

OSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/7

7 May 1993

DI55 [REDACTED]

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## UFO OR NOT - THE NEXT STAGE

Speak to [REDACTED] again. If the Russian rocket was visible from the areas in question at the time quoted, especially if it broke in two, the UFO could probably be ascribed to it.

If not, examine the times and places of the sightings in more detail. See if a trajectory can be plotted. A quick look suggests this will not be possible, but it is worth trying.

Look at previous sightings. See if they match the observations.

Some of the sightings were in the Plymouth area. It is likely that some RN ships were at sea in the time. Did anyone report anything?

# UFO VISITS UK?

## Reports

In the early hours of 31 March, bright lights were seen in a series of places around the UK. I have 13 reports, some of which derive from several witnesses, indicating at least 30 people saw the event.

Geographically they range from Shropshire down to Bristol, South Wales and Cornwall. Aside from the wide spread of locations in the west country, the reports have a number of similarities:

Timings around 0110 to 0120.  
Two bright white lights  
In a set formation from each other.  
No/little noise.  
Altitudes estimated around 1000 ft.

The speeds varied considerably, from hovering to Mach 2 (measured by the time taken to cross a bay of known size).

The observers were mostly RAF/civil police or personnel involved in aviation, making them reliable witnesses.

No civil or military aircraft matched the reports.

## Possibilities

RAF Fylingdales reported that a Russian rocket, a resupply vehicle for the MIR space station, re-entered the atmosphere at 0010, an hour earlier than most of the sightings. I have checked that Fylingdales did not mean 0010Z and the others 0110A.

Such a rocket would orbit the Earth in 90 minutes, as would debris falling from it. I have asked DI50 to investigate the likely trajectory of the rocket to determine whether it is likely to have been visible at the given times and places. If the rocket came down to Earth and broke into two, it might explain the sighting of a pair of objects with vapour trails passing through the sky.

The [REDACTED] has collected together a series of reports which suggest an object *"about 500 ft in width, carrying two very bright light sources at its outer edges with a number of smaller lights surrounding its main body. It left a tail of light, something like a vapour trail, only illuminated or lit up."*

The number of people who apparently saw the object(s), particularly with most of them being police, suggests that there was something there and that it is not simply a hoax, despite being a day short of April Fools' Day.

Some of the witnesses quoted dimensions and altitudes. How do you estimate the height of a light of unknown size at night, with nothing with which to compare it? Also, the

estimates are not necessarily independent. For example, Sgt [REDACTED] estimated an altitude of 1000 ft. However, he filed his report after interviewing another witness who also gave that figure.

An aircraft (or whatever) travelling at, say, Mach 2 could not cover such a wide area in such a short time. Either the object was much higher in the sky, such that all observers could see it at the same time, or it somehow travels much faster than that.

### Conclusions

The observers saw the same object, or a series of similar ones, at the same time.

The Russian rocket is a definite possibility, although it could not explain all the claims. [REDACTED] should be able to confirm one way or the other.

If the claims as worded are true, something penetrated UK airspace without our radars seeing it. It then visited several places of military interest at very high speed and then departed.

A comparison with previous events might provide more data.

COSFORD

[REDACTED] RAF Police

0115. 2 bright lights, constant in size and in relation to each other. Altitude 1000 ft. Circular in shape, creamy white. Moving fast SE. No noise.

Mr [REDACTED]

0125. Also seen by [REDACTED] Rugeley. 900-1000 ft altitude. 200 m in diameter. Humming noise as it passed over him..

SHAWBURY

[REDACTED] Met Office

0250. Lights of same description, heading south. Two lights, moving erratically at hundreds of miles an hour, unlike any aircraft.

BRISTOL

[REDACTED] Met Office

0055. Lights seen there. Initially assumed to be meteorites. Also seen by other airport staff.

DYFDD

[REDACTED]

0110. Two bright lights in parallel, one slightly behind the other. No sound. Marked vapour trail but not very long. Covered horizon in 2 minutes.

BRAUNTON, DEVON

[REDACTED]

0120. Three large, very bright lights. Seemed to land in sand dunes.

LISKEARD, DEVON

[REDACTED]

0110. 2/3, star-shaped lights with vapour trail. Also seen by other police officers in Devon/Cornwall.

