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**COULD HE BE
THE REAL DEAL
ON DISCLOSURE?**



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Editorial

Welcome to issue 61 of the magazine.

This issue marks a new name in the unfolding story of the 'Disclosure' process—David Charles Grusch, a man with an impeccable list of credentials. From a decorated military officer to someone cleared to know the highest levels of secret intelligence and a man who has come out from the shadows to say that he has given detailed information to the Inspector General of non-human UAP crash retrieval programs! But is he the real deal?

Several articles in this issue discuss these new developments.

As I finish compiling this issue more details are continuing to emerge with allegedly more high-level officials, with direct first-hand witness testimony coming forward to seemingly corroborate Grusch's claims.

We are certainly living in interesting times.

So, sit back and read the magazine at your leisure on whatever platform you choose. **GH.**



DEDICATION



My inspiration for this magazine stems from having met the late great Graham Birdsall, the editor of the now defunct British UFO Magazine, who first encouraged me to research police UFO cases in late 2001.

His passing in 2003 left a huge gap in European Ufology and I said at the time that his death put the subject back in this country 10 years.

How ironic then and perhaps fitting that 10 years on I am now in a position to carry on his work.

Graham, I will work hard to make you proud and carry on your legacy.

**Gary Heseltine
Editor, UFO Truth Magazine
April 2013**

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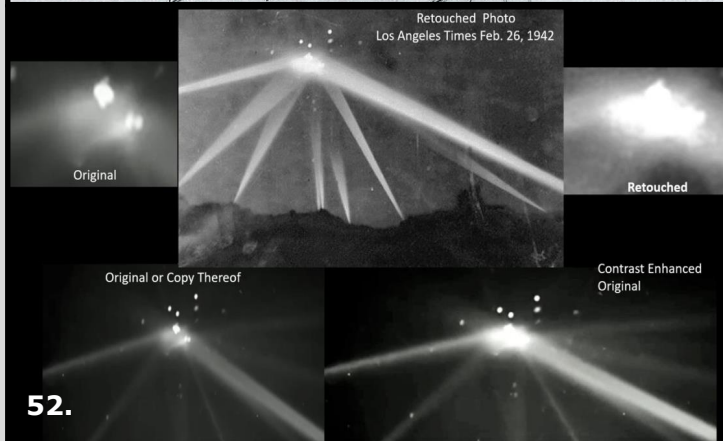
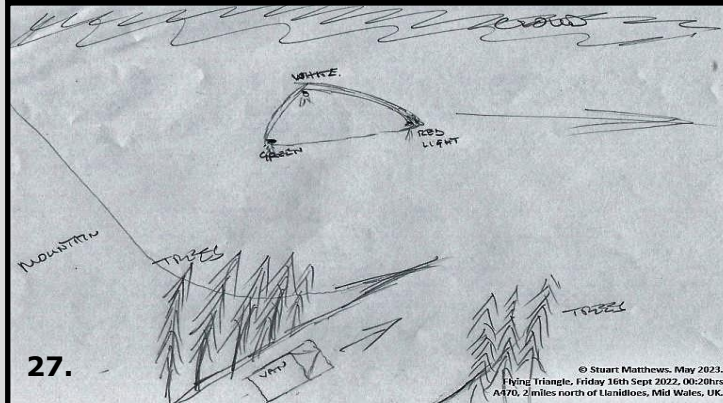
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MISSION STATEMENT

Welcome to UFO Truth Magazine, a 96 page colour bi-monthly **Ezine** dedicated to people who believe some UFO sightings do represent ET engaging with planet Earth and who probably have been doing so for many years.

In April 2013 I decided to launch an internet based UFO magazine for people that support the Extraterrestrial hypothesis (ETH).

Whilst the UFO/UAP enigma is complex it is clear to me that there is a non-human presence interacting with the Earth and it acts with clear signs of intelligence.

Their origins may be inter-dimensional or multi-verse but at its heart I believe that a proportion of sightings are definitely ET in origin.

With that in mind I have gathered together a number of dedicated and well respected researchers from around the world to act as regular columnists for the magazine.

Many other notable ufologists have also agreed to be guest contributors to it.

By gathering many of the best researchers from around the world involved I hope they will broaden the magazine's international appeal.

UFO Truth Magazine is an **Ezine** for all the countries of the world.

UFO Truth Magazine will be dedicated to bringing you the latest UFO news and stories from around the world garnered by some of the foremost researchers in the field.

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Welcome to UFO Truth Magazine.

GARY HESELTINE
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**The Rendlesham Forest UFO Incidents: 42
Years of Denial**



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NON-HUMAN The Rendlesham Forest UFO Incidents: 42 Years of Denial



Foreword by Donald Raymond Schmitt

You are about to experience something rare in the annals of contemporary historical investigation; Returning to the actual "scene of the crime" so-to-speak and painstakingly piecing together the true nature of an event.

The author is no stranger to this methodology given his professional background as a police detective. Individuals have served time in prison based on the incriminating evidence he provided – no light task. Too often we have seen so-called experts in their respective fields assume positions of authority with proclamations of "Case closed."

History has often deemed such cursory efforts as frequently pre-conceived and haphazard at best. This particular examination of one of the most famous UFO events of all time is a definitive exception. Years of investigation and successful efforts to secure the testimonies of new witnesses have enabled the author to piece together a puzzle which has befuddled, amazed, and frustrated researchers to the extent of taking sides and establishing new scenarios.

I am happy to report it is due to the prior training and professional experience of the author that the reader is also treated to a unique form of advanced interviewing technique used extensively in the following pages – Enhanced Cognitive Model (ECM) which was developed in the United Kingdom to retrieve as much memory of a profound event as humanly possible. The theory being that when one witnesses a truly exceptional event there exists much less chance the memory will fade.

Psychologist Dr. Thomas Gilovich has succinctly defined what I believe to be the objective of the author in writing the book you are about to read. He portrays the condition known as "healthy scepticism" this way: "An awareness of how and when to question, and recognition of what it takes to truly know something, are among the most important elements of what constitutes an educated person." With that supposition, the author of this tome questions the official version of what some have described and penned in other books... the detective revived.

In writing this foreword, I have the distinct advantage of having personally met most of the principal characters present at the time of the affair. They are mainly honourable men who I respect and admire. Still, I have also observed the friction and tension which often presents itself when witnesses do not have shared experiences. To me this is totally understandable given that this was not a one-time occurrence as it happened over at least three consecutive nights. All of which would provide ample time for isolated perceptions along with contradictions on the part of each individual. One may also apply a high degree of latitude when dealing with the extraordinary, the unfamiliar. What chapter in the military manual does an airman or soldier refer to with an event such as this?

Nonetheless it is when witnesses rearrange their original assessments, add new insights to the mix, and then proceed to pour fuel on a fire of deferring accounts, this experienced investigator stepped in to referee. This book lays it all out for the reader to decide where the actual truth lies.

Non-Human provided me as it will the reader answers to my remaining controversial questions:

Why have some of the principal witnesses changed their stories through the years?

Was there film footage taken of a landed craft on one specific night?

What was the true interest of the UFO seen near to the RAF Bentwaters nuclear weapons storage area?

Were "beings" seen in the forest at Rendlesham?

By definition history will always comprise of many differing versions while it remains contingent on one such as the author to sort things out. An author I need not emphasize who is highly trained in investigation, witness questioning, asserting all the data to compile a final summation. This is precisely what this book represents – a thorough analysis of all available information, both black and white in nature, sprinkled with as little grey as possible. In the end the author has painted in my opinion the clearest portrait to date of what actually transpired during that fateful time in December 1980. We are left, as was Sherlock Holmes so often, with a next-to impossible solution (an extraterrestrial visitation) for an extraordinary series of events.

Oh, I have no doubt that the disdainers and critics of both the case and the author will voice exception. Nevertheless, this in no way should diminish the importance of this particular case as it continues to stand high on its own merit. New secrets will undoubtedly continue to be revealed. Still, Rendlesham remains a fascination where secrecy, disinformation, cover-ups, and deception by both the British and American government abound. Truly, there are few rivals.

To date, no alternative explanations have sufficed or effectively explained what so many trained individuals have described of an unearthly nature. The Rendlesham Forest Incident as it has famously become known will continue to exemplify the very definition of the word mystery for many years to come.

Gary Heseltine is to be strongly applauded for taking us all into the Rendlesham Forrest, literally guiding us step-by-step into both familiar and uncharted territory. We may not always like the scenery. Truth can often be like that as we stumble through the dark. And in the case of Rendlesham, a rather Non-Human dark it may indeed be. More importantly, truth arms us with knowledge and provides a roadmap where no roads may even exist.

The journey to Rendlesham lies ahead – You hold in your hands the map. Happy journey!

Donald Raymond Schmitt,

February 2023

The OZ Files

THE ULTIMATE SECRET and the Australian experience

By Bill Chalker (Australia)



Exploring "the Ultimate Secret" requires a lot of critical thinking, a deep appreciation of the complex and convoluted history of related claims, and a capacity to do the deep dive to thoroughly investigate such claims. That's why I am pleased to see investigative journalists of the quality of Australia's own Ross Coulthart (author of "In Plain Sight: An investigation into UFOs and impossible science"), Ralph Blumenthal & Leslie Kean (authors of the breakthrough December 2017 New York Times story on a secret Pentagon UFO program and US Naval encounters – the extraordinary 2004 Nimitz encounter) and Michael Shellenberger (author of a June 8, 2023 story: "US has 12 or more alien spacecraft, says military and Intelligence contactors") pursuing this story.

We have been this way before as part of the long, convoluted and contentious history of this intriguing saga. Here-in are some of my own flirtations with this thorny story.

Picture this – a 1988 Australian Penthouse article – "UFOs: The Ultimate Secret?" That was back in the days where you could almost justify the pretence of reading "Australian Penthouse" for the articles rather than the pictures (yes, really ...) Read the first few paragraphs. Deja-vu, for sure, considering all the attention and controversy about UFO/UAP whistle blower David Grusch.

Back in 1988 in the heyday of the MJ12 controversy I sat down with Tony Jones (then of ABC TV "Four Corners", later "Lateline" and "Q&A") and Greg Hunter (then senior editor of Australian Penthouse, and later biographer of Ian Thorpe) at my place. Both were interested in trying to nail down the saga of the great UFO secrets! Tony never got Four Corners to do a UFO show, and Greg stunned by the convoluted complexity of the story asked me instead to write the article.

I took up the challenge interviewing Bill Moore, Linda Moulton Howe and Robert Emenecker along the way. The result was the article "UFOs - the Ultimate Secret" - in the December 1988 issue that attracted an editorial compliment - an "impressive investigation" - and even generated clandestine responses of its own - you know, the stuff of "cloak & dagger" rendezvous in various places to be told "secret" tales.

I concluded my article then with the following: *"Ultimately, there is no absolute proof of any of this. It is impossible to say with any certainty just what is going on. We could be dealing with: *real extra-terrestrial contact - a cosmic Watergate - in which Churchill's wartime maxim*

BY BILL CHALKER

UFOs: THE ULTIMATE SECRET?

ILLUSTRATION BY JOHN SCOTT

Hoax? Urban legend? An exercise in disinformation and deception? Or a cosmic cover-up? You decide.

An extraordinary controversy is being played out. At its heart is the quest for proof of the Ultimate Secret.

The Ultimate Secret purports to be this: UFOs are real. They are extra-terrestrial in origin. The extra-terrestrials (or ETs) are already visiting us. Some of their craft have crashed and been retrieved into military custody. Some have landed at military bases and have had open contact with us. Governments, particularly the United States, know this and have kept it from us. There has been a concerted campaign by some of the parties involved in the cover-up to bring things out into the open. This process is gathering momentum. Extraordinary disclosures are at hand. The implications are mind-boggling.

Your rational reaction to all this will inevitably be complete scepticism or outright rejection. If it is not, you are presumably a UFO enthusiast who enshrines this sort of material like an article of faith in the litany of blind belief that pervades much of the popular interest in UFOs.

This story made headlines around the world during 1967. *The Australian* headlined: "US 'Examined Bodies Of UFO Crew In 1947'" and the *Sydney Morning Herald* called: "Aliens Taken From UFO, top-secret papers claim" both on June 1, 1967. Since then nothing. What was it all about?

This whole controversy appears to have as its genesis an "event" that occurred in 1947. The event ostensibly took place near Roswell, New Mexico, on July 2, 1947. It was described by researcher Ted Bloecher in his comprehensive "Report On The UFO Wave Of 1947" (1967) as an "embarrassingly obvious mistake." A farmer had discovered a "disc" on his ranch at nearby Corona. Roswell Army Air Field got involved and, given the prevailing milieu of the new "flying saucer craze" sweeping the country at the time, things appeared to get out of control. The military identified the "disc" as the wreckage of a "high altitude weather device." There the story lay dormant for some 30 years.

Towards the mid Fifties the idea of "crashed flying saucers" in military custody was thoroughly discredited. No self-respecting researcher was prepared to give such tales any currency. That's the way things continued largely until 1977, when researcher Leonard Stringfield resurrected interest in such stories. However, compelling evidence that was independently verifiable also eluded Stringfield.

UFO researchers William Moore and Stanton Friedman started to scrutinise one of the obscure "retrieval" tales, namely the incident near Roswell back in 1947. Evidence started to mount that it was more than an "embarrassingly obvious mistake" involving a weather balloon. Unlike most of the stories of this type, they were not dealing with anonymous informants. Friedman spoke with a Major Jesse

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of counterintelligence may rule, namely: "Truth is so important it must be guarded by a bodyguard of lies",

** one of the biggest hoaxes in history;*

** a Space Age technological expression of the urban legend syndrome ...*

** some sort of extraordinary clandestine intelligence gambit - an exercise in disinformation and deception.*

It is possible we could be seeing a combination of these possibilities. Or maybe the answer lies in some other direction. As they say in the news flashes, we await further developments."

Well, there have been plenty of new developments, now even far more convoluted and complex. Decades down the track, the game is clearly still afoot (apologies to Sherlock Holmes), with offerings like the Woods Majestic documents controversy, "Case MJ-12" and "Project Moon dust" from Kevin Randle, "Project Beta - the story of Paul Bennewitz, National Security, and the creation of a Modern UFO Myth" by Greg Bishop, Robert Collins & Richard Doty's colourful offering "Exempt from Disclosure: The Disturbing case about the UFO Coverup", Nick Redfern's "Body Snatchers in the Desert - the horrible truth at the heart of the Roswell saga", Steven Greer with material like his 2017 book "Unacknowledged - an expose of the world's greatest secret", and with many, many other iterations.

We even have Chris Aubeck in his book "Alien Artifacts - From Antiquity to 1880 - The forgotten story of how we came to believe in visitors from the stars" highlighting Louis Guillaume de La Folliè novel "The unpretentious philosopher" from 1775

describing a "UFO" from Mercury crashing into a mountain. But the Mercurian is a fake alien - "a Saudi traveller in disguise." Further still an obscure Spanish book, written in 1880 by Segismundo Bermejo y Merelo, Spain's Minister for the Navy, reveals a 1868 tale with all the modern tropes of the 1947 Roswell saga - crash landing of a ET vehicle, made of "strange, ultralight material, 2 alien corpses & alien writing - all in an obscure novel, long forgotten. Back to the present though.

Along came Luis Elizondo, and now David Grusch, with many other players and dynamics along the way. Leslie Kean and Ralph Blumenthal in their 5 June 2023 article for the Debrief renewed the public focus on these claims. Ross Coulthart introduced us to Nat Kobitz, former director of the US Navy's Science and Technology Development, who before he died, provide him with leads to "The Program", that also led him to David Grusch, the subject of his 11 June 2023 NewsNation interview "We are not alone - the UFO whistleblower speaks".

A long convoluted history is revealed, made even more complicated, and remarkably, perhaps even more compelling in its latest iterations, given the apparent qualities and credentials of David Grusch, and the confirmational pathways he has taken to see this huge story of "the Ultimate Secret" get the rigorous scrutiny and debate it deserves.

Let's hope we get the liberation of real solid evidence for the extraordinary story of "the Ultimate secret." Given my background in science, quality assurance and advocacy of open multi-disciplinary scientifically orientated enquiry I have also tried to apply these things to this strange,



frustrating, but frequently fascinating and challenging aspect of the UFO UAP problem. Here are some of those enquiries.

Here I have included some of the Australian UFO/UAP "crash retrieval" stories I've encountered in many decades of investigation and research. In an article I compiled back in the mid 1990s, and initially published in The Australian magazine "Ufologist" (Vol.1 No.3 Jul/Sept 1997), as "UFO crash/retrieval stories – the Australian experience," I included a preliminary listing of such stories, as follows:

"Stories of UFO crashes form a persistent part of the UFO controversy. Whether they contribute ultimately to UFO folklore or fact will be a matter for history. With the prominence given to the Roswell saga I have put this report together to encourage feedback on this colourful area. Such stories deserve careful attention, if only to put them to rest. If only one turns out to be substantial, then we have a very extraordinary situation. However, I should caution none of them constitute proof of anything.

Listing of Australian Crash/Retrieval Stories:

1. 1955 Eucla, SA (dubious alien photo and alleged crash debris).
2. 1955 near Nowra, NSW (Noel Martin's 1982 "UFO Recovery" saga).
3. 1959 Butterworth RAAF Malaysia (letter writer to RAAF refers to plane destruction and debris from destroyed UFO).
4. 1966 Balwyn/Westall, Victoria (classic CE2 incident with possible UFO "in difficulty" rumours).
5. 1966-80 - Greenbank, Queensland ("Alien Honeycomb" saga).
6. 1972 Croydon, NW Qld, "crash" (meteorite? plus odd newspaper classified ad: "Magnificent obsession fruition. Tiger special duties all under objects. Will report as arranged. Loyal and true. Sky Blue World President. UFO. Immediate.)"
7. 1972-73 - Edmonton area, North Qld ("cat woman" affair - "Girlie's home").
8. 1976 - Nowra/Robertson ", NSW, crash" (spurious).
9. 1979 - Banka Banka, Northern Territory, ex-RAAF files re "crash", burnt area & ash only found.
10. 1980 - Lismore, NSW "UFO crash" (dubious, possible newspaper fabrication).
11. 1983 - Coen, Qld - probable. meteorite (letter to editor alleging retrieval operation involved)
12. 1970s - Mt. Isa artefact found by farmer - usual alloy mixture, studied by Qld metallurgist, Paul Brixius.

13. before 1985 - story re 12 to 14 "craft" held at a secure hangar style facility. Most unusual in appearance ("Star Wars" like appearance). Only some had been open. Various personnel seconded to work on these craft. They were reportedly very frightened about working on the objects. Occupants recovered, apparently numerous types, but source best familiar with 2 human looking males (internal organs allegedly different).

14. Source allegedly saw cover page and introductory page to document describing Australian operation called either operation or project A - which referred to "modules" and "aliens" being ready for transfer to an Australian facility, allegedly the same as in item 13.

15. TV media group allegedly at same site as per item 13 allegedly "wandered" into hangar area and saw "saucer" object. They were caught and allegedly sworn to secrecy.

16. 1972/73, near Nowra, alleged "retrieval" attempt just out to sea during same night as extraordinary CE event.

17. Alleged accounts of possibly 3 UFO crashes in Australia including one in which one alien was still alive.

18. Information about an operation devoted to retrievals and an alleged "inner cell" intent on "contact" using individuals with history of UFO encounters. (Note Stan Deyo's anecdote re "some decoded US Defence Department traffic...from nuclear test monitoring network headquartered in Washington and code named the "Shake Lady" ... In the middle of this traffic was a response to a UFO enquiry made by a mobile unit in Western Australia. The response was a reprimand for making such requests without the required "Level 7" security clearance over such a relatively open communications link...")

19. Abductee "recollects" on board episode which allegedly involved craft crashing in Tolga swamp in Qld.

20. 1979, Esperance, WA "crash" event (with DSTI/JIO SECRET "BOLIDE FILE" reference to "special access" channels undertaking a prompt and wide search).

21. Several Pine Gap anecdote of UFOs such as hunting party observing a craft flying out of a concealed door, an abductee who alleges he went inside an underground site there witnessing craft, examinations and "alien liaison" activity, and a UFO researcher who claims he "astral travelled" to Pine Gap secret facility."

I won't include here a case by case catalogue, but instead will refer to a few, which will highlight the difficulties of investigating these sorts of stories.

The "Alien Honeycomb" affair - "Not so alien honeycomb"

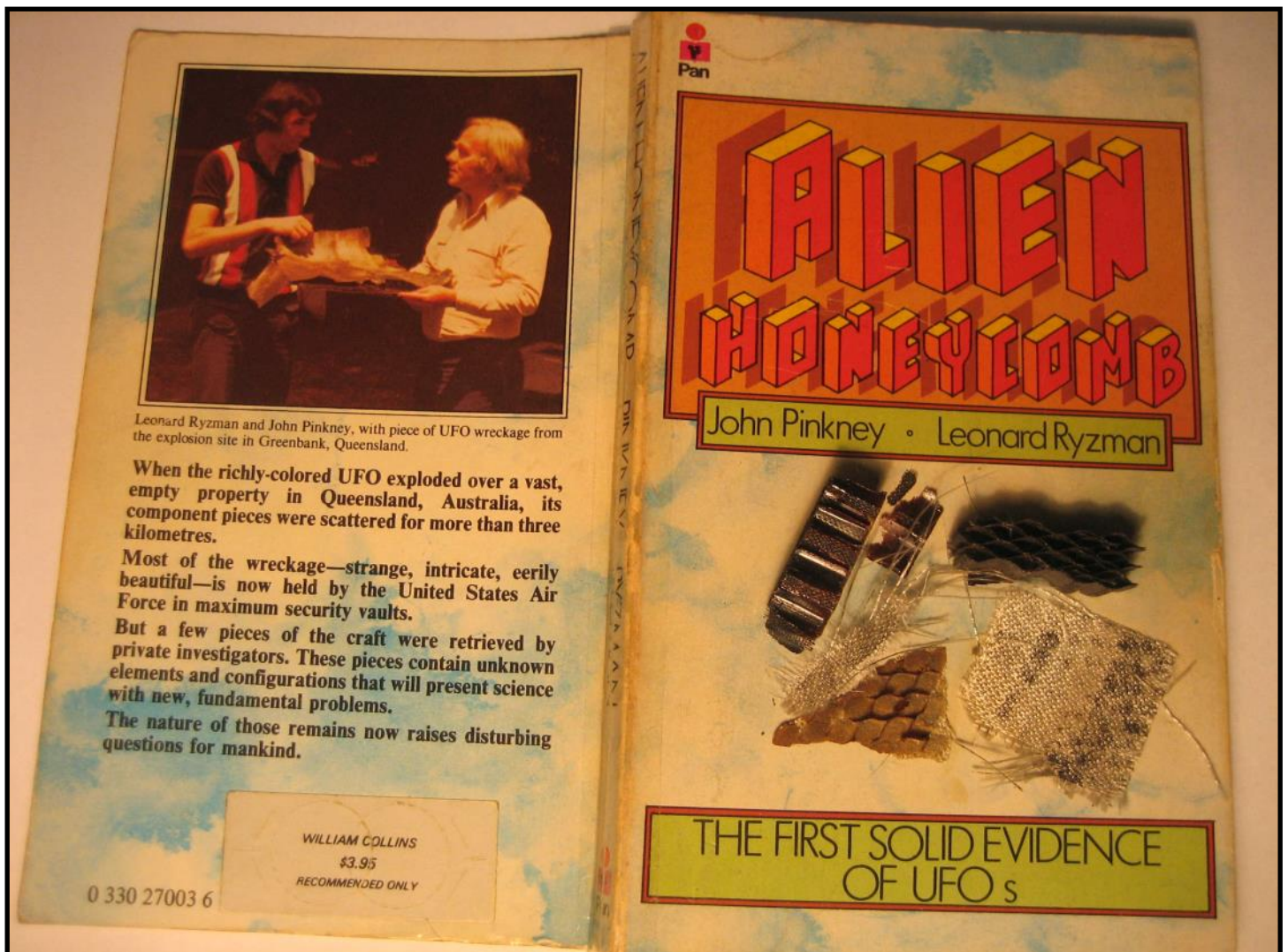
The "alien honeycomb" story was one of my earlier collisions with Australian "crashed UFO" tales. But, this was one that would ultimately illuminate a cautionary tale for our current hunt for mysterious alloys, meta-materials and UFO "ejecta." Given the current controversies and intrigues about mysterious "alloys", "meta-materials" and such, in the custody of the likes of the Pentagon, Robert Bigelow and others, and "the Artifact" – a centrepiece in Diana Pasulka's book from Oxford University Press "American Cosmic – UFOs, Religion, Technology", being examined by people like Garry Nolan, Jacques Vallee and Hal Puthoff & Luis Elizondo of TTSA, and others, it is worthwhile to retell this cautionary tale. In the absence of detailed analytical data, prosaic possibilities need to be carefully considered before "alien" associations are obsessed with. Should the results merit extraordinary claims, lets see the detailed data, contexts and analyses? What follows is what happens if caution is not followed along with attempts at verification and peer review.

John Pinkney (1934-2018), journalist, writer (including the vampire novel "Thirst" which was the basis of the 1979 film of the same name), puzzle-maker and co-founder of the Victorian

Flying Saucer Research Society with Peter Norris & Kevin Arnett back in 1957, had a long career in journalism. His October 1978 headline media story on the Valentich story drew a lot of attention. He started writing paranormal and unexplained mystery columns that appeared in magazines like Pix-People. Through those he would get a lot of stories from readers and these would provide content for his many later books (such as "Haunted" (2011), "Great Australian Mysteries" (2003), "A Paranormal File: An Australian Investigator's casebook" (2000) and "Alien Airships over old America: Plus 18 other tantalizing mysteries" (2011)). But it was his first UFO book in 1980 "Alien Honeycomb – the first solid evidence of UFOs" that really caught my attention.

As an industrial chemist it quickly became evident to me that a prosaic answer seemed likely for the "Alien Honeycomb." Pinkney and I undertook a debate on the topic within the pages of the magazine he then wrote a column for (Pix-People) – "the Great UFO Debate" – the editor's title to our exchanges over 2 issues, although I had concluded that the material had nothing to do with UFOs – a position that put John and I in conflict at the time.

If only John had considered a fascinating and sobering anecdote in R.V. Jones remarkable book



"Most Secret War". During the Swedish "ghost rocket" flap of 1945-46, as then Director of British Scientific Intelligence, Jones stated, "since there had been allegedly hundreds of (ghost-rocket) sorties, there ought to be at least several crashed bombs already in Sweden, and yet nobody had ever picked up a fragment. I therefore said that I would not accept the theory that the apparitions were flying bombs from Russia until someone brought a piece into my office" It turned out that the Swedes had several pieces of a "bomb." "When I asked whether it had actually crashed, the answer was that it had not, but that various pieces had fallen off it," Jones wrote.

These fragments were forwarded to British Intelligence. Among them was "a lump 2 to 3 inches across that was hard, shiny, grey and porous." Although Jones knew what it was, he sent it to the Chemical Analysis Section at Farnborough. Many people in intelligence believed in the reality of the Russian flying bombs, and jumped upon the resultant analyses of one of the fragments: "... one of the lumps consist of more than 98 percent of an unknown element!"

Jones got in contact with the head of chemistry at Farnborough, who confirmed the startling result. "I then asked him whether he had taken a good look at the lump, and whether it had not struck him as being remarkably like an ordinary piece of coke. There was a gasp from the other end of the telephone as the penny dropped. No one had stopped to look at the material, in an effort to get the analysis made quickly, and they failed to test for carbon. The other lumps had similarly innocent explanations."

"Alien Honeycomb - the first solid evidence for UFOs" by John Pinkney and Leonard Ryzman was published during 1980. It professed to tell the story of a UFO explosion near Greenbank, Queensland, which led the authors to recovering some of the debris. They claimed it contained "unknown elements and configurations". The book revealed no details about chemical analyses and the authors resisted any attempt at confirmatory, independent analysis. They were only prepared to have their material examined by the United Nations. The story that allegedly connects the debris to a UFO is fragmentary and dubious. In fact, not enough information was given to verify a clear correlation. Subsequent investigation indicated the original discovery of the material by locals was covered by the Brisbane Telegraph on November 13th, 1970. The authors tried to link the debris with a sighting of a "flare" like "UFO" back in about 1966.

Pinkney and Ryzman indicated that most of the material was retrieved by RAAF officers, and then clandestinely dispatched to Pentagon testing laboratories. They presented absolutely no

evidence to back that statement up. The only reference to "Alien Honeycomb" I found in the RAAF files were internal memoranda from 1980.

DEFAIR CANBERRA wrote to HQOC - SOINT on August 1st, 1980, regarding "Confirmation of Data in Book 'Alien Honeycomb'":

"The text of the book is sufficiently vague to make tracing information from service records a very tiring and difficult task. A check of files held at Air Force Office has proven negative.

"Unfortunately, a 'no comment' or 'no information' response from the RAAF is only going to encourage this type of journalism. Accordingly, it is requested that HQOC initiate a check of records (including those of HQ AMB (Amberley - B.C.) for data which could relate to this matter".

A telex dated September 5, 1980, and categorised as "unclassified/routine", from HQOC to DEFAIR Canberra, stated:

"Further to ref A the following is retrans of info received from HQ AMB. Quote:

"1. Summaries of unidentified aerial sightings prepared by Dept of Air between mid 1968 and mid 1969 have been checked for mention of the case. No mention of that particular sighting appears in the summaries.

"2. This is unusual because it is our understanding that the summaries were comprehensive and not edited lists of reported sightings.

"3. Unless requested by command the HQ does not propose to take this matter further".

I didn't see any evidence of a dark, pervasive cover up there. Other RAAF files refer to retrieval of mundane debris, but none refer to the Greenbank "alien honeycomb". More likely the key to this affair is languishing, not in a UFO or UAS file, but in aircraft accident files. Greenbank is not far from Amberley RAAF Base).

As an industrial chemist and someone who was promoting serious research into possible physical evidence for UFOs, I was interested in finding out more when the book first appeared. The authors did not assist independent research into their material. Based on visual assessments, I had felt it was most likely of man-made manufacture, but I couldn't quite place it. So I contacted a fellow industrial chemist from Ciba Geigy, who helped me out. From information and discussion, I concluded the material was probably AEROWEB high strength honeycomb, some of which is made from fiberglass - a clearly human-sourced material. Soon other researchers, such as Paul Hebron, of UFO Research (Queensland) (to who I owe the heading "Not so alien honeycomb"), had acquired samples of the material from the site in question. A researcher working for sceptic Dick Smith received some of

"alien honeycomb" from the same person who provided the "Alien Honeycomb" authors with their material. A clear relationship was established between this material and the material held by Pinkney and Ryzman. Dick Smith financed an analysis through Unisearch laboratories, and not surprisingly confirmed that the "alien honeycomb" was not so alien - it was fiberglass! So much for "the first solid evidence of UFOs." More compelling examples of unusual debris or material related to UFO events have been documented. However, in this case it was clear that the material had nothing to do with UFOs.

"CLASSIFIED: SECRET AUSTEO (AUSTRALIAN EYES ONLY)"

We met at a location in Parramatta on August 1st, 1990. The topic of confidential discussion was a strange tale about extraordinary activity at an Australian military research facility. I had requested a face to face meeting with my informant - a journalist. She was telling me a startling story told to her by a senior RAAF mechanic.

According to the tale, sometime prior to 1985, the mechanic had been seconded, along with various other personnel, to work on between 12 to 14 strange "craft", held at a secure hangar facility. Most of the "craft" were very unusual in appearance like "Star Wars" type craft, with strange projections underneath. Only one was round in appearance, and was apparently 12 feet in diameter. Some of the objects had been

opened. Some seemed very complex, others were very simple looking, with what appeared to be hydraulics, seemingly totally inconsistent, with their apparent purpose space travel.

The seconded personnel were apparently very frightened of this work. They did not know what they might encounter. Creatures had been recovered from some of these craft. They were reportedly several types, but the mechanic was best informed on 2 "males", who were identical to human beings externally, but had completely different internal organs, save for smaller lungs. The entities were deceased.

The mechanic took his partner, my informant, out to the boundary fence of the complex and pointed out the hangar facility where he had been forced to work. He was convinced that the "craft" were not from this world. My informant, a journalist, accepts the story her former partner told her. She herself saw a UFO in the Salisbury area and seemed convinced of some sort of connection with the strange claims of the RAAF man. I asked the woman to put me in contact with him, but to date no confirmation from him or anyone else for that matter has occurred. Other stories however continue to emerge.

The facility in question was the Weapons Research Establishment (WRE) at Salisbury, a RAAF/Defence Science and Technology Organisation (DSTO) operation, where AUSTEO (Australian Eyes Only) security prevails. The Defence Research Centre at



Salisbury (DRCS), north of Adelaide, is Australia's largest research and development complex, with 3 key defence labs (Advanced Engineering, Electronics research and weapons systems research), employing more than 2700 scientists, engineers, technicians and back up personnel.

These labs are also connected with smaller facilities elsewhere, such as the Aeronautical Research Laboratory (ARL), Melbourne. DRCS has the advantage of RAAF Edinburgh Air Force Base next door, with its important research and aircraft testing facilities. One of the most interesting developments to come out of DRCS was Project Winnin or the Hoveroc, an anti ship missile decoy. It is a hovering cigar shaped solid fuel rocket that can be launched and then hovers and provides controlled sideways movement an extraordinary achievement.

