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UFOs in the Bible

IN RESPONSE to the letter on flying saucers (May 26), may I point out that flying saucers, commonly UFOs, go back a lot further in time than indicated.

In the Old Testament at Ezekiel they are described as chariots of fire, and they give an apt description, more or less, to the UFOs of today.

Various passages in the bible refer to "clouds".

What actually were those clouds? Jesus himself ascended into a cloud according to the New Testament.

The cloud indicated therefore must have been some sort of vehicle.

The best way anyone could describe them in those times would be as a "cloud".

Various cultures spoke of Gods at that time - the Egyptians, Greeks, Romans all had their Gods.

Egyptian culture is one of the oldest and mentioned in the Old Testament yet again.

Could they then be the only civilisation living on earth who are descended from these Gods?

Mrs Roberts, Welcarr Road, Woodseats, Sheffield

Pennies from heaven for UFO crash town

MARTHA MENDOZA

In Rosewell

"I'll tell you one thing. They didn't have big eyes or long, stringy fingers," Frank Kaufmann, 80, says of the aliens. "No ma'am. These were trim, good-looking people."

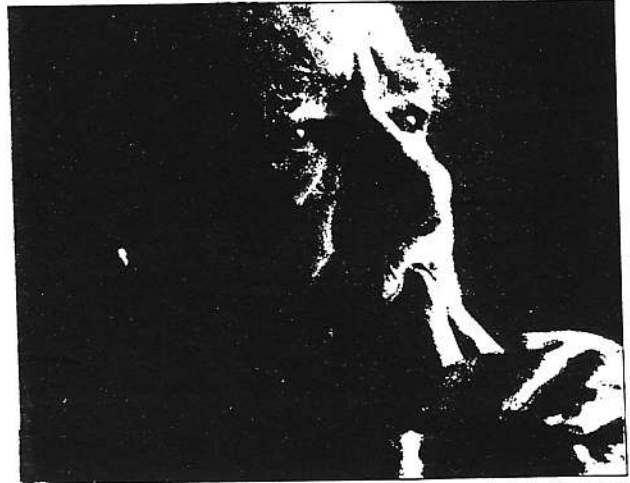
In 1947, Mr Kaufmann and a handful of other men stationed at the Roswell army air field in New Mexico stumbled on what they say was wreckage of a spaceship northwest of town.

This year, on the 50th anniversary, Roswell is cashing in. "Something happened here and it's probably the most credible UFO event in the world," said the mayor, Tom Jennings. "We have taken that and developed it into a whole new industry - tourism." Planned events include crash site tours, a Crash and Burn Extravaganza derby and UFO lectures.

Roswell, on the plains east of the Sierra Blanca mountains in southeastern New Mexico, expects its 48,000 population to double as UFO believers, researchers and the curious flock to town for a 1-6 July golden anniversary of the incident.

Although the army air field is long gone, replaced with an industrial park and airport, what allegedly happened lives on.

Mr Kaufmann, a retired intelligence agent, said he watched soldiers put five dead aliens into body bags and haul a damaged spaceship on to a flatbed truck. Glenn Dennis, a Roswell funeral home mortician, said he was asked to send several small, medically sealed caskets to the army base. Lt Walter Haut, now 75, who was



Frank Kaufmann, 80, who as a government intelligence agent claims to have helped to clear the UFO crash site

the base public information officer, issued a press release that a "flying disc" had been recovered. The next day a new statement called it a weather balloon. "I guess they changed their minds," he said.

The story spawned numerous books and is considered by UFO buffs to be the biggest cover-up in US history. In real life, people usually drive right through Roswell, a centre of the state's oil and gas industry with tree-lined neighbourhoods and quiet parks - a nice place to live, but a dull one to visit.

While no aliens have been spotted lately, strange phenomena have occurred. The Plains cinema is now a UFO museum - one of two in town - with a big flying saucer on the roof. A country and western band of alien figures cut out of plywood plays in Gingsberg Music's shop

window. Michelle Watts, owner of Quilt Talk, is doling out her newly designed aliens and spaceships fabric.

"This boom could go on indefinitely. People just can't get enough of it," said Randi Hesse as he rang up sales of T-shirts at the Star Child gift shop. Interest dried up for a bit when members of the Heaven's Gate cult killed themselves in March, claiming they were headed for a UFO. But "that's all but forgotten now," said Stan Crosby, the anniversary organiser.

"We don't get a lot of kooks," said Deon Crosby of the International UFO Museum and Research Centre and Mr Crosby's wife. "OK, there's this old man who comes in and claims to be an alien ... But we see a lot of learned people, professors, doctors, professionals, interested in the phenomena." - AP

Have UFOs Invaded Israel?

It is not invasion by other human beings that the Israeli people fear the most but 'aliens' according to their newspapers who are full of UFO sightings and abductions by extraterrestrials in egg shaped spaceships.

The Maariv daily headlines screamed, 'The Great Invasion' listing 16 examples of UFO sightings in the past three months.

A week later Maariv said that hundreds stopped on a major motorway to stare at what looked like an alien spacecraft doing loops above Tel Aviv before dawn.

In fact an Israeli in his 60's who claimed he had been abducted by aliens on his way to the post office made instant fame being interviewed on television and radio.

Sceptics believe that the Israelis are simply being swept away by the US pop culture especially films like Independence Day and the tv series The X-Files.

And Ariel Cohen, an atmospheric physicist at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem strongly insists that, "What we have now is hysterical behaviour".

After having analysed a video footage of alleged UFO sightings he suggested the camera people had adjusted the focus to make subjects seem unnatural.

Israel's airspace is known to host a secretive but earthly air force and Cohen is calling for the authorities to investigate such sightings and publish the scientific explanations that could be found in most cases.

But Benjamin Beit-Hallahmi, a psychology professor at Haifa University is fascinated by this so called 'craze'.

"People in modern societies are susceptible to quasi-religious fantasies that send the message 'you are

Professor Beit-Hallahmi continues, "Although Israelis consider themselves to be very cynical and hardened, they are actually the greatest suckers in the world."

A television survey revealed that one in two Israelis believe in extraterrestrials.

True believers are convinced dramatic events are at hand.

And one incident even made the police take notice.

It was one morning before dawn when Tel Aviv's police switchboard received dozens of calls from people who said they saw a glowing object doing loops over the suburb of Ramat Aviv.

A police spokesman Gadi Doron said officers reported that they also saw a strange light in the night sky, along with hundreds gathered at the scene.

Questions also linger over the case of Uri Sakhov, the retiree who was en route to the post office when he was grabbed by his hair and collar and pulled into an egg-shaped spacecraft.

He said his captors were green, reached up to his chest and made unintelligible sounds.

Scientists who analysed the yellow dust on Sakhov found it contained 55 per cent aluminium and was different from area soil.

Michael Kobi, marketing manager of the lab that examined the dust, said samples were sent to NASA, the US space agency.

Kobi said its unusual composition suggested the UFO sightings could not be easily dismissed.

"If you combine all the incidents together, there might be something there," he said.

Cathy Gibb



Is anyone out there?

AS FOUNDER of the oldest-established flying saucer (Unidentified Flying Object) organisation in the world, may I point out that modern UFO sightings are closely monitored and recorded by a variety of non-human means such as radar, photography, theodolites, camcorders etc. with the result that we now have a greater understanding of these craft and their performance capabilities.

With this enhanced data the mystery of these extra-terrestrial craft and the reasons and purpose of their visits to Earth will become more apparent within the next few years.

Fifty years ago, I was one of the few who believed, when many did not, so it's particularly satisfying to see how the subject has progressed.

This progression, now producing scientific results and measurable data, can only improve our knowledge and understanding of the greatest mystery this century. It only requires one sighting to be proved genuine for us to realise that we are not alone in the cosmos.

DENIS P. PLUNKETT, Bristol.