MERTHYR TYDFIL

[REDACTED]

0110. Two bright, circular lights with trails. Overhead, moving north, 100-200 m altitude.

Similar reports from

Greatly Hampshire	0115
East Harptree, Bristol	0010
Haverford West, Pembrokeshire	0015
Wadebridge, Devon	2210
Bridgewater, Devon	0115

BNSC

CAA/NATS.

Please find enclosed letter from the Staffordshire Police I have  
spoken to the Dept. of Transport, Civil Aviation Section  
who suggested I send to N.A.T.S. as it has nothing to  
do with DT/BNSC.

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# STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE

Telephone: Cannock 574545

Our Ref. CAN/JC/SAT

Your Ref.



Police Station,  
Wolverhampton Road,  
Cannock,  
Staffs.  
WS11 1AW

7th May, 1993

Department of Trade and Industry,  
National Air Traffic Control Services,  
1 Victoria Street,  
London SW1H 0ET

Dear Sirs,

I attach hereto copy reports received from my officers in connection with alleged sightings of unidentified flying objects.

Yours faithfully,



Superintendent.

Secretary (Air Staff) 2A  
MOD  
Main Building  
Room 8245  
Whitehall  
London SW1A 2H

FAO Mr. [Redacted]

The person dealing with this correspondence is:



# Staffordshire Police

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

FROM: P.C. [REDACTED]

STATION: RUGELEY

TO: SUPT. [REDACTED]

DATE: 31.3.93

SUBJECT: U.F.O. REPORT

1. With reference to the attached report by P.C. [REDACTED] concerning a U.F.O. being sighted in the Brereton Area of Rugeley, more information has been received by myself from a Cpl [REDACTED] of the Military Police at R.A.F. Cosford.
2. Cpl [REDACTED] has informed me that from enquiries he has made he has further sightings of the U.F.O. in Bristol at 0100 hours by an [REDACTED] at Bristol Airport, at Ternhill Barracks at 0200 hours by two guards on duty there and at R.A.F. Stafford where two guards also saw it travelling at a speed of approximately '400 knots' on a very low flight path.
3. Cpl [REDACTED] also informed me that he has liaised with R.A.F. Shrewsbury, at Mr [REDACTED], who informed him that he had seen a U.F.O. in the sky travelling at high speed but riding erratically at different attitudes. He observed it for approx. 15 minutes until it went off at speed (400 knots) in a southern direction.
4. Enquiries have been made with all aviation centres and there was no activity in the area at all by any military or civil aeroplanes.
5. All the above information has been recorded at R.A.F. Cosford and a separate report has been compiled by Cpl [REDACTED]
6. If any more information is required it can be obtained from The Military Police at R.A.F. Cosford Tel. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
P.C. [REDACTED]

## Staffordshire Police

Your Reference:

Our Reference:

FROM: P.C. [REDACTED]

STATION: RUGELEY

TO: SUPERINTENDENT [REDACTED]

DATE: 31st March, 1993

SUBJECT: REPORT OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECT

1. At 0149 hours on Wednesday 31st March, 1993 a Mr. [REDACTED] of [REDACTED], Brereton, Rugeley, reported to Rugeley Police Station that he had sighted a U.F.O. in the Brereton area. The informant was visited and the following details were obtained:

A TIME - 0109 hrs  
DATE - 31.3.93  
DURATION OF SIGHTING - Approx. 1 minute

B DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

Shape - Oval  
Size - Approximately 150 metres in length  
Colour - Shiny. Unable to state colour.  
Brightness - The object had lights at each end which were cream and very bright  
Sound - Loud humming noise.

C EXACT POSITION OBSERVED

The informant sighted the object whilst stood in the garden of his home address.

D HOW OBSERVED

Naked eye

E DIRECTION IN WHICH OBJECT WAS FIRST SEEN

The informant saw the object over the Stile Cop area of Cannock Chase.