Because I had been accessing, researching and documenting Australian government and military investigations, with direct access between 1982 and 1984, I was coming into contact with many high level players. This allowed me to bounce some of growing body of UFO crash tales with very credible individuals. For example, George Barlow, deputy chief scientist at DSTO, told me this story had no credibility for him. DSTO had their own mechanics and wouldn't need RAAF mechanics.

SALISBURY SAUCERS?

The late Quentin Fogarty (a primary witness in the famous Kaikoura New Zealand sightings and author of "Let's hope they're friendly! The remarkable story behind the world's first verified film encounter with an unidentified flying object" (1982)) shared with me an intriguing "UFO crash retrieval" type tale (or a tale of a saucer shaped experimental vehicle), he had heard from a journalist friend, who was one of the alleged participants. Quentin told me that sometime during the seventies the TV crew camera man known to him had allegedly been at Salisbury, in South Australia, as part of a media contingent, apparently involved in a corporate film, or some such similar project, for the RAAF. During their presence at the facility they wandered off without a military escort. They came upon a hangar which housed a saucer type of craft. Their examination of it was cut short with the arrival of military security who hurried them away very quickly and pressured them to not disclose what they had seen. Such stories are of an apocryphal nature and do not invite a lot of confidence. In isolation they are just provocative stories. When such stories start to pop up on a regular basis, it is reasonable to ask what is going on. Are these tales legitimate or are they the stuff of "urban legends"?

APOTHEOSIS - fact or fiction?

Australian businessman James Kibel (the 1966 Balwyn UFO polaroid photographer), who travelled extensively overseas, told me that he had been shown the title page and introduction of a document purporting to describe an Australian operation called either Operation or Project APOTHEOSIS. Apotheosis means either exaltation to the rank of a god, the glorification of any person or a deified or glorified ideal, perhaps a fitting title? The document allegedly referred to "modules" and "aliens" being ready for transfer from an Australian facility.

Kibel indicated to me he believed the facility in question was Salisbury. He claims to have sighted the document in Britain, via a Ministry of Defence contact. The "briefing report" was allegedly dated around 1986 or 1987, and was apparently from an Air Vice Marshall Mackay to a General Richards, at least that's what he recollects. I have discussed this material with a number of people who might be privy to this sort of information. No one was able to confirm these details. James Kibel even suggested that it might prove hazardous to pursue the APOTHEOSIS connection. Such concerns have not materialized. The only connection to UFOs I have found to date with the word Apotheosis comes from a less than convincing source. The second volume of bizarre collections of wild UFO conspiracy fodder appearing under the title The Matrix II: The Abduction & Manipulation of Humans using advanced technology" thanks "Nexus Seven" for selections from his 1989 unpublished manuscript Top Secret/Apotheosis - A Multilateral Set of Hypotheses. Was this unlikely connection the inspiration of the Apotheosis story?

Such tales, while curious are proof of nothing. They however give substance, albeit of a dubious kind, to the widely held belief that secret UFO activity and research has been carried out for years at remote sites and restricted areas in various locations including South Australia (Salisbury, Woomera, and the Nullarbor), Northern Territory (Pine Gap), and New South Wales (near the St. George Basin on the south coast).

PINE GAP PARANOIA

Pine Gap (code named 'Merino') located near Alice Springs and described as a "Joint Defence Space Research Facility", has long been a subject of concern and attracted some mystique, principally because of its clandestine role in intelligence gathering. Much is known about its sensitive role as a ground station for the US defence satellite programme and its part in the NSA and CIA presence in Australia. With this sort of shadowy activity, it should not be surprising that Pine Gap has become a focus of a number of apocryphal UFO related stories.

The now defunct Nation Review reported on Pine Gap's role in "sci-fi research" in its "Spying Around" column, in 1974. William H. Martin stated:

"The Pine Gap research facility near Alice Springs has managed to keep secret, until now, one of the most unbelievable research projects in the world. The United States has been carrying out continuous research into electromagnetic propulsion (EMP for short) at Pine Gap since it was established in 1966 ...

"I understand that last minute flaws in the design and operation of the EMP vehicles have probably put the completion date back by four years (to 1979). Research into electromagnetic propulsion began in the United States soon after world war two. After some successful results it became necessary to move the experimentation from populated areas to more remote spots....

"Security aspects of the EMP project have included hypnotic and post hypnotic keys implanted in personnel prior to their acceptance into the project"

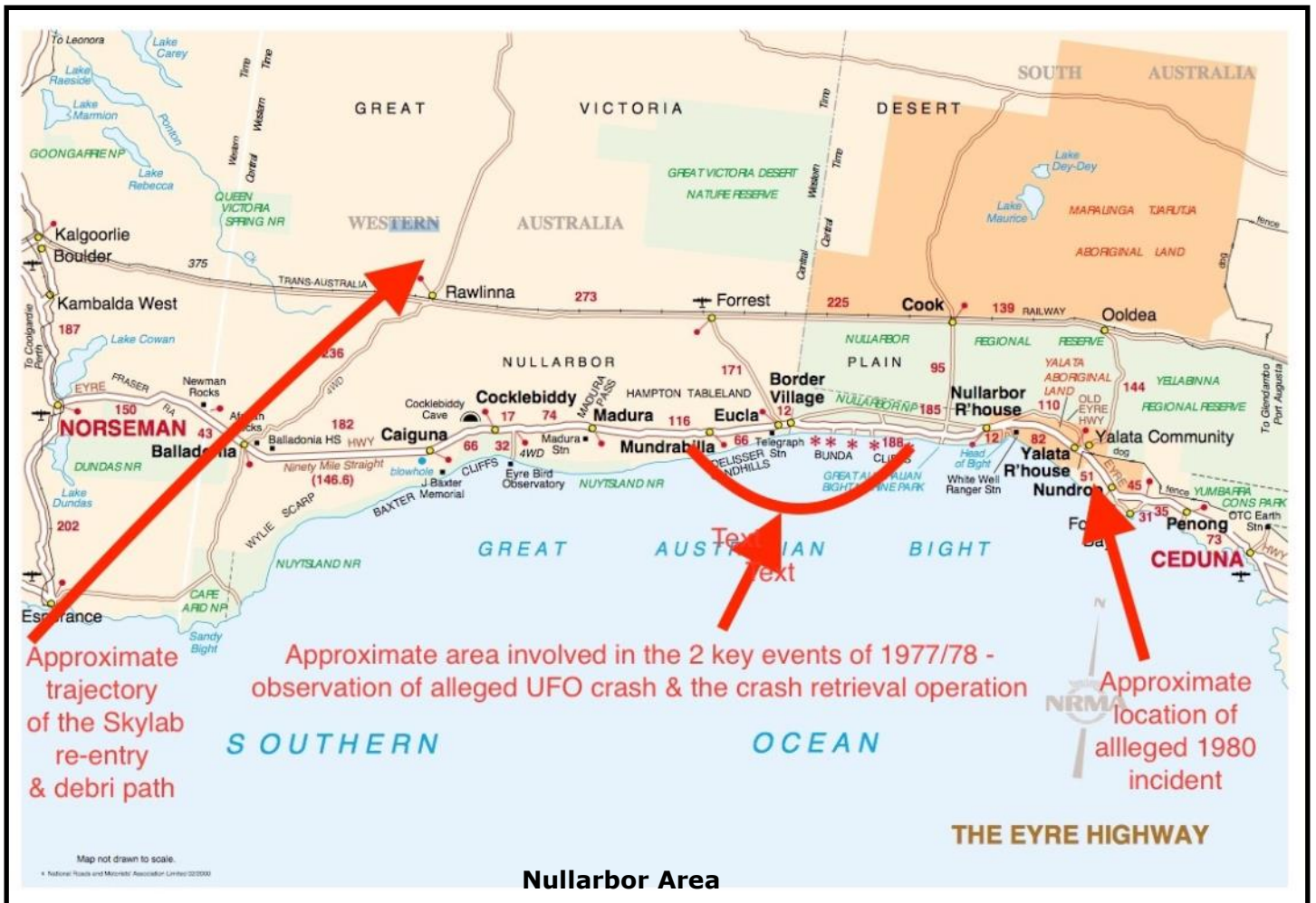
Given William H. Martin was apparently a pseudonym for a writer on intelligence matters and the name of a major NSA defector, perhaps the pseudonym was an inside joke. Nothing further appeared on that curious account, except for Stan Deyo's airing of the same story in his book "The Cosmic Conspiracy" in 1978. He was a proponent

of top secret "flying saucer" research or what he referred to as "electro gravitic propulsion systems".

Retired NASA scientist and UFO researcher Dr. Richard Haines alludes to an undated newspaper story, describing how a Perth newspaper received two visitors claiming to be Pine Gap employees. They allegedly spoke of "electromagnetic devices which manifested themselves as UFOs and even alien beings at Pine Gap." Professor John Frodsham of Western Australia was told of the experience of 3 roo shooters, who alleged that at about 4.30 am, one morning, from a ridge overlooking Pine Gap, they witnessed a camouflaged door open up within the facility. A circular metallic looking craft rose vertically and silently and then took off at high speed.

The Nullarbor UFO crash saga

For the first time I will give a detailed account of the complex and convoluted saga that may described 2 separate accounts of possibly the same "UFO crash" event on the Nullarbor during the 1970s. There will be repetitions, as I am attempting to describe this situation in the manner it came to notice, and then how various threads appeared to start to overlap and suggest the possibility of one event, from two different sources and perspectives. The affair is still far from resolved, and should be considered as a case study of how complex and difficult such investigations can be.



This account focuses on a reported "UFO crash" event that apparently took place on the Nullarbor, near the South Australian border with Western Australia, in about 1977/78, and possible related matters. Intriguingly, this event may have been described by 2 separate parties - initially around 1995 by a person who alleged they were witness to the crash of the object, that they approached the crash site, with another person, and reportedly saw "aliens" in the damaged object. This encounter was interrupted by the apparent arrival of a covert "retrieval team." The 2 men were, allegedly, separately taken into custody. From 2013, a confidential source, who indicated he was a high level player in the Oceanic arm of a privatised programme conducting UFO/space retrievals and research, and who I had also been in intermittent communication with since 2007, started describing having participated with what may have been the same "UFO Crash" event, as a prominent participant in the "retrieval" operation.

The story will initially be described in the manner it was originally documented, then a more detailed accounting will be described.

Back in 1995-96 a source told me he knew of at least 3 separate UFO crashes in Australia. They were allegedly the focus of an operation devoted to retrievals of the objects and any beings present. Australian and US military teams, intent on "contact" apparently used individuals with histories of UFO encounters to help identify possible event locations. My source claims these individuals apparently come from military ranks. One alleged incident was described in great detail.

My source describes the following extraordinary incident, in which he claims to have been a direct participant. I have not been able to verify this story due to concerns that any attempt to check his bona fides may draw unwanted attention to him, a frustrating or convenient Catch 22, depending on your point of view. While the details seem unbelievable, I have heard various elements of the story as features in other unrelated episodes. This does not validate the story but it makes it at least a fascinating yarn that may yet yield confirmatory details.

According to the informant's story, in about 1977 a UFO, first seen as a purple green "fireball", was observed to "crash" near the South Australian, Western Australia border, some distance north of the Eyre Highway. A retrieval team was on location within hours and confirmed the presence of a large damaged object, completely unlike any conventional aircraft. Smaller than a Boeing, it had something of a triangular appearance. There was charcoal coloured debris present.

The team quickly verified that two men had already entered the crashed UFO. One of them, indicating he was with the transport division of

the Australian army, had emerged from the craft in a somewhat dazed condition. He stated that one of the UFO occupants was still alive. He was subjected to immediate decontamination procedures. The man's companion was apparently determined to be a US citizen. He was separated from the Australian and taken into custody.

Allegedly he was determined to be AWOL and was taken back to the U.S. The Australian army transport driver was subjected to standard interrogation procedures. He was returned to his vehicle and escorted to his destination and then relocated to Exmouth for two weeks of intensive interrogation and debriefing designed to ensure he was not a security threat to the operation.

The retrieval group verified the presence of two beings inside the craft. One was deceased. The other indicated signs of life, uttering a slight squealing noise possibly indicative of being in pain. Both appeared to be pot bellied, with arms that seemed thinner and longer than normal. They were both about 4'6" to 5' in height. Their eyes appeared to be wider than normal and looked black. No ears or hair was noticed. My informant did not participate in the actual removal of the beings and craft but allegedly verified that the site was totally cleaned up leaving no evidence of any crash incident.

The retrieval operation was allegedly part of a joint U.S.-Australian operation to recover alien technology and life forms. Military personnel who had been assessed and determined to have a history of verified UFO sightings, were used in an "outer cell" operation to locate apparent sighting "hot spots". Once the site was verified as active the retrieval/contact team was sent in. Operations of this nature were alleged to have occurred in the Nullarbor area and near Marble Bar. My source claimed he was aware of 4 apparent UFO crash events.

My source insists that what he told me and an associate is true. A certain bitterness enters his recollections, given what he claims to have gone through. There is much that I cannot describe because of concerns about his well being if the stories are true. He said to me, "You might think this shit, but it is true... All my stories would be verified." When I indicated that I would like to air these stories for the purpose of possible verification, and I indicated concern about possible repercussions for him, he had some misgivings.

He was concerned that there were things he had said that perhaps he should not have said, particularly to my associate who first heard his story in a non investigative setting. But then finally he concluded, "If they get wind of me, stiff shit!" This might be mere bravado or a nice flourish for a yarn spinner. Which is appropriate I cannot yet be certain. There was much in this

story that troubled me. Intriguing as this account is, it has not been confirmed.

Some possible tantalising links have surfaced that may be connected. For example, I have seen a JIO document originally classified SECRET that confirmed the Joint Intelligence Organisation maintained a secret document resource called the BOLIDE file. It seemed to be anchored to the premise that "UFOs" could involve the chance of retrieval of Soviet hardware and therefore contribute some useful intelligence.

It appeared that JIO had a "rapid intervention" capability as they had been able to institute prompt widespread ground searches in suspected "hardware" crashes. They did this through "special access" channels. This operation may be similar to US activity operating under the code name Project Moondust. Could this have been involved in the operation described by my source? Clearly further confirmatory information is required before any definite conclusions can be drawn.

Here is the "Secret" "Bolide file" reference I found in RAAF DOD files during June 1984. The memo was dated 10th April 1980, written by D. Evans, A/H ST ME Defence Sci. Tech. Intell. Branch, JIO, and addressed to Director of JIO, who at that time would have been A.W. McMichael. I had corresponded with Bob Mathams, the previous JIO/STI incumbent, who retired in 1979:

SECRET BOLIDE FILE

Director (Through D.DSTI)

10th April, 1980.

You were enquiring about a UFO reported from Western Australia late last year. I presume this was the sighting of a "fireball" over the Esperance area at about 7.45 am on 4th October, 1979.

2. The object in question was probably a meteorite. Unfortunately, the occurrence seems to be over dramatized because I believe the people in the reporting chain were still under the influence of the then recent Skylab re-entry affair which centred on Esperance. This appeared to be particularly so in the case of the W.A. co-ordinator of state emergency services Esperance, who rang the Department of Science in Canberra on several occasions about this matter. I gather from his report that the 4 October event was originally put down as a meteorite, but the co-ordinator thought otherwise and solicited further witnesses through the local newspaper.

3. This brought forth a series of further reports which reinforced his opinion that of it not being a meteorite. He then instigated a light aircraft search of an area some 70 miles north of Esperance where explosions had been heard, and our last word from him, around mid October, was that further searches were to be arranged.

I checked with his contact at the Department of Science today, but nothing further has been heard from the co-ordinator about the 4 October event.

4. Incidentally, soon after the initial report, we instigated through "special access" channels a search over a 1,500 nautical nm radius of Esperance, and covering the time frame of the reported sightings, but with nil results. I feel we must accept it as a meteorite. The general direction of travel SE to NW is outside the limits of possible re-entries from satellites launched to date.

(D.Evans)

A/H ST ME

Defence Sci. & Tech. Intell. Branch, JIO.

10 April, 1980.

Now, the Nullarbor UFO crash story was described in a more circumspect way in my 1996 book "The OZ - the Australian UFO Story", which deliberately sort to obscure who was the witness to the event, as we were currently investigating the case (1995-96) and were concerned about drawing attention to our "source." I therefore wrote the book account in a more neutral way.

My publisher mixed up which draft manuscript to use for publication. While the differences in the overall finished publish book were minor, the corrected edition appeared as the "reprint" edition. This appeared about a month and a half after the first print run sold out (a few months after initial publication).

Here is the first edition version of the Nullarbor "crash retrieval" story:

"A more complicated story was told to me by a man who claims to have been involved in actions following a UFO crash on the Nullarbor soon after it had happened. Two men, one an American, were on the Eyre Highway near the border between South Australia and Western Australia in 1977 when they saw a purple-green fireball crash nearby. They came to the place and one of them entered the craft where he found two aliens, one dead and the other uttering a slight squealing noise. Both in appearance were pot-bellied, about one and a half metres tall, and had long, thin arms. Their eyes were large and black, and there were no ears or hair. When the man emerged from the wreck he found military personnel on the scene, who arrested his friend and himself and took them away from the crash site. The American disappeared (apparently he was absent without leave from the armed services) and the Australian, who was also a soldier, was put in custody for two weeks and persuaded that what he had seen was a normal aircraft crash. He claims that he has subsequently heard of several other UFO crashes which have been cleared up in great secrecy by

Bill Tom Faith

Revealed: SA's alien

New book tells of our close encounters

Family's terror in Nullarbor incident

Adelaide

Alleged Nullarbor crash scene

the military."

So this was the version that appeared in the first print run of a few thousand copies, which quickly sold out. You need to understand that we were already investigating the story, so its publication would not have coloured the account that had been emerging from the Adelaide based informant in the preceding year or so. What concerned us was whether the "light" exposure of the story in

the book would bring unwanted attention to the informant from official or clandestine parties, or even pressure him to "disappear" from "investigative attention" (namely from myself & my friend in Adelaide).

Here is the version that should have been initially published. It appeared in the reprint edition. The original edition & reprint came out only a few months apart. This version was intended to

obscure who was the source of the story.

"One particularly fascinating experience was told to me by a person connected with the retrieval of a UFO on the Nullarbor Plain. In 1977 a purple and green fireball crashed near the border between South and Western Australia, some distance north of the Eyre Highway. A military retrieval team arrived within hours and found a large, damaged craft, smaller than a Boeing and triangular in shape. There was charcoal-coloured debris scattered about. Two other men had already arrived on the scene and entered the craft, where there were two aliens, one dead and the other uttering a slight squealing noise. They were pot-bellied, about one and a half metres tall, and had long, thin arms. They had large black eyes.

"My informant did not know what happened to the wreckage or the occupants, but insisted the retrieval was part of a combined U.S.-Australian operation which specialised in such work. One of the men who had first found the wreckage was an American serviceman, who disappeared afterwards. The other man, an Australian likewise a member of the armed forces, was put in custody for two weeks and persuaded that what he had seen was the crash of a normal aircraft. My informant claimed he had heard of several other UFO crashes which had also been cleared up in great secrecy by the military."

It was the initial published version that was the source and focus of the South Australian Sunday Mail story that appeared soon after the book's release. This newspaper story in South Australia was apparently the only Australian newspaper focus on the "crash retrieval" stories on the Nullarbor during the publicity period associated with the release of my 1996 book "The OZ Files." While extensive, most of the media attention was on the Kelly Cahill case – an abduction episode, that opened my book. I had started investigating the original claim in 1995. The witness was living in Adelaide.

The other side of possibly the same story, described by the "retrieval operation" participant, came from him (as a Melbourne based person) initially in 2013, long after my book (1996), the news story (1996) and the magazine story (1997) had come out.

Here is investigation background that informed the story that was used in "The OZ Files" (1996 – first edition (& reprint)), the South Australian Sunday Mail newspaper (21/7/96) and the 1997 "UFOlogist" magazine article.

I had learnt from an Adelaide based friend in May, 1995 that there was a 47-year-old man, L. M., who began telling her some UFO stories, most directly involving himself. She had met him initially in meetings related to a housing cooperative group (that was attempting to provide low cost housing

to people in need), which she had joined at about the same time as L. M. – circa March, 1995. Apparently L. M. was "down on his housing luck". My friend found the cooperative a rather toxic organisation, and ultimately left it in about 2000. She had no further contact with L. M.

In the course of casual conversations in the background of cooperative meetings, and in private meetings between the 2 of them, the topic of UFOs came up and he started to describe what seemed to be a "rich history" of personal UFO experiences. Some of these experiences had apparently taken place while he served in the Australian army. He had joined the army in about 1966 serving until about 1982-83, mainly as a transport driver. After leaving the army he continued in transport work for a number of years. The fragments of UFO experiences that began to emerge in these conversations, reached a point where they seemed interesting enough that my friend thought an attempt should be made to try to get some details, with a view to passing them onto to me.

My friend got an opportunity to record an initial conversation on 20 May, 1995, where L. M. described an event involving a number of vehicles being affected by UFOs near Marla, in northern South Australia, on the main road from Alice Springs to Adelaide, around 1983. L.'s vehicle, a car driven by an elderly couple towing a caravan and eventually 2 separate police cars were affected that night. The event seemed to involve police car pursuits of UFOs, multiple vehicle stoppages, plus an Air Force aircraft having "all its instruments (go) haywire" while flying in the area. There also may have been a civilian aircraft involved as well. It seemed UFOs were affecting vehicle operations. Eventually L. with his truck, the elderly couple with their vehicle & caravan and officers in 2 police vehicles had stopped ostensibly due to the presence and apparent effects of "strange lights." Headlights went out and motors engines stopped functioning. L. described earlier sightings (in the mid 1960s) near Pinnaroo (a possible landing with trace marks) and over Kangaroo Island. He also indicated a possible "missing time" episode between Broome and Port Headland, near Sand Fly Flats, involving 3 trucks/caravans drivers. L. M. said he had "more complicated" UFO related experiences while in army service, but indicated he was "not allowed to talk about it." There was a suggestion of "a task force" "observing whatever was out there", and he stated "something was out there" in the Outback. In the context of this first recorded interview L. M. was vague with dates, but some events suggested an overlap with his time of military service.

My friend shared this tape with me. It was in a second extended recorded interview my friend did,

dated 2 September, 1995, where L. M. was slowly becoming a bit more forthcoming, but always saying he had to be careful what he said, or that maybe he had said too much. He covered the event near Marla again, and then started talking about an event near the South Australian border with Western Australia, along the Nullarbor.

It seemed that the airing on Adelaide TV of a Roswell UFO crash special in 1995, a few days before the September 1995 interview may have stirred L. into tentatively starting to talk about his own alleged experiences. My friend's interview contains a reference by her talking to L. mentioning he having seen the Roswell show and them both talking about it. In terms of what this program was, the only two specific Roswell related programmes I was aware of, were 2 separate segments on the original "Unsolved Mysteries" programme hosted by Robert Stack and the movie "Roswell." The first "Unsolved Mysteries" segment "Roswell" was aired on US TV on 20 September 1989 and repeated on 24 January 1990. Back in those days US series would turn up on Australian TV a few months, at least, after their US debut, and rarely near to the original US release date. An update "Unsolved Mysteries" episode addressing the Roswell crash and Area 51 aired in the US on 18 September 1994. This Update segment may well have been what was referred to on the September 1995 taped interview. The other candidate was the made for TV movie release in the US on 31 July 1994 as "Roswell" and in Australia as a video release called "Incident at Roswell" perhaps during 1995. There may have been a TV release in Australia during 1995. So on balance, it appears that it may have been the second Unsolved Mysteries segment that L. M. and my friend had viewed and discussed.

Interestingly it was 2 other movies that had content that approximated L.'s claimed experience. The first of these was the mini-series "Intruders" inspired by Budd Hopkins book of the same name. It aired in the US during 1992. In Australia it aired on Sydney TV during May 1992 (Source: Bill Chalker, "Taken down under" Part 2 (International UFO Reporter (IUR), Fall, 2003 issue) and in Adelaide South Australia during July 1992 (Source: Keith Basterfield, "Australian Abduction Research 1990-1992" IUR, Sept/Oct, 1992). While the show focused on alien abduction narratives, there was a sub-plot that dealt with a soldier who was languishing in a psychiatric hospital, who would describe the source of his malaise as being due to an experience of investigating a crash UFO on the outskirts of Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico. He enters the damaged UFO which has some dead aliens and one living one. His encounter is interrupted by the arrival of a military team and he is taken away, eventual ending up in psychiatric care for his troubles. The other movie was actually

made on the Australian Gold Coast for the US Sci-Fi TV cable channel in 1993. "Official Denial" (scripted by Bryce Zabel of "Dark Skies" fame, and now co-host with Ross Coulthart, of the "Need to Know" podcast) had a far more limited release in Australia. I encountered it on video release and don't recollect seeing it on TV. It had a UFO crash where a military retrieval team entering the UFO, with one officer killing aliens, leaving one that survives, which is held in a secure facility. Communication with it only occurs via an abductee, then its escape is facilitated by the facility commander supporting the abductee. Turns out the "alien" is from our future. It is not clear if "Intruders" (and less likely "Official Denial") had any influence on L. M.'s recollections, or whether he had seen either program.

Returning to my Adelaide friend's September 1995 taped interview, slowly a fragmented narrative of an event emerged. It became clearer to my friend over more than 3 hours of developing narrative and discussion that L. M. was then describing an experience that occurred during his period of army service. It became clearer that he was describing what seemed to be a UFO crash that he and a friend had witnessed, while driving a truck across the Nullarbor, that both had approached a large damaged object on the ground, and they entered this object and encountered 2 beings. His companion returned to their vehicle, while L. remained inside the damaged object. L. described seeing that one of the beings was alive. He was aware that this being was reaching out to him, then there was some sort of sound. Then the situation seemed interrupted with the arrival of a team, seemingly military – an apparent UFO retrieval team. He was escorted out of the object, hosed down, and then taken into custody. He would learn that his friend, who had returned to their vehicle, was found at the vehicle by elements of the retrieval operation and taken into custody. L. would never see his friend again, but apparently understood, that as an American military person, he was taken back to the US. L. M. indicates he himself was taken to Albury for 2 days, and eventually taken by an Australian plane to Exmouth, where he experienced a heavy handed debrief and interrogation.

So the narrative seemed to establish, that during 1977/78 (accurate date not known), L. M., an Australian Army transport driver (whose period of service in the army has been confirmed for me by investigative journalist Ross Coulthart during 2020 (upon learning that L.M. had passed away, and there was no longer any concern of him being targeted)), was driving a truck across the Nullarbor, from Adelaide, where he was stationed, heading west to Perth, Western Australia. In the vehicle with him, was an American soldier, (apparently absent without leave (AWOL)),

described by L. M. as his "mate", who was named Klaus (German in origin, but an American citizen).

From the interviews (with editorial insertions, based on the full interview details, for clarity) :

"(From) Albury (around 2 a.m.) to the crash site (about 3 hours). (At the) crash site (about) 1 hour. (This suggest that L. M. and Klaus witnessed the crash about 5 am and "the retrieval team" may have arrived before 6 am).

"It was) like a fireball – purple, green – a bit of yellow. (It was) like a plane on "fire", like the back (was) on fire. (I) saw flames, purple. After it crashed, (there was) no fire, no nothing).

"(The) main fuselage (was) intact.

"I saw wreckage. I saw it coming over. I trucked over as far as I could off the road. We got out and went over. It looked just like a D -10 plane – 10 seater, about as big as that, charcoal colour – grey, but like a real dark grey.

"(There was wreckage) all over the place, spread over a fair distance. The main section was pretty flat, like an oval shape, elliptical like a plane.

"I didn't get too close to it (initially).

"I looked inside, can't tell. There was something in there, more than one, one alive. The other, I don't know.

"I was there for $\frac{3}{4}$ of an hour to 1 hour.

"(They were) nothing like anything I had ever seen. People, shoulder height, skinny, Three?

"(They had) grey uniforms, silky colour. Funny sort of material.

"(Their) features: better not say too much ... (like Roswell?) Faces were a bit funny, (but) similar to ours.

"(Did they make any noise?)

"(It was a kind of) telepathic talking. (They) never said anything to me).

"(Their eyes, were they the black, wrap around eyes?) (They) seemed longer. (Nose?) No – like flat. (Mouth?) definite (mouth). (Hair?) ... I shouldn't be saying.

"Musky" sort of smell inside UFO.

"the person looked at me" – something happened, only heard a voice. (A) very faint squealing sound – like communicating to the other (like saying, keep still, keep still.

"I was going to reach over. He moved. The other moved back. I pulled my hand back.

"(There was) a green thing inside (the) craft – sparkling, sitting there, doing nothing? So big, like a diamond or ruby – 6 to 7 cms. (In terms

of was there lighting) – fluorescence?

"(Suddenly) Things came from everywhere. Yanks & all. Can't stand Yanks when they talk. (I was) held at gun point. "I got hosed down. I was wet afterwards."

"My mate Klaus (was) asleep in the truck. (They) caught him after. He had a look, went back to the truck. They got him.

"By 6 am (It was) all gone. They gave me breakfast. (He was taken (escorted) to) Albury for 2 days, (then) (they) flew me to Exmouth on (an) Australian plane.... (There he was subjected to a) medical for 2 hours. (L.) alleges, "I hit one of them (military policeman), then grabbed a doctor. (They) told me to calm down. You don't have to be so rough. (He was given an) injection. He woke up groggy.

"(There), (L.) was principally interrogated by an American team of 7 specialists, for about a week. (Eventually) there were 12 around the table interrogating, firing questions. Yanks asked most questions. Australians (were) there. The Americans described the place as like a "resort hotel." (An) Australian, (insisted), "It was a plane, OK, that's it." L. eventually said, "Alright, I thought it was a plane, that's why."

"(They didn't grill you about when the alien looked at you?) – "No."

L. M. indicates he is aware of at least 3 separate UFO crash events in Australia, including the Nullarbor event. Apparently soon after his Exmouth experience, he was seconded into a military group – "a special task force" - that tried to carry out a rapid intervention capability.

"They got me to join to keep me quiet." (I spent) about 4 or 5 years in "task force."

In one case near Marble Bar, north west Western Australia, "Yanks wouldn't let any Australians near it – heard on radio – there was an unidentified plane going down. Trace it to other side of Marble Bar – no plane – has to be a UFO. (They) hear a "bang" – all vehicles (were instructed) to proceed to Marble Bar. "A big crescent" – American security police kept Australians away.

In the September 1995 interview L. M. described an event referred to as "the desert landing", which he would not talk about, that to my friend, seemed as if "the texture of this is too strong." "The desert landing was a bigger event than the crash, that he was personally involved and suffered at the hands of the Americans." These statements are drawn from my friends "after thoughts" after the September 1995 interview she had undertaken for me. She felt L. M. may have regretted talking and disclosing what he did, as she had indicated in her interview with him, "My mate, Bill, is very

interested."

I had a brief conversation with L., but he would talk down his concerns, insisting that what he told me and my friend is true. A certain bitterness entered his recollections, given what he claims to have gone through. He said to me, "You might think this shit, but it is true... All my stories would be verified." When I indicated that I would like to air these stories for the purpose of possible verification, and I indicated concern about possible repercussions for him, he had some misgivings. He was concerned that there were things he had said that perhaps he should not have said, particularly to my friend, who first heard his story in a non investigative setting. But then finally he concluded, "If they get wind of me, stiff shit!" That may have been mere bravado or a nice flourish for a yarn spinner, but which is appropriate, I cannot yet be certain. It seemed, to my friend, that L. M. was anti- American, and that this attitude was a consequence of his direct personal experiences of being in an "ultra secret task force", which had been involved in Australian events, but had also taken him to the US.

My friend described L. M. being in pain all the time, around this 1995 period, through to the end of their contact, around 2000. He had been injured, he believed, in his transport driving work.

To my friend, L. seemed very self conscious and with self esteem issues. He appeared shy and passive. She felt he was not someone who would make up a story. To her, he seemed to be of average intelligence, but under confident. Although very impressed by the story that L. told, the distance from its original telling, through difficulties of getting him to further elaborate the details of the alleged event, to ultimately the increasing difficulty of making any further contact with him, started to give her doubts. My friend started to feel, as he was "all over the shop," that he had "probably heard it from someone else." She would much later, start to feel that maybe his halting, intermittent recollections and way of telling the UFO crash story, could probably be explained by L. M. having heard the story second hand, from someone close to him, perhaps each a close family member. She told me, "I reckon he heard it from someone else (and that it may be) a second hand story." I have made some enquiries along these lines, but that have not provided any further solid information.

Still, the possibility exists that L. M.'s knowledge of this matter, may have emerged from close family ties. However, it should be noted that it could well be that the experience belongs to L. M. and that the manner and circumstances of its telling to my friend, and in a more circumspect manner, to me, reflect his circumstances in 1995,

and the impact of what L. M. alleged he had gone through, during the described event, and in the claimed post event debrief/interrogations, and in his claimed role, as part of a team that was allegedly involved in some other UFO events, while he was a member of the Australian army – all of which, if true, would have had significant mental and physical health consequences.

