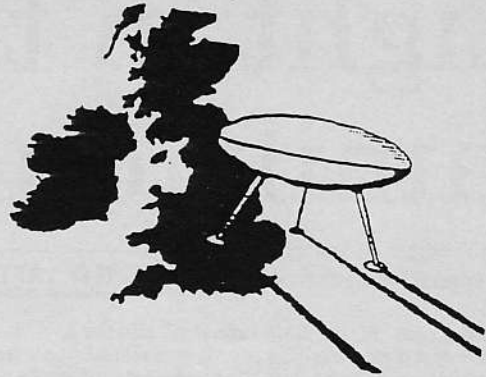


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I was snatched by a UFO... then I had an alien's baby

By MURRAY DAVIES

ON a calm summer night Karen and her boyfriend were strolling along a country lane in Somerset.

Suddenly they heard a humming noise and a strange object flashed overhead in a terrific blast of wind.

Later there was a 30-minute gap in their evening that they couldn't explain.

Weeks afterwards Karen, 19, found that she was pregnant - although she claimed it was impossible.

She began to suffer nightmares about having an ugly baby equipped with incredible intelligence. It was almost a relief when, after three months, she was told she'd miscarried.

Five years later, in 1984, she heard the same humming noise and woke to find a tall blond creature with large blue eyes at her side.

She was floated out of her bedroom window into

★ UFO experts from all over the world will this week discuss the startling theory that aliens are kidnapping women for genetic experiments that will enable them to breed with us - to create a new race.

★ The Sheffield conference will hear that aliens have visited Earth for centuries. Earlier intruders are now known as GREYS - evil gnomes - or NORDICS - gentle wizards. The new theory is based on the alleged abduction of hundreds of women over the past 30 years. Here are some of their incredible stories...

a UFO. She vaguely recalls being medically examined and knowing that something "very important" had happened.

In another incident three years later, she awoke to feel tiny fingers touching her own. She is convinced that a little child was holding her hand.

As her husband switched on the light Karen saw a ball of light float from the room.

UFO researchers now believe that Karen is just one of a growing army of women being abducted by aliens.

Between 1965 and 1975 only 20 cases were reported worldwide. Now

there are about ONE HUNDRED each year.

UFO experts say it is part of a long-term programme of genetic engineering, using the Earth as a laboratory. The aliens have repeatedly told their victims they cannot breed among themselves so they need to mutate humans into their likeness for inter-breeding.

Human contacts with aliens are becoming more sinister. Earlier victims were invariably men who enjoyed the publicity.

Women contacts now outnumber men by two to one and most are unwilling to talk about their experiences. Their very unwillingness to talk lends

credibility to their experiences, say believers.

Victims suffer trauma and repressed memories similar to rape victims. Only an estimated one in 10 report their stories.

The first reported abduction took place in BRAZIL in 1957 when a farm hand claimed to have been sexually examined by aliens. No-one took his story seriously. But a few years later, in NEW HAMPSHIRE, USA, a woman suffered the same experience.

It was the start of a growing explosion of reported abductions and medical experiments.

● In January last year Maria was driving in the HUNGARIAN countryside when she saw a light coming towards her.

She woke in the middle of a snow-covered field. Her lights and engine had failed. Her body was covered in burn-like wounds with unusual puncture marks and a strange rash.

The car door had been welded shut through extraordinary heat.

Maria became pregnant and ultra-sound examination showed up the image of an abnormally developed foetus, which later simply disappeared.

● Debbie Tomey from INDIANA began a lifetime of strange experiences at the age of seven when, she claims, she met an unusual little boy who "played a trick" which involved a cut to her leg.

This, it is claimed, was the aliens tagging her, as we tag animals, so she could be found later.

When Debbie was in her teens she says she was twice taken aboard a UFO.

She felt her stomach being squeezed. Something was placed inside her and she felt a strong suction device at work.

Five years later, in 1983, she believed she was shown her alien child dur-



SPACE INVADER: An impression of a Grey alien

ing a further abduction. The child was about four, with white hair, large eyes and an egg-shaped head.

● In the late Seventies Susan says she was kidnapped in the NORTH of ENGLAND and placed on a table inside a UFO.

She was examined by creatures with large eyes, pale skins and very blond hair. Afterwards she began to have strange dreams and became unexpectedly pregnant.

A few weeks later she found blood on her bed clothes and discovered she was no longer pregnant.

Two types of aliens - the Greys and the Nordics - are said to have been visiting the Earth for centuries. Our forefathers, knowing nothing of oth-

er worlds, called one group evil goblins, the other wise magicians.

THE GREYS are dwarfs with white or grey skins and high, pear-shaped heads. They have slit mouths with extremely large, dark eyes.

These are the evil gnomes and goblins of legend.

THE NORDICS are friendly, almost human looking. Around six-foot tall, with beautiful cat-like eyes and long, very blond hair, they tend to be kindly observers.

They warn that the Greys are concerned only with their own survival.

● *Aliens: The Real Story* by Jenny Randless, £14.99 (published by Robert Hale in November).

15.08.93 The People

TOP FLIGHT UFO COVER

SCOTT'S skywriters are being offered protection from alien snatch squads. U.S. businessman Mike J. Lawrence is targeting the Doverbridge Triangle with his £7 million insurance policy against being abducted by a UFO. Joker, accounting and tax adviser Mike has already sold more than 5000 policies in the States and Britain. Now after a rash of UFO sightings he is targeting Scotland for the £1 lifetime policies. He said: "I started this up the UFO abduction insurance Co in my home town of Altamonte Springs in Florida about three years ago and it has caused a stir. I am already paying out on one successful claim from a man in New York State, in fact I just met off the latest installment cheque last week. To prove the claim, all the the abducted person has to do is get the signature of the alien who snatched him or her along with a full description of the creature. CATCH "I receive a lot of Scots could do with this policy considering the number of UFOs that have been buzzed and you lately. But there is a catch. Mike explained: "Under the policy "I will pay out the £7m... at 60p a year. Of course it is a joke, but enough people have seen the funny side to make it pay."

Light in the sky sends family on a UFO hunt

A BRIGHT object in the sky last week sparked a night-time UFO hunt.

BY ANDREW LAXTON

The object, said to be four times the size of a plane, was first spotted over Northolt Road last Wednesday evening.

British Gas worker Conrad Gomes was returning from a video shop with his son, daughter and daughter-in-law when he made the bizarre sighting.