F ANGLE OF SIGHT

Approximately 45 degrees

G DISTANCE

Approximately  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile

H MOVEMENTS

Moved away into the distance slowly

J METEOROLOGICAL CONDITIONS

Dry and Clear

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K NEARBY OBJECTS

Housing and industrial estate

L TO WHOM REPORTED

R.A.F. Cosford and Rugeley Police Station

M NAME AND ADDRESS OF INFORMANT

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Brereton, Rugeley

N ANY BACKGROUND ON THE INFORMANT THAT MAY BE VOLUNTEERED

It is not thought that the informant has ever made any previous reports of a similar nature in the past.

O OTHER WITNESSES

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Pear Tree Estate, Rugeley

P DATE AND TIME OF RECEIPT OF REPORT

0149 hours 31.3.93

Q IS A REPLY REQUESTED

Yes

2. In accordance with Force Standing Order E4 1:1 I would ask that this report be forwarded to:

Department of Trade and Industry,  
National Air Traffic Control Services,  
1 Victoria Street,  
London SW1H 0ET.

[REDACTED]  
P.C. [REDACTED]

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Superintendent : [REDACTED]

- (1) This report, together with the report from P.C. [REDACTED], dated 31st March, 1993, is forwarded for your information and subsequent transmission to the Department of Trade and Industry at the above address.

13.4.93

[REDACTED]  
Inspector

Chief Superintendent [Redacted]

- 1. I would ask that a copy of this report be forwarded as outlined in Minute 1 (2) above.

26 April 1993



[Redacted]  
Chief Inspector

PAB.

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Superintendent [Redacted] Cannock.

- 1. This type of report need not be referred to Headquarters and may be forwarded direct to the Department of Trade and Industry.

[Redacted Signature]  
Chief Superintendent.

5th May, 1993.

LOOSE MINUTE

D/Sec(AS)12/7

7 May 1993

DI55c [redacted]

UFO SIGHTINGS - WEDNESDAY 31 MARCH

[redacted]  
Thank you  
I suggest you  
now drop this  
subject  
[redacted]  
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Red of Sec(AS)

As you will see, we may have  
an explanation for some - but certainly  
not all - of the recent UFO sightings.  
PT55c will follow this up.

[redacted]

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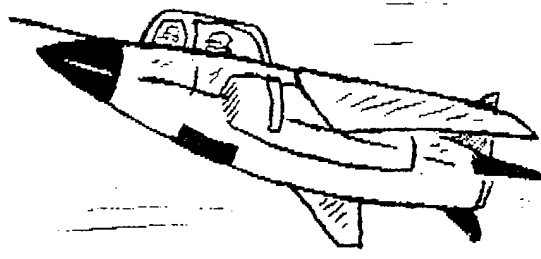
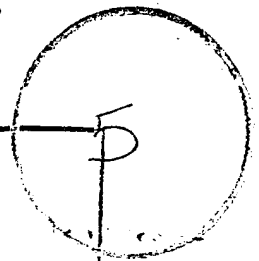
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# FAX MESSAGE

FROM



Sec(AS)2

TO



DT551

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MESSAGE:

As discussed, copies of all the reports that you don't have (although I presume the signals should be filtered through Singapore)

ANY DIFFICULTIES PLEASE TELEPHONE MB 6110

[REDACTED]

D/DI55/108/15/2

19 May 1993

31 MARCH 93 INCIDENT - SUMMARY

1. In the early hours of 31 Mar 93 an aerial incident occurred over much of the UK. The incident has not yet been investigated and the following summarizes the incident.

2. Visible Phenomena. Generally reported as twin (some reports triple) white/creamy lights, circular in shape with no beam. Lights moved parallel to each other and were about 450 ft apart (estimates vary). Several reports indicated that there was a structure between the lights. Some reports indicate that a gold/silver tail was present sometimes with a red glow. Some reports indicated a trail.

3. Audible Phenomena. Described as either quiet or "a low hum".

4. Locations. See attached map.

5. Witnesses. Many, including civil and military police.

6. Speed. From hovering to Mach 2 (calculated by witness by time taken to cross bay of given size).

7. Altitude. Around 1000 feet.

8. Other Information.

a. Radar tapes held by 55 [REDACTED]

b. A MIR resupply vehicle re-entered the atmosphere an hour before the incident started.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

DI55 [REDACTED]  
OWOB 336 [REDACTED]

Enclosure:

1. Locations of Sightings.

[REDACTED]

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LocationTime seenHeight / Heading / Speed etc.