THE giant V-shaped UFO which 'blocked out the stars' one night in America is of a type which is seen all the time over Britain. I research into what these things are and who is behind them, and organisations such as my Aerial Phenomena Association work closely with other teams across the country to try to solve this kind of mystery, and I have discovered that what is going on is totally amazing. I know what a normal aircraft looks and sounds like, and either someone has made a big breakthrough in aircraft technology or something incredible is going on.

The Ministry of Defence gives odd replies to our inquiries, which indicates to me that without doubt it knows what's going on.

SIMON LEWIS, Morecambe, Lancs.

No aliens landed says US Air Force

US: The Air Force released this 1972 photo, above, of a Viking space probe awaiting recovery at White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico as part of its report on the so called "Roswell Incident" of 1947.

The Air Force reported today that "Space aliens" who supposedly crashed in the New Mexico desert 50 years ago were only military dummies and that high-altitude research projects such as this may have become part of the incident.

The 231-page report is aimed at ending long-standing speculation over the incident and denies that the military had recovered bodies from damaged flying saucers in 1947 and had been covering up the incident ever since.

However, civilians remain unconvinced and the sign, below, off route US 285, north of Roswell, New Mexico, points west to the alleged 1947 crash site on the Corn Ranch. Visitors still come to tour the site for \$15 and 100,000 are expected there during the upcoming festival in July marking the 50th anniversary of the "Roswell Incident."



FROM 1991 to 1994, Nick Pope was UFO desk officer at the Ministry of Defence's Secretariat (Air Staff) 2a. His initial scepticism was swept away by military and civilian evidence which he believed proved some UFOs were of extraterrestrial origin. He made his findings public in an instant bestseller, *Open Skies, Closed Minds*. Now, in his latest book, which is being serialised by the Mail, Pope has an even more startling conclusion — he believes people are being abducted by aliens and subjected to mysterious examinations. He has investigated hundreds of cases — half, he insists, are genuine happenings. Yesterday, in part one, Pope set out his controversial argument for the abduction phenomenon. Today, in part two, he describes more strange encounters...

JAYNE RIMMER, a 40-year-old mother of three from the West Country, is a professional clairvoyant who attributes her strange powers to what she believes was her first encounter with aliens on a Sunday night in November 1992.

She had gone to bed at about 10pm, but was restless and could not sleep. Some time later she heard a strange, electronic buzzing sound, which made the hairs on her arms stand on end. Simultaneously, the family's two dogs started to whine.

Then, at around 1am, she heard her eldest son Mark arguing with his girlfriend Sue, who had been staying with the family. The argument became so heated that at one stage Mark tried to get Sue out of the house.

This was out of character, and it later transpired that he had felt a sense of impending danger, a feeling that something was going to happen which he did not want Sue to be caught up in.

Jayne's husband Tom is normally a light sleeper but on this night Jayne could not rouse him, despite shaking him violently.

At 1.45am she heard a blast of air, as if automatic doors had opened, and suddenly she felt herself being lifted up and carried from her bedroom into a corridor.

She could see little grey figures around her and described them as having rounded sides, like a mushroom. There was a strong smell of ammonia and something else which she could only liken to Brylcreem.

By this stage she was not sure whether she was being carried or if she was walking. She caught sight of a woman with blonde, shoulder-length hair, who was smiling.

Jayne felt frightened but kept telling herself it was only a dream. At the back of her mind, however, she was convinced it was not.

She entered an oval-shaped room — with three pyramidal designs on the wall that she thought must be insignias of some kind — which was bathed in an exceptionally bright light.

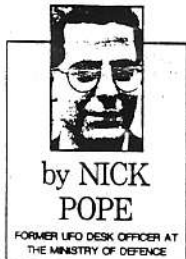
A medical examination was then carried out. She had pain in her stomach and felt that something was being done to her head, and particularly to her ears.

At the end of this procedure she was taken to what appeared to be a refectory, where there seemed to be a lot of people eating, talking and relaxing. She was offered a drink but cannot recall any more details.

HER AWARENESS — which up to now had been rather unfocused — began to sharpen. She suddenly started to appreciate the enormity, and the extreme strangeness, of what was occurring. A sudden thought crystallised in her mind: 'They're aliens.'

As soon as the thought was out, Jayne felt that the entities realised she was not under the mysterious control that had made her so docile and compliant, and they did something to her, placing her into an altered state of consciousness.

She saw an image of her mother, who had been dead for many years. Jayne feels this imagery was deliberately placed in her mind to convince her that she was dreaming. She then felt a curious pulling, as



by NICK POPE

FORMER UFO DESK OFFICER AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

if she was being sucked into a vortex, followed by a thump as she fell back into her own bed. The time was now 4.35am and Jayne spent the next 20 minutes trying, unsuccessfully, to rouse her husband.

She made a cup of tea and lit a cigarette. Then she noticed that she was shaking uncontrollably and sweating. She started thinking about the events of the previous night and kept trying to convince herself that she had dreamed them.

When Tom, a mechanic, finally woke, Jayne told him about her 'nightmare'. Later, when both came to believe there was an astounding explanation for Jayne's experience, Tom gave her his complete support.

FOR THE rest of the day Jayne suffered from shaking, headaches and extreme thirst. She is usually very calm but every time she thought about her dream, a feeling of dread came over her. The family's dogs and cat also acted strangely and refused to come into the house.

When her son Mark came home at 5pm, his first words finally dashed her hopes of passing the incident off as a vivid nightmare: 'What the hell was going on in your bedroom last night?'

A chill came over Jayne as Mark described what he had experienced. It transpired that after he had made sure Sue had gone home, he had returned to bed but had been unable to sleep. He had then seen a bizarre green, fluorescent light shining all around his door, as if there was an extremely bright light source just outside his room.

He tried to move but was overcome by a feeling of paralysis. He, too, heard the eerie whooshing sound, together with what sounded like very loud voices, although quite unlike anything he had heard before. He was aware of nothing else until the morning.

Jayne, profoundly affected by this corroborative account, was very

Jayne felt a rush of air like automatic doors opening as she was carried from her bedroom into a blaze of light. Then she realised exactly what was happening to her

emotional over the next few days. She was afraid to go to bed and could do so only if her pets were in the room with her. The experience also seemed to unlock memories of earlier incidents, such as one in November 1991.

On this occasion Jayne woke with a start and had been aware of what she thought was an exceptionally bright full moon outside her window. Standing by the chest of drawers was a tall figure she assumed was her husband.

She wondered why he was standing there but assumed it had something to do with his insomnia. A few seconds later the truth dawned on her, as she moved her arm and felt that Tom was sleeping soundly beside her.

Only the benevolence emanating from the figure prevented her from screaming out.

As Jayne's night vision began to take effect, she got a better view. The figure was male, tall, with long blond/brown hair and possibly a beard. He was kindly-looking, not dissimilar to the popular image of Jesus.

He was wearing a shiny garment that looked almost as if it were made of polythene and was leaning against the chest of drawers, with

his arms folded nonchalantly. The amazing thing was that Jayne could see right through him.

In the past she had seen what she had believed were ghosts, but Jayne sensed that this was very different and definitely possessed self-awareness.

Jayne hid under the quilt until the figure disappeared. The following morning her daughter, then eight, asked her: 'Why was Daddy watching me in bed last night?'

The next strange event took place on a Thursday night after Jayne had retired early. When she woke up she was not in bed but on a hard surface. She felt warm and comfortable and was aware of a fluorescent light above her in a narrow line, as if from a strip light, and of two figures on either side of her.

She heard a conversation: 'She's aware of where she is. She can't be.' 'We've got to take her back.'

She then felt a spiralling sensation and found herself back in bed. Next day, she was positive the experience had been real, not just a dream.

Jayne says she has since developed precognition — the ability to see the future — and is now one of Britain's most talented clairvoyants.

