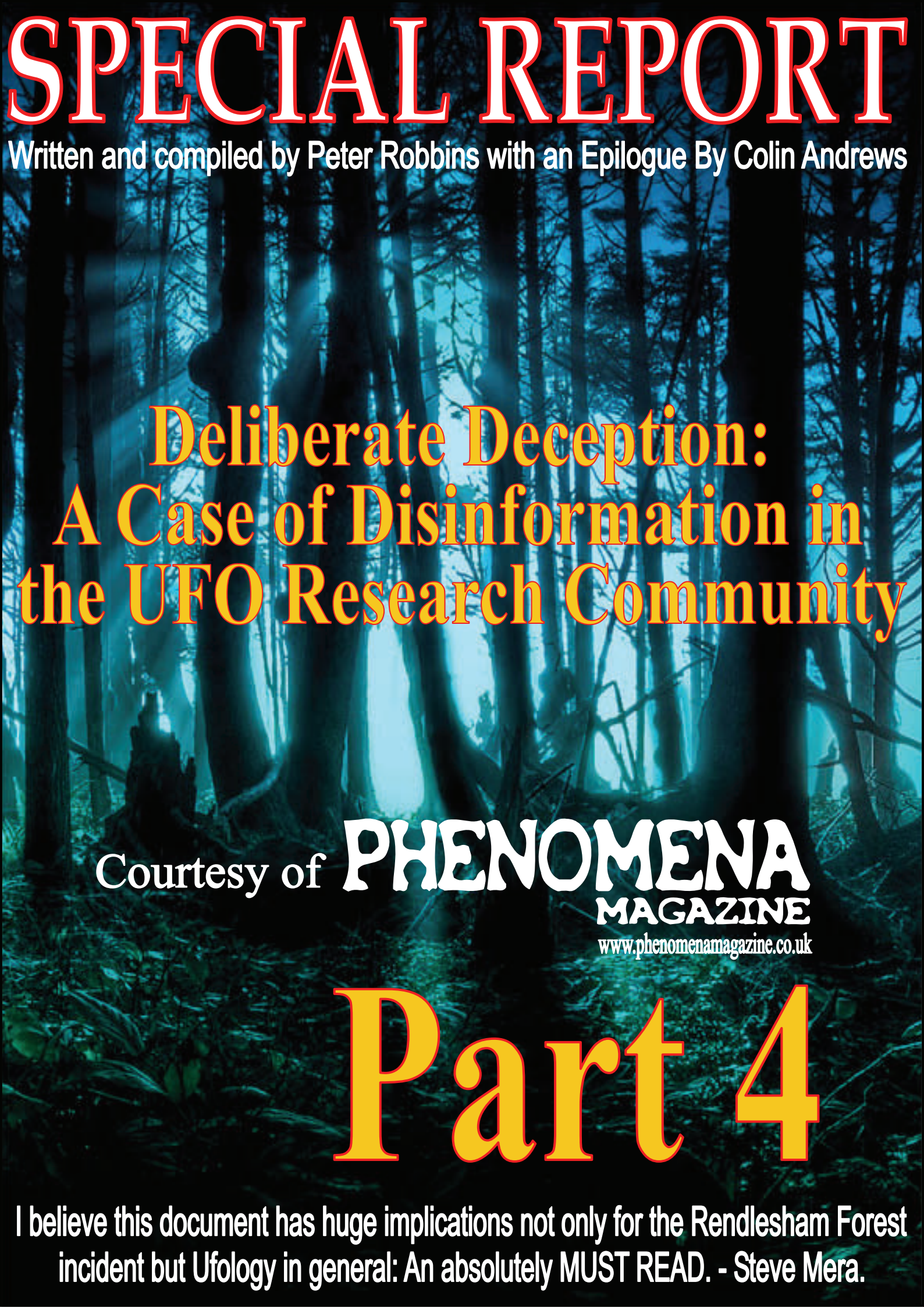
SPECIAL REPORT

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Deliberate Deception: A Case of Disinformation in the UFO Research Community

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Part 4

I believe this document has huge implications not only for the Rendlesham Forest incident but Ufology in general: An absolutely MUST READ. - Steve Mera.

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NEWS OF THE WORLD, London, England

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 Tangham Wood just half a mile from the United States Air Force base at RAF Woodbridge, in Suffolk.

An American airman who was there told us there were three beings in silver space suits aboard the craft.

Farm cattle and forest animals ran berserk as the spacecraft, a sloping silver dish about 20ft across its base, silently glided to land in a blinding explosion of lights.

About 200 military and civilian personnel, British and American, witnessed the astonishing event. The airman said the visitors appeared to be expected.

Two nights later a series of fast-moving objects beaming powerful lights earthward were spotted over the base by a number of airmen.

It sounds like aliens coming to earth in the film Close Encounters, but the PROOF that an Unidentified Flying Object landed in Britain is irrefutable.

The key witness is Lt. Colonel Charles I. Halt, deputy commander of the USAF 81st Tactical Fighter Wing stationed alongside the RAF at Woodbridge.

With the help of UFO experts in Britain and the US we have obtained a copy of his official report on the incident, part of which is reproduced on the right.

On official USAF notepaper and headed "Unexplained Lights," Colonel Halt wrote:

> Early in the morning two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge.

PULSING

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 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 metres across the base and approximately two metres high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light.

The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared.

At this time the animals on a nearby farm went into a frenzy.

The object was sighted approximately an hour later near the back gate.

The next day three depressions one and a half inches deep and seven inches in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground.

The following night, the colonel reported, the area was checked for radiation and readings were found in the depressions and on a tree.

His report goes on:

> 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 while objects and disappeared.
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> Immediately thereafter three star-like objects were noted in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 10 degrees off the horizon.
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> The objects moved rapidly in sharp angular movements and displayed green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared elliptical through an 8-12 power lens.
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> 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 lights from time to time.

Numerous people, including himself, witnessed these events, Colonel Halt concluded.

Last week he declined to say anything further when we called on him at the base.

"This is a very delicate situation," he said.

"I have been told very clearly that I could jeopardise my career if I talk to you about it."

But before filing his report Colonel Halt sought advice from the RAF base commander, Squadron Leader Donald Moriand, who told me:

"The Colonel sat in my office and was a very worried man.

TRUTH

"The first I knew of these events was when he came to me and related what he had seen. I know Col. Halt well and respect him and I fully believe he was telling me the truth.

"Whatever it was, it was able to perform feats in the air which no known aircraft is capable of doing. I put the events the Colonel related to me down to inexplicable phenomena."

The Colonel's report confirms the strange events in the forest that night, but lacks the eyewitness detail given to us by Art Wallace, a USAF Security Policeman, now back in America as a civilian.

He was sent to the site in a convoy of military vehicles from nearby Bentwaters that night and describes what he saw:

> We looked up in the sky and saw a red ball of light coming towards us from over the trees.
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> There was no noise, no sound at all. We were all mesmerised. All of a sudden, the red light exploded. The place was filled with an explosion of colours, all kinds of colours.
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> We were momentarily blinded and when the colours died down there was a machine.

Art said there were beings in the craft, but he could not see them as he was on the wrong side.

SILVER

"But others did. They said there were three, wearing silver suits."

Art Wallace—we have changed his name for security reasons—tells his story on Page 3 today.

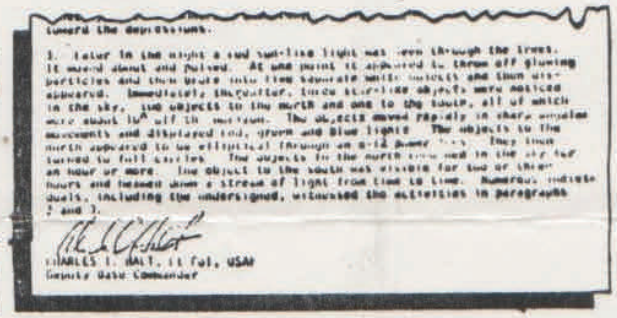
One theory is that the craft was a military space vehicle returning to earth from a top secret mission, but that would hardly explain why Colonel Halt knew nothing of it.

Last word goes to gamekeeper Roger Boast, who lives in his cottage near the airbase:

"Something happened that night. The cattle in a nearby field ran amok. And deer and rabbits ran from the woods.

"It is all very strange."

And that's OFFICIAL



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

EVIDENCE DETAIL from Lt. Col. Charles Halt's confidential report about the sighting of "unexplained lights" and a strange glowing object that lit up the forest

NEWS OF THE WORLD INVESTIGATES

By KEITH BEABEY



NO HOAX: Brig. Gen. Williams

NO HOAX SAYS THE AIR CHIEF

THERE has been no hoax, says the man who was in charge of the USAF base at Woodbridge when the UFO came down.

The Wing Commander, now Brigadier-General Gordon Williams, said back home in America: "I recall Lt Colonel Halt's report.

"I don't know exactly what happened. It is all there. He is not a man who would hoax the British Ministry of Defence or the American Air Force Department." Despite official silence, News of the World reporters discovered that the UFO was tracked on radar by RAF station, 10 miles from where it landed.

Radar technicians reported: "Tracking unidentified object."

They followed its progress across the east coast until it disappeared off the screen.

U S A F intelligence officers later checked the tapes of all radar installations in the area.



VEHICLE LOOKING like a giant tortoise, this is airman Art Wallace's drawing of what he saw when the pulsating craft came to earth in the Suffolk countryside

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THE SINISTER PLOT TO HUSH UP THE TRUTH

A FORMER senior Ministry of Defence official has backed the News of the World's demand to end the huge cover-up on the UFO that landed in Britain.

"I must speak out," he said. "The Ministry of Defence know far more than they are prepared to say. But now they have an obligation to tell the nation what occurred that night in a British wood."

The official spoke as two other astonishing facts came to light following our dramatic revelation last week of the UFO landing in Tangham Wood, near RAF Woodbridge, Suffolk. These were:

● **SECRET SERVICE** agents "invented" a plane crash as part of an elaborate plot to hush up the UFO incident at 3 a.m. on December 27, 1980.

● **AN AMERICAN** airman is convinced he was brainwashed by interrogators to blot out all memory of the alien craft.

By IAIN MACASKILL and KEITH BEABEY

BAFFLED

The Defence Ministry official was an Assistant Under-Secretary of State—a post that allows access to top secret papers.

He is still bound by the Official Secrets Act, so cannot be named.

He said: "It is in the public interest to push this hard. What worries me is not what the Ministry may be concealing.

"It's the alarming possibility that they may be trying to brush under the carpet something stupendous which has got them as baffled as the rest of us."

The ex-official claimed that reports of "little green men" leaving the UFO at Tangham Wood would not be disputed by the Ministry.

HOPE

He said: "It will probably pay official circles to let you go on down this line. On past form, public interest will peter out in a week or two.

"The Ministry and others can then settle back on their haunches and hope it doesn't happen again."

What the man from the Ministry really thinks happened is amazing.

He reckons top-secret space experiments could have been carried out over England—and something may have gone drastically wrong.

"Those of us who have been following the UFO phenomenon in recent years were aware of this incident.

"Enquiries produced the usual blank at the time but there was sufficient unease in the response on the American side to suggest that something very significant had happened.

"Congratulations to the News of the World on bringing the matter to public notice. Now questions need to be pressed vigorously in the House of Commons—and they should be answered."

Farmers and foresters living in the remote countryside KNEW something mysterious had happened that December night.

Within days United States airmen, who share the Woodbridge base, took action.

RUMOURS

They deliberately spread rumours that a plane had crashed.

At the same time they visited radar stations which litter the strategic East Anglian region. And discovered that some stations had recorded the UFO on tape. The Americans confiscated those tapes. And Admiral of the Fleet Lord Hill-Norton, former Chief of Defence Staff, said there IS an official cover up policy on UFO sightings.

He revealed in an exclusive interview that every year there are 10 to 15 visual or radar "telling sightings" over Britain.

All are reported to the Ministry of Defence's special UFO unit.

"But after the reports arrive there you never find out what happened," said Lord Hill-Norton.

"It's my contention that there is a deliberate cover up by governments in the United States and here."



HILL-NORTON: Unexplained

MAN WHO NEVER WAS

THE man whose eye-witness account of the UFO landing first broke the official secrecy barrier, has told of how he was involved in the giant cover-up that followed.

And when he later tried to rejoin the U.S. Air Force, there was no record of his existence.

Airman First Class Art Wallace — an assumed name — told us how he saw the strange triangular-shaped craft come in to land. He said he was under strict orders not to talk about it.

"It seems far-fetched in the cold light of day," he said, "but I have a feeling I was drugged in some way. After the forest incident I woke up in the barracks without knowing how I got there."

Wallace said he remembers thinking a few days later that he was in an underground cavern, being shown films of American astronauts on the moon.

Records

In the background were strange spacecraft.

But, he says, it was all part of the bizarre brain washing efforts of U.S. intelligence agents.

The lengths the American secret service appear to have gone to cover up the landing of the space ship are extraordinary.

Art Wallace said that, after leaving the air force, he was unable to find a job and tried to re-enlist.

But he was told that he could not—since there was no record of him ever having been in the USAF.

A colleague, John Burroughs, who also witnessed the landing of the brightly lit craft, had never existed either, according to air force records.

Yet Burroughs did speak to Lieutenant Larry Fawcett, 44, deputy police chief of Coventry, Connecticut—who is also Deputy Director of Citizens Against UFO Secrecy — and confirmed the evidence given by Art Wallace.

Even Lt Colonel Charles Halt, the Deputy Commander of the base who saw the incident and prepared an official report on it, was given strict orders to stay mum.

Col Halt told us: "This is a very delicate situation and I've been told very clearly that I could jeopardise my career if I talk to you about it.

Delicate

"People who know about what happened are scattered to the four corners of America and beyond and are bound by the same regulations as I am.

"It has been made clear to me that there is no loophole."

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UFO LANDING

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Officers tell of amazing sight as huge red ball exploded, leaving craft carrying 3 aliens

UFOs

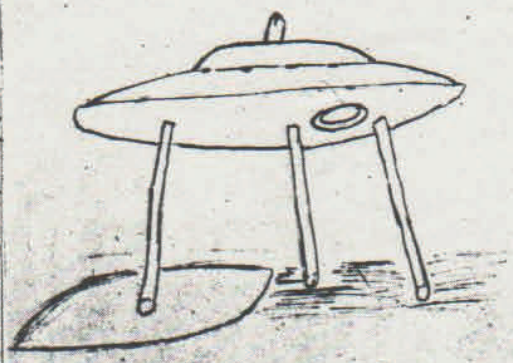
TOP U.S. Air Force officers — including a general — have told of the first "real" landing of a UFO on earth.

Witnesses to the landing have told of a huge, sun-like ball of red light that hovered feet above the ground before exploding into hundreds of dazzling, multicolored fireballs.

When the amazing cosmic fireworks display was over, a craft from outer space stood before the stunned officers.

Incredibly, as they cautiously approached the strange, triangular craft, they were able to see three space beings, dressed in silver suits, inside.

According to the report, the aliens chose to land only half a mile from a huge British Royal Air Force base at Woodbridge in the east of England, which is shared by the U.S. Air Force's 81st Tactical Fighter Wing.



Among those whose sworn statements are in the report describing the events of December 27, 1980, are Lt. Col. Charles I. Halt, deputy commander of the American base and a key witness to the amazing events; base commander Brig. Gen. Gordon Williams; RAF base commander Squadron Leader Donald Moreland, and a U.S. Air Force security guard who actually investigated the craft.

In his sworn testimony, Lt. Col. Halt described how he and other officers, estimated to number at least 200, watched from the base as the huge red ball exploded and disappeared, leaving the craft on the ground.

"Immediately thereafter three star-like objects were noted in the sky.

"The objects moved rapidly in sharp, angular movements and displayed green and blue lights," he said.

He then described how officers viewed them through a powerful telescope and saw that at one point they were shaped like a flat dish and how, when they turned, they became round.

He continued: "The two objects to the north of us 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 lights from time to time."

As Lt. Col. Halt and the others were being treated to the extraordinary display, another craft had landed near a party sent to investigate.

Security guard Airman Art Wallace (not his real name) told how he was in a convoy of jeeps sent to observe the strange lights.

"We saw an object. It appeared to be resting on the ground and looked like a giant aspirin. It was transparent," Wallace said.

"Nearby there was an airman carrying a radio. Suddenly, we heard a chopper pilot telling him: 'Here it comes.'

"We looked up and saw a red ball of light coming toward us from over the trees. In the distance it looked about 100 ft. high and appeared to be coming in to land.

"It came right down over the transparent aspirin on the ground. We were all mesmerized. All of a sudden the red light exploded. The air was filled with an explosion of colors, all kinds of colors. We were blinded.

"When the colors died down we looked again, and there was a machine there. It appeared to have a triangular shape and was covered with pipes and valves. It was about 20 ft. across at the bottom, with sloping sides up to the top, which was about 12 to 15 ft. high, certainly big enough to handle people."

Wallace, whose real name cannot be used for security reasons, then told of the sighting of the aliens as the security teams approached the ship.

"Suddenly, a green light came on at the top of the space ship," he said. "It moved down the sides of the craft until it reached the level of our heads, then bounced from the level of one head to another.

"Then I realized the spaceship was inhabited. There were beings on board."

Wallace, now 22, was honorably discharged from the Air Force in June 1981 and has returned to civilian life.

The U.S. Air Force Department and the British Ministry of Defense agreed to cover up the landing and keep it top secret at the request of Lt. Col. Halt.

But two local UFO enthusiasts, Brenda Butler and Dorothy Street, who live not far from the base, heard rumors of the amazing happening.

When their requests for information were met by silence they contacted an American, police Lt. Lawrence Fawcett, deputy police chief of the town of Coventry, Conn., and the assistant director of the Citizens Against UFO Secrecy group.

He used the Freedom of Information Act, which permits citizens to obtain government documents, to get the Air Force to hand over its report on the landing.

Lt. Col. Halt's report said that when the landing site was investigated during daylight that day "three depressions 1½ in. deep and seven inches in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground." Before filing his report, Lt. Col. Halt confided in Squadron Leader Moreland, who said:

"I know Col. Halt well and respect him and I fully believe he was telling me the truth.

"Whatever it was, it was able to perform feats in the air that no known aircraft is capable of doing," he said.

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UFO group attempts to enlighten public

By ANDREA ATKINS
Times staff

BEVERLY — On Dec. 28, 1980, Art Wallace, an American Air Force security officer, was ordered into the woods near a British air force base where he observed animals running frenzied from the forest's interior.

As he and several colleagues searched the area, they saw light rays coming through the woods, heard helicopter sounds and observed what he described as a "transparent aspirin with a mist in the middle."

That Woodbrige, England, incident was the focus of conversation yesterday at the 2 Cherry Road home of Marge Christensen. Mrs. Christensen, a teacher at Beverly High School, has been involved in UFO investigations since she heard a lecture on UFOs about 10 years ago.

The meeting at her home was a regular session of the regional Mutual UFO Network Inc. About a dozen people attended, some from as far away as New York.

Larry Fawcett, one of the directors of the Mutual UFO Network, told the group that, according to the reports, "over the pine trees came a red ball which then burst into multi-colors. Where the aspirin was, there was a machine — triangular in shape, with lights on it."

After more than one hour's discussion of that day's events, Fawcett introduced Art Wallace (an assumed name) — the man who witnessed the incident.

Wallace said he has gotten accustomed to skepticism about his incredible story while at the same time he has undergone "unending harassment" from the military. "I know I wasn't crazy. I know it happened. I know it's hard for people to accept," said the 22-year-old New York state native who said he also saw three-foot tall beings that same night.

Fawcett and Mrs. Christensen are part of the Mutual UFO Network, an international scientific organization, which researches UFO sitings and tries to bring the information to the public.

They said yesterday that Wallace's siting is significant because two days after it occurred, British researchers, none of whom knew the American Wallace, were told the same story about what went on in the woods near Woodbridge.

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• UFO sitings discussed

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Dot Street, one of the British researchers, was at yesterday's meeting.

Ms. Street said she has been to the British Defense Ministry, the Forestry Ministry and other national departments with little success in learning the details of that December night.

She did learn, however, that the British Broadcasting Co. was told by the Forestry Deparment that something did happen in those woods, but "we've been told by the military not to say what."

And a letter obtained from U.S. Air Force Col. Charles I. Halt, confirms the incident.

"Early in the morning of 27 Dec. 1980, two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge," Halt wrote in a Jan. 1981 memo to the RAF.

"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," Halt wrote.

The next day, the colonel reported, depressions were found in the forest floor.

The Mutual UFO Network (MUFON) wants to release more of the information it feels the government is withholding on this and other sitings. According to Ray Fowler of Wenham, the author of five books on the subject, and a member of MUFON, the government has no defenses against alien invaders and also fears the information gleaned from these sitings could be used against this country militarily.

"The United State might want to use this information to apply to its own weapons systems. They don't look at this from a scientific standpoint, but as a military issue," he said.

Wallace said he was ordered by his superiors to "keep quiet" about the incident and discovered a telephone call to his mother had been tapped and disconnected when he began to tell her the story.