RAF Cosford, Wolverhampton	1.15 am	→ SE	✓
Rugby, Staffs	1.10 am	v. low, slow	✓
Whitebridge, Cornwall	10.10 pm	High, ac speed?	✓
Crackley, Hunts	1.15 am	Low, high speed, N → S	✓
Brampton, Devon	1.20 am	low, S → N	✓
Bristol	1.10 am	fast, E → W	✓
Merkthyr Tydfil	1.10 am	low, slow, S → N	✓
Bristol	12.55 am		✓
Liskeard	1.10 am	→ SE	✓
Haverford West	12.15 am	N → S, v fast	✓
Crymchyllt, Pwllheli	1.10 am	v high + fast, NW → SE	✓
Bridgewater	1.15 am	v fast, N → SE	✓
RAF Shawbury	2.40 am	low, slow + fast, → S	✓
Bradway, Sheffield	11.40 pm	→ N	✓
Liskeard		→ SE	✓
Ilfracombe	1.10 am	→ S	✓
Ilfracombe	1.10 am	→ SE	✓
Exeter		→ E	✓
Bridgewater	2 am	low	✓
St Ives	1.30 am		✓
Queentree Hills	9 pm	→ S	✓
Bridgewater	9 pm - 10 pm		✓
Bishops Lydeard	9 pm - 10 pm		✓
Taunton	1.10 / 1.17 am		✓
Marehead	1.10 / 1.17 am		✓
Penistone	9.30 / 1.17 am	→ SE	✓

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Honiton  
Devon [REDACTED]

Tel: [REDACTED]

14th March 1993

[REDACTED]

SEC (AS) 2A  
Room 8245  
MOD Main Building  
Whithall  
London SW1A 2HB

Dear Mr [REDACTED]

Firstly, thankyou for your help when I rang you last week re: the sighting of an unknown object on Wednesday 31st March '93 over Wales and the Westcountry.

As requested I am enclosing a copy of my hastily prepared Interim Report concerning this event. It will obviously take some time to collate all the information I receive, but once this is completed I will let you have a copy of my final report.

I understood from our conversation, that you have also received some reports of this event and would appreciate anything you can tell me concerning this. I have no idea at present what flew over this area on the night in question, all I do know is that it was very big, was shaped something like a 'Catamaran' and was completely silent!

Once again many thanks for your help.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]  
Honiton  
Devon [REDACTED]

Tel: [REDACTED]

INTERIM REPORT

Case No 933

Case Name - 'Westcountry / Wales Sightings - 31st March 1993'

Introduction

At 2.20am on the morning of 31st March 1993, I received phone call from Sgt [REDACTED] of the Devon & Cornwall Police Force informing me that at 1.10am he had observed 2 very bright white objects hovering at approximately 2,000' north of his position, S.E. of Liskeard on the A38. He had been notified of the objects presence in the area, by two other Police Officers, P.Cs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. These officers were travelling out of Liskeard in a north westerly direction and had themselves observed the two objects approaching from the N.E. Sgt [REDACTED] watched the objects for a few seconds before they started to ascend fairly quickly and moved S.E. in an arc to a height of about 10,000' towards Torpoint, Plymouth, Devon.

Following this report, I contacted the Police Control Headquarters at Exeter, Devon and was informed by an officer on duty that they had received a number of similar reports from other Police Officers in Ilfracombe, Plymouth and East Devon. They also mentioned a report from the South Wales Gwent Police. Acting on this information, I telephoned the police station at Ilfracombe, (Nth Devon) and spoke to a Sgt [REDACTED] who informed me that at approximately 1.10am whilst driving down into Lynton, with another officer (P.C. [REDACTED]) they saw two

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very large bright white lights approaching from the north, across the Bristol Channel. He estimated their height to be about 2,000'. As the lights passed overhead, both officers discerned a structure between the lights and estimated that an object some 500' wide with lights on either side had passed over their heads at low altitude! They subsequently logged a report of this event with their headquarters.