Greys



Alien abductee: Vaunda Hosick

WHY UFOs ARE DIFFICULT TO SPOT

WHY do UFOs appear at remote spots far away from the centres of population?

Why don't they land on the White House lawn or our own George Square?

The answer must be that they do not want to be seen.

Witnesses who have caught sight of these mysterious craft

have glimpsed an object that was meant to be hidden.

There is still the unanswered question of space vehicles.

Across the earth are found particular sites by "ley lines" where there is a build up of a mysterious but powerful energy.

UFOs have been reported hovering close to these areas. Electric

generators also seem to attract their attention.

UFOs near reservoirs suggests an obvious link to the universal need for water, but would an advanced race really need to re-supply in this way. The truth is that the motives of the UFOs often appear as mysterious as the objects themselves.

DEFENCE OFFICIAL EXAMINES TALES OF ALIEN ABDUCTION AND DRAWS STARTLING CONCLUSIONS

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MARIA'S STORY

CHILDHOOD recollections of 'going somewhere' when 'the Moon landed in the garden' came back to haunt Maria Ward after the birth of her son, Andras, when she was 19. Doctors said she would not be able to have more children because a previous laparoscopy had left adhesions in her womb. A closer examination revealed a strange scar on her navel, consistent with keyhole surgery. The doctors wanted to know about the operation. Maria was shocked and frightened. Apart from the removal of a cyst from her ear, she had never had surgery before. Maria, now 36, from Dartford, Kent, did her best to forget this life and started a five-year degree in philosophy. Then, on November 21, 1990, Maria's husband, John, went away on a training course for a few days. Maria was apprehensive. For the previous two weeks there had been a series of mysterious, electronic beeping sounds in the house. That night,

at exactly 3.17am, she suddenly woke up as if someone had shaken her and noticed a bright light outside. She saw an object which appeared to be shaped like a gigantic wheel, complete with spokes, and an outer rim festooned with multi-coloured lights of blue, white and red, which seemed to be rotating around the rim. At the hub of this 'wheel' was a bright white light. The object moved closer, and she panicked. She was afraid for Andras, who was sleeping in the room with Maria (a special treat whenever John was away). She tried to rouse him, but, mysteriously, he would not wake up. Suddenly, a blue/white light the size and shape of a football began to come through the bedroom wall. Maria heard a voice telling her not to be frightened and to follow the light. She did, as if under some kind of compulsion, and was somehow led through the closed front

door. She describes the process as being like 'moving through treacle', and recalls that she was aware of the internal structure of the wood — the splinters, gaps and knots. Once outside she was pulled quickly upwards into the air, catching sight of a tennis ball in a gutter on the house. Weeks later, she pinpointed its exact location. MARIA was suddenly aware that she had stopped moving and was standing on something solid. She saw three small, brown creatures in front of her. They were up to 4ft tall, naked with hairless smooth skin and had large eyes. Somehow, Maria knew they were male, although no genitalia were visible. She was taken into a room with a domed ceiling, in the centre

platform. Five creatures were with her and then, another arrived and stood in front of her. This one, physically, was markedly different. Taller and a dirty white in colour, its face was slightly fuller, and there was a small bump which might have been a nose and a slit where a mouth might have been. Once Maria looked into its large black eyes, she could not look away. The being communicated a thought to her: 'Has it been so long?' Not a question, but a statement. Maria found herself lying on the platform and felt her thoughts being 'pulled' out of her head. 'It was like someone was raping my mind,' she told me. One of the creatures produced a lime-green device about a foot long and triangular in shape with a bright green light at its tip. She was prodded with it. Everywhere it touched her, bruises would later appear on her body. When it touched her arm, she was able to see the blood flowing inside her, and even her bone structure. Something was stuck into her finger and, though the skin was

dots was visible for eight weeks after, she claimed. A block descended from the ceiling and stopped just above her, bathing her with a blue/white light. Then one of the creatures inserted a long filament into her neck just below her right ear, causing terrible pain. There was a sharp pull at her navel, and then the sound of things being put in some sort of tray, somewhere at the foot of the platform, out of sight. At another stage in the procedure, something was placed up her nose. Finally, all the beings left, apart from one of the brown ones. Maria was now able to move. Realising that she was naked,



ABDUCTIONS of humans by alien visitors to Earth are fact, not fiction. That, I know, is a startling and shocking statement and I stand by it. The recent abductions is so strong evidence that undeniable. As to the Ministry of Defence, I started out as a sceptic about UFOs but came to a different opinion. At the same time, I was reading about the abduction of humans by these defence aliens. Initially, I was distinctly sceptical about the abduction phenomenon, and that they claim 'ectology' and alienated the 'psychic' slowly, though my views changed. The volume of reports, the physical and independent witnesses, and the physical and emotional effects on abductees convinced me that we were dealing with more than just hoaxes or psychological tricks accounted for. While present, they could not explain all of some abductees the world, thousands of people have reported being taken into the most likely their will, by aliens is that the witnesses are, explanation making, describing events that generally look place. Having spoken to hundreds of genuine, well-meaning people, more than even many UFO-believers, I am convinced that the purpose of this 'ectology' is, I believe, to 'divine' human society. Most abductees are neither cranks nor hoaxes. They are only too mindful of the honest reactions to their claims, and their friends and family. At the very least, they are not seeking to 'divine' the truth, but rather to create a human hybrid race, were the key to the technology.

BUFT why should aliens whose technology is nearly light years ahead of ours bother with the logistical nightmare of thousands of abductees? They could easily remove the material they wanted from their planet. I discarded the genetic theory because I did not tally with whom had the abductees I met, many preferences. This, coupled with the development of interests in and skepticism about the environment, seemed as odds with the idea of aliens using them as guinea pigs. I am the first to admit that my belief that the plan is only one more theory to join the ranks of competing ideas. The distress experienced by some abductees has been that my theory may represent one of the sort of New Age interpretation of the phenomenon. It would be nice to think that the motivation for abductions is to prepare humans to return into some sort of galactic civilisation. This was so, why aren't the extraterrestrials open with us, what is going on out there that any alterations being made of the beings are done for? Perhaps to remove the abductors, not to harm them. I think, phenomenon needs serious investigation. The real crime against human beings is that it induced upon indifference that allows but rather the one to continue unchanged. The day and tomorrow I will be revealing the most convincing — and startling — cases I have investigated.

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THE UNNAMED MORE ASTONISHING 'ALIEN ENCOUNTERS'

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she put on her baggy T-shirt, which was lying beside her, neatly folded.

She had no recollection of how or when it had been removed.

Minutes later, another of the taller beings had somehow appeared in the room.

Maria instinctively knew this was a female, before she noticed that the creature was wearing what she could describe only as a crude, paper dress — as if for show.

The being stared at Maria, who felt the scrutiny to be uncomfortable and intrusive. She went through a complete range of emotions, which she felt were being deliberately induced.

Then images were flashed in front of her, some of them apocalyptic and distressing.

ONE showed the Earth, as if from space, with what appeared to be a horrendous yellow and black bruise over the North Pole. Could this have been a warning about the hole in the ozone layer?

Another image was of a nuclear explosion in the South of France.

Finally, as a wave of tiredness swept over her, she was led out of the room. The next thing Maria knew, she was waking up the stairs in her house back to bed. She glanced at the clock. It was 4.23am.

When she awoke she did not remember anything. But, while brushing her hair, she noticed that quite a lot of it was missing from the back of her head.

There were further revelations: her T-shirt was covered with a strange orange material and her feet were dirty. She felt as if she were in shock.

Over the next few weeks, memories came back in disjointed fragments. And she suddenly began to suffer claustrophobia, which became so debilitating that she consulted her doctor.

He felt she was suffering from traumatic stress, stemming from some intense, unpleasant experience. When his questions failed to find any obvious cause, the doctor suggested Maria undergo hypnosis to relax her.

