



PAT: Third husband was planned for Elia...

The Street won't die says boss

CHUCK TOLIN, Coronation Street, Britain's longest running TV soap opera, will never die, says producer Bill Goldmore yesterday.

He was speaking out after three shocks that have shaken the nation: the passing of Peter Adamson, who played Len Fairclough, and the resignation of Pat Phoenix, who plays Liane Turner and Geoffrey Hughes, Gordon Lister's brother.

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He was backed by members of the cast.

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Colonel's top secret report tells the facts

UFO LANDS IN SUFFOLK

A UFO has landed in Britain - and that staggering fact has been officially confirmed.

Despite a massive cover-up, News of the World investigators have proof that the mysterious craft came to earth in a red ball of light at 3 a.m. on December 27, 1980.

It happened in a pine forest called Tansham Wood, just half a mile from the United States Air Force base at RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk.

An American airman called Tansham Wood just half a mile from the United States Air Force base at RAF Woodbridge in Suffolk.

Mystery craft in exploding wall of colour

And that's OFFICIAL

reports was intended to be confidential. It has been told very clearly that I would jeopardise my career if I told to the public.

But before we go into the details of the report, it is worth noting that the report was written by a man who has been in the air force for 20 years.

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Animals flee from strange glowing object

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SUPERDAD'S LOVE TANGLE RUMPUS

SUPERDAD John Knight, who has fathered 12 children by his wife and nine more by his mistress, has a new third woman in his life.

She is 25-year-old Lynn Atwater, best friend of Knight's wife. Carol, who has refused to move in with Knight and his mistress, 40-year-old Claire, who lives in the USA.

Revealed Knight said yesterday: "I love Lynn very much but I like the fact I'm giving my family and am living in a safe but not a safe place."

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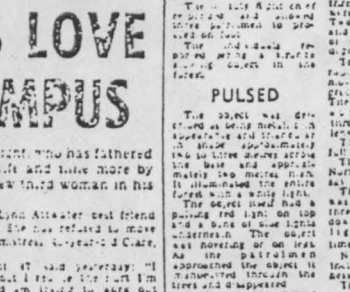
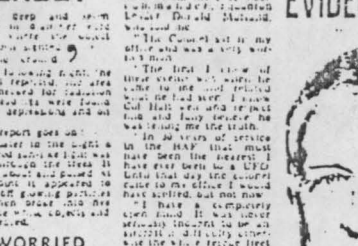
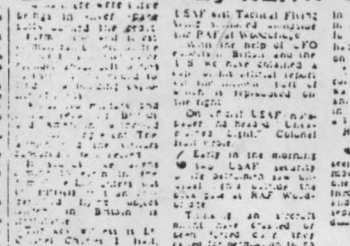
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THROWING out an explosion of colour, this is the airman Art Wallace's drawing of what he saw when the pulsating craft came to earth in the Suffolk countryside.

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UFO TAPE 'IS NOT A HOAX'

A **DRAMATIC** tape recording, allegedly made by panic-stricken American servicemen during a close encounter with an alien space craft in a Suffolk forest, is authentic, their former base commander has exclusively told the *Evening Star*.

tor Jenny Rendles, claim there has been a conspiracy to cover up the truth about what happened.

Col. Morgan told the *Star*, "I think the men really were out there that night and they saw something which frightened them."

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"You can hear their excited conversations and references to frightening strange lights. The only opinion I have is

**Reports by
JOHN GRANT**

The chilling 20-minute recording, a major new part of the evidence gathered by UFO investigators probing a claimed double landing in Rendlesham Forest, near Woodbridge Airbase, was given to the researchers by former base commander Col. Sam Morgan.

The *Star* has traced Col. Morgan to the space command headquarters linked to the Peterson Airbase, Colorado, and in a frank transatlantic telephone conversation he said, "I do not think it is a hoax."

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The tape recording is due to be played at a London Press conference today to launch "Sky Crash — A Cosmic Conspiracy," a book on the alleged incidents which took place on the nights of December 27 and 29/30, 1980.

The incidents were first reported in the *Star* and the book's author, Dot Street, of Blackberry Way, Oulton Broad, Mablethorpe, Louth, and national UFO investiga-

that, based on the evidence available, those guys definitely saw something which cannot be explained.

"As for them fabricating it all and putting on an act, I do not think they could have pulled it off."

He gave the tape, part of which had since been inadvertently erased, to researchers because "there was no reason not to," added Col. Morgan.

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The recording was made during the second alleged close encounter by the then deputy base commander Lt. Col. Charles Halt. His report to the Ministry of Defence on both incidents gave the book's authors a major breakthrough when it was leaked.

As previously reported by the *Star*, it was the first time there had been official confirmation that unusual lights and objects had been seen, and traces of radiation had been found in imprints on the ground and on a tree at the site.

In subsequent evidence given to the investigators, witnesses claimed that in the first encounter three silver-suited "entities" were seen repairing their stricken space craft and some witnesses claimed that contact was established with them.

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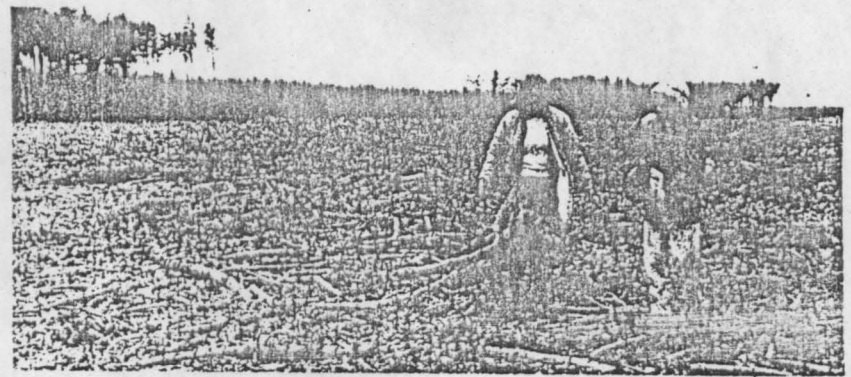
When his base in Oklahoma was contacted by the *Star*, Col. Halt was said to be on duty at a "classified location" and was unavailable for comment.

The book was written before the investigators heard the Halt tape but they had heard from witnesses about passages in it. They claim it tells of a "red, sun-like light" which flies through the forest and silently explodes into multiple coloured lights.

A small craft, similar to the one in the first alleged encounter, was seen on or close to the ground.

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Col. Halt and a small number of men with him



Two of the authors, Brenda Butler, left, and Dot Street, on the site of the alleged landing of the spaceship in Rendlesham Forest.

quickly retreated amid panic and shouting.

The book concludes that incidents undoubtedly did take place and puts forward several possible explanations if the UFO landing claims are untrue.

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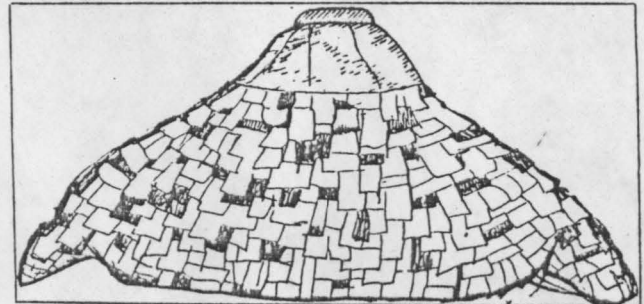
Included among the authors' suggestions is the alleged possibility that the UFO story might be a blind to cover-up tests on weaponry which went wrong.

Or, they say, the Americans might even have recovered by helicopter part of the Russian satellite Cos-

mos 749 under cover of darkness when it was accidentally dropped into the forest. In any event, they are call-

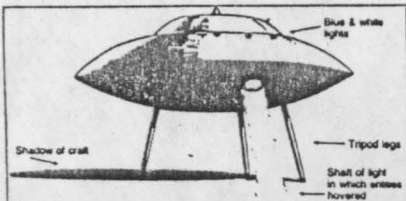
ing for a full public inquiry and say they are fully prepared to make all their evidence available to one.

The book is published by Neville Spearman Ltd, of Friars Street, Sudbury, and costs £7.50.



The craft which appeared after the alleged light explosion on December 30, 1980, as described by an American airman.

Officially unexplained



The December 27, 1980, UFO on the ground based on a sketch by an American serviceman.



The cover of the new book which claims UFOs landed in Suffolk.

THE Rendlesham Forest "Sky Crash" incident has been entered in the files of officialdom as "unexplained."

USAF and Ministry of Defence officials accept that something took place... but both say they have no interest in the matter.

The "Sky Crash" story is like the fisherman's tale of the one that got away... it gets bigger each time it is told.

That is the view of Capt. Victor Warzinski, in command of the USAF public affairs department on the Bentwaters/Woodbridge twin airbase.

'CANNOT EXPLAIN'

He told the *Star*, "I do not think there was ever any doubt that something happened which we cannot explain."

But, he said, there was "not the slightest shred of documentation" beyond the report by Col. Halt which is headed "Unexplained lights."

Any incident which took place off-base did not come under the jurisdiction of the USAF. The Halt report was therefore sent to the Ministry of Defence and the matter was left to them to handle "as they felt most appropriate."

The USAF had no other course of action open to it beyond making the report available "as a matter of courtesy." Any other action would have been "like sending out our cops to enforce British law," he said.

BACKGROUND COUNTS

Asked specifically about the traces of radiation allegedly found at the site, he said that these were "only normal background counts — the sort you or I would get if we went out anywhere and took readings."

The readings were not officially taken. They were obtained by off-duty personnel. Asked why they went to the site unofficially and at night he said, "Your guess is as good as mine."

NO COVER-UP

The USAF would not comment on any of the speculation in the "Sky Crash" book. But of the incidents in general, he said, "I do not get the feeling that there has been any cover-up in any sense of the words."

He added, "It is like the old fisherman's tale of the one that got away... it gets bigger each time it is told. The fish in reality does not get any bigger but the story sure as hell does."

CASE REMEMBERED

The case was instantly remembered by both Ministry of Defence officials contacted by the *Star* yesterday.

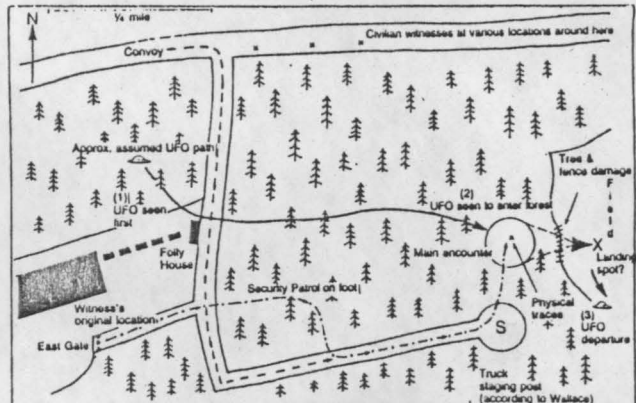
Spokesman Mr. Dermot Hill said the Ministry's DS8 department had investigated the incidents and had found no defence or military significance or implication and had therefore taken no further action.

"It was looked into and there being no military explanation we lost interest in it."