After this call, I contacted the Plymouth police and was informed that they had received a call, about 1.10am, from a gentleman who reported seeing two very bright lights, flying fairly high over Stoke (Plymouth) and proceeding in a S.Easterly direction. Because of the time of night and the improbability of what the person was reporting, this report was not officially logged.

Later in the day, I contacted the police at Merthyr Tydfil (South Wales) and after some delay obtained the names of two police officers stationed at Treharris Police Station who had also reported seeing two very bright white objects/lights flying across South Wales and heading across the Bristol Channel. Their report was also timed at about 1.10am.

That evening I contacted the Exeter Police and was given the names of three police officers who had earlier reported a sighting. These proved to be a Sgt [REDACTED] PC [REDACTED] and PC [REDACTED]. All three officers had been on duty in Paul Street, Exeter, when they observed two very bright objects flying parallel to each other and on an Easterly course over the city.

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On Thursday 1st April 1993, I received a call from [REDACTED] at the British UFO Research Associations Office, giving me the name, address and telephone number of Mrs [REDACTED] from Pentregalar, Dyfed, who had also seen the two very bright lights in flight across N.W.Wales at 1.10am on Wednesday 31st March 1993.

At this point, I now had some seven or eight reports, mostly police officers, who had all observed two very bright white lights or objects, travelling across the night sky from approximately N.W to S.E. in complete silence and trailing some form of illuminated vapour trail behind them / it! What was noticeable about these sightings, was that all the persons I spoke too had great difficulty in describing the 'trails' and used the term vapour as a simply means of doing so. What was also noted was the fact that whatever it was that was trailing behind the objects, it was 'illuminated' or 'lit up' by some means or other. One person described them as 'like car head light beams shining backwards, another thought they looked like long thin fluorescent light tubes!

Because of the extraordinary similarity between the reports, it was obvious to me that at approximately 1.10am on the morning of the 31st March 1993, an object of enormous size had crossed N.W.Wales, S.Wales, N.Devon, Cornwall and E. Devon. During its flight it had descended from a great height over N.W.Wales to about 2,000' above the Bristol Channel and hovered at the same height north of Liskeard. From there it ascended to approximately 10,000' over Plymouth and subsequently E. Devon. From here I felt sure it must have travelled further east or south easterly and decided therefore to try and obtain some additional sightings by use of the local press. I contacted the Taunton Gazette and Honiton News, both weekly papers and gave them some details of the events of Wednesday 31st.

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I avoided giving the time of the sightings and a full description of what had been seen.

These reports were published on Friday 2 April 1993 and by mid afternoon on that day my phone was ringing continuously. My callers were mainly from the Taunton, Minehead area and interestingly gave me a good picture of the objects journey over Somerset and onto the Dorset border. Again most of the reports were of two very bright white lights, flying parallel to each other and at a constant speed. The rear light source was again mentioned in all the reports and as before the callers had difficulty in describing this. The length of the trailing light varied from caller to caller and was anything from 100' to 100yds depending on the callers angle of sighting. Most of these sightings were timed between 1.10am and 1.17am, which indicated a 1.10am to 1.15am sighting, some five minutes later than the Welsh, Cornwall sightings.

In addition to the 1.10am - 1.15am sightings, I also received two reports concerning a large object carrying two very bright outward light sources. This object was seen at 2am over the River Parrot, Nr Bridgewater, flying very low, about 800', by some local fishermen known as 'Elvers'. Elvers being young eels. Both reports concerned a number of fishermen, but were initially made by two of them, Mr [REDACTED] and Mr [REDACTED] of Bridgewater, Somerset. One of the sighters, [REDACTED] described the object as looking like a very large 'Catamaran'. It had two long ski like sections underneath which appeared to be joined by a centre structure about 400' to 500' apart! From the rear they described a long beam like light source, something like a cars headlights dimmed.

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In all the reports received, there was no mention of any noise being associated with the lights / object, in fact the reverse appears to be the case, i.e. complete silence!