"We were driving along when we saw this huge object high in

the sky," said the 53-year-old.

"It was shaped like a flying saucer and bright orange in colour. In fact, it was so bright it lit up the sky."

Mr Gomes returned to his Roxeth Green Avenue home in South Harrow to collect a camera to photograph the object.

The family then followed the craft down Eastcote Lane. "At

that stage it was hovering above us, making a tremendous booming noise - even my work colleagues recalled hearing the same noise at the same time."

The mystery tour continued onto the Hayes bypass. By this time it was 10.10pm and, according to Mr Gomes, other motorists started flashing their lights after spotting the mysterious object.

His work colleagues claim similar sightings were made years ago. "They told me it had some-

thing to do with an experimental aircraft being tested at a nearby American airbase - but the base closed years ago, so there seems to be no explanation for this."

But the Observer this week managed to unravel the mystery - the UFO was, in fact, a Coca Cola airship.

A Coca Cola spokesman confirmed: "Hand up, it was ours! It's been tootling around the capital for the past two weeks as part of our promotional package."

29.04.93 Observer News

SCIENCE

After a year of the most intensive search ever mounted to detect radio signals from extraterrestrial civilizations, astronomers from the University of California, Berkeley, have picked up 164 signals - out of some 30 trillion recorded - that "bear further investigation." This doesn't mean that E.T.s have been found, only that these anomalies have not yet been otherwise explained.

21.06.93 Time

Puzzling events

Sir. - I found it incredible to read Ron Halliday's comments regarding Councillor Billy Buchanan's handling of the UFO reports in Bonnybridge as a "circus" and a publicity stunt in last week's *Falkirk Herald*.

The facts are that Mr Halliday has never met, talked to, or written to Councillor Buchanan or researched any UFO case from the Bonnybridge area, yet he has the audacity to make sweeping statements regarding Billy and his assistance to me regarding these puzzling events.

Well over 200 people attended a lecture I gave in Bonnybridge regarding these UFO sightings and many witnesses have pinned me since with their accounts.

Strange Phenomena Investigations tackled these sightings in a professional manner. How we can be billed by Mr Halliday as a "circus" is totally beyond me, especially from one who is not privy to the facts and has not spoken to those concerned. - Yours etc., MALCOLM ROBINSON

Strange Phenomena Investigations, 41 The Braes, Tullibody

14.08.93 Guardian

Shortage of UFO sightings lands spotters with 'bit of a bad time'

Vivek Chaudhary

THE UFO spotters' lot is not a happy one at the moment. Tired of being ridiculed over fake sightings and having to endure jibes about "little green men" they are now facing a severe shortage of UFO sightings.

However, despite the drought of visiting extra-terrestrials and flying saucers, hundreds of enthusiasts will gather in Sheffield today for a conference entitled UFOs - Fact, Fraud or Fancy.

"It is a bit of a bad time at the moment," said Philip Mantle, chairman of the Independent UFO Network, organisers of the conference. "There has not been a decent sighting in ages."

According to Mr Mantle they come in cycles. "The last time we had a decent series of sightings was about 10 years ago. This year there have hardly been any," he said.

The conference aims to ex-

pose some well-documented cases involving UFOs as frauds and will hear testimonies from people who lay claim to a close encounter. Last year the Independent UFO Network received over 100 calls of possible sightings, 90 per cent of which had non-UFO explanations.

"We are still investigating about 10 cases for which there is no explanation. Many people do not bother calling because they are afraid of being thought of as a bit strange," added Mr Mantle. "There is still a great deal of stigma attached."

The most puzzling case in his experience occurred in 1980. In Yorkshire a family saw a spaceship land and three tall men in boiler-type suits emerge waving instruments. "I still have not worked that one out yet."

Despite the UFO shortage, a few places have still been receiving visits.

"Scotland seems to be very popular. We have had hundreds of sightings from there over the years," said Mr Mantle.

EXPERT TO INVESTIGATE WAVE OF UFO SIGHTINGS

of sightings to see if a scientific pattern emerges

Similar reports in the Denny area in 1982 sparked a study but found no explanation.

Bonnybridge councillor Billy Buchanan, who has organised the meeting, said: "When these stories first started people felt they were being made a fool of, which has stopped them coming forward."

"We are hoping that the film will mean people take it a bit more seriously. There have been so many sightings now that there has to be something in this."

The meeting is at the Norwood House Hotel in Larbert Road, Bonnybridge at 7 p.m. Anyone unable to attend who would like to report sightings should contact Mr Robinson on 0259-74033.

By STEPHEN SMITH

something," said William (23). Mr Robinson, a member of London-based Strange Phenomenon Investigations, says enquiries to police and airport authorities have so far drawn a blank.

"It could be that the RAF are trying out a new kind of plane - we had a case where that happened in Argyll," he says.

"At the moment we are sceptical. We will look for an explanation, and if we can't find one we will send a report to our head office in London."

Mr Thomson, who is giving a lecture on the subject on Sunday night, wants to hear details

REPORTS of unidentified flying objects around Bonnybridge are to be investigated at a special meeting.

Mr Malcolm Robinson, a "UFO-logist" who has worked on sightings around Britain, says he'll set up a study if there is no logical explanation.

Already 60 people have contacted him with reports, and these may be given credence by a videotape of the phenomena.

Bonnybridge farmer William Denholm was one who didn't believe stories which have been circulating since early November, but now he's not sure.

"All I know is that I was driving home when I saw lights over the house, and when I got back I got out the camcorder and managed to get

29.01.93 Stirling Observer

02.06.93 Falkirk Herald

Billy's unidentified flying 'circus'

BONNYBRIDGE councillor Billy Buchanan has been accused of turning the town's UFO sightings into "a circus".

Top ufologist Ron Halliday said: "I am concerned about the way it was handled."

"I don't want to get personal, but, with all respect to Billy, it was a bit of a circus. A number of people have been upset by this."

Mr Halliday, who helped set up the Scottish UFO Report Line last year, added Councillor Buchanan did not appear to be encouraging serious investigation of the hundreds of sightings.

"He has been on a different track from UFO investigators — I think he's more interested in Bonnybridge getting some

investigate these sightings properly."

Mr Halliday added that most of the Bonnybridge sightings were likely to have natural explanations: for example, a Scottish Power helicopter which was known to be operating in the area around the time sightings peaked last winter.