A hypnotherapist, Dr Susan Winne, suggested that Maria be regressed. But instead of a "conventional" cause being discovered, Maria recounted the story of the abduction.

MARIA also spontaneously regressed to when, at 18, she had apparently been sealed in a perspex capsule which floated above the ground and filled with a gelatinous pink liquid.

Dr Winne would not continue the session, saying that she was simply not able to evaluate Maria's account.

It is important to stress that this was the only regression session Maria has undergone.

Once these memories surfaced, the rest began to emerge unaided.

What are we to make of Maria? The sceptics might simply say she is lying, but she has passed two polygraph "lie-detector" tests administered by a qualified expert, Jeremy Barrett.

ABRIDGED extract from The Unnamed by Nick Pope, to be published in paperback by HarperCollins in November 1997. To order your copy p&p free, please call 01624 675137.



DAVID JACOBS

The essential features of an extra-terrestrial

DAVID E. JACOBS is a historian who has analysed the stories of more than 80 abductees. The abductees did not know each other and had not heard of each others' experiences.

Yet, under hypnosis, the alien figures they described were so alike that Jacobs could set down common denominators and describe the essential features of an extraterrestrial.

They occur so frequently, and are so stereotyped, that they have even been given a name: psychologists call them the 'Greys'.

■ A GREY is 3½ to 4½ft tall, with a disproportionately large head, like a pear upside down.

■ THEY are hairless, have leathery skin, only the smallest protuberance for a nose and lipless mouths that do not move.

■ THEY communicate by telepathy.

■ THE most striking feature is the eyes: black, enormous, almond-shaped, comely. They do not blink, nor do they move in their sockets. They are like goggles. Yet, staring into them, they seem to have enormous power — to communicate, to reassure or to frighten.

■ GREYS are usually naked, but no genitals are seen. The chest does not swell as they breathe.

■ THESE beings are frail, with thin limbs and no bone structure or musculature. They have three fingers, with no opposable thumb.

A second type is also reported: the Nordic. It is humanoid, taller and has blond hair. Americans see 12 Greys to every one Nordic. In Europe, though, the Nordics outnumber the Greys.

Some abductees feel that the Nordics are female. One woman even reported that a Nordic had tried on her high-heeled shoes. That is either evidence of derangement or it is a detail that no one could possibly have made up.

One bizarre detail: to Britons, Greys smell of cinnamon or rotting leaves; in America, the scent is of ammonia, sulphur, lemons and almonds.

The bobby snatched from his beat

ONE of the most famous abduction cases in Britain happened on November 28, 1980, and involved a police constable based in the Yorkshire town of Todmorden. Alan Godfrey was nearing the end of his night shift when he was ordered to investigate reports that some cows had escaped from a farmer's field and were getting into private gardens.

Godfrey drove towards the area and, as he rounded a bend, saw what he at first took to be a bus in the road. On closer inspection, he saw it was a diamond-shaped object hovering 5ft above the ground. Godfrey attempted to contact his headquarters, but his

radio would not function properly. He decided to sketch the object in his notebook and after having done so found himself suddenly and mysteriously about 100 yards further down the road. The UFO had vanished.

He returned to the police station, picked up a colleague and went back to the site of his encounter. They noticed that the road was much drier at the point where Godfrey had seen the craft. What puzzled him was that, when he had returned to the police station, it had been much later than he thought. Under hypnosis, an abduction story emerged. Apparently, Godfrey had got out of

the car for a better look at the object, but had suddenly seen a bright light emanating from the craft. He had been frightened and had tried to drive off, only to find that his car would not start. Recalling being inside the craft, he felt he was being restrained. He saw a tall, bearded humanoid figure called Joseph, together with smaller creatures who Joseph said were robots. Godfrey even described seeing a dog on the craft.

He said that he was placed on a table, but, despite recollections of a bright light and some sort of machinery, was unable to remember any further details.



Bright light: Alan Godfrey

Alfred the fisherman was not a prize catch

ON AUGUST 12, 1983, Alfred Burtoo was night-fishing on the Basingstoke Canal near Aldershot, Hampshire, when he saw a bright light approaching.

His dog growled and then Alfred saw two entities walking towards him. They were about 4ft tall, dressed in green one-piece overalls, with their heads covered by a sort of helmet. They beckoned to him to follow them, which he did.

Then, on the towpath, he encountered a UFO on the ground and followed the beings aboard. After some time inside, during which Burtoo had been observing his surroundings, he was told to stand under a light.

He was asked his age, and told them he was 77. To his astonishment, he was told that he was too old for their



UFO reject: Alfred Burtoo

purposes. He then left the craft, heard a whining noise and saw the craft fly away at high speed. Incredibly, he calmly picked up his equipment and carried on fishing. Burtoo died in 1986, never once having changed his story.

AN IMPORTANT British case occurred near Aveley in Essex in 1974. John and Susan Day, with their three children, were returning from a relative's house when they saw a blue light following them.

A little later, their car radio began to malfunction and gave off smoke. As the car negotiated a bend, it entered a patch of strange green mist and was jolted. When the vehicle emerged from the mist, the family found they were much further down the road.

Arriving home, they turned on their television and were amazed to find that the evening's programmes had finished. They had lost several hours.

Under hypnosis, the Days recalled being taken onto a craft and subjected to medical investigations. The aliens they recalled were tall humanoids, which ufologists label Nordics.

ON DECEMBER 1, 1987, a former policeman, Phillip Spencer, was walking on Ildley Moor in Yorkshire. He heard a low humming sound and then saw a strange creature. He took a

Baffled by a strange gap in time

photograph of it and followed it to a UFO which seemed to consist of two saucers joined together. The entity got into the craft, which accelerated away at high speed.

When Spencer returned home, he found he had lost two hours and, during a hypnotic regression, recalled being taken into the craft by creatures with pointed ears.

As a number of other abductees have reported, he was then shown a film which contained apocalyptic images. He was also shown a second film, the contents of which he was told not to reveal.

TOMORROW: WHAT ELSE COULD EXPLAIN ALIEN ABDUCTIONS?

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Air Force offered Tuesday what it hopes is the final word on assertions by UFO zealots that bodies of space aliens were recovered at a crash site in New Mexico in 1947.

The "bodies," the air force said, were not aliens from unidentified flying objects. They were dummies used in high-altitude parachute tests.