Whilst collating all these reports, I also received some reports concerning bright lights flying in formation and hovering over Bridgewater and Bishops Lydiard between 9pm and 10pm on the evening of 30th March 1993. I also received one report, again from a police officer, who was off duty and with some Scouts up on the Quantock Hills at about 9pm on the 30th. He reports seeing a large object flying in from the north, fairly low and said it resembled 'two concord aircraft fixed together' and covered in a number of white bright lights. Obviously this could not have been two 'Concords' but its not a bad description in comparison with the 'Elvers' description at 2am i.e. a large 'Catamaran'.

Since these reports I have received three more, only these have come from St Ives, Cornwall. again two very bright lights are reported flying parallel to each other and very high in the sky. This is some twenty minutes later than the earlier sightings on the 31st and indicates that the objects or objects were seen over the West Country and Wales, on at least three separate occasions i.e. 1.10am, 1.30am and 2am.

From the general description given, it would appear that the object seen was about 500' in width, carrying two very bright light sources at its outer edges with a number of smaller lights surrounding its main body. It left a tail of light, something like a vapour trail, only illuminated or lit up.




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At this point in the investigation, Sunday 11th April 1993, I have now despatched 33 report forms to all the 'sighters' and once returned will hopefully be able to plot at least the 1.10am flight path of the object and provide a better description of its form, structure and performance. I will also have a better picture of the 1.30am St Ives, Cornwall and 2am Bridgewater, Somerset events.

As a matter of interest, two of my reports concerned the presence of two 'Jet Fighters' flying in from the East. one behind the other, and across Devon at 1.30am on the 31st. One report came from a retired airline pilot living in East Devon who gave the altitude of the jets as 20,000' and their speed as 1,500mph. He also said they were in a hurry and had their 'after burners' on! This report was later corroborated by a second report from a gentleman living in Wellington, Somerset. My efforts to confirm the presence of these aircraft with SEC (AS) 2A at the MOD (AIR) was not successful. From their records no military aircraft were airborne at this time over Devon and are therefore unknown to anybody at this time!

I also received two reports of three military type helicopters flying in a radius of Bridgewater between 1.30am and 2am on the 31st. Both reporters are adamant that the helicopters were military - probably 'Sea Kings'? but again MOD (AIR) were unable to confirm their presence in the area. My information is that these Helicopters were on a search operation of some kind or another and that at one stage 'red flares' were seen due south of Bridgewater.



13th April 1993



# MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

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Your reference

[REDACTED]  
Honiton  
Devon  
[REDACTED]

Our reference  
D/Sec(AS)12/3

Date  
22 April 1993

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for sending me a copy of your Interim Report on the wave of UFO sightings that occurred in the early hours of Wednesday 31 March.

I have attached a copy of a map that I have produced, setting out the locations of sightings, together with a time and heading, if known. I have included the sightings described in your report (some of which we already had details of), together with some other reports that you may not have heard about. Our policy of witness confidentiality means that I am unable to give out names and addresses, but the following locations correspond to the crosses on the map:

Penistone, S Yorks.  
Bradway, S Yorks.  
Cosford, Staffs.  
Rugeley, Staffs.  
Shawbury, Salop.  
Grateley, Hants.  
Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan.  
Haverfordwest, Dyfed.  
Crymych, Dyfed.  
Bristol, Avon.  
Bridgewater, Somerset.  
Quantock Hills, Somerset.  
Bishop's Lydeard, Somerset.  
Taunton, Somerset.  
Minehead, Somerset.  
Braunton, Devon.  
Ilfracombe, Devon.  
Plymouth, Devon.  
Exeter, Devon.  
Liskeard, Cornwall.  
Wadebridge, Cornwall.  
St Ives, Cornwall.

I hope this will be useful to you in your investigation; I will keep you informed of developments.

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]



UFO sightings late 30<sup>th</sup> / early 31<sup>st</sup> March '93

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26th May 1993

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Dear [REDACTED]

Firstly, many thanks for your help over the last few weeks, it really has been appreciated.

Just a quick update on the events of 30th/31st March 1993 re: the sightings here in the Westcountry.

It is almost certain that the majority of the 1.10am sightings were in fact the re-entry of a Russian second stage rocket that had put a Cosmos Radio Satellite (2238) into orbit sometime before midnight.