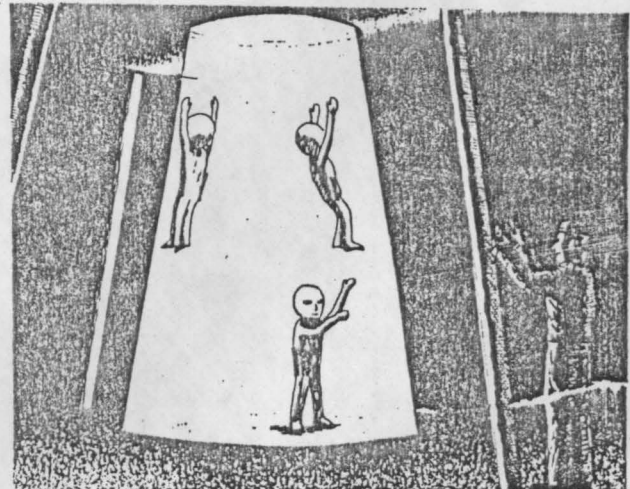
MoD SATISFIED

"I can see perfectly well that reasonable people who are interested in such things would find it very interesting. I am not in any way saying that these people must be crankish or anything of that sort... I am simply saying that the MoD was satisfied there was no military significance."

Col. Halt's report was "thorough" and it was "basically all we have on our files about it."



Map of the path taken from RAF Woodbridge to the site of the alleged encounter with the space craft.



The American serviceman's view of the alien contact with the base commander.

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THE HALT TAPE RECORDING

A note by Jenny Randles

The existence of a recording of the Rendlesham Forest UFO events, made in the forest at the time, was first hinted to me by the radar officer at RAF Watton who leaked the story of the radar tracking in January 1981. He said that senior officers had produced this on the night of the major landing (27 December 1980).

Subsequent accounts of the tape and its content were offered to Brenda Butler and Dot Street by several people (mostly USAF men, but also at least one civilian scientist). Views about it were very mixed. Some said the tape was genuine. Others advised it had been censored or edited. At least two independantly advised the one being played on base was a fake version.

In July 1983 the tape (or a version of it) was played by Colonel Charles Halt and his then base commander (Col 'Jack' Cochran) to two civilians, who were made to sign a secrecy affidavit not to disclose the content or the fact that these two senior airmen had played this tape. We discovered this, and learnt some of the details of what occurred that day, allowing us to include a fairly detailed account of the Halt tape in "SKY CRASH".

In October 1983 the News of the World made the Rendlesham Forest case public knowledge. A Freedom of Information Act request for the tape was directed from the USA, by US citizens, to Colonel Halt. It was replied to by his commander Colonel Cochran. In this reply Cochran denied the existence of the tape he himself had played several weeks before. The USAF lied in writing under the FOI Act.

Halt at this time was also denying the existence of the tape, asserting that a previous base commander, Colonel Sam Morgan, had taken it from him to the USA and accidentally wiped it clean.

In January 1984 British Commander, Squadron Leader Donald Moreland, also insisted the tape had existed in 1981 but was now not in existence. He said this to my face, in his office, on the day he was replaced. As he almost certainly knew this to be untrue he also presumably lied deliberately.

In 1983 and 1984 the British MoD denied the existence of, or any awareness about, the tape.

In July 1984 Colonel Sam Morgan was traced to a new base in the USA (a sensitive one with nuclear missile control facilities). He confirmed that he had the tape, and said he would willingly make it available with no strings attached. Within a week it arrived. A second copy, somewhat fuller in version, was later sent by Morgan to Dot Street. Halt was aware of these moves and made no objection to them. Both Halt and Morgan knew that SKY CRASH was now in print and it was thus impossible to include details of the tape in there. However, the use of the tape in promoting the book was not discouraged.

It is not clear whether the tape is original, genuine or fake, but the one issued by Morgan is definitely a copy, which has been re-recorded. Editing of it is obvious throughout. Total length is 17 mins 50 seconds and several voices share the commentary, including Halt, acting base commander, Lieutenant (now Captain) Bruce Englund, on-duty night commander at Woodbridge, and Major Malcolm Zickler, chief of base security. Halt, Morgan and Englund all support the veracity of the tape.

This high level of command on the tape (plus several other lower ranks and a couple of unidentified voices), plus the equipment in use on the site to record traces and radiation, seems to make a mockery out of the official USAF claim that the tape was a private record of a private exercise by Halt. It has no official backing whatsoever.

One might question how Halt requisitioned the equipment, and who was left in charge of the base at the time all its key officers were having a private jaunt in the forest.

Why was this version of the tape released at such a strategic time, just prior to the publication of SKY CRASH?

It is impossible to be certain, but several points must be noted. The details of the UFO incident are all consistent with the Ian Ridpath "lighthouse" theory of explanation. The pulsating light, the angle of bearing given (110 degrees), the duration of pulses, and the statement made at one time "it looks like it's clear out towards the coast".

Whilst Halt and the rest of the men absolutely deny the possibility that the lighthouse was to blame for the events, this tape might be a useful way to support the lighthouse theory obscurely.

We remain very cautious about the precise reality level one should afford this tape recording. There are grounds for believing both that the senior officers knew that what they were observing was not a UFO, but were hoping the lower ranks would be fooled, and also that junior men with little experience of the forest were deliberately chosen for the expedition at the time of the recording. These factors are well supported by the testimony of both Art Wallace (now known by his real name of Larry Warren) (see testimony in SKY CRASH) and also by a taped interview with Sergeant Adrian Bustanza (obtained after SKY CRASH went to press). Bustanza claims that he was with Englund when he went to Bentwaters and selected the novice Art Wallace, and several others, to go out into the forest and confront the "UFO".

These facts, plus the curious decision to go into the woods very late at night, to carry out trace analysis and photography that would have been much easier in daylight, strongly imply to us that the tape recording was a deliberate set-up by the US Air Force to persuade some men to see the lighthouse and interpret it falsely.

The recording was made from just after midnight on the morning of 30 December 1980 until about 04.00, same day.

The traces and radiation levels analysed and photographed supposedly relate to the primary landing three days before. Officially, none of the photos or soil samples referred to on the tape exist - something expedited by the USAF claim that the tape depicts a private enterprise. FOI requests do not cover anything taken under such circumstances, and so the samples and photos can successfully be denied.

We are of the firm conviction that the landing of 27 December 1980 did take place, and this tape describes USAF efforts at disinformation to cover that fact with a smokescreen of misidentification.

Jenny Randles, March 1985, on behalf of Brenda Butler and Dot Street.

Jenny Randles

150 feet or more from the initial, I should say suspected impact point. Having a little difficulty, can't get the light-all to work. Seems to be some kind of mechanical problem. We're going to send back and get another light-all, meantime we're going to take some readings from the geiger counter, and search round the area a little bit, and wait for another light-all to come in, OK. We're now approaching the area within about 25 to 30 feet. What kind of readings are we getting?

Just 5 clicks.

5 clicks. What are your impressions? Is that on the beta radar? We're still getting clicks? Can we read that on a scale?

Yes sir, we're now on the five-tenth scale, and we're getting a reading of about, 34.

OK, we're still comfortably safe here.

There's still minor readings at the second pod indentation.

Let's go over to the third one over here.

Yes, now getting some residual.

I can read that, the meters definitely giving a little pulse. Ah, yes, that's what I was going to say, let's go to the centre of the area next. See what kind of reading we get out there. Your reading the clicks. I can't hear the clicks. That about the centre, Bruce?

Yes.

OK, let's go to the centre.

Yes, that's the best deflection of the needle I've seen yet. OK, can you give me an estimation?

We're on the quick 5 scale, we're getting.....

Approximately 01.25 hours. We're getting right at a half of a millirad.

I ain't seen it go any higher.

Yeh, we'll go out toward the. This is our number one indentation where we first got the strongest reading. Yeh, it's similar to what we got in the centre.

Looks like an area here possibly that could be a blast.

It's hard to tell.

Just jumped up towards seven-tenths there.

Seven-tenths right there in the centre?

Aha!

We've found a small blast, what looks like a blasted or scruffed up area here. We're getting very positive readings. Let's see, is that near the centre?

Yes it is. This is what we would assume would be the dead centre.

Up to seven-tenths? Or seven units, let's call it on the point five scale. OK, why don't we do this? Why don't we make a sweep? Here, I've got my gloves on now. Let's make a sweep out around the whole area, about ten feet out, make a perimeter run around it starting right back here at the corner. Back at the same first corner where we came in. Let's go right back here. Depend on you counting the clicks.

Right.

Till I can put the light on it, and sweep around it, put it on rad every once in a while.

This looks like an abrasion on a tree here.

OK, we'll catch that on the way back. Let's go back a few feet or two.

We're getting an increase right over here. It looks like an abrasion point here to the centre of the area.

Let's go on back around. Hey, this is an awkward thing to use, isn't it?

What are we up to?

We're up to two, to three units, deflection as your getting in close to one pod.

OK, it's still not going above three or four units.

Straightened it out more though.

Yes, your staying steady up around two to three to four units now.

Each one of these trees that face into the blast, of what we assume is the landing site, all have an abrasion facing in the same direction towards the centre.

Let's go around the circle here.

Turn it back down here. Let me see that.

You're right about the abrasion. I've never seen a tree that's, ah, never seen a pine tree that's been damaged, react that fast.

Better get a bottle to put that in.

Yeh, you got a sample bottle?

Yes sir.

Let's identify that as point number one, that stake there, so you all know where it is if we have to sketch it. You got that Sergeant Nevells?

Yes sir. Closest to the Woodbridge Base?

OK, closest to the Woodbridge Base; be point one. Let's go clock-wise from there.

Point 2?

Point 2. So this tree is between point 2.....

Two other personnel request meet you at the location, over.

Tell them negative at this time. We'll tell them when they can come out here. We don't want them out here right now.

OK. The sample you're going to mark as sample number one, have him cut off, and include that sap and all is between indentations two and three on a pine tree about five feet away, about three and a half feet off the ground. There's a round abrasion on the tree about three and a half to four inches diameter. It looks like it might be old but, strange, there's a chrystalline, pine sap that's come out that fast. You say there's other trees here that are damaged in a similar fashion?

Yes, the ones toward the centre of the landing site.

OK, why don't you take a picture of that and remember your picture? And, he ought to be writing this down. Well, it's going to be on the tape.

Got a tape measure with you?

This is the picture, your first picture will be of the first tree, the one between mark two and three. Meantime I'm going to look at a couple of these trees over here.

We are getting some.....

You're getting some readings on the tree you're taking samples from, on the side facing the suspected landing site?

Four clicks - vax.

Up to four, interesting. That's right we're just taking a sample now. That's the strongest point on the tree?

Yes sir. If you come to the back there's no clicks whatsoever.

No clicks at all on the back, it's all on the side facing the ?..... Interesting.

the indentations look like something twisted as it dropped, you know, as it sat down on them. Looks like something took something and sat it down, and twisted it from side to side. Very strange. We're looking at the same tree we took the sample off, with this, what you call it, the starscope. Getting a definite heat reflection off the tree at about three to four feet off the ground.

Yes, where the spot is.