But he said that left some which merited serious investigation, which was hard to do in the atmosphere of excitement which had been whipped up.

But Councillor Buchanan denied he was using the sightings as a publicity stunt.

He said: "I have no real belief in UFOs. I have just tried to act as a buffer zone for my constituents. They came to me with the sightings — I didn't go out looking for

Councillor Buchanan added the Japanese film crew which descended on the village two weeks ago to film a documentary on the sightings had been well pleased with the results. "The crew have a lot of experience and they were convinced something strange has been happening in this area."

Malcolm Robinson of Strange Phenomena Investigations said UFO sightings were often reported around petro-chemical plants and Grangemouth could be the magnet for aliens.

But he added: "That is speculation, not a definitive answer and these sightings do not conform to normal aircraft design."

Mr Robinson said the Bonnybridge sightings coincided with a claimed worldwide increase in UFO activity.

02.06.93 Falkirk Herald

UFO SIGHTING NUMBER ONE

FOLLOWED BY THE LIGHT!

Housewife Linda Jones, 49, considers herself to be a very ordinary person. Married to Trevor, a heating engineer, they have two children and live in a semi-detached house in south Manchester.

One August evening 13 years ago, she was out walking with her daughter and son, then aged 15 and five, collecting wild flowers along the banks of the river Mersey. She was bending down looking at a plant, when her son suddenly said, "Mum, the moon's coming towards us."

Linda looked up to see an orange-pink ball of light heading towards them. "We all ducked really low in the grass," recalls the ex-beautician. "There was no noise and, at the last moment, the object shot off to the right. It went over two hills and then appeared to drop vertically into a field. I thought it was a plane on fire, so we started to run towards it."

"We got to within 30 yards and we could see this massive white light with an under-structure made like a bridge, in what looked like a mesh material," she continues. "It was hovering 2ft off the ground and appeared to have no windows or doors. It gave the impression of being as light as a feather, even though it was 60ft across. Normally, I'd run a mile from any danger, but I felt myself being drawn towards it. My daughter was terrified and kept shouting, "Come away, Mum!", but my son was quite calm."

"All the time we were watching, the object kept appearing and disappearing — it was really weird. Eventually, we turned round and ran off. But as we ran, the grass blew over in front of us and the thing followed us. It then disappeared, but shortly afterwards we spotted it trailing an aeroplane that was about to land at Manchester airport."

When the three arrived home, Linda discovered the skin under her eyes was burnt and scaly, and she and her daughter had violet scars on their left legs.



"The object was weird," says Linda. "It hovered 2ft above the ground!"

Eighteen months later, Harry Harris, the Manchester lawyer and UFO expert, contacted Linda and persuaded her and her daughter to undergo hypnosis. They agreed and, while under, were videoed. Both related the same chain of events.

"I was running downhill and bumped into a tall human figure, then everything went blurred," relates Linda on one of the videos.

"Then I experienced a sensation of floating. Next, I was on a table being examined. I had a feeling of ice being put on my legs."

"There were six very tall people who looked like clones. They wore dark cover-alls up to their necks, their hair was dark, and their eyes were black and almond-shaped."

To this day, Linda still cannot consciously recall this event. We have not named her children because her son is now terrified of reliving the sighting and, although now a teenager, sleeps with the light on. Her daughter is now married and refuses to discuss the subject, because she's afraid people will mock her.

After the incident, still only aged 36, Linda's periods stopped and she has since had problems with a lump in her neck that keeps appearing and disappearing.

"I even went into hospital to have the lump removed. But when the surgeon came for a last check, he then discovered it had disappeared, so the operation was cancelled. At the moment, it's back."

"I feel like an idiot because I know all this is not normal. I just wish more people who have had similar experiences would come forward, because it would help me feel easier about the whole thing."



"They were like clones. Their hair was dark, and their eyes black and almond-shaped"



Is there anything out there? Investigators of London UFO Studies. Back row, from left, Gillian Trench, Michele Riley. Front row, from left, John Cochrane, Stephen Trench, Roy Lake, David Birch

UFO-hunter makes Earthfall in Bonnybridge

By John Smith

A JAPANESE television director, writer and presenter, with a mission to prove that aliens are observing life on Earth, landed on a small corner of central Scotland yesterday.

To aid him in his quest to find out whether UFOs have indeed been hovering over Bonnybridge in Stirlingshire, Junichi Yaol brought with him a five-strong television crew from the Nippon Television Network, the country's largest station.

Frivolous is not an epithet which can be applied to Mr Yaol, 57, who in the last 25

years has made 50 documentaries on UFOs.

The two-day Bonnybridge visit is part of a European and American tour to find material for the two-hour "Junichi UFO Special". It will be the sixth annual documentary to go out on the channel — last year's attracted an audience of 24 million.

The crew travelled to Scotland after interviewing leading ufologists at a major exhibition in Finland, and speaking to people in Sweden, Norway and Denmark who claim to have seen UFOs.

Bonnybridge district councillor Billy Buchanan, whose

unbridled enthusiasm for UFOs was largely responsible for the documentary team's visit, claims there have been more than 200 sightings of unexplained objects in the area.

He is delighted at the Japanese interest in local phenomena. He said that he wanted credibility given to people who had reported seeing UFOs — some shaped like flying saucers, and in one case like a huge Toblerone bar.

"It's a small community, and some of them have had ridicule poured on them. I've had the same. I've even had posters put about showing me interviewing ET."

Something had definitely been going on; not everyone could have been making up stories, he added. "It's like a jigsaw puzzle. Hopefully when the Japanese analyse the pieces they can come up with a theory that proves what has been happening."

Mr Yaol said that he was convinced UFOs existed. He had seen four — the most memorable a brightly lit cigar-shaped craft which hovered briefly over Tokyo in December 1979.

He said that he was convinced that aliens, far more advanced than mankind, were studying life here... but might

not be finding it easy. "For a higher level of science to speculate on a lower one is difficult."

However, a leading Scots ufologist, Ron Halliday, is taking it all with a pinch of salt. A driving force behind the establishment last November of the Scottish UFO Report Line, he said that he was convinced most of the Bonnybridge sightings were down to a Scottish Power helicopter working in the area.

"Billy Buchanan and others have really been giving this welly. It's become a bit of a circus. Amid the hype it's difficult to know what to make of it all."

27.05.93 The Scotsman

A THIRD ENCOUNTER with a UFO of the pulsating kind has mystified neighbours in a quiet South Wales cul-de-sac.