What we don't know is what the object or objects seen at 1.30am over St Ives, Cornwall and 2.00am over Bridgewater, Somerset and indeed the hovering object(s) seen over Nth Devon between 8.00pm and 11.00pm on the 30th!

From the evidence to date, something was most definitely haunting the sky over Nth Devon on the evening of the 30th and I have substantiated reports confirming this.

The 2.00am Bridgewater sighting also appears to be genuine and I can see no reason to doubt it.

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Then there is the collection of sightings you kindly gave me covering Avon, Shropshire and South Yorkshire up to 2.40am on the 31st - it certainly was a busy night for something.

At the moment I am busy putting together a 16 page report on these events and once completed will despatch it to the appropriate authorities - you will of course receive a copy.

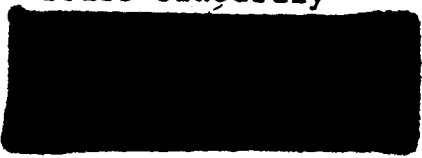
However, before finalising this report, I wondered if you had been able to obtain any information re: the two fighter aircraft seen over Devon at 1.30am on the 31st or the 3 helicopters seen over and around Bridgewater at 1.30am also on the 31st.

Could I please ask if you could once again check your records and ascertain, if possible, what they were doing! I realise this may be difficult, but I do honestly believe that they have a bearing on this case.

Once again, many thanks for your help to date and do hope I,m not causing you any undue trouble or inconvenience.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



P.S. Thanks for the letter sent to you by the  
Post office - I received it this morning.

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Date  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter dated 26 May.

I am afraid that I can offer very little with regard to tracking down the fighter aircraft and helicopters seen on 31 March; when you first mentioned this to me, I attempted to track down any military aircraft that might have been operating at the times and locations specified, but found no evidence of any such activity. I should add that it is unusual for military aircraft to be operating as late as 1.30am.

I will await your final report with interest - personally I agree that while the decay of Cosmos 2238 might explain the high level 1.10am sightings, it would not explain the other sightings on the night in question.

Yours sincerely,  
[REDACTED]



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Dear [REDACTED]

Thankyou for your letter received today in reply to mine of the 26th May last.

As promised please find enclosed a copy of my report re: the events of the night 30th/31st March 1993. As is usual with these types of cases once the event has passed there is not much more we can do with it. Our only hope is that something else might pop out of the woodwork at a later date to throw some light on it.

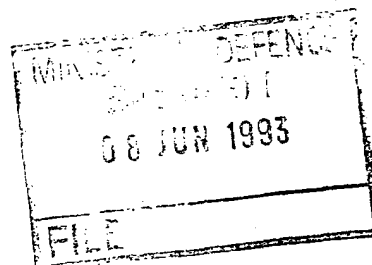
There appears to have been a lot of ufo activity over the last few months particularly in the Gwent area of South Wales. Some of the sightings are very similar to the events in that area in 1980 and 1982 which were in themselves quite extraordinary - but again once reported upon what else can we do. One day perhaps we shall have a landing or some tangible evidence of what these 'things' are and more importantly - what their doing!

I hope you find the report of some interest and if you have any ideas or theories on this event please let me know.

Once again many thanks for your help and look forward to speaking to you again.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely  
[REDACTED]



[REDACTED]

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20th May 1993

INVESTIGATION REPORT

CASE NO 933 - 'The Wales and Westcountry Sightings'  
30th / 31st March 1993

This report has been compiled with information received from, and with the much appreciated co-operation of [REDACTED]

It also includes information received from Mr [REDACTED] of the Ministry of Defence (Sec Air)2, Mr [REDACTED] of the British Astronomical Association (BAA), Mr [REDACTED] a BBC correspondent for BBC Radio 4, based in Dublin, Ireland, members of the Devon & Cornwall Police Force and numerous members of the British public living in Wales, Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.