Same place where the spot is, we're getting a heat.....

There's a spot on the tree directly behind us. I picked up the same thing on the one off to your right.

Three trees in the area immediately adjacent to the site within ten feet of the suspected landing site. We're picking up a heat reflection off the trees. What's that again?

Well, shine the light on again Bob, you'll notice the white.

Hey, your right, there's a white streak on the tree. Let me turn it on this tree over here now. Just a second. Watch.

Watch Bruce you're right in front of the tree.

Direct it on the tree. I can see it. OK give me a little side light so I can find the tree. OK off. I've lost the tree. OK stop. Stop, light off. Hey, this is eerie, this is strange. Here, does somebody want to look at the spots on the ground? Whoops, watch Nevells, you're walking all over the pod. OK, let's step back and not walk all over it. Come back here somebody, put a beam on them. You're going to have to be back ten or fifteen feet. You see it?

OK, fine.

OK, lights off. What you think about that spot? OK, that's what we'll call spot number 3. Let's go around to the back corner and get spot number 1. Spot number 1. There's spot number 1 there. Spot number 1, right here. Did you use your light? There, it's right there. Focussed. OK, we're looking now at spot number 1 through the starlight-scope.

There's a slight increase in light as I come over it.

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Slight increase in light at spot number 1? Let's go look at spot number 2. Spot number 2 is right over here. Right here, see it. OK, get focussed on it, tell me when. OK, lights on. Let's see what we can get on it.

Slight increase.

Just a slight increase.

Try the centre.

The centre spot, it won't be in the centre, it's slightly off centre, it's right there. OK, we're going to get you a reading on it. Right there. Tell me when you're ready. OK, lights out. That's the centre spot we're looking at now. Well, almost the centre.

Slight increase.

Slight increase there? Slightly off centre toward the 1 - 2 side. It's some type of an abrasion, or something on the ground where the pine needles are all pushed back, where we get a high radioactive, or high reading, about a deflection of two to three, maybe four, depending on the pointer. You say there's a positive after-effect?

Yes, there is, definitely. It's on the centre spot. There is an after-effect.

What does that mean?

It means, when the lights are turned off, once we are focussed in, to allow time for the eyes to adjust, we are getting an indication of a heat source coming out of that centre spot which will show up.

Heat, or some form of energy. It's hardly heat at this stage of the game. Looking directly overhead, one can see an opening in the trees, plus some freshly broken pine branches on the ground underneath. Looks like some of them came off about fifteen, or twenty feet up; some small branches about, inch or less in diameter.

01.48, we're hearing very strange sounds out of the farmer's barnyard animals. Very, very active, making an awful lot of noise.

Pigmentation.

You just saw a light? Where? Wait, slow down. Where?

Right on this position here. Straight ahead from between the trees. There it is again. Watch.

Straight ahead off my flashlight. There sir, there it is.

Yeh, I see it too.

What is it?

We don't know sir.

Yeh, it's a strange small red light. It looks to the eye maybe a quarter or a half a mile further out. Better switch off. The light is gone now, it was approximately 120 degrees from the site.

It's back again.

Is it back again?

Yes sir.

Oh, douse the flashlights then. Let's go back to the edge of the clearing, so we can get a better look at it. See if you can get the starscope on it. The lights still there, and all the barnyard animals have gotten quiet now. Yeh, we're heading about 110-120 degrees from the site out through to the clearing now, still getting a reading on the meter, about two clicks. The needles jumped three to four clicks, getting stronger.

Now it's stopped. Now it's coming up, oh look, there we go. It's about approximately four feet off the ground at a compass reading of a 110 degrees.

Turn your meter off, gotta say that again. About four feet off the ground? About 110 degrees? Getting a reading of about four clicks?

Yes sir, it's not a star.

It's not a star?

I think it's something not on the ground. I think it's something variable. Here we're just. The first light we've seen, we're about 150 or 200 yards from the site. Everywhere else is deathly calm. There's no doubt about it there's some type of strange flashing red light ahead.

Ah, it's yellow.

I saw a yellow tinge in it too. Weird. It appears to be maybe moving a little bit this way? It's brighter than it has been. It is coming this way? It is definitely coming this way. Pieces of it are shooting off. There is no doubt about it. This is weird.

Two lights, one to the right; one to the left.

OK, keep your flashlights off. There's something very, very strange. Keep the head set on, see if you can get something. OK, give us a rundown?

There's notation indicating that this is on a beta reading too.

OK. Pieces are falling off it again.

It's just moved to the right.

Yeh, strange. Let's approach to the edge of the wood up there. Can everyone do without lights? Let's go carefully. Come on. OK, we're looking at the thing, we're probably about two to three hundred yards. It looks like an eye winking at you. It's still moving from side to side and when you put the starscope on it, it's like this thing has a hollow centre, a dark centre. It's a bit like a pupil of an eye looking at you, winking, and the flash is so bright through the starscope that it almost burns your eye.

We've passed the farmer's house in the next field, and now we have multiple sightings of, up to five lights with a similar shape and all, but they seem to be steady now rather than pulsating, or glow with a red flash. We've just crossed the creek and we're getting what kind of readings now? Getting three good clicks on the meter, and we're seeing strange lights in the sky.

2.44. We're at the far side of farmer sh... the second farmer's field and made a sighting again about 110. This looks like it's clear out to the coast. It's right on the horizon, moves about a bit and flashes from time to time, still steady, or red in colour. After negative readings in the centre of the field we're picking up slight readings, four to five clicks now on the meter.

3.05. We see strange strobe-light flashes to the ah; well they are sporadic, but there's definitely something there, some kind of phenomena.

3.05. At about ten degrees horizon, directly north we've just seen two strange objects, half-moon shape, dancing about with coloured lights on them, that I guess to be about five to ten miles out. The full moon's have now turned into full circles, as though there was an eclipse, or something, there for a minute or two.

03.15. Now we've got an object about ten degrees directly south. Ten degrees off the horizon. The ones in the north are moving- ones moving away from us. Moving out fast.

This one on the right's heading away too.

Yeh, both heading north. Here, here he comes from the south. He's coming toward us now.

Shit!

Now we're observing what appears to be a beam coming down to the ground. This is unreal!

3.30, or zero 3.30 and the objects are still in the sky, although the one to the south looks like it's losing a little bit of altitude. We're turning around and heading back toward the base. The object to the south is still beaming down lights to the ground.

04.00 hours. One object still hovering over Woodbridge Base at about five to ten degrees off the horizon. Still moving erratic and similar light, and beaming down, as earlier.

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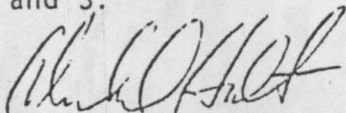
SUBJECT:

Unexplained Lights

TO:

RAF/CC

1. Early in the morning of 27 Dec 80 (approximately 0300L), two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate. The on-duty flight chief responded and allowed three patrolmen to proceed on foot. The individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest. The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three meters across the base and approximately two meters high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object, it maneuvered through the trees and disappeared. At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy. The object was briefly sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.
2. The next day, three depressions 1 1/2" deep and 7" in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 Dec 80) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions and near the center of the triangle formed by the depressions. A nearby tree had moderate (.05-.07) readings on the side of the tree toward the depressions.
3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared. Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10° off the horizon. The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed red, green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical through an 8-12 power lens. They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous individuals, including the undersigned, witnessed the activities in paragraphs 2 and 3.


CHARLES I. HALT, Lt Col, USAF
Deputy Base Commander



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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2 October 1984

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In short, we have no official interest in what may have happened, especially since the lights were seen off base. There is no further information I can provide for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Victor L. Warzinski", is written over the typed name.

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Date

25 May 1984

Dear Mr Mantle,

Thank you for your two letters, of 7 and 8 May.

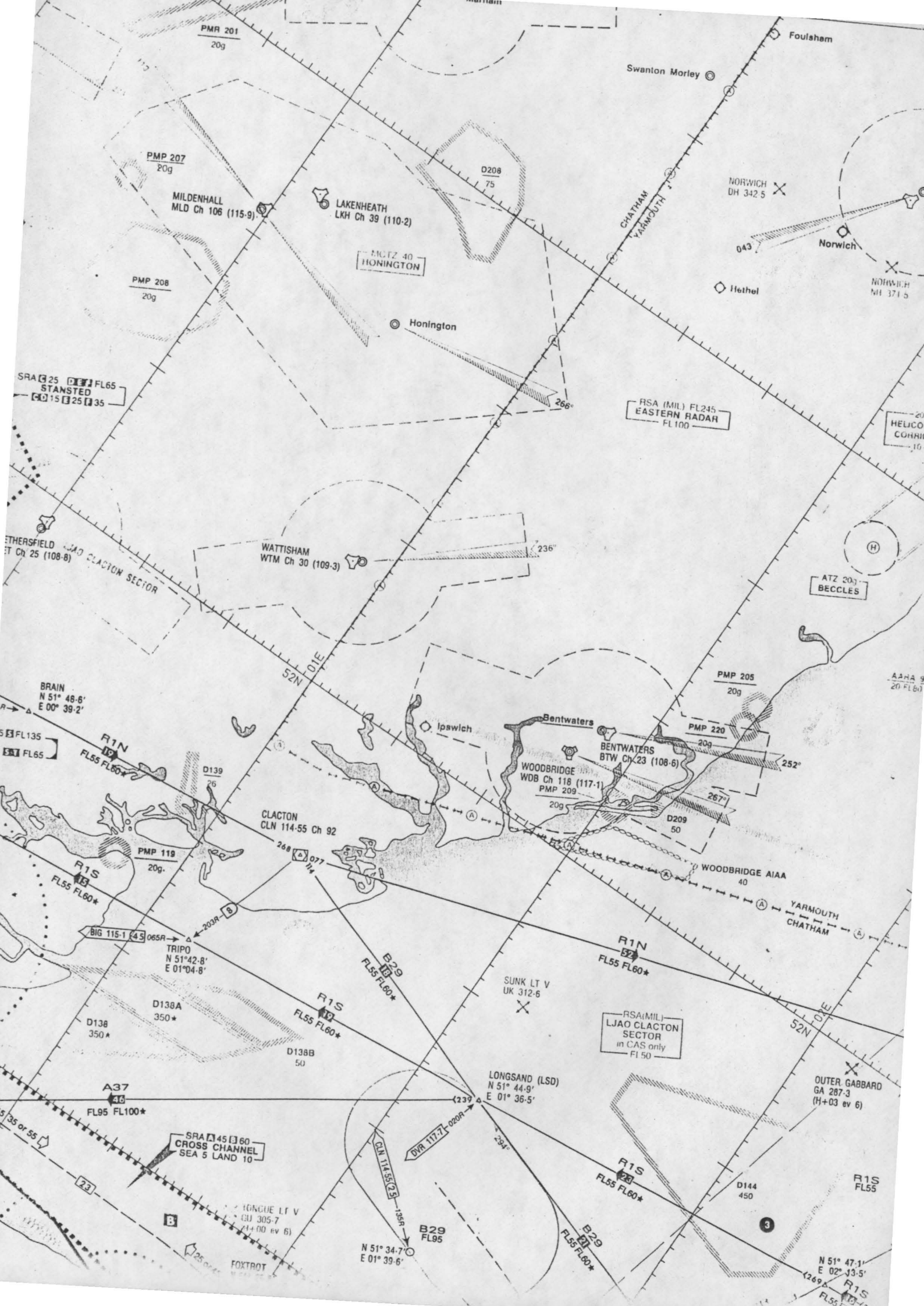
In your letters you asked whether we had any information concerning three reported sightings of flying objects which the observer could not identify. The only one of these for which I could find a report was the one on 27 December 1980, at RAF Woodbridge. I am therefore attaching a copy of a report by Colonel Charles Halt of the United States Air Force, which is the only information we have on this.