He was until recently denied re-enlistment in the military. The incident, he said, has changed his life, made him wary of phone calls and talking with the media. He said his family worries about his safety.

But he is even angrier with people who attempt to dismiss what he claims he saw.

"There were people in England who said it was a lighthouse. It makes me sick. The human race is so derogatory to themselves when they say things like that. I never believed in this before, but when I saw it, I wanted to tell everyone about it," he said.

Forum participants seek UFO explanation

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By VIRGINIA LOWRY
Times staff

BEVERLY — In the past three years, more than 5,000 unidentified flying objects have been sighted in the New York, New Jersey and Connecticut areas.

So far, the majoriety of those objects remain unidentified in what investigators term "The Hudson Valley UFO Mystery."

The Hudson Valley mystery involves the largest number of UFO reports in history, according to investigator Philip Imbrogno of Greenwich, Conn.

Imbrogno was one of about 100 participants in the third annual UFO Forum hosted by the Massachusetts affiliate of the Mutual UFO Network, Inc. (MUFON). The forum was held for the second year Saturday and Sunday at the Beverly Golf and Tennis Club.

Some participants in the forum, like Imbrogno, shared reports of sightings and other data collected since last year. Others had their own experiences to relate, while many just listened.

"We know that the FAA did an investigation in 1984, and they could find no cause for the sightings," Imbrogno said. Likewise, he said, his team has been investigating the phenomena since 1983, "and we've compiled hundreds of cases" in which there is no known explanation for the UFOs.

In most cases, observers have reported an object about the size of a football field, mostly dark metallic and well, lit, said Imbrogno.

"Sometimes, the lights seem to be boomerang-shaped," he added. According to one witness, Imbrogno said, "it looked like a city in the sky."

Larry Warren of Hartford, Conn., had his own personal experience to relate.

Warren was stationed as a security police officer with the U.S. Air Force near the Royal Air Force base at Woodbridge, England, in 1980, when he and other military personnel encountered "a triangular craft of some sort.

"What I saw was a gigantic ground fog," Warren recalled. "An object approached, with a small red light. It came down over this fog and exploded very silently.

"It was silver with a very bright red glow at the top and a very bright bank of blue lights at the bottom."

Warren said he observed the craft for about a half hour, then saw "some sort of life form. Something moved away from it. There were three small beings . . . with dark, black eyes."

Warren said the "beings" were close to the base commander.

"Then I was told to leave," he concluded.

Warren has told his story many times, including in interviews with military investigators. So far, he said, there has been no official confirmation that the craft or its occupants were, in fact, extraterrestrial.

Participants in the weekend forum came to Beverly from many parts of the United States, and as far away as South America.

Speakers included Alejandro Agostinelli, director of the Center for UFO Study and Commission for Ufological Investigations, based in Buenos Aires, Argentina; Jim Melesciue, Massachusetts MUFON state director; author David M. Jacobs; Richard Haines, a research scientist with the U.S. space sation program; Budd Hopkins, author of "Missing Time;" Dan Wright, MUFON central states director, and physicist Bruce MacCabee.

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Meteor as cause of bright lights

An unidentified flying object spotted on Thursday night by hundreds of people all over England was almost certainly a meteor breaking up, officers at the Royal Air Force observer base at West Drayton, London, said yesterday.

After many calls were made to the base and to Heathrow airport, London, a search was started for any aircraft in the area. Flight Lieutenant Duncan Swift, in charge of the emergency desk at West Drayton, received reports from as far away as Cornwall and Yorkshire.

The base said: "All the reports indicate a large meteor breaking up, or a satellite. The reports were all the same, a large, bright light followed by a mass of smaller ones.

"As soon as the reports began to come in we looked for any aircraft that might have been in trouble, but there were none around." The object was on a north-easterly course and high in the sky.

The film, *Airport 1975*, was shown on television on Thursday night, raising public awareness to the possibility of aircraft in trouble.

Base visit for man in UFO mystery

THE senior American air force officer at the centre of the Suffolk UFO mystery was back in Woodbridge last week, it was confirmed yesterday.

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He was seen in the town last week, just before a book

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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



his original story but made

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



How Art Wallace visualised an alien.

American officer's report sheds new light on UFO

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beamed down a stream of lights from time to time."

The report was published yesterday in the News of the World together with another eye-witness account from an ex-serviceman now living back in America. He claims other personnel saw three beings in the craft wearing silver suits.

Last night Ben Brown welcomed the report's publication. "It's what we wanted because it can help to dash of cover-up," he said.

She hoped the report would "make people realise what is going on and that these things do exist."

Now she hopes more witnesses will come forward. Her colleague Brenda Butler from Ealing, both members of the British UFO

tested. But they could just as easily have been rabbit droppings."

"There's hundreds of rumours about this, but I have never met anyone who actually saw it. It's all a big cod."

Last night Suffolk Police said their records revealed that in the early hours of December 26 the low-flying desk at Bentwaters reported seeing unusual lights in the sky and

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■ At left, ufologist Ann Druffel gives a lecture at "The UFO Experience: A weekend with researchers and contactees," a two-day conference in North Haven. The lecture suggested how audience members, below, could defend themselves against alien abductions.

David Bruneau / Special to The Courant



The Hartford Courant

Alien encounters

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By DAVID JACOBSON
Courant Staff Writer

The buzzword among UFO believers is "missing time." They lose track of time and wonder where the hours went. Then under hypnosis they recall a spacecraft and being abducted by aliens. Maybe the aliens did surgery on them. It's overwhelming.

Well, you don't need to go through all that to feel strange and overwhelmed. Spending the past weekend at the North Haven Holiday Inn would have been enough. It was home to "The UFO Experience: A Weekend With Researchers and Contactees."

There you could have met beings as unusual in their own way as the 4-foot-tall, big-headed, gray-skinned aliens that many at the conference believe are checking out this planet.

These folks, 300-plus, carried their UFO faith like a sci-fi force field, warding off skepticism, sucking certainties from 14½ hours of lectures, including one titled "How to Defend Yourself Against Alien Abductions."

Your first close encounter would have been in a hospitality area.

A strapping blond guy in a black T-shirt, David Daniotti, 26, had arrived in a silver Isuzu pickup, not a spaceship; he came from South Windsor, not Zeta Reticula (a star some ufologists think aliens are coming from).

Like many at the conference, he got into UFOs after seeing *something*. It swooped over Tolland one night, banking too sharply for a plane, he insisted, with strobe lights that "looked funny, not like normal strobe lights."

Talking with dozens of others who had seen things glowing and hovering, he was convinced. "My life has become a science-fiction movie," he said.

Daniotti believes the government knows all about the alien visitors — a widely held view at the conference and the subject of several lectures.

He also demonstrated the sharp, jujitsu logic of the UFO believers, logic that turns a skeptic's question into further support for the aliens' existence.

Why don't the aliens just land in Bushnell Park at lunchtime and make themselves known? Why all this swooping and hovering in the rural night?

"If we discovered a group of natives on an island and if this group of natives believed

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UFO conferees share their close encounters

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they were the most intelligent, most knowledgeable on all the Earth, and we approached them with Stealth fighters and aircraft carriers, they wouldn't be able to handle it; there'd be upheaval," Daniotti said.

And there can be Messianic overtones to *knowing* the UFOs are here. "You know that in your lifetime something is going to happen. The announcement [by the government on aliens' reality] is going to be made. You try to prepare yourself."

And, Daniotti asserted, "there are a lot of discussions in these back rooms that are above top secret."

Indeed, morning 'til night, the hallways are abuzz:

"... I can't talk to my family about this. I'm not a wacko..."

"... It would raise havoc. People are not ready to know ..."

"... [Aliens] are not all benevolent, I'm sure ..."

For most at the conference, "believer" was too weak a term.

Take Robert Bletchman, 58, a Manchester attorney. His speech staccato, his horn-rim aviators slipping down his nose, he decried "new age cockamamie" in the UFO movement. The public has lost its critical judgment, he said. "Everything's possible, but everything is not equally plausible."

Yet when it comes to extraterrestial UFOS, he said, "This is beyond faith, beyond belief, I *know*."

To a sympathetic outsider, in the absence of an actual saucer or alien being, the source of this certainty seemed perpetually out of reach.

Officially, the government stopped studying UFOs in 1969 — though much evidence suggests it has continued to do so secretly. Filling that vacuum, ufologists are forever invoking secret documents and conspiracies.

One set of papers in particular, which supposedly show the coverup of a 1947 flying-saucer crash in New Mexico in which the government recovered alien bodies, has become the field's Dead Sea scrolls. Scholarly papers are published on the authenticity of their signatures and style.

Blurry photographs of glowing discs are computer enhanced and analyzed. It's all a bit like submitting the Shroud of Turin to magnetic resonance image scan, an attempt to lend scientific certainty to mystery.

At conferences like this, organizations, researchers and witnesses subtly vie for the mantle of credibility and popularity. Yet Larry Warren, 30, of Glens Falls, N.Y., insisted the UFO subculture can be stifling.

After witnessing a nighttime UFO landing while stationed with the Air Force in England 10 years ago, Warren said, he was attacked by ufologists who didn't think the craft — a basketball-size amber glow that silently exploded to form a solid vehicle — or the creatures he saw — bigheaded and hovering — fit previous patterns.

In horn rims and a Dodgers cap, Warren said his fantastic experience, the reality of which even he still questions, led to divorce and has had lasting social consequences.

"Initially, I would tell anyone. Then you leave the room and hear the laughs," he said.

After a hiatus from the UFO-conference circuit, he has returned to "find out what the current hype is." He is working on a book.

"The witnesses are the only ones worth their salt ...," Warren said. "These others who make money off us, haven't been through it ... We've all been used."

Conferees debated varying versions of the unknowable, the irresolvable: Why don't the aliens more openly communicate with us?

Michael Hochman, 44, of Paramus, N.J., wearing a gold chain and handing out cards advertising his new singles' yearbook, suggested aliens are too advanced: "Our planet is in its infancy. Why would we want to discuss our problems with dogs?"

But his companion, Sherry Kotler, 40, of Scarsdale, N.Y., asserted that if the aliens revealed themselves they would draw mankind's ire: That's because they've been abducting people, operating on them, draining the blood from cattle.

"I think they're interbreeding [with humans], because they're failing genetically, their race is dying," she said.

And for all the talk of a government coverup, another recurrent theme confided by believers in the back rooms was that the government has been slowly leaking the truth, preparing the public for the reality of alien space visitors — especially working with Hollywood on movies and TV shows.

"It used to be all aliens were looking to kill you, now recently we have 'Cocoon,' and 'E.T.' and now [on TV] 'Alien Nation,' where we're working together," said Jean Munzer, director of the Metaphysical Center of New Jersey.

"I think it's necessary for us to get ... more into accepting these things ... I think the government is leaking it out."

When it came to the lectures themselves, audiences were rapt. Questions took off from presentations without questioning underlying assumptions.

■ Late Saturday afternoon, Ed and Frances Walters of Gulf Breeze, Fla., presented a slide show of their now famed late '80s encounters.

They told of Ed chasing an alien across his back deck and being grabbed by a sudden blue beam. They showed pictures of glowing spaceships hovering in the Florida sky and even one of Frances running away from the alien beam.

Afterward, there were no questions about the photographs possibly being artful double exposures, as debunkers claim.

Instead, books were autographed. Questions were raised about a rumored TV mini-series. About the results of hypnosis sessions in which Ed supposedly relived "missing time."

Indeed, the Walters have turned the debunkers' attacks in their favor. Ed said that a flying-saucer model found secreted in his old house was planted there..

■ Early Sunday morning, dark-suited ufologist Ann Druffel from Pasdadena, Calif., lashed out at alien abductors who "treat human beings as having no rights."

Some people think the aliens are here to speed our evolution, Druffel conceded. Even if it's true, that's no excuse for traumatizing acts, she said.

We may not be able to resist technologically superior beings who arrive in space ships, she said. But as for the "night visitors," who walk though bedroom walls before abducting people and taking them off to ships, she has researched effective ways to beat them back:

"Righteous anger, sustained mental struggle, protective rage and prayer," she summed up.

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England's Christmas Close Encounter Makes Waves Ten Years Later

First in a two-part series.

Few UFO incidents in the last decade have been surrounded by so much controversy and potential significance as the so-called Rendlesham or Bentwaters UFO case of late December 1980. Rendlesham is the name of a forest in Suffolk, southern England, near the East Anglian town of Ipswich and two important NATO bases, RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge, leased to the U.S. Air Force.

Both bases form a complex with the Headquarters of the USAF 81st Tactical Fighter Wing at Bentwaters. Many other NATO air bases are located in the same area near the North Sea, including RAF Lakenheath, Mildenhall and the radar station at Watton, which reportedly detected unknown targets on that fateful week of December 1980.

A series of puzzling UFO incidents were reported during a three-night period sometime between the week of Christmas and New Year in 1980. There has been some confusion on the exact dates; an official document obtained under the Freedom of Information Act signed by Lt. Col. Charles I. Halt, then Deputy Base Commander of Bentwaters, gives the dates of Dec. 29/30 for the larger incident, and Dec. 26/27 for the first event involving two USAF security police patrolmen.

John Burroughs, one of the key witnesses to both incidents, places the dates one night earlier for each one. Although many details and allegations are still subject to heated debate, Col. Halt's memo of Jan 13, 1981, addressed to the British Ministry of Defense (MoD) and titled "Unexplained Lights," gives considerable credence to the case.

This author, in fact, wrote one of the first accounts of the incident in the American press with the article, "What are UFOs? Govt. knows but isn't telling," published in this newspaper on Sept. 5, 1984. The article was based both in Col. Halt's memo, which had been recently declassified at the time, and the testimony of former Airman 1st Class Larry Warren, who was stationed in Bentwaters at the time of the events. Warren was also one of the case's original "whistleblowers" and is currently writing a book of his experiences with researcher Peter Robbins.

Many accounts of the Rendlesham UFO incidents have been published in various periodicals and books in the United States and the United Kingdom since 1983. The only full book about the case is *Sky Crash* (1984, Neville Spearman, U.K.) by two local investigators, Brenda Butler and Dot Street, and well known English ufologist Jenny Randles. The book's title was misleading, as beyond some unsubstantiated rumors that a top secret aircraft had come down or a military experiment had gone awry, there is no basis for calling the Rendlesham landings a crash. Further criticism was leveled by former MoD official and investigator Ralph Noyes in a chapter on the Suffolk landings in *The UFO Report 1990* (Sidgwick & Jackson, U.K.): "The book [*Sky Crash*] remains a mine of potential information — but also a minefield of dubious speculation, without so much as an index or an attempted calendar of events," wrote Noyes.

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PETER ROBBINS

ALLEGED LANDING SITE *of a UFO in Rendlesham forest shows effects on the ground still visible after 10 years.*

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Other accounts of Bentwaters can be found in the books *Clear Intent* (Prentice Hall, 1984) by Fawcett and Greenwood (republished recently — but not updated — under the title of *The UFO Cover-up*); *Above Top Secret* by English researcher Timothy Good (U.S. edition by William Morrow); and the papers by Raymond Boeche, *Bentwaters — What Do We Know?* (1986 MUFON Symposium Proceedings), and *A Fire in the Forest: New Light on the Rendlesham Landing* by Prof. Benton Jamison *International UFO Reporter*, Sept/Oct 1988). In addition, Chuck DeCaro produced an important special report on Bentwaters for CNN, which aired in late January of 1985. England's Yorkshire UFO Society has also made available some further documentation on the case.

Readers can see that there has been no absence of published materials on this case. Nevertheless, a number of important questions remain still unanswered 10 years later.

Not a Secret Weapon

Jenny Randles was the first investigator to write extensively about this incident. After meeting her during a UFO Conference in Phoenix in the fall of 1989, I asked her in an interview what were her current conclusions on the case.

"I think that the Bentwaters case involved a real UFO incident," responded Randles, adding that "for quite a lot of time I was delving into the idea that what had probably happened was some kind of catastrophic failure of some system — maybe they'd been testing a 'Star Wars' weapon, which is very feasible in one of the bases around the forest."

Since the incidents had been seen by too many witnesses at both bases, as well by a few English civilians and policemen, Randles speculated that the UFO could have been a cover story to hide the real facts. "However," she added, "having talked to people directly involved, including specifically at Phoenix one of the key eyewitnesses, I now suspect his version of events that he was dealing with a real UFO incident."

The witness Randles was referring to was John Burroughs, who was on a law enforcement patrol at RAF Woodbridge when the first incident took place on Christmas night of 1980. Having met Burroughs at the same Phoenix Conference, I was able to interview him recently by phone with regards to his experiences 10 years ago.

Burroughs was 20 years old at the time, having joined the Air Force in March 1979 and served a tour of duty at Bentwaters from July of that year to July of 1981. He separated from the USAF in 1988 with the rank of Sergeant.

Burroughs was on patrol at Woodbridge on the early hours of Dec. 26, 1980, when he saw "some strange lights" at the East Gate with his supervisor. "We decided to go on down off base and kind of check the edge of the woods to see maybe what was going on because it didn't seem right," said Burroughs, adding "there was radio traffic back and forth and the decision was made by the Shift Commander that two security guys and me would go out into the woods" to investigate. They took a vehicle and then walked into a clearing, where they saw the object at closer proximity.

Asked to describe the object, Burroughs said it looked like "a bank of lights, differently colored lights that threw off an image of like a craft. I never saw anything metallic or anything hard." However, Burroughs was quite emphatic in dismissing the secret weapon hypothesis. "For the government to have that type of technology that went on in early 1980, it would be hard to believe," he said.

Even more strange was the feeling of eeriness that he experienced that first night, as well as during the larger incident two nights later. "Everything seemed like it was different when we were in that area," said Burroughs. "The sky didn't seem the same, it was like a weird feeling, like everything seemed slower than you were actually doing; and all of a sudden when the object was gone, everything was like normal again."

The experience of the first night was summarized in Col. Halt's memo, which mentioned "a strange glowing object in the forest ... 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 pulsating red light on top and a bank of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs."

Moreover, continued Halt's report, "the next day, three depressions 1½" deep and 7" in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (Dec. 29, 1980) 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 towards the depressions."

Third Sighting Was the Big One

Halt then proceeded to describe very briefly a series of sightings that he and several other airman had that night. The third night has been described as the big one, although according to Burroughs, "some lights were seen in the woods by some patrolmen and by the Shift Commander that was on" on the second night as well.

There are various and somewhat differing accounts of the third night, which may have involved as many as 50 to 60 people altogether. Col. Halt was certainly present by his own admission, but there are considerable discrepancies as to whether the Base Commander, Col. Ted Conrad, or the Wing Commander, Lt. Col. Gordon Williams (later promoted to General), were also there.

A tape recording of the event made by Col. Halt was leaked in late 1984 by Col. Sam Morgan, who succeeded Conrad as Bentwaters' Base Commander. Although the recording certainly had some portions deleted and skeptics made efforts to discredit it, there is good reason to believe that it is a factual and on-site testimony of what went on that night. Halt himself is on record attesting that one of the voices therein is his.

Lt. Bruce Englund, Sgt. Nevelles and John Burroughs are some of the other voices recorded. The tape describes initially the efforts to undertake the radiation readings on the depressions and the nearby trees on a winter night.

"We've found a small blast, what looks like a blasted or scruffed up area here," says one of the voices. "We're getting very positive readings." As the night goes on, however, the voices become increasingly excited as strange lights appear in the forest.

"OK, we're looking at the thing, we're probably about two or 300 yards," states one of the witnesses. "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 center, a dark center. 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."

Even though the released portion of the tape has less than 20 minutes, the actual timespan covers a period of over three hours.

(Part two of this series will continue in tomorrow's Commentary section).

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England's Bentwaters Close Encounter Debated 10 Years Later

Second in a two-part series.

I have obtained from researcher Peter Robbins a complete account written by Larry Warren of his experience on the third night of the Bentwaters UFO case, with permission to use portions of it. Both are working together on a book about the incident, titled *Left at East Gate.*

Warren describes how he was on a security shift that night when he was called to join a motor pool and go into the forest. They left the vehicles and approached a clearing in the woods. "Now I could see what was out in the field," he wrote. "It looked like a ground fog but was somehow lit up. It glowed very brightly and had the definition of a roughly shaped circle. Around 2:30 AM, a small red light ... made a downward arc and was directly over the fog."

Suddenly, "the red ball exploded in a blinding flash," and a big machine shaped like an "arrowhead" appeared where the fog had been. "The main body was pearl white with a rainbow color effect. It was constantly distorting as I looked at it. At the bottom was a bank of extremely bright cobalt blue lights. Below that, I thought I could make out dark landing gear. Covering the entire surface were what looked like boxes, pipes, and strange extensions."

Warren has been accused of exaggerating details of the incident. However, his description fits with that of another key witness, Sgt. Adrian Bustinza, interviewed by Raymond Boeche in 1984. The airman described how they came "on a yellow mist on the ground, or actually about two or three feet off the ground. It was nothing I'd ever seen before. Suddenly the object was just there, it was a dark silver-colored metal, with plenty of rainbow-colored lights on it. I couldn't tell if something was breaking the light up, like a prism, or if that was the actual color of the lights. It was a tremenous size."