My friend confirmed to me in June, 2020, that the tapes she made are my tapes now, and that this matter is now my story. While she is prepared to support the story in non-public ways, she does not want to be caught up in the public airing of the story.

Unfortunately, by March 2020, my friend and I had determined that L. M. had passed away during August, 2014, at the age of 66. I have been through a list of 10 people in the white pages (residential listings), most in South Australia, with limited success. Despite a number of repeat call efforts, only one person knew him (distant relation), but really didn't know much about him. Another 2 did not know him (same address, 2 different numbers). A third was not applicable. The rest have yet to respond to messages (3) or there was no answer (2), and one with incoming call restrictions.

Now to the other account which may or may not be about the same event.

The PROGRAM source story

From my numbered notes of my initial face-to-face meeting in 2013 with a source (PS: Program Source) who claims to be an alleged senior member of Australian region secret group which conducts research and retrieval of UFOs and aliens – allegedly part of a privatised worldwide organisation which was put into place circa 1972-1973 based on an operational template developed by this man and his boss. This development ostensibly marked the transition of the official secret UFO study from a military intelligence operation to a privatised operation made up of selected representatives of major aerospace military contract type organisations which works on a worldwide basis.

Notes (numbered) taken from 2013 conversation (14, 15, 16, 17, 18):

Two further meetings (as recently as 2019 were partially recorded – so there is a lot more detail of this alleged incident and the whole complex story of this persons alleged involvement in the so-called "Project" or "Program") plus extensive email exchanges and some phone calls.

14: When it came to UFOs – they do crash – laws of our nature – our physics – so much more advanced, but still can't overcome issues on Earth. 1977 -78 – very hot summer – after Valentich –

– incident – I was involved (via (REDACTED by me – B.C.) to get involved – picked up by helicopter) – somewhere in WA/SA – Eucla – 20 km N/W – WA side of border – deployed team – 20 military first – “our green team went in there” – actually a genuine case

15: Some debris – there were “entities – they are not “creatures” – not inferior – “entities” – 2 deceased – one did live for a few days – the site was cleaned up in 3 days – taken to Salisbury, some overseas.

It was shocking for me, being operations and administration, I was never actually involved in field operations - too busy with issues with staff.

I saw the bodies under the sheets with the feet exposed. Army guys involved. One of the science team had psychological trauma. They were dealt with – fairy tale stuff.

16: Military science employed for their insightfulness – not conventional – probably the reason for my involvement – on “the panel” for deployment – some don’t have diplomas or degrees – “wasted” – “Brains” from the Thunderbirds would be inducted.

17: Do not stare at them for more than 3 or 4 seconds – some kind of overload. One of the scientists from the panel was overwhelmed – taken debriefing.

18: There has been some contact.

I travelled for hours in a helicopter – 3 days – stinking hot in W.A. (above case) – others clean it up – read a lot of overseas cases.

During a 3 December 2019 with my Program source (PS) in Sydney I was allowed to record our conversation.

Here is a transcript of a part of our conversation, where I focused on the Nullarbor crash story he first told me about in 2013, per my notes of our discussion (above):

(PS: Program Source; BC: Bill Chalker)

BC: You mentioned to me previously on a number of occasions that the only time you went out in the field, back in the day, was that event in South Australia

PS: Near the border

BC: Near the Western Australia border. Now, I had somebody who talked to me, possibly about the same event (PS: Right) who was allegedly one of 2 gentlemen inside the craft (PS: Yes) when the retrieval team arrived

PS: I know one of them, I know him very well. I know the person, because I was there. I know what happened.

BC: Was that someone who was part of the retrieval team?

PS: Yes.

BC: No, I’m talking about 2 people who were actually driving (PS: Oh, Yes) when the event occurs (PS: Yes, Yes) and they were actually inside, and coming out, when -

PS: They were supposedly civilians, were they?

BC: Well, both kind of military, one of them was American, and an Australian (PS: Yes, there was), one of them, I think the American, somewhat absent without leave (AWOL) (PS: yeah), heading back to where he should have been, then this event occurs. The 2 get separated, and the information I got was from the Australian (PS: Right), indirectly. It was kind of, an interesting story. Then, you tell me your experience (PS: Yes)

PS: Yes, Um. Yes, I don’t know ... What was the point you were making with that?

BC: The point I am making there, is that, here is a guy, who was seemingly in the Australian military, and then was subsequently used as an asset, because they were using different ways or qualities of people that, I guess of people who were psychically aware or attuned to this stuff, and they were using it as kind of a (PS: No) ... lead in to predict where some of these things were going to happen.

PS: Nope.

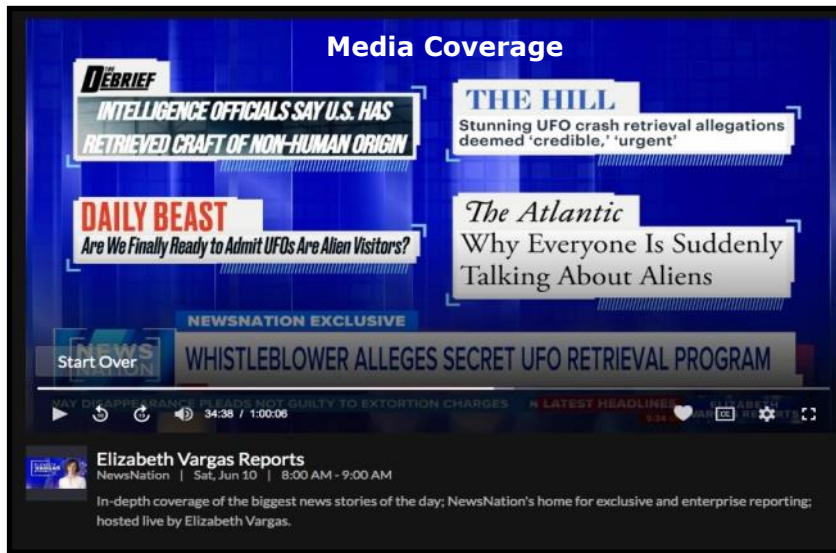
BC: You don’t accept that?

PS: I don’t accept that. No.

BC: I was there and I know what was going on. We organised it. We organised the retrieval. I flew in there. I know who was there and who wasn’t there. But, there was, there was an American guy, there was another guy, that did go in, and ... totally disorientated when they came out. One of them was terribly sick, and the other guy was told to shut up, and don’t talk about it again.

BC: Right. And what was that related to, coming into contact with the beings that were there?

PS: Yes. There was one alive, alive for a short time. I actually didn’t see the whole body. I only saw the bottom end, I think I may have told you, I only saw, there was a sheet covering, one was bought out, I only saw the bottom part, the leg, bottom section, I didn’t see the body, the torso or the face. But, the funny thing is, that one of the protocols that we had for retrievals, its worldwide, its not just in Australia, is that, if you come across an entity, that is alive, still ticking, don’t stare at it in the face, don’t stare at it in the eyes, because – from what, my understanding, I’m not a doctor, I’m not a specialist of any kind, but I talk to them



with my linkage to "psychic means." While this was an aspect of my original informant account, it came after the crash event – namely, allegedly being used in attempts to locate UFO events. Whether this was based on actual, well understood psychic activities, or whether it was more simply, a propensity for being "aware" or subject to frequent UFO events, is not clear. Additionally, it is unclear if my PS source was present with the initial team that went to the location involved (to secure the site?), or whether it was the retrieval team, which he describes. In my 2013 notes it is highlighted that military went in first, then the Program's "green team." It seems he was most involved

all the time, is that there's a telepathic thing going on, that can cause an overload. That's what happened in that particular case anyway. There was a complete overload. He totally went berserk, and that didn't just happen, confined to this particular event. It's happened quite a number of times.

BC: So you are saying that the person who told me of what appears to be the same story, that might have been BS?

PS: I'm not saying anything. I don't know about that. Honestly, I was there. I don't know. I don't remember that ... We never used anybody that had psychic abilities, or had some sort of remote viewing, or anything like this.

BC: But given that particular event, was there any awareness that somebody had gotten there first before the retrieval team?

PS: Uhm. From what I understand, no. There was something that happened during, but we were there for quite a while, I wasn't there right up to the very end, I had to leave, so I left. I'm just trying to think ... I'm trying to think of the name of the guy, I can't remember his name.

BC: How long were you there for, then?

PS: I was there for one and a half days, because we had to get the right assets in there, to actually execute the retrieval. There weren't many people around. It was a pretty remote area.

BC: What was the state of the object itself?

PS: It was 3 quarters intact, it was your typical, if you want to call it a UFO, flying saucer. Typically, it had rounded, but slightly, a little bit tear dropped to one end, it wasn't perfectly round. I've seen the photos. We've got the photos, they are still in existence, its all still in electronic storage.

BC: No chance of seeing those photos, I suppose? (I laugh)

In retrospect, I complicated this conversation,

with the latter aspect of the operation, namely the retrieval.

So from complex and convoluted trajectories two separate sources may be describing the same or similar event on the Nullarbor during the 1970s.

THE "BOB" ("Back of Bourke") EVENT

An extended investigation I undertook in outback Australia was attempting to verify claims of a mass witnessed UFO event that allegedly took place on the same day as the moon landing back in July 1969. The witnesses were claimed to be a large number of aboriginal children and women, along with two aboriginal missionaries. The story told describes the observation of a large UFO seen hovering for about half an hour. It then descended behind a hill. A large "mushroom cloud" went up from the spot. The two missionaries - names known to me - had been leading the flock in prayers, declared it was the "end of the world". The state of affairs that existed then and even now led to the event remaining unknown to white people in the area. However, the event held particular sway over at least one of the children. He approached me, because his own son and about 5 others in an aboriginal hunting party came across a strange debris field. The locality turned out to be in an area that coincided with the line of sight of the 1969 "crash" some 30 or so years earlier.

My primary informant became convinced that the recent "debris field" and the 1969 UFO "crash" event are linked. I extensively interviewed him and two of the recent hunting party. We undertook 3 ground surveys over very difficult terrain and conditions. I undertook an aerial video survey which revealed some areas of interest. The nature of the location suggested we would have to virtually walk directly over it to find it - no easy task given the locality and prevailing conditions. It was very difficult and exhausting work, however, our investigations to date suggest it was

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Sean Kirkpatrick, the Director of the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO), which the Department of Defense has tasked with studying UFOs

worthwhile to continue pursuing the story and its alleged "UFO debris field". Enquiries in this area and over a much larger outback and near outback region has yielded some fascinating information that suggests a rich heritage of UFO and Fortean type phenomena. In one area we have been looking into an intriguing photo anomaly recorded in a locality known for its strange aboriginal "sky being" lore and other strange features. The whole investigation has revealed a large amount of information about this fascinating strange heritage.

The "BOB" investigation reached something of an impasse because of a range of factors. We were not able to establish any significant debris field, that was both anomalous and consistent with the apparent lines of sight from the witness locations of the 1969 event. Regular so moving, but heavy silt laying, flood events, significantly impacted on location changes, making the location of any debris, much more difficult. Illness and other issues made follows up with the main witnesses.

Some changes of religious temperaments, perhaps bought about by major life threatening illnesses, caused the witness to cast further elaborations of the event in something of a religious prophetic event, to which I was asked to "bear witness" in a biblical sense. For me that was not something I did not want to participate in, some the investigation stall. However, the earlier phases of the investigation seemed compelling and allowed for the elaboration of a lot of compelling tangential events. The 1969 "BOB" event seemed initially compelling with indigenous witnesses. However, today, it remains in the "uncertain" category.

So my own extensive investigations in this fascinating area of UFO/UAP investigations remain inconclusive, falling far short of compelling "physical evidence" for "UFO crash retrievals" "down under". If anyone has relevant and verifiable information I would be pleased to hear from you.

Bill Chalker (Australia)



Characteristics Of Genuine UFOs

Gary Heseltine 2010

**There are eight characteristics of genuine UFOs—as
in non-human craft:**

- 1. Instant acceleration**
- 2. Instant stop**
- 3. High speed vertical ascent**
- 4. High speed vertical descent**
- 5. Right angled turns**
- 6. Instant reversal of direction of travel**
- 7. The ability to be visible and invisible**
- 8. *Silence (sometimes a low hum)**

Why Are So Many Flying Triangles Seen Over Wales, UK?

By Alan Foster (UK)



Although UFOs referred to as 'Flying Triangles' have been seen all over Earth, there have been some incredible cases of FT's seen over Wales, UK, over several decades. Most particularly, there was an event on the evening of 19th January 1983, in South Wales, where scores of objects were seen by many people over a large area covering several towns, which included mile-wide triangular objects, and multiple craft seen simultaneously. Witness testimony of several of the sightings was also reported in local media at the time.

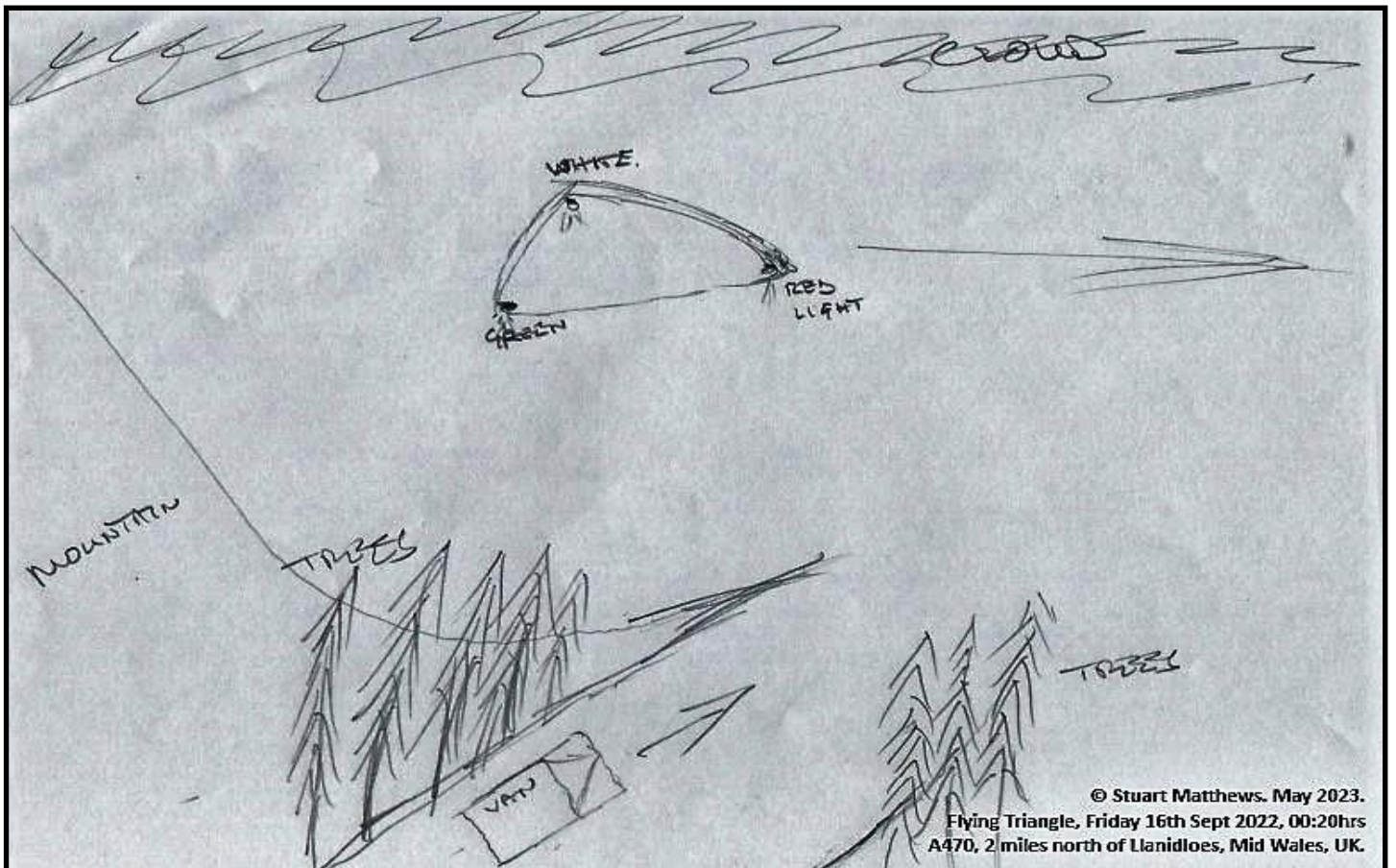
This event in 1983 in Wales is important in Ufological history, as it involved multiple witnesses watching various types of silent Flying Triangles, seen from different locations, which was reminiscent of other well-known cases such as the 'Belgian FT Wave' in late 1989 to early 1990, and the 'Phoenix Lights' case from 13th March 1997, which involved thousands of witnesses.

However, I was told about a case from a colleague of mine, of a recent sighting in Wales of another Flying Triangle, which shows that the phenomena is still ongoing. This encounter was witnessed by his father, Stuart Matthews, and Stuart has kindly

agreed to allow this report to be published. The following is in his own words:

16 SEP 2022—Flying Triangle, Mid-Wales

"I am a retired police officer, and I currently work as a courier-driver transporting blood and samples from south Wales to Wrexham in north Wales and back in one shift. I predominantly work evenings and was doing so on Thursday 15th September 2022. During my return journey, at around 00:20hrs on Friday 16th September 2022, I was driving along the A470, southbound, at a point no more than about 2 miles north of Llanidloes. At that location there is no street lighting, so it was very dark with only my van lighting the road ahead. It was a fine cool night, but cloudy. To my left, so on the eastern side, there is a mountain and trees encroaching close to the road. On the western side there are some tall trees close to the edge of the road, but fairly flat land behind it with fields and a river. There is virtually no other lighting from any buildings nearby. I was driving at roughly 50mph, (80 kmh), but no more than that. There are some fairly gradual bends there and the road at that point is pretty flat.



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Flying Triangle, Friday 16th Sept 2022, 00:20hrs
A470, 2 miles north of Llanidloes, Mid Wales, UK.

I drove around a shallow left-hand bend and then saw a red light ahead of me in the sky. It was a solid red light, so no flashing or flickering. It was moving pretty slowly from left (east) to right (west) across the road. I kept an eye on it and then saw two more solid lights come into view, they were green and white. They were all moving in the exact same direction and were equally spaced apart, forming a triangular shape. My initial thought was that they were separate lights but soon dismissed that and realised that they were attached to one object.

My initial reason for thinking they might be separate lights was because I could still see cloud around the lights and that they might have been just below or in the cloud. I could not see to what type of craft they were affixed, because there was no clearly defined edge. It was difficult to assess the size and height of it because its edges were pretty much invisible. Briefly I saw one defining edge from the front light to one of the back lights, which confirmed that it was likely to be triangular in shape. I then realised it was lower than the cloud height and no more than 200 metres above the ground. As a rough estimate to try and define the size, I saw that at one point the lights from front to back were at least the width of the road above me. The road there is probably some 12 to 15 metres wide. As it was no less than 50 metres and possibly as high as 200 metres it must have been significantly bigger than 15 metres long.

As I was continuing to drive, all be it slower, the lights went from view as I passed under them. I decided to stop to get another look at them to see if I could identify what the craft was. When I stopped, another vehicle was approaching me, so I had to wait for it to pass before getting out. After it cleared me, I got out and looked behind my van to where I expected the lights to be. I had lost sight of it briefly, but then saw the lights again further up the road on the western side of the road by the fields. It appeared to be lower and still moving in the same direction and speed. I saw it briefly through a gap in the trees, but even though it was brief and was further away it looked a little more defined and identifiable as triangular in shape, but didn't appear to be thick as with the fuselage of a plane. At no point did I see a clearly definable structure, so no metal frame, lines, wings, engines or rotors. It's difficult to describe, but it's like it had something to disguise the shape like a type of camouflage blending it with the surroundings, so it is odd that the lights were so clearly visible. What also struck me was that it made no noise.

It was too low and moving too slowly to be a plane. It was the wrong shape, dimensions, and light positioning to be helicopter. If it was some kind of drone, it was huge, but as with all three

those craft it would have made some noise. I heard no engine noises or motors. I have never seen anything like it previously nor since. But I do look to the skies with greater interest since that night."

**I am happy for this account to be printed and shared if it is of interest to others."*

19 JAN 1983—'Night of the Triangles'

As mentioned previously, it is interesting to know that Triangular craft are continuing to be seen in Wales, such as Stuart's recent encounter from September 2022. However, encounters witnessed by many people during the evening of Wednesday, 19th January 1983, have now become known as the 'Night of the Triangles', because of the proliferation of craft which were seen during that evening, with people seeing various types, shapes, and sizes of triangular-shaped craft along a large area of southern Wales, from Swansea to Cardiff, Newport to Cwmbran, even further north to Merthyr Tydfil.

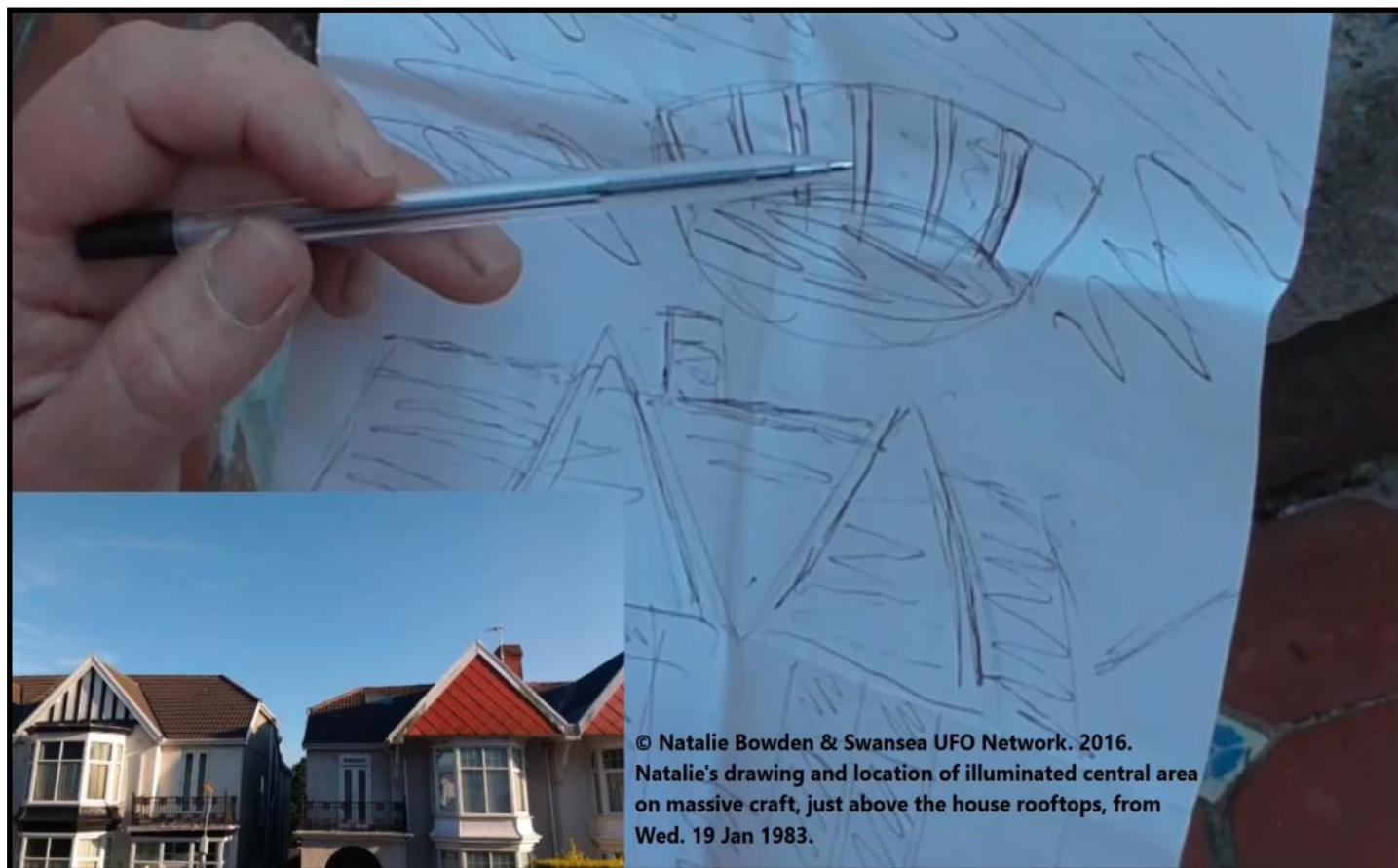
Researchers Emlyn Williams, Mike Maunder, and Steve Drewson of the 'Swansea UFO Network (SUFON), have collated a huge database of UFO cases from all over Wales over many decades, totalling well over 1,100 cases, of which about 114 cases refer to 'Flying Triangles' in general. From the 'Night of the Triangles' specifically, they have about 31 cases in their database, although they have at least 60 witnesses to that incredible event, which of course is just a small percentage of those who actually must have seen the objects, who chose not to report their sightings. With their permission, I would like to use their summation of the evening's events as follows:

The evening of Wednesday 19th January 1983, started out like any other cold winter evening in South Wales. Just after dark, people were heading home from work, preparing meals, watching TV. Some were heading to work, meeting friends, or walking the dog. Many children and teenagers were doing their paper rounds, hanging around on street corners, or walking with friends. Local football and rugby clubs were getting games or practice underway. Just a normal Wednesday evening in South Wales. The weather was cold, it being mid-January, and the sky was starry with no wind. Then around 5.15 pm, the first sighting was made of large objects in the sky over Swansea - huge triangular-shaped craft. Over the next few hours, hundreds of people started to witness these objects, at locations across South Wales from Newport in the east to Swansea and Milford Haven in the west. They reported that the craft, sometimes single, sometimes in twos and threes, were the size of jumbo jets, or football fields, sometimes moving slowly just feet over rooftops, and some were motionless. But all were completely silent. Many witnesses were close to the objects,

just yards away in some cases, and remarkably were seen at different places at the same time - showing that many craft were involved. One came so low behind one man that he had to jump into a roadside ditch as he thought a truck was approaching from behind, as he sensed its presence. Power outages were reported. Three separate witnesses reported strange effects, one in Newport, and one in Swansea reported missing time, and a Cardiff woman said she felt she was in a kind of bubble, separate from the world. A game of rugby with young players in Llantwit Major was halted as a triangle flew over. And in Cardiff, many pupils of a primary school (after school and separately) witnessed a huge triangle flying low over Whitchurch. SUFON has, and still is, contacting many of the witnesses,

be seen. They also said that the following morning a lot of military aircraft were flying around, and one of the witnesses had burnt his books on UFOs after this event, because of the effect it had on him. Others reported power outages as craft flew over, and some watched two very large triangles for about twenty minutes, hardly moving, with no sound. These objects had a white ring of lights underneath, with many other lights on them, described as being the size of two football pitches.

Simon Matthews lived near the Oil refinery at Llandarcy, Neath, and saw two large FTs hovering right over the refinery. He later produced a documentary reporting on the evening's events, called 'Triangles'. He said that one object was the



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Natalie's drawing and location of illuminated central area on massive craft, just above the house rooftops, from Wed. 19 Jan 1983.

conducting interviews by video and by phone, documenting press cuttings and testimonies of the witnesses. Freedom of Information requests are being made, and we are presenting all our findings of what happened on that night in January 1983, the night we have named: 'The Night of the Triangles'. (SUFON).

Multiple Witness Reports of FT's

It was incredible how many encounters there were, and how many people witnessed this 'UFO Flap' over South Wales. Men standing outside of the Gorseinon Working Men's Club at 6:15 pm, saw a huge triangular object, the size of a jumbo jet, just above the house opposite them, plus two other smaller craft moving up and down in parallel to the street. They felt that the objects wanted to

size of the refinery, then suddenly it shot straight up into the sky, and later a military Sea King Helicopter was in the area. One witness in Swansea saw a small, thin triangular object that came so low over his house, it seemed to be lower than the house on the opposite side of the street. He thought it was going to hit the house, then it just lifted slightly and glided over the rooftop. As mentioned above, some people reported strange effects associated with their encounters, such as the two cases below:

19 JAN 1983—Natalie Bowden's Report

Natalie was 13 years old at the time, and at about 6.30 pm on 19th January 1983, she was sitting in her house in Swansea when she had an

urge to go outside. As she stepped outside, just above the rooftops of the houses, (about 40ft up), was a huge UFO, she estimated about 200ft in size, possibly football stadium in size, sitting silently just above the houses on this cold January night. She said there was not a sound in the street, as though she was in a 'vacuum'. Although she couldn't see the whole size of the craft because it was so big, she said it was black, and there was a circular area of iridescent lights in the centre, just above her (She said that she used to watch the series 'V', and 'Close Encounters of the 3rd Kind' around that time). She then screamed for her stepfather and sister to come out, which they did, and then she noticed about 9-10 other people from various houses watching, which she felt had come out because of her shouting. She felt glad there were more people watching, although subsequently, no one seemed to be interested in the event. She was curious and excited, and started asking many questions of it (in her mind). But then, her stepfather and sister seemed to walk in tandem back into the house, which she felt was very strange, she was surprised. Was it mind control, did 'they' make them move?

Natalie stayed watching as the pastel, opalescent coloured lights were flickering around the centre of the object, just above her, (either as lights or windows?). She wanted to see it move, but was also asking "why are you here?". Silence. Again, she kept asking questions of it, (telepathically), hoping she would get a response. Everyone else was just staring. She was studying what seemed to be the windows just above her, where the pulsing lights were, but there was no reflection of the lights on the craft, which she also thought was strange. She wanted to leave, but also to see it move, then she seemed to lose time, and it was just gone. She didn't see it go, and it was then she could suddenly feel the cold breezy air, and see the stars above on this clear winter's night. There was no one on the street now, only her, feeling very confused. Natalie went back into the house, still confused, but her stepfather didn't seem to be concerned about the incident, and her sister (18 years old), saw it differently.

Later, she found a lump and bald spot on the top of head. She thought she may have been taken during missing time, and although years later she had a basic hypnotic regression, she felt unable to go deep enough to bring up a recollection of what happened, as she felt she didn't want to be disappointed, or to be afraid if there was more to the event than she could remember. She was aware of several newspaper reports after the 'Night of the Triangles' where other people reported seeing small, car-sized thin triangles, while others saw much larger triangles, over a two-hour period that evening, at different locations. Natalie felt hers was a Mothership, and others were scout-

craft, but that they could hover silently, and could even mind-control people. One newspaper report the next day, said that the UFO could have been a Russian Satellite, as reported by the local Coast Guard. Naturally enough, the witnesses were fully aware that this was a ridiculous statement, in view of what they had seen.

19 JAN 1983—Jon Davies' Report

Jon's is another fascinating report. He was 15 years old at the time, when on that dark evening he suddenly found himself in a field, north-west of Underwood, which is east of Newport, and about a mile and a half from his home. He was in a daze, with no memory of how he got there, and was standing only in his jeans and t-shirt, which on a cold night was strange. He had no idea why he was there, and it was completely silent, as if he was in a bubble, away from the rest of the world. He also had no memory of that whole day, including his time at school. As he became aware, he looked up at what he thought was the starry sky, then all of them moved, it was literally a giant craft, 'miles wide', either one craft or three craft one above each other, similar to the 'Phoenix Lights', but with many more lights, tightly packed. Jon described the object as though it was the size of 50 aircraft carriers, it was that huge! As he watched, it moved slowly in a westerly direction above him, completely silently, and it was only then that he felt the cold of the evening and realised where he was. He then ran off to go back home, and said that he had to sneak back into the house, because he thought he would be told off by his parents for going out, but couldn't remember any of the events of that day up to the time in the field, or what time it was when he returned.

Newspaper Report, Following Day

One of the newspaper reports published in the 'South Wales Echo', the following day, Thursday 20th Jan 83, gave a very precise account of a witness testimony from Mrs Carole Griffiths, who saw a giant triangular object hovering above the River Taff at Llandaff, Cardiff. She was travelling with her husband John, and a passenger, in their car, when at 7pm on the evening of Wednesday, 19th Jan, they stopped the car to observe the huge object. Carole said it looked like Concorde taking off, but it was stationary in the sky, it seemed fixed in the sky. It had a red light in the middle, with about 10 white lights around the edges. In the same newspaper report, it mentioned that the Police had received calls about sightings of objects, and that two detectives were witness to a silent object, triangular in shape, drifting west over Swansea. They said it was flying at 1000ft, with three pulsating lights and was followed by a smaller object. The RAF also received reports.

Conclusion

The 'Belgian Wave' from late 1989 into 1990, is probably the most well-known FT case,



because it involved multiple witnesses over several months, including civilians, police officers, military personnel, pilots, and radar operators. The military were also willing to share information about this case, with Colonel Wilfred de Brouwer, (ret. General), Chief of Operations for the Belgian Air Force, giving a briefing to the press about the objects, and the inability of their F16 aircraft to keep up with the craft. (See report in Issue 41, Jan/Feb 2020, p41). The 'Phoenix Lights' event, on the evening of 13th March 1997, involving a triangular craft about a mile-wide, flying slowly and silently over Phoenix, AZ, had an estimated 10,000 people observing this object.