You may also be interested in the two attached Parliamentary Questions.

Yours sincerely,

A Mathewson

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Date 2 July 1985

Dear Mrs Fountain-Fearnley

Thank you for your letter of 15 April. You may find it useful if I explain that the sole interest of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence in reported sightings of Unidentified Flying Objects (UFOs) is to establish whether they have any bearing on the defence of the country.

There is no organisation in the Ministry of Defence appointed solely for the purpose of studying reports of such objects, and no staff are employed on the subject full time. The reports we receive are referred to the staff in the Department who are responsible for the air defence of the United Kingdom, and they examine the reports as part of their normal duties.

Since our interest in UFOs is limited to possible defence implications we have not carried out a study into the scientific significance of these phenomena. Unless there are defence implications we do not attempt to identify sightings and we cannot inform observers of the probable identity of the object seen. The Department could not justify the expenditure of public funds on investigations which go beyond the pure defence interests.

We have to recognise that there are many strange things to be seen in the sky, but we believe there are adequate explanations for them. They may be satellite debris re-entering the earth atmosphere, ball lightning, unusual cloud formations, meteorological balloons, aircraft lights, aircraft at unusual angles or many other things.

The only information we have on the alleged "UFO sighting" at Rendlesham Forest in December 1980 is the report by Colonel Charles Halt, of the United States Air Force. We are satisfied that the events described are of no defence significance. I enclose a copy of Colonel Halt's report which may be of interest.

Yours sincerely



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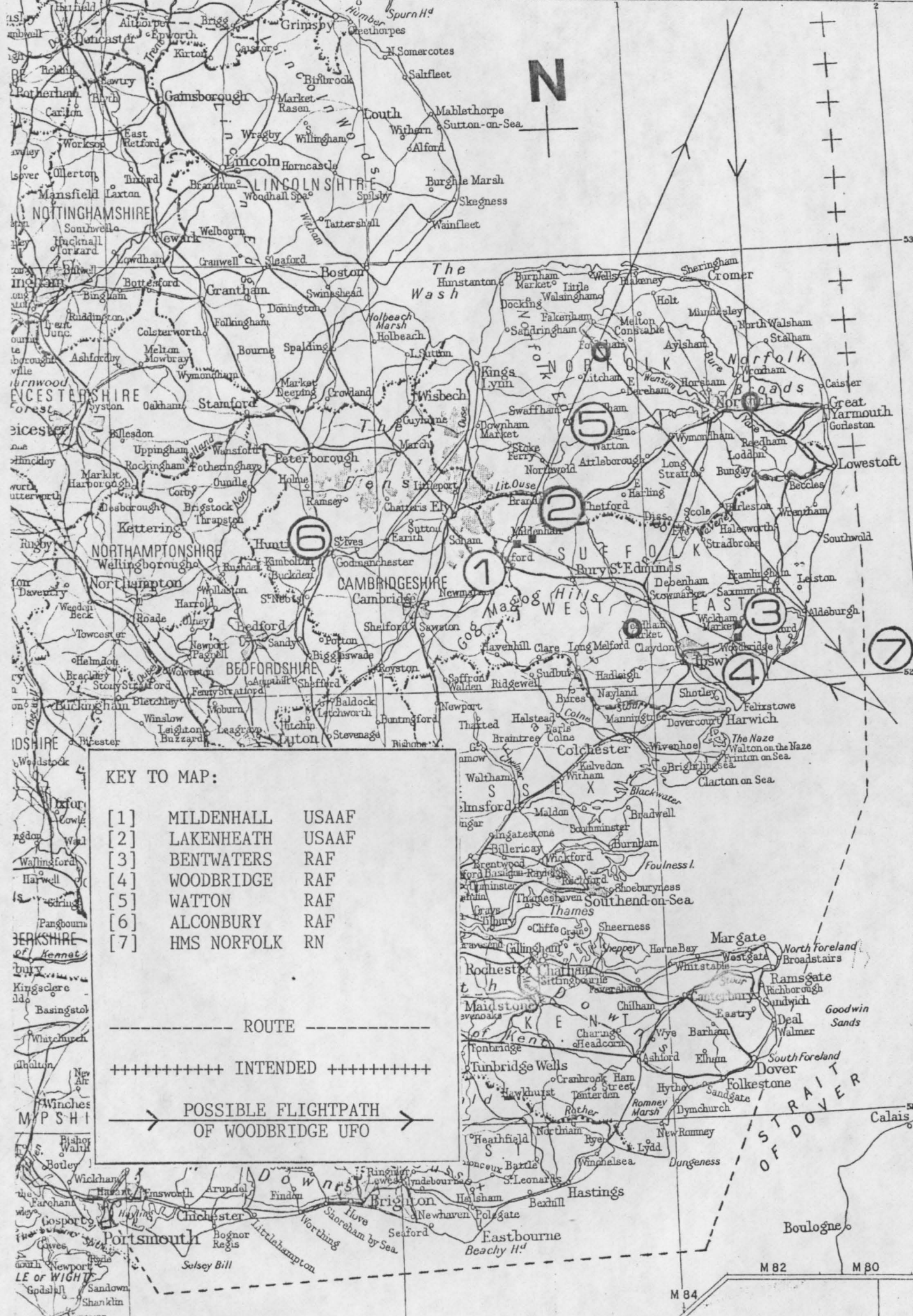
Dear Mr Birdsall,

As I have explained previously, the MOD's only interest in so called "UFO sightings" is to establish whether they reveal anything of defence interest. Once we are satisfied that they do not, we do not consider them further. In the case of the lights seen outside RAF Woodbridge, we were satisfied that there were no defence implications. If you followed the press articles on the Woodbridge incident you will have seen the results of a good deal of investigative journalism which turned up quite rational and down to earth explanations for what was seen. As I recall one favourite explanation was the light from the Orfordness lighthouse. What the truth is I do not know; as explained, we do not attempt to investigate reports to a point at which a positive explanation can be made. I can assure you, though, that there is no question of anything having intruded into British airspace and "landed" near RAF Woodbridge.

I am afraid that I cannot help you with the information you requested concerning the 8 alleged sightings in 1978. Whilst we are prepared to release individual reports if they are readily available and easily to hand we do not have the staff or resources to mount extensive searches through our records and it was never our intention to provide a research service for members of the public.

Yours Sincerely,
A Mathewson

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His flying flutter

JOINER Michael Howell is over the moon — because of a £700 wager on aliens landing on Earth.

He reckons he is on to a betting cert after reading the News of the World's story about the Suffolk landing.

Now Michael, of Haigh Moor Road, Tingley, Yorks, is claiming £70,000 from Ladbroke's for his 100-1 bet.

But a spoke sman for Ladbroke's said: "We won't pay a penny until we have official confirmation that the incident happened."



MICHAEL: Odds on alien

THE GREAT UFO DEBATE CONTINUES

Give the facts plea to Heseltine



SIR PATRICK: Questions

DEFENCE Minister Michael Heseltine is to be quizzed in Parliament about the News of the World's amazing revelation that a UFO landed in Britain and was the subject of a massive official cover-up.

Tory MP Major Sir Patrick Wall is to ask Mr Heseltine searching questions about what happened when the space craft landed at Tangham Wood just half-a-mile from the United States Air Force base at RAF Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Sir Patrick, MP for Haltemprice, East Yorkshire, and a senior member of the 11-man Select Committee on Defence, said: "There is so much evidence there must be something in the UFO theory and whatever is known should be made public."

Despite the official wall of silence, News of the World investigators have proof that a mysterious, triangular-shaped craft came to earth in a ball of red light at 3 a.m. on December 27, 1980.

We uncovered a detailed report prepared by Lieutenant Colonel Charles Halt, deputy commander of the USAF base, which told of the night the UFO landed.

The report was sent to the British Ministry of Defence and then to

Colonel's top secret report tells the facts

Mystery craft in exploding wall of colour

Animals flee from strange glowing object

UFO LANDS IN SUFFOLK

A UFO has landed in Britain

HOW we disclosed the secret of the UFO landing.

America's Department of the Air Force.

Sir Patrick, in a series of written questions, wants to know if Mr Heseltine has seen the report, what he has done about it and how many similar reports he has had.

"These questions should be answered," he said. "They are of the utmost public interest. The facts should be made known."

Sir Patrick, a former Royal Marine and holder of the Military Cross, said

he believed UFOs could very well come from another planet—or another galaxy.

"I don't think we on this planet should be so presumptuous as to think that there's not life elsewhere," he said.

"I believe this life could well be more intelligent than our own and have the ability to control the force of gravity.

"I'm not saying I believe in little green men, but I do believe that there is a force in outer space capable of sending UFOs to earth. There's too much evidence to say otherwise.

"And it's time any sort of cover-up is brought to an end. We're all intelligent enough to know and accept what is going on and we should be told."

JET PILOT FIRED SHOT AT SAUCER

A DRAMATIC report of how American Air Force pilots tried to shoot down a UFO has been revealed to us.

The hushed-up account says a radar site near a fighter base picked up a UFO doing 700 mph.

It slowed to 100 and two F-86s were scrambled to intercept.

One closed on the UFO at about 3,000 feet. The UFO began to speed off but the pilot managed to get within 500 yards of it for a short time.

The report says: "It was definitely saucer-shaped. As the pilot pushed the F-86 at top speed, the UFO began to pull away.

"When the range reached 1,000 yards the pilot armed his guns and fired in an attempt to down the saucer.

"He failed and the UFO

pulled away rapidly, vanishing in the distance."

A copy of the report, from a secret manual for American pilots under training, was given to one of Britain's leading UFO experts, Timothy Good.

He has also obtained some CIA records.

One tells how a British European Airways pilot saw a UFO in 1976 on a flight from Moscow to London.

When he asked Soviet authorities for an identification they suggested he should not ask questions.

NEWS OF THE WORLD
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HOW A BUG-EYED ALIEN GREETED AIR CHIEF

AMAZING new facts about the night a UFO came to Britain have been revealed by the U.S. airman who saw the craft land.

The secrets were locked away in 22-year-old Art Wallace's mind. But following hypnosis, he has now given us:

● A FULL description of the aliens who manned the ship.

● DETAILS of how a senior American officer actually communicated with one of the beings.

● EVIDENCE that the U.S. Air Force may have helped repair the damaged craft.

The UFO landed near the American base at RAF Woodbridge, Suffolk, in December, 1980.

But the close encounter was kept secret — until last month when the massive cover-up was exposed by the News of the World.