If the incident looks sensational up to this point, the most controversial part is yet to come. According to Warren, from the object came "a glowing ball of light" which revealed creatures inside. "They were small, about three to four feet tall and ghostlike in appearance," he wrote. "They had large heads with catlike black eyes ... They were not human at all, but I was not frightened. Each wore clothing that was very bright, almost silver."

Warren said some kind of "contact" was made between the beings and the Wing Commander, Lt. Col. Williams. "Standing about five foot apart, they seemed to stare at each other. Williams looked down — he was over six feet tall; the beings cocked their heads back slowly so they could see his face. It was amazing. It was then I knew they were really alive. I could not hear any conversation. I don't think there was any in the traditional sense, but I believe they were communicating," stated Warren's account.

Perhaps not surprisingly, this portion of the event has not been publicly corroborated so far by other witnesses. Airman John Burroughs, a key witness, casts doubt on it, insisting that Col. Williams was not present and that no traditional aliens — if that's an acceptable term — were there, either. He concedes, however, that "there was something out there that was intelligent," that "blue transparent type lights came off the main craft" and were "able to do different things and flew over the top of us and flew through a pickup truck. Well, it depends on what you consider aliens," continued Burroughs. "I consider that could be intelligent life, but I would say they weren't aliens as we see green men and stuff like that, but they did do stuff that could lead you to believe they were intelligent."

The Bentwaters incidents are so complex and dramatic that it will probably take several books by a few seasoned investigators to finally sort out the complete puzzle. I haven't even analyzed the different possible explanations offered by skeptics to "solve" the case. These go from simple ones like the beams from the Orford Ness lighthouse, meteor showers, stars, or a decaying Soviet satellite; to the highly speculative like the crash of a secret aircraft or a "Star Wars" experiment; to the utterly ridiculous such as "radioactive rabbits," the lights of a police car or alleged "drug parties" by airmen in the forest.

Much has been made, on the other hand, of the Orford Ness lighthouse, proposed by science writer Ian Ridpath in a BBC special. Yet none of the original witnesses have ever agreed with it; and I could never understand why and how a lighthouse that was seen every night by the base personnel could suddenly trigger such an intense series of UFO encounters. Also of importance is the fact that several other UFO cases have been registered in that area of Suffolk.

On Aug 13, 1956, for instance, RAF Bentwaters and RAF Lakenheath expierienced a famous radar-visual UFO incident. As put by astrophysicist Dr. Thornton Page in his entry on UFOs for *The New Encyclopedia Britannica* (1974 edition) , "this is believed to be one of the best established and most puzzling of the unexplained cases."

Other sightings reportedly took place both right before and after the Rendlesham landings; and as recent as Feb. 18, 1988, Larry Warren and Peter Robbins observed a fantastic display of dancing lights over the forest during a research trip for their book.

Many mysteries still remain regarding this case. Several accounts mention photographs and film footage immediately taken by jeep to a waiting plane destined for Ramstein AFB in Germany, Headquarters of the U.S. Air Forces in Europe (USAFE). The Air Force denies such film exists, but their record has not been very truthful. For example, until the Halt memo was declassified, they denied the existence of any report. They later denied the existence of any audiovisual material, yet the Halt tape was leaked.

For Peter Robbins, the significance of this incident is that it "combines aspects of classical UFO cases in one case:" landing traces, background radiation readings, broken branches, multiple witnesses, government documents, injury to some witnesses, and a Close Encounter of the Third Kind. "Ten years later, it continues to be one of the most debated and controversial cases in the history of UFO sightings," he said.

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Close encounter
11 years ago, Air Force officer Larry Warren saw a UFO. Life for the Queensbury native has not been the same since. **B1**

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Local man set to tell world his UFO tale

By Don Lehman
Staff Writer

It was a day that Queensbury native Larry Warren can't help but remember vividly.

He had only been at Bentwaters Air Force Base for 18 days. Having just graduated from Queensbury High School in June of 1980, Warren was a somewhat green security officer for the U.S. Air Force, stationed at the NATO base on the eastern tip of Great Britain.

He remembers that everything was just as it should be. His first night on duty — December 28, 1980 to be exact — he was taken to his post, at the far end of a runway. With the Cold War at its coldest and tensions high in Poland due to Solidarity, all personnel were on alert.

That's when Warren says it happened. And he admits he hasn't been the same since.

He says he noticed signs something was up just hours into his daily shift, which ran from midnight to 8 a.m. The first thing he saw was a herd of deer, running in panic across a runway.

Then, he says, he could see strange lights darting in the sky miles away, over Bentwaters' sister base, Woodbridge.

"I just got this very strange feeling. Something was wrong," he says.

Within minutes he would find out what.

His flight commander radioed him, and told him he was now off duty. Minutes later a truck came and picked him up. He wasn't told what was going on, or where he was being taken.

Passing through traffic lined up all around the base, the truck sped towards the spot where he — and apparently others — had seen the lights.

Other officers in the truck joked about where they could be going.

"That was the last time we'd laugh that night," Warren recalls.

In a field in the distance the soldiers could see bright lights. They departed the vehicle, and, dodging fellow airmen, were escorted out towards the light.

What they saw when they got there, Warren says, boggles the mind.

A glowing mist hung over the field. Then, out of nowhere, came a bright red light. It hovered over the mist, Warren says. A brilliant explosion came from the now-hovering light.

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Down descended what Warren describes as an "arrow-shaped machine."

While the craft approached, the officers noticed their motions seemed to be half-speed.

"I felt no heat, no sensations, no nothing, except `I'm in a dream world,'" he remembers. "It was all very dream-like and surreal."

Three beings emerged from the machine, which was now on the ground. They stood face to face with the base commander, who had just arrived at the field.

"I couldn't really see any hands or feet," Warren says. "My mind was saying `Oh, there are three kids here."

After an almost an hour of the beings standing face to face with the base commanders, he and a fellow officer left the scene, Warren says.

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Larry Warren doesn't expect people to simply believe him when he tells of his experience on December 28, 1980 at Bentwaters. That's why he is going to so much effort to prove it all.

If you bumped into Warren on, say, Glen Street, you may get that strange feeling that you've seen him before. Maybe you have. He's been on CNN and numerous other TV programs, telling of his extra-terrestrial experience.

Now living in South Glens Falls, Warren has spent roughly the last 10 years of his life trying to prove this incident in Britain happened, and that the governments involved are conducting a coverup. Part of these efforts include the co-authoring of a book, which, when finished in 1992, will almost irrefutably prove that the Bentwaters incident — along with other similar ones — occurred.

On Saturday Warren, along with his co-author Peter Robbins, spent the afternoon at the Community Room of Glens Falls National Bank, giving a mock presentation of their findings before several friends.

Gradually the Bentwaters/-Woodbridge incident has been getting more publicity, partly due to Warren and Robbins, and partly because several hundred other airmen at the base witnessed the same event, Warren says, and are now beginning to come forward.

All along, Warren fought what he calls a cover-up. From the very day after he had his extra-terrestrial experience, he alleges the U.S. military and government has tried to hush him up.

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The morning after the Bentwaters/Woodbridge incident, Warren said he expected to turn on the television and see newscasts of the event. Instead, nothing.

He tried to discuss what happened with other officers at breakfast the next morning. He says his flight commander promptly told him to keep quiet.

He then went directly to a pay phone, and tried to call his mother in Queensbury, to tell her what happened. The phone line mysteriously went dead, Warren says. A call to the operator revealed someone on the base had terminated the connection.

Later that day came a debriefing, he recalls. In no uncertain terms, the officers were informed they were to keep quiet. They saw nothing, they were told.

For the next six months, Warren tried to find ways to confirm the event. Talks with local residents revealed that UFO sightings were commonplace.

Finally, in May of 1981 — six months after the supposed sighting occurred — Warren decided he'd had enough. He was honorably discharged with several citations.

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After his discharge, Warren says his efforts at proving the governmental cover-up intensified. He and Robbins have tried nearly every avenue to get acknowledgement of the December 1980 incident, and others like it.

Deputy Base Commander Lt. Col. Charles I. Halt issued a release years later confirming that a UFO had been reported by several off-duty security officers. No mention was made of the three beings in a stand-off with the base commander.

"This is a whitewashing job that had to be done," Warren explains.

For the book, to be titled "Left at East Gate," for the name of a road near the incident, the pair have compiled sworn statements from fellow servicemen present that evening. Requests for documents through the Freedom of Information Act have not been fruitful.

More compelling evidence, Warren says, comes from the medical records of the officers present at the sighting. The bright light caused eye problems for most everyone there, including himself, and most went through eye exams for retinal damage.

According to Robbins, the incident will be the subject of a special showing of the popular "Unsolved Mysteries," scheduled for television September 25.

Newspapers in England have done numerous pieces on the incident, citing residents as well as soldiers near the base. Reports of meteor showers the night of December 28, 1980 also graced newspaper pages.

"I'm not out to overthrow the U.S. Government," Warren states. "I do think we all have a right to know, though."

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Bentwaters—Part II

A decade of research

by Ray Boeche

Abstract

The premier UFO case of the last decade is undoubtedly the Bentwaters Incident, also called the Rendlesham Forest Case. This account of a landed UFO and contact with the occupants by high-ranking officers of the U.S. Air Force has captured the interest of the ufological community and the public at large. Over 25 eyewitnesses have been found and interviewed, CNN ran a series of news reports, and *Unsolved Mysteries*, a national TV broadcast, featured the case twice within the last 12 months. Conflicting Air Force responses, and evasive answers about the case from a U.S. senator, indicate the government is attempting to cover up the full story of what occurred.

Eyewitness evidence

Many of the firsthand witnesses have experienced ongoing problems dealing with what happened to them that night, and are troubled by vivid nightmares.

A promise of anonymity has been made to an officer still on active duty, who has cooperated in my research. That primary witness will be known only as Officer C.

The events began on the night of what is believed to have been December 27, 1980. According to Airman Adrian Bustinza, "We were in the alert area at RAF Bentwaters. I was acting [Security Police] commander over at RAF Woodbridge at the time, and was on my way over there. One of my patrols sighted an object of some sort—he described it as a bunch of lights—and it looked like a fire in the forest.

"I notified my commander at the time, which was the Shift Commander, Lt. England. He went ahead and called the Base Commander, which at night was Lt.Col. Halt. Halt told Lt. England to check out the situation.

"When we first went out in the forest, there were Lt. England, Master Sergeant Ball, my flight chief, and myself, in charge of the fire team."

After entering Rendlesham Forest, they encountered an object. Bustinza continues: "The thing had a pulsating red light on top of it, and several blue lights underneath it. Every time we got close to it, it would move away from us through

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Entrance to RAF Bentwaters, home of the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing.
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the trees, then we'd try and catch up to it again."

Halt was contacted, and ordered the men to wait at their location for his arrival. Additional personnel arrived along with Halt. "One thing I remember quite clearly," stated Bustinza, "is when Halt got to the site, he pointed to the individuals he wanted to go with him into the forest."

According to Bustinza, "We [Bustinza and Airman John Burroughs, who had arrived along with Halt] went back to Bentwaters base, grabbed two light-alls, and refueled them. Once they were fueled, we took them out to see if we could light up the area; to see if anything was out there." (light-alls are portable lighting units powered by gasoline generators.) "In the process of checking out the light-alls," said Bustinza, "everything was functioning. When we got there to the site of the object, we had trouble turning them on. Our truck wouldn't run either. It was kind of like all the energy had been drained out of them." At this point, they became aware of the animals, causing an uproar on a nearby farm. Bustinza said, "Yeah, I remember the animals. I was kind of glad that hap-

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pened. It gave me back a sense of reality."

After the failure of the light-alls, Bustinza and Burroughs joined the patrol looking for the object. "We kept searching the area," Bustinza continued, "trying to follow the object as it moved through the trees. In the process, we came on a yellow mist on the ground, or actually about two or three feet off the ground. It was like nothing I'd ever seen before."

"Suddenly the object was just there," Bustinza went on, "it was a dark, silver-colored metal, with plenty of rainbow-colored lights on it. I couldn't tell if something was breaking the light up, like a prism, or if that was the actual color of the lights. It was a tremendous size. It even surprised me that it was able to fit into the clearing—a tremendous size, and I use the word tremendous carefully. It was a round, circular shape; I hate to say like a plate, but it was thicker at the center than it was at the edge.

"We were ordered to form a perimeter around the object at about 15-foot intervals between patrol members."

After watching the object for about 30 minutes, Bustinza stated, "It was gone in a flash—almost like it just disappeared. When it left, we were hit by a cold blast of wind which blew toward us for five or ten seconds. It was a really scary feeling," he said. "You feel useless, like you can't do anything. I was just frozen in place at first. My life actually passed in front of my eyes."

Bustinza will neither confirm nor deny seeing the craft's occupants. When pressed on the point, he will only state that, "I saw something very strange, stranger than the craft landing, and all the rest."

Burroughs corroborated these events. He will neither confirm nor deny the presence of the craft's occupants, saying only that "a lot more happened out there than anyone knows about."

Official documentation

The official Air Force position at the beginning of the investigation was that no documentation existed. After a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request was funneled to the British Ministry of Defense, however, the first piece of official confirmation surfaced.

The document released was a three paragraph memo, written by Lt. Col. Charles I. Halt, the Deputy Base Commander of Bentwaters when the incidents occurred. It was addressed to "RAF/CC" "Royal Air Force/Company Commander."

According to the Air Force, this was the only item in their files concerning the event. Rumors had been flying about an on-site tape recording made by Halt during the events. Attempts to locate and secure the release of this tape in April of 1983 by Larry Fawcett of Citizens

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Against UFO Secrecy (CAUS), met with this response from the Air Force: "There was no official investigation.... Thus, the records you requested do not exist. I can assure you that if there were such records we would provide them to you."

Regardless of these Air Force denials, in August of 1984, the tape finally surfaced. A copy was released by Col. Sam Morgan, a former Base Commander at RAF Bentwaters, stationed at Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado. When questioned by a British newspaper as to his reasons for releasing the tape, he said he "didn't see any reason not to."

The tape contains Halt's voice, describing events which occurred in the field as he and his men examined the landing site. Halt is clearly heard ordering a "Sgt. Nevells" to take photographs of the landing marks, and of abrasions on trees apparently caused by the object during its descent into the clearing.

Also heard are discussions of radiation readings being taken, and observations of the area through a "Star-scope," a light amplification device. Orders are given to take soil samples, and samples of the bark from the abraded trees.

Near the end of the tape, Halt graphically describes observations of unidentified lights in the sky. His descriptions of the lights maneuvering about and shining beams of light to the ground match those given in his report. Mention is also made of disturbances among a farmer's barnyard animals, as described in the document.

Is there a cover-up?

On March 25, 1985, a highly placed Air Force records management official at the Pentagon spoke with me by telephone. "I've been told," she said, "that photos were taken, and that some of them, but not all, were fogged. However, our records here do not show the existence of any photographs at all."

She suggested that a request to Air Force Headquarters in Europe might uncover something. In an FOIA request to Ramstein Air Force Base, I sought access to photographs and any other visual documentation. Their response did not allude to photographic evidence, or the lack of it. It ignored the question. This request was appealed twice, but no response was forthcoming.

When I asked Bustinza about photographs, he mentioned two sources. "There were two British policemen...bobbies...standing off to the side taking photographs.... Halt came to me and another airman, and told us to approach the bobbies. The Colonel told us to confiscate the film from these two individuals. We confiscated the film and took it to Halt, who put it in a plastic bag. He said it would be dealt with by a higher level of command.

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There were also two other [USAF] law enforcement officers who had cameras and took photographs. I don't know where the film went—it might have gone to the photo lab on base, or it might have gone to Intelligence."

What about Wing Commander Gordon Williams? The statements of Bustinza, Burroughs, and Officer C indicate that Williams was there during the events. The Air Force continues to deny this. When told of this, Bustinza said, "At some point, I don't remember when, Col. Williams arrived at the site. I know Williams was there, because I was standing right next to him."



USAF Col. (Ret.) Charles Halt, who played a key role in the Bentwaters incident as both witness and author of the official memorandum describing the events. *Photo credit: J. Antonio Huneeus*

Officer C agrees. He stated definitely that Williams was there, and that a film record of the events does exist. "The Colonel (Williams) was driven to a waiting fighter at RAF Bentwaters with a canister of film of a landed UFO. The film was given directly to the fighter pilot for transport to Air Force Headquarters at Ramstein AFB in West Germany. I have no idea what became of the film."

Another anonymous source has divulged essentially the same information during an interview with CNN. His statements corroborate Officer C's story.

Jenny Randles had been shown a letter allegedly from Halt to a reporter on a major British newspaper. Halt indicated he would sell his story of what happened, and included a list of items he would provide for substantiation.

Included was a copy of the orders from Third Air Force Headquarters to investigate the incident. Earlier I quoted from an Air Force statement that, "There was...no official investigation." Curious that orders would be issued for an unofficial investigation.

On December 10, 1985, another FOIA request was submitted to the Air Force. I asked for copies of the orders, and was told that the records I requested did not exist. I appealed this FOIA decision also, and was told again that these records do not exist.

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U.S. senator stonewalls information

Faced with Air Force stonewalling, I approached U.S. Senator J. James Exon of Nebraska.

In February of 1985, Scott Colborn, my research associate, and I met with Exon in his Lincoln offices. The senator's initial response to our Bentwaters incident concerns was disinterested skepticism. Because of his membership in the Senate Armed Services Committee, he felt that if significant information existed, he would have been appraised of it.

We provided Senator Exon with copies of all of our documentation on the incident, including the Halt document, and the tape recording made in the field. We left his office that morning with his promise to look into the matter, discuss it with other members of the Armed Services Committee, and let us know what, if anything, he could discover.

The senator's first response arrived on April 2, 1985. He stated, "Frankly, I am not convinced that the incidents you are concerned with did, in fact, occur. Nor have I found any evidence of a cover-up by the Government. If you have evidence to substantiate the validity of the tape [the Halt tape] previously provided, I would appreciate your forwarding that information." With what seemed a very negative response to our request, the Senator left an open-ended opportunity to provide him with further documentation. I felt that I could provide more than enough information to continue his probe.

I placed a phone call to Col. Charles I. Halt on April 10, 1985. I gave the colonel my name, and told him that I was a UFO researcher attempting to provide Senator Exon with more information on the Bentwaters incident. Halt said he would be willing to discuss the matter with Senator Exon.

Halt was cordial and seemed open to discussion of the case. I asked about the existence of soil samples and plaster casts of the landing marks, which were alleged to have been made. Halt stated that he had one of the soil samples "...on my desk in front of me," and in regard to the plaster casts, "I don't have them here, but I could put my hands on them without much trouble."

Halt's most significant statement came when I told him that I had talked with an officer who stated that Williams was on site, and was driven to Bentwaters with film of the landed UFO. In response to this, Halt said, "Yes, I can verify that for the senator—I could substantiate that for him."

We now had confirmation of the existence of film by one of the commanding officers who was present at the event, and confirmation of Williams' presence at the site.

I immediately shared this information with Exon's Washington office, and the Senator's Lincoln

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Neb., defense aide assured me that Exon would be advised of this development.

I also attempted to contact Gen. Williams, to see if he would be willing to speak with the Senator. I phoned Williams' office at Norton AFB in California, and learned that the general was out. His aide, a Major Verke, told me that Williams would return on April 22. I explained the purpose of my call to Verke, and he promised to tell the general of my call as soon as he returned.

On April 22, I spoke again with Major Verke, who said he had discussed the matter with Williams, and that "the general has no comment." I explained that I didn't want the general to comment to me, I was simply asking if he would discuss the matter with Senator Exon. Verke said once again, "The general has no comment."

No comment

I asked if that meant the general refused to speak with Senator Exon. Verke said that, "What it means is that the general has no comment."

To the best of my knowledge, Senator Exon has never spoken with General Williams—at least no mention of such a conversation has been made to me. The senator did, however, speak with Col. Halt on several occasions.

On June 13, 1985, I telephoned Exon's defense aide. He said the senator "will not discuss the content of his calls to Col. Halt with anyone." When asked if Senator Exon had discovered anything meaningful from Halt, he replied that it "...was probably significant since he [Exon] won't discuss it."

He said Exon's inquiries were continuing, and the senator would pass along the information to me "...after he decides what he can tell you." He indicated these were Exon's own words.

On June 19, 1985, I received a letter from the senator, dated the same day as my conversation with his aide. One puzzling aspect is that the letter was delivered to my home. The only address ever given to Exon was that of a post office box which I use solely for my research correspondence.

Exon's response described his activities in researching the matter. He stated, "While additional information other than that you have obtained may exist, I can find no evidence of a cover-up of UFO incidents by any department or agency of the U.S. Government." He carefully side-stepped the issue of what happened at RAF Bentwaters.

I spoke with Exon's office again on June 27. When asked where my home address had come from, his defense aide replied, "Well, uh...I don't know. We have a case file on you that's huge. Someone probably picked it up from there." Not only was the senator looking into the

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Bentwaters incident, he was looking into me as well.