The incredible Welsh 'Night of the Triangles' case should also be known about and discussed, certainly within Ufology, like the Belgian and Phoenix cases. The prolific interaction of so many craft, over a large area of South Wales, involving probably hundreds of witnesses, all happening within just a few hours during that winter's evening of 19th January 1983, is profound and unusual. What was the purpose of so many craft appearing at that time? Where were they from, who were the pilots or controllers, and what did they want? Natalie and Jon's reports seem to indicate that missing time and weird space/time anomalies were experienced, with the possibility that some people were taken, but why so many

craft? As some witnesses said, it seemed as though they wanted to be seen, but why? Reports show that the Police and military were certainly aware of the events, as were the media, who reported on the phenomena. This is another case where there are more questions than answers, regarding an event that should be widely known about, not only to highlight that we are being visited, but that there is definitely an agenda to the interactions.

Some triangular craft that are seen around the world, may be cutting-edge military technology such as the F117A Stealth Fighter, B2 Stealth Bomber, or the new B21 Stealth Bomber, the TR3B or 'Aurora' aircraft, and/or secret advanced military technology possibly derived from back-engineered UFO technology. However, some of the Triangular objects that are seen in these cases are massive, and many with flight characteristics and capabilities that seem to defy our laws of physics, even affecting space/time, and are operating blatantly within well-populated civilian airspace, with many objects, sometimes just above rooftops, all in silence. Therefore, it is unlikely that these objects are military technology, most particularly in 1983, and are more likely to be Extraterrestrial in origin, with their own purpose and agenda. Surely it is our right, as people on this planet, to know what is going on here, and to recognise once and for all that there is nothing 'normal' about our reality.

I would like to thank Stuart Matthews for kindly allowing his report to be published, which will be added to the SUFON database for Welsh sightings in 2022. Also, to Emlyn, Mike & Steve for so diligently researching all the cases, speaking to witnesses, and getting the information out via media, including regular monthly meetings in Gorseinon, and via the SUFON Radio Show on Oystermouth Radio.

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INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS SAY U.S. HAS RETRIEVED CRAFT OF NON-HUMAN ORIGIN

LESLIE KEAN AND RALPH BLUMENTHAL-JUNE 5, 2023

News Article

A former intelligence official turned whistleblower has given Congress and the Intelligence Community Inspector General extensive classified information about deeply covert programs that he says possess retrieved intact and partially intact craft of non-human origin.

The information, he says, has been illegally withheld from Congress, and he filed a complaint alleging that he suffered illegal retaliation for his confidential disclosures, reported here for the first time.

Other intelligence officials, both active and retired, with knowledge of these programs through their work in various agencies, have independently provided similar, corroborating information, both on and off the record.

The whistleblower, David Charles Grusch, 36, a decorated former combat officer in Afghanistan, is a veteran of the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) and the National Reconnaissance Office (NRO). He served as the reconnaissance office's representative to the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena to the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force from 2019-2021. From late 2021 to July 2022, he was the NGA's co-lead for UAP analysis and its representative to the task force.

The task force was established to investigate what were once called "unidentified flying objects," or UFOs, and are now officially called "unidentified anomalous phenomena," or UAP. The task force was led by the Department of the Navy under the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence and Security. It has since been reorganized and expanded into the All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office to include investigations of objects operating underwater.

Grusch said the recoveries of partial fragments through and up to intact vehicles have been made for decades through the present day by the government, its allies, and defense contractors. Analysis has determined that the objects retrieved are "of exotic origin (non-human intelligence, whether extraterrestrial or unknown origin) based on the vehicle morphologies and material science testing and the possession of unique atomic arrangements and radiological signatures," he said.

In filing his complaint, Grusch is represented by a lawyer who served as the original Intelligence Community Inspector General (ICIG).

"We are not talking about prosaic origins or identities," Grusch said, referencing information he

provided Congress and the current ICIG. "The material includes intact and partially intact vehicles."

In accordance with protocols, Grusch provided the Defense Office of Prepublication and Security Review at the Department of Defense with the information he intended to disclose to us. His on-the-record statements were all "cleared for open publication" on April 4 and 6, 2023, in documents provided to us.

Grusch's disclosures, and those of non-public witnesses, under new protective provisions of the latest defense appropriations bill, signal a growing determination by some in the government to unravel a colossal enigma with national security implications that has bedeviled the military and tantalized the public going back to World War II and beyond. For many decades, the Air Force carried out a disinformation campaign to discredit reported sightings of unexplained objects. Now, with two public hearings and many classified briefings under its belt, Congress is pressing for answers.

Karl E. Nell, a recently retired Army Colonel and current aerospace executive who was the Army's liaison for the UAP Task Force from 2021 to 2022 and worked with Grusch there, characterizes Grusch as "beyond reproach."



Karl E. Nell (Credit: Department of the Army)



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Christopher Mellon, who spent nearly twenty years in the U.S. Intelligence Community and served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, has worked with Congress for years on unidentified aerial phenomena.

"A number of well-placed current and former officials have shared detailed information with me regarding this alleged program, including insights into the history, governing documents and the location where a craft was allegedly abandoned and recovered," Mellon said. "However, it is a delicate matter getting this potentially explosive information into the right hands for validation. This is made harder by the fact that, rightly or wrongly, a number of potential sources do not trust the leadership of the All-Domain Anomaly Resolution Office established by Congress."

But some insiders are now willing to take the risk of coming forward for the first time with knowledge of these recovery programs.

Jonathan Grey is a generational officer of the United States Intelligence Community with a Top-Secret Clearance who currently works for the National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC), where the analysis of UAP has been his focus. Previously he had experience serving Private Aerospace and Department of Defense Special Directive Task Forces.

"The non-human intelligence phenomenon is real. We are not alone," Grey said. "Retrievals of this kind are not limited to the United States. This is a global phenomenon, and yet a global solution continues to elude us."

At the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, Grusch served as a Senior Intelligence Capabilities Integration Officer, cleared at the Top Secret/Secret Compartmented Information level, and was the agency's Senior Technical Advisor for Unidentified Aerial Phenomena analysis/Trans-Medium Issues. From 2016 to 2021, he served with the National Reconnaissance Office as Senior Intelligence Officer and led the production of the NRO director's daily briefing. Grusch was a GS-15 civilian, the military equivalent of a Colonel.

Grusch has served as an Intelligence Officer for over fourteen years. A veteran of the Air Force, he has numerous awards and decorations for his participation in covert and clandestine operations to advance American security.

According to a 2021 NRO Performance Report, Grusch was an intelligence strategist with multiple responsibilities who 8853188 "analyzed unidentified aerial phenomena reports" and "boosted congressional leadership Intel gaps [in] understanding." He was assessed by the reconnaissance office's Operations Center Deputy Director as an "adept staff officer and strategist"

and "total force integrator with innovative solutions and actionable results."

Grusch prepared many briefs on unidentified aerial phenomena for Congress while in government and helped draft the language on UAP for the FY2023 National Defense Authorization Act, spearheaded by Senators Kirsten Gillibrand and Marco Rubio and signed into law by President Biden in December 2022. The provision states that any person with relevant UAP information can inform Congress without retaliation, regardless of any previous non-disclosure agreements.

In his statements cleared for publication by the Pentagon in April, Grusch asserted that UFO "legacy programs" have long been concealed within "multiple agencies nesting UAP activities in conventional secret access programs without appropriate reporting to various oversight authorities."

He said he reported to Congress on the existence of a decades-long "publicly unknown Cold War for recovered and exploited physical material – a competition with near-peer adversaries over the years to identify UAP crashes/landings and retrieve the material for exploitation/reverse engineering to garner asymmetric national defense advantages."

Beginning in 2022, Grusch provided Congress with hours of recorded classified information transcribed into hundreds of pages which included specific data about the materials recovery program. Congress has not been provided with any physical materials related to wreckage or other non-human objects.

Grusch's investigation was centered on extensive interviews with high-level intelligence officials, some of whom are directly involved with the program. He says the operation was illegally shielded from proper Congressional oversight and that he was targeted and harassed because of his investigation.

Grusch said that the craft recovery operations are ongoing at various levels of activity and that he knows the specific individuals, current and former, who are involved.

"Individuals on these UAP programs approached me in my official capacity and disclosed their concerns regarding a multitude of wrongdoings, such as illegal contracting against the Federal Acquisition Regulations and other criminality and the suppression of information across a qualified industrial base and academia," he stated.

Associates who vouched for Grusch said his information was highly sensitive, providing evidence that materials from objects of non-human origin are in the possession of highly secret black programs. Although locations, program names,

and other specific data remain classified, the Inspector General and intelligence committee staff were provided with these details. Several current members of the recovery program spoke to the Inspector General's office and corroborated the information Grusch had provided for the classified complaint.

Grusch left the government on April 7, 2023, in order, he said, to advance government accountability through public awareness. He remains well-supported within intelligence circles, and numerous sources have vouched for his credibility.

"His assertion concerning the existence of a terrestrial arms race occurring sub-rosa over the past eighty years focused on reverse engineering technologies of unknown origin is fundamentally correct, as is the indisputable realization that at least some of these technologies of unknown origin derive from non-human intelligence," said Karl Nell, the retired Army Colonel who worked with Grusch on the UAP Task Force.

In a 2022 performance evaluation, Laura A. Potter, Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Headquarters, Department of the Army, described Nell as "an officer with the strongest possible moral compass."

Grusch is represented by Charles McCullough III, senior partner of the Compass Rose Legal Group in Washington and the original Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2011. At that time, McCullough reported directly to the then-Director of National Intelligence, James R. Clapper, and oversaw intelligence officers responsible for audits, inspections, and investigations.

In May 2022, McCullough filed a Disclosure of Urgent Concern(s); Complaint of Reprisal on behalf of Grusch with the ICIG about detailed information that Grusch had gathered beginning in 2019 while working for the UAP Task Force.

An unclassified version of the complaint provided to us states that Grusch has direct knowledge that UAP-related classified information has been withheld and/or concealed from Congress by "elements" of the intelligence community "to purposely and intentionally thwart legitimate Congressional oversight of the UAP Program." All testimony Grusch provided for the classified complaint was provided under oath.

According to the unclassified complaint, in July 2021, Grusch had confidentially provided classified information to the Department of Defense Inspector General concerning the withholding of UAP-related information from Congress. He believed that his identity, and the fact that he had provided testimony, were disclosed "to individuals and/or entities" within the Department of Defense and the

Intelligence Community outside the IG's office. He did not allege that this information was improperly disclosed by any member of that office.

As a result, Grusch suffered months of retaliation and reprisals related to these disclosures beginning in 2021. He asked that details of these reprisals be withheld to protect the integrity of the ongoing investigation.

The Intelligence Community Inspector General found his complaint "credible and urgent" in July 2022. According to Grusch, a summary was immediately submitted to the Director of National Intelligence, Avril Haines; the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence; and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

The complaint was drafted and signed by McCullough and his managing partner. It ended with Grusch's signature attached to his statement that *"I do solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury that the contents of the foregoing paper are true and correct to the best of my knowledge."*

A whistleblower reprisal investigation was launched, and Grusch began his communication with the staff of the Congressional intelligence committees in private closed-door sessions. According to Grusch, certain information which he obtained in his investigation could not be put before Congressional staffers because they did not have the necessary clearances or the appropriate investigative authority.

A representative of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence told us in March that the committee members are not able to comment on the content of a complaint or confirm the identity of a complainant.

"When you have multiple agencies nesting UAP activities in conventional SAP/CAP programs, both as recipients of exploitation-related insights and for operational reasons, without appropriate reporting to various oversight authorities, you have a problem," Grusch said, referencing the highly secret Special Access Programs and Controlled Access Programs.

Grusch's willingness to take risks and speak out appears to be emboldening others with similar knowledge who believe in greater transparency.

Jonathan Grey, the intelligence officer specializing in UAP analysis at the National Air and Space Intelligence Center, is speaking publicly for the first time, identified here under the identity he uses inside the agency.

NASIC, headquartered at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, is the Department of Defense's primary Air Force source for foreign air and space threat analysis. Its mission is to "discover and characterize air, space, missile, and cyber threats," according to the agency's website.

"The center's team of trusted subject matter experts deliver unique collection, exploitation, and analytic capabilities not found elsewhere," the website states.

Grey said that such immense capabilities are not merely relegated to the study of the prosaic.

"The existence of complex historical programs involving the coordinated retrieval and study of exotic materials, dating back to the early 20th century, should no longer remain a secret," he said. "The majority of retrieved, foreign exotic materials have a prosaic terrestrial explanation and origin – but not all, and any number higher than zero in this category represents an undeniably significant statistical percentage."

It is unusual for an Air Force insider to come forward, as the Air Force has been less forthcoming than other agencies with regard to UAP.

"A vast array of our most sophisticated sensors, including space-based platforms, have been utilized by different agencies, typically in triplicate, to observe and accurately identify the out-of-this-world nature, performance, and design of these anomalous machines, which are then determined not to be of earthly origin," Grey said.

Mellon, the former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence, has been instrumental in arranging classified briefings for members of Congress and other officials about UAP, which include references to exotic retrieved materials. The first briefing he facilitated on retrievals of unexplained objects was provided to staff members of the Senate Armed Services Committee on Oct. 21, 2019, and to staff members of the Senate Intelligence Committee two days later, as reported by the New York Times.

Mellon says that once the members of Congress gain greater awareness of the information provided to their staff and the Inspector General, they will be in a position to quickly determine the truth if they have the will to do so.

"This is an unprecedented oversight challenge for the committees, but I believe we have leaders in Congress who are up to the task," Mellon said.

Classified briefings are often presented for Jonathan Grey and his team at NASIC.

"High-level, classified briefing materials exist in which real-world scenarios involving UAP, as evidenced by historical examples, are made available to Intelligence Personnel on a need-to-know basis," he told us. "I have been the recipient of such briefings for almost a decade."

The National Defense Authorization Act for FY2023 tasked the Secretary of Defense, in consultation with the Director of National Intelligence, with establishing for the first time a secure mechanism for the authorized reporting of sensitive information to defense channels.

In addition, the legislation asks for reporting on "material retrieval, material analysis, reverse engineering, research and development" involving unidentified anomalous phenomena currently and going back decades.

Dr. Garry Nolan, a Professor in the Department of Pathology at Stanford University and a renowned inventor and entrepreneur with more than three hundred published papers, has started over half a dozen companies based on technologies out of his laboratory. Nolan has previously applied some of those technologies to the analysis of exotic materials, publishing the first peer-reviewed paper examining such materials.

Garry Nolan (image credit—Timothy Archibald)



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"Human civilization was utterly transformed by something as small as a grain of silicon or germanium—creating the underpinning of the integrated circuits that underly computation and now even artificial intelligence," Nolan said.

Studying even small samples of purported anomalous material could lead to currently inconceivable benefits for humanity, he said. *"What might be represented here could be hundreds of technology revolutions ahead of us. It could be more transformative for humanity than what the microprocessor accomplished. Imagine what we could do with even a grain of knowledge about how they operate."*

To encourage potential witnesses to come forward, the whistleblower legislation forbids any federal employee from retaliating against anyone providing authorized disclosure.

"Whistleblowing is essential to the checks and balances of our government – and no federal employee should feel discouraged from stepping forward due to fear of retaliation," Rep. Andre Carson told us. In May 2022, Carson presided over the first open Congressional hearing on UAP since 1968.

The case of David Grusch marks a crucial test of these new whistleblower protections and their ability to protect future whistleblowers who decide to come forward.

Jonathan Grey says secrets have been necessary. *"Though a tough nut to crack, potential technological advancements may be gleaned from non-human intelligence/UAP retrievals by any sufficiently advanced nation and then used to wage asymmetrical warfare, so, therefore, some secrecy must remain,"* he says. *"However, it is no longer necessary to continue to deny that these advanced technologies derived from non-human intelligence exist at all or to deny that these technologies have landed, crashed, or fallen into the hands of human beings."*

Grey noted that the hypothesis that the United States alone has bullied the other nations into

maintaining this secrecy for nearly a century continues to prevail as the primary consensus amongst the public at large.

"My hope is to dissuade the global populace from this archaic and preposterous notion, and to potentially pave the way for a much broader discussion," he said.

Grusch said it was dangerous for this "eighty-year arms race" to continue in secrecy because it "further inhibits the world populace to be prepared for an unexpected, non-human intelligence contact scenario."

"I hope this revelation serves as an ontological shock sociologically and provides a generally unifying issue for nations of the world to re-assess their priorities," Grusch said.

Leslie Kean and Ralph Blumenthal, with Helene Cooper, co-authored the Dec. 17, 2017, front-page article in The New York Times that disclosed the existence of a secret Pentagon program investigating UAP.

Tim McMillan, Micah Hanks, Craig Labadie and Sean Munger contributed to this article.

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<https://thedebrief.org/intelligence-officials-say-u-s-has-retrieved-non-human-craft/>

Editorial Comment:

For the majority of people, this article came out of the blue and its potential ramifications remain to be seen.

Few had heard of David Grusch, let alone the revelations he claims however, at the time of putting together this issue of the magazine, I have yet to see anyone challenge his identity and background.

If, as is rumoured, there are congressional witness hearings at the end of July, with David Grusch set to appear, I suspect that if no-one has been able to discredit him by then, that many in the Pentagon and the much of the wider Intelligence Community will be alarmed! A mouth-watering prospect!

Gary Heseltine Editor UFO Truth Magazine



A night photograph of a road winding through a forest. The sky is dark and filled with many stars, suggesting a clear night. The road is illuminated by a soft, yellowish light, possibly from a street lamp or a car's headlights, creating a path that leads into the distance. The trees on either side are dark and silhouetted against the night sky.

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Congressman Heading Up UFO Hearing After Shocking Whistleblower Allegations: 'We're Serious About This Issue'

By Frank Camp Jun 17, 2023 DailyWire.com

News Article

On June 5, journalists Leslie Kean and Ralph Blumenthal — who were responsible for the New York Times report published in 2017 regarding the Pentagon's then-unacknowledged UFO investigation program — released a story at The Debrief on whistleblower David Grusch.

Grusch, a decorated military veteran and Intelligence official, who served in Afghanistan and formerly worked at the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), has alleged that there are black programs in the U.S. government dedicated to the retrieval and attempted reverse-engineering of vehicles of non-prosaic origin.

Grusch was also the National Reconnaissance Office's (NRO) representative to the Unidentified Aerial Phenomena Task Force beginning in 2019.

Kean and Blumenthal spoke with numerous intelligence officials who vouched for Grusch's credibility and integrity, and who have backed up his claims. Journalist Michael Shellenberger has also spoken with intelligence officials who have made similar allegations to Grusch.

In May 2022, nearly a year after reporting to the Department of Defense Inspector General that certain information relating to UAP (Unidentified Anomalous Phenomena) was not being provided

to Congress, Grusch's attorney filed a Disclosure of Urgent Concern(s); Complaint of Reprisal to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, under oath, which was later deemed "credible and urgent."

In response to Grusch's claims, a Congressional hearing will take place. I recently spoke with Rep. Tim Burchett (R-TN) — one of the members of the Oversight Committee who will head up the hearing — in order to gain insight into how it will be conducted and what he expects to find.

Q: Do you plan to have David Grusch testify at the hearing? And do you plan to have other individuals with whom he's spoken regarding the allegations he's made — including the high-level officials who reportedly talked to him — testify?

Burchett: We would like to get him there. It's premature to say who we will have there. We'll release that when we get the okay from the committee chair of everybody that we've invited who's been cleared to come speak.

Q: Are there plans to have people like former Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Intelligence Christopher Mellon, National Air and Space Intelligence Center's (NASIC) Jonathan Grey, or retired Army Colonel and current



Senator Tim Burchett

aerospace executive Karl Nell testify?

Burchett: We're waiting on approval for several people — and then when we get that, we'll move ahead with firming up a date. We have some ideas, but, you know, we've got security concerns and we just want to make sure we have our ducks in a row.

Q: In Michael Shellenberger's recent piece, he said that a source told him: "We have non-disclosure agreements or secrecy agreements that we're supposed to take to the grave." Can Congress provide protections for those individuals? And how much has been done with the previous whistleblower protections from the last National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA)?

Burchett: Well, that's left up to interpretation. They're gonna have to have a degree of bravery to come forward with anything because of the lack of trust. Frankly, I don't trust our Justice Department or a lot of the higher-ups in our intelligence agencies because they have been the problem. And now, they're coming forward saying that we need to find out what's going on, when in fact, they know what's going on. They have all the files. Just release the unredacted files and quit with all the nonsense — because that's all they're doing now.

They're smelling billions of dollars in research, and you'll have every branch of the military and every agency wanting some of those dollars. That's where we're headed, I think. They're smelling dollars, they know they've — they've covered this thing up, and the public just wants answers, and that'll be their next move.

But I'm telling you, I'm not going to vote for any more dollars for them. The Pentagon loses over a billion dollars; the Department of Defense is bigger than our Navy. You've got more people pushing pencils than are pushing bullets, and that needs to stop.

Q: Do you support Senator Kirsten Gillibrand's amendment that would require that no money be spent on Special Access Programs (SAPs) without being reported to Congress?

Burchett: I haven't read that, but that seems like something I could support. I'd have to read the details of it though.

Q: AARO (All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office), as it stands right now, doesn't seem to have, from what I've read, the ability to actually investigate things like the allegations made by Grusch and others like him because they don't have the necessary clearance to access certain projects. So, will clearances like Title 50 clearance be discussed at all in this hearing?

Burchett: I don't know if we're gonna get that much into the weeds. I want to talk to people who have seen something and can provide some

proof of what's going on. In fact, if we can disclose some things, some new facts — but just get the people before us that have seen it, who have great credentials, and just stop with all the nonsense. Nobody cares about these reports, these numbers of reports and all that; they just want to get to the proof. And that's what I'm after. I'm just after the facts.

Q: Speaking of proof, I was talking to a colleague of mine and they were lamenting that the only way the ball is gonna be able to move on anything like this is if Congress "kicks down the doors of military bases" where they're saying these alleged things are — without notice — so they can actually get the proof.

Burchett: Yeah — and that's correct, because as soon as we have a hearing and 12 years later, Congress acts, it'll already be moved, there won't be anything there. So we have to — I'm not going to disclose everything, but we will be in contact with some folks on the proper procedure for handling that legally.

Q: That was my next question because I was wondering if Congress has the sort of authority and the mechanisms to be able to follow up with the information that's being provided.

Burchett: They do, but they're so much on the take for all this stuff. They don't want to rock the big military industrial complex, the people writing the big checks. I mean, we tell Ukraine we're gonna give them some of our missiles out of our missile defense system, and then we deplete our system, which we know we have to keep at a certain level of readiness. And low and behold, we've got to buy billions more dollars in missiles, and it just so happens congresspeople from both parties are heavily invested in these companies. It's just corruption, and nobody will call it out.

Q: In the piece from The Debrief, it was said that Grusch "provided Congress and the Intelligence Community Inspector General extensive classified information about deeply covert programs." Does Congress have classified information relating to alleged covert programs? And if so, will Congress push to make that public?

Burchett: I don't know. I think that the Intelligence Committee is basically spoon-fed; they don't really care about this issue. They've made statements to me, you know, "Burchett, we've got much more important things to worry about." And you know, we've documented 11 or 12 near misses with our multi-million dollar aircraft and our fighting men and women that could lose their lives. To me, something flying in our military air zones that we do not control is something very important. But then again, they're told not to worry about it by some unelected bureaucrat, and so they don't worry about it.

Q: Former Senator Harry Reid talked about attempting to get classified approval from the Pentagon to look at certain things and that they wouldn't allow him to do so. What can Congress effectively change when a small group of powerful people overseeing these alleged black budget projects don't want their work to be outed?

Burchett: We've got to change the system — and you know, talk's cheap. Everybody puffs themselves up and talks real tough, but the end result is going to have to be: Congress is the government's checkbook, and we need to stop writing the checks to these departments because they are rouge, they're unelected bureaucrats, and they are the tail that's wagging the dog.

Q: There are allegations that black budget programs outsource some of their work on alleged technology to one or more private aerospace firms. What are your thoughts on that? And will that be something that you're discussing?

Burchett: I believe that's accurate, and I would hope we would get to the bottom of that — but that stuff's so deep, it's hard to get a hold of. Again, that's under the corruption within government and it's so compartmentalized. And, you know, you have these chairmen in both parties that are chairmen just because they can raise money, and to raise the amount of money they've raised, they have to be there for a long period of time. And sometimes, their cognitive skills have dwindled and they're spoon-fed by their staff, who, in fact, might as well just work for the other side. So they just — it's just an endless cycle, and we've gotta start calling it out.

Q: I saw you speaking on News Nation about how the previous UFO hearings weren't all that they could be.

Burchett: They were a hoax, man. They were a hoax. You saw a committee spoon-fed. You saw people who were running this so-called investigative agency that couldn't spell UFO, that had no idea about any of the basic history

of the situation in this country. They read Project Blue Book probably, or saw the TV show from the '70s, and they quote that as fact — and preplanned questions.

I was told I was going to be able to ask a question; I was not allowed to. And you had some, in my opinion, very weak-ass video. And Schiff was the only one to ask a question that made any — he said, "What exactly am I looking at?" And he asked, "Can you stop the tape?" And there you had a 20-second tape or something, the guys couldn't even stop the tape. The most technologically advanced country in the world — my daughter could've stopped that tape if they'd allowed her access to that computer.

They were just checking a box, so they could say, "Oh, look what we're doing, but we're gonna go back in secret and do our thing." And people like me don't get on those committees because I don't kiss their ass and I don't raise the money.

Q: What's your hope for how this hearing will play out?

Burchett: I hope we show the American public that we're serious about this issue — a recent poll showed that over half the people believe in this — and that we'll get a little closer to getting to the bottom of it. And we'll expose to the American public that this is a cover-up, that we are not being forthcoming, and that there is a group of us that want to make that happen — and hopefully, we don't get corrupted.

And our opposition always uses this against us, and they downplay us and put stuff out against us, you know. "Oh, they're worried about little green men and people are starving." It's the committee of jurisdiction where this is supposed to happen. We don't necessarily deal with some of those other issues.

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Incredible implications deriving from the letter below concerning the 'Five Eyes' countries and the recognition that they have been involved in analysing recovered UAP materials:



March 22, 2023

RE: Defence Research and Development Canada in possession of recovered UAP material

Dear Minister Anand,

It has come to my attention through meetings with American officials that the United States Senate Select Committee on Intelligence and Senate Committee on Armed Services have been undertaking in-camera hearings with government and military subject matter experts on the recovery and exploitation of physical material from Unidentified Aerial Phenomena (UAP).

I am concerned that expected upcoming public announcements will be coordinated between AUKUS, which could damage Canada's credibility with our allies and the Canadian public on the global stage. There is an opportunity to have a prepared communication plan in place by May 2023 to reduce this risk.

As Minister of National Defence, you may not be aware Defence Research and Development Canada (DRDC) has participated in efforts to analyze UAP, which is publicly traceable to circa 1950. This recovered foreign material is studied through the Five Eyes Foreign Material Program (FMP) which, in Canada, is sponsored by the Canadian Forces Intelligence Command aligned with several intelligence sharing arrangements and treaties. I am writing to recommend you request a classified briefing, containing full sensitive and protected program information from your officials on the Government of Canada's historical and ongoing efforts on analyzing recovered UAP material.

Canada's Chief Science Advisor has also launched the Sky Canada Project, which is investigating how the Government of Canada manages UAP reports. They are in the process of identifying key Canadian stakeholder institutions. It is essential the Chief Science Advisor be given full access to defence programs and be briefed on the collaborative scientific research efforts with our allies.

It is imperative the Government of Canada have a communications plan to respond to these upcoming public revelations that will stem from these American FMPs. Not only are there national security and aviation safety concerns that need to be addressed, but there will also be a larger debate about why there is a lack of transparency and accountability regarding UAP programs and policy.

I also believe there must be Parliamentary oversight of efforts by government institutions, and responsible Ministers should be fully briefed on this program, including releasable-to-the-public content that aligns with allied public disclosures. It is incumbent your department inform you of

what collaborative efforts have occurred with our allies and the details of existing Agreements and Memorandums of Understanding that govern the program and may have been coordinated through Global Affairs.

Canada's credibility with our allies and the Canadian public must transcend politics and I firmly believe we can work together in a bipartisan manner. Regardless of the classified details of specific FMPs, the public revelations by these subject matter experts who have testified before Congress present an opportunity for the Government of Canada to take a visible leadership role in confirming the existence of recovered material and balancing our national security obligations.

I look forward to your response and if you seek any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Sincerely,



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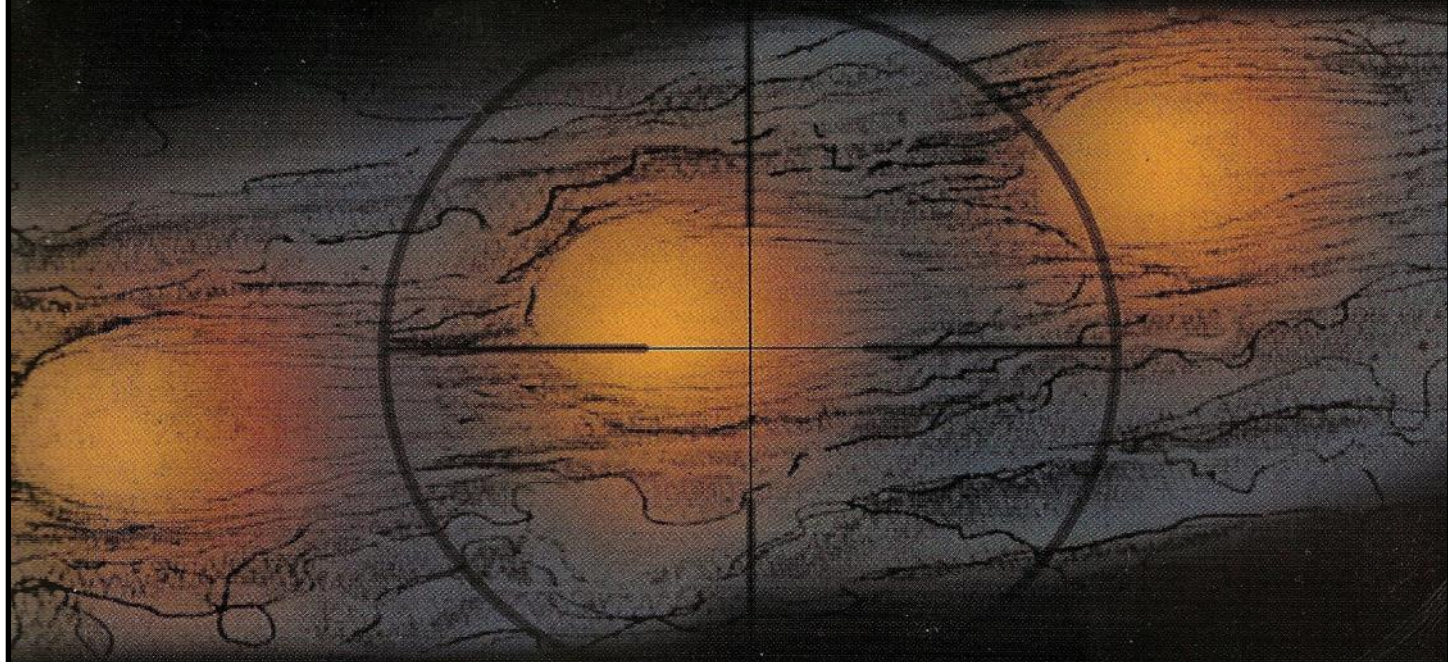
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Are we on the brink of a worldwide 'Disclosure Event'?



By Gary Heseltine Editor UFO Truth Magazine

My initial interest in the subject of UFOs derived from a childhood sighting in 1976, of a strange white light that appeared to trigger a number of power grid failures in the area. That was almost 47 years ago and during that time I have often wondered whether UFO reality would ever be universally acknowledged in my lifetime.

For those people who delve into the topic of UFOs and know where to look for the best evidence, they will find a wealth of great cases, fully investigated, some backed with scientific data that, will convince most of them that the subject is real, and that physical things are being seen and they are not a case of misidentified terrestrial objects.

The trouble was most people did not take that dive. Why? Well, in simple terms, most people around the world had been conditioned throughout their lives from the 1950s onwards, to believe that the subject was without genuine merit.

For those that did look they found good evidence. As an example, author and researcher Richard Dolan was an academic, an historian, before he delved into the subject and when he did, he quickly became convinced of its reality. More recently the same thing happened to Ross Coulthart, the award-winning Australian journalist. That resulted in his book, 'In Plain Sight' which acknowledged that some UFOs were likely to be of extra-terrestrial or non-human origin.

One of the things that researchers have been saying for decades is that the public have been lied to about UFO reality. That craft had been recovered and Special Access Programs had been created to try and reverse engineer their advanced technology. The problem for the masses was where was the evidence to prove this claim? Politicians, scientists and the general public want to see the spacecraft, the bodies—aliens if you will—because that would be the only thing that would convince them that they were real. And unfortunately, on that basis the UFO research community could not provide that degree of evidence. And thus that has been the status quo for many decades. The evidence that had been accumulated by the best researchers worldwide was simply not good enough to convince the masses that there really was something tangible and real to the subject.