WARNED

Since Wallace — now a civilian back in the US — revealed to us what he saw that terrifying night, his life has been threatened.

During his session with two top hypnotists, Wallace — this is not his real name — not only confirmed

UFO FEVER



STRIKES AGAIN

his original story but made some astonishing new revelations.

He now says he remembers seeing a face-to-face meeting between one of the aliens and the officer who was in charge.

The alien was between three and four feet tall, with a very large head and huge saucer-like eyes.

It appeared to have greyish skin and was wearing what looked like a dark jumpsuit.

Wallace was unable to hear any voices as Wing Commander — now Brigadier General — Gordon Williams and the being communicated with much hand waving and pointing

One of them floated over the UFO near to where Wallace was standing and he blacked out. The next thing he remembers, he was back in his barracks.

Wallace believes the craft needed repairs after hitting a tree.

He was told later by some of his pals on the base that a US. transport plane flew in from Germany just hours after the UFO landed, and was immediately surrounded by armed military police.

A package from the plane was put in a jeep which then drove off towards the landing site at Tangham Wood. Later that day, the craft was gone.

The fact that the UFO clipped the tree has been confirmed by an official report.

The base's deputy commander, Lt. Colonel Charles Halt, admits there is "one hell of a lot more" to come out.



How Art Wallace visualised an alien.

On the road to mystery

A NIGHT out at bingo ended in a chilling encounter with a UFO for three women and a schoolgirl last week.

As they drove home to Rippingale, Lincolnshire, they spotted a strange light in a field.

Said Mrs Jenny Clarke, 31: "This object was literally dormant in the sky."

"Then all of a sudden it circled round us, before going away."

UFO MYSTERY CONTINUES

A flying triangle of fear

By KEITH BEABEY

TERRIFIED villagers near the scene of Britain's first official UFO landing have been buzzed by a new mystery craft.

The bizarre flying triangle hovered almost silently above the tiny hamlet of Hollesley in Suffolk for 20 minutes.

Frightened children fled indoors and stunned villagers watched open-mouthed as three bright white lights hung motionless in the night sky.

The UFO finally zoomed off making a high-pitched whining noise, "nothing like an aeroplane or helicopter" according to eye-witnesses.

Now villagers are demanding a meeting with American air force chiefs at nearby RAF Woodbridge to find out exactly what is going on.

One, John Button, said: "If they are experimenting, then we ought to be told.

Secret

"And if there's something flying around here which comes from outer space, we ought to be told about that, too."

The top-secret NATO airbase was the scene of the first ever UFO landing. But, as the News of the World exclusively revealed, it was covered up by the authorities.

Many villagers are too frightened to talk about the latest incident, but baker Ron Macro was out on his



RON MACRO: Froze rounds when the eerie lights came over the trees.

"We froze," said 41-year-old Ron, of St Austell Grove, Kesgrave, near Ipswich.

"The lights were in a triangle and remained perfectly still."

Several minutes passed. Then the lights moved.

"Whatever was in the sky flew over us. The lights beamed down and we heard a high-pitched whine," added Ron.

Captain Kathleen McCullom, at the airbase, said: "Nothing was seen on radar. I cannot say more than that.

Car cut out

THE MOST frightening episode in the latest UFO incident was experienced by pretty Debbie Fofeman and her pal, Pauline Osborne. Strange things suddenly started happening to their car as they drove past Hollesley and saw the mysterious lights.

"The headlights on the car dimmed and the engine cut out," said Debbie, 21, of Heath View, Leiston, Suffolk.

"Until then the car had behaved quite normally. But everything seemed to go wrong.

I know UFO secrets, says peer

By JOHN RYDON

CIVIL SERVANTS were keeping quiet last night about reports that a UFO with three silver-suited aliens on board had landed in Suffolk.

The Ministry of Defence confirmed that details of a landing had been reported to it, but an official said he could not reveal the contents of the report. "It's a matter of confidentiality," he added.

A Sunday newspaper yesterday printed what it claimed to be a secret report from Lt. Col. Charles Halt, deputy commander of a USAF base at Brentwaters, Suffolk, describing how a mysterious craft came to earth in a red ball of light at 3 a.m. on December 27, 1980.

About 200 military and civilian personnel, British and American, witnessed the events around a pine forest called Tangham Wood.

The UFO was said to be metallic with a pulsing red

light on top and a bank of blue lights underneath. Three beings in silver suits were inside.

The MoD said: "The report is on file. The Ministry keeps these reports for statistical purposes, it does not act upon them."

But a senior member of the House of Lords accused Whitehall of "cover-up, one big cover-up."

Lord Clancarty, 72, who heads a world-wide network of UFO investigators called Contact, said: "Not only am I personally convinced that a UFO landed there—I already heard something about it—but I know for sure that such machines are being used by both the Americans and the British."

"Both sides have been working like man on this secret project. Apparently they have

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succeeded in locating some form of electromagnetic energy in outer space which powers these things.

"Naturally, no one wants to give anything away at this stage that we and the Americans have managed to tap that sort of energy for man-made craft."

"Otherwise, with such a limitless store of free energy, the whole world would be in uproar. Right down to the average motorist who'd say: 'Why can't I have some for my car?'"

Lord Clancarty said that only last year a similar type of spacecraft was observed landing near an RAF station in Essex. Figures dressed in silver suits emerged there, too.

Soichiro Honda, head of the giant Japanese motor company, had written to him asking exactly what sort of propulsion the UFOs had.

"They were keen on making them as well," said the earl.

Pie in the sky

ACCORDING to some "eye-witnesses" a UFO landed in Suffolk in December, 1980.

We think that's about as unlikely as Elsie Tanner getting herself into a Nunnery.

Talk of an "exploding wall of colour" and of animals fleeing in terror from a strange glowing object suggest it was just Boy George holding a private, outdoors practice session.



Lord Clancarty: Sure

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The Rendlesham Forest Incident:
An XST raordinary Solution?

Robert Moore

There are a number of reasons why the Ridpath explanation for the Rendlesham Forest incident should be questioned - the main one being that the 'UFO' was detected by the RADAR Unit at R.A.F. Watton. This incident occurred on the 27th December at about the time which makes a link with the Rendlesham 'UFO' incident possible. The other main factor which links this RADAR contact to the Woodbridge incident is that the 'UFO' was lost near the Rendlesham Forest area when it went below the RADAR detection limit.

The following possibilities might explain this occurrence:-

It has been alleged that the 'Skycrash rumours were caused by the malfunction of an F-19 (Stealth Fighter), but this theory has one, very serious, flaw. The F-19 according to one very good source (James ALL THE WORLDS AIRCRAFT 1986-87) was not in existence until 1982!, however, its predecessor the XST (Experimental Stealth Technology) was in existence from 1977 onwards and Stealth concepts were experimented with as early as the late 1940's. Indeed, as early as 1975 a Stealth type aircraft was involved in a 'UFO' sighting (see the UNEXPLAINED Vol 5, Issue 56, page 1118). Therefore, could the XST have been the stimulus that created the Rendlesham Forest 'UFO' myth? - Perhaps!.

- 1) In the 86-87 entry for the F-19 in Jaynes, it states that around 5-7 XST's were built and that 2 are said to have crashed. This entry also states that the XST was smaller than the F-19.
- 2) If this aircraft has been flown in British airspace, it would have been (or would be) based at an American airfield. Most of these are (for strategic reasons) located in the Norfolk - Suffolk area, therefore, an incident involving any form of USAF Stealth aircraft in the British Isles is more likely to occur in this region.
- 3) The actual 'homebase' of Stealth in Britain is often alleged to be either Mildenhall or Lakenheath. The relevance of this will be revealed later.
- 4) The following rumour has been told to the writer (which he can personally vouch for:-

Someone was talking about UFO's to an American on a tour of duty at an English/USA airbase and brought up the subject of the Rendlesham 'UFO' incident. The American's response to this allegation was (more or less) "Heck, that was no UFO..... Something did occur that night, but it was only of concern to the military". It later transpired that the object involved was small and vaguely triangular in shape, carrying one, or possibly two, men. This object seemed to have malfunctioned during an exercise and at first started to move erratically. It attempted to land at Woodbridge but "did not make the runway" and "pranged".

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The Pilot(s) was (were) apparently unharmed. The object (which did not exactly crash) seemed to remain intact after impact and was whisked away in some haste. Whatever the exact nature of the object, it was not the super-helicopter whose existence was alleged in SKYCRASH, or an F-19 (if the Jane's entry is correct). Robert Moore mentioned this possibility to the main source of this rumour, who said that this was "(the) WRONG AIRCRAFT".

- 5) The question arises, was the Rendlesham 'UFO' seen after the supposed 'Skycrash'?

It is mentioned in SKYCRASH that a number of witnesses at Shingle Street (3 miles north of Butley, Suffolk), saw a 'UFO' on Friday the 7th October 1983 at around 8.00 pm. This 'UFO' was described as being a dark triangular shape with white and red lights (the red lights being to the rear of the of the 'UFO'). It moved away in the direction of Woodbridge/Bentwaters. This 'UFO' may also have been seen by Dot Street, one of the authors of SKYCRASH, flying over ~~the~~ house of (the ~~then~~) Colonel Halt. If this was a close relation of the Woodbridge 'UFO', was this the XST?

- 6) Was the Rendlesham 'UFO' following a military radio navigation beacon network (TACAN - TACTICAL AIR NAVIGATION SYSTEM)? This beacon system is used in a number of ways by the Airborne Military - the air routes connecting these beacons to one another are often used for military exercises. TACAN (interestingly) is often used by the USAF as a landing aid. What evidence is there to show that the Woodbridge object used this network? The contact at RAF Watton who reported this incident to Paul Begg and Jenny Randles stated that the 'UFO' headed in from the coast and disappeared south to the east of Ipswich. The Shingle Street 'UFO' witnesses stated that their 'UFO' moved away towards Woodbridge/Bentwaters, therefore, supposing that these objects were connected to the Rendlesham 'UFO', it may have followed the following course:

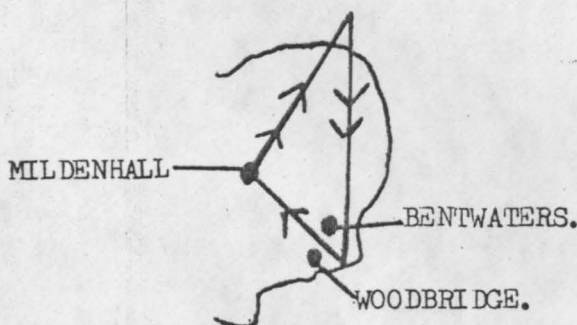


Fig 1. possible course of of the Rendlesham 'UFO'.
(arrows show direction of object on given section of course).