Several other curious things came to light. Let me quote from notes taken during the conversation with Exon's aide.

"...I don't think that he's trying to deny the existence of UFOs or anything like that. I don't know what he found out, and neither does anyone else in the office—he did the whole thing himself.

"...[It's] unusual for him to take this much of a personal interest in a subject, and for him to spend so much time on it. He wrote all of the letters, and made all of the phone calls.

"Again, I was not privy to any of the information, I know he talked to Halt several times. I know he agreed when he talked with Col. Halt that what was discussed between the two of them was between the two of them only, and none of us in the office are privy to any of it.

"I think he talked to just about everybody in DOD [Department of Defense] that there was to talk to. I've never seen him do the whole thing himself like this—it's just unusual."

Exon's initial reaction was doubt that the events had even occurred. Now one of his staff members was telling me that he had never seen the senator take such an interest in an issue, never seen him spend such an inordinate amount of time investigating a matter, and had never seen him handle an inquiry of this magnitude on his own, without involving the staff.

With this level of interest in the case, explanations for Exon's evasive responses must be considered. One possibility was put bluntly by well-known researcher, Linda Moulton Howe, who said, "I wonder who got to Jim Exon?"

Witnesses traumatized

Considering the traumatic effect of the events on the witnesses themselves, was the information uncovered by Exon so personally disturbing that he felt he couldn't, or shouldn't, pass it along to others?

What if it was a weapons test or accident of some sort? What if it was some type of secret maneuver? What if it was a plane crash? Or a retrieval of some sort of Soviet space junk? If so, why didn't the senator simply say he couldn't discuss it because of defense implications, or because of national security? Why didn't he indicate that the event was not UFO related? It seems that there are many ways he could address the question directly, and still not say anything. Why the blatant evasion?

I drafted another letter to the senator which restated my concerns, and was very direct in its request for information. I asked the senator a simple question—what happened at RAF Bentwaters in December of 1980? I stated that there was a dis-

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Witness Larry Warren pointing at the landing site in Rendlesham Forest eight and one half years after the incident. *Photo credit: Peter Robbins*

tinct possibility that "...What happened at RAF Bentwaters was not UFO related. In that case, what was it? What happened...?"

On July 9, 1985, the senator responded. He said in part, "As I stated in my last letter to you, while additional information on the subject of the Bentwaters and other unexplained UFO incidents may exist, I can find no evidence of a cover up... by the U.S. Government." He states that more information on "Bentwaters and other unexplained UFO incidents may exist," implying that what happened at RAF Bentwaters was indeed an "unexplained UFO incident."

On August 8, 1985, while writing a proposal on this for FATE magazine, I again phoned Senator Exon's Washington office. I told one of his senior aides of my work on the article, and indicated I hoped to get a more informative response from Senator Exon.

The gentleman angrily stated there was absolutely no chance of another statement because, "You've gotten all the information you are going to get," and that "Senator Exon will not say anything more."

I thought my chances might be better at Senator Exon's Lincoln office, so I placed a call to his appointment secretary. What a mistake.

I explained the situation, and said that I hoped the senator might

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be willing to clarify the matter in another personal meeting, rather than in writing. I was cut off in mid-sentence by an angry voice declaring, "You're not going to pin him down in a national magazine. That's unfair, that's so unfair."

I explained that I wasn't trying to pin anyone down, I simply wanted to give the senator every opportunity to clarify his position. When I indicated that his involvement was a crucial part of the investigation, I was again cut off by another angry shout of, "He's not involved with this at all."

I asked again that she determine if the senator could meet with me. I said, "I only want to give him fair treatment in the article. I don't want to portray him in a negative fashion."

The response was, "Well, you will anyway," and the phone was slammed down.

His staff is hired in part, I assume, for their ability to deal with people courteously, if not pleasantly. Why did they suddenly become so defensive? What type of information did the senator uncover, and what type of reaction did he have to cause his staff to act in this fashion?

On August 15, the senator's final comments on the case arrived by letter. No answers were forthcoming, but he did put in writing what I had already been told by phone. "I hope you recognize that we have put in more time on this matter than any other case since I have been a U.S. senator."

More time was spent on looking into the Bentwaters incident than on the defense issues he faces every day on the Armed Services Committee; more time than on the economy of the country. The senator must have uncovered something. It's unfortunate that the American people may never share in the information he uncovered.

In essence, we are back to square one. The Freedom of Information Act has yielded nothing new. Congressional inquiries gave us no concrete information, only an inordinate amount of interest on the part of a busy senator, and enigmatic behavior by both him and his staff. We are left where we began—with the testimony of firsthand witnesses, a single document, and a tape recording.

Negative psychic healing and more

In early 1992, conversations were held between myself and two researchers, alleging to work for the government of the U.S. According to these men, projects are being carried out on teleportation, healing, extracting information from the brains of dead subjects, remote viewing, and the development of electronic systems able to interpret and record the waveforms of thoughts, enabling them to be recorded or transmitted. Several projects have been designed to study "negative healing," the psychic infliction of pain, injury and death. In an effort to establish con-

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tact with non-human entities, every avenue is explored.

One of the researchers stated that a division exists in the field of paranormal research between "black" and "white" projects, but maintains that there are *no* "good" paranormal research efforts because "the occult is inherently evil." There is a growing awareness, he said, that this type of research is very dangerous, not only in a physical sense, but "in a spiritual sense as well." Whatever doesn't come from God is evil, and Satan can counterfeit many of God's miraculous actions.

They detailed their research into so-called psychotronic weapons, and explained that many UFO incidents were a result of psychotronic testing. According to their story, the Bentwaters incident involved the projection of an actual physical, three-dimensional object, which could and did interact with its environment, but was created and controlled by individuals involved in this research.

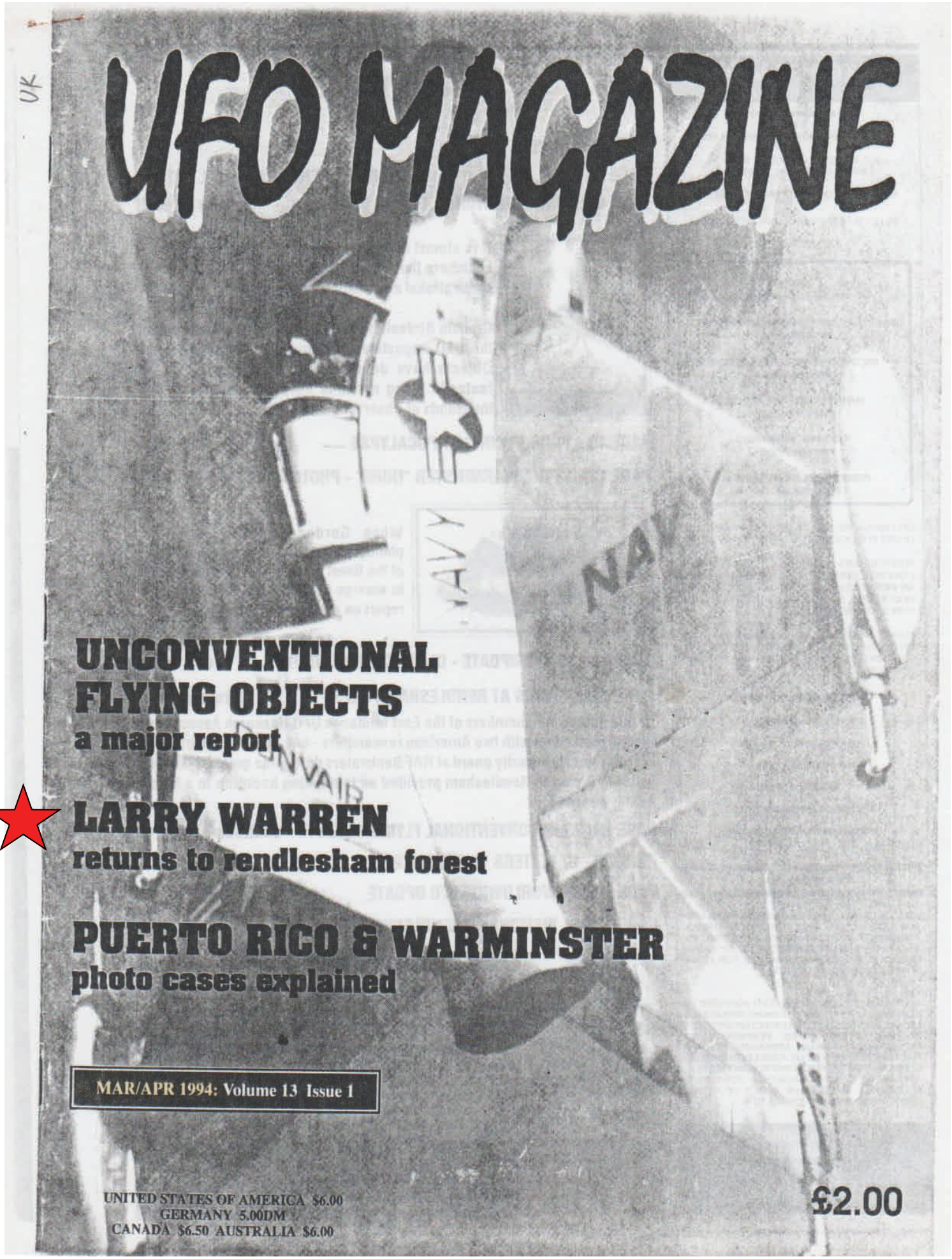
There are many unanswered questions to this part of the story. The presentation seemed very much "scripted," as if they were presenting material memorized from a master script, and was deliberately slow enough to allow me to take notes verbatim, except for portions when I was told to cease writing. The probability of disinformation here seems very high—why shift the emphasis on Bentwaters to psychotronic warfare? It seems like a bizarre cover story to use for an event which is, in actuality, so bizarre.

Some of the more bizarre and lesser known eyewitness testimony would be easily explained by this theory, but is the type of work these men describe even possible? Could this possibly be another diversion to try and hide experimentation with alien technology? (If that is a true scenario.)

Or, as the gentlemen who spoke with me are convinced, could this be the first chink in the cover-up of the true story? That the entire UFO question, including abductions, alien/government cooperation, and all the rest, while apparently true, is ultimately a Satanic plot to deceive mankind into looking for salvation from a technologically advanced alien race, rather than to Christ?

One of the airmen involved has experienced, on a number of occasions, MIB-type events, in which he was threatened if he continued to disclose information. The author has ample reason to suspect that, early on in his research, he was the subject of rather close government scrutiny. Who conducted this investigation remains a mystery, but one government offical stated that his office had a file on the author that was "huge." Some of the witnesses still maintain a stony silence regarding what really happened to them in the forest, and refuse to engage in any discussion whatsoever. ■

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CAROLE JAMES OF THE EAST MIDLANDS UFO RESEARCH ASSOCIATION REPORTS ON AN EXTRAORDINARY VISIT TO RENDLESHAM FOREST, SUFFOLK, LOCATION OF A SUSPECTED UFO LANDING IN DECEMBER 1980.

It's funny how one thing can lead to something entirely different. In early September 1993, we were handling a possible abduction case here in Nottingham, and this indirectly led us to a visit to Rendlesham Forest in Suffolk.

This all came about because we wrote to Budd Hopkins for advice on such occurrences. Instead of getting a reply from Budd, one of his assistants - Peter Robbins answered our letter. He was extremely helpful and forwarded an audio tape plus some literature concerning abductions. After two or three letters had crossed the Atlantic, he mentioned that he would be visiting England in March 1994 to conduct further research for a book called *Left at East Gate*, which he is co-authoring with former USAF officer, Larry Warren. He invited us to join them in Suffolk and that they would be pleased to take our party around Rendlesham Forest.

In 1980, Larry Warren served in the 81st USAF Security Police based at RAF Bentwaters. He was one of several eye-witnesses to the UFO activity in nearby Rendlesham Forest.

Peter also offered to travel to Nottingham during their stay and give a talk about the affair at an EMUFORA meeting. We were quite excited at this prospect and hurriedly wrote to Peter agreeing to their offer. Letters went back and forth trying to arrange a convenient date so that we could book a room for this meeting. The date was finally set for Sunday 28th March.

EMUFORA hold a staff meeting each month, and Peter's invitation was discussed. Four members decided to take up the Americans offer and travel to Suffolk, they were: Anthony James, Tom Ruffin, Dave Smith and myself. Tony made enquiries about accommodation and managed to book two twin rooms at a cottage near Woodbridge. Arrangements were made, and it was agreed that we would start out early on Saturday 12th March, and return late the following day.

After a long tiring journey we pulled up outside a pink-coloured cottage, which turned out to be a renovated 200-year-old building. It was everything I could possibly expect from a traditional country cottage (actually it was two cottages knocked into one), complete with low-beamed ceilings, inglenook with hanging pans and kettle, and even old latched doors. Quite superb. Sylvia Hall, who owns the cottage welcomed our party with a tray of tea and coffee, and shortly after we arrived, her husband joined us. Before no time at all, we were chatting away like old friends. I've stayed in some bed and breakfast establishments before, but nothing compares to the Hall's hospitality and friendliness. For anyone wishing to visit Woodbridge, then I can highly recommend staying with them.

We explained who we were and the purpose of our visit. They appeared very interested. Sylvia explained that she works in a community home for care of the elderly, and that several years ago an old gentleman, who had since died, told that staff that he'd witnessed the UFO from his cottage which was situated near RAF Woodbridge airfield. He'd also been visited from high-ranking military officials. I took notes to pass them to Peter and Larry.

After dropping off our overnight bags in our room, Tony telephoned Peter and arranged to meet them at 1.00pm, which gave us time to check out the local public house. Tom Ruffin arrived as we were ordering lunch, and together we ate a hearty meal. Judging by the amount we were given, they must have thought we townies needed fattening up! At 1.00pm we set off for Eyke, the next village along our way, where we were greeted with handshakes and more tea and coffee. It was quite amusing really, because we all have Nottinghamshire accents - Larry thought we were from Liverpool. He even asked if we'd ever met the Beatles (he's a great fan of theirs).

We quickly set the record straight, we were from Robin Hood country and not Liverpudlians!

Eventually we got round to the interview about the Rendlesham Forest affair and their forthcoming book. Tony video-recorded them and Dave audio-taped proceedings throughout the afternoon. Larry related the events and retraced his footsteps of the night of 28th December 1980, except this time EMUFORA

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staff were tagging along, and unfortunately no UFO appeared for us!

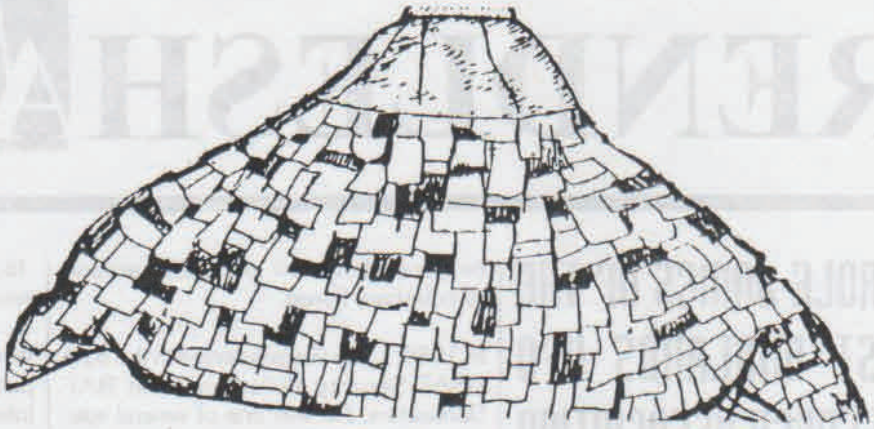
We were shocked by the devastation of most of the forest, which had been destroyed by a freak storm (with no rain) in 1987. We also noticed that although the Forestry Commission had replanted a small part of the forest, there were hardly any birds to be heard.

Larry gave us a running commentary which went roughly like this, (a more exact account can be found in his book, *Left at East Gate*, which is due out later this year). RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge are separated by a thick, dense forest (or were in 1980), called Rendlesham. Over three consecutive nights in late December 1980, UFO activity was observed in these woods by military personnel and also civilians.

On the night of 28th December, Larry was on guard duty, the time was approximately 1.30am. An army truck pulled up and he was ordered to get into the vehicle. There were other guards in the truck, but none of them knew what was happening or indeed, where they were going. They were driven from the Bentwaters base towards the Woodbridge facility and turned left at East Gate (hence the title of their book).

The truck stopped at a clearing in Rendlesham Forest, which is owned by the Forestry Commission. It crossed Larry's mind that they were violating a treaty with the British Government, because they were not supposed to carry firearms outside the military base. He was armed with a loaded M16 gun at the time. The men were ordered out of the truck and told to hand their weapons in. There were other small groups of soldiers already there. Together they set off in small groups into the woods.

When they arrived at the edge of the woods, which backed onto a farmers field, they saw a large patch of white mist over a field known as Capel Green. The mist was about two-foot from the ground and approximately fifty feet in diameter. Suddenly, they noticed a red light silently approaching from the far side of the field, it went into the mist



DRAWING MADE BY AIR FORCE WITNESS OF THE UFO SEEN IN RENDLESHAM FOREST, 1980

and there was a blinding flash of light which was so bright they were forced to shield their eyes. When Larry looked again, the mist had disappeared and in its place was a large triangular craft with a white light on top. As he looked at the object, it seemed to distort slightly.

The soldiers were told to close in and surround the device, which they did. At this point, Larry noticed their [the soldiers] shadows were cast on to its surface and that they appeared very large. It was as though they had a light shining behind them casting their shadows on the

who also stepped forward to meet the beings. There didn't seem to be any verbal communication or gestures on either part - if there was any communication then it would have had to been telepathic. They held a face-to-face confrontation until a noise in the woods made the beings withdraw slightly. After a short while they resumed their positions.

One of Larry's senior officers ordered him, along with a number of others to go back to the clearing where they had left their weapons. During the retreat, according to Larry, all hell broke loose.

'a being passed through the glass of his windshield...'

craft, but apart from one of the spectators who was filming the event, there was nothing but the darkness of the woods behind them. Larry also observed two cows that had wandered over from the far side of the field, they too stood watching the craft. His attention was suddenly diverted from the animals as a shaft of light came from the object. Inside the light, there were three beings, which he described as "small with enlarged heads and big dark eyes". They seemed almost semi-transparent in appearance.

The figures approached Larry's Wing Commander - Colonel Gordon Williams,

A triangular object, smaller than the main craft appeared in the clearing where the trucks were parked. There were many officers in the area and one of them literally grabbed hold of the object, which carried him approximately ten metres before he let go of it.

None of the men spoke whilst on their way back to camp, Larry said they simply looked at each other without saying a word. They were probably suffering from shock. The next day they began to discuss what had happened. The driver of one of the trucks said that a being passed through the glass of his

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windshield. Terrified, he kicked out with his boot and smashed the screen out. Others reported seeing small probes which passed through the side of the truck, only to appear at the other side.

Larry remembers seeing British policemen at the scene, they were taking photographs of the craft, until an American officer confiscated their cameras. He also recalls someone filming the event. Later, he heard the film had been flown to a USAF base in Germany. He also learned that Colonel Charles Halt, who had been present, had recorded a running commentary of the incidents on a small tape recorder, which was over four hours long.

The men who had been present in Rendlesham Forest were sent for debriefing. They were shown film footage of UFOs which had been recorded dating back to the Second World War up to the present day. They were instructed not to speak about this to anyone, or they could make life hard for them. They were also made to sign a pre-written statement about the previous nights events.

Later that day, Larry used a public payphone to call his mother in America, he reversed the charges. When his mother came on the line, Larry started to tell her about the UFO, but before he could mention it, the line went dead. He called the operator and told her that he had been disconnected. She asked if he was calling from the airbase, and when he replied 'yes', she said the call had been cut from the base. Larry realised that all calls were being monitored. He was sent for and questioned about his phone call. Larry denied making it. They then played him a recording of his telephone conversation. He was given the choice of a fine or losing one of his stripes - he chose the fine.

The US military hierarchy wasted no time in sending most of the witnesses to new postings in Egypt, until things had calmed down in Suffolk. On Larry's return he was given office duties. He felt that his superior officers regarded him as a trouble maker and that they could keep a close eye on him if they kept him on indoor duties. Little did they know that Larry was busy acquiring documents pertaining to that fateful nights events. Also, by asking questions he found out that on one occasion a machine of undetermined origin had remained motionless above a storage area where nuclear warheads were kept. A beam of light had shone down and had penetrated the bunkers, rendering the weapons useless.

In May 1981, Larry received an honourable discharge and left the Air Force behind, but unfortunately he couldn't forget what he had witnessed that night. Eventually Larry contacted a UFO organisation and told them all that he knew. They in turn went public with the story, giving Larry the pseudonym of Art Wallace. Larry didn't ask for this, but they assured him that it would protect him from ridicule.

Time and again he felt drawn to this particular corner of the world, he even spent his honeymoon in Woodbridge. It may well be that he's still looking for answers - or maybe he's hoping that one day the strange visitors will return.