The explanation — on the eve of the

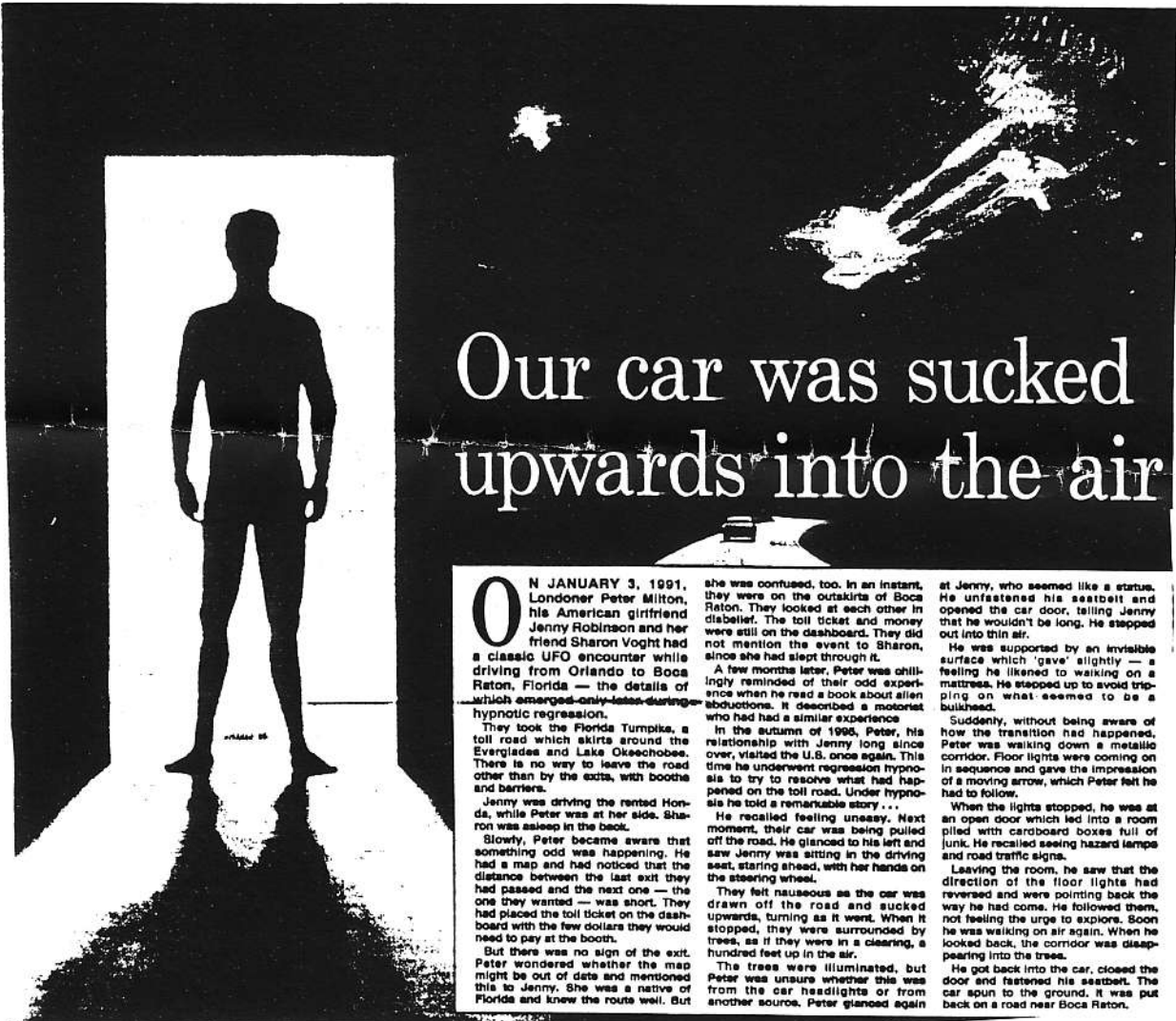
50th anniversary of the incident — was offered in enormous detail in a 231-page report titled "The Roswell Report — Case Closed." It is intended to close the book on long-standing rumors that the air force recovered a flying saucer and extraterrestrial bodies near Roswell, New Mexico, in July 1947, and then covered the incident in secrecy.

Skeptics immediately pointed out a discrepancy in the report Tuesday.

The parachute tests, they said, occurred years after the Roswell incident. The air force theorized that those who saw the dummies were confused about the dates.

In 1994, the air force issued a report on the Roswell incident that said the "spacecraft" that supposedly crashed was a balloon used in a secret program intended to monitor the atmosphere for evidence of Soviet nuclear tests.

BY THE DEFENCE OFFICIAL WHO BELIEVES ALIENS ARE ABDUCTING PEOPLE



Our car was sucked upwards into the air

ON JANUARY 3, 1991, Londoner Peter Milton, his American girlfriend Jenny Robinson and her friend Sharon Voght had a classic UFO encounter while driving from Orlando to Boca Raton, Florida — the details of which emerged only later during hypnotic regression.

They took the Florida Turnpike, a toll road which skirts around the Everglades and Lake Okeechobee. There is no way to leave the road other than by the exits, with booths and barriers.

Jenny was driving the rented Honda, while Peter was at her side. Sharon was asleep in the back.

Slowly, Peter became aware that something odd was happening. He had a map and had noticed that the distance between the last exit they had passed and the next one — the one they wanted — was short. They had placed the toll ticket on the dashboard with the few dollars they would need to pay at the booth.

But there was no sign of the exit. Peter wondered whether the map might be out of date and mentioned this to Jenny. She was a native of Florida and knew the route well. But

she was confused, too. In an instant, they were on the outskirts of Boca Raton. They looked at each other in disbelief. The toll ticket and money were still on the dashboard. They did not mention the event to Sharon, since she had slept through it.

A few months later, Peter was chillingly reminded of their odd experience when he read a book about alien abductions. It described a motorist who had had a similar experience.

In the autumn of 1996, Peter, his relationship with Jenny long since over, visited the U.S. once again. This time he underwent regression hypnosis to try to resolve what had happened on the toll road. Under hypnosis he told a remarkable story...

He recalled feeling uneasy. Next moment, their car was being pulled off the road. He glanced to his left and saw Jenny was sitting in the driving seat, staring ahead, with her hands on the steering wheel.

They felt nauseous as the car was drawn off the road and sucked upwards, turning as it went. When it stopped, they were surrounded by trees, as if they were in a clearing, a hundred feet up in the air.

The trees were illuminated, but Peter was unsure whether this was from the car headlights or from another source. Peter glanced again

at Jenny, who seemed like a statue. He unfastened his seatbelt and opened the car door, telling Jenny that he wouldn't be long. He stepped out into thin air.

He was supported by an invisible surface which 'gave' slightly — a feeling he likened to walking on a mattress. He stepped up to avoid tripping on what seemed to be a bulkiest.

Suddenly, without being aware of how the transition had happened, Peter was walking down a metallic corridor. Floor lights were coming on in sequence and gave the impression of a moving arrow, which Peter felt he had to follow.

When the lights stopped, he was at an open door which led into a room filled with cardboard boxes full of junk. He recalled seeing hazard lamps and road traffic signs.

Leaving the room, he saw that the direction of the floor lights had reversed and were pointing back the way he had come. He followed them, not feeling the urge to explore. Soon he was walking on air again. When he looked back, the corridor was disappearing into the trees.

He got back into the car, closed the door and fastened his seatbelt. The car spun to the ground. It was put back on a road near Boca Raton.

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spirited me away for tests

VAUNDA Hosick, 22, from Dulwich, South London, believes she has been abducted by aliens many times. She was only 14 when, she says, the extraterrestrial beings known to ufologists as Greys somehow spirited her from her bedroom and then subjected her to memory tests in a metallic, brightly lit room with banks of computer screens on the walls. Several years later, says Vaunda, she had telepathic contact with an alien called Antholus, who said 16 alien species were visiting Earth, and some carried out experiments on people. He told Vaunda: 'As the years have passed we have been moving your planet backwards. We have come to the conclusion that for every one person who believes in us

there are another ten who don't. 'Therefore we have a harder task to convince those of you who don't believe. 'You have so much to offer us, just as we have a lot to offer you and your society. Hopefully, one day in the near future, we will be able to show you just what we can actually give you. 'It is an effort to keep ourselves hidden, with your technology becoming more and more advanced. Unfortunately, until we feel we can trust you completely, we are unable to reveal ourselves in full. 'This is why we are taking people, in the hope that they will spread the word of our existence.' ■ ON A summer's evening in 1976, in Didsbury, near Manchester, Lynda Jones was out walking with her young son and daughter. Suddenly they saw an object hurtling towards them from the sky and,

thinking an aircraft was about to crash, they crouched down in a field. When the object had passed overhead they ran up a hill to get a better view. To their amazement, they saw a crescent-shaped UFO. Lynda was extremely curious, and felt drawn to it. Time seemed to stand still for her, and she walked towards the brightly lit object. But, prompted by the shouting of her daughter, all three ran off. When they got home, one and a half hours of time was unaccounted for, and the following morning Lynda's husband, Trevor, noticed that she had red marks, similar to blistering sunburn, around her

eyes. Under hypnotic regression, Lynda recalled seeing a figure in the field, followed by a floating sensation. She then recalls being in a room with three tall figures with black hair, jump suits and large, black, almond-shaped eyes. The figures were shining a bright light in her face. She does not know how to evaluate this incident, which she freely admits was outside her knowledge or experience. ■ ABRIDGED extract from *The Uninvited* by Nick Pope, to be published by Simon & Schuster on June 2 at £15.99. © Nick Pope 1997. To order your copy now free, please call 01624 675137.