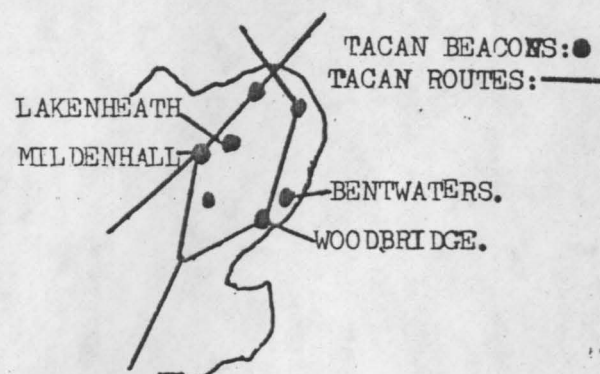


Fig 2:
TACAN network (for comparison)

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The reader should note that if the Shingle Street 'UFO' continued moving in its final observed direction, the object would have moved in close proximity to Mildenhall and/or Lakenheath, two of the alleged home bases of the F-19 (and possibly the XST before it).

THE RENDLESHAM INCIDENT - A POSSIBLE SCENARIO

If a 'UFO' was not involved in the Rendlesham Forest incident what was?. If it was an XST, what happened on that fateful December night (or early morning)? Perhaps the following:-

Sometime during the night of the 26th December or the morning of the 27th, an XST left Mildenhall or Lakenheath for an exercise. Perhaps the XST was (is) used as a trainer to acclimatise pilots to flying Stealth aircraft. The exercise may have involved 'flying a lap' as used in refuelling operations. This 'lap' could have taken the XST from Mildenhall, moving in a NE direction and then turning when just past the coast.

After turning, it heads inland in a southerly direction. It is ~~at~~ this turning point that the XST starts to malfunction (perhaps only slightly) and because of its erratic behaviour, comes to the notice of the RADAR operators at RAF Watton (or perhaps, being Stealth, its ECM malfunctioned causing a blip to suddenly appear on the RADAR screen (maybe this occurs a number of times, making the object stick out like a "sore thumb"). Sometime later, it attempts an emergency landing at Woodbridge, but comes down, luckily in one piece, short of the runway. The XST is then retrieved and perhaps returned to Mildenhall (by road would have been a better option than by aircraft i.e. lifting helicopter) given its smallish size this would have been quite practical. If the malfunction had not occurred, it may have followed the course shown in the foregoing diagrams and thus returning home to Mildenhall!

Those who support the 'UFO' explanation for this occurrence would doubtless say that the rumours clearly point to the Rendlesham 'UFO' being a spacecraft. To this I would answer that Stealth is probably the most politically and military sensitive aircraft to have ever existed. Even today its actual existence is denied by the USAF and others. With this level of security cloaking this aircraft, who knows to what levels certain bodies would go to obscure the true nature of a Stealth malfunction. One can see what an effective "kiss of death" it was to link the Rendlesham events to 'UFO's'. It guaranteed that this incident would ~~never~~ be seriously considered by those who possessed any political muscle. If this was the aim of the 'UFO' smokescreen, it was almost 100% successful!.

ROBERT MOORE
EAST HUNTSPILL
SOMERSET
U.K.

5th May 1987



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30 July 1985

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Dear Mr Birdsall,

Please excuse my delay in responding to your letter (BL/RD 1-E). I have been away from the office for a couple of months.

No new information will be released on this incident. I have already released everything I know about it.

In response to your second question, we do not have any unknown vehicles stored underground at Bentwaters. Indeed, there are NO underground storage areas on either of the twinbases.

Sincerely,

Victor L. Warzinski
VICTOR L. WARZINSKI, Captain, USAF
Chief, Public Affairs Division



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
HEADQUARTERS 81ST TACTICAL FIGHTER WING (USAF)
RAF BENTWATERS, NR WOODBRIDGE, SUFFOLK, IP12 2RQ

2 October 1984

Mr M I Birdsall
Research Director
YUFOS
67 Lovell Park Towers
LEEDS LS7 1DR

Dear Mr Birdsall,

I am afraid I am not in a position to verify or disprove anything printed about our supposed UFO sightings. There was no official investigation of any kind done so I have no documents to refer to. Current USAF policy is that we no longer investigate UFO sightings and we haven't done so for many years.

In short, we have no official interest in what may have happened, especially since the lights were seen off base. There is no further information I can provide for you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Victor L. Warzinski", is written over the typed name.

VICTOR L. WARZINSKI, Captain, USAF,
Chief, Public Affairs Division



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22 August 1984

Mr Mark Ian Birdsall
Research Director
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Dear Mr Birdsall,

1. Thanks for your amusing letter dated 15 August 1984.
2. Regarding your question why so many people were reassigned "so quickly" after the event. You should know that our people serve established tour lengths overseas -- generally two years in duration if you're unmarried or unaccompanied, or three years if you bring your family. Those witnessing the incident were already programmed to move to a new assignment upon the completion of their tour here, and for some, this came rather quickly. In another instance, "prime witness" Colonel Halt was only reassigned this past summer.
3. Regarding your question about who believes whom, I don't know that anyone has drawn any official conclusions. Colonel Halt informed the MOD of what he saw. The MOD chose not to investigate the matter. The USAF quit investigating UFOS years ago at the completion of the Project Blue Book study. There's a hint there that the matter did not merit investigation. The only thing that ever brought the issue to light was a rather fanciful story published two years after the event by a couple of people who make a living selling this sort of copy.
4. Was the Woodbridge incident genuine? Was it a CIA hoax? Or was it simply an unexplained incident blown completely out of proportion, like the fisherman's tale of the "one that got away" that keeps getting bigger and bigger with each retelling?
5. Please take another look at your "massive evidence" and tell me if any official government source (or even credible witness) ever drew a conclusion in favor of an extraterrestrial visitation.

Cordially,

V. L. Warzinski
VICTOR L. WARZINSKI, Captain, USAF
Chief, Public Affairs Division



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5 November 1984

Miss J Randles
8 Whitethroat Walk
Birchwood
Warrington
Cheshire WA3 6PQ

Dear Miss Randles,

Thank you for your letter dated 27 October 1984.

The comments to Mr. Birdsall were made in response to his question asking "who the U.S. government actually believes, Col. Holt (sic), or our own MOD?". My response indicated neither government has drawn any conclusions because neither government felt the matter merited investigation. The final line of the paragraph reflected my personal skepticisms about the subject of UFOs in general, and the conclusions offered about this incident in particular.

I still regard "various alarming scenarios ...(which)... span across witchcraft, drugs, space warefare and a near nuclear holocaust!" to quote the advance publicity flyer for Sky Crash, as "fanciful". I still regard Art Wallace's story, as reported in the News of the World, as "fanciful". I still regard quite a bit more that has been written and said about this incident, by a number of people besides yourselves, as "fanciful". The word is used as it is defined: imaginative; not necessarily supported by facts. The fish story metaphor supports this viewpoint.

I'll grant the Rendlesham Forest incident could leave some room for conjecture. However, I hope you'll pardon my telling you that I'm still a skeptic who needs to be convinced that anything more than an unexplained light sighting took place four years ago in that forest.

Col Halt's report to the MOD absolved the USAF of any further interest in the matter. That is where the situation has stood these past four years, and I do not expect it to change any time in the future.

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However, I do not wish to establish an adversary relationship with you. I do wish to help you where I can, and am willing to attempt to answer any specific questions you may have on the subject. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

V. L. Warzinski

VICTOR L. WARZINSKI, Captain, USAF
Chief, Public Relations Division



Replied immediately on receipt

No response yet.



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Grosvenor Square
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22 August 1984

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Mr. Mark I. Birdsall
Coordinator of Research
67 Lovell Park Towers
Leeds LS7 1DR

Dear Mr. Birdsall:

Your letter of 15 August 1984 is acknowledged. Thank you for the information you provided.

Although files in this office contain no information on the subject other than what you have provided, I would suggest you contact the Office of Public Affairs, Department of the Air Force, Washington, D.C. 20330. That office may be able to provide additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'A. B. Rowley'.

A. B. ROWLEY
Chief Warrant Officer
U.S. Navy
Operations Coordinator

'Aliens' found in UFO crash: CIA



ALIENS, fact or fiction...?
This one was reconstructed from reported UFO sightings.

A top level cover-up followed the discovery of four alien bodies in a crashed spacecraft, according to a leaked CIA document.

UFO researchers claim details of the "human-like bodies" and their strange craft have been concealed for 40 years.

A leading UFO author claimed in Sydney recently that a number of other aliens have been discovered alive in their crashed machines and stored in laboratories.

The document details the spacecraft crash in the US and the inquiry that followed.

It is said to have been written by Admiral Roscoe Hillenkoetter, the first CIA director and head of a secret committee code-named Majestic 12.

The admiral said in June 1947: "... a local rancher reported that a spacecraft had crashed in a remote region of New Mexico, approximately 75 miles north-west of Roswell Army Air Force Base (now Walker Field).

"On July 1, a secret operation was begun to assure recovery of the wreckage... aerial reconnaissance discovered that four small human-like beings had apparently been ejected from the craft at some time before it exploded. All four were dead and badly decomposed."

The document said a covert investigation ordered by President Truman found the disc was most likely a short-range reconnaissance craft.

"A similar analysis of the four dead occupants was arranged. Although these creatures are human-like in appearance, the biological and evolutionary processes responsible for their development has apparently been quite different from those observed or postulated in Homo sapiens."

Sydney UFO expert Mr Bill Chalker said: "It's either the biggest hoax since the Hitler Diaries or a very interesting

SKY CRASH

DID A UFO CRASH INTO RENDLESHAM FOREST, SUFFOLK, IN 1980?