Meanwhile, many researchers continued to dream

of a grand worldwide 'Disclosure', often referred to as 'Disclosure with a big D'. And quietly in the background some things were about to emerge.

On 16th December, 2017 the New York Times printed an historic front page article that revealed a hitherto unknown U.S. UFO research program, AATIP (Advanced Aerial Threat Identification Program), that began a process of change that has been steadily gathering pace in recent years. Soon after three Navy FLIR (Forward Looking Infrared) videos were released and eventually authenticated as been genuine footage of unknown objects operating within U.S. airspace. The objects were confirmed as 'real', but the questions were: Where did they come from? Who made them?

The term 'UFO' was quietly replaced by the acronym 'UAP' (Unidentified Aerial Phenomena) to make it more conducive for serious discussion and that resulted in several prominent scientists going public to talk about researching the topic. Scientists like, Avi Loeb from Harvard and Garry Nolan from Stanford University are two that quickly spring to mind. However, despite these unprecedented developments, the mainstream media have largely paid only scant coverage to them, seemingly content to believe that UAP had to be of terrestrial origin, the result of some foreign adversary technology breakthrough. Then and significantly, in the U.S., the Congress/Senate began to take the subject seriously and in 2021, unprecedented legislation was passed that forced the Intelligence Community for the first time to supply information to them in the form of Unclassified and Classified briefings. In 2022 legislation was passed to allow for 'whistleblowers' who had worked on secret UAP research to come forward whilst quarenting the protection of their careers.

Then, on 5th June 2023, The online website, 'The Debrief' released details of one such 'whistleblower' called David Grusch. With an impeccable military and intelligence background at the highest levels of classification, he spoke on camera with Ross Coulthart of recovered UAP craft and 'dead pilots'! Now there is talk of congressional hearings, possibly as early as July, and we are now told that more high-level officials are coming forward to back Grusch's claims and with this flurry of activity we find ourselves *potentially* on the brink of history for humanity. PS—I hope I am not dreaming. **GH.**



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The Famous Battle of Los Angeles Photo of 1942 Has Little Evidentiary Value

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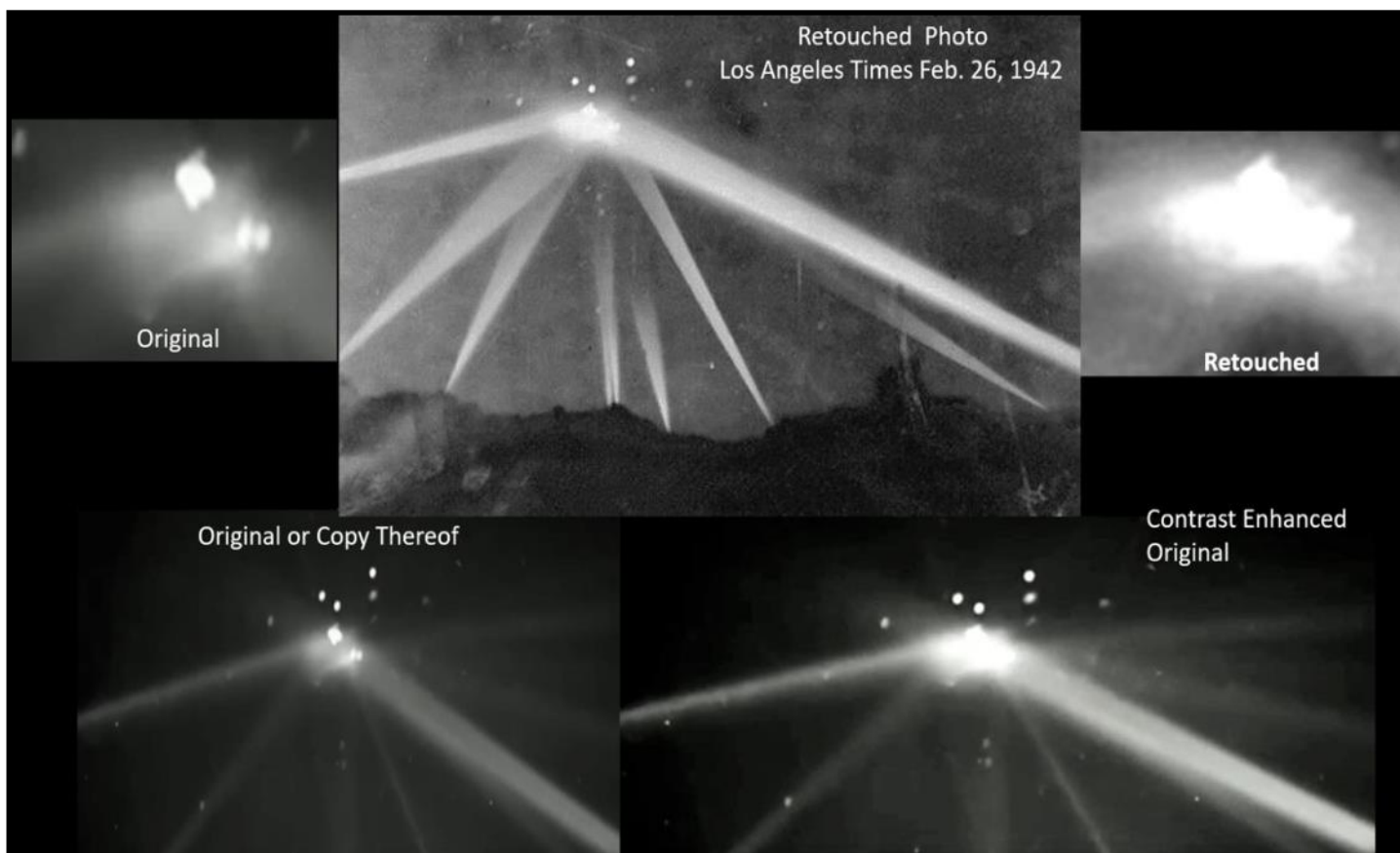


The widely seen photo published in the Los Angeles Times on February 26, 1942 has been hailed as evidence of an alien presence over the city of Los Angeles, California on the night of February 24/25, 1942. There is what appears to be a classic flying saucer type UFO with cupola caught in the grip of a number of spotlight beams as anti-aircraft shells burst in the air near it. It would be another five years before the term flying saucer would come into usage and another ten years before the term UFO was coined by Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, the first director of Project Blue Book for the US Airforce, but there it was, the image of a classic flying saucer UFO. Whatever was in the spotlight beams was not shot down that night by all the heavy anti-aircraft shelling. People all over the area searched the next day and found nothing. If it was not shot down, then it was reasonable that the thought arose that it must have been something not of this earth. However, we will see that the photo was not quite what it seemed.

The entire Southern California area was under

high alert only two months after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor as a Japanese submarine had shelled a defense industries plant near Santa Barbera on February 23rd and the US military warned that another Japanese attack was expected at any time on the area dotted with defense related manufacturing facilities. The attack at Santa Barbera did no major damage, but mainly served to escalate tensions to a fever pitch. On the night of February 24/25, radar indicated an unknown aircraft approaching the Los Angeles area from 200 miles out over the ocean, then, at 120 miles out, it was confirmed by two other radars and finally it was lost on radar. The anti-aircraft batteries were immediately placed on alert. This was at a time when only the military had transponder systems to identify friend from foe. The aircraft seen on radar could have been a civilian craft without an identifying signal, an enemy aircraft, or possibly a UFO.

A blackout of all lights was called over the entire area and many people were jarred awake around



and many people were jarred awake around 2:25 am with air raid sirens blasting. The anti-aircraft guns began at about 3 am and about 30 minutes of chaos ensued. About 1440 shells were fired after all was said and done and an untold number of 50 caliber machine gun rounds were fired as well.

The main narrative seems to be that an object was spotted moving slowly down the California coastline near Los Angeles in a south-southeast direction for about 22 miles or so over a period of time taking about 30 minutes. This is hardly a fast-moving aircraft at a speed of 40–50 mph. In fact, it should be a sitting duck. No airplane of a military type could stay aloft at such a slow speed. Only a helicopter could. There were many more reports and a number from military spotters themselves that described formations of fast moving aircraft in the area. However, in the official military report, it was stated that no US planes went aloft that night because of the heavy shelling.

If these were not ours, whose were they and why did they not take a single hostile action? These were military reports that have to be taken seriously and not frivolously dismissed as nerves, balloons, or birds. It might be informative to collect all such reports from all sources and plot them according to location and time, but that is

as sophisticated as they were to become by 1944. The early shells filled with shrapnel were either designed to explode upon direct impact with a target (a low percentage undertaking when trying to hit a fast moving plane) or were set to go off at a certain time (at a certain altitude) and would be more accurate if the altitude of the enemy plane were known. The later shells used after 1944 were proximity shells equipped with miniature radars that went off when the target was detected nearby, an ingenious invention. The shells used on that night in February 1942 were not sophisticated and it was expected that hundreds of shells may have to be fired to bring down a single fast moving enemy airplane.

The TV show Fact or Faked in 2011 showed that a typical weather balloon, the suggested object that triggered all the anti-aircraft fire, could be dropped out of the air with a single direct hit of an anti-aircraft gun. Ben Hansen, one of the hosts on the show, dropped a weather balloon on the second shot. Likewise with a blimp, but it would probably take four or five hits on a blimp, a non-rigid airship, to bring it down quickly. At one time, some skeptics had settled on a dirigible, a rigid framed airship, as the likely culprit because a rigid frame would allow the airship to take a lot of hits before it came down. In reality, nothing human-made traveling at fairly low altitude and poking



a major undertaking I have not researched. It is probably reasonable to expect that the necessary data such as military radar and other military documents related to the incident are not available at this late date. Such data would be needed to possibly verify some of the aircraft sighting reports.

The anti-aircraft shells used at that time were not

along at 50 mph could have survived the onslaught that night. Another problem with the dirigible is where did it come from? Dirigibles had fallen out of favor since the crash of the Hindenburg in 1937 that was made much worse due to the highly flammable hydrogen gas used to inflate it. The US was the sole source of helium, a non-flammable

gas, that was favored for airships from that point on and they were not selling any to Germany or Japan. There is no record of the Japanese having any kind of powered airship, rigid or non-rigid, during World War II.

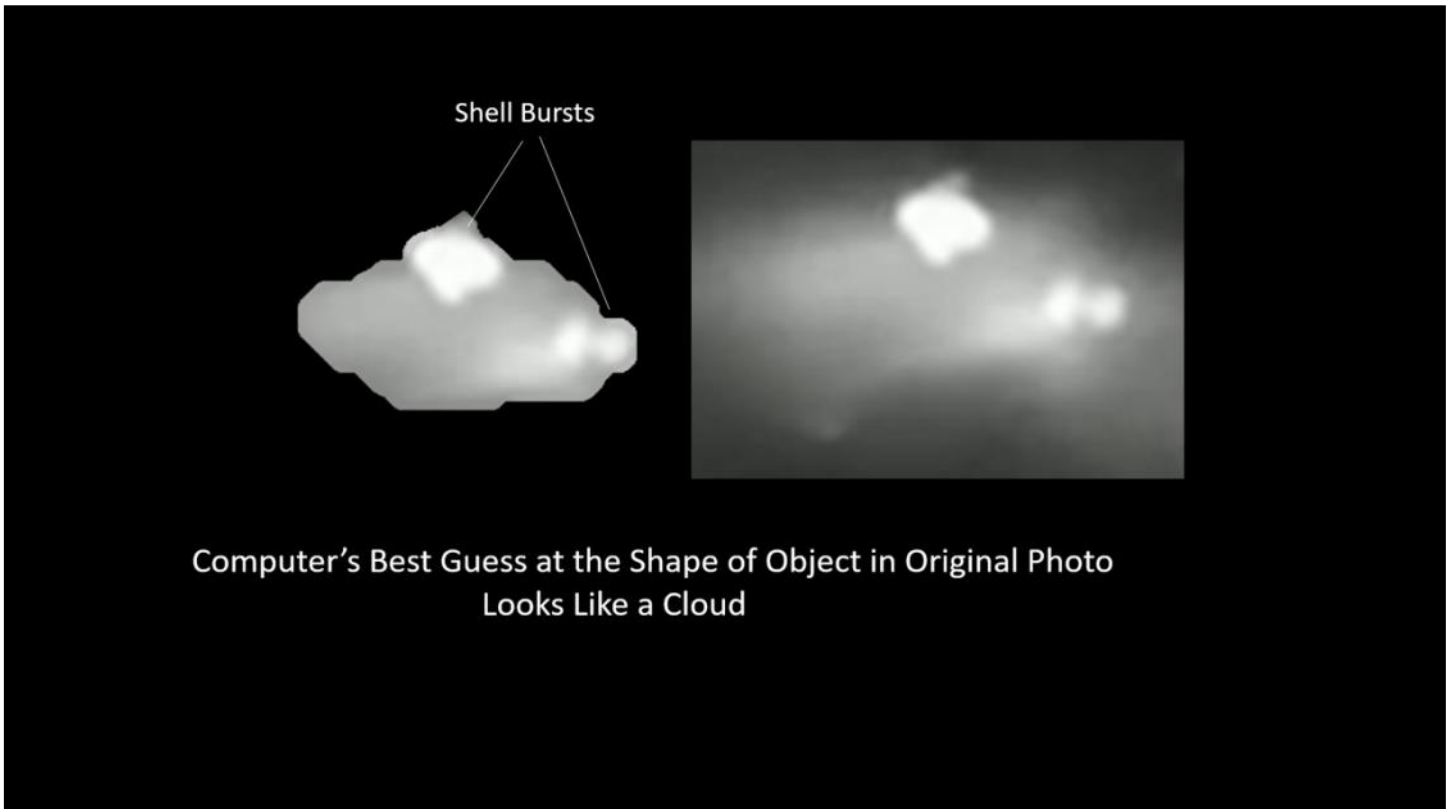
The Japanese did have a balloon bomb known as a Fu-Go fire bombing balloon that was used against the US beginning in 1944 as a terror weapon. It was made of paper held together by a special glue and filled with flammable hydrogen and explosives, they were intended to cause panic and start forest fires on a large scale. Some 9,300 of the balloons were launched beginning in late 1944. The balloons had to drift 6,000 miles on the jet stream to reach the US and thus became the first intercontinental weapons of war.

The balloons represented some impressive technology as they were equipped with a sensor system that dropped a sandbag when the balloon began to lose altitude. About 300 were known to have reached the US (some sources say about

have quickly gone down that night over Los Angeles most probably as a flaming fireball.

The US Navy had a few blimps at that time and commissioned more during the war. These were used to locate and bomb submarines and at least one Navy blimp was fired on and sunk by a German U-2 submarine that was sunk itself later in the war. The object over the Los Angeles area that night could not have been a balloon or a blimp or a dirigible or any type of conventional aircraft. None would have survived the 22 mile gauntlet of anti-aircraft guns and 50 caliber machine gun fire.

Nothing other than the remnants of the anti-aircraft shells and shrapnel was found the next day and a lot of people were out looking. There were civilians injured and killed in the resulting melee, but not as a result of being hit by any of the shelling. Traffic accidents, other types of accidents with people in a panic, and fatal heart attacks did occur. Reports of a plane being shot down were not confirmed in the military's official report.



Computer's Best Guess at the Shape of Object in Original Photo
Looks Like a Cloud

1,000 made it to the North American Continent) without much consequence, but, unfortunately, one killed a woman and five children near Bly, Oregon in 1945. They were out for a Sunday afternoon picnic when they came across the strange sight of the balloon laying on the ground and began to examine it causing it to explode. They became the only civilian fatalities in the continental US during the war. The balloons were known to the authorities, but the press and media were forbidden to report on them to keep Japan in the dark about their effectiveness. After the Bly, Oregon tragedy, the press blackout policy was dropped. A Fu-Go bombing balloon would

Many of us, myself included, believed the front page photo was the real thing at least until 2011 or 2012. At that time, Scott Harrison reported online that the original photo had been found and the published photo in the Los Angeles Times had been retouched so that it would show up better in the newspaper inadvertently creating a classic flying saucer image. The newly discovered original photo still seemed okay because the believed actual unretouched photo still showed something at the center of the searchlights that was mostly stopping the light beams. However, the image presented with that report was itself a misrepresentation as it had been greatly contrast enhanced to make the



Japanese Fu-Go Fire Balloon
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 Not Developed Until 1944
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object at the center of the crossed searchlights much more distinct. This contrast enhancement just as with the retouched photo had inadvertently brought some of the anti-aircraft shell bursts to be incorporated as part of the object enhancing its appearance with a bump-up on top of the object. I have to admit that I was caught up in the new findings myself until I finally came across the actual unenhanced version showing a very indistinct, hazy object in the searchlight beams. It had been shown by several people that crossed searchlights beams do not stop one another and go right on through what is called the convergence area. Likewise with smoke. Smoke does not stop the light beams. At least there was something there, some sort of physical object, stopping the light beams in what was believed to be the original unretouched photo.

Then it came out in a discussion on the *abovetopsecret.com* website in 2015 that it was doubtful that this was the original photo, but rather a copy of it. What was believed to be the original negative was stored at UCLA. However, archivist Simon Elliott noted that the notch on the negative does not appear to be from film stock that the LA Times photographers used at the time.

When the photos were analyzed by the former photographer for the LA Times and imaging expert George Reis, he concluded using computer software that the LA Times photos used were copied from the 'original negative'. He then states that the negative in question can be matched to "Kodak Fine Grain Positive" film stock and that this is "very indicative of a copy negative". That is, it matched a type of film used to make copies of original negatives. So that left us with the high

probability that we did not have the original photo, but rather a copy of it. In addition, the name of the photographer had never been known. We never had the photographer's name or a narrative of what the photographer saw that night. That narrative should have included the exact location and time as well as all the who, what, and when information, but we have none. So, we are left with almost nothing except that a somewhat indistinct something was in the searchlight crossbeams.

In 2011, Brett Holman on the website: *airminded.org* speculated that the presence of a small, low cloud could match many of the observations in the case. A cloud cannot be shot down. A cloud can stop or scatter the searchlight beams. There is not much mention of sound made by the object or objects seen that night and a cloud fits the bill as it silently drifts by. It may even be possible for a small cumulus cloud to travel the path of the anti-aircraft gauntlet from north-northwest to south-southeast at about the correct speed as the prevailing winds in the area at that time of year are from the west-northwest direction at typically 30–60 mph. The altitude of the object was estimated by some witnesses as 8,000 feet, which is a little high as these clouds typically stay between 1,000 and 6,000 feet, but still in the realm of possibility. All of this means that a small cloud can explain many of the observations in the case and could be the hazy object in the copy of the unretouched original photo.

The following is a direct quote from an *abovetopsecret.com* forum thread from 2015.

Mirageman reply to Halfswede, Aug. 23, 2015 at 7:21 am:

"I think the relevance here is that a rather underexposed negative image was used to create an "illustration" for the LA Times. People have studied that photo and claim it shows a large UFO at the center of it for years. I am not sure who first suggested it was a UFO over LA that night. But without it [the photo} there probably wouldn't have been a UFO story here."

How disappointing! The classic flying saucer UFO image seen in the photo was created by heavy photographic retouching and the real image was a hazy indistinct oval that could have been a cloud. What had been hailed as visual proof of an alien presence was simply an artistic creation. Many skeptics have evoked an over response that night triggered by weather balloons, but there were many reports of something flying around over the area that night and it was not all weather balloons.

Weather balloons have one primary direction of travel and that is upward at about 1,000 feet a minute. They do not usually travel cross country at a constant altitude unless they develop a leak that prevents them from rising upward, which is a relatively rare occurrence. They do not travel in formation. They are easy targets and drop out of the sky with a single artillery hit. The narrative of that night was driven by something in the sky that could not be shot down and then, the retouched photo image perfectly captured the imagination and drove the flying saucer UFO story. What was once considered one of the best cases on record due to actual photographic proof to go with the narrative is now in very uncertain territory.

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The new UAP/UFO provisions are being publicly reported in detail in this article for the first time anywhere.

The new UAP provisions are part of the Fiscal Year 2024 Intelligence Authorization Act (IAA, S. 2103), which was approved unanimously by the Senate Intelligence committee in a closed-door session on June 14. On June 21 I reported on the committee's action, but the text of the UAP amendment was not yet publicly available at that time. The committee formally filed the bill and it was assigned its number on June 22; it was posted on the Internet early on June 24.

The new UAP language (found in Section 1104 of the bill) would require "any person currently or formerly under contract with the Federal Government that has in their possession material or information provided by or derived from the Federal Government relating to unidentified anomalous phenomena that formerly or currently is protected by any form of special access or restricted access" to notify the director of the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO) within 60 days of enactment, and to provide within 180 days (six months) "a comprehensive list of all non-earth origin or exotic unidentified anomalous phenomena material" possessed and to make it available to the AARO director for "assessment, analysis, and inspection."

AARO is the Pentagon office established by Congress to conduct investigations of unidentified anomalous phenomena (UAP), and to collect information on current and past federal government activity pertaining to UAP.

The legislation also would require the AARO director to notify designated congressional committees and leaders within 30 days after receiving any such notifications, information, or exotic materials.

The Intelligence committee legislation also includes what might be called a "safe harbor" provision, providing that if such a person complies with the notification and make-available deadlines, "No criminal or civil action may lie or be maintained in any Federal or State court against any person for receiving [UAP-related] material or information."

The "safe harbor" language might be read to imply that a private entity that obtained non-human technology from the government, and then held on to that material outside of the standard mechanisms for democratic oversight, perhaps profiting from it in some manner, might be in a legally tenuous position. If so, then such an amnesty period might smooth the way for timely and orderly disclosure. This reading of the provision is speculative; the committee has not yet published any explanatory material on the language.

Section 1104 of S. 2103 does not create any new criminal offenses. Neither does it confer any immunity for threats or acts of violence, perjury, or other crimes of the sorts sometimes alleged in stories about purported hidden government UFO programs.

A PDF file of the UAP-related section of the bill (Sec. 1104) is embedded immediately below this paragraph. Images of the seven UAP-related pages are displayed at the bottom of this article.

The seven-page committee amendment that is now Section 1104 of the bill was sponsored by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY). It was co-sponsored by Senators Michael Rounds (R-SD), John Cornyn (R-Tx.), and Marco Rubio (R-FL). The language was adopted by the 17-member committee without dissent (see roster below), after which the overall bill was approved unanimously.

INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE "NOTIFICATION" LANGUAGE IS BACKED UP BY SWEEPING FUNDING BAN FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

Besides the notification and make-available requirements for UAP-related information and hardware, S. 2103 contains a sweeping prohibition on any future direct or indirect funding for any special-access program (SAP) activity related to unidentified anomalous phenomena (as that

term is broadly defined in current law, unless the program has been "formally, officially, explicitly, and specifically described, explained, and justified to the appropriate committees of Congress, congressional leadership, and the Director [of AARO]."

"Special access program" (SAP) refers to classified programs run by the military or certain other agencies, to which access is restricted to lists of specific persons, determined on a "need to know" basis. Within the Intelligence Community, a comparable program is referred to as a "controlled access program" (CAP). There are several different categories of SAP/CAPs, some more secret than others—but under statutes beefed up in recent years, every type of SAP/CAP is supposed to be reported to least a small number of designated members of Congress.

The designated "appropriate committees" are the intelligence, armed services, and appropriations committees of both houses of Congress.

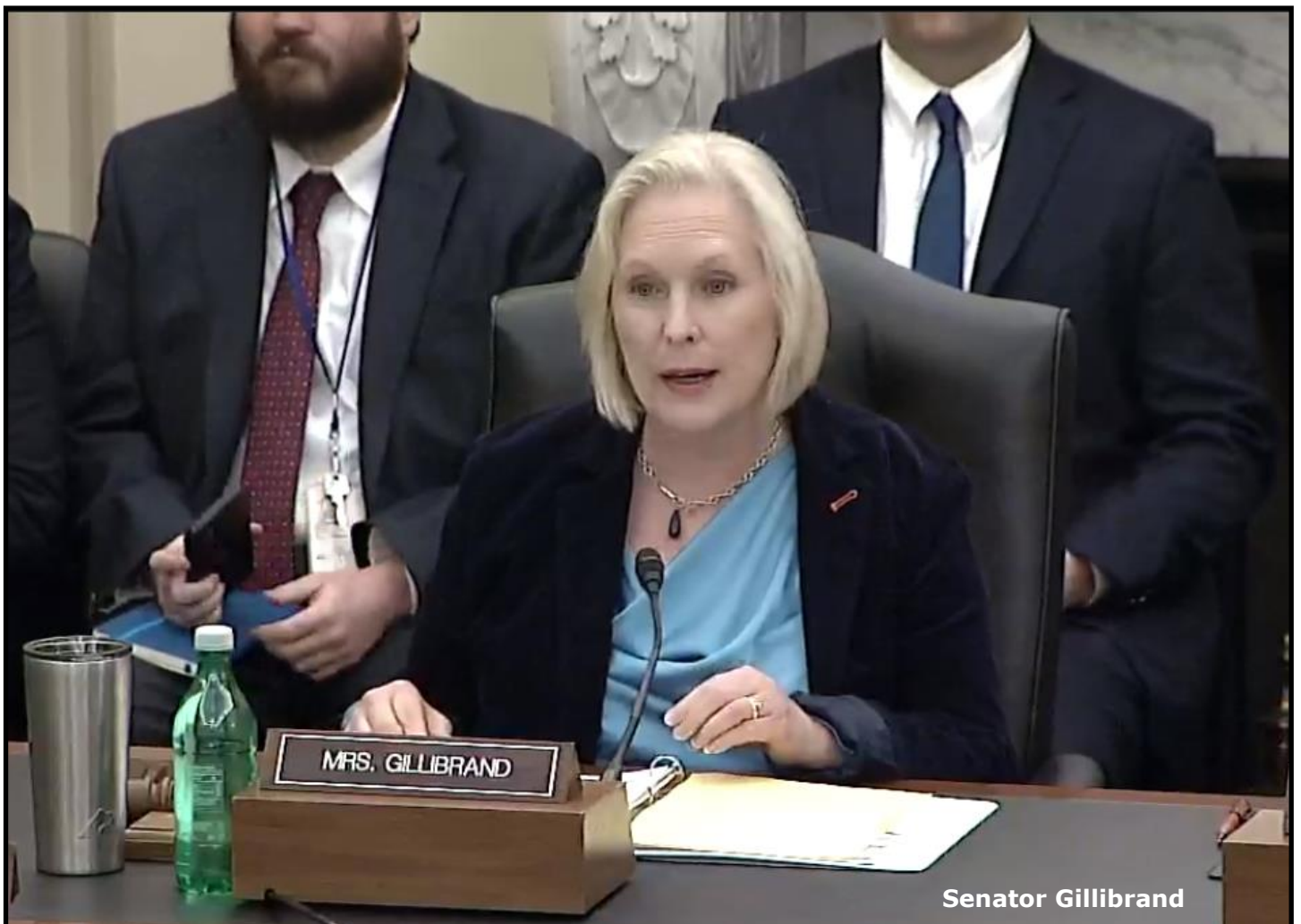
"Congressional leadership" is defined as the Speaker and minority leader in the House of Representatives, and the majority and minority leaders in the Senate. A total of 58 senators and 137 House members hold the positions that the bill designates to receive such notifications.

The categories of activities covered by the prospective funding ban are defined in six expansive paragraphs, to include "any activities

relating to," among other things, "Recruiting, employing, training, equipping, and operations of, and providing security for, government or contractor personnel with a primary, secondary, or contingency mission of capturing, recovering, and securing unidentified anomalous phenomena craft or pieces and components of such craft," and "managing and providing security for protecting activities and information relating to unidentified anomalous phenomena from disclosure." Also included is a broad range of activity related to reverse-engineering, including work on "any aerospace craft that uses propulsion technology other than chemical propellants, solar power, and electric ion thrust."

The UAP provision also contains a "Sense of Congress" subsection, which asserts that "due to the increasing potential for technology surprise from foreign adversaries and to ensure sufficient integration across the United States industrial base and avoid technology and security stovepipes...the Federal Government must expand awareness about any historical exotic technology antecedents previously provided by the Federal Government for research and development purposes."

A "sense of Congress" measure does not create substantive law, nor does it modify or limit the



Senator Gillibrand

effect of any substantive provisions. "Sense of Congress" language merely provides an explanation or justification for substantive requirements. In this case, the stated justification seems to be that there is a compelling need for the U.S. government to step up its efforts to reverse-engineer any exotic technology that is within its reach, and the lawmakers have concluded that this requires a relaxation of some of the extreme secrecy controls that purportedly surround study of exotic technology.

The language seems in sync with past public claims by some persons purporting to have direct or indirect knowledge of UFO "crash retrieval" programs, who have asserted that such programs had made little progress over decades, because stringent secrecy has severely limited the scientific and engineering resources available to unravel the workings of devices or materials of purportedly non-human origin. Such claims were made, for example, by an unnamed military contractor quoted by Michael Shellenberger in a June 7, 2023 article titled, "U.S. Has 12 or More Alien Spacecraft, Say Military and Intelligence Contractors."

MORE UAP LANGUAGE COMING IN NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT

Gillibrand's amendment on UFO-related special access projects has become public as part of the Intelligence Authorization Act, but the SAP issue may be addressed as well as part of a different bill, the FY 2024 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). In an interview reported by Matt Laslo of WIRED on June 13, Gillibrand said she would seek to add language to the NDAA cutting off funding for SAPs that are not properly reported to designated members of Congress. The Senate Armed Services Committee finished amending the NDAA on June 22, and then approved the bill on a vote of 24-1, but the text of the bill approved by the Senate Armed Services Committee is not yet publicly available. On June 23 Senator Gillibrand issued a press release stating that she had "secured full funding" for AARO during the committee session; her release did not mention any other UAP-related matter. An executive summary of the committee-approved NDAA also mentioned "increased funding" for AARO.

The National Defense Authorization Act sets policy and authorizes programs for most components of the military. The Intelligence Authorization Act sets policy for the Intelligence Community, which involves 18 agencies, both military and civilian. For lawmakers supportive of putting more light on any hidden UAP-related programs, having compatible language in both bills is ideal, since the subject matter straddles both realms. Having both committees speaking in concert may also be helpful in prodding a

recalcitrant bureaucracy.

As part of last year's National Defense Authorization Act, enacted in December 2022, Congress mandated establishment of a "secure system" by which anyone involved in a past or current UAP or alien-tech research program may file reports with AARO. Under this new law, anyone utilizing this "secure system" to disclose UAP-related information will not be violating classification laws or non-disclosure agreements, and will enjoy legal protection from reprisals by the government or government contractors.

The 2022 law also states that the Secretary of Defense must report to designated key lawmakers within 72 hours if he determines that "an authorized disclosure [under the new system] relates to" a previously unreported UAP-related special-access program.

In addition, the 2022 law requires AARO to prepare a comprehensive report to Congress on government involvement in UFO matters, going back to January 1, 1945. The report is to include, among other things, "any program or activity that was protected by restricted access that has not been explicitly and clearly reported to Congress," and "any efforts to obfuscate, manipulate public opinion, hide, or otherwise provide incorrect unclassified or classified information about unidentified anomalous phenomena or related activities." The report is due in June 2024. The law requires the Comptroller General, who heads the Governmental Accountability Office, an arm of Congress, to monitor the progress of the study and to periodically verbally brief designated lawmakers.

GRUSCH ALLEGATIONS BACKDROP FOR THE NEW SENATE COMMITTEE PROPOSALS

The new UAP initiatives in the Senate come in the wake of reports in the media, beginning on June 5, 2023, regarding allegations by David Grusch, who in April retired from a level GS-15 position (Colonel equivalent) as an intelligence officer with the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA). Grusch's allegations were first reported in an article that appeared on the website The Debrief on June 5, written by Leslie Kean and Ralph Blumenthal, and were elaborated on in interviews with journalist Ross Coulthart, broadcast on News Nation, and in other statements.

Grusch said that while assigned to the interagency UAP Task Force (a UAP-investigating body that preceded AARO), he received classified information from multiple "current and former senior intelligence officers" who said they were part of or had knowledge of a longstanding, highly secret program, which Grusch termed "a broad [UFO] crash-retrieval program." He said his sources told him that this program is engaged in attempts to

reverse-engineer "quite a number" of "technical vehicles, call it spacecraft if you will" of non-human origin.

"The allegations themselves are breathtaking," Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hi.), a member of the Senate Appropriations Defense Subcommittee, told WIRED's Matt Laslo. "It could be a game changer, or it could be a crank."



Kean-Blumenthal and Coulthart reported that Grusch initially reported on his findings to the Inspector General of the Department of Defense in July 2021, an action that Grusch later alleged somehow triggered various reprisals against him. The perpetrators of the alleged reprisals have not been publicly identified.

In May 2022, Grusch submitted a complaint to the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community (ICIG), employing a longstanding law, the Intelligence Community Whistleblower Protection Act (ICWPA) ((50 U.S.C. § 3033(k)(5)), which spells out a process for members of certain intelligence agency to report matters defined as being of "urgent concern," including serious violations of law, willful withholding of information from Congress, and some types of reprisals. The law requires that the Senate and House intelligence committees to receive notification of any "urgent concern" complaint, if the ICIG finds it to be "credible," which he did in this case; the committees were notified in July 2022.