TOMORROW: MORE TALES OF ALIEN ENCOUNTERS

Police baffled by UFO fireball

TWO police officers are being asked to file reports to an organisation dealing with UFO sightings after they saw a fireball shooting through the skies of North Kent. The officers were on patrol in Gravesend at 4.35am on Tuesday when they saw a large, speeding object shoot across the night sky. It left behind a blue-green trail, then appeared to crash in the New Ash Green area. The pair, who were not named, reported the sighting to Contact International UK who have been dealing with strange incidents in the sky since 1969.

Large meteorite

The organisation suggested the object could have been a large meteorite or even a returning Russian satellite which had fallen to earth. Colin Walker, of the Gravesend-based Paranormal and UFO Research Team, said: "The chances are it was a meteorite and that would explain why it looked like a fireball — they burn up as they crash to earth."

Dead 'aliens' just dummies
"BODIES" recovered in a famous UFO scare were not aliens but DUMMIES used in high-altitude parachute tests, the U.S. Air Force said yesterday.

Top brass hope a new report will "close the book" on the 1947 Roswell incident, when it was claimed dead aliens were found after a spaceship crashed in New Mexico.

"There was no cover-up," insisted one officer. "But UFO experts claimed tests with the life-like dummies did not begin until nearly ten years later."

One said the controversy would never die down because locals are cashing in.

Three lights come all at once at a bus stop



Garry Cartledge: Investigating latest weird sightings

AS 1996 comes towards a close so does another busy year in the World of Ufology.

There have been the usual pranks, reports of UFO's for varying reasons — from making money to simply getting a buzz from wasting the time of investigators who try to find the truth behind many of the UFO reports.

Then there are the genuine UFO reports, some of which seem almost unreal, but the evidence which suggests the opposite is sometimes overwhelming.

It can range from personal testimony in a witness, camcorder footage, still photographs or even actual physical evidence such as impressions left in the ground of a reported landing.

Of all UFO reports received only around 4 to 4% turn out to be Unidentified Flying Objects — the rest can be explained by natural or astronomical phenomena, hoaxes or simple misidentifications of civil and military aircraft.

I shall give you some examples of the developments reported over the past year.

February kept local UFO organisations on their toes with the highest number of UFO reports ever in the North West — including the now infamous Black Triangle.

In the same month the Civil Aviation Authority released its Commercial Air Transport Airmen reports for January to April 1995 which included the Working Group's findings into the incident last January when a black triangular shaped UFO came so close to colliding with a Boeing 737.

This case remains officially unresolved but I believe someone, somewhere has an explanation as to what was flying around the skies of Manchester on the night of 6 January.

On Sunday 14 January at 21.15 a gentleman decided to take his dog for a walk at Whalley near Wigan. After some time he topped to light a cigarette when suddenly he was hit by a massive blast of cold air, so powerful it almost blew him over. As he looked to see where it had

DAVID ATKINSON of Westgate Avenue, Blackley is Director of Operations for the Manchester UFO Research Network

come from he saw a triangular shaped object, approximately 30 feet long, pass silently over his head and move off at a tremendous speed in the direction of Wigan town centre.

Bolton also witnessed a rash of UFO sightings, the same or similar triangular shaped object was seen by people from all walks of life. Again most reports indicated that there was little or no sound. The triangle has been seen to hover silently.

MUFORN is currently undertaking an investigation into a piece of video footage taken over the Manchester area which lasts nearly 30 minutes. We received it earlier this year and it is some of the best video footage I have ever seen.

Once we have concluded our investigation we will try to pass on our findings and possible arrange for some kind of showing of the video.

In response to growing awareness of the UFO phenomenon the MoD has released an official statement claiming that UFO's are the product of people's imagination.

The statement published in the RAF News in April claimed there is no evidence to substantiate the existence of such phenomena.

So are the Government claiming people who have witness UFO's such as police, pilots (both civil and military) and even astronauts, are making up these stories?

The upcoming Mars Global Surveyor mission will not be photographing the Cydonia region of Mars where the famous Face on Mars was photographed by the Viking 1 satellite in 1976. The pictures that were transmitted back to Earth also show precise geometric

structures on the Martian surface. One of the other main features of this region is an immense pyramid with the sides of its base at least one mile by 1.6 miles.

This year also saw one of the most amazing crop formations ever to be found. The formation, in the form of a double helix, was found in the East Field at Alton Barnes, Wiltshire, on Monday 7 June.

The formation, labelled the 'DNA Helix' because to many people it appears to show a three-dimensional image, representing the chemical side of life. Some claim it is simply an elaborate hoax but if that is so can someone show me how a 650 feet crop formation containing nearly 100 circles was made in the few hours of darkness in the early hours of the morning.

In his bid to make contact with extraterrestrial intelligence, 85-year-old Laurance Rockefeller commissions a report on UFO's called 'Unidentified Flying Objects: The Best Available Evidence'. Copies of the 150 page document were sent to 1,000 world leaders including Henry Kissinger, Jacques Chirac and Walter Annenbery in an effort to pressure the US government into releasing top secret UFO files.

Michael Luckman, director of the New York Centre for UFO Research, said Rockefeller wants ex-astronauts and former intelligence officers released from their security oaths so they can talk openly about their inside UFO information.

The most infamous UFO wave of them all continues in Mexico where for over four years the country has been inundated with UFO's. Though this is the longest running,

most expensive and most documented series of UFO sightings ever recorded anywhere in the World few outside of this Latin American nation have any knowledge of these remarkable encounters.

To fill you in here are a few facts about this 'Mexican wave':

- From July 1991 to present day UFO's have been reported by the population — the longest running mass of UFO sightings in history.
- Millions have seen the UFO's — in one City 90,000 of the 100,000 population have seen UFO's.

- To date Genesis III, producers of the Mexican videos Messengers of Destiny, Masters of the Stars, and Voyagers of the Sixth Sun which contains over 100 clips of UFO's caught on camera, have received 1,000 clips from Mexico alone.

- The Mexican media have been incredibly open to the whole phenomena with programmes lasting several hours. During one programme a UFO was actually filmed hovering over the tv station's transmitter mast. The Mexican press and radio cover the sightings in depth.

- Events in Mexico are part of the Mayan Prophecy which states that in July 1991 the Masters of the Stars would appear at the birth of the Sixth Sun — the eclipse of 11 July 1991.

- The lack of interest by the UFO community and media outside Mexico is alarming. How the biggest, most documented mass of sightings ever has not been front page news on every UFO publication remains an unfathomable mystery. As for the mainstream media we can only suspect something like an invisible D Notice may exist.

The reason for dedicating so much of this article to the Mexican UFO was is evident from the facts above.

I believe this to be the most important event in the history of Ufology and think it is only the tip of the iceberg.

Remember what I have mentioned is only a minute percentage of events throughout the year — you could write a book the size of War and Peace and still not cover everything.

By John Woodhouse

A PARANORMAL activity group is to investigate reports of unidentified flying objects being seen above Stoke-on-Trent.

Early-risers in Norton spotted three bright shining lights in the sky as they waited at a bus-stop.

The lights then sped off in the direction of Bagnall - the scene of numerous mysterious sightings in recent months.

Just last week a motorist claimed he had his face scorched

by a 'ray from a UFO' after parking up near Bagnall Woods.

He claimed a mysterious disc appeared which shone a red light on his face leaving the burn mark. In the latest incident three women standing at a bus stop in Knypersley Road, Norton, saw the three lights.