EMUFORA VISIT

As I mentioned earlier, we were shocked by the devastation caused to the forest by a supposed freak storm in 1987. Local people remarked that they'd never experienced anything like it before - there had been no rain, and it had centred mainly around the dense forest. One of the peculiarities was that instead of uprooting the tall pine trees, they had been snapped off, leaving the same effect as a broken matchstick. It filled us with great sadness to walk through what was left of it. Larry mentioned a weather weapon which the military had. This was used to disperse clouds for aircraft to land and take off - perhaps it went out-of-control... who knows? We can only speculate.

Another unusual aspect was Capel Green, this is the field where Larry actually saw the craft. The field backs onto Rendlesham Forest. In the far corner stands a farmhouse, obviously the farmer who had lived there in 1980 had been re-located elsewhere. The unusual thing was that half the field (the farmhouse side) was lush and green, and yet the half nearest the forest was brown coloured scrubland, and the soil was simply dust. Needless to say that this was the area where the UFO had landed.

Larry took us to the perimeter fences of Woodbridge and Bentwaters Air Force bases. We saw the storage areas which once housed nuclear warheads, and the buildings which were home to many American airmen not so many years ago, now desolate and empty. A comment from Larry has stuck in my mind - "There were many secrets behind those locked gates," he said.

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We said our good-byes the next day and headed back to Nottingham. Peter and Larry were going on to visit London and surrounding areas before returning to Woodbridge, where they were to meet a Central Television crew, who are making a documentary film about UFOs.

During the following two weeks, we were kept busy organising the meeting, although we did notice that no mail had been received by EMUFORA since our return from Suffolk, which was very unusual.

Larry and Peter arrived on Saturday afternoon in a chauffeur-driven Volvo, which Central TV had provided to bring them to Nottingham. Later we took them to our local haunts and a good time was had by all - I think! On Sunday a quick sight-seeing tour was followed by a few photos of Robin Hood, and then back home, where Tony interviewed each of them on video.

The lecture was a great success despite some of the audience having to stand. Over a hundred and twenty people attended. I feel that the audience was captivated by their great personalities as well as the content of the lecture. At the end of the meeting Larry signed nearly fifty autographs. By the time we arrived home, we were all exhausted. Tony and I retired to bed, leaving Peter and Larry trying to repack their already overfilled cases. They left Nottingham the following day with a promise they would return and visit.

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TIME TRAVEL NEW THEORY

New research conducted by British and American scientists at Oxford University and the California Institute of Technology has generated great debate amongst physicists and scientists studying the possibility of time travel. Until now all such theories have been based on the remote possibility that we can travel faster than light.

Light is basically electromagnetic radiation and travels at 186,000 miles per second, thus the many thousands of stars observed in the night sky are basically visions of the past. However, if we could travel at such speeds it would be possible to break though this 'timebarrier'. Einstein says that this is impossible. According to some researchers there is something on the other side of the measurement we call light, 'an unimaginable' universe we can neither see or touch. The particles within this imaginary universe have been called tachyons. The theory alleges tachyons travel much faster than light, but many scientists are dismissive and claim that time travel is beyond the laws of physics and therefore impossible.

In 1991 Dr. Amos Ori of the California Institute of Technology suggested that quantum effects might make it possible to 'tunnel' through space near a black hole and emerge in another area of space and time. Scientists also rejected this theory by stating that an object approaching the enormous gravity of a black hole "would be warped out of existence. Dr. Ori says that this is not necessarily true and insists an object can approach the boundary of a black hole at close proximity without being destroyed. Interestingly other scientists believe a black hole's massive gravity could accelerate a spacecraft to fantastic speeds and propel it on a journey to the stars. Ori further believes that a space traveller might be able to adopt the loops of warped space-time that girdle a black hole's boundary and hurl himself back into the past. The media have recent reported that this theory has ignited astonishing interest in the world of physics and could open the 'gateway' to the ultimate adventure.

Sceptics remain unconvinced and Ori's theories do present problems as one Yorkshire journalist noted:

"To put it simply, if you kill your grandfather before he has any children, you wouldn't exist - so how do you kill him in the first place? The complex laws of quantum physics provide a possible answer to this one. Quantum theory allows a particle to tunnel through an energy barrier such as that surrounding a black hole. In theory, it then enters a different region of space and time - another universe. So, if we do crack the secrets of time travel it will not be our universe we emerge in, but a parallel universe and whatever we do, it will not effect our world, but somebodies."

GROOM LAKE - NEW MOVES

Interesting developments are currently taking place at the USAF highly secret Groom Lake facility in Nevada. Within the Groom Lake area lies 'AREA 51, a suspected testing area for advanced aircraft.

In recent years, Ufologists have climbed the hills to obtain actual video footage of some quite extraordinary aircraft, often performing at night. Recent moves may well see the end of such 'skywatches'.

Air Force Secretary, Sheila Widnall is at present negotiating the closure of nearly 4,000 acres of public land - home to the 'watchers', in Lincoln County, Nevada. The reason? "For the safe and secure operation of activities on the Nellis Range."

Whilst many aviation buffs believe AURORA may be using the range for testing, recent activity and reports suggest something else is flying over the region - with superb and bizarre maneuverability. By closing the hills, the USAF will stop onlookers observing a current spate of new developments - including flying-in hundreds of workers by use of Boeing 737 commuter jets.

Aviation expert Bill Sweetman, a prolific researcher of Stealth aircraft and other advanced machines has added his voice to the mystery. He points out that the USAF secret projects usually fly out of other air bases because Groom Lake is so costly to operate.

"So what's going on at Groom Lake that Secretary Widnall has been persuaded she must hide?"

We also wonder...

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On Assignment

England Calling

by Peter Robbins

I was lucky enough to spend the second half of September in England. It's funny now to think that when I returned to New York in February 1988 after my first investigative visit to Suffolk, site of the Bentwaters/Woodbridge UFO incident in 1988, I quietly swore that I would never go within 50 miles of the place again. Now England feels as though it's become a second or third home to me—especially Suffolk. Aliens controlling my brain? Possibly, but I tend to discount this theory. It is more likely the result of fourteen or fifteen return visits to the area, and to more parts of the country as well, and to having built many good friendships there.

In 1987, when Larry Warren and I first undertook to write *Left At East Gate: A First-Hand Account of the Bentwaters-Woodbridge UFO Incident, Its Cover-up, and Investigation*, the only witness-based account of what is now regarded as the United Kingdom's most significant and best documented UFO case, neither of us imagined the journey it would take us on, literally or figuratively. For me, the book represented 9 years of research, investigation, frustration, good times, hard work, travel, and adventure. For Larry, it represented the preceding 16 years of his life.

For the United Kingdom, it represented a new look at the UFO phenomenon, one that changed the way many readers had come to think about the subject, possibly including their Prime Minister Tony Blair, who had been in office less than a week before *Left At East Gate* appeared in bookstores. As a courtesy, our publisher sent him a copy. We received a letter from his secretary thanking us for the book, and another, forwarded to us several months later by one of our readers, acknowledged receipt of the book but didn't tell if the PM had read it yet. If he has, I don't expect that he will be letting us know. But I digress.

I'd returned to England this time to do a brief series of talks with Larry, see as many friends as possible, and learn what I could about any recent UFO events or sightings. I covered a fair amount of territory this time around, with stops in Manchester, Liverpool, Stafford, Leeds, York, Birmingham, London, and Suffolk, East Anglia. I arrived at Manchester International Airport where Larry and his wife Sue met me; it was great to see them both again, not to mention their son Dennis, age three and a half. Then back to their home in Liverpool to do some catching up. As had been the case in most of my previous visits, I departed the country with considerably more to think about than I'd brought in with me.

Here are some personal vignettes from those 2 weeks. On September 16, Larry and I took the train to Stafford in the West Midlands. Two hours later, we were met at the

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Tim Good, Peter Robbins, and Nick Pope: friends in a pub, enjoying a beverage, in merrie olde England. Life is goode.

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station by Graham Allen, chairman of the Staffordshire UFO Group (SUFOG) and a quietly driving force in UFO investigations in this part of England. The grassroots research organization was sponsoring our talk that night. On the way to Graham and Charlotte's, we made a short stop at the news agents to pick up a copy of the day's *Stafford Post* to see if they'd published an article promoting our talk. They had—"Are There Alien Visitors?"—but had neglected to mention where and when it would be held, or my name, which annoyed Larry more than it did me. We were glad to be back on the road together for the first time is some years, and far more interested in what Graham was now telling us about a local series of sightings and some relevant videotape.

On August 7, Graham had received the first reports of the unknown from individuals in the nearby villages of Cannock, Stafford, and then Nilford. It had been described as an orange ball or disc containing a strange shape, although all described it as triangular. One witness watched it hover, another saw it elongate, then shoot off. At about 2 A.M. the following morning, it hovered over the village of Litchfield where it was videotaped. An hour later it was photographed over Shenston, roughly 5 miles away. Investigation has established that the object made its first appearance July 30 and that sightings were continuing up to the present.

The main reports described orange balls of light, followed by triangular-shaped objects with several lights on them. All are silent, with the triangular ones observed coming down behind trees, then departing. Large boomerang-shaped objects as well as other related phenomena have been multiply witnessed. Staffordshire has a serious history of UFO activity, so we weren't completely surprised.

The video had been shot in the early hours of August 8 and clearly showed the object—star-sized at first, then considerably larger. It moved nearer and farther; at other times the cameraman zoomed in and out with his 16-power zoom. At high power it was perfectly round with the oddly shaped triangle maintaining its position in the lower right corner of the disc or ball. Despite the darkness, several zooms gave us a good figure-to-ground relationship between the house, some surrounding trees, and the object. On the soundtrack were voices expressing pure shock and amazement and laced with those perfectly employed expletives I've heard on other home videos over the years.

The man behind the lens was a first-rate conservative, blue-collar skeptic who had never read a UFO book or given them more than a passing thought. He had not approached SUFOG for any kind of payment or recognition, he just wanted to know if they could help him understand what he'd seen. He attended our lecture and was as straightforward about his sighting as you'd hope. I met him at our talk later and liked him immediately. The talk went well and we returned to Liverpool the next morning.

Liverpool's local BUFORA chapter (British UFO Research Organization) had arranged for us to talk on September 18 at the city's historic waterfront district. The venue was just down the street from the White Star Building, unchanged since crowds clamored in its shadow to learn the fate of the *Titanic* passengers.

An omen?

Perhaps. Due to the uncharacteristically beautiful weather, minimal promotion and 11:30 A.M. kick-off time, this lecture had the lightest turnout of our three-talk tour. We gave our audience our best, full-house presentation though, then made our way to the town center where we enjoyed a traditional English-Korean-Chinese lunch with friends.

I left Liverpool for Leeds on Saturday the 19th. It was hard to believe, but it had been a year since we'd lost Graham Birdsall, and I was going to pay my respects to his family. Despite the sad anniversary, it was great to see his wife Christine, daughters Helen and Louise and son-in-law Russel again, not to mention Louise and Russel's beautiful daughter Kathy.

They've become good friends over the years, and Graham must be very proud of them and the rest of his family. They miss him terribly, but are moving on with their lives. Christine and Helen and I even spent a day enjoying historic York, the oldest city in England. As always, the Birdsalls were wonderful hosts and it was difficult saying good-bye.

Our final talk was scheduled for Tuesday, September 21 and British Rail transported me from Leeds to Birmingham without incident that afternoon. Larry had arrived minutes before me, and by the time our sponsor Steve Poole pulled up at the taxi stand, we were there waiting for him. Steve is the hard-working Director of UFORM (UFO Research Midlands), another terrific regional UFO organization. Once on the road, we fell into a discussion on the current state of UFO research and activity.

We had a little time before heading to our venue, enough to stop by his house and say hello to his wife Jackie and two sons, and have a cup of tea, of course. Then it was off to the pub, in whose public room we would be speaking. (Note: this is not an uncommon location for group meetings or local UFO talks in the U.K.). Steve was upbeat about our audience and we were not disappointed. It was standing room only with almost 100 in attendance. Our talk was very well received and audience members asked questions that were both thoughtful and intelligent.

Afterwards we retired to the small room where we would be staying the night. But we didn't retire until after Steve, Larry, another UFORM officer, and I celebrated the evening with a round of drinks and several bags of cheese and onion crisps (that's chips to you Yanks!).

Early the next morning, it was now back to Liverpool and a day with Larry's family. On Thursday the 23rd, we took a long walk around the city and made our ritual stop at the Cavern Club, where, for anyone out there who is not aware, a group called the Beatles came to prominence in the early 1960s.

Most of the club is much as it was then, and it was easy for our minds to roll back the years as we sat by ourselves in front of that little stage nursing a couple of beers, espe-

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cially when the Beatles songs were blasting through the club's speakers. A pretty special moment to us, and I expect to a lot of readers.

On Friday Larry, Sue, and Dennis drove me to the Liverpool station, then saw me to my train. It was goodbyes all round except for Dennis, who doesn't like it when people are leaving. And I was—for London.

My friend Steve Jones met me at the end of this ride, then he and his wife Annie whisked me off to their lovely home for a great dinner and much talk into the night. We spent Saturday exploring Camden Market, a mind-boggling collection of shops and stalls selling almost anything imaginable.

After a first-class day of walking, shopping, and talk, they dropped me off at Nick Pope's, where I'd be spending the next night. Nick had arrived not half an hour before us, having just returned from several days in central Europe on Ministry of Defence business. As always, he managed to resist my attempts to learn any Ministry secrets; despite this, we did have a very good dinner.

The next day, Sunday, Nick and I met Timothy Good and our friend Michele at a local pub for lunch, some drinks, conversation, and laughs. The afternoon flew by, and it was soon time to make my way to Kings Cross Station and Suffolk. Nick, as always the perfect host, escorted me to the Kings Cross tube station and made sure I had my directions right. I must have, because several hours later I arrived in Woodbridge, only twelve miles from locations described in *Left At East Gate*. I was back.

The next three days were spent home-based at the Old House in the village of Eyke, a mile plus from the flight line of RAF Bentwaters and five miles from RAF Woodbridge. The Old House is a beautiful bed and breakfast run by our dear friends Tony and Jan Warnock. It's where Larry and I first stayed in 1988, and I've been going back there ever since.

While there I revisited RAF Bentwaters, now decommissioned and being developed for businesses and home use. And as always, I returned to the area where law enforcement policemen Penniston, Burroughs, Cavanasac, and Dule radioed in for permission to investigate an unexplained light on the first night of activity. And as always, I revisited Capel Green, where on a dark night in late December, 1980 a contingent of young Air Force personnel very much seem to have faced off with something not of this Earth.

It was Tuesday evening, September 28, when I called Steve Jones from Jan and Tony's. His voice sounded flat, not at all like him. I started to talk but he stopped me. "Haven't you heard?" he asked. It was then I learned that John Mack was dead, killed by a drunken driver not far from where I'd been staying a few days earlier.

Most of my remaining day and a half was spent in reflection. What an ignoble exit for such a noble man. Dr. John Mack had to his credit the very real-world accomplishments we'd love to see more of in UFO-related researchers. They included his work at Harvard and at the Cambridge Psychiatric Hospital and his Pulitzer Prize. Yet no formality ever overcame his humanity, keen intelligence, optimism, or goodwill.

I was lucky enough to have met him through Budd Hopkins not long after John had become interested in the abduction phenomenon. He always treated me as a colleague and a friend, although maybe it was my BFA that impressed him. I felt privileged when he asked me to be one of a number of proofreaders on his final draft of *Abduction*, and I enjoyed teasing him about the error I'd caught before the book had gone to press.

In 1998, Dr. Mack had invited me to speak before the staff and guests of the Cambridge Psychiatric Hospital on the subject of stress and investigating the Bentwaters incident, something I really was an expert at. I strained to remember bits and pieces of things he'd said to me there and on other occasions, wondering how his family, close friends, and patients were doing. All these thoughts and more swirled through my head on the night train to Manchester Airport.

I left the country on the morning of September 30, subdued and somewhat bleary-eyed. What did any of us really know about the "other intelligences" we studied so diligently? One thing was for sure: The people I'd met in the course of pursuing this work had made and continued to make a tremendous difference in my life, and I am grateful to them all for it.

In a field not known for its financial incentives, I was one of the lucky ones who could measure their wealth in terms of the friendships forged over the years—in the U.K., in other countries, and at home.

I was returning richer and poorer at the same time, diminished, yet upbeat, and already looking forward to my next trip to the United Kingdom. UFO

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I want the government to come out and say, "They're here, and they've been here for thousands of years."

Pat: Is that an end it itself?

Mark: Well once the truth is out, I hope the doors will open, the doors that should have been opened a long time ago. The doors to the heavens, the doors to a better future as a species. We're so bogged down in fighting among ourselves as humans, and going nowhere as a species, I think it's time we get on with our learning. We're stagnating. We're capable of much more than watching TV. We can learn from these other species and reach for the stars. UFO

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while, below, author Peter Robbins examines the UFO trail map before the start of the walk LUCY TAYLOR



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Marking 25 years since UFO spotted

CURIOUS sightseers and ufologists joined a walk in a Suffolk forest yesterday to commemorate the 25th anniversary of one of the world's most famous UFO sightings.

In the early hours of Boxing Day, 1980, it was claimed that members of the American 81st Security Police Squadron encountered a small, triangular-shaped craft at Rendlesham Forest, near Woodbridge, that moved backwards through the woods before silently taking off.

The sighting took place close to the east gate of RAF Woodbridge, where the American air force was stationed.

A walk took place yesterday afternoon to visit the places linked with the unexplained sighting.

A UFO trail was set up by the Forestry Commission and Friends of the Sandlings Forest in the 2,200-acre forest earlier this year.

The three-mile route takes walkers on a tour of important sites, including the spot where the craft supposedly landed.

Simon Leatherdale, beat manager at Rendlesham Forest, said: "We get visits from ufologists from all over the world and there's no denying it's a major part of our history. Whether you are a believer or not it's still a part of the culture of the place.

"The landscape is nothing like it used to be, much because of the big gale, but the prime sites from the story are still there. People who are sceptical, like myself, can still enjoy the event. We walk people round all the interesting sites and tell people both the facts and rumours from the story."

Brenda Butler, from Leiston, who has co-written two books about the sightings and visits the forest frequently to search for and record other signs of extra terrestrial life, said: "Things are still happening down there which are fascinating. We regularly take pictures of orbs and streaking lights – it certainly wasn't a one-off 25 years ago."



CURIOUS: Above, Jim Smith prepares to lead a 25th anniversary UFO walk in Rendlesham Forest, while, below, author Peter Robbins examines the UFO trail map before the start of the walk Photographs: LUCY TAYLOR



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Twenty-five years on and the legend of the Rendlesham UFO still has the power to grip the imagination and spark conspiracy theories. **Steven Russell** asks what happened, and why the story refuses to die

The truth is out there...



IT'S Britain's most celebrated UFO encounter – our own Roswell Incident – holding out the tantalising prospect of alien life and spicing the mix with allegations of official cover-ups. No wonder so many people refuse to believe it was all down to beams from a lighthouse.

Details, days and dates vary from account to account, but the story seems to have begun with unexplained lights being seen near the east gate of RAF Woodbridge in the early hours of Boxing Day, 1980. It was claimed that members of the U.S. 81st Security Police Squadron – Staff Sgt Jim Penniston, Airman First Class John Burroughs and Airman Ed Cabansag – encountered a small, triangular-shaped craft that moved backwards through the woods before silently taking off.

The following night, the deputy base commander assembled a team of five officers and took a microcassette recorder with him to make notes.

The group spotted a light. Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Halt described it on tape: "It looks like an eye winking at you. Still moving from side to side and, when you put a starscope on it, it sorta has a hollow centre. It's like the pupil of an eye looking at you, winking."

Looking back towards the east gate at RAF Woodbridge, he also spotted beams of light, apparently being directed downwards to a nuclear bunker from an unidentified source in the air.

On January 13, 1981, Lt-Col Halt filed a report that went to the Ministry of Defence in London. This one-page memo, headed "Unexplained Lights" and coming from an authoritative

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source, gave the incident a stamp of authenticity it has never totally lost.

It explained that at about 3am two USAF security police patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Three men went outside the base, on foot, to investigate.

"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 metres across the base and approximately two metres high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light.

"The object itself had a pulsing red light on top and a bank or banks 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.

"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 radiation checks were made in the area, proving higher in the three

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indentations and near the centre of the triangle formed by the depressions.

The deputy base commander goes on to explain that 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 (degrees) 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 . . . 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."

The incident happened during a time of Cold War tension, by a USAF complex with nuclear weapons, but the official view was that there was never a threat to the security of Britain. The Ministry of Defence said the department remained open-minded, explaining: "No unidentified object was seen on radar during the period in question, and there was no evidence of anything having intruded into UK airspace, and landing near RAF Woodbridge."

But the matter did not lie there.

Larry Warren is understood to have been the first of the witnesses to go public – in 1983 – a couple of years after leaving the USAF. A recent arrival at Bentwaters, he had been on guard duty on the night of December 28, 1980, when he was taken by truck to join other air force personnel to investigate a disturbance in Rendlesham Forest that, it was claimed, was a landed UFO.