Subsequently, staff persons to the two intelligence committees separately conducted extended sworn interviews of Grusch regarding his allegations. Grusch also provided sworn statements and

classified information to the inspectors general. It appears that investigations into Grusch's disclosures are ongoing by both the ICIG and the Inspector General of the Defense Department.

Within hours of The Debrief's initial report on Grusch's claims on June 5, 2023, Pentagon spokesperson Sue Gough issued this statement: "To date, AARO has not discovered any verifiable

information to substantiate claims that any programs regarding the possession or reverse-engineering of extraterrestrial materials have existed in the past or exist currently. AARO is committed to following the data and its investigation wherever it leads. AARO, working with the Office of the General Counsel and the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, has established a safe and secure process for individuals to come forward with information to aid AARO in its congressionally-mandated historical review. AARO's historical review of records and testimonies is ongoing and due to Congress by June 2024. AARO welcomes the opportunity to speak with any former or current government employee or contractor who believes they have information relevant to the historical review."

In a statement to Christopher Sharp of Liberation Times, published June 22, Gough stated: "AARO has been rigorously investigating alleged programs mentioned by individuals who have come forward as part of the congressionally-mandated historical review. To date, AARO has not been denied access to any United States government program, past or present, during the course of its work." Since David Grusch did not make his allegations "as part

of the congressionally-mandated historical review," Ms. Gough's statement may not have applied to his allegations.

WHAT HAPPENS NOW WITH THE SENATE LEGISLATION?

Both the NDAA and the IAA still have many steps to go in the legislative process. However, ultimate enactment of an NDAA by the end of 2023 is a very good bet; Congress has enacted an NDAA for the past 62 years running.

In many years, the IAA is folded into the NDAA at a late stage in the legislative process, prior to the NDAA gaining final congressional approval and being sent to the president.

One open question is how the current leaders of the Intelligence and Armed Services committees in the House of Representatives will respond to the new Senate UAP proposals. Congressmen Michael Turner (R-Ohio) and Jim Himes (D-Ct.), who are respectively the chairman and ranking minority member on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), made generalized dismissive comments about the possibility of the government possessing secret alien technology, in a brief joint interview with Fox News on June 6 (see video clip below). They have said little if anything publicly on the matter since then. Their committee has not yet approved its version of the FY 2024 Intelligence Authorization Act.

On June 6, 2023, Congressmen Jim Himes (D-Ct.), left, and Michael Turner (R-Ohio), respectively the ranking minority member and the chairman of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence (HPSCI), respond briefly to a question about the David Grusch story.

The senior members of the Armed Services Committee of the House of Representatives have said little publicly about the Grusch allegations. On June 22, that committee finished amending its version of the FY 2024 National Defense Authorization Act (H.R. 2670) and approved the bill 58-1. The committee-approved text is not yet publicly available, but no reports from the committee's voting session mentioned any UAP-related amendments, nor is any UAP-related language mentioned in a 15-page summary made available by the committee. However, UAP-related language could still be offered during consideration of the bill on the House floor, as occurred in 2022 when Reps. Mike Gallagher (R-Wi.) and Ruben Gallego (D-Az.) won adoption of a floor amendment to establish the "authorized reporting" system (a proposal that had been approved earlier by the SSCI).

Whether or not there are any UAP-related provisions in the versions of the NDAA and IAA that the full House initially passes later this year,

the inclusion of UAP-related provisions in the bills approved by the two Senate committees would mean that final UAP language will be worked out in a House-Senate conference committee or other closed-door, bicameral negotiations that occur near the end of the legislative process, probably late in the year.

POTENTIAL CONGRESSIONAL HEARING(S)

Under ordinary procedures, there would be no expectation that negotiations on the final shape of NDAA-IAA provisions pertaining to UAP would involve the leadership of the House Committee on Oversight and Accountability. To date, however, that is the only House committee that has announced that it intends to hold a public hearing on the subject.

On June 6, House Oversight Chairman James Comer (R-Ky.) told News Nation that he had tasked two members of that committee, Reps. Tim Burchett (R-Tn.) and Anna Paulina Luna (R-Fl.), to put together a public hearing on the subject. In an interview with Frank Camp published on DailyWire.com on June 17, 2023, Burchett said that he was hoping that Grusch would be able to testify at the hearing: "We would like to get him there. It's premature to say who we will have there. We'll release that when we get the okay from the committee chair of everybody that we've invited who's been cleared to come speak...I want to talk to people who have seen something and can provide some proof of what's going on." No timetable has been announced for the House Oversight Committee hearing.

Senator Gillibrand chairs the Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee of the Armed Services Committee. In remarks to Matt Laslo of WIRED, reported on June 13, Gillibrand said she wanted to "have a hearing at some point so that we can assess if these SAPs actually exist." Asked by Laslo whether she thought there was veracity to Grusch's claims, Gillibrand said "I have no idea. So I'm going to do the work and analyze it and figure it out."

On April 19, 2023, Gillibrand's subcommittee held both a closed (classified) hearing and an open hearing on AARO, at which AARO Director Dr. Sean Kirkpatrick was the sole witness. During that hearing, Kirkpatrick said, "I should also state clearly for the record that in our research AARO has found no credible evidence thus far of extraterrestrial activity, off world technology, or objects that defy the known laws of physics. In the event sufficient scientific data were ever obtained that a UAP encountered can only be explained by extraterrestrial origin, we are committed to working with our interagency partners at NASA to appropriately inform U.S. government's leadership of its findings."

A provision of the 2022 law establishing AARO reads as follows: "50 U.S.C. Sec. 3373(f)(1) (A): Availability of data: The Director of National Intelligence, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall ensure that each element of the intelligence community with data relating to unidentified anomalous phenomena makes such data available immediately to the Office" [i.e., AARO].

In a statement to Christopher Sharp of Liberation Times, published June 22, Gough said, "By law, AARO may receive all UAP-related information, including any classified national security information involving military, intelligence, and intelligence-related activities, at all levels of classification regardless of any restrictive access controls, special access programs, or compartmented access programs. Moreover, there is no restriction to AARO receiving any past or present UAP-related information, regardless of the organizational affiliation of the original classification authority within DoD, the Intelligence Community, or any other U.S. government department or agency."

In an interview with journalist Ross Coulthart, broadcast by News Nation on June 11, Grusch said, "Well, I know Dr. Sean Kirkpatrick. I've known him about eight years. And, you know, I expressed some concerns to Dr. Kirkpatrick about a year ago, and told him what I was starting to uncover. And he didn't follow up with me. He has my phone number. He could have called me. I hope he ultimately does the right thing. He should be able to make the same investigative discoveries I did. It's totally crazy if he doesn't."

SENATORS ACT TO BEEF UP FUNDING FOR AARO

On February 16 a bipartisan group of 16 senators – including Gillibrand, SSCI ranking minority member Senator Marco Rubio (R-Fl.), and SSCI Chairman Senator Mark Warner (D-Va.) - sent a letter to the second-ranking officials at the Department of Defense and in the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, urging support for more robust funding for AARO, and raising questions about the pace at which the Pentagon

bureaucracy has implemented some of the AARO-related mandates enacted in December, 2022.

In her opening remarks at her April 19 hearing on AARO, Gillibrand said, "Congress established AARO. We made it clear that we expect vigorous action... But despite our best efforts the President's budget for fiscal years '23 and '24 requested only enough funding to defray the operating expenses of AARO. It included almost no funds to sustain the critical research and development necessary to support a serious investigation. It took a letter to Secretary Austin [sic] from Senator Rubio and me and 14 other senators to get the office [AARO] temporary relief for the current fiscal year."

Following the conclusion of the Senate Armed Services Committee's closed-door voting sessions on the NDAA on June 22, Senator Gillibrand issued a press release (shown below) stating that "she had secured full funding" for AARO as part of the bill. The release did not provide any other specifics, and the bill language has not yet been released publicly. An summary of the NDAA released by the Armed Services Committee on June 23 also mentioned that the bill "authorizes increased funding for...the activities of the All-domain Anomaly Resolution Office (AARO)."

The actual appropriation of funds for military and intelligence programs is conducted in a different bill, the annual Defense Appropriations bill, which originates in the Defense subcommittees of the Senate and House Appropriations committees. Generally, any program is most secure when it has strong advocates on both the pertinent authorization (policy and oversight) committees and on the pertinent appropriations subcommittees.

"The goal for me will be to have a hearing on that at some point so that we can assess if these SAPs actually exist."- Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY), chair, Emerging Threats and Capabilities Subcommittee, U.S. Senate Armed Services Committee (quoted in WIRED, June 13, 2023).

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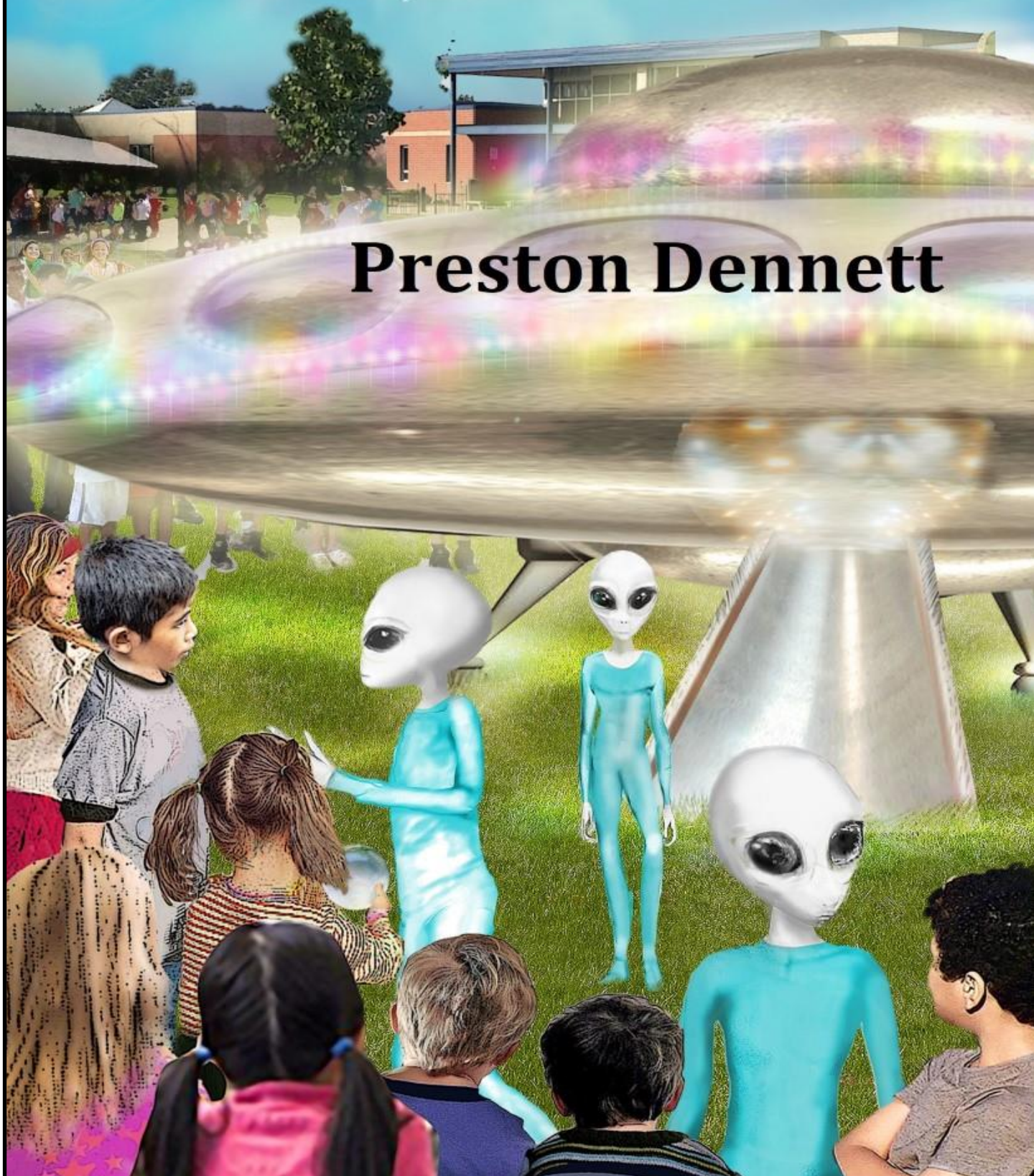
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UFOs And Black Helicopters Over A Small Staffordshire Village

By Marcus Lowth (UK)



During the opening months of 2014, a Staffordshire artist was driving along a country road when he witnessed an event that was not only unusual but also concerning, particularly when further events unfolded the following day.

What is also of interest is that these bizarre events were not the only ones the witness experienced, with two previous sightings on record. And while there are no real suggestions of repeat alien abduction, as we might suspect with a person with multiple UFO encounters, it is perhaps something to keep on the backburner of our minds.

The witness, as well as those around them, wished to remain anonymous, and so is referred to as "Simon" in the report, with all other names also changed. The account comes from the investigation of David Hodrien of The Birmingham UFO Group – a thorough one to say the least.

Perhaps above all else, though, what makes this encounter all the more interesting, is that it occurred so recently – less than a decade ago at the time of writing – meaning that whatever otherworldly presence is here, and whatever the truth is behind the UFO and alien question, such activity seemingly remains rife today.

Circling Black Helicopters Containing Heavily Armed People

At around 11 am one morning somewhere between mid-February and early April 2014, Simon was driving Margaret, the owner of the farm where he rented an art studio, to visit a relative in a retirement home in Kidderminster, Staffordshire in the United Kingdom. In exchange for the rent, Simon agreed to run errands for Margaret and her husband, as he was doing this particular morning.

The journey was one he had made several times with Margaret, and an hour or so after setting off they arrived at their destination. Margaret stayed at the retirement home until around 1 pm, and then the pair set off back to the farm. Around 20 minutes later, while driving along a quiet country road between Bridgnorth and Kidderminster, their journey took a strange turn.

Around half a mile ahead of them, Simon noticed several black helicopters circling in the sky at a particularly low altitude of only 100 feet. He turned

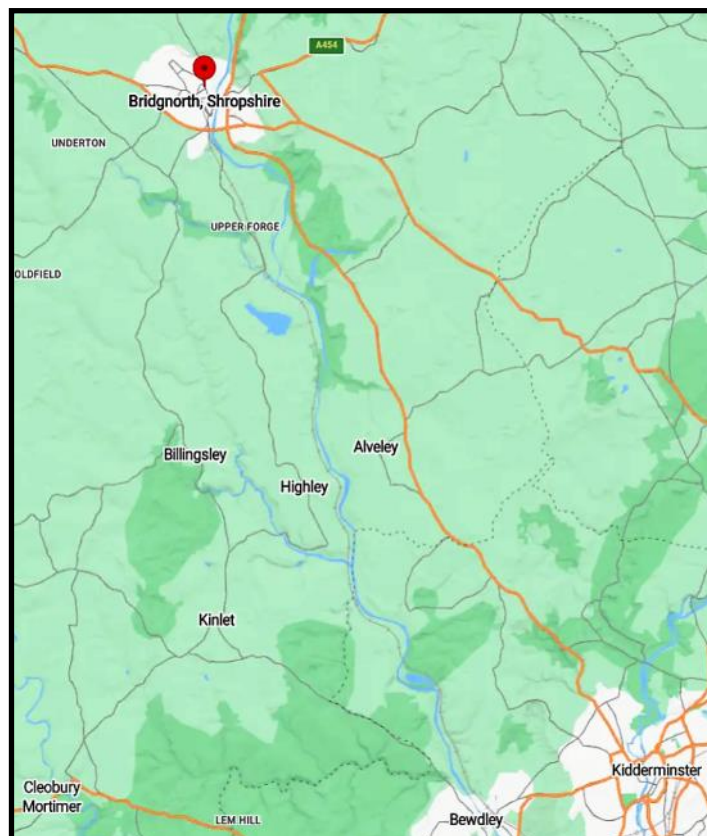
to Margaret to see if she could see them. She clearly could.

The closer they got to them, the more details Simon could make out. He could see, for example, that there were no markings or insignia on them whatsoever – just plain black. Furthermore, each of the helicopters had their sliding side doors open, just enough that a rather ominous-looking person could be seen inside each of them.

Each had on a black balaclava, black boots, and a beige military-looking uniform. A little more alarming was the fact that each was holding on to an automatic weapon in their hands.

A Vehicle Unlike Any Other

It was at this stage that Simon realized he couldn't hear the blades of the helicopters, something which, given how long they were, he most certainly should have been able to. He quickly looked around the areas at the roadside to see if he could see what the black helicopters might be looking for. Then, he came to a gap in the hedges, through which he could see something truly fascinating.





Witness drawing courtesy of Dave Hodrien

On the other side of the hedge was a field, with trees approximately 1000 feet away. Above the trees, however, was a strange object that appeared to be descending at a slow and controlled pace.

He would later estimate that the object was around 1000 feet across and appeared to be separated into three sections. The main part of the craft was rectangular-shaped and appeared to be a strange mixture of black and yellow colours, of a shiny, metallic exterior, with rows of windows of varying sizes along its side.

This main section was connected to a spherical section – which appeared to Simon to be the front section – by a tube of black round ring-like sections that appeared to expand somewhat. This sphere also appeared metallic, and was the same colours as the main section, with the top and black being yellow and the middle section being black.

There were also what appeared to be dark glass windows on the front section, three sets each in a row – one along the top, one in the middle, and one toward the bottom.

Of most interest, from its tilt and how it was descending, it appeared to Simon as if this strange craft was looking to land.

A Decision Not To Stop

Although he managed to take in a lot of detail, within only seconds he had driven past the gap in the hedge and his view was obstructed once more. Both baffled and amazed at what he had just seen, he glanced over at Margaret to see if she too had seen the bizarre craft. She was, however, looking the other way at the helicopters still circling.

It was at this point when Simon began to contemplate whether the black helicopters were present due to the arrival of this curious aerial vehicle.

He contemplated pulling the car to the side of the road but, ultimately, he decided against doing so, in part because there was traffic behind him and there was no space to pull the vehicle over. He also didn't want to end up in a situation where both he and Margaret were in any danger, especially given the fact that each of the helicopters contained at least one heavily armed person.

He continued on before finally coming to a layby where he could safely bring the vehicle to a stop. When he turned back to the direction they had just come from, he could still see the helicopters circling around over the trees where he had seen the strange object. After several moments, Simon put the car in motion and returned to the farm, telling Margaret of what he had seen through the gap in the hedge.

Less than 24 hours later, however, the pair would



witness equally strange events much closer to home.

A Second Visit And A Sudden Inability To Recall

While the pair were outside on the land of the farm discussing what they had witnessed the previous day, Simon and Margaret suddenly heard the sound of helicopter blades approaching. They each instinctively looked upward, immediately noticing the same style of black helicopter they had seen the day before, hovering overhead, only this time it was slightly higher, approximately at around 300 feet.

The two witnesses looked on in amazement, noticing that there was a strange disc shape that was seemingly attached the front of the helicopter. They watched it for several moments, the helicopter simply remaining in the same spot above them. Then, it suddenly went into motion and disappeared out of sight.

Despite researching the Internet, Simon could find no information on any planned military operations, nor any other reported sightings. There was, though, one final strange detail.

Several weeks after the two sightings, Simon happened to be speaking with Margaret once more. He mentioned the helicopters to her, asking if she had thought any further as to what they might have been. To his surprise, she struggled to recall the incident, as if she had put it out of her mind. This was, Simon offered, very unlike her. Not only was she normally more than competent at recalling details, he struggled to understand how she could forget something so unusual.

Whether this last detail is an important point or not is perhaps open to debate. Had Margaret simply forgotten the encounter? Had she wished to put it out of her mind due to the surreal nature of it? Or might some kind of strange technology – perhaps connected to the disc on the front of the helicopter during the second sighting – have pushed the incident to the back of her mind. And perhaps above all else, just what was taking place that afternoon in Staffordshire in early 2014?

An Alien Encounter Or A Black Budget Project?

Was the object Simon witnessed a cosmic vehicle from another world or was it some kind of secret military vehicle? And if it is the latter, then why would such a secret vehicle be out in the middle of the day near an, albeit, country road?

If we stick with the idea that this aircraft was a secret military vehicle, might that explain the the unmarked helicopters? And might this also explain the presence of an identical unmarked helicopter at the farm the following day? We will come back to this detail shortly.

Dave Hodrien carried out an extensive investigation into the events of that day. To begin with, Hodrien contemplated whether Simon might have seen something that on the ground, perhaps even a construction for a movie set, that he mistook for an aerial object. However, the witness remained steadfast that they had most definitely seen the object descending.

If the object was an aerial vehicle, then, just what kind of vehicle could it have been? If we remove the possibility of it being some kind of military vehicle, then the only realistic explanation is that it is a craft from another world or realm of existence.

If this was an alien vehicle, just what was the purpose of the military-style black helicopters? Were they there in an attempt to confront the otherworldly craft? Or were they guiding it on its journey, suggesting some kind of prior knowledge of an alien presence on Earth? Or might this unit have been dispatched there to ensure there were as few witnesses as possible. And once more, is this the reason for the appearance of one of the helicopters over the farm the following day?

With this last point in mind, we might also consider just how the helicopter pilot knew where to go to locate Simon and Margaret. Was some kind of simple number registration technology have been used? Had one of the helicopters simply discreetly followed their vehicle home the previous day? Or might a technology or system have been used that we simply know nothing about?

It is certainly and intriguing and thought-provoking incident. And one with so many unanswered questions and, consequently, so many possibilities.

Perhaps of further interest, though, Hodrien also previously investigated two other sightings that Simon had witnessed. And it is to those where we will turn our attention to next.

The A38 Encounter

Around 18 months earlier, at around 7 pm on October 10th, 2012, Simon was driving along the A38 on his way to Fradley, a small village near Lichfield, in order to give a presentation on his work. It was as he was preparing to turn off the road that he suddenly saw a triangular shaped object moving over the fields at the roadside.

The exterior of the object was a dark color, while on the underside, toward the front, were three yellow-white lights. As the sky was already darkening, he wasn't certain what color the exterior was, but he was fairly certain it was black or very dark grey. He would later estimate that the craft was approximately at an altitude of between 500 to 1000 feet and was slightly larger than a small airplane. He pulled the car to the side of the road, noting that the object appeared to be moving



Witness drawing courtesy of Dave Hodrien

parallel to it. He stepped out of the vehicle, all the while keeping the strange craft in his sight. He watched as it appeared to turn slightly, going from a southern direct to the southeast. As it turned, he could see that there were also three white lights running along the middle of the underside. It was also at this point when he realized the craft was completely silent, with no noise whatsoever coming from it.

He continued to watch it for around a minute before it was lost behind the trees. He remained he was for a moment or two in case it came into view once more before getting back inside the car and continued on with his journey.

Most Likely A Secret Military Craft?

Although this incident was not as dramatic as the one involving the unmarked black helicopters a little over a year later, it is clear that Simon also witnessed something truly strange on this evening too.

That said, however, as much as the object could indeed have been an alien craft from another planet elsewhere in the universe, as Dave Hodrien points out in his summary of the case, there is perhaps more reason to suggest that this particular sighting could be one of a secret, or at least unknown military aircraft.

For example, Hodrien points out that the object was "not of excessive size", nor did it "perform any maneuvers which a human aircraft would not be able to make". Of further interest is how it banked before changing direction, as opposed to an instant change of direction as witnessed in many UFO sightings. Furthermore, the region is

a relatively remote one, which would, in theory, make it ideal for testing out such speculative secret aircraft.

However, the fact that Simon would witness another UFO sighting only months after this encounter is perhaps something of interest. Especially when we consider a third UFO encounter of Simon's decades earlier in the late 1970s. And it is to that interest where we will turn our attention to next.

The Great Bridgeford Incident

Over 30 years before the sightings of the 2000s, Simon experienced another strange incident, again while driving. On this occasion, at around 5.20 pm one evening in late October 1978, Simon was driving along a road with his wife, Chloe, near the village of Great Bridgeford.

It was as they were driving down quiet country road, with trees on one side and fields on the other, that they noticed a strange dark disc-shaped object ahead of them and slightly to the right. It appeared to be at an altitude of no more than 500 feet and was moving relatively slowly, approximately 15 miles per hour.

To begin with, Simon and Chloe both thought the strange craft was a helicopter. However, when they saw that there were no lights anywhere on it, they quickly dismissed this idea.

They continued on toward the object, noticing more details as they did so. They could see, for example, that there were no markings or writing on the craft, its exterior was a very dark colour, and it was approximately 30 feet wide.

Simon looked around to see if anyone else was

seeing what he and his wife were. However, despite there being several other cars nearby, the other motorists appeared to be unaware of the object's presence.

An Attempt To Communicate?

At this point, Simon pulled his car to the side of the road and exited the vehicle. He stood outside the vehicle, keeping his focus on the bizarre disc overhead. Then, it stopped and for the first time he noticed that there was no sound whatsoever coming from it.

Suddenly, a strange ring of multi-coloured lights of red, green, blue, and yellow appeared on the underside of the object going all around the edge. From where he was viewing them from below, it appeared as though the lights were rotating, but the more he looked at them the more he could tell that they were, in fact, flashing in a sequence that gave such an appearance.

The UFO remained where it was for around 15 seconds before it began moving once more, still going at the slow and steady pace that it was before, eventually disappearing from sight several minutes later. Although Simon and his wife couldn't explain it, both had the feeling that the UFO – or the occupants inside it – had stopped purposely directly over the top of them.



Upon reaching home, Simon telephoned a friend who was a member of the British UFO Research Association, Tony, and informed him of the incident. According to Hodrien's research, however, that report no longer exists anywhere online.

Of further interest, several days later Simon's brother-in-law would inform him of another sighting almost 90 minutes later in the nearby village of Pershaw. According to what he told him, at around 6.45 pm a local resident witnessed a bright glow moving overhead at a low altitude.

Of course, whether there is a connection between this sighting and Simon's is open to debate.

This is arguably the most intriguing of all of Simon's UFO encounters, not least due to the alleged interaction between the strange craft (with the flashing lights) and the witnesses. Did Simon just happen to be in the right place at the right time for this encounter, or might we contemplate whether this was more of a purposeful meeting on the part of the occupants of this strange craft?

Coincidence Or Subconsciously Purposeful Encounters?

There are plenty of points of interest for us to examine. When we consider Simon's later sightings decades later, the account of the late 1970s is an intriguing one.

Although there is no apparent signs of alien abduction in Simon's accounts, it is interesting that a person would witness three UFOs in (roughly) the same region over a period of three and a half decades. And quite often, people who have had multiple UFO sightings discover they have repeated encounters of alien abduction.

Just to be clear, that is not necessarily what has happened here, but it is an interesting detail to note. As is the notion that Simon and his wife had a bizarre feeling that the UFO was attempting to communicate with them somehow in the 1978 encounter when it stopped overhead and began flashing lights.

If this was a purposeful encounter on the occupants of the UFO's part, then for what reason might they have to communicate with Simon. Could it be possible that these sightings, for example, are to allow for some kind of subconscious transfer of information that might somehow influence Simon? And if that was the case, for what reason might this be?

Of course, it could be pure coincidence that Simon has had multiple UFO encounters. And if that is the case then perhaps

we should contemplate what, if indeed anything, might be special about this part of the United Kingdom. What might attract these potential vehicles from another world to this location?

One thing very much on the positive side of Simon's sightings is that two of them occurred so relatively recently, meaning it is not at all beyond a stretch of our imagination that further details and possibly witnesses might come forward.

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It would be really nice if we could exclude the ET possibility. It would make things a lot simpler and help us focus our efforts trying to get to the bottom of this but we have no scientific basis for doing that and moreover we have no intel that I am aware of that suggests any terrestrial nation has these kinds[UAP] of capabilities.



Christopher Mellon - Stars & Stripes (11/11/20)

Dr. James E. McDonald

The type of UFO reports that are most intriguing are close-range sightings of machinelike objects of unconventional nature and unconventional performance characteristics, seen at low altitudes, and sometimes even on the ground. The general public is entirely unaware of the large number of such reports that are coming from credible witnesses... When one starts searching for such cases, their number are quite astonishing.



An illuminated flying disc over the Wednesbury area of Birmingham

By Dave Hodrien (ICER UK Deputy)

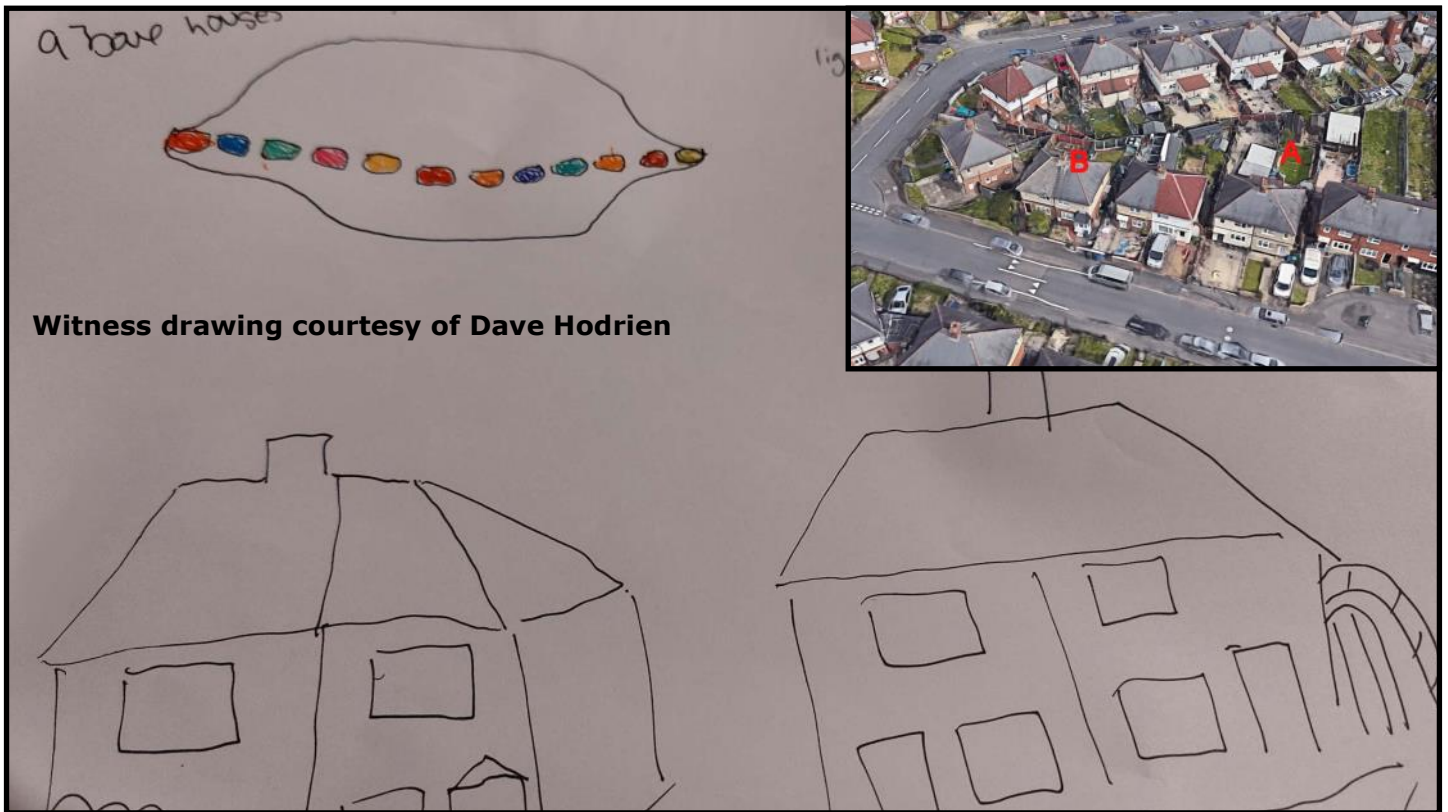
In May 2023 a lady named Laura Wakelam got in touch to ask whether I had previously investigated cases from around Wednesbury, Birmingham. I asked her why she was interested and she informed me that she had experienced a UFO in the area back in 2005 when she was 15 years old. I arranged an extensive phone call with her to go over what took place. The details she provided were fascinating, and not only an unidentified craft, but also missing time.

Laura thinks the incident happened around October 2005. She is unsure of the exact month but says

she could duck down under the bed to look out of the window, which had a net curtain on it.

She noticed a white light coming from outside, so decided to crouch under the bed, lift the net curtain and take a look. It was a clear and dry night outside. Due to the time of year it was fully dark, but the road was lit by a number of street lights. She cannot recall whether she could see the stars or whether there was cloud cover. It was very quiet with no passing vehicles or pedestrians.

Just off to her left, and visible over the neighbouring house roofs she could see the



Witness drawing courtesy of Dave Hodrien

that it was getting dark early in the evening so she feels it happened in late autumn of that year. Back then she used to live on Moor Street, Wednesbury with her parents and two younger brothers. She believes it took place around 7.30pm. She had gone up to her bedroom, leaving her parents and brothers downstairs, possibly searching for her mobile phone.

She had a high sleeper bed in her room which was up against the front wall of the house with the window partially blocked. However there was no desk under the bed, so if she wished

silhouette of an aerial object. It appeared to look like a domed-disc shape and roughly 40 feet across. It was tipped up at an angle of about 35 degrees, with the left side higher than the right. It seemed to be positioned just to the right of one of the back gardens of the opposite houses, and at a very low altitude, perhaps only 60 feet up.