One of them, Pat Tinsley, of Intake Road, said: "They were the same distance apart. They came over and then went off towards Bagnall."

"I have never seen anything like it. They were going too fast for it to be a plane. None of us knew what to make of it."

Garry Cartledge, of the Putteries Organisation for Paranormal Investigation, said he would be looking into the reports.

He said: "It could have been a number of things. There have been reports of similar lights in the area."

"We know there have been reports of a new top-secret aircraft being tested over the Midlands. It has the capacity to fly from London to New York in an hour and it could possibly be that."

"Otherwise who knows what it might have been."

A PARANORMAL group has been called in to investigate after a motorist claimed that his face scorched by a "ray from a UFO."

The man had parked his car near Bagnall Woods when he claims a mysterious disc appeared over a field illuminating the dark sky.

As he swung his window down to get a better look, a red light shone on his face and left a burn mark, he said.

The man — who was not badly injured — then drove away from the remote outpost in fright. He later reported the incident to the Putteries Organisation for Paranormal Investigation.

He said, and asked them not to divulge his name.

Since the strange encounter shortly before Christmas, POP has

By Kathie McInnes

Soon carrying out tests at the area and has been seen in a number of laboratory analyses.

Spokesman Garry Cartledge said: "It seems to have been a close encounter. The craft did not fly away, it faded like a dimmer switch."

We have been up there to have a look and there is no discoloration of the grass. But we doused there and found there was some energy from the earth. Soil samples are now being tested."

The motorist's apparent close encounter is the latest strange phenomena to come under the scrutiny of the group.

Its members last year investigated everything from triangular UFO's hovering above Clavton to the photo of Josiah Wedgwood at Fitts Hall.

Two of the more unusual cases proved to be a 70ft crop circle which appeared as an intricate swirl in a field near Rochester and a strange baboon-like creature roaming [Barlston Downs].

Keeping an eye on the aliens

THE TRUTH is out there! UFO fans are set to investigate alien activity in Northamptonshire.

They are set to spin along to a day long conference at Cogenhoe at the end of the month.

The conference has been organised by a newly-formed group called Truthseekers Northampton which also aims to investigate ghosts and things which go bump in the night.

Sue Dilworth, 36, a Northampton-based UFO researcher who is behind the new group, said: "There's definitely another side to life."

"People need up-to-date information especially in this time of great interest in the subjects of the paranormal.

"To many people the cases we speak of are too strange. Some people are frightened by the truth but we at Truthseekers are interested by all these things because some of us have experienced the paranormal for ourselves.

"We aren't frightened so we feel other people shouldn't be either."

The day-long event will be held at the Glenvilles Conference Hall and Nightclub near Cogenhoe off the A45 on Sunday, March 23.

The conference doors open at 9am for a 9.30am start and tickets cost £10.

For more information telephone Northampton 891072 or the Glenvilles booking office on Northampton 786666.

Daily Mail, Monday, May 19, 1997

Copycat aliens

DAVID JACOBS makes much of the fact that all the people who claim they have been abducted by aliens give the same description: small, thin bodies and thin necks supporting large heads and bulbous eyes (Mail).

These are the figures that appeared in science fiction pulp magazines of the Thirties and Forties and have continued to be represented in cartoons ever since.

We've all seen them — they're imprinted on our subconscious — so, of course, all these so-called abductees give the same description.

If aliens really do exist, why do they look like creatures invented by authors and artists more than half a century ago? Could the aliens be sued for plagiarism?

CYRIL BRACEGIRDLE, Sale, Cheshire.

WOLVERHAMPTON EXPRESS & STAR

Mystery object crashes in hills

New Zealand search and rescue teams were looking for an object that flared through the sky over the coast, north of Wellington. Scientists believe it was likely to be space debris. A bright burning object was seen to crash and explode in the hills behind Waikanae, north of Wellington.

'Aliens are here' cry as thousands see UFO on a 60-mile sky trek

From GEORGE GORDON in New York

IT was huge. So large that it blotted out the stars for more than a mile as it swooped silently over Arizona.

Thousands saw it and dozens videotaped it. After months of investigation, computer analysis and talks with eye-witnesses, experts have been unable to come up with any earthly explanation for the sightings.

The V-shaped formation of red and white lights passed over several towns at a steady 30mph, covering a distance of 60 miles.

Witnesses — who included pilots, air traffic controllers, doctors and lawyers — said the object glided across the sky without sound, its height ranging from 500ft to several thousand feet.

The incident has captured the imagination of America like no UFO sighting in decades. It has revived memories of the Roswell incident of 50 years ago, when the supposed crash of a flying saucer in New Mexico was allegedly covered up by the authorities. Black and white film exists which purports to show autopsies on some of the aliens recovered at the scene. Peter Davenport, of the National UFO Reporting Centre in Seattle, said the Arizona incident was the most dramatic in his experience. 'What we have here is the real thing — they are here,' he added.

The files of the UFO Centre record that the first sighting came from a retired police officer in Paudlen, 60 miles north of Phoenix. He reported a cluster of red lights heading south.

The second call came from Prescott, 15 miles down the road. This time the report was of one red light and four white lights.

Within minutes the centre's switchboard was jammed with calls from Wickenburg, Glendale, Phoenix and Scottsdale. Police stations, fire departments and city halls were overwhelmed by hundreds of calls in the space of around two hours on March 13.

Bill Grava, a pilot and air traffic controller for 12 years, was on

THE ARIZONA X FILES

- Object was very big — blotting out the stars for more than a mile
- V-shaped, with lights on each side and one trailing
- The lights, uniform in shape with no glow, changed from red to white
- It flew at a steady 30mph, varying in height between 500 and several thousand feet
- It made no sound at all

THE FLIGHT PATH
From above Paudlen, Arizona, south for 60 miles to the Phoenix area. Seen in the night sky for more than an hour and a half

First sighting, 8.16pm: By retired police officer, red lights reported

Second sighting: Red and white lights seen

Authorities' switchboards jammed with hundreds of sighting reports

Three F-16 fighters fly towards object which immediately shot upwards and disappeared

Many witnesses take video films of the phenomenon

MAH Graphics: PAUL McCALLUM



Left: A still from the film said to show one of the dead aliens from the Roswell incident

lower duty at Sky Harbor International Airport. 'I have never seen anything like that,' he said. 'It was weird — inexplicable.'

Tim Ley, a 54-year-old management consultant, had just arrived home when he saw the lights. 'They looked like stars,' he said. 'There was a distortion on the surface. The lights didn't scintillate or shine. I have never seen a light like that.'

Truck driver Bill Greiner, 61, said:

'Before this, if anyone told me they saw a UFO, I would say "Oh yeah, and I believe in the tooth fairy". Now I've got a whole new view. I may be just a dumb truck driver, but I've seen something that don't belong here.'

Michael Turner and Jim Dilettosa are partners in a firm which designs computerised effects. They ran computer analysis of video footage and compared the lights to every

other light in the Phoenix area. Nothing matched.

The Luke Air Force Base between Phoenix and Glendale has been a target for hundreds of callers who assumed that the sighting was linked to the base. Officials denied it.

Lieutenant Colonel Mike Hauser said many callers became angry and accused the Air Force of a cover-up. There were F-16 fighter jets in the air that night and one of the last sightings of the UFO was near the base.

Mr Greiner said he saw three of the jets take off and veer towards the object. 'Then it shot straight up and disappeared in the blink of an eye,' he said. 'Those pilots had to see it.'

If they did, the Air Force is not confirming it — adding to claims of a cover-up worthy of the X Files.

Riddle of biggest UFO yet

From BILL COLES in New York

THE biggest UFO sighting in history has left defence chiefs baffled and thousands of witnesses are now convinced we are NOT alone.

A giant V shaped object with red and white lights cruised silently for 200 miles over Arizona. The slow-moving UFO, the size of three football pitches, was visible for nearly two hours.