Along with investigative writer Peter Robbins he produced a book called *Left At East Gate*. It stated that during a debriefing the next day the men were ordered not to tell anyone about what they had seen, as "bullets are cheap". The tale formed the basis of the Sci Fi Channel's documentary *UFO Invasion at Rendlesham* and *UFO Files: Britain's*

AN OFFICIAL UPDATE

THE Ministry of Defence told the EADT it examines reports of unexplained sightings solely to check for signs that UK airspace might have been compromised. "Unless there is evidence of a potential threat to the UK from an external military or terrorist source, we do not attempt to identify the precise nature of each reported sighting," said MoD spokesman Wg Cdr Trevor Field.

On Rendlesham: "The judgement was that there was no indication that a breach of UK air defences had occurred on the nights in question and no further investigation into the matter was deemed necessary. Although a number of allegations have subsequently been made about these reported events, nothing has emerged over the last 25 years which has given us reason to believe that the original assessment made by the department was incorrect.

"We remain totally open-minded, but to date the MoD knows of no evidence which substantiates the existence of these alleged phenomena or the arrival or landing of any alien craft in Suffolk or anywhere else in the UK."

■ To read the MoD's Rendlesham file, to and key "Rendlesham" into the search section. A handful of documents are also on the Suffolk Police web site. Go to www.suffolk.police.uk and search for "rendlesham".

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Roswell, a programme aired on The History Channel programme in America last Saturday.

Larry Warren told of alien life forms at the landing site, of being taken to a vast underground complex at Bentwaters that had tunnels linking it with the North Sea coast, and of an advanced intelligence communicating with him telepathically.

Five years ago Georgina Bruni wrote a book called *You Can't Tell the People*. An intriguing suggestion was that three Suffolk prisons – Blundeston, Highpoint and Hollesley Bay – were placed on red alert in December, 1980, in



EXHIBIT B: Brenda Butler and Dot Street, pictured in 1983 at the alleged site of the Rendlesham UFO sighting

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case a possible incident of national security occurred that night.

Ms Bruni believed the authorities were concerned a UFO, which had been sighted twice, was about to return. "In the event of such a threat, the prisons would be used as isolation units."

Later, Baroness Symons of Vernham Dean, Minister of State for Defence, said in a Parliamentary answer: "From surviving departmental records, we remain satisfied that nothing of defence significance occurred on the nights in question."

Georgina Bruni was amazed. "Does this mean that anybody can hover over and land a craft on the perimeter of a British military base and scare the hell out of numerous military personnel and get away with it? If that is the case then it's amazing that Britain has not been invaded years ago."

In the spring of 1998 came a twist. The discovery of original witness statements in America proved, said British researcher James Easton, that beams from Orford Ness lighthouse had initially fooled the patrols.

John Burroughs wrote: ". . . we could see a beacon going around . . . We followed it for about two miles before we could see it was coming from a lighthouse."

Mr Halt rejected suggestions that at least one of sightings was caused by the lighthouse and the Shipwash lightship, although phrases on his tape – such as "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" – do lend weight to the theory.

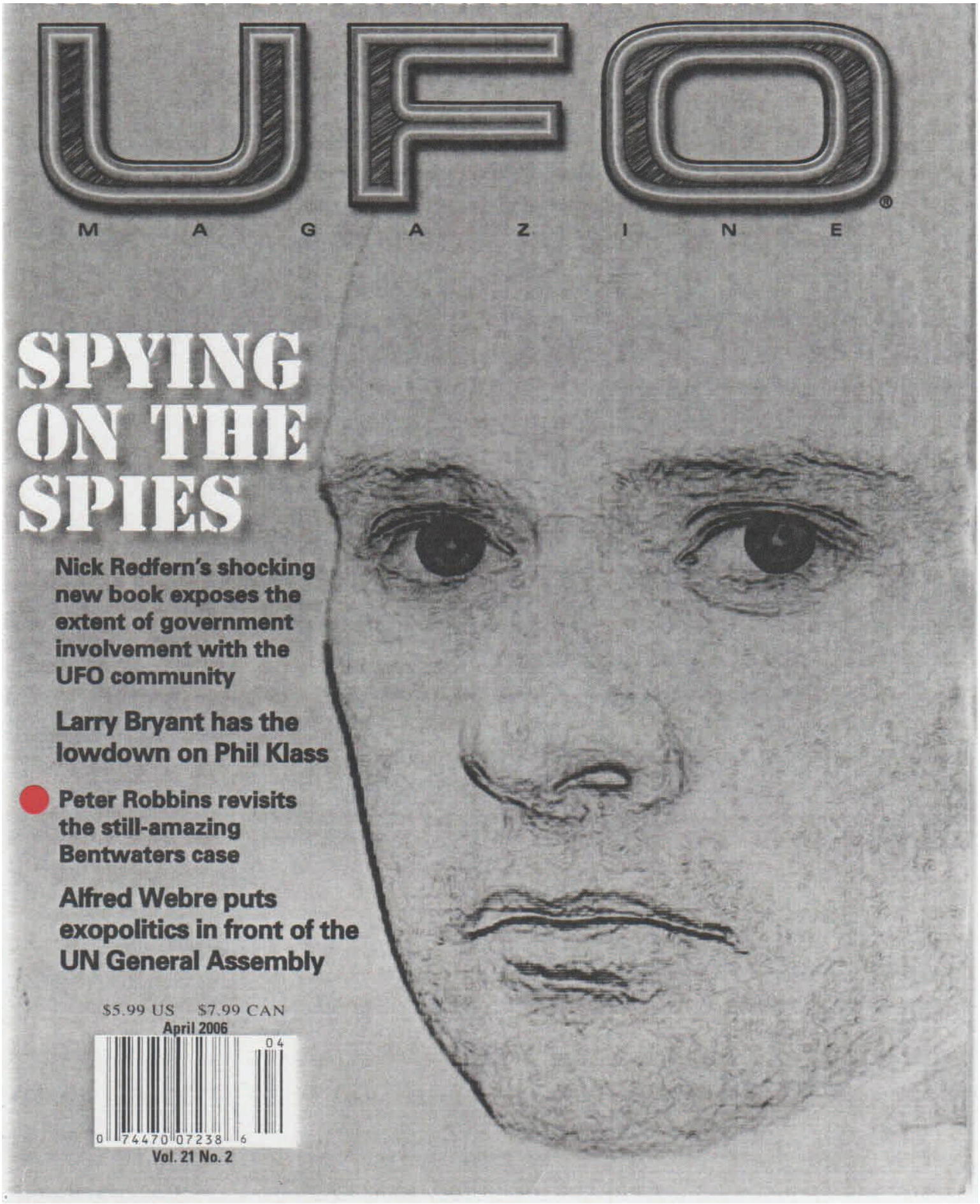
Then, in 2001, the Government released the contents of its previously-restricted file on the Rendlesham incident. The apparent sighting of a glowing triangular shape is described in colourful detail in some of the 170-odd pages, though much of the correspondence is mundane.

Georgina Bruni was "married to" the Rendlesham saga for three years while researching and writing *You Can't Tell The People*. She's still angry at the way the authorities spent "years in denial" before documents were released. She's still convinced something highly significant happened, that the Establishment knows, but that it's keeping it secret.

"We still don't know what was there. Alien life? I don't know. It can't have been British or American, and it can't have been Russian – we know that now. But it was far too advanced for us. I'm 100% sure it was something."

■ An updated edition of Larry Warren and Peter Robbins's book *Left At East Gate: A First-Hand Account of the Rendlesham Forest UFO incident, its Cover-up, and Investigation* has just been published by Cosimo Press (New York). It costs £15.95. ISBN 1-59605-753-X

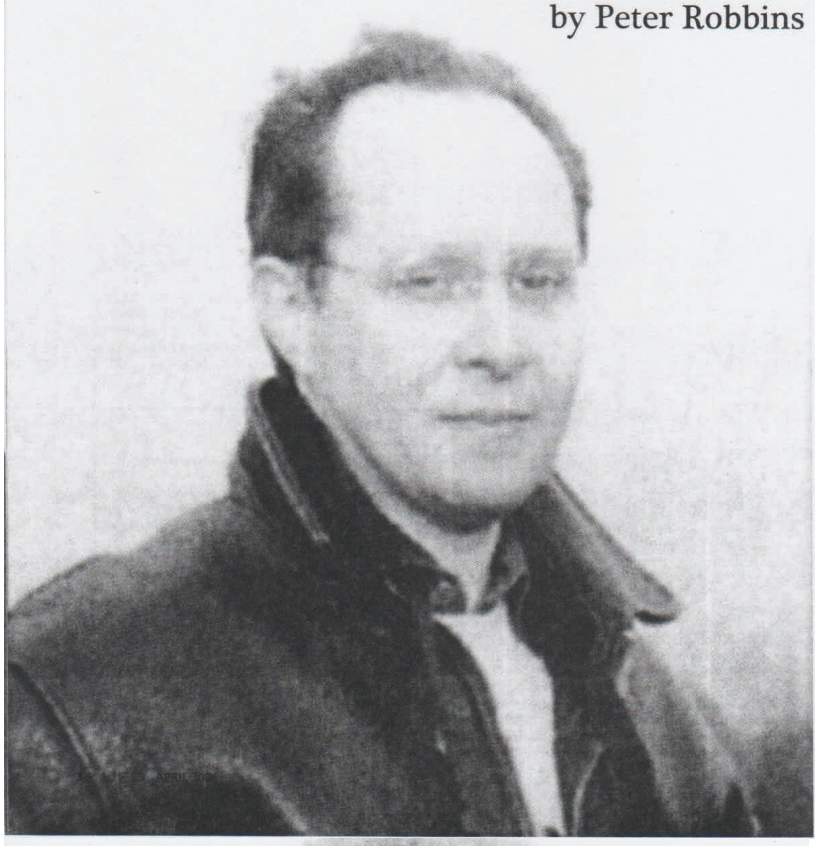
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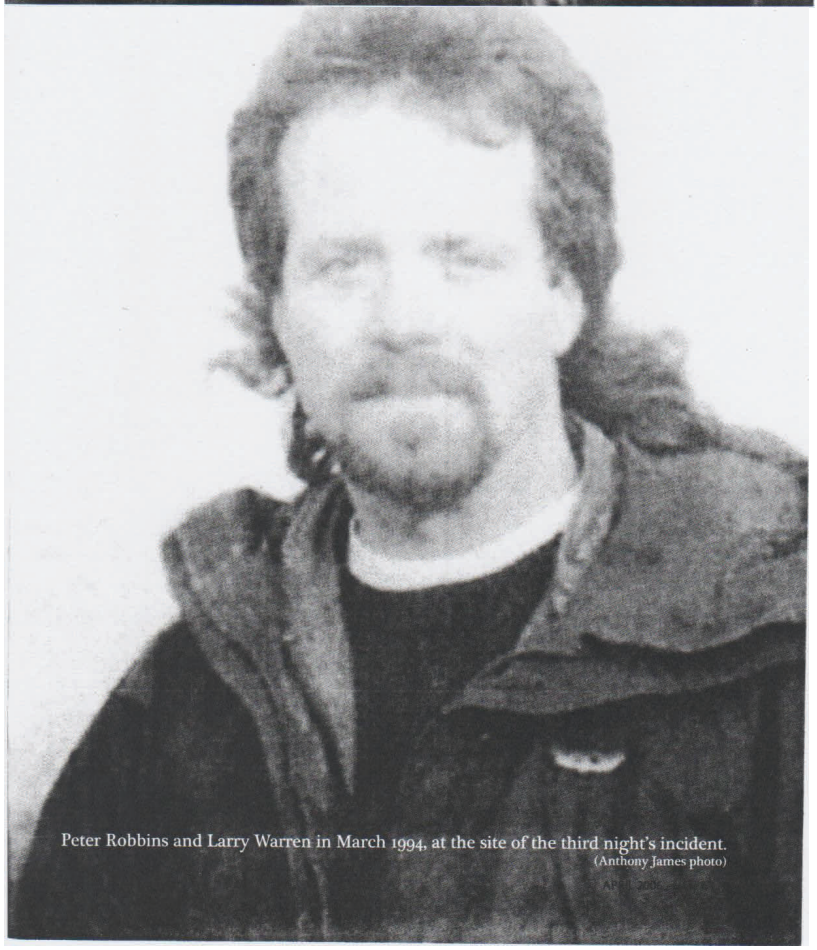


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An American in Suffolk

by Peter Robbins

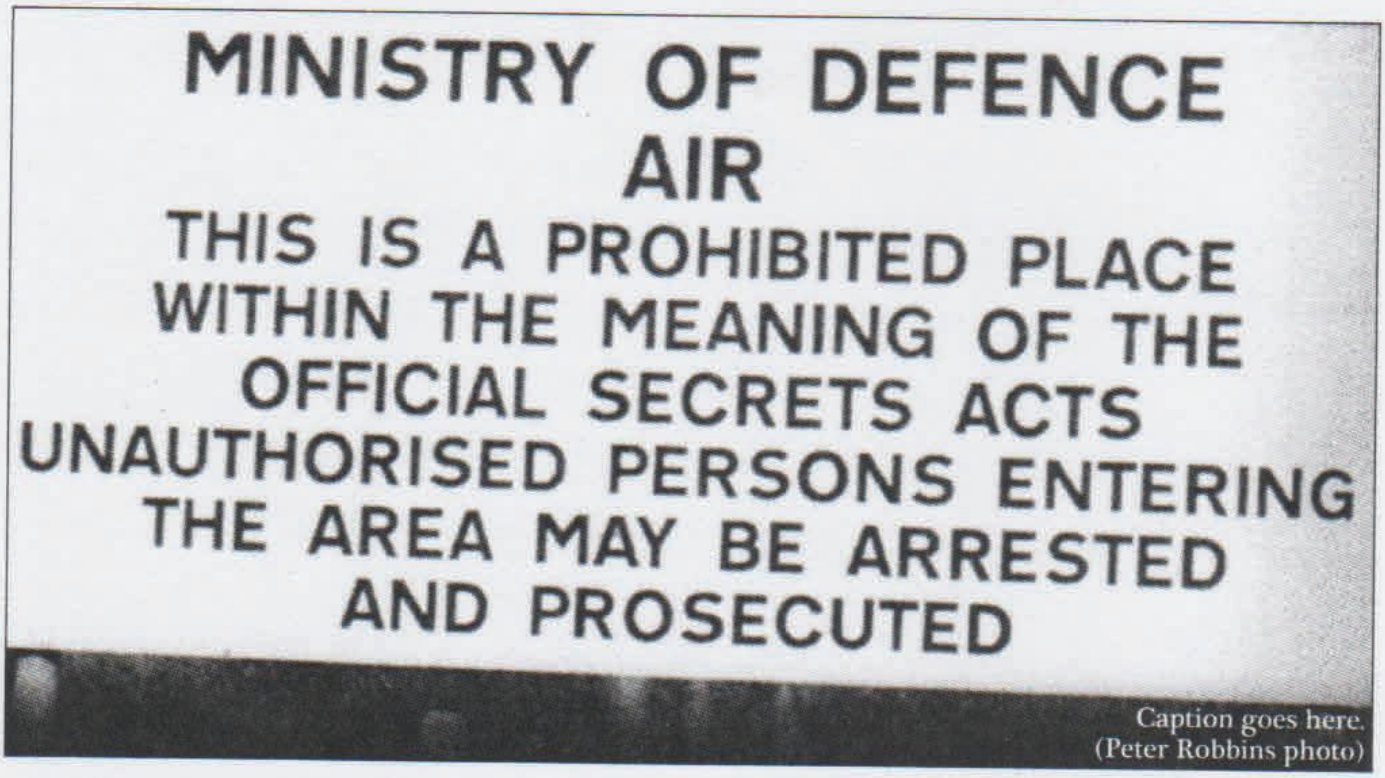




Peter Robbins and Larry Warren in March 1994, at the site of the third night's incident.
(Anthony James photo)

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December 2005 marks the 25th anniversary of the United Kingdom's best-known and best-documented UFO incident. In addition, I am pleased to announce the publication of an expanded and updated version of *Left at East Gate: A First-Hand Account of the Bentwaters-Woodbridge UFO Incident, Its Cover-Up and Investigation.*



Caption goes here.
(Peter Robbins photo)

As such, it is a good time to begin reviewing some of the specifics of the case. Larry Warren and I spent almost 10 years, from 1987 to 1997, seeing this project through to completion, and I see no good reason to attempt a summary of its 490 pages here. Rather, the intention of this article is considerably less formal.

I would like to set down some random afterthoughts on the book and the events which inspired it and recall a few of the people and situations that quite appropriately never made it into print. I'd also like to examine whether or not *Left at East Gate* had any impact on official government policies pertaining to UFOs in the United Kingdom. Finally, I would like to report on a few updates to this story.

OBSERVATIONS AFTER THE FACT

First, the incident itself was not so much a single event as a series of occurrences that took place in rural Suffolk, East Anglia over the course of a 3-night period. While the complete story of what really happened may never be revealed to those of us without need-to-know security clearances, *Left at East Gate* remains the only book written or cowritten by one of the actual military eyewitnesses and supported by years of independent investigation. Its publication brought the story to a wider, more serious audience, especially in Great Britain.

The odds of profiting financially from a UFO-related book are poor to nonexistent, and should anyone persist in taking on such a challenge, he or she should look elsewhere for satisfaction and recompense. For me, the biggest perks have remained the people I've met and the associated travel that resulted from my involvement.

Research and investigation for the book took Larry and me back to England repeatedly from 1988 until 1995, both together and individually. *Left at East Gate* became a British bestseller in 1997 and took us back to the country twice, first for a month-long book tour of England and Wales, and later for a British UFO Research Association (BUFORA) conference in Sheffield. Other visits have followed, with a December 2005 speaking tour for the relaunch of our book.

But I expect to continue visiting the United Kingdom for the rest of my life, as circumstances allow. Why? Because I've made good friends there and would like to continue visiting them; because there are still many sites, cities, and districts I want to visit or revisit, and because of the continuing developments in the Bentwaters-Woodbridge incident. Sightings in the area do continue. Additionally, my coauthor married an

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Englishwoman and now lives in Liverpool; Larry and his wife Sue met on our 1997 speaking tour and are now parents of a great kid, their son Dennis.

By the time I met Larry in July 1987 I had already logged in about a dozen years in UFO-related reading, research, writing, and lecturing and thought myself respectably knowledgeable in this area of study, but with the wisdom of hindsight I can state without hesitation that when we shook hands on this project, I had no real idea of what I was getting myself involved in.

Neither could I have imagined how thoroughly all aspects of this book would come to dominate my time, my thoughts, my actions, and my peace of mind for almost a decade. I became obsessed with finding out everything I could about the truth of what had really happened in, around, and above those Suffolk woods in late December 1980 and what had really happened to my coauthor.

LARRY WARREN'S ROLE

There is no question in my mind that had Larry not possessed the unique combination of courage, idealism, and tenacity that he does, the other witnesses who have now gone on the record would have never come forward. Nor would Her Majesty's government have come to release the 150-odd incident-related documents it did in the summer of 2002. Nor would the citizens of the United Kingdom have developed any substantial understanding or awareness of what transpired in their own back yard.

Larry Warren was an eyewitness to the most dramatic event of the Bentwaters UFO incident, observed the cover-up going into place from the start, and then was the first to go public with what he knew. He helped me gain some needed understanding of the Air Force mindset, and at least as valuable, helped me to appreciate the impact this experience had on him personally. Larry choose to put caution aside and become the whistleblower in all this. He was the very first of the men involved to go public with what he knew, and it was an act of rare and genuine courage. It was also an act that exacted a particularly high price, as his personal account in *Left at East Gate* illustrates.

The post-traumatic stress Larry suffered for his trouble expressed itself in a sometimes brusque, in-your-face manner and a justifiably less-than-trusting nature toward many in the UFO research community. Larry acknowledged giving an incomplete account of his involvement when he first went public, but he then completed his story at a later date.

His actions were interpreted by some investigators as evasive; however, if you read his full account of events you will see his situation in an extremely different light. During our long professional association, Larry and I have certainly had disagreements on how best to accomplish the goals we set for ourselves, but they have never diminished my respect or admiration for his motivations or courage.

MYTH, ALLEGATION, AND A PREPONDERANCE OF EVIDENCE

I am proud of the impact *Left at East Gate* has had in England, but sometimes I wonder how much more I might have accomplished or turned up if I'd been a professionally trained, experienced investigative reporter.

Like many in ufology, I am self-trained in this area, and a fair amount of that training has been on-the-job. It took me an entire year to fully recognize that no matter how I proceeded on the Bentwaters incident, any clearheaded analysis of the information we were pulling together would still be confounded by a veritable stew of fact, allegation, fiction, innuendo, rumor, and myth.

While the incidents in total contained aspects of almost every type of UFO evidence previously on the record, they also contained an assortment of wildly divergent elements, almost all of which I would have been glad to relegate to the realm of bad espionage fiction, science fiction, English ghost stories, and Cold War cover-up—that is, if they hadn't proved to be true or at least worthy of some further investigation.