Coming from the left side of the object was a thin white beam of bright light, which was shining down into the garden to its left. This beam looked thinner and more sharply defined than the beam from a



helicopter's search light. The beam was sweeping around in circles like it was looking for something. However the object itself remained un-naturally still in the air. There appeared to be no sound coming from it at all.

Laura was quite frightened by the odd appearance of the object, it's stillness in the air and the beam coming from it. She stared at it for about 2 minutes, too scared to call out for her parents or brothers to come and see. Back in 2005 she had an early camera phone, however she did not have it on her at the time or knew where it was, and she was transfixed on watching the object.

Suddenly the beam went off and the object vanished without trace. Then a few seconds later it reappeared directly over the roof of four houses along the road to the left, now in a horizontal position.

It immediately started to flash a sequence of multi-coloured lights. These lights appeared around the central rim of the object one at a time, and it was these which drew Laura's attention to its new position. At this point she was convinced that she was looking at something highly unusual and this was definitely not a patrol helicopter.

The sequence took a number of seconds to proceed right round the craft in an anti-clockwise direction. There were two rotations of the lights before they ceased flashing.

After this the object moved forward until it was positioned over the road. It then slowly began to tip up on its axis until it was positioned vertically! This took about 10 seconds. At this point of the

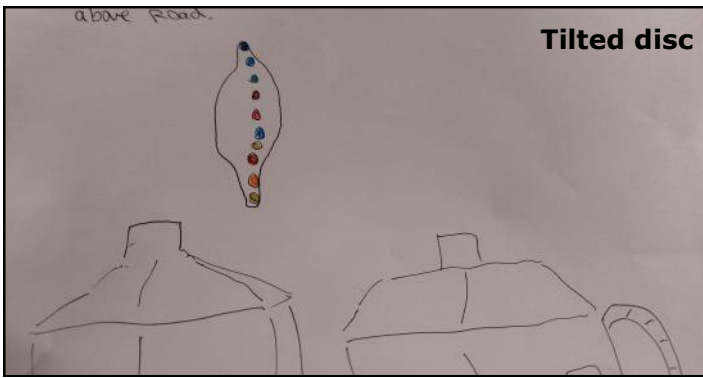
sighting Laura should logically have been able to see it clearly, lit up by the street lights. But she only has vague recollections of its appearance. She feels that the memories of this may have been blocked from her mind.

Once it was vertical the sequence of flashing lights once again occurred. It then came back down the road and moved back over to where it had initially been situated. Once again the beam came on a short while and did another circular sweep of the garden.

It then came forward again, arcing round the front of the houses as it moved back up the road, until it was positioned over the far side of the crossroads with Kilvert Road. It remained there a short while, then moved away to the North East out of sight.

Laura felt traumatized by what she had just witnessed. She sat there at the window thinking that she should go downstairs and tell her mother about what had occurred. She crouched down under the bed, but as she crossed her room she realised that the details of the incident were becoming hazy in her mind, and the feeling of trauma was subsiding. By the time she was downstairs it had gone completely.

The details of what happened only came back to her ten years later when she decided to watch a UFO documentary about Bob Lazar. At a certain point in the documentary Bob spoke about witnessing one of the craft tipping up vertically in the sky. Upon hearing this, Laura had a vivid flashback of what she had seen when she was 15. The details of the craft tipping up in the



documentary had seemingly jogged her mind and caused the memories of the incident to return!

This is a fascinating event and one which has numerous unusual and interesting aspects to it. It is quite rare that witnesses report seeing beams of light coming down from UFOs. But what exactly could it have been? The object could not have been an aeroplane due to the fact it was hovering motionless at numerous points within the sighting for an extended period of time, seemingly at very low altitude, and shining a light down onto the ground.

The obvious mundane explanation which needs to be considered is that the object was a police helicopter checking the local vicinity for one reason or another. Unfortunately due to the fact it happened many years ago it will not be possible to get the police to confirm this one way or the other.

Helicopters can of course send search lights down to the ground and can hover quite still in the air

when required. However there are numerous aspects which do not fit with this explanation. Firstly the shape of the object was not right for a helicopter. True it was quite dark, and initially it might have just looked like a dark indiscriminate shape, but later in the sighting Laura was able to see its shape more clearly, as she has drawn.

At no point in the sighting did the object display any standard navigation lights (and it was of course seen from different angles throughout the sighting). Helicopters normally have white, red and green navigation lights on them.

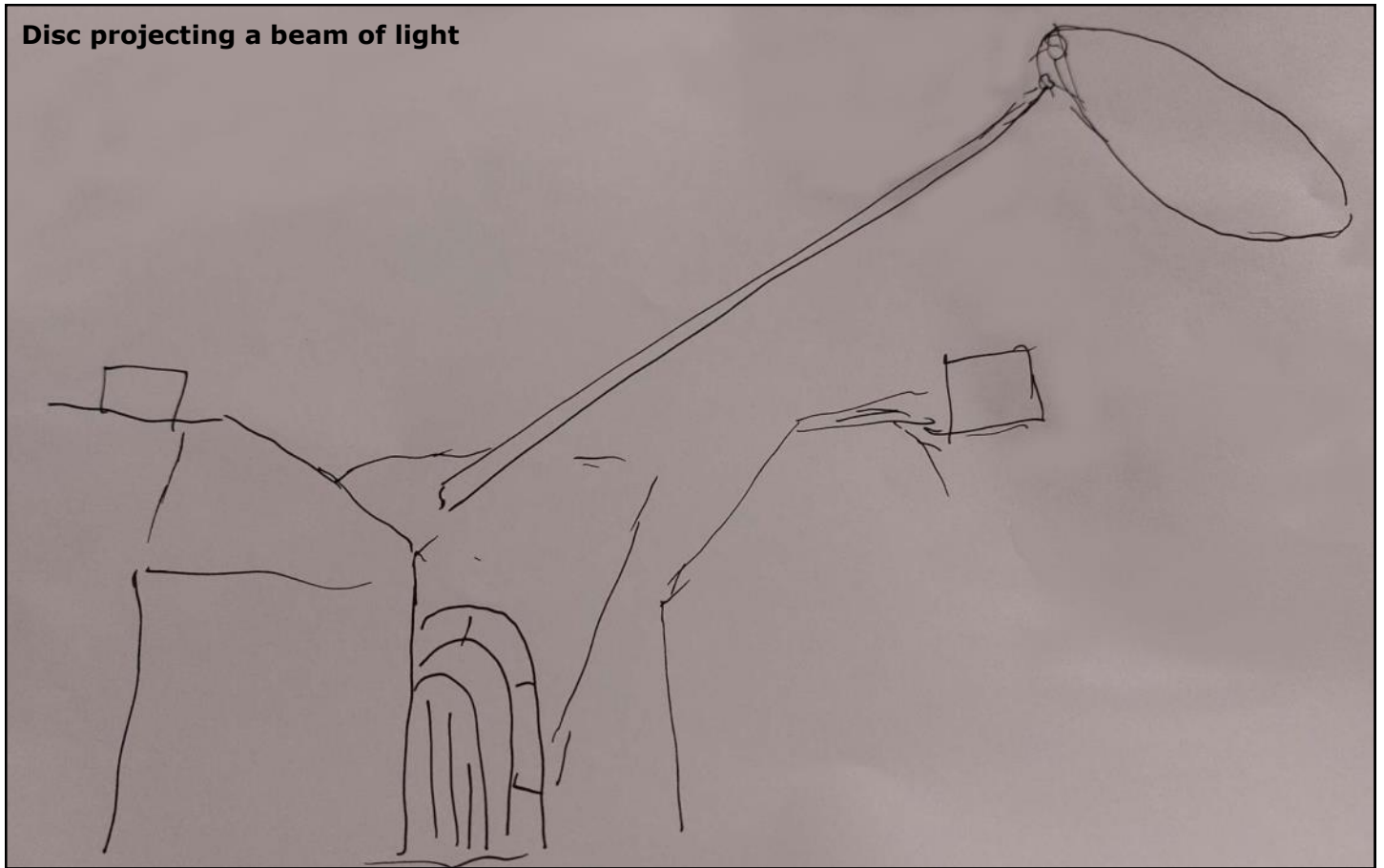
Logically at least some of these would have been visible to the witness. In the previous night photograph of the helicopter the red tail strobe and lower of the two white strobes are clear to see.

Laura says the stillness of the object in the sky appeared un-natural. Even a helicopter hovering in the same spot will tend to drift a little bit, but when this object came to a halt there appeared to be no drift at all. Also it is very likely that at that distance from her house Laura would have been able to hear the rotor blades if it was a patrol helicopter. Yet it appeared to be completely silent.

The vertical tilting it performed and the row of flashing multi-coloured lights which were seen numerous times again both point away from this being a helicopter, or any other normal type of aircraft.



Disc projecting a beam of light



360 Radar, one of the radar information websites I subscribe to, confirms that the area does not fall within any airways. It also confirms that it does lie within controlled airspace. These reduce the likelihood of it being an untracked private aircraft.

If it wasn't an aircraft what else could it have been? It seemed much too large to be some kind of radio controlled model, and the sighting took place many years before drones were commercially

available. The beam of light, controlled manoeuvres it performed and flashing sequence of lights also rule out some kind of large inflatable.

There is also the fact that Laura completely forgot the incident took place almost immediately after it happened. Even though she was clearly shocked by the sighting, it is very unlikely that her mind would have blanked out the experience to the point that she could not remember it at all. I feel that this



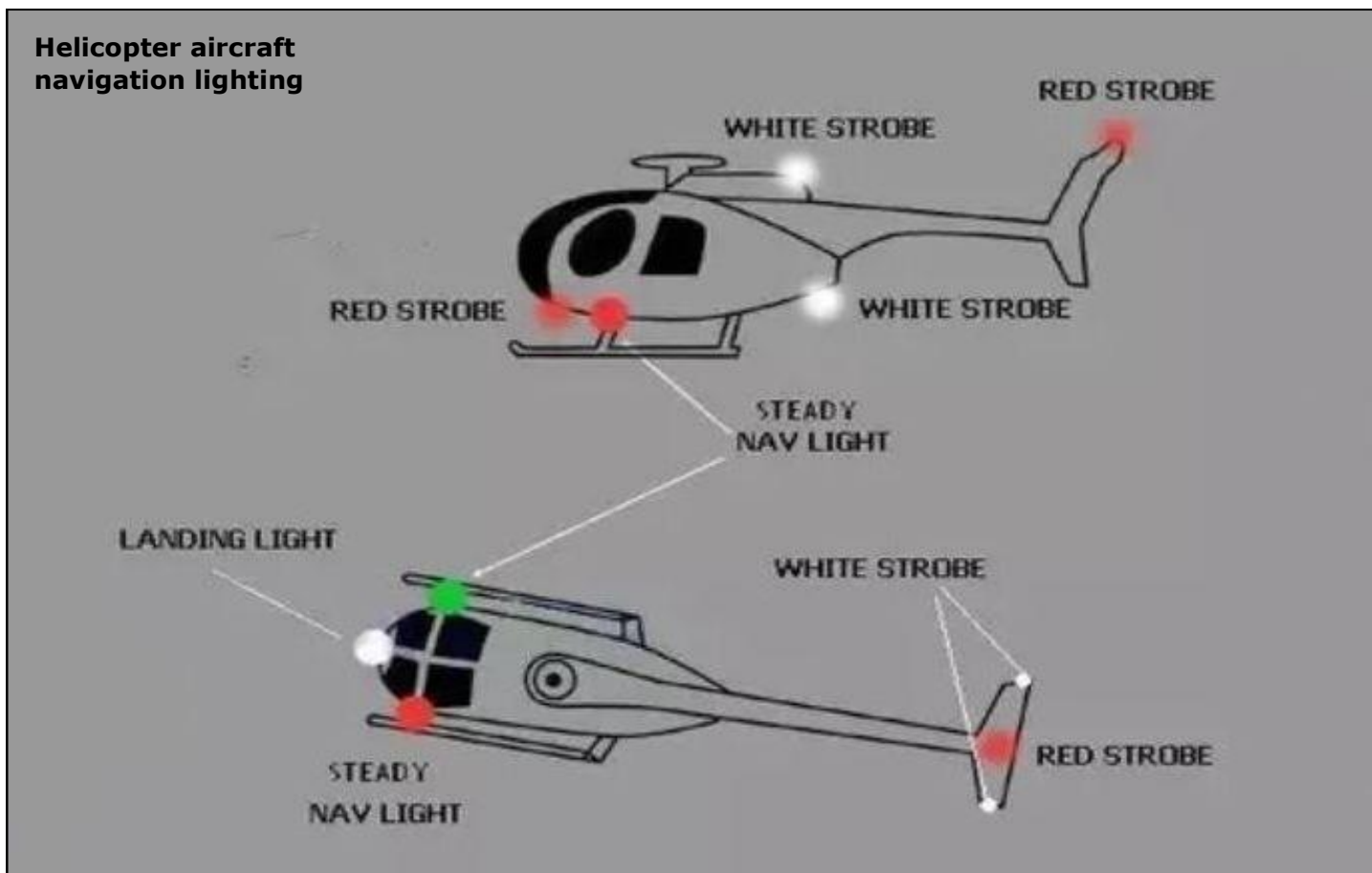
aspect of the incident is extremely important and points away from it being something mundane.

When asked about this aspect of the experience, Laura said "I remember getting by the bed and I was going to go and tell my mum then I couldn't remember what it was, but I could feel that it was bad. Then as I got by the stairs that feeling went.

Then when I was downstairs I didn't even know any of it. I just know that it traumatised me

encounters, often associated with direct contact. Usually only partial missing time occurs, but I have looked into numerous incidents where the memories of the experience have been completely removed, and it is only through a later "trigger" can sometimes be seeing/hearing details of a similar incident, which is precisely what happened in this instance.

There does not appear to have been any direct



because every time I try to think about it, it does my head in. And when I first remembered it, it put me in shock. I still don't remember some things because I know I stared at it when it was upright just can't remember what the bottom of it looked like. But I know I stared at it."

It seems likely that this was a genuine sighting of a domed-disc shaped advanced craft, possibly of ET origin. I have investigated many cases of UFOs of this shape before, and there are countless more on record. I have even dealt with cases where precisely the same lighting has been reported, with a rotating line of multi-coloured lights around the central rim. There are known cases where these craft have been seen to tip up vertical in the air, just as Laura reported. There are also cases on record where UFOs have been seen to send down beams of light as if scanning the ground, including the infamous Rendlesham Forest Incident.

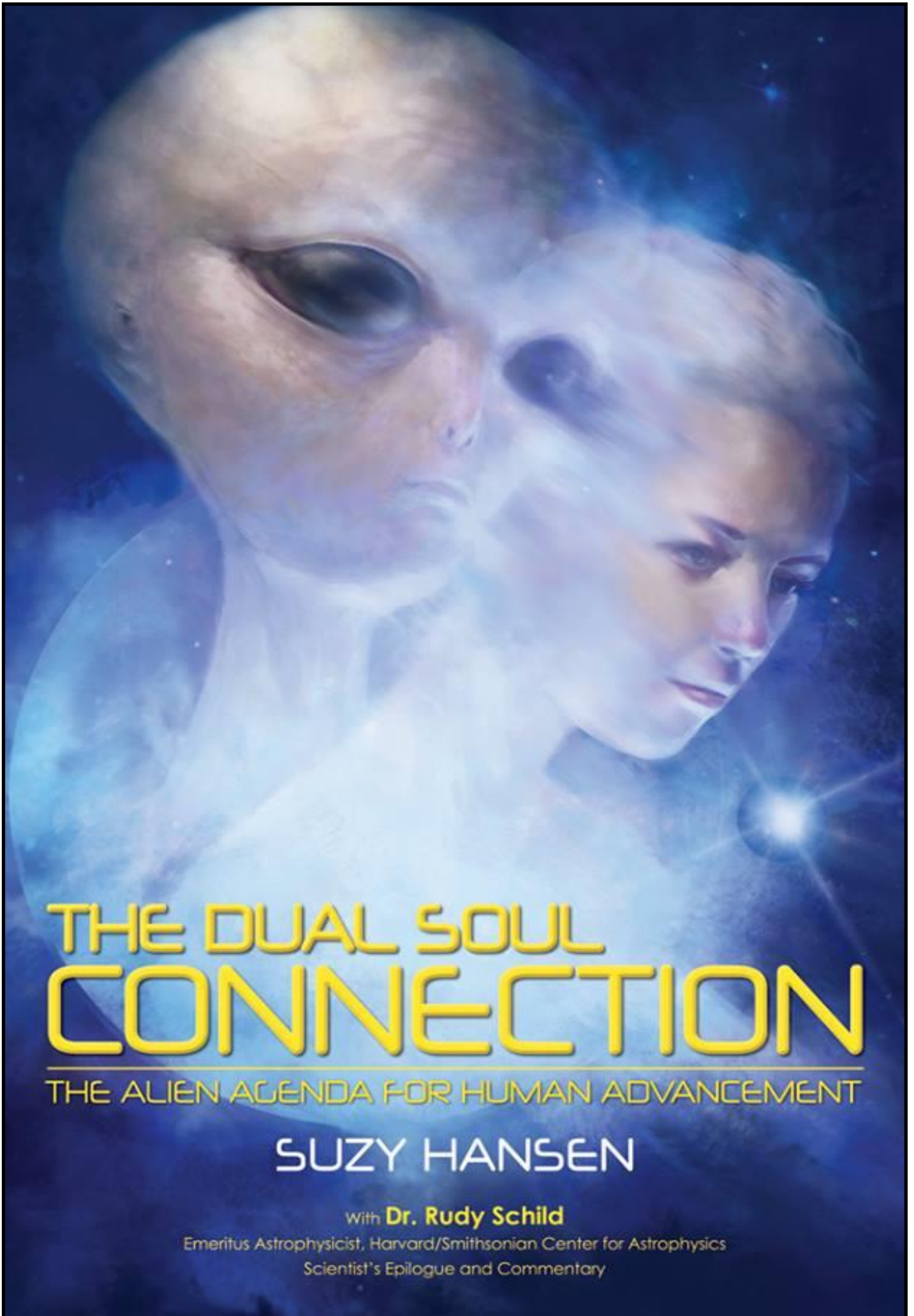
The blanking out of the incident from Laura's mind is of course a regular aspect of UFO

contact or interaction with the experience. When the memories did return to Laura, she only recalled seeing it and then heading back downstairs after it had left the vicinity. It is of course possible that there was, but the memories of this have not yet returned. However if this did indeed happen, I feel there would be more of an indication of this such as a bright light or confirmation of missed time from her family.

If it was an advanced craft, we can only speculate as to what it was doing in the area, or why it was shining beams of light down into the one specific garden. Due to its apparent size, the beams of light and sequence of flashing colourful lights, it is also possible that there were other witnesses to this incident who have yet to come forward.

I hope you've enjoyed reading about this fascinating incident, which has only recently gone on the record.

Dave Hodrien (UK)



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SPACE NEWS



Space domain awareness provisions in draft NDAA proposal

House Armed Services subcommittee introduces legislation to establish Space National Guard

Jane Erwin - June 12, 2023

WASHINGTON — The House Armed Services Committee's strategic forces subcommittee is proposing legislation that would require DoD to share threat intelligence with commercial satellite operators.

This is one of several proposals in the subcommittee's draft bill for the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024. Subcommittee Chairman Rep. Doug Lamborn (R-Colo.) and Ranking Member Rep. Seth Moulton (D-Mass.) released their proposal June 12 and scheduled a markup of the bill June 13.

The draft bill:

Requires DoD to submit a plan to share threat information with commercial space operators.

Requires a review of classification guidance before granting milestone approval of space major defense acquisition programs.

Requires DoD to establish a process to identify and evaluate commercial space situational awareness capabilities and to develop and implement a plan to integrate that data into Space Force operational systems.

Establishes a Space National Guard limited to those states and territories with Air National Guard units currently performing space missions.

Establishes a single military personnel management system for the United States Space Force.

Sharing data with commercial operators

"Commercial space providers that contract with the Department of Defense are vulnerable to physical and cyber threats; and the United States Space Command has established the commercial integration cell to aid in the integration and protection of United States satellites and to build awareness of threats," the draft bill says.

The U.S. Space Force and U.S. Space Command are directed to develop a plan to expand existing threat-sharing arrangements with commercial space operators that are under contract with the Department of Defense.

They also have to establish a process to regularly identify and evaluate commercial space situational awareness capabilities, including the extent to

which commercial space situational awareness data could meet Space Force space situational awareness needs; and develop and implement a plan to integrate the unified data library into Space Force operational systems.

Other provisions on space policy and programs

In a report accompanying the NDAA proposal, the subcommittee included other space-related provisions.

The National Reconnaissance Office has to submit a report on its planned acquisition strategy and schedule for commercial space-based remote sensing phenomenologies like synthetic-aperture radar, radio frequency and hyperspectral. The briefing should include an update on how commercial data is ingested in the NRO's imagery distribution architecture.

The National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency has to submit a report identifying classified and unclassified data analytics tasks that may best be performed or augmented by commercial vendors.

The Space Force has to provide the committee an update on the National Space Test and Training Complex, including plans to incorporate modelling and simulation in a multi-level security framework, and the full cost of the NSTTC.

The Department of the Air Force is directed to report back on the status of the Navigation Technology Satellite-3, an upcoming experiment to demonstrate space-based positioning, navigation and timing (PNT) to augment the Global Positioning System (GPS). The committee wants details on the Air Force's plans to transition technologies demonstrated with NTS-3 to programs of record.

The Space Development Agency has to submit a report on its use of multibeam active phased array antennas for its low Earth orbit Proliferated Warfighter Space Architecture. "The Space Development Agency should prioritize on-orbit capabilities that maximize communication flexibility and connection with a variety of ground terminals, including tactical terminals."

The Department of the Air Force has to provide an update on small business participation in the emerging activities of the Space Systems Command's Commercial Space Office, including the current distribution of contract awards. "The briefing should also include an analysis of prime contractor subcontractor relations and any impacts to programs as a result of poor communication, data management, or technology integration."

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Wes Anderson's 'Asteroid City' is a love letter to UFO culture

By Jeff Spry on 26 June 2023

Grief and wonder breed strange happenings in Anderson's absorbing new sci-fi comedy.

UFO fever is at a seeming all-time high.

Given that those pesky UFOs (or unidentified anomalous phenomena/UAP as they're now known) refuse to reveal themselves, this is the ideal time for "Asteroid City," a fun new Wes Anderson sci-fi flick centered around a band of junior scientist inventors convening in the Arizona desert in the mid-'50s to experience a close encounter during a high school science competition.

Released wide on June 23, 2023 by Focus Features, "Asteroid City" is a joyous yet often-times somber affair that will provide ample kicks and giggles to Andersonian acolytes yet might seem a bit obtuse for mainstream audiences unfamiliar with his particular brand of cerebral indie indulgences.

Recalling the deluge of AI-driven homage trailers imitating writer/director Anderson's signature style of ensemble casts, pastel-colored production design, symmetrical shot compositions, esoteric wit, overly-articulate children and deadpan dialogue delivery, it's somewhat refreshing to finally get the real deal once again instead of the digital mimicry recently spread all over YouTube.

This picture-postcard Americana outing lovingly recreates a vintage 1955 desert town in the U.S. Southwest complete with golden sunset vistas, atom-bomb tests, stalwart cacti and red-rock mesa landscapes. "Asteroid City" is a stylized dream where a massive meteor crater provides the town with tourism dollars and limited renown amid its remote location and relative isolation.

The trademark nostalgic atmosphere and a jarring play-within-a-play narrative still provide enough of a cartoonish playground for the exceptional assembled cast of Jason Schwartzman, Scarlett Johansson, Tom Hanks, Jake Ryan, Jeffrey Wright, Tilda Swinton, Bryan Cranston, Edward Norton, Adrien Brody, Hong Chau, Liev Schreiber, Hope Davis, Grace Edwards, Aristou Meehan, Sophia Lillis and Jeff Goldblum.

As the story unfolds, we witness a mass gathering of super smart kids who are gathering for the Junior Stargazers and Space Cadets Convention. Here, budding geniuses vie for the top prize of a science scholarship with a range of next-generation inventions and contraptions that the U.S. government would secretly love

to acquire from the eccentric prodigies, including a "Galactotron telescope" and "disintegration raygun."

During the competition festivities, a flying saucer with a silly-looking extraterrestrial arrives to steal the storied asteroid that the city of 87 citizens is most famous for. This event causes a swift military quarantine of the entire area, trapping all its assortment of quirky characters as the teen brainiacs attempt to establish communication with the outside world as the restrictions drag on with no end in sight and the adults quibble.

In terms of where "Asteroid City" falls in terms of style and content, it lies somewhere between "Moonrise Kingdom" and "The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou," and perhaps slightly brushing up against "The Darjeeling Limited."

Core themes of existential dread and musings on death don't interrupt its vibrant bit of nostalgia that will keep select audiences smiling beyond the Looney Tunes-like UFO that drops in on this celebration of discovery to set panic in motion.

The separate story framing the main narrative finds stage actors in these exact roles back in New York in a black-and-white faux documentary for an older teleplay also titled "Asteroid City," and narrated by a dapper Rod Serling-ish Bryan Cranston.

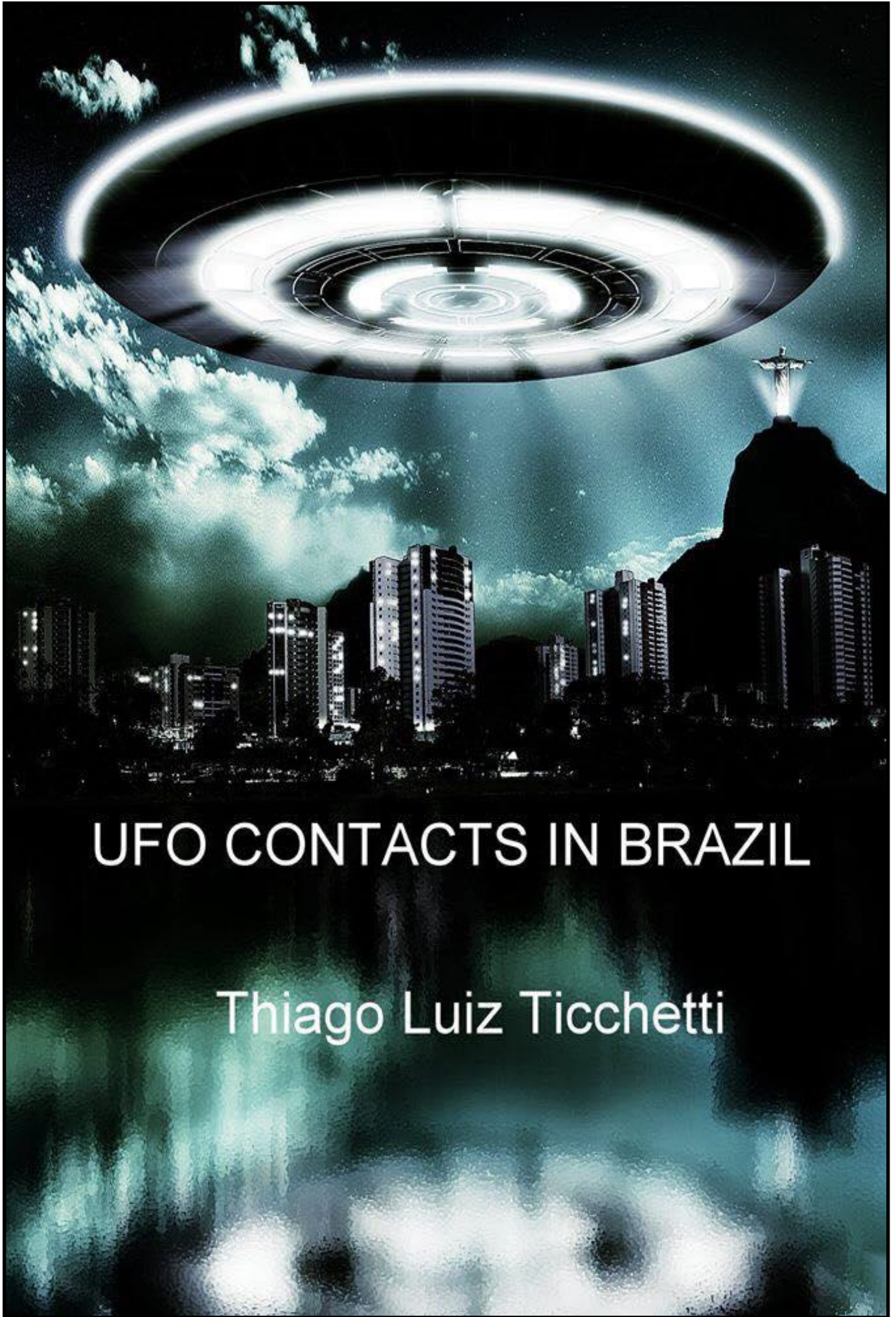
Oscar-nominated cinematographer Robert Yeoman is the longtime Anderson collaborator who provides those familiar compositions (shot on old-fashioned Kodak 35-mm film) that the Texas-born auteur filmmaker is celebrated for, with a wealth of striking tracking shots, portrait close-ups and sweeping horizontal pans all orchestrated to a stirring score by Academy Award-winning composer Alexandre Desplat ("The Grand Budapest Hotel," "The Shape of Water").

The shallow artifice of post-war America and its simplistic suburban life and honest values is rattled to its foundations here in this dust-draped purgatory, filled to the rim with Golden Age sci-fi tropes like jetpacks and ray guns. It's a wonderfully dry cinematic martini freshly concocted from an automated dispenser and consumed as a satisfying tonic for fear just under the shifting sands of life.

And just like Wes Anderson's collage of complex characters and their provocative rumination on humanity's cosmic role and their quest to leave, "Asteroid City" is simply pure intoxicating escapism that goes down oh so smoothly.

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The Island of Trindade Photo case - A UFO in the form of Saturn or an elaborate hoax?



By Thiago Ticchetti (Brazil)

65 years ago, one of the most impressive UFO cases involving photographs took place.

The Trindade Island Case raises a fervent debate between the veracity of one of the best photographic cases on record and the claims that it was nothing but a hoax. But what really happened that day? What happened next? What can be said about this incredible UFO event, or not?

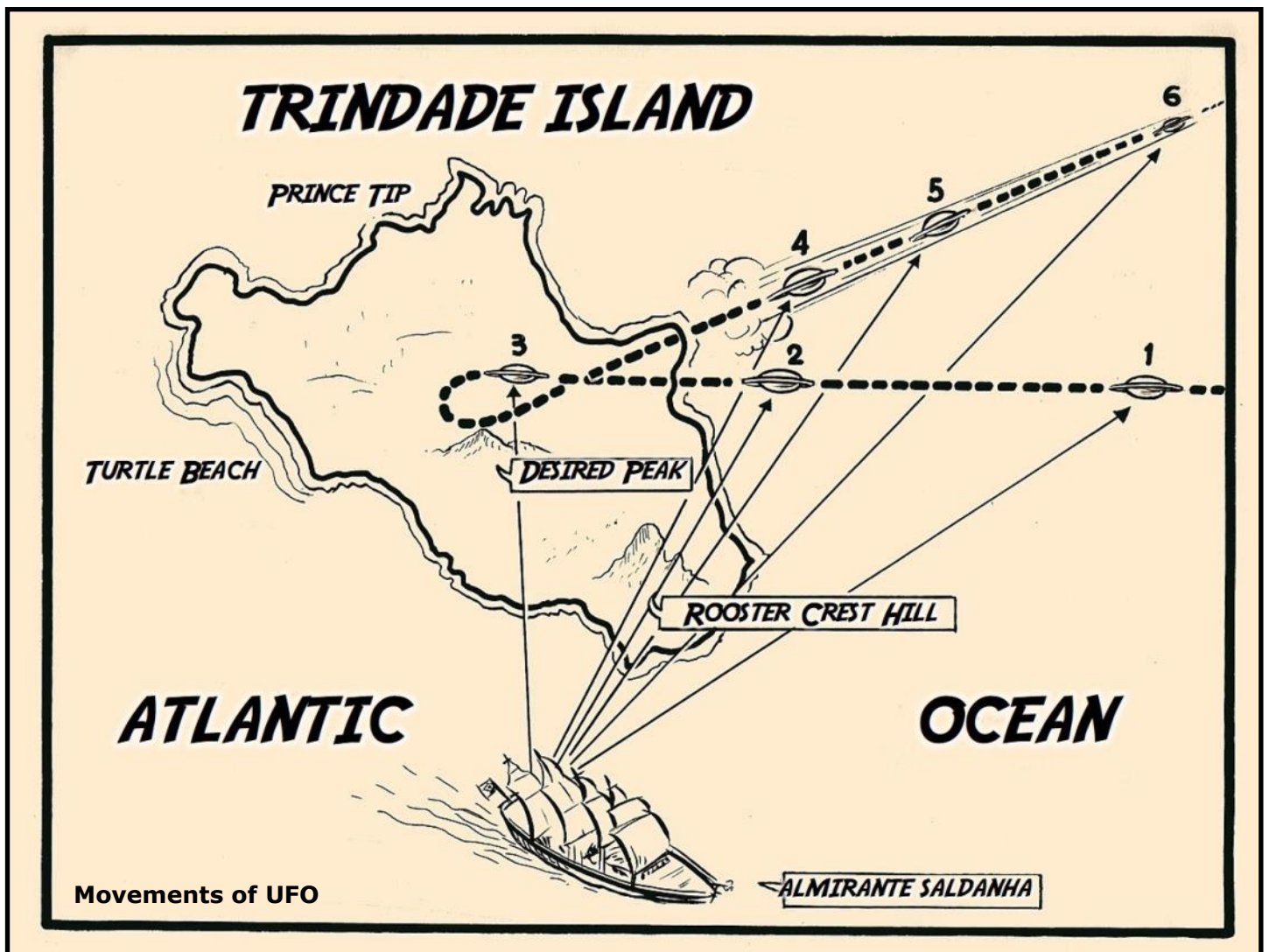
The controversial case of Trindade Island is arguably one of the most important multiple witness cases of sighting backed by photos taken by a professional photographer. The case refers to a series of photographs, taken by Almiro Baraúna, of a flying saucer as it approached the island of Trindade on the Brazilian coast.