It was first spotted by a retired cop — and soon police were flooded with reports.

Pilots and air traffic controllers were among the witnesses.

Dozens of people shot video footage as the UFO passed low over Phoenix at around 8.15pm on March 13.

And despite three months of computer analysis, no one has come up with any explanation.

Trucker Bill Greiner, 51, watched three fighters scramble from an air base to intercept the mystery craft.

He said: 'It shot straight up and disappeared. I've seen something that don't belong here.'

UFO swoops on lorry driver

TALES of the unexpected have been brewing across Burton and South Derbyshire, as residents bombard police with stories involving — flying bricks.

From the outer limits of Newhall to Stapenhill, people are experiencing close encounters of the third kind — with a series of unidentified flying oblong objects.

Reports, which started with the sighting of a crescent-shaped UFO hovering over Swadlincote, switched yesterday as residents spotted a pinky brown brick shaped object in the sky above Newhall.

The X File-style sightings sparked a Burton lorry driver claimed that he was confronted by a giant airborne black mass he could only describe as resembling a giant brick or skip near a UFO spotters' paradise.

The driver, who works for the Burton firm of Thacker's Pet Products says he had left the Victoria Crescent firm to deliver goods to Middleton in Derbyshire, a stone's throw away from Ashbourne, once a peak UFO activity centre, when he stopped at

a junction.

'The car, across his vision, was a jet black shape without any detail. It hovered immediately in front of him before zooming from one side to the other faster than his eyes could follow and then stopping.'

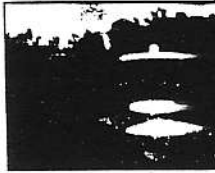
Mr Stephen Dyché, of Baker Street, Stapenhill, is to return to the scene of the sighting in 10 days with UFO investigators keen to discover an explanation.

He said: 'It certainly wasn't aerodynamic. It was getting on for a shape like a brick with nothing to keep it up there. It was just stuck there and there wasn't any movement like you'd expect from a helicopter if it was hovering.'

'I didn't believe in UFOs at that sort of thing before now but this has definitely changed my mind.'

Mr Dyché said later sightings of an object similar to the one he saw on Monday had been reported in East Anglia.

And he said after reporting the incident to police and the Civil Aviation Authority an organisation called Sub-paranormal Investigations is also set to probe the case.



Reports abound of strange sightings

The Plymouth area is a key site for UFO sightings, says ARTHUR BLOOD, who talked to the author of a new book investigating encounters with aliens.

BIG skies, rolling countryside and open sea make the area around Plymouth good UFO hunting country.

In August 1993, there were three UFO sightings in the Ivybridge area in less than a week.

Plymouth city councillor Hermann Welch described how he watched what appeared to be shadowy figures walk around underneath a glowing UFO hovering near the ground.

John Kingwell, an Ivybridge Community College caretaker and his family watched something with lights hovering near their Cornwood home for about 30 minutes.

And college pupils reported watching a cigar shaped object with lights

Flying saucer

An investigation was triggered in April 1993 when nearly 40 sightings of a huge catamaran-shaped UFO in the West Country night sky included many police reports.

In 1994, a husband and wife were driving near Hovey Tracey when a big bright light hovered over their car.

The engine eventually stopped and they are convinced they would have been sucked up into a flying saucer if they hadn't luckily stopped under a canopy of trees.



Author and former science correspondent Edward Ashpole

A top spot for those on trail of the UFO

In 1995, a St Austell man told police a light hovered over him for ten minutes, then a voice said: "Hello. Do not be alarmed, we will not harm you." Then it shot off.

In just one month, July 1993, 17 sightings were reported to Plymouth UFO researchers. Another local group investigated 19 sightings in just over ten months.

In 1994, a group called the Alien Acknowledgement Campaign urged MPs to openly discuss UFOs and the thousands of visitors it claimed have visited Earth from other worlds.

Last year, demonstrators outside the House of Commons de-

manded that the Government release its X-Files on sightings of aliens in Britain.

This year, an East Cornwall gardener who wants to stay anonymous claims he was abducted by aliens and "interfered with".

He says samples were taken and he was forced to have sex with them.

At first, close friends put it down to bar room bravado and ribbed him.

Since, they have let it drop because they have witnessed a change in his character - now he's touchy, easily upset and having counselling.

The search is on for ET

THERE are thousands of stories of close encounters with UFOs and alien abductions that need scientific examination, says Edward Ashpole in his new book. Where Is Everybody?

A science correspondent for 30 years, he says: "It's been reported that people have come back covered in a sticky substance, but there has been no proper chemical analysis. My interest is in the question - is life universal or is life here a freak event?"

He believes his book opens up our thinking about the ways that astronomers are searching for possible evidence of extra terrestrial life. "If we examine

the science that is currently available, we have to conclude that possible evidence of aliens could equally well be within the Solar System as out there amongst the stars.

"With billions of stars like the sun in our galaxy and billions of galaxies like our own, there should be numerous planets like Earth. In fact, by the time I finished the book, seven other planets comparable to Jupiter in mass had been discovered.

"If advanced ETs

are out there and they have the technology, within say 50 light years, they could have detected the biosphere of Earth at any time during the past 350 million years, mainly from our prominent spectral line of ozone.

"ET astronomers would have then known they were observing a planet with a rich oxygen atmosphere and abundant life. Any civilization with the appropriate space technology would have wanted to explore further.

WHERE IS EVERYBODY? The Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence by Edward Ashpole is published by Sigma Press. But the price is not astronomical - £4.95. Post included. Or direct from Sigma Press, 11 South Oak Lane, Millers Green, Leeds LS16 7AA.

To boldly go where no mannequin's gone before

recovery of human-shaped bodies from the crash area had been correct in fact - if not in time.

Fort Worth airbase in Texas insisted what had been found was the debris of a crashed weather balloon.

That was the version of events for 47 years, until the air force admitted in 1994 it had been a cover story. The balloon was part of a top-secret operation called Project Mogul, designed to monitor the upper atmosphere for radiation surges which would signal the Soviet Union had finally acquired and tested an atomic bomb.

The new air force version sticks with the Project Mogul line, but adds that seen human-shaped bodies may have confused dates with other dummy tests.

The release of the report was timed to cool the UFO fever expected at Roswell next month, when the first UFO festival is expected to attract huge crowds to a six-day rock concert, film festival, alien costume contest and non-stop public seminar on alien visits and the supposed cover-up.

The first official version was a Roswell Army Air Field press release on the day of the landing, saying it was in possession of a "flying disc". Within hours, the page report which included photographs, film footage and original records and witness statements of the event at Roswell on the night of July 4-5, 1947.

"This will be the final word on the Roswell incident," said Colonel John Haynes at a Pentagon press conference. "Whether you accept that as the Roswell explanation is up to you, but we do."

This is the fourth version the air force has offered and by far the most credible. But diehard UFO believers will seize on the fact that the tests of parachute dummies only began in 1953, six years after the Roswell incident, and may

find it hard to swallow the air force claim that witnesses got their dates so confused. "I have no explanation for that," said Col Haynes.

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The first official version was a Roswell Army Air Field press release on the day of the landing, saying it was in possession of a "flying disc". Within hours, the

page report which included photographs, film footage and original records and witness statements of the event at Roswell on the night of July 4-5, 1947.

"This will be the final word on the Roswell incident," said Colonel John Haynes at a Pentagon press conference. "Whether you accept that as the Roswell explanation is up to you, but we do."

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AS AN expected 100,000 UFO enthusiasts prepared to descend on the tiny New Mexico town of Roswell to celebrate the 50th anniversary of America's most celebrated alien visitation, the US Air Force changed its story yet again yesterday and admitted that humanoid forms had indeed been recovered from the area.



It was in fact the invasion of the crash-test dummies, mannequins designed to test high-altitude parachutes, the air force declared in a detailed 231-