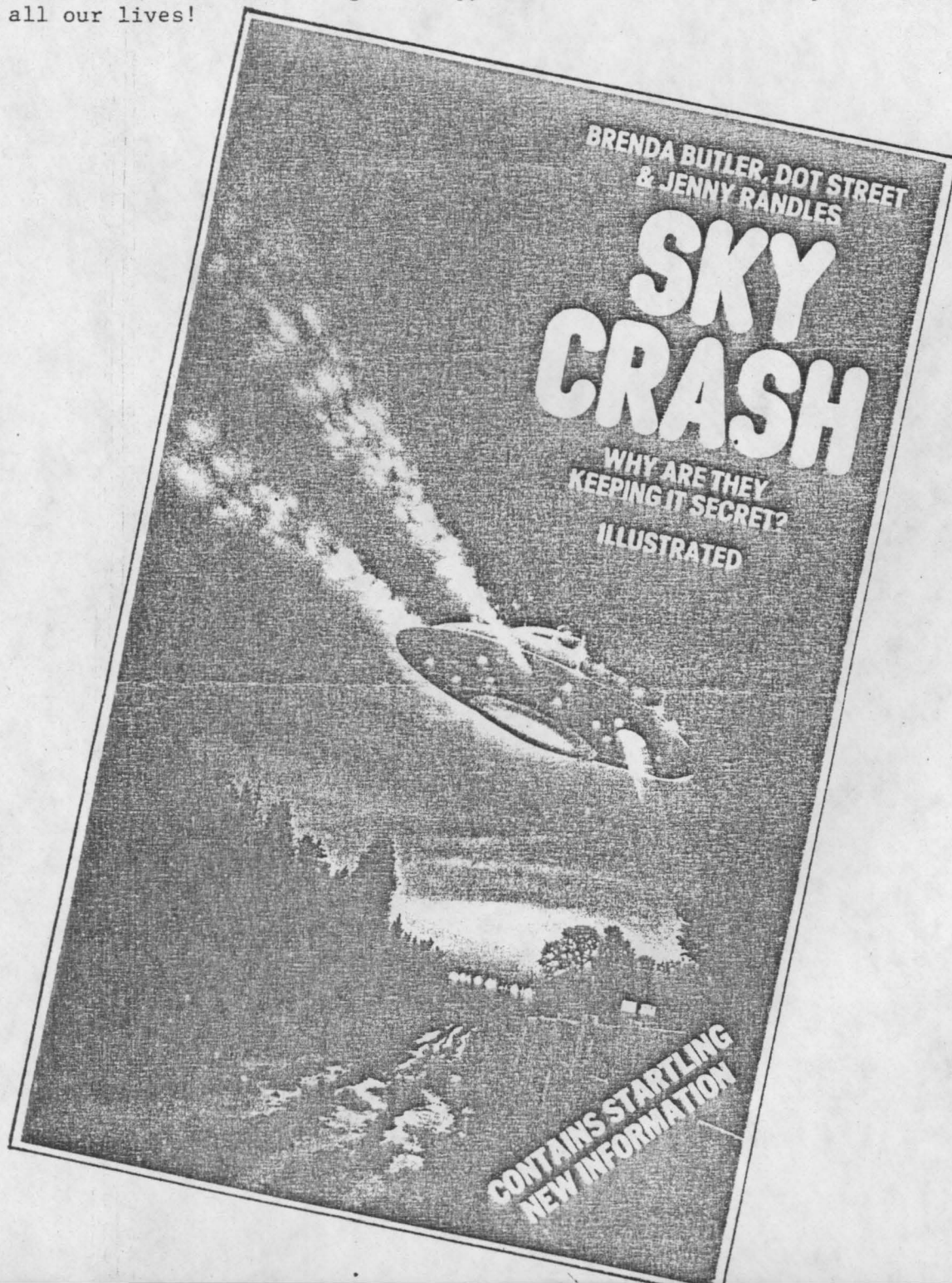
Clear evidence exists that aliens from outer space discovered planet earth on that date.

So why are witnesses afraid to talk?

Why have the British and American governments endeavoured to withhold the truth?

What does official evidence show?

SKYCRASH is as fascinating as a spy thriller - and its story could change all our lives!



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20330



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Lieutenant General Duward L. Crow, USAF (Ret)
National Aeronautics and Space Administration
400 Maryland Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20546

Dear General Crow:

Inclosed are the UFO Fact Sheet and standard response
to UFO public inquiries you requested.

I sincerely hope you are successful in preventing a
reopening of UFO investigations.

Sincerely,

CHARLES H. SENN, Colonel, USAF
Chief, Community Relations Division
Office of Information

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} November 1983

Thank you for your letter of 19th October enclosing the one attached from your constituent, Mr Philip Mantle.

I can assure you that there is not a grain of truth in the allegation that there has been a "cover up" about alleged UFO sightings.

As you will recall from your time as Minister for the Royal Air Force, reports of alleged sightings are examined by operations staff to see whether there is any interest from a defence point of view. No such interest was found in the case of the incident reported in the "News of the World" of 2nd October, or in any of the other sightings reported in the UK. In the "News of the World" incident there was in fact no question of any contact with "alien beings", nor was any unidentified object seen on radar.

My Department's interest remains solely in the implications for the air defence of the UK, as you may have seen in John Stanley's answer in the House on 24th October (copy attached) to a question about the "News of the World" report.

Michael Heseltine

The Rt Hon Merlyn Rees MP

RETURN TO RENDLESHAM

The alien contact
claims examined:

ROBERT MOORE.

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TALES OF SPACESHIPS AND SPACEMEN:

If the Rendlesham Forest incident is explainable in terms of a minor accident involving a classified aircraft(1), what of the statements which refer to observations of 'alien spacecraft' at close quarters??? This article examines these tales of spaceships and space-men.

CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF A CONFUSED KIND:

It is interesting to note that the Rendlesham 'UFO' allagations compare reasonably well when relating the details which lead up to the 'close encounter', but markedly differ when refering to the appearance and behavior of the object involved in this incident. All the accounts which describe this incident state that the first event of this incident was the observation of a strange light(or lights)which were believed to have come down in the forest. Two or more men from Woodbridge airbase were then reported to have gone to the suspected landing area, moving towards the location in a jeep, and later by foot. An object of some kind was supposedly discovered at or near the beleived landing area(2). It is at this point that the storys begin to contradict each other to an extream degree. Take the following three accounts as examples:

i: The object was reported to have resembled a domed-disc, with red and blue lights on its body. It was reported to be stationary, resting on tripod 'legs'. Small, sliver-suited beings were observed, floating below the object in a beam of light. They were apparantly repairing the craft. The aliens are conversed with(via a mixture of sign language and telepathy). Three hours later, the object lifts from the ground, at first shakly, and then shoots away rapidly(3)

ii: The object was reported to have been 'large' and mounted on tripod legs. When approached, it was said to have rose upwards and "backed off". The object ~~was~~ chased though the forest for an extended period of time, but is eventually lost. An hour later the object was seen to rise from the field, and to move away rapidly(4)

iii: The object was stated to have resembled an asprin tablet. It emitted a yellow luminous mist. A red light appeared, which exploded over the 'UFO', spewing out a multi-coloured shower of light. This light shower supposedly temporary 'blinded' those present with its brilliance. When the observers were able to look again at the object, they discovered that it now resembled a domed-disc with a strange surface. It had short 'fins' on both sides. A green light then appears, which bounces off one side of the 'UFO', and then another at a rapid rate of speed(5)

It can be clearly seen that serious inconsistencies exist in the statements made by these sources. And other lesser(but still important)differences are present in these allagations:

i: Colonel(now General) T. Conrad stated the size of the 'UFO' when first observed was akin to 'a small plane'. He later claimed that the object was 'large'. This inconsistency in size is even more puzzling when it is noted that some accounts alledge that at one point during the initial 'UFO' sighting, the object was over(and prehaps even damaged)RAF Woodbridge's runway lights. As the witnesses were on-base personnel, it is likely that the distance from the 'UFO' was not great, given that this statement is true(6)

ii: It is odd that two accounts describe a moving object(and no 'aliens'), one a stationary object(with 'aliens'), and another which refers to a stationary 'UFO'(but with no 'aliens'). It is hard to accept that these accounts refer to the same occurrence!

iii: 'Art Wallace' stated that some personnel had conversed with 'aliens', who were located by the 'far side' of the 'UFO'. Yet, if 'Steve Roberts' is to be believed, the entities were floating below the object. Therefore, Mr. 'Wallace' would have had a 360° view of these supposed alien beings, and could not have missed observing them(esp when said beings are floating inside a light beam!)(7).

The unevenness of the testimony which refers to this incident causes one to have deep reservations regarding the reality of the Rendlesham incident occurring as these statements alledge. Therefore, one is forced to take stock of the situation, and examine other possible

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Explanations (as well as those proposed in the past).

(WHICH) WAY TO GO????:

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It has been demonstrated above that the testimony upon which the 'Rendlesham Forest mystery' is highly contradictory in nature. But does this alone rule out the possibility that an extra-terrestrial device was actually involved in this incident??? This seems to be an unlikely explanation. For apart from the many logical (and well-known) objections to such an exotic solution, there are also a number of factors inherent in the allegations themselves which appear to ~~invalidate~~ this possibility. Firstly, although one could accept that reports based on the observation of an extra-terrestrial object would be confused, one would not expect the gross inconsistencies which we find in the Rendlesham statements. ~~Such~~ contradictions are even harder to accept in accounts which relate to an object which was supposedly observed for an extended length of time (as the Rendlesham object allegedly was). One would also expect that an observation of an extra-terrestrial object would be more clearly recalled (some of the witnesses ~~seemed~~ to have some difficulty recalling the actual date of this occurrence). One would imagine that an encounter with an object from outer space would be somewhat memorable (Even in the post-Speilberg era, a landing of an alien spacecraft is still not regarded as an everyday event!). Indeed, it seems that the initial incidents of this event appear to be more clearly recalled than the 'Close encounter' itself. It could be said that these inconsistencies are caused by fabricated accounts which were based on an actual occurrence (the details of which have been accurately related by other witnesses). If this is the case, who is being truthful? It has been suggested that 'Wallace' is being untruthful, and that 'Steve Roberts' is telling the truth. But why should 'Wallace' lie when the events related by 'Roberts' are just as spectacular and awesome as 'Wallace's' allegation? If 'Steve Roberts' is accurately relating the details of this event, why does his statement contradict the account of the incident as given in the 'Halt Memo'? Such uncertainty in this matter only suggests that all the statements made regarding the Rendlesham 'skycrash' should be treated with extreme caution. However, the main factor which seems to rule out an extra-terrestrial cause for this incident is the very 'secrecy factor' which some allege 'proves' that something strange landed (or crashed) at Rendlesham. If this level of (supposed) secrecy was an attempt to suppress the details of the landing of an alien spacecraft, why were so many people allowed to inform others of this incident without any serious repercussions? I say 'allowed' for this occurrence only involved a small number of people, who would probably be known to the 'top brass' on the base. (However a rumour does exist which states someone was 'sent home' because he had leaked the details of this incident, but this rumour seems to concern Mr. 'Wallace', who is believed to have been discharged from the air force on medical grounds (8). Indeed, it is known that Cpl Conrad spoke to the magazine OMNI regarding the Rendlesham 'skycrash', without the protection of an assumed name. He was later promoted to the rank of General (9) It therefore seems unlikely that the 'cover-up' was an attempt to keep information regarding an amazing 'close encounter' with beings from outer space from the outside world. So, if we reject this as an explanation, what other possibilities present themselves? Could those who had reported seeing a 'UFO' have been hallucinating? Again, this is unlikely. For it seems improbable that two plus people could have had a UFO-like hallucinatory experience at exactly the same time. It is notable that the imagery of this incident (apart from that related by 'Art Wallace's' statement) seem to have been drawn from 'mass-media' UFO stereotypes, and seem devoid of any clearly defined examples of the finite symbology which are encountered in hallucinogenic experiences. The lack of such imagery also seems to rule out the possibility that those who reported that they had observed a UFO in Rendlesham forest were under the influence of perception-distorting drugs. which seems to leave only one option.....which is that these statements are fabrication of some kind. It is unlikely that this incident is a hoax perpetuated by a few people. Although such suspicions seem justified in regards to some individuals, what of the 'witnesses' who requested anonymity (and as far as is known received no financial or other gain from any source). If this incident is false, cupidity does not seem to be the main motivation for its enactment. Were these tales of landed UFOs intended to obscure the nature of an actual incident which occurred in Rendlesham forest? Does any evidence point to this possibility??

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WHY SHAM ABOUT RENDLESHAM ???