On January 16th, 1958, the Brazilian Navy's

Admiral Saldanha (ship) was close to Trindade Island, on the Brazilian coast with its crew engaged in research associated with the International Geophysical Year.

The event of January 16th was the culmination of several weeks of UFO activity in the area with many witnesses including sailors and officers on several occasions between December 1957 and January 1958. Of these, at least five of the incidents involved official high-ranking witnesses, scientists and other experts present at the scene.

One such event occurred in late November 1957, on a clear sunny morning when a weather balloon was launched for study. Commander Bacelar was inside a radio station accompanying the experiment. At one point there was a distortion in the signals causing the commander to believe that the balloon equipment had come off. He warned





one of his subordinates who went out to check. On returning the officer said that there was another object in the sky, next to the balloon. The commander ran to observe it himself and he the object moving erratically through the sky several high-speed maneuvers. Looking at instruments, the officer realised that the object was circular and metallic in appearance. After the event, the military sent a message via radio to the navy central requesting information. This was the third event recorded on the Island in a few days. The number of appearances increased considerably, on an almost daily basis.

In the first days of January 1958, the object was again recorded and this time caused panic among those present because the object performed very low level maneuvers. In some cases it seemed that it would clash with the island's military and scientific facilities. These details were already being investigated by the Navy. In this particular episode the witnesses were questioned carefully. A Navy sergeant present at the time got a photograph of the UFO and the negative was seized by the Navy. Several days later, on January 16th, Admiral



Almiro Baraúna



Captain Moreira

Saldanha arrived near Trindade Island, and on board was a professional photographer called Almiro Baraúna. It was around noon when a UFO in the sky and it attracted the attention of numerous soldiers, both on the island and aboard several shipping vessels in the area. The UFO came toward the island at high speed, then hovered briefly over a peak, before disappearing behind it before moving back out toward the sea. During that time

Barauna managed to obtain four images of the object during these maneuvers. The incident provoked an official investigation by the Brazilian Navy at the determination of the National Congress. The investigation was by the Chamber of Deputies on February 27th, 1958, by Rep. Sérgio Magalhães,

who requested that the Navy obtain and explain the facts relating to the Trindade Island incident.

Diary of the National Congress (February 27th, 1958)

Purpose: The Ministry of the Navy has requested an answer to the following questions by Mr Sérgio Magalhães: Original request for information on D.V. by Mr Sérgio Magalhães:

The questions asked are as follows:

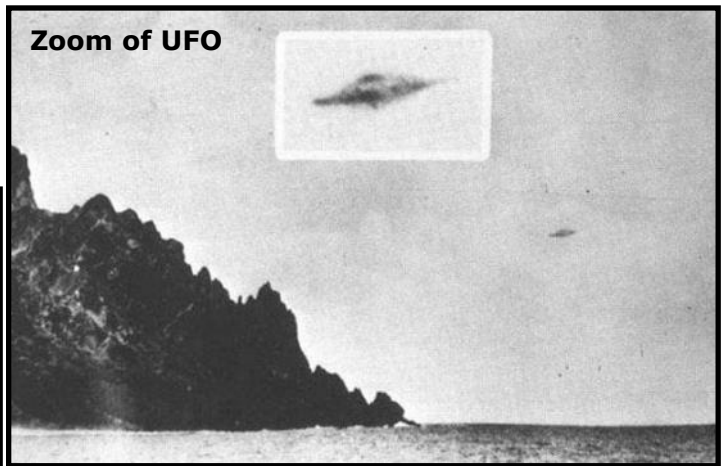
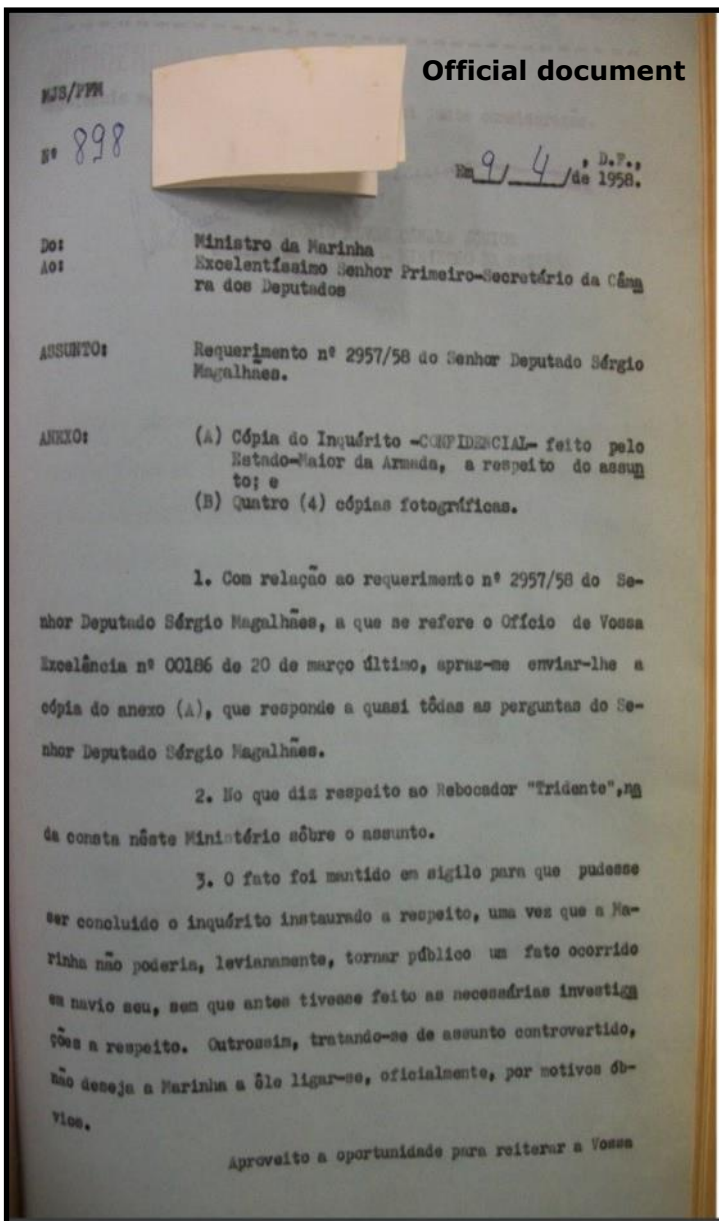
- 1) If it is true that the crew of the NE "Almirante Saldanha" saw the appearance of strange object on the Island of Trindade?
- 2) Considering that the official note issued by the Office of the Minister of the Navy recognises that photographs of the strange object were taken in the presence of a large number of elements from the NE garrison "Almirante Saldanha", I ask whether any inquiry has been opened and the testimony of the crew?
- 3) In the negative hypothesis, on which the Ministry of the Navy is based not to give importance to the fact.
- 4) If it is true that the photos were revealed in the presence of the official of the NE "Almirante Saldanha", denouncing the strange object?
- 5) If the negatives were examined in order to ascertain any photograph taken before the event?
- 6) Why the fact was kept confidential for a month?
- 7) If it is true that other identical phenomena were observed by Navy officials?

8) If it is true that the commander of the tugboat "Tridente" watched the appearance of the object called a "flying saucer"?

Justification:

The appearance of these strange objects, known as Flying Discs, has aroused interest and curiosity around the world for over ten years.

For the first time, however, the phenomenon was witnessed by large numbers of military personnel and their photographs have received official recognition, in a note distributed to the press by the Cabinet of the Minister of the Navy. However, an issue that affects national security, needs more clarification, because there are contradictions in the news, without the Navy seeking to inform public opinion. Even though, officially the cabinet of the Minister of the Navy declaring that a large number of witnesses from



the NE garrison "Saldanha da Gama" and that photographs had been taken. Despite this the testimony of many witnesses were not taken as was admitted by the Chief of the General Staff of the Navy to the press at the time.

In response to this request the deputy had access to a confidential Navy document that confirmed, that the incident, including new data, had occurred.

Despite this, the Trindade Island case is heavily opposed by sceptics and detractors of the UFO phenomenon. The way this all started is somewhat dubious. When the case became public it immediately gained a lot of media attention and there was a journalistic wave of a news story at the time that provoked a publication to produce an article in which it attempted to demystify the incident. Sceptics duly embarked on using the case to deny the facts of the incident.

Currently there are several sceptical studies on the case on various platforms including some Brazilian websites. None of these studies hold true, though sceptics would disagree with this statement. Let us now examine their claims about the case.

According to the sceptics, Baraúna's photographs

cannot be considered legitimate because Baraúna was capable of forging photos of UFOs as he had done in an illustrated article in a reputable magazine prior to his involvement in the case.

Indeed, he had published such an article, therefore that is a true statement. The article clearly showed that Almiro Baraúna had been sceptical of flying saucers and his article showed how easy it was to fake UFO photographs by creating several hoax images.

However, if we examine the photographs his four photographs that he took at Trindade, all taken in the presence of 48 other witnesses, we can see a massive difference in their quality.

Another detail that sceptics do not mention is Baraúna claiming that he had faked them. Clearly prior to the incident he had been very sceptical of UFOs but having witnessed one himself he no doubt held a different view. If he was still such a sceptic, surely he would do everything he could to discredit the photographs he had taken. The fact that he did not do so leaves one to conclude that they were not hoax images and the case was legitimate.

The logical question to ask is can a person who had created hoax images be trusted when he claims he has taken genuine images of a UFO?

Obviously, his earlier beliefs were likely to have been changed by his witnessing of the Saturn shaped UFO over the island.

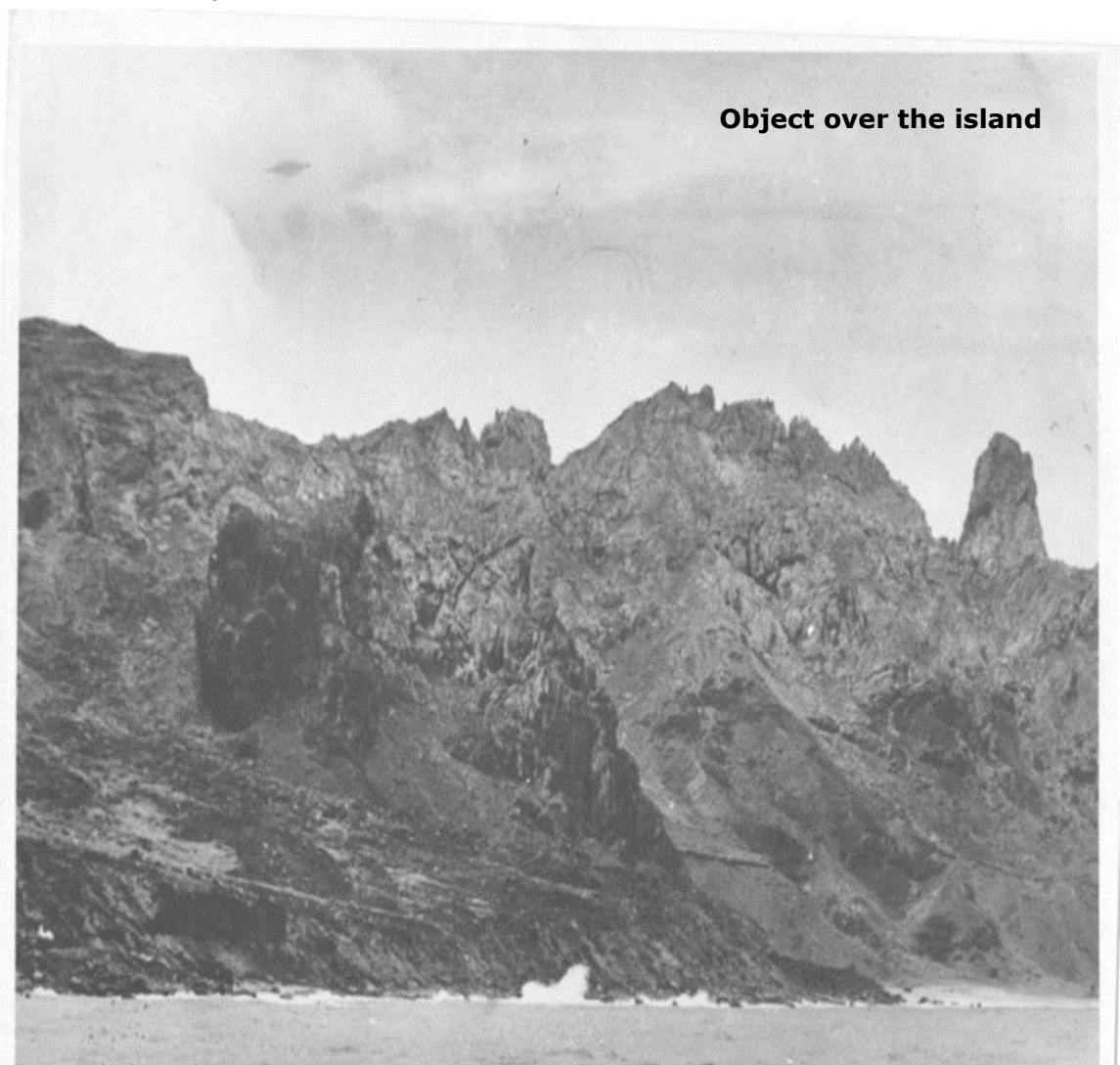
Another sceptical hypothesis has been put forward by Martin Powell who claims that Barauna could have used dual exposure features to create the flying saucer image. He would have first photographed an airplane in the sky and then photographed Trindade Island with the same negative. He reinforces his theory by stating that in two photographs the object recorded in the second photograph was identical to the first but it was in an inverted position.

As we know, photographs of objects at a distance, with variations of position, light and shadow can hide or highlight details of this object. Therefore, to affirm that there has been an adulteration in the photo, using the same model, in an inverted position, is an unfounded assumption that does not match the fact that there were sightings by many witnesses not only on the day they were taken but by many others in the previous weeks.

It is also important to point out that after the photographs were analysed by several civilian and military institutions and despite them being subjected to many types of tests—no evidence of tampering was found. Even the light and shadow relation of the object and the environment coincide perfectly.

One of the most comical claims put forward to explain the object in the photographs, is the claim that the object photographed was an airplane, a Twin Bonansa model (in use at the time). This despite sceptics failing to explain that the incident was witnessed by many people and of the many statements that were taken, none describe the object as an aircraft.

On August 15th, 2010, the Brazilian TV program "Fantástico" declared how the Trindade Island UFO hoax was set up.

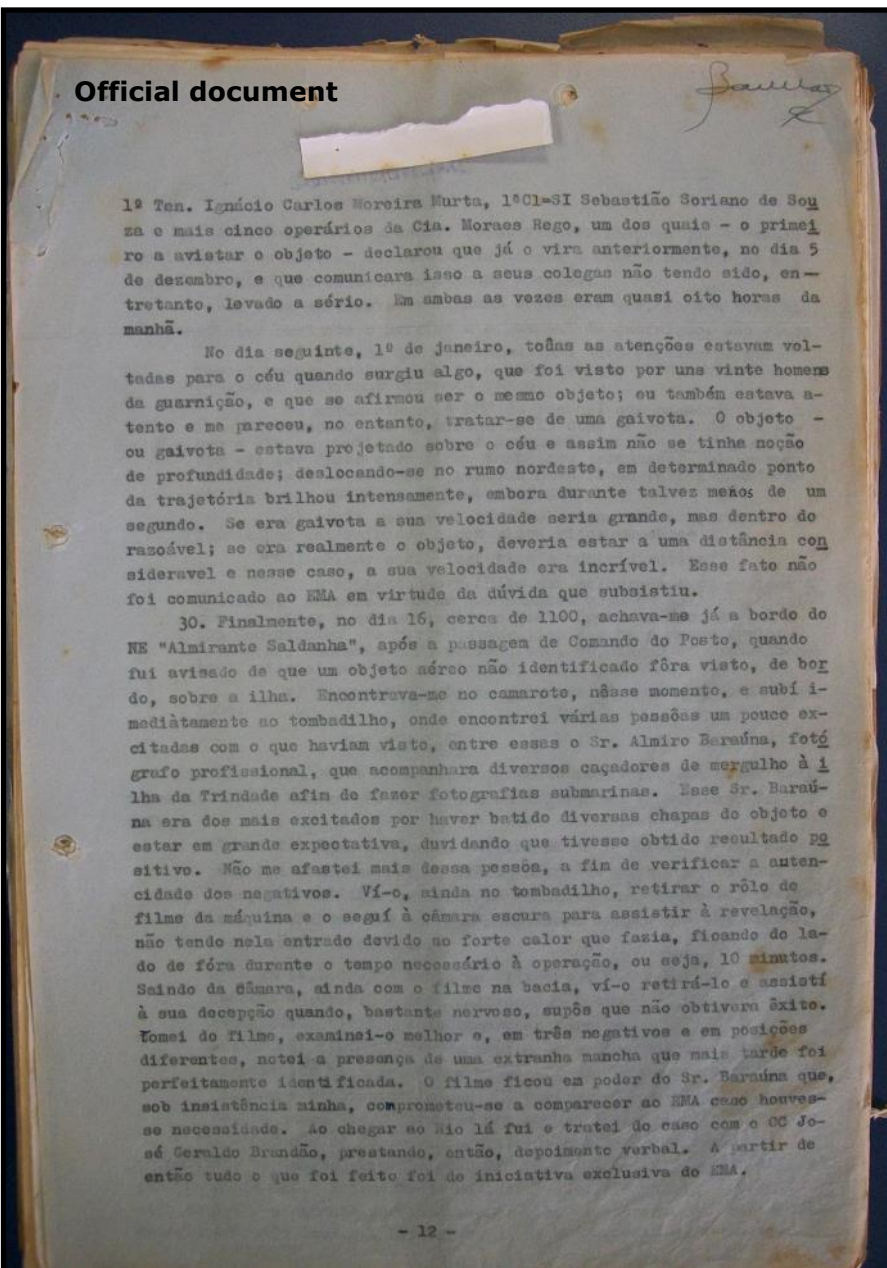


Object over the island

Original photo



Official document



1º Ten. Igácio Carlos Moreira Murta, 1ºCl-SI Sebastião Soriano de Souza e mais cinco operários da Cia. Moraes Rego, um dos quais - o primeiro a avistar o objeto - declarou que já o vira anteriormente, no dia 5 de dezembro, e que comunicara isso a seus colegas não tendo sido, entretanto, levado a sério. Em ambas as vezes eram quasi oito horas da manhã.

No dia seguinte, 1º de janeiro, todas as atenções estavam voltadas para o céu quando surgiu algo, que foi visto por uns vinte homens da guarnição, e que se afirmou ser o mesmo objeto; eu também estava atento e me pareceu, no entanto, tratar-se de uma gaivota. O objeto - ou gaivota - estava projetado sobre o céu e assim não se tinha noção de profundidade; deslocando-se no rumo nordeste, em determinado ponto da trajetória brilhou intensamente, embora durante talvez menos de um segundo. Se era gaivota a sua velocidade seria grande, mas dentro do razoável; se era realmente o objeto, deveria estar a uma distância considerável e nesse caso, a sua velocidade era incrível. Esse fato não foi comunicado ao EMA em virtude da dúvida que subsistiu.

30. Finalmente, no dia 16, cerca de 1100, achava-me já a bordo do NE "Almirante Saldanha", após a passagem de Comando do Posto, quando fui avisado de que um objeto aéreo não identificado fôra visto, de bordo, sobre a ilha. Encontrava-me no camarote, nesse momento, e subi imediatamente ao tombadilho, onde encontrei várias pessoas um pouco excitadas com o que haviam visto, entre essas o Sr. Almiro Baraúna, fotógrafo profissional, que acompanhara diversos caçadores de mergulho à ilha da Trindade afim de fazer fotografias submarinas. Esse Sr. Baraúna era dos mais excitados por haver batido diversas chapas do objeto e estar em grande expectativa, duvidando que tivesse obtido resultado positivo. Não me afastei mais dessa pessoa, a fim de verificar a autenticidade dos negativos. Vi-o, ainda no tombadilho, retirar o rolo do filme da máquina e o seguiu à câmara escura para assistir à revelação, não tendo nela entrada devido ao forte calor que fazia, ficando do lado de fóra durante o tempo necessário à operação, ou seja, 10 minutos. Saíndo da câmara, ainda com o filme na bacia, vi-o retirá-lo e assisti à sua decepção quando, bastante nervoso, supôs que não obtivera êxito. Tomei do filme, examinei-o melhor e, em três negativos e em posições diferentes, notei a presença de uma estranha mancha que mais tarde foi perfeitamente identificada. O filme ficou em poder do Sr. Baraúna que, sob insistência minha, comprometeu-se a comparecer ao EMA caso houvesse necessidade. Ao chegar ao Rio lá fui e tratei do caso com o Sr. José Geraldo Brandão, prestando, então, depoimento verbal. A partir de então tudo o que foi feito foi de iniciativa exclusiva do EMA.

The program team spoke to a woman called Emilia Bittencourt, who claimed to be a friend of Barauna, who told them that she'd heard him admit that he had taken two ladles, and had fashioned them into the shape of an improvised spaceship and had used the lighting of his refrigerator to take the series of photographs! She said that, "He laughed a lot about it."

In January 2011 a nephew of Almiro Baraúna, also a photographer, revealed that he had heard from Baraúna himself of how it all happened and how his uncle had produced the photos of the flying saucer in his home laboratory.

However, the ufologist Marco Antônio Petit, who personally interviewed Baraúna, dismissed the stories stating that the entire crew of the ship had witnessed the Saturn shaped UFO as Baraúna was seen taking the images.

Despite this, the case is still dogged by controversy, yet at its heart the evidence appears to show a Saturn shaped UFO, a craft of unknown origin, that was witnessed by dozens of military personnel and had four photographs taken of it, should be regarded as genuine and show some of the clearest images of a UFO ever taken.

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The Final Whistleblower?



by Ben Emlyn-Jones

In Ufology very little is predictable. We usually don't know when sightings, close encounters and abductions are going to occur. When a UFO flap breaks out we can go to that location while it lasts, but we don't know beforehand when the flap itself will begin, or why. Therefore most of what Ufologists do is essentially a react to circumstances. You might think that this will be different in the world of government and law, but it is not. This is despite the fact that those phenomena are very down-to-earth and are the creations of intelligent (hopefully!) human beings putting in a lot of effort to organize them and avoid chaos.

When massive developments occur in the political world, they also tend to happen suddenly and unexpectedly. As I said in UFO Truth Magazine issue 59: Whatever the answer, it could burst out at any time with no warning. In that example I was referring to "Objectgate", from February when the US and Canadian governments admitted to three aerial interceptions and shoot downs of what they refused to call anything except "objects". I had a feeling back then that this episode would not be the end of the matter and indeed it wasn't. Now something else has happened and like before, it has come out of nowhere.

On June the 5th an article was published in The Debrief about a former US government intelligence officer. The same day a video clip was published on NewsNation TV featuring Ross Coulthart interviewing that same man. The subject claimed in very explicit and unambiguous terms that almost everything asserted by conspiratorial Ufologists for decades is true. In another interview with a French journalist he also stated that there was a crash-retrieval of an ET craft in Italy back in 1933, supporting the research of UFO Truth Magazine contributor Roberto Pinotti. (1) The man who spoke out is called David Grusch and he is a lifelong veteran of the US military and intelligence services. He only left in April this year to get a job as an estate agent. He has been described as a "whistleblower", but that is not entirely accurate.

He made no rogue leaks at all that break his security oaths; on the contrary. In December last year he testified before Congress in a closed hearing when he was still a member of AARO. He is one of several to do so lawfully since the amendment introduced to the 2022 National Defence Authorization Act by Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) which permits the discussion

of classified information on UFOs within the legislature. He also liaised with the Defence Office of Prepublication and Security Review before going public. This is an organization which evaluates all publications by officials who have had access to classified information, including veterans who are publishing as private citizens. (2) This is why I prefer to call him an "insider" rather than a whistleblower. Everything he has said since then he is one hundred percent authorized to say. This does not necessarily mean that it is true, just that it contains no classified information.

The sceptics have picked up on this fact and run with it. They see this as positive evidence that Grusch is lying because they assume that his revelations would hypothetically be classified; naturally as a result of the ET truth embargo. DOPSR gave his statements the green light because... Why not? After all, it is not their job to stand in the way of his folly. This, the sceptics say, is proof that it all comes from his imagination. There are two problems with this attempt at debunking. Firstly, the sceptics have to explain why a respectable serviceman with an exemplary record and, at his young age, with numerous future career opportunities, not to mention a clean bill of mental health; should attempt to commit social and professional suicide by going to the national press under his own name and telling them stories about aliens. The second problem raises some far more interesting questions. Should we assume that the US government is still speaking with one voice about this matter?... But I'll come back to that later.

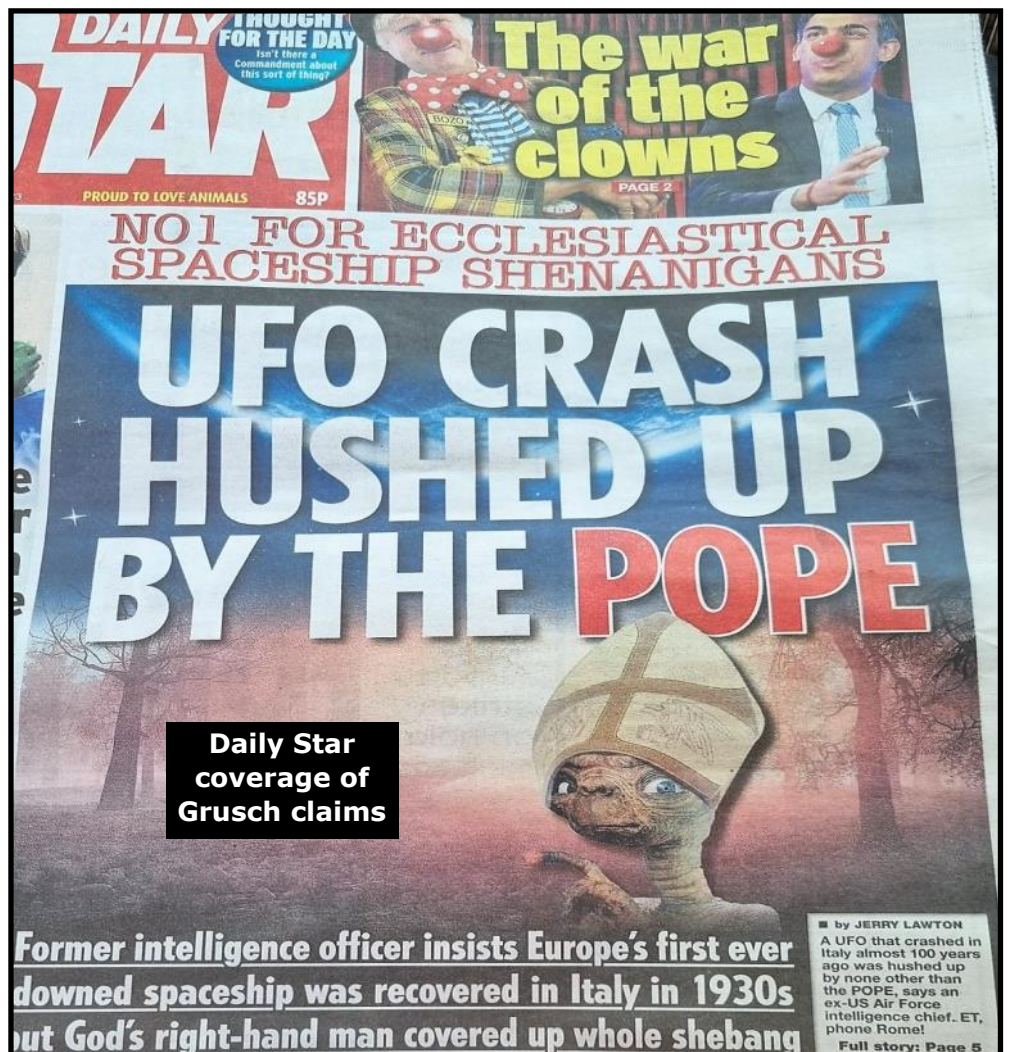
Several people have accused Grusch of being a disgruntled ex-employee, although they never give any information about why he might be disgruntled and how they have heard about it. If you have a grudge against your former employer, being dismissed unjustly for example, there are easier and more effective ways to wreak vengeance than going on the global media making up stories about how they're covering up aliens; in fact it's debatable whether such a claim is even disparaging. Why not make a false accusation of war crimes? That seems to be one of the most popular tactics. The most common criticism, and the most valid, is that we only have David Grusch's word for any of this. He has presented no hard evidence at all. That being said, as Leslie Kean has explained, to do so is far from simple. (3)

Mr Grusch has been cleared to let the public know that such evidence exists, but not to deliver it at the same time. This evidence may well include decisive forensic proof; there is probably a process involved for something as major as that. In fact I get the distinct impression that what we are viewing is almost theatrical. Characters enter and exit scenes; I've felt that since December 2017. Whoever is organizing the changes made since that fateful month (should my intuition be correct) they have decided to take the path of gradually acclimatizing the media consuming public what is really going on. I'm not sure if that is the right way to go about it, but nevertheless this is the strategy they have adopted. David Grusch may well be a herald, giving us a taste of what is to come.

Our reaction to his bombshell is important; it is possible psychologists are watching what we are saying and doing at the moment. Therefore it is frustrating that, at the time of writing, that the mainstream media have not made it a headline story. They have all covered it, but only as a page seven or eight kind of report. However, there is one exception, and unfortunately it's a classic case of a chain breaking at its weakest link. On 13th June, the Daily Star had a front page feature on David Grusch's claims about the Italian case and the Pope being involved, but the tabloid reduced it to a novelty piece. The illustration was the Hollywood alien ET- the Extraterrestrial wearing a mitre. (4)

Many people have come forward in the past claiming to be UFO whistleblowers and secret insiders. These have varied a lot in credibility and the impact they have achieved. The sceptics examined them and their pronouncements and made numerous criticisms such as: the witness cannot prove that they were involved; with documents, certificates, medals, CV's etc. David Grusch is different in the sense that he has very easily proved his identity and has numerous exhibits, including a verified DD214, his discharge order and complete service records. The fact that the sceptics still refuse to take him seriously is a typical and annoying example of them "raising the bar", "shifting the goalposts" or whatever other sporting metaphor you prefer.

Right now several members of the US Congress are planning a formal hearing specifically about the information given by David Grusch. A number of prominent figures are staking their reputations on vouching for Grusch such as Col. Karl Nell who was the army's liaison officer for the UAPTF. Representative Tim Burchett of Tennessee has been one of the most dedicated and has announced that the Speaker of the House, Kevin McCarthy, and chairman of the House Oversight Committee, James Comer, have agreed to the hearings. The dates and agenda of these hearings has not been finalized yet, but a best-case scenario is that they will be an official version of the Citizen Hearing on Disclosure from ten years ago in which it is fully public and Grusch gets to testify, with his contacts. (5) The White House has remained completely silent. In fact when the press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre was asked by a journalist about this crucial subject at a briefing, she replied: "I would refer that question to the Department of Defence and let them answer that question for you." and then immediately moves on. (6) This is bizarre behaviour from the public mouthpiece of the Biden administration. It reminds me very much of her similar reaction to Objectgate. The President himself has also not uttered a word. There has to be a reason for this. It appears to me that some kind of division has opened up in the United States between the DoD and the federal executive.



The next step in this process, should it happen, may well be as a result of the Pentagon assisting and advising Congress directly without the permission of their commander-in-chief. This is a very serious matter; it could even constitute a mutiny. However, it looks as if the White House does not have the clout to put it down. Only time will tell what happens next, but if this is what I hope it is then David Grusch may well go down in history as the final UFO whistleblower.

Ben Emlyn-Jones

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Bill Nelson (D-FL) who is head of NASA. He says at one point that the UAPTF has gathered over three hundred unexplained sightings. This is something he must have learned while sitting on the Senate Select Intelligence Committee, but the citizenry are not authorized to know that yet and it was omitted from the Task Force's public report. Source: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9hH1XEqKITs>.

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