What were some of the wildly divergent factors we faced, and what ultimately constituted the evidence and proof we published? Well, how about this laundry list: American intelligence abuses and oversights, a



Larry Warren the day of Colonel Gordon William's change of command ceremony, March 1981. The white ascot represents a special security detail.

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Capel Green, site of the incident. Craft's point of contact clearly visible as discolored area in the far right middle ground (1988). (Peter Robbins photo)

subplot of a major U.S. treaty violation, seemingly deliberate altered perceptions of witnesses, abductions and missing time among some of the key USAF personnel involved, accounts of a secret underground facility, alien intervention and/or seeming alien intervention, and National Security Agency involvement in the cover-up of said events.

Simultaneously, the Bentwaters incident straddles almost every area of specialty study known to ufology: multiple eyewitness testimony, both military and civilian confirming the reality of the incidents and their cover-up; fully authentic military reports and memos underscoring how seriously officials took the incident and its implications; historic evidence in the form of previously documented UFO incidents in the same locations; confirmations of ongoing, pre-December 1980 UFO incidents in the same locations; air-to-air and ground-to-air confirmations of the historic and primary events; RAF radar reports, photographic evidence of the areas in question; physical evidences in the form of affected vs. unaffected soil samples, unusual/unexplained impressions in the soil with an unusually high background-radiation count in the impressions themselves; and finally, unusual or unexplained health complications for at least several of the eyewitnesses, with original Air Force paperwork confirming this in Larry's case. I do not know of any other event in UFO history that can make the same claims.

WHY THE LACK OF AMERICAN INTEREST?

Considering the above myriad evidentiary materials, the overwhelming number of American service personnel who were caught up in the incident, and the place which the Bentwaters-Woodbridge UFO incident has come to occupy in international ufology, why has it remained so neglected by U.S. researchers? In the almost 25 years since these events occurred, only one book on subject has ever been published in the U.S.: *Left at East Gate*.

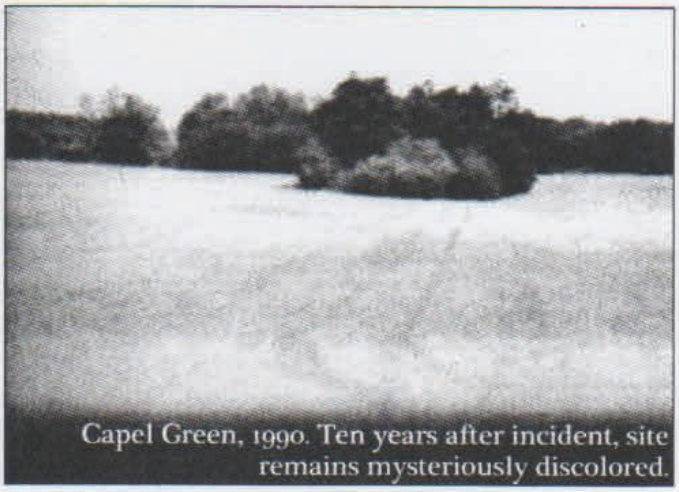
I think the reason for this is several-fold. First, we are laboring under the influence of a kind of innately American chauvinism; *i.e.*, if it didn't happen here, how important can it be? After all, we've got Roswell. No matter that literally all the principals of that case are long gone and with few exceptions the evidence trail is now ice cold.

The fact that almost everyone who was involved in the Bentwaters-Woodbridge incidents is still very much alive seems to have gone by the wayside here, despite the fact that many of the individuals involved have followed Larry Warren's lead in adding their accounts and statements to the record. In the event there is ever a serious congressional investigation of the subject of UFOs, any and all of the American personnel involved could potentially be subpoenaed to testify.

It's a sad fact of life that many Americans seem to discount the importance of occurrences that take place outside our borders. Such shortsighted behavior is no less true in ufology than it is in international affairs, and the xenophobia that fuels these dynamic favors only the naysayers and debunkers.

METHODOLOGY AND INVESTIGATION

One of the reasons Larry and I spent such a relatively long amount of time on *Left at East Gate* was to insure that every lead, from the soundest allegation to the wildest backstory, could be checked as thoroughly as our skills and resources allowed and then either rejected or incorporated into the narrative in an unbiased and grounded a manner as possible.



Capel Green, 1990. Ten years after incident, site remains mysteriously discolored.

But losing myself in this process had a decided downside. As the months of work melted into years, my obsession with the case became more entrenched. My generally above-average social skills began to wane, as did my normally lively sense of humor. I experienced bouts of what I would now characterize as paranoia, and my personal and professional life both suffered considerably.

For several of these years I held all but my family and closest friends at arm's length and became quite reclusive. Ironically, the one area of my life that continued to function in a relatively normal way was my ability to work as a writer.

The elements that kept me on course to complete my part of the book and get it into print were a combination

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of stubbornness, idealism, fascination, and anger; essentially the same factors—minus the actual involvement—that were so effectively driving my co-author. In effect, we had grown to share the same sense of impracticality that comes with entrenched idealism, without which *Left at East Gate* would have never been completed.

A FEW OUTTAKES

No matter how deeply you involve yourself in researching matters extraterrestrial, interdimensional, or otherworldly, you still end up spending your time with human beings and getting yourself into situations that are decidedly terrestrial. Larry and I certainly met some memorable people and had our share of unusual experiences on the road to completing *Left at East Gate*, a few notes on which follow.



Capel Green 1995 showing landing site still blighted 15 years after Larry Warren's experience. (Peter Robbins photo)

AIRPORT EPISODES

I returned to New York from one trip to Suffolk with several pounds of soil packed in tightly sealed laboratory containers that I'd packed in my suitcase. The wide-mouthed plastic jars had been given to me by the technician who would be conducting the soil analysis at the Springborn Environmental Laboratory in Wareham, Massachusetts.

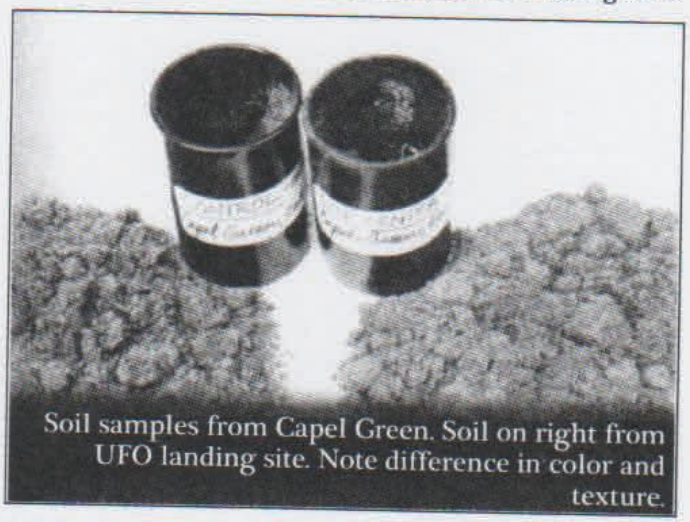
The dirt had been drawn from the site of the third night's incident, with random control samples taken from unaffected parts of the field. Flying back to JFK in New York, I considered not declaring the packed containers at U.S. Customs, but then I thought the better of it. American customs forms specifically ask if you are carrying soil, and while my samples might be confiscated at the discretion of customs officials, I hoped for the best and put a checkmark next to the word *soil*.

At customs, I was of course asked why I was bringing soil into the country. "It's for a book I'm working on," I replied. The inspector then asked me what the book was about. "A UFO incident that happened in England," I answered and watched as he involuntarily raised an eyebrow. "A UFO was supposed to have landed on the spot that some of the soil was taken from."

"Please take your bags and follow me," was his response.

We crossed the huge room and I followed him through a door. Once inside I was asked to open my bag and take out the sealed plastic quart containers. In the meantime the customs agent called over several colleagues and then asked me to tell them all about the incident.

I realized that I had crossed over into unofficial territory and for the next few minutes gave the four of them the short version of the story and answered their questions as best I could. When I'd finished, the inspector asked when and where the containers were being sent.



Soil samples from Capel Green. Soil on right from UFO landing site. Note difference in color and texture.

"Tomorrow, by UPS," I answered and gave him the name and location of the lab.

He took a large loose-leaf binder from a shelf and checked to see if the Springborn Environmental Laboratory was listed and nodded when he found it. "And you have no intention of opening any of these containers before you send them to the lab?" After I assured him I would not break the seals on any of the containers, he told me I was free to go and then wished me good luck with

> I realized that I had crossed over into unofficial territory

the book, as did two of his colleagues. I exited the room and the airport wondering what they thought would be released on the world if I did break those seals.

A considerably hairier episode followed several years later at London's Heathrow Airport. I had ended this visit as Nick Pope's houseguest and the night before leaving had packed up five copies of his newest book, *Operation Thunderchild* (Pocket Books, 2000), for mutual friends in New York.

For those who may not be aware, Nick is a Ministry of Defence executive officer who is also one of the United Kingdom's best-known UFO authors and investigators. After shaving that morning, I tossed my small electric razor into my suitcase where it landed on the neatly stacked pile of paperback editions of Nick's book, then tossed in a T-shirt, zipped the case closed, and waited for the car service that would take me to the airport.

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At the check-in I was asked the expected questions, including, "Has anyone given you anything to carry with you," to which I answered "yes" in reference to the books. I expected that this would be followed up with a request to know what the items were.

The question was never asked. Sizing me up in a glance, the woman behind the counter instead asked me to take my luggage and follow her across the terminal. After some closely spoken words with another airline employee, I was turned over to a gentleman who then asked me to come with him.

> Then the three of them looked up at me: this was obviously not going well.

He led me to one of those scanner machines where you put your bags in to be X-rayed, but this one was the largest such device I'd ever seen—about the size of a car. The security personnel then asked me to put my luggage on the conveyor, one bag at a time. My carry-on and suit carrier passed through slowly and emerged out the other side, but my large bag remained somewhere in the scanner. The technician at the screen continued to scrutinize it for several minutes and the expression on his face only said "problem." He soon called over two other security personnel who studied the screen from over his shoulder, their expressions quickly matching the operator's. Then the three of them looked up at me: this was obviously not going well.

A quick huddle followed and the valise finally emerged from the far end of the device. "Please take your bags and come with me," one of the officials said with a poker face. I did as I was told, but frankly never broke a sweat: No matter what they may have suspected, I knew there was nothing provocative in the bag, but very much respected the fact that they seemed to feel otherwise.

Two of them accompanied me into an examination room and asked me to put the bag in question on a small table. I was then asked to open the bag. Both men were noticeably tense and touched nothing, only pointing at the black valise. "What is under there?" one asked, pointing at my T-shirt. "Books," I responded, and showed them the stack. "And what is that on the books?" "An electric razor." "Please pick it up."

I did.

"Now, please disassemble it."

I did.

"Now please flip through the books." Again I followed their instructions. They then turned away from me, spoke briefly and quietly, then turned back and told me it was all right to repack my bag and continue on my way. Both were noticeably calmer.

"Everything's all right, then?" I inquired. "Yes," the seemingly senior man answered.

"May I ask what the problem seemed to be?" The two glanced at each other, then back at me. The answer was not immediate, but it was more relaxed than anything that had been said to me since this episode had begun.

"We are trained to look for certain material profiles in baggage, and we saw one in yours. Your electric shaver sitting on top of those books looked just like a profile we're trained to look for. In this case, an electric detonator sitting on top of a good amount of plastique explosives."

"Oh," was all I could say. Now I understood, feeling a little blast of tension for the first time. "In future then, when I pack, I should make sure that I don't place the razor on top of any books?"

"It would be a good idea," he answered, with just a hint of a hint of a smile. I couldn't help smiling, too, as I headed back for the check-in, imagining the fantasy tabloid headline, "MoD Man's UFO Book Sets Off Security Alert at Heathrow."

BOOK TOUR

The small London-based publisher Michael O'Mara Books, Limited worked hard to give us the maximum opportunity to reach the United Kingdom's reading public. Due to growing interest, what was first envisioned as a one-week/four-city speaking tour turned into a month-long, fifteen-city book tour.

Just before picking up our rental car, we met with Michael O'Mara at his office. He gave us a brief pep talk, a copy of the best U.K. road atlas available, a cell phone, a thousand pounds in cash to cover our expenses for the month, and two relatively massive red-bound copies of our day-by-day—and in part, hour-by-hour—tour itinerary. This was followed by a brief but serious reminder to stay on the correct (left) side of the road. We thanked him, picked up the car, and were on our way. Larry drove and I navigated, and yes, we managed to stay on the correct side of the road for the entire trip.

Aside from the many appearances O'Mara Books had scheduled for us, we would do no fewer than twenty radio interviews, most of which were with BBC affiliates around England and Wales, as well as a handful of television appearances. I was most proud of the fact that we stayed in hotels only three out of thirty nights. All other nights we would stay with friends, acquaintances, and sponsors. Without their kindness and support we would have had a considerably more abbreviated book tour. Our audiences ranged from dozens to hundreds and the venues varied wildly. They included theatres, guildhalls, bookstores, common rooms of council flats, a town hall, a pub, and a college, the last two being particularly memorable.

The pub talk fell on a Sunday and took place in the back room of a drinking establishment in the Midlands. It drew the smallest crowd we encountered that month, about seven or eight rather tough working-class lads, one woman in a noticeably bad mood, and one dog in an even worse mood.

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With the exception of the dog, all assembled drank, and drank heavily, throughout our talk. We were interrupted regularly; our audience simply stopped us at various points to discuss the merits of what we were saying as though we weren't even there. The dog would bark occasionally, only to be quieted by the woman. I got the impression that neither was terribly impressed by our talk.

At the other extreme, our final appearance at London's Imperial College of Science and Technology was the high point of the tour. We were at the top of our form and the organizers would later write that our talk was "the best joint presentation ever delivered" at any of the many events they'd sponsored over the years. It was a wonderful way to end the official part of this memorable visit.

DID OUR EFFORTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Make no mistake about it: Hard-working, dedicated individuals can make a difference; they can even affect history if they believe in themselves, have the wherewithal to stick to their goals, get a few breaks along the way, and perhaps most important of all, have the support of people who believe in them.

The U.K. edition of *Left at East Gate* went on sale within a week of the general election that first brought Tony Blair to power, and our publisher sent the new Prime Minister a copy of the book, along with our best wishes and congratulations. A response was not long in coming. The June 9 note, on 10 Downing Street stationery, was from the PM's assistant private secretary and read, "Dear Ms. Tyler (our U.K. publicist), The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 5 June with which you kindly enclosed a review copy of *Left at East Gate* by Larry Warren and Peter Robbins. Yours sincerely, Mrs. M. S. Ailes."

Back in the States that September I received a letter from Martin Cave, a reader of ours in Surrey who'd attended the lecture we'd done in Sheffield the month before. Mr. Cave had written to his local members of Parliament regarding their reading the book. "I also wrote a letter to our prime minister," he added, "since you said he had already been forwarded a copy. I enclose a copy of the response I received from his office."

Martin's note was on the same 10 Downing Street notepaper as ours and also signed by Mrs. Ailes. It noted, "The Prime Minister has asked me to thank you for your letter of 20 August. I regret that the Prime Minister has not yet had an opportunity to read *Left at East Gate*."

I occasionally wonder if Tony Blair ever did read our book, and this is not a vanity-driven thought. He very well may have by now. We know for a fact that members of Parliament have, as did members of the Ministry of Defence, where it was even well-reviewed in the Ministry's monthly in-house magazine, *Focus*.

Of greater significance, however, is that on October 28, 1997 *Left at East Gate* was brought up by name in Parliament, an honor only two other UFO-related books share. It was serving MP and former Ministry of Defence Chief of Staff Lord Peter Hill-Norton who did so. The published Parliamentary Proceedings of October 28 note that Hill-Norton asked Lord Gilbert, then Secretary for Defence, "whether the allegations contained in the recently published book, *Left at East Gate*, to the effect that nuclear weapons were stored at RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge in violation of U.K./U.S. treaty obligations are true."

Lord Gilbert's response was understandably noncommittal. "It has always been the policy of this and previous governments neither to confirm nor deny where nuclear weapons are located either in the U.K. or elsewhere, in the past or at the present time. Such information would be withheld under exemption 1 of the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information." This was followed by Hill-Norton's asking three more questions drawn directly from our book, all similarly answered by the Secretary for Defence.

It should also be noted in closing that the Ministry of Defence's 2000 release of event-related documents, memos, and letters established something we had long suspected: that the so-called Halt document, RAF Bentwaters' Deputy Base Commander Colonel Halt's one-page memo of January 13, 1981, was indeed taken seriously by British Defence Intelligence. This while the Ministry had steadfastly maintained that whatever events took place in and around the twin bases was of "no defence significance."

Nothing could have been further from the truth, and the truth after all, was what Larry Warren's and my 10 years of work together was all about. UFO

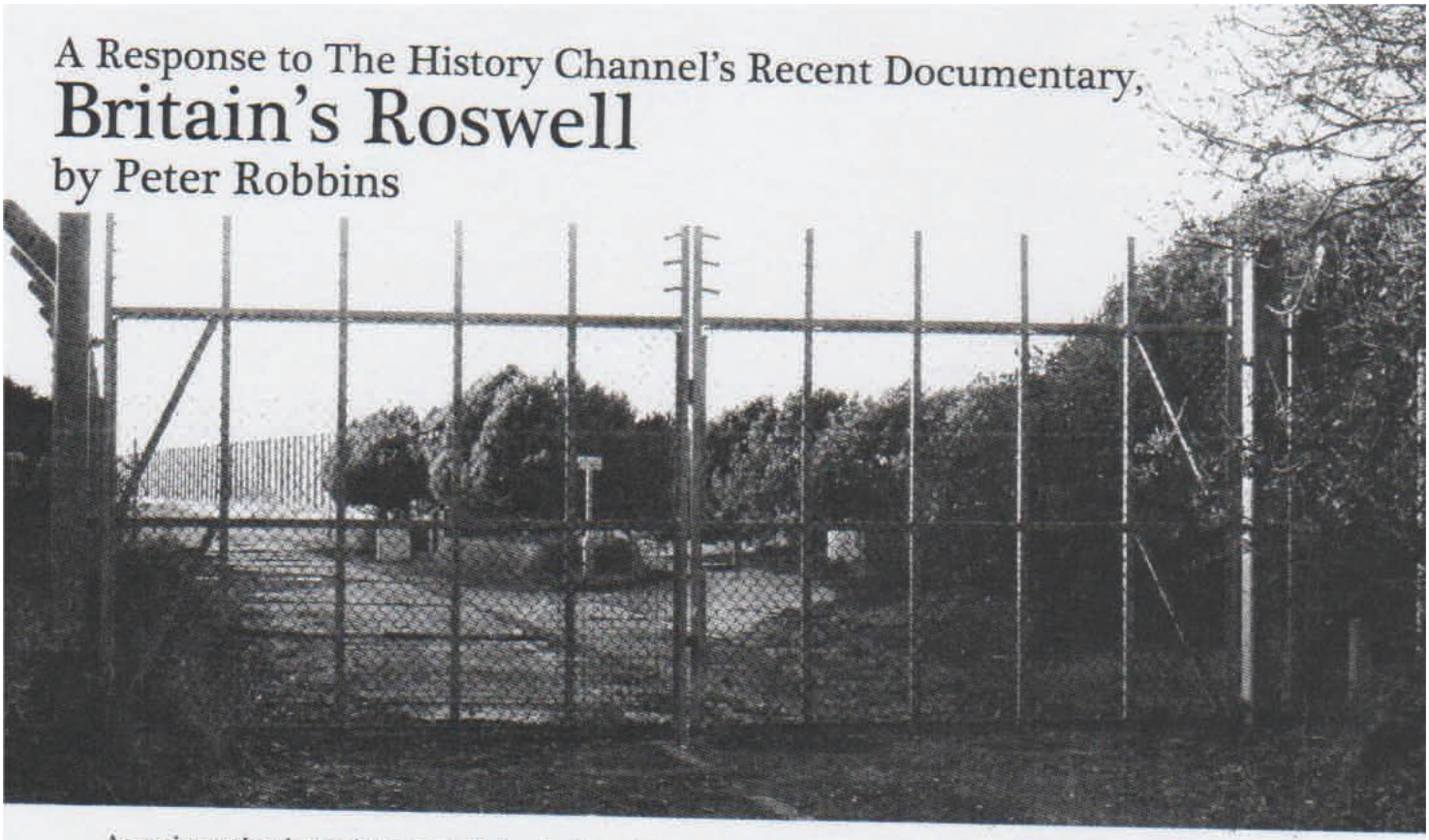
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A Response to The History Channel's Recent Documentary,

Britain's Roswell

by Peter Robbins



As an investigative writer specializing in the subject of UFOs, I've appeared in or consulted on numerous UFO-related documentaries over the past 25 years, both here and abroad. Repeated involvement in such projects has taught me to expect almost anything in terms of a finished product—from a serious, studied treatment to a silly, inaccurate, and superficial send-up.