The aspects of this incident which may indicate that the Rendlesham forest 'UFO' storys were a 'cover' for an occurrence of a totally different nature are:

- i: The base must have been aware of the 'leaks' pertaining to this (supposedly classified) incident, but took no action to suppress them.
- ii: In contrast to the above, SKYCRASH refers to a civilian technician who occasionally worked on the base. He stated that he was aware of an experimental anglo-American aircraft which was small and was 'like a helicopter, but not like a helicopter'. He later lost his security clearance and thus his job (PO). It is not clear whether he lost his clearance because he had spoken to the Rendlesham investigators, but this is the kind of action one would expect against someone who informs others of classified information.
- iii: The incidents are mostly consistent with each other when describing the initial events of the incident, but are inconsistent when relating to the observation of the 'UFO'.
- iiii: All the witnesses communicated with forces which would guarantee that the details of their allegation would be circulated publically as a UFO incident (esp to those who would stress the UFO element of these tales strongly).

The above aspects of this incident demonstrates that the 'smokescreen' explanation for for these allegations which lie at the heart of the Rendlesham 'skycrash' is at least a viable possibility. If this theory is valid, it seems unlikely that such tales would be invoked to obscure the misperception of a fireball meteor and a lighthouse. Officialdom has never been so coy to put forward natural explanations for UFO reports in the past! Such a 'smokescreen' would therefore seem pointless in such circumstances. Thus, the only option that appears to be plausible is that an object of a classified nature came down in Rendlesham forest on the 27th December 1980, and that the UFO allegations are intended to veil the real nature of this device. But why use the UFO myth as a smokescreen to obscure an incident of this nature? It could be that those who are suspected of doing this are aware of the following fact. To the mass majority of people, UFOs are childish, far fetched nonsense, which is not worthy of a moment's serious consideration. This view of UFOs is usual the norm amongst Statesmen, serious journalists and the like. Linking the Rendlesham incident to UFOs would ~~render~~ a politically embarrassing/sensitive situation like the malfunction of a device vital to the future defence of the west harmless. What newsman or politician of worth would wish to endanger his hard-won reputation by openly enquiring into a UFO incident? Only those with nothing to lose (or those hoping to gain) would become involved in enquiries regarding this affair.....which often mean those with minuscule political influence. Also the role of the UFO investigator must not be overlooked. Because this incident seems on the surface to be a UFO incident, it is therefore attacked and defended as a UFO incident. Because of this, any non-Ufological explanation would be forced to take a back seat. So, could these storys be just another facet of the explanation proposed in the writers earlier article on this incident: THE RENDLESHAM FOREST INCIDENT: AN XSTROADINARY SOLUTION? (1)

CONCLUSION:

It is clear that the Rendlesham forest UFO landing allegations are far from being convincing evidence for the actuality of such an occurrence. The flaws in these accounts are only too apparent. The possible 'fudging' of the details of this supposed 'close encounter' is interesting. Could it be that such an act is intended to stop us from discovering the identity of the object which came down in the closing days of 1980? And if this is the case, was the object some kind of top-secret military aircraft? We have little evidence that this is what actually occurred at Rendlesham, but some tantalising scraps which refers to such a possibility ~~do~~ exist. But when considers the information so far presented on this occurrence, it does seem quite likely that the great Rendlesham UFO myth could have been caused by the malfunction of some military hardware, which was then buried in an avalanche of false UFO allegations.

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19th JUNE, 1987.

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Military clampdown on crashed mystery plane

THE mysterious American Air Force plane that crashed in the mountains of central California on Friday is believed to be of a type that officially does not exist.

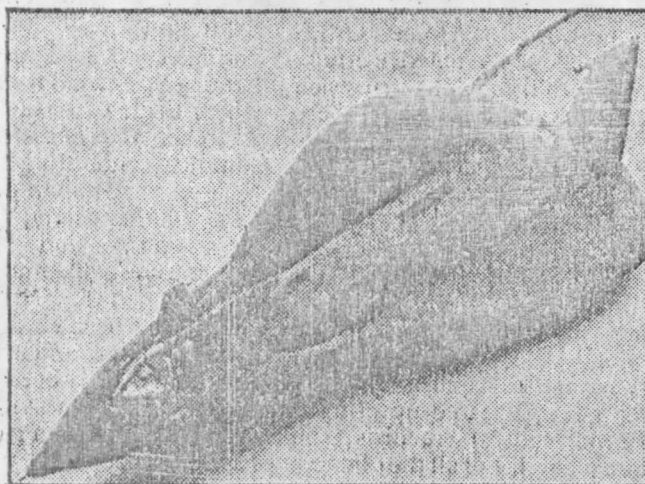
Experts believe the plane was a secret F-19 prototype known to the American Government as a 'black' programme, which means that no mention of it is made in public by US officials.

The F-19, manufactured by Lockheed, is equipped with secret 'stealth' technology which enables it to escape radar detection.

The plane burned on impact, killing the pilot and igniting a 150-acre brush fire. Military authorities immediately declared the area a military zone, cordoned off civilians and barred commercial aircraft from flying overhead to prevent aerial photography.

The US Air Force refused to release details about the plane or its mission. But Mr Andy Lightbody, editor of *International Combat Arms*, a Los Angeles-based defence technology magazine which has close contacts with West Coast defence contractors, quoted

IAN MATHER ■ Defence Correspondent



Top secret: Model of an F-19 which officially doesn't exist.

military and aerospace sources as saying that the crashed plane was an F-19.

Five other American sources, a Congressional investigator and four civilians working for companies involved in military technology, also confirmed Lightbody's version.

The fact that the USAF was developing a top-secret plane became clear when a fighter that succeeded the F-18 was design-

nated F-20 instead of F-19.

The F-19 is a product of Lockheed's so-called 'Skunk Works' at Burbank, California, where the company is believed to be working on four 'black' programmes.

The aircraft is thought to be a single-seater covert fighter capable of speeds of up to 1,500 mph.

It is said to have a 'chameleon' skin coating which, under

computer control, enables its surface colour to adapt to surrounding terrain.

Its strange stingray shape, absorbent surfaces and special metals are designed to make it almost invisible to radar and infra-red sensors.

There is speculation that as many as 40 F-19s may exist, with the USAF flying them only at night to avoid their being seen or photographed. But some sceptics doubt the suggestion that the USAF could deploy so many aircraft in the western desert without public knowledge.

However, the USAF has three million square miles of desert in Nevada and California in which to conduct secret operations.

Aircraft tested at Edwards Air Force Base, California, from which the crashed plane is believed to have taken off, include new exotic types like the forward-swept-wing X-29, the B-1B bomber and the F-20 Tigershark.

It is even possible that the F-19 has visited Britain. The monthly magazine *Pilot* reported recently that it had been operating secretly from the USAF base at Mildenhall, Suffolk.

SUNDAY OBSERVER

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OTHER DATA OF INTEREST RE
THE RENDLESHAM FOREST
INCIDENT:

(A): Another sighting:

DATE OF INCIDENT:
September 25th 1983.

TIME OF INCIDENT:
18.55 GMT.

Mr. T. (a 47 year old managing director) whilst in yacht sailing towards Halwich observed an object with an apparant Retangular shape bearing two bright static white on bouth(supposed) front and back ends, when about 5 miles South of Rendlesham forest. 'UFO' moved slowly, at low altitude(lower than most aircraft), in an East to West direction.

Object first observed over sea, then moved inland. Was observed at later portion of incident to be over Bentwaters. Moved slowly out of sight. Object was stated to be soundless.

Source: BUFORA BULLETIN 17(Pg 12).

(B): The A-10 possibility:

(1): A-10's (a USAF ground attack aircraft) are often observed in the region in which The Rendlesham 'SKYCRASH' and the other 'UFO' sighting occurred.

(2): A-10's are able to fly slowly at low atitute (note speed of Shingle Street 'UFO' and the flight behavior of the Mr. T. 'UFO').

(3): Note proximity of the supposed 'crash sight' of the woodbridge 'UFO' to the Runway of Woodbridge air force base. (for map of this see the UNEXPLAINED ISSUE 106). Aircraft usually line themselves up with the runway when some distance from it, when coming into land.

(4): Therefore could the 'skycrash' have been caused by an accident involving an A-10 coming into land or taking off at Woodbridge? Could have the aircraft have been involved in an exercercise which required it to carry live nuclear warheads? (which would explain why the radiation aspect is (or seems to be) an important facet of this rumour!)

(5): It is clear that A-10's were flying in British airspace at the time of the Rendlesham incident, whereas it is not clear if the XST was! If it was an A-10, it would tie in with the military layout of this region (i.e; an USAF aircraft crashing in an area which contains a high consenstration of USAF airbases).

However a number of problems exist with the A-10 theory. For instance, all the 'UFOs' observed in this region were bearing unconventional lighting (given, of course that these objects were aircraft) It also seems inconsistant with the triangle flight corridor (which is, however, only a concept) and the Watton RADAR contact incident

The writer feels that the XST possibility can better account for these.

(C): Support for rumour detailed in XST article:

(1): Some rumours refer a small object

(2): Pg 132 of SKYCRASH (Grafton, 1986) refers to the problem of the 'Crashed aircraft' theory (i.e; no weckage or loud sounds heard etc), which the rumour quite neatly accounts for (i.e; It stated the object came down lightly, and in one peice)

(D): The problem of its questionable presence in British airspace: Answered??:

A person, with some years experience in the RAF has remarked on the unlikelyhood of an American experimental aircraft being tested in British airspace.

This response could be answered in 2 ways:

(1): How experimental was it? The device could have been fully airworthy. Only certain parts of equipment within it (which did not affect its flying charateristics) were in a semi-developed state.

(2): Due to its importance to the defence of the West (i.e; a RADAR cheating aircraft could greatly aid the West in any future war), it could have been allowed to be

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in British airspace in tests involving any special electronic/mechanical wizardry(i.e: ECM gear) in prolonged operational conditions.

The fact that this device crashed does not mean it(the actual aircraft) was in a semi-developed state. ANY aircraft can crash whether it is an F-111 an A-10 or a 747 jet!

(E): Other facts of possible interest:

(1): The writer has estimated the approx. weight of the XST, using its powerplant (one that is often incorporated into mid-range 'biz-jets') as a yardstick. It weighed around 5-7 metric Tonnes(the 'plane,not the powerplant!).

(2): According to the rumour detailed in the XST article, the object did carry a bank of blue lights on its body(this was omitted somehow).

(3): Two inconsistencies have been noted in statements made by Brenda Butler(the following data should be treated as strictly confidential, although they involve 'open' sources, the following could be used to slight Ms Butlers integrity:

(a): In SKYCRASH the car involved in the 'shaking vehicle' incident is stated to have been checked a short time before/after the incident. In her letter, such a test is not directly referred to, in the way it should have been(this factor could be a simple omission).

(b): Ms Bulter states clearly in the same letter as above that her dog(which was also involved in the car-shaking incident did not have a heart condition. But on pg 24 of common ground(issue 5) Jenny Randles refers to a phone call from Ms Bulter. Her 9 year old alsation dog had had a severe heart attack. Such a condition was present prior to this incident. The animal was taking medication for this condition.

SCUFORI referred to this condition as an explanation for the animals behavior during the occurrence. Again, this could have a completely innocent explanation

(letter on Pg 3 of PROBE REPORT Vol 4; No1(July 1983)).

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Robert Moore.

JUNE 07th 1987.