Retired fitter Mr Lionel Cox and neighbour Mr Gareth Shadbolt of Croesyceiliog were so fascinated by their eerie visitor on Tuesday night at 6.30 that they got their video cameras out and look startling film.

The phenomenon had first been filmed by Mr Shadbolt on Monday night. Another neighbour had seen the same object in about the same location last Thursday.

And RAF St Athan confirmed that they had received a report of an object above Cwmbran — last December 3 — though the station has had no reports of the recent sightings.

At his home in Brynhyfryd Mr Cox, aged 60, insisted: "I'm no nutter — it's on film for all to see."

"I've never seen a UFO before, and always kept an open mind about the reports until now. It was obviously not a satellite, because it stayed stationary mostly, and came back on three nights.

"I haven't got a clue what it is, but I'm desperate to find out. Someone must have an explanation."

Mr Cox and his nurse wife Ethel saw the phenomenon on two out of three nights. It just looked like a large star — until they focused powerful binoculars on it, and then a 36-fold magnification zoom lens

from their video recorder.

Post Office manager Mr Shadbolt independently filmed the object for 10 minutes using a camera with lower magnification, showing a different shape from the night before, when Mr Cox filmed it.

The former BSC Pantek fitter caught nearly 30 minutes of film on the UFO which showed a spherical jellyfish-like spectacle, with

internal rings.

Later it appears to give out some sort of exhaust.

His wife commented: "It was much brighter than a star, and didn't flicker like one."

Neighbours immediately contacted Rhosair air traffic controllers and the weathermen, but without getting a satisfactory explanation.

THE SUNDAY POST, January 31, 1993.

Town baffled by UFO sightings

A TOWN plagued by UFOs has called in the experts as concern grows among residents.

They claim the skies above Bonnybridge, near Falkirk, have been host to dozens of bizarre sightings in recent months.

Tonight UFOlogists and psychical investigators will attempt to explain the mystery.

"People are worried and they want answers," says Councillor Billy Buchanan, who is among those who say they have seen UFOs.

"I've had around 400 calls in the past few months. Just this week a man told me he'd seen a UFO the size of a battleship shaped like a Toblerone."

Mr Buchanan has contacted the Ministry of Defence, but they have not provided any explanation.

This evening, Malcolm Robinson of the Strange Phenomena Unit, and experts

from around Scotland, will join locals to watch a video of the UFOs which was taken by a farmer in the early hours of the morning.

Then they will be quizzed by around 200 residents in a meeting at the town's Norwood Hotel.

Hypnotised

SOME WILL even be hypnotised in a bid to find any subconscious memories of being taken on board alien spacecraft.

Mr Robinson, who has been studying UFOs for 14 years, is compiling a dossier on the sightings for the British UFO Research Association.

"Many of the instances could perhaps be explained away, but there are still some which are totally inexplicable," says Mr Robinson who carried out research in the area 10 years ago after a similar series of mysterious events.

UFO capital of the world!

BONNYBRIDGE is set to feature as the UFO capital of the world on a Japanese prime time TV slot watched by over 24 million people!

That was the astonishing news from the central region village this week as a Japanese film crew arrived to shoot eye witness accounts of close encounters of the Bonnybridge kind. Jun Ichi Yaol, producer and director of the annual UFO two hour special in Japan, said: "Bonnybridge is one of the most interesting cases. I think because it's a small area but many people here have seen a UFO."

The TV crew has already visited UFO sites in Helsinki, Stockholm, Gothenburg and Copenhagen but have decided that Bonnybridge could be the most exciting stop of them all.

Jun Ichi Yaol loves Scotland. He

By CHARLES LAVERY

was behind another TV programme in Japan which centred on the Loch Ness Monster. "We didn't find it," he said with a resigned air.

More than 24 million Japanese people will watch the two hour special and there is to see Bonnybridge. Mr Yaol insists his reasons here have been given access to US government documents which state that American military have already captured an alien craft and taken alien bodies out of it.

He also insists there are four different types of aliens, and he wants people to know about it. The crew has spent the last month travelling the world's UFO hotspot and film it is the case of a UFO, spotted in Mexico.

The programme, now in its sixth year, will go on in about three months time after editing.

Local councillor Billy Buchanan, who claims to have acted as a "buffer zone" between the media and local eye witnesses, has been ridiculed for his stance on the sightings.

He said opposition councillors in Falkirk had already criticised the course of his interviewing ET around the council and added: "It does hurt you a bit really because at the end of the day I'm fighting openly, vigorously and a lack of vision because there are people at Falkirk District Council who have been there too long."

Councillor Buchanan said one of the spin offs from the visit could be an influx of Oriental visitors to central regions in general and Bonnybridge in particular.

28.05.93 Stirling Observer

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Leading the course is Mrs Margaret Fry

UFO class takes off at college

FLYING saucers and UFOs are at the heart of a ground-breaking course on offer at Llandrillo College, Colwyn Bay, where students will hear first hand accounts from ufologists.

Leading the six-week course from September 21 is Mrs Margaret Fry of Llangernyw who has been investigating UFO sightings since her first encounter in 1955.

Pattern

"We're expecting the course to be well-attended because we have finally managed to make the subject respectable," said Mrs Fry.

"People used to scoff and laugh at us but that has changed," she said. "They now understand that many sightings are explained away as natural phenomena by our investiga-

tions, and those that aren't form part of a pattern that is becoming common enough to convince people we are not cranks.

"We've had seven reported sightings in North Wales in the past year and they are all being investigated.

"In December last year two boys saw a blue/grey triangular object with sparks coming out the sides, 100 feet above them near Bodfari," she said.

"In January there were two sightings near Denbigh, and we've had several reports from Anglesey."

Retired civil servant Mrs Fry says the course will feature films, photographs, and first hand accounts of sightings and reported UFO crashes.

The course costs £35 per person and students can enrol by telephoning 0492 543666.

26.08.93 The Visitor

Barley circles weren't my doing, says farmer

Mr. Patterson's farm, since the two perfectly-formed circles were discovered earlier this week.

"One man even flew over from England and took a taxi here to carry out his own investigations. He thinks the circles were caused by some supernatural force."

"And there were others using clocks and rods to come up with their own theories. Two men even camped out in a tent all night to see if any were men from outer space would arrive!"