I've trained myself to go into any such interviews knowing that most if not all the footage you shoot may end up on the cutting room floor and to not take it personally. Given the wildly varying quality of information put forward as evidence and the subjective nature of many UFO reports, I appreciate that such programs rarely if ever leave all parties satisfied with the outcome.

I think it's fair to say that producers of such shows should be given the latitude to examine independently and investigate fully any conflicting accounts and points of view and that they be allowed to come to their own conclusions, no matter how we the viewers and participants feel about their results. More often than not, complaints after the fact are counterproductive and ego-driven and usually reflect more poorly on the complainant than the accused.

With this understood, I must register my disappointment with The History Channel's otherwise even-handed series, *The UFO Files*. I am disappointed with the program's numerous inaccuracies, and I feel something considerably more than disappointment with the treatment given my coauthor, Larry Warren.

Since first viewing this documentary December 31 in London on a video supplied by the producers to Nick Pope of the Ministry of Defence, I have thought long and hard about whether to even bother registering such a complaint. Doing so will doubtless have no effect on The History Channel's keeping it in their programming rotation, so why bother?

The reason is simple. When a producer has been presented with highly credible, multiple evidences, yet knowingly makes the decision to undermine and discredit a selected witness for his or her own purposes, such inaccuracies should not be allowed to stand unchallenged.

May I add that doing so brings me no enjoyment? So let me be as specific as possible in relating this account and allow readers and viewers to come to their own conclusions. But first some relevant background.

In 1987, with more than a decade of investigative experience under my belt, I began work on a book about the events in question. My coauthor Larry Warren was a member of the USAF as a security police officer assigned to RAF Bentwaters in Suffolk U.K. at the time of the incident.

He arrived at the base in early December 1980 with specialty training in antiterrorism and in working around nuclear ordinance. Late that month Larry was an eyewitness to the final event of the 3-night UFO incident.

The next day he was debriefed with other involved personnel. Following his honorable discharge from the service, Warren was the first and only one of the witnesses to come forward with a public account. I can make this statement with some authority. I spent the lion's share of 9 years challenging the credibility of his account, then in documenting it with physical evidence and the accounts of other men who had been involved.

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In 1997 our book, *Left At East Gate: A First-Hand Account of the Rendlesham Forest UFO Incident, Its Cover-up and Investigation* was published here and in the United Kingdom where it went on to become a best-seller. And while there are numerous researchers and investigative writers who have addressed this case in Britain, I remain the only American investigator to have undertaken an in-depth investigation into these events.

Britain's Roswell was made by Towers Productions, a Chicago-based documentary company under contract to The History Channel. The show's executive producer, David DiGangi, first contacted my coauthor in July about appearing in this documentary. Larry then referred David to me and we had our initial conversation shortly thereafter.

At this time I was also invited to appear on the program. I made only two simple requests of DiGangi in agreeing to appear in and assist with the preparation of this documentary. First, that the title of our book be mentioned or shown sometime during the program, and that the book jacket for the newly updated edition of *Left At East Gate* appear on camera briefly.

The producer had no problem with these terms just as long as Towers Productions received the artwork within their production deadline, which they did. I then sent him a copy of *Left At East Gate*. DiGangi agreed to read as much of it as his schedule would allow in preparation for my interview with him. He was also curious to know if I could supply them a copy of The Sci Fi Channel's 2003 documentary in which Larry and I had both appeared, as well as acted as consultants. With the blessings of Sci Fi's director of special projects, I lent them my studio copy.

Larry and I were pleased to learn that the broadcast was scheduled for December 2005, the event's twenty-fifth anniversary and the publication month for the updated edition of our book. As such, we both agreed to assist in any way we were able and to supply the production team with original research materials which they would be free to use in the preparation of the program.

DiGangi told me they intended to interview other American witnesses to parts of the incident but wanted to interview Larry Warren back on location in Suffolk. This was understandable, since he had been a resident of the United Kingdom for the preceding 5 years.

And since David and his associate producer would need a place to stay in Suffolk, I arranged an introduction for them with Jan and Tony Warnock, a local couple who have run a bed and breakfast near the Rendlesham Forest for the past 24 years.

The Warnocks had known Larry for almost 18 years and had been indirectly involved in the event as well. As a result, they were also interviewed on camera by DiGangi for several hours. He and Associate Producer Kristen Simoney did stay with the Warnocks during the shooting, as did Larry.

These interviews, as well as those conducted with three of the other witnesses: Charles Halt, Jim Penniston, and John Burroughs had been completed by the time I met with the producer and his cameraman in New York City on August 5. It should be noted that none of these other witnesses were involved on that third night or at the same location as Larry.

DiGangi recorded about 3 hours of tape with me and somewhat to my surprise, he confined almost all of his questions to Larry's mental state, personality, manifestations, and specifics of the post-traumatic stress he suffered and how it was that I came to believe his account. Such questions are certainly relevant, but in 18 years of being involved with this case no one had ever asked me so many, and in so many varied ways, around this particular aspect of the Rendlesham story.

After several hours of same I began to feel I was not giving him the answer or answers he wanted to hear; otherwise he would have gone on to other pertinent questions. My final statement was that if anyone could establish for me that I had been misled by Warren, or that my research was somehow faulty, I would leave this field for good.

I meant it then and mean it now.

After the taping, David and I reviewed the materials I had brought with me which he would be free to draw upon, refer to, or include in the program should he wish. They included much of my coauthor's original service record, pertinent photos and letters, Freedom of Information Act actions, maps, case-related documents, soil analysis and original soil samples from the third night's landing site, a recorded interview with witness Charles Halt, and a *Left At East Gate* press kit which ran well in excess of one hundred pages.

More significantly, I also loaned him a hard copy of the book's then-unpublished epilogue which now appears in the updated edition and pointed out that it included statements from other, uncontested military witnesses confirming my coauthor's involvement on the night in question. Larry loaned the production team numerous original photographs, as well. I remained in touch with both DiGangi and Simoney by phone and email, doing my best to answer any follow-up questions they might have. The materials were all returned to me in November.

THE SHOW

Britain's Roswell maintains first-rate production values throughout, just as one would expect from any History Channel feature. Clips from The Sci Fi Channel's fine *UFO Invasion At Rendlesham* and a 1995 British documentary were well-integrated and added to the information value of the program. The comments of U.K. Ministry of Defence official Nick Pope and author Georgina Bruni also contributed to the program, as did some of the remarks from witnesses Penniston, Burroughs, and Halt. Among my specific problems with the show were the following.

There were three consecutive nights of UFO activity between Christmas and New Year's Day, 1980. The second night's events were never acknowledged by the producers and were entirely ignored.

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Jim Penniston made plaster casts of the imprints left in the soil at one of the landing sites, which the narrator characterized as "roughly 10 feet apart." This was immediately followed by Penniston's voiceover saying "They measured exactly the same distance apart."

We are told that "The following is the (audiotape) recording Halt made that night." This is incorrect. It is merely a 15-minute segment from a several-hour-long recording which the deputy base commander made that night.

Not a single one of my responses to the producer's questions about Larry Warren's state of mind, believability, or confirmations of his involvement make their way to the final cut. Nor do any responses to similar questions that were asked of the Warnocks. Nor do any related answers to the questions posed to Nick Pope. Save a single map and several photographs, none of the items I supplied found their way into the program.

Four out of the five times that author Georgina Bruni appears on camera, the words *Georgina Bruni, author, You Can't Tell the People* appropriately appear below her name. On the two occasions when I am shown on camera, the words *UFO researcher* appear below my name. I am never identified as coauthor of a book on the incident, nor is there any reference to the fact I worked with this eyewitness for nearly a decade prior to publication. Why else would this particular UFO researcher have been asked to appear in this program if not for my longstanding involvement with this case, eyewitness, or expertise in the matter?

Larry Warren is never identified as a coauthor of this book either, the only book ever written or cowritten by any of the many military or civilian witnesses. Nor is *Left At East Gate* ever identified or even referred to, despite assurances I'd been given to the contrary.

Why exclude any reference to this five-hundred-page book in such a documentary? *You Can't Tell The People* author Georgina Bruni, whose book is noted throughout the program, cites *Left At East Gate* as an inspiration for her initial investigation and resulting book. In 1997 she wrote in *Sightings Magazine* that "Since reading *Left At East Gate*, the controversial book authored by Larry Warren and Peter Robbins, I decided to do some homework and try to find witnesses who could confirm Larry's story and hopefully help solve more of the mystery."

The segment prior to the one focusing on Warren's involvement and veracity ends with the narrator saying, "For 3 years the public is kept in the dark about what happened at the air bases. Then in 1983 a new witness surfaced with a startling claim about the UFO encounter." This particularly offensive and misleading bit of doublespeak has the audacity to suggest that witnesses Penniston, Burroughs, and Halt had already gone public when Larry Warren "surfaces" in 1983.

This statement is simply untrue and I am at a loss to understand why it is included in the program. Warren was *the first and the only* eyewitness with the courage and conviction to make his account public at that time, a fact that is in no contention whatsoever, even by these other witnesses.

The narrator informs us that "Warren, like Charles Halt and Jim Penniston, recalls seeing a glowing craft in the clearing of the Rendlesham woods shortly after Christmas 1980, but Larry Warren is the only airman who claims he saw alien life forms."

Quoting investigative writer Georgina Bruni from *You Can't Tell The People*, a book the producer had in his possession for months prior to the documentary's production deadline: "In January 2001 I talked to a witness who until then had been reluctant to discuss the entities he had seen at the landing site. Only if I promised to mention his name in connection with this, would he oblige.

"These beings had moved out from the landed object and appeared to be surrounded by a surge of electrical energy. Although he could not describe them accurately because they were almost translucent in form, he was able to conclude that they were human-looking, like us, he said. According to the witness, nobody was prepared to talk about this aspect of the incident. Another person who mentioned entities was Sergeant Bobby Ball.

"Although his face was blacked out and he was refered to only as Sergeant B, I have been able to identify Ball as the man who told Chuck DeCaro on the CNN *Special Assignment* program that "we saw flying objects containing maybe other people or another life form." No one else claims to have seen life forms? These two witnesses did. I am aware of the identity of this first witness as well; he confirmed this account to my coauthor years ago. Are there others? Without question. Then why haven't they come forward?

The unnamed eyewitness told Georgina that "nobody was prepared to talk about this aspect of the incident." Why? The 20-years plus of attacks leveled against Larry Warren are a good example of why. Jim Penniston answers this question in his own words relative to his experience on the first night: "It was not a good career move to report exactly what we'd seen. I went into the shift commander's office with Burroughs and we gave a sanitized briefing of what happened that night." And who can blame him for modifying his story?

Ms. Bruni goes on to say, "One must recall that Sergeant Ball was with Halt's patrol during the encounter. I can only conclude that Halt was involved in this close encounter and is either suppressing the information for fear of ridicule or because he was instructed not to discuss it or is unaware through himself having been 'messed' with. This is a term Halt has used when describing what he believes were drug-induced interrogations performed on some of the witnesses."

We are told that "Warren then watches as a senior officer begins communicating with the beings." This statement is entirely untrue. Larry never made it during his interview with DiGangi, nor has he ever made it in any anecdotal, written, or recorded statement prior to this interview. I would very much like to know what the source of this claim is.

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We are told that "Warren recalls being taken against his will by men in dark suits, then being led to an underground facility on the base." Hardly. In fact Warren was chemically subdued by an aerosol container being sprayed in his face. This caused him to loose major motor functions, collapse, and be thrown into the back of a vehicle like a sack of potatoes. He was then driven to a building with an elevator into which he was unceremoniously dragged and dumped. The elevator then descended. Do I split hairs here? I doubt that any of us would think so if it had been us who were "led" anywhere in this fashion.

The narrator goes on to say: "Another problem with Warren's version of events is that no one can recall seeing him in the woods on the night in question." This statement is underscored by Charles Halt: "No one *ever* (emphasis mine) recalls seeing him being out there that night. I've talked to all the players and just about everybody that was on even the fringes, and nobody remembers seeing Larry anywhere, except around the base in training."

The unpublished epilogue I turned over to DiGangi on August 5 contained several statements from uncontested military witnesses who confirm Larry Warren's presence on the third night. The most explicit comes from Greg Battram, a former 81st Security police specialist who was assigned to D Flight along with Larry: "I know you were out in that forest 'cause I saw you out there."

Sergeant Adrian Bustinza is mentioned and referred to several times during the documentary but never in any context to Larry Warren. In fact, at the time of the incidents, Sergeant Bustinza was a C and D flight supervisor and very definitely remembered Larry Warren out in the field that night. He was standing right next to him when the craft appeared. You can read the sixteen-page interview with him that appears in *Left At East Gate*.

"After the story breaks," relates our narrator, "Warren's accusations infuriate other witnesses." Witness John Burroughs tells us that: "Something really did happen to us, but there's no way, the way he was describing what happened to us, and it wasn't fair to the people who were involved to have that kind of extreme stuff come out."

The event Burroughs had been involved in occurred on the first night, while Larry Warren's event occurred on the third. Burroughs was in the general area on the third night, but he was not in Capel Green, the farmer's field referred to in the documentary when "the extreme stuff" transpired. As Charles Halt told Larry and me when we met with him on February 16, 1993, "There were only five people past that point, except when Burroughs, I think, came forward. You had to have been well behind us, at least 100, 200 yards, when you saw the object."

I suggest that it was not so much Warren's "accusations" that infuriated other witnesses, by which I assume the narrator is referring to Burroughs, Penniston, and Halt. Let us remember that Larry first blew the whistle on the cover-up in 1982, which was many years before any of these men came forward with their own accounts.

Back then Larry turned over all of the information that he had or remembered about the events to then-Coventry, Connecticut Police Lieutenant and UFO investigator Larry Fawcett. This information very specifically included the names Charles I. Halt, John Burroughs, and Jim Penniston.

I respectfully submit that these men were "infuriated" because they had been outed, plain and simple, and given the fact that they were not in the same place at the same time as Larry, they have no more right to pass judgment on what he says he saw or experienced than Larry has a right to correct or judge their experiences or observations.

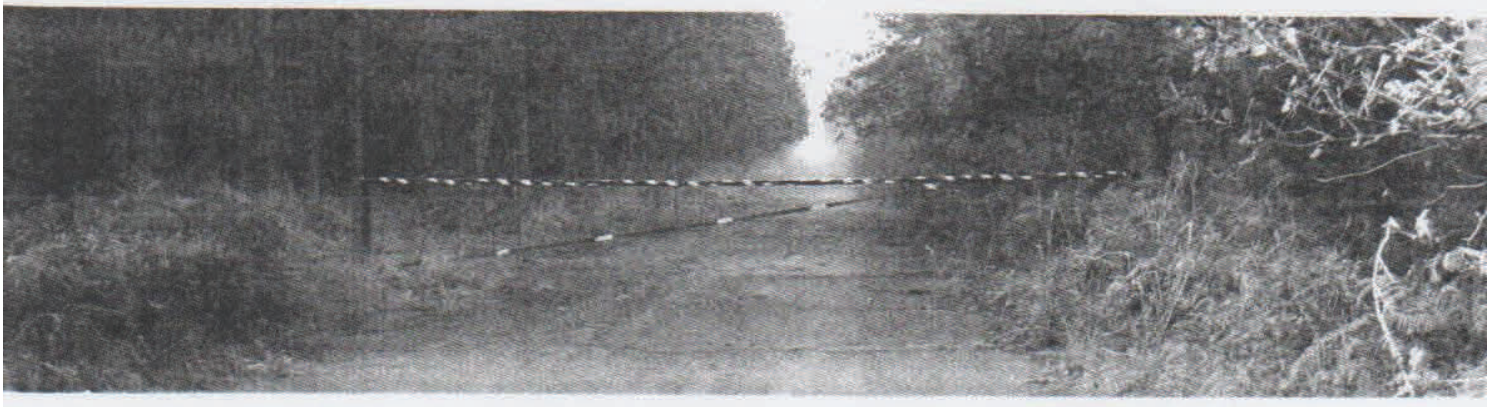
I would like to make it very clear in closing that in no way do I hold The History Channel itself culpable for any of the shoddy research, misleading statements or out-and-out untruths which characterize this documentary. Nor am I in possession of any information leading me to believe that the contractor, Towers Productions, should be held accountable for them.

My understanding is that The History Channel contracted Towers Productions to do as straightforward and honest a job as possible on this project, and Towers Productions executives in turn assigned the project to a producer they felt was capable of delivering same.

No, it seems that this particular buck stopped with producer David DiGangi, who for reasons best known to himself okayed all of the content and narrative that went on to become *Britain's Roswell*.

It somehow seems in keeping with the program's fractious outcome that I was last contacted by a representative of Towers Productions in early November for fact-checking. The single fact they were interested in checking was the distance from London to Suffolk, East Anglia. I thank the reader for their forbearance in allowing me to put these comments on the record, and for their time and attention.

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SIXTY YEARS AND COUNTING...

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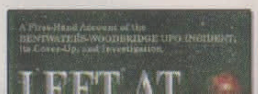


July 1947 was one of the most extraordinary months in American history. Among other things, Kenneth Arnold's June 24th sighting of unidentified flying objects over Washington State's Cascade Mountains became the subject of national, then international press coverage and initiated us into the modern age of UFOs. *Foreign Affairs* magazine published George Keenan's highly influential foreign policy paper, "On Containment." The policy went on to define America's response to the ongoing threat of Soviet expansion for the next four decades, leading many historians to date the 'official' beginning of the Cold War to July 1947. It was also the month that the National Security Act was passed by Congress, bringing into existence the National Security Council, the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Central Intelligence Agency, and Dr. Vannavar Bush's Research and Development Board. Then something really interesting happened.

Sixty years ago this week an unidentified flying object, or objects, plunged into an otherwise peaceful New Mexican plain, and in the process, irrevocably altered the history of the Twentieth Century. And it was 'official.' News that a genuine 'flying saucer' had crashed was released by Major Jesse Marcel, Intelligence officer for Roswell's 509th Squadron, at the time the world's only nuclear bomb wing. But the follow-up story set us all straight. "*'Disk' Near Bomb Test Site Is Just a Weather Balloon,*" Warrant officer solves a puzzle that baffled his superiors" heralded The New York Times' article recanting Major Marcel's announcement. The article's subtitle continued, "'flying saucer' tales pour in from round the world," and with good cause: reasonable people all over this country and in other countries were observing and reporting them. Sixty years later the reports are still coming in.

I happen to be one of those people who have come to believe that many, if not most UFO sighting reports are explainable in something less than extraterrestrial terms, but to paraphrase my colleague Stanton Friedman, the question is not, are UFOs representative of advanced civilizations and technology originating somewhere off this planet? The question is has *any* UFO *ever* been representative of same? The answer is an overwhelming 'yes.' But are we the people any closer to learning the truth from our government about what really transpired eighty miles from here in 1947? The answer to that question is a resounding 'no.'

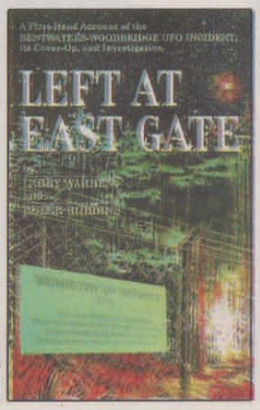
What will it take to create a climate for change? Short of the mass landings of extraterrestrial spacecraft in cities and towns from Portland, Maine to Portland, Oregon, I'm not sure. While its my personal opinion that our current leadership is more obsessed with secrets and secret keeping than any administration in American history, the fact remains that no serving president - be they Republican or Democrat, liberal or conservative, has dared take responsibility for throwing this particular lever. In the meantime, there is nothing stopping us from continuing our personal searches for the truth, through, research, investigation and education. We should also get into the habit of writing to our elected officials and candidates that we, their constituents, take this subject seriously and actually expect them to find the time to do some reading on the subject, then find the courage to take a position that matters. But no matter that an official confirmation still alludes us. Whatever crashed in the New Mexico desert all those summers ago signaled that we are not alone in the cosmos, and all of the secrecy in the world cannot change that.



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Bentwaters 'UFO' simply a lighthouse, paper says

LONDON (AP) — A newspaper's claim that a UFO landed in Britain in a ball of red light was dismissed by a rival publication Sunday, saying that the light was from a lighthouse.

The mass-circulation News of the World claimed a week ago that the UFO had three beings inside it in silver suits when it came down in a forest near RAF Bentwaters in Suffolk in eastern England, at the end of 1980.

The tabloid Sunday People sent a reporter to the site and quoted Vince Thurkettee, an officer for the state-run Forestry Commission, as saying: "The light from the Orford Ness lighthouse, on the coast, can be seen through the trees. From the hill where the site is, it appears to be practically at ground level and, of course, it flashes.

"As you walk toward it, because of the lie of the land, it disappears."

The News of the World said a report by USAF Lt. Col. Charles Halt on the UFO landing supported what some patrolmen had seen and that his report was suppressed in a coverup.

The Sunday People quoted a USAF spokesman as saying that Halt's report was based solely on what the patrolmen had reported they saw on Dec. 27, 1980, and it was never classified as secret.

The News of the World returned to the story in its latest issue Sunday and said that, since it published the first report, people from all over Britain have reported UFO sightings.