROM ASTRONAUT

Clark C. McClelland, former ScO, Space Shuttle Fleet, (1958-1992)

The Canadian National Newspaper
August 30 2007

Prior to the fateful launch of the space shuttle Challenger on January 28, 1986, I had the honour and pleasure of sharing conversations with several members of that crew. During one of many pre-mission preps for the Challenger mission, I came upon Lt. Col. Ellison Onizuka in the Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB) at launch complex 39. I had an assignment to assess some problems at the Launch Control Center (LCC) and needed to access the main drawing files. A file operator was there and I went to her for assistance. Ellison walked in on our conversation and we exchanged greetings.

Many astronauts at the KSC knew of my interest in the study of possible Extraterrestrial (ET) intelligence, and my association with Major Donald Keyhoe, Dick Hall and the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP since 1958), and the Mutual UFO Network (MUFON), at Cape Canaveral and KSC.

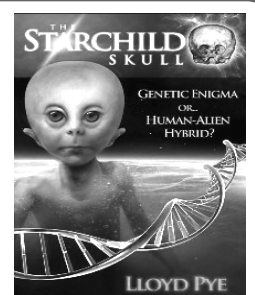
Another evening while off-site, I once again accidentally came upon Ellison. He asked if I could give him an opinion regarding a topic that was sparking his curiosity. Ellison had a great interest in ET life and asked me my belief concerning aliens, and if I believed they have been here on earth? His question caught me by surprise.

As we walked slowly towards our destinations, I briefly explained what I had learned since 1947, the initial year I entered my UFO research. I briefly related what I knew regarding the Roswell case and that I had become more aware of it many years later at the Cape through several discussions with ABMA (Army Ballistic Missile Agency) personnel who were at White Sands Proving Grounds near Roswell, New Mexico in July, 1947. These men had worked directly with Dr. Wernher von Braun and his team of German Scientists who were at that base at that time. Onizuka said he was aware of that

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case. I then told him my belief that life does exist among the stars and that it has visited earth throughout human history. He smiled in agreement. I thought to myself, what else does he know? Soon it became very clear.

Onizuka asked me if my surname had any connection with McClellan Air Force Base in California? I said not as far as I was aware. I asked him why? Ellison said he had a surprising experience along with other USAF aerospace flight engineers and pilots while on military training duty at McClellan AFB, about eight or nine years prior to his astronaut training.

He and this group were at this base for specialized training when they were directed to report to a viewing room. As they were seated, the room darkened and a movie began without the usual official introduction by a USAF officer. They were all startled when a view of a facility similar to a medical examination room appeared on the screen and small bodies were observed lying on slabs. He heard several excited comments by the other officers seated near him. The small, strange looking creatures were humanoid in shape, and appeared similar to those described by alleged witnesses at the well-known Roswell site in the Southwest USA in 1947. They all had large heads, large eyes, slight torsos, arms, and legs. They did not appear to be of earthly origin. Ellison then said, "Clark, my God, these highly trained officers and I were shocked by what we saw. We were not made privy to what we would see until it happened. We were all caught off guard. Perhaps it was a test of our psyche to determine our overall reaction. Well, we were all caught by surprise".

Needless to say, I was also caught off guard hearing this revelation from a highly intelligent USAF officer and NASA astronaut. One who flew his initial space mission 51-C in the space shuttle Discovery a highly classified U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) mission under top secret conditions. It made me wonder what else Ellison knew, or perhaps had seen, during his first shuttle mission and USAF career?

I said "that's amazing, Ellison! Were you given any opportunity to question what you saw?" He said, "No! We were then asked to exit the room and continued our scheduled technical activities as if nothing special had occurred. In my opinion, I have considered the possibility that the group was evaluated

for individual reactions to what they saw. Perhaps it was a planned USAF psychological test for military reasons. Who knows, NASA may have evaluated it in my selection as an astronaut in 1978. You know, what would my reaction be if I actually saw an alien being"?

We arrived at our separate building destinations and briefly discussed his approaching second space mission in Challenger 51-L. He said he was anticipating a successful flight with Judy Resnik, Christa McAuliffe, and crew. I asked if we could discuss this topic again; and he agreed.

Unknown to us both, this would be the last time we would speak. He, Judy, Christa and the other crew members would be making their final mission on January 28, 1986. I was at the Kennedy Space Center and watched in disbelief as they and space shuttle Challenger fell into the Atlantic Ocean. God, how horrible it was, and still is to this day, in my memory.

UFO SIGHTING IN EDEN

The Eden Magnet [NSW]

September 6 2007

Eden residents Margaret McDonald and her grandchildren are wondering about life in space after seeing a strange object in the sky on the last weekend in August [2007].

Miss Keft was the first to spot the unidentified flying object [UFO] as it approached from the north at about 9.30pm on Friday night when she took the dog outside for a stretch, and called Mrs and Mr McDonald outside. "When I first saw it I thought it was a star," she said. "It was like it could see us as it did a little dance. Timothy [Keft] got binoculars out and saw flashing lights. It was very high up when it started to move and it was heading south and then it just sort of turned gradually and left in an easterly direction over the sea." At about the same time over the next two nights the family piled outside again. "It looked like it was more above us and it looked like it had a cross on it, it wasn't round but more like a star," Miss Keft said. "On Sunday night it did a little dance and went south."

Astrologer David Reneke has researched UFOs for more than 10 years and currently contributes to Sky and Space Magazine. He said there was a list of possibilities to work though before an object could be called a UFO. "One of top five things I ever saw came from the Ben Boyd National Park, and it was in daylight," he said. "There was more than one witness and they had evidence." The story Mr

Reneke mentioned was the filmed sighting of five or six flying objects over the sea by three Sydney men who were in Eden to film an eclipse of the sun in 1976.



JETSONS COME OF AGE WITH HOVER POD

John Beveridge

It has taken a long time but elements of the Jetson's futuristic lifestyle are finally becoming real. George's treadmill, which must have appeared ridiculous in 1962, is now an everyday reality. Rosie the robot maid is not quite here yet, but the Japanese seem to be closing in. And US company Moller International has put a flying saucer into production that looks remarkably like George's Perspex-topped transportation [below].

The personal flying pod, called the M200G Volantor, can glide three metres off the ground and carry two passengers. The M200G is the size of a small car and takes off and lands vertically. Company founder Dr Paul Moller said the craft was "the ultimate off-road vehicle" because it can travel over any surface. "It's not a hovercraft, although its operation is just as easy. You can speed over rocks, swampland, fences, or log-infested waterways with ease because you're not limited by the surface."

The flying saucer is governed by computers to fly at a maximum altitude of three metres so that it doesn't require registration as an aircraft. That enables it to sit on a cushion of air and travel at 80kph in any direction. Other versions are being developed to dock with skyscrapers for rescues and for military use. The craft are powered by eight rotary engines, each driving an enclosed fan to produce lift. It can still hover if one engine fails while a second failure "will lead to a survivable hard landing."



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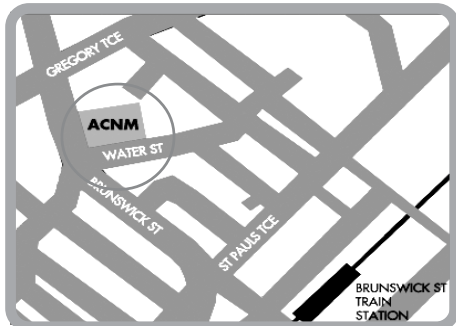
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