He added that the publicity generated by the discovery of the circle had also attracted a number of unwelcome visitors who had ignored 'no trespassing' signs and trampled all over his crops.

By Oliver McGuckin

THE Co. Antrim farmer at the centre of the barley circles mystery today strenuously denied reports that he was responsible for creating the patterns which have caused widespread public interest.

"How could I do the like of that — and why? Sure, I'm not going to destroy my own crop," said Alex Patterson at his home near Broughshane.

"I have heard these rumours myself, but I pay no attention to them because people who know me know I am telling the truth." Hundreds of people have visited

Belfast Telegraph.

Friday, August 20, 1993

College tune in to alien beings

UFOs are the subject of a six-week course being launched at Llandrillo College next month.

The resident expert will be pensioner Margaret Fry from Llangernyw, who has been investigating UFO sightings since her first 'encounter' in 1955.

"We are expecting the course to be well attended because we have finally managed to make the subject respectable," said Margaret.

"People used to scoff and laugh at us but that has changed.

"Many sightings are explained

By George Rodgers

away as natural phenomena by our investigations, and those that aren't form part of a pattern that is becoming common enough to convince people we are not cranks."

Support for Margaret's view came this week from leading bookmakers William Hill.

Faced with rapidly increasing bets on alien life forms being dis-

covered in the near future, they slashed their odds and limited bets.

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Retired civil servant Margaret says the Llandrillo course will feature films, photographs, and first hand accounts of sighting and reported UFO crashes.

"There is a lot of evidence — the first recorded sighting came from an Egyptian Pharaoh in 1504 BC," she said.

The course costs £35 per person and students can enrol by telephoning 543666.

26.08.93 Weekly News

It was with these cases in mind that this column answered a classified ad in Fortean Times. "David Bowie — I have evidence proving that he's been influenced by aliens. The UFO community doesn't want to know. The media may not want to know, but sooner or later we will all know — like it or not. Send SAE for information." Now who could resist an invitation like that?

Back came the proof. First, there was a major misconception to be cleared up: "The myth about David Bowie's Jean Genie is that it is a song about Jean Genet, or it is a song about Iggy Pop, or possibly partly about Genet and partly about Iggy." Not so! "What I have found is that the song — more than anything else — describes an alien being." Yes, it does. "It is not simply a song inspired by the genie figure in the Aladdin myth (although Bowie had, in fact, attended a pantomime version of Aladdin starring Cliff Richard on March 1, 1967)."

The proof is in the lyrics. "All of the verses end with the line, 'Poor little genie, which seems to have been consciously derived from the well-known alien description 'Little Green Man' — perhaps combined with the Chuck Berry song title Little Queenie." The syntax gets a bit ropery here: "Re: the chorus 'the Jean Genie lives on his back, the Jean Genie loves chimney stacks,' there is here a link with the Father Christmas legend, in which he is supposed to come down the chimney with his gifts after travelling through the skies (of course, aliens are also supposed to travel the skies)." Pretty convincing, to be sure.

"The next line is: 'And keeps all your dead hair for making up underwear' — it has been reported by some people who've encountered aliens that a sample of their hair — among other things — was taken by the beings. It could be that some alien clothing resembles a mesh of human hair — visually and/or texturally." Spooky!

A spoof perhaps? It's difficult to say without consulting the "Recommended further reading . . . an article entitled A Brief Account of the Nature of UFO Entities, by Gordon Creighton, printed in Flying Saucer Review Vol. 29/1 (reprinted 33/3)."

But just one question: if David Bowie is in touch with higher intelligences, why haven't they written him a decent song in 20 years?

UFO DETECTIVES SEEK CHALLENGES NEW

MYSTERIOUS goings-on throughout the county could soon be explained after a group of dedicated researchers set up their own investigation team.

The Hereford UFO Research Group has studied a number of strange cases since it was launched last November and has appealed for more unexplained events to investigate.

Founder and director Mr Paul John, of Whitehouse Drive, Kingstone, said: "We are trying to conduct serious UFO and paranormal investigations.

"We will investigate any unexplained phenomenon, such as ley lines, ghosts, poltergeists, crop circles, lights in the sky, earth lights and extra sensory perception.

"We are a non-profit making group. So far we only have six full-time members but, considering the subject matter, I don't think that's bad."

Mr John, who works at Jewsons in Hereford, is a provisional accredited investigator

with the British UFO Research Association and soon to be accredited.

"We do not believe that all UFO reports are about flying saucers being flown by little green men," he said. "We are a semi-professional group conducting serious UFO and unexplained research and investigation, not scaremongering."

"Another of our aims is to try and get the subject of UFOlogy

better understood by the public, with the assistance of the press.

"We wish to prove to the public that UFOs and UFOlogy needs serious research and investigation, not just being scorned at and thrown away with UFOlogists being branded freaks and mentally inadequate in some way."

HURG's first case, investigated last November, dated back to

1978 and the group is now looking for more cases.

"If anyone does experience something unexplained we would appreciate being informed as soon as possible so we can start an investigation before the trail runs dry," added Mr John.

"Because of our code of conduct we never release the witnesses' personal details to any person without written consent. We also would not give any unsubstantiated details that we could not support to any person or group."

HURG can be contacted c/o P.S. John, 6 Whitehouse Drive, Kingstone, Hereford. HR2 9FR.

SOUTH WALES'S close encounters of the UFO-kind were sightings either of a Russian space station or the planet Venus, say experts.

They say the brilliant, pulsating phenomenon scene — and video filmed by several people — above Cwmbran on three nights is easily explained.

Retired fitter Mr Lionel Cox, of Brynhyfryd, in Croesyceiliog however is unmoved by the rebuttles and said: "I'm just keeping an open mind."

A spokesman for the Civil Aviation Authority insisted: "It was the Russians' Mir space station. It's so far away it looks as though it's stationary though it would be moving very slowly and would have appeared as a bright light.

"We've had no reports of anything else, no sightings of a UFO from pilots. These things are very deceiving to the eye," said the spokesman.

And a former member of the group Quest which is gathering evidence about unidentified flying objects concurred with astronomers in Cardiff that the sighting is likely to be that of the planet Venus which was quite bright on the night in question.

The investigator who asked not to be named said: "I've not seen the tape yet but from the description I'm fairly certain it was the planet Venus which was very bright in the western sky.

"Atmospheric effects could account for any perceived changes in shape and colour," he said.

Mr Cox and neighbour Mr Gareth Shadbolt were so fascinated by their eerie visitor on Tuesday night at 6.30 that they got their video cameras out and took startling film.

BY WAYNE NOWACZYK

The phenomenon had first been filmed by Mr Shadbolt on Monday night. Another neighbour had seen the same object

And RAF St Athan confirmed that they had received a report of an object above Cwmbran — last December 3 — though the station has

had no reports of the recent sightings.

Mr Cox, aged 60, insisted: "I'm no nutter — it's on film for all to see.

"I've never seen a UFO before, and always kept an open mind about the reports until now. It was obviously not a satellite, because it stayed stationary mostly, and came back on three nights.

Lionel's
night sky
visitor
zapped
by boffins



CLOSE ENCOUNTER:

Shedding light on UFO reports

THE mystery of a spate of apparent UFOs in Falkirk District could be solved in the New Year.

Experts sifting through sheaves of reported sightings in the skies over Bonnybridge, Denny and Falkirk hope to come up with an explanation in the next few weeks.

Two football fans and three nurses are the latest to spot unusual unidentified objects.

Norman Robb and his pal Dan Dobbie were on their way to Brockville last Wednesday when they spotted an odd object.

Grangemouth nurses Rhona Byc, Mary Gardiner and Irene Barclay witnessed a weird disc-like mass of flashing lights over the

former Ice Rink in Falkirk on Tuesday.

Norman (23), 15 Ewing Avenue, Falkirk, was driving down Ochiltree Terrace when he saw the huge object overhead.

"It had red and blue lights and one bright horizontal beam. I collected Dan from his house and we watched this thing for a good five minutes," he said.

"I've taken a lot of abuse since I admitted seeing it, but I definitely saw something. It wasn't a helicopter or aeroplane."

Dan (17), 86 Ochiltree Terrace, Camelon, said: "It was a disc shape, hovering, then moving fast and slow."

The three nurses were going to work when they made their sighting.

"It had yellow, green and orange flashing lights. It was weird," said auxiliary nurse Mary (51), 48 Craigleith Road.

"It was spherical but had spokes sticking out of the sides. It was quite low down and still," said Rhona (26), Oswald Avenue.

Irene (42), Spey Court, said: "It certainly didn't look like a plane."

Malcolm Robinson from Strange Phenomenon Investigations said the latest sightings could still have a down-to-earth explanation.

He added: "I hope to be able to shed some light on this at a meeting in the area in January. There's evidence to suggest there is something highly unusual flying in the skies above Bonnybridge and surrounding area."

Alert after 19 police spot UFO

AN East Devon man, who works for the British UFO Research Group, was yesterday sifting through a mountain of police evidence following reports that two objects, travelling at a high altitude, sped through the sky from Wales to Torpoint, which is of military importance, in less than 10 seconds.

Doug Cooper, of Cotfield Close, Honiton, is a Director of the Devon UFO Research Group and was first alerted to what had happened at 2.10am on Wednesday.

Nineteen police officers from up and down the country reported sightings of the objects - amazingly, all at around 1.10am.

"These are possibly the best UFO sightings we have ever had in the UK," said Mr Cooper. "Nineteen police officers were involved and they had all seen the same type of thing. It has got to be right."

Ministry of Defence

"The Ministry of Defence has confirmed they were not aircraft. Nothing was in the air or on radar at the time."

Now Mr Cooper wants to hear from anyone else who may have spotted the UFOs at around the same time.

"At 2.20am on Wednesday, I got a call from Liskeard Police Station, in Cornwall, to say that two objects had flown across their region at a high rate of knots - very fast," he told the NEWS.

"Then reports were coming in from various police stations in Devon, Cornwall and Wales.

"They were to the effect that two objects, fairly large, had travelled at a fairly high altitude from Snowdonia, in Wales, to Torpoint, in Cornwall, where they stopped and dropped down below the horizon and then lifted up again to a height and then moved off at an astonishing rate towards the South East.

"The incredible thing is that all these sightings were logged at 1.10am, which means the objects

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Corn circles come a cropper

John Vidal

A GLORIOUS chapter in the annals of British summertime lunacy appears to be drawing to a close. Only 45 crop circles have been found this year, compared with more than 400 in each of the last two years.

It is a tragedy on the scale of England's cricket demise for the fledgling, bitterly divided cereology industry and a blow to farmers who have earned more from charging people to inspect circles found on their land than from growing crops.

Ufologists, Japanese professors of aerodynamics, meteorologists and statisticians have flocked to England over the last 10 years to study the

phenomenon. A Guardian experiment last year showed that even the most complex shapes could be reproduced by beginners with a few hoops, ladders and poles, despite a claim by the Department of the Environment that the circles were caused by variations in air pressure from excitable sparrows.

For some cereologists it may be the end of the road. Pat Delgado, the Hampshire-based proponent of the UFO theory of crop circles, admitted: "The steam has gone out of it. There have been a lot of hoaxes this year."

His three books on crop circles have sold nearly 500,000 copies worldwide. "Some of the circles are genuine. I still believe we have a fundamental mystery."

"Where have they gone?"

asked Paul Fuller, a circle researcher. "I used to say 90 per cent were genuine, the rest were hoaxes. Well, I've backed down off that now... It's a disaster for people who support alien theories."

"I still maintain there's a natural phenomenon out there."

Doug and Dave — the two septuagenarian Hampshire farmers who claim to have perpetrated most of the 5,000 circles in Britain in the last 10 years after drinking sessions — were yesterday celebrating what they called "the real end of the circle".

So too was the organiser of a circle-debunking meeting at Marlborough, Wiltshire, this week. More than 200 people paid £5 each. The hall cost less than the price of a round of beer to hire.

Farmer 'takes bookings from Mars'

the whole community around here since they were noticed yesterday.

"I think it might be the work of some tricky chap out to have a bit of a joke. But I would love to know how the circles were made — there are no tracks into the places where the barley has been flattened."
Mr Patterson said the shapes were exactly the same as the corn circles which have appeared

By Oliver McGuckin

BROUGHSHANE farmer Alex Patterson was today "taking bookings" for trips to Mars amid mounting interest in two perfectly-formed circles which suddenly appeared in his barley fields.
The mystery phenomenon was attracting a steady stream of curious onlookers to his land at Drummuck, Co Antrim, but Mr Patterson was slightly bemused by all the excitement.
"These circles have really tickled

in England in recent years. It is believed to be the first time the unusual patterns have turned up in Northern Ireland.

Space

"Some people are insisting they were caused by a craft from outer space. I've even had a man on the telephone this morning enquiring about the cost of a trip to Mars."

"I told him £15 — but warned him it would be a one-way ticket! He eventually put the phone down when he realised I was taking it all in good humour."
Mr Patterson has appealed to sight-seers not to trample over his cereal crops.
Two years ago a family living in nearby Cullybackey reported seeing a UFO hovering over their back garden.

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Spy in the sky snaps crop circle spectacular

By John Haughey and Ruth O'Reilly

GETTING a bird's-eye view of Ireland's first crop circles without actually having to leave the ground is no problem to two enterprising Belfast students.

It's easy... just use a kite. No ordinary flying machine though but a two-metre device with a special strain of 120 kilograms and capable of carrying a heavy camera.
Bernard Conlon and Malin Starrett both struck upon the idea separately at their respective colleges. Then after a chance meeting they decided to pool their knowledge and

resources in an effort to get the project off the ground.

Yesterday they ventured to Boughshane site of a mysterious and perfectly-formed crop circle.

Bernard, a Queen's engineering student, did admit the scheme had certain potentially expensive pitfalls.

"One of the main problems is the possibility of the kite dying and the camera going into free-fall. Quite a few times I had to make a mad dash to stop the camera from hitting the ground and I suppose it is keeping me fit," he said.

Also a temperamental Strangford cow managed to chew through one of the kite's release cables last week. But such hitches won't stop the

two students from "having some fun" over the next few weeks and they intend to keep to it for at least the rest of the summer.

Meanwhile yesterday, they were enjoying their visit to the possible UFO site in the Antrim hills.

Yesterday farmer Alex Patterson found himself host to a legion of journalists and curiosity-seekers following the arrival of the circles.

More than 500 people descended on the normally peaceful back roads as news spread of the appearance of two perfect circles in an otherwise untouched barley field.

Stalks have remained unbroken despite being completely flattened an anti-clockwise direction to form the

circles, one 30ft in diameter connected by a path 3ft wide to the other, measuring 15ft across.

They were discovered on Tuesday morning in the two-and-a-half acre field a short distance from Mr Patterson's farmhouse in the townland of Drummuck near Broughshane.

Pranksters have claimed responsibility for a number of crop circles but others are blamed on electromagnetic forces, freak wind patterns — or extra-terrestrial activity.

A neighbouring farmer quipped: "The UFOs only make a mark when they land in a field of grain, but I've seen them landing loads of times when I'm returning from the Skerry Inn."

Country capers: Mysterious circles have appeared in fields on a Co Antrim farm — and left farmer Alex Patterson more than a little bemused. Since the circles were formed on his land, at Drummuck, Broughshane, he has been inundated with a flood of curious onlookers. Not one to be easily fooled, Mr Patterson believes that a cheeky prankster is behind the rustic puzzler.

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KINDRED SPIRITS *UFO spotters*



David Bowie

'I've always been fascinated with the possibility that space beings might be travelling to earth,' says the singer. As a teenager he edited a UFO magazine and says he often saw battalions of alien craft: 'They came over so regularly that we used to time them'



Michael Bentine

'I once saw a bright white light behind a plane. As the aircraft lowered its wheels to land, the light shot up like a rocket,' says the comedian. 'Some sightings are wishful thinking. People want a Messiah and they imagine something like ET. But UFOs aren't mumbo-jumbo'



Jimmy Carter

'I am convinced that UFOs exist because I've seen one,' the former US President once said. 'It was the darndest thing - it was very bright and it changed colours. I'll never again make fun of people who say they've seen unidentified objects in the sky'



Muhammad Ali

'I've had 16 sightings to date,' say the former boxer. 'In the early morning you can see UFOs playing tag between the stars. I always speak my mind on this since I have found many people have had similar sightings. I'm convinced there are of tremendous importance'

The Krankies
The comedy duo saw a 'tubular light' in the sky while flying from Teesside to Glasgow. 'It wasn't like anything I'd seen before,' says Janet. 'We've had cranks ringing up ever since asking us where it was'



David Jacobs

'I was on the motorway late at night when suddenly an extraordinary light sped past from left to right,' says the broadcaster. 'I mentioned it on my programme and lots of people rang in to say they'd seen it. I'm not saying it was a flying saucer, but it was definitely unidentified'



Claudia Weill

'I became aware of a luminous object in the air, following my car,' says the film director. 'When I slowed down or sped up it did the same. At first I was scared as I had no idea as to its motives, but when I thought that it might be from outer space, I was elated'



Earl of Haddington

'The ones in this part of the world are neon green discs, generally flying from north to south,' says the writer, 'but I've no idea what they are. They don't worry me, although I've an open mind about abduction by aliens. These mysteries are wonderful'



William Shatner

The actor saw 'an object glistening in the heavens' in the Sixties when he was appearing in *Star Trek*. 'I don't know if it was a flying saucer,' he says, 'but I'd often joke to myself that if I were a little green man and wanted publicity I'd make contact with Captain Kirk'

THE NIGHT A FLYING SAUCER LANDED ON MY SCANNER!

Law Officers Confronted by a UFO

By Chuck Robertson

IF you've spent a lot of time scanning, then you've probably heard some pretty strange things over the years. But when it comes to monitoring police officers chasing UFO'S, we're talking Weirdsville, USA!

Leave the space suit and anti-gravity boots in the broom closet. All you need is a scanner and an ear for out-of-this-world communications!

Strange Occurrence at Crenshaw Crossing

It was a hot summer's evening, and I was in my radio room listening to the local scanner traffic, when things suddenly began to get bizarre. On

155.07 MHz, the Williamson County Sheriff's Office dispatcher radioed her Zone 1 patrolman with an unusual request: "WC-18, we have an unconfirmed report of a UFO at Crenshaw Crossing. Will you check it out?" With a note of battlehardened skepticism in his voice, WC-18 replied, "10-4, County. I'm at Burt Willson Road. I'll be there in a couple minutes."

Crenshaw Crossing is a lonely, winding road that stretches across a moonscape of abandoned coal mine strip pits in rural southern Illinois. The area evokes an image of a prehistoric world convulsed by unseen subterranean forces. It's easy to imagine a pterodactyl circling the deep water-filled pits. Satanists are rumored to use this eerie landscape to conceal their grizzly rituals. At night, it's

especially spooky; exactly the sort of place you might expect a flying saucer to choose as a clandestine landing site.

Upon arriving at Crenshaw Crossing, the officer excitedly radioed his dispatcher: "County, there is a UFO out here!" Bewildered, all he could do was to relate what was taking place before his eyes: "The UFO is 3,000 feet wide and 2,000 feet high, and multi-colored. Looks like it's landing out in the strip pits. I'm going to try and get closer, County."

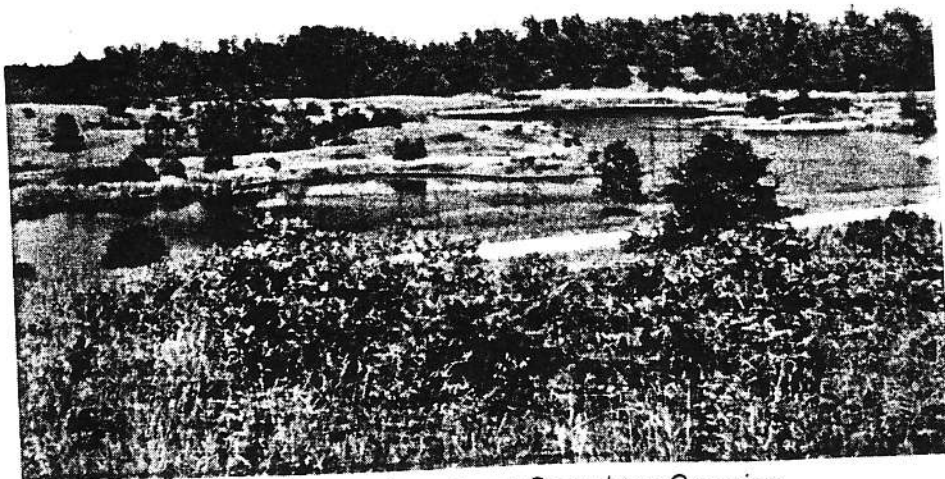
Communications went wild as state and city police joined the chase. An Illinois state trooper on 154.935 MHz made this hair-raising report: "It's hovering 50 feet above the ground and is moving away from me. I'm in pursuit!"

Radio traffic was hot and heavy as officers raced after the saucer. I've heard a lot of police chases, but nothing like this! What will the officers do if they catch the UFO? Issue it a ticket for improper lighting?

Who 'ya Gonna Call?

About 15 minutes into the chase, the Williamson County Emergency Services and Disaster Agency (ESDA) came on 155.025 MHz with a news flash. The North American Aerospace Defense Command (a division of NORAD) had just landlined ESDA and informed them that the UFO was in fact a Russian booster rocket reentering the atmosphere from a polar orbit. The rocket contained substantial traces of fuel which had ionized upon hitting the Earth's atmosphere, producing a spectacular saucer-shaped light show.

It took several more minutes for the news to filter out to all the agencies and mobile units. Some



A look at one of the strip mine pits at Crenshaw Crossing.

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officers were still in hot pursuit of the UFO, while others were laughing at the absurd drama they had participated in. Eventually, everyone got word that the planet was safe from an invasion of ET's, and things returned to their normal sleepy southern Illinois pace.

Do My Eyes Deceive Me?

How could trained, professional police officers mistake a ball of ionized gas high in the upper atmosphere for a solid object so close that they actually thought it could be overtaken by their patrol cars? The answer lies in human psychology.

When confronted with tense or unusual circumstances, a person can lose their objectivity and jump to unfounded conclusions. Then, group psychology takes over and the hysteria becomes epidemic. This might be termed the Chicken Little Effect: someone yells, "The sky is falling," and everyone runs for cover!

What goes up must come down. Only about 5% of the 7,150 manmade orbiting objects that are currently tracked by the North American Aerospace Defense Command are active satellites. The rest are space junk, and they're coming our way. On average, one of these objects falls out of orbit every day.

Next time you see strange lights in the sky, take a deep breath and turn on your scanner. Check the police, emergency preparedness, and NOAA weather channels. Chances are you will discover that the UFO is space junk, meteors, aurora, Venus, blimps, mirages, or some other down to earth phenomena.

You might also try monitoring the MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) amateur radio net for updates on UFO sightings. Frequencies are 3.929, 7.237, and 28.47 MHz. The MUFON electronic bulletin board can be reached on 901-785-4943.

Out of This World Scanning

NASA's Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI) began scanning the skies for sentient life on October 12, 1992, exactly 500 years after

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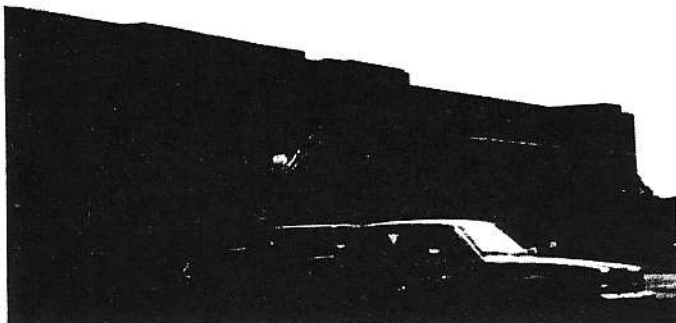
Christopher Columbus landed in the New World. Scientists at the Goldstone Deep Space Network radio telescope complex in California's Mojave desert began setting up state of the art computerized receivers in January. Over the next ten years, the 1 to 10GHz band will be painstakingly searched for any trace of "intelligent" communications. Sophisticated receivers will listen to 32 million frequencies simultaneously and analyze each by making 100 billion decisions per second. The Goldstone site will be interconnected to other radio telescopes around the world, so that both the Northern Hemisphere and Southern Hemisphere skies can be systematically searched.

There are other SETI programs underway, but this is the most ambitious to date.

ET, radio home!

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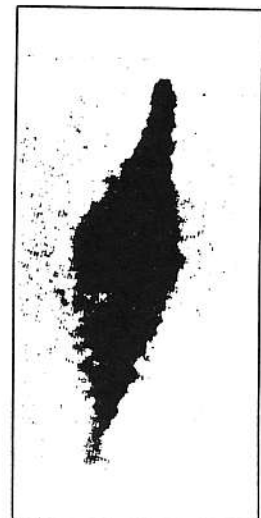
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