Introduction

On Wednesday the 31st March 1993, at approx 2.20am, I received a telephone call from Sgt [REDACTED] of the Devon & Cornwall Police Force. He is stationed at Bodmin, Cornwall and was reporting an incident that had occurred at 1.10am that morning whilst on duty near Liskeard. Briefly he reported that at 1.10am, whilst driving towards Dobwalls on the A38, he noticed 2 very bright lights of objects hovering at about 2,000' above the N.W. Horizon. Knowing the night sky fairly well he immediately realised that 'they' were not stars and did not conform to any known aircraft or their navigation lights. At this point he stopped his patrol car and got out. he watched the objects for a few seconds and was amazed to see them suddenly start to ascend at a fairly fast rate of knots.



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They seemed to move in an arc over his position and disappeared to the south. At their highest point, about \*10,000' 2 vapour like trails appeared behind each object and they appeared to be self luminous. \* This height is based on information obtained from the control tower at Exeter Airport later that day.

At the end of his report, [REDACTED] informed me that several other police officers had made similar reports to their operations room at Exeter.

Shortly after this call, I contacted the Ops. Room at Exeter and was told that they had received a number of reports, all from police officers on duty within the counties of Cornwall and Devon. They also said that 2 other officers of the Gwent Police Force, had also logged a similar report.

In total I was given the names and contact addresses of 11 officers. In addition I was informed that 2 other officers who were on a special surveillance operation somewhere in East Devon, had also reported something very similar. Unfortunately, I was unable to obtain these officers names and can do no more than note their sightings.

During that day, I managed to contact (by phone) all the officers concerned and after taking details of their sightings and with their permission despatched each a copy of our UFO report forms for completion and return.

\* Strangely, to date I have only received back 3 completed sets of forms and what is even more puzzling, is the fact that all of these have been from police sergeants - none from police constables! Whether there is a particular reason for this remains to be seen, but it does seem a bit odd to say the least.

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From the original phone reports and the returned report forms a fairly comprehensive picture of the nights events soon became apparent.

\* At appendix 'A' to this report is a summary of these reports, coupled with others received from members of the public during the course of the investigation.

What emerged from these reports, ( with the exception of Sgt [REDACTED] (Liskeard) and Sgt [REDACTED] (Lynton) was that they all virtually told the same story - this is as follows:

The time is 1.10am on the 31st March 1993, and a number of police officers on duty within Devon & Cornwall, observed 2 very bright white lights or objects, traversing the sky from the N.W. to the S.E., and at a high altitude. All report seeing some sort of vapour trails behind and staying with the objects. Most had problems in describing these 'trails' but most thought they were self luminous or lit by some light source from the objects. What is certain is that they were not the usual vapour trails associated with high flying conventional aircraft. Most reported the objects as fairly fast - somewhat faster than a Jet aircraft. In addition all reported that the objects were completely silent.

As stated earlier all the reports are very similar, given due regard to these officers knowledge or otherwise of the night sky and their abilities to judge the height or speed of objects traversing it. This is not doubting these officers truthfulness or their observation powers, but I do think it's a case of 'horses for courses'. Objects in the night sky, as we all know, can be very deceptive and this is particular so when uncommon phenomenon such as decaying space hardware is concerned.

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Most of these reports (if not all!) were, I have reason to believe, their observations of a Russian 2nd stage launch vehicle of the Tsyklon class, which had previously (about midnight) put into orbit a Cosmos 2238 Satellite. Its return to earth had occurred at approx 1.05am and was first seen over Innis, Ireland at that time. From its orbital direction of 65 degrees it would have traversed the sky at a height of between 80kms and 100kms in a S.E. direction. If it did cross Innis at 1.05am and I have reliable evidence to support this, then it would have crossed Lands End shortly after - approx 1.10am. Given the officers locations in Cornwall & Devon, it is I believe reasonable to assume that what they saw was the re-entry of this space vehicle. However, at this time a final conclusion cannot be given, until receipt of a report from a [REDACTED] investigation team in Ireland, which will hopefully confirm the spent rockets course over Innis.

This leaves me with the problem of the reports from Sgt [REDACTED] and Sgt [REDACTED] they tell a different story! Sgt [REDACTED] in company with P.C. [REDACTED], were approaching the coast town of Lynton, Nth Devon, at 1.10am. Their direction of travel was due north and as they neared the town they noticed 2 very bright lights approaching from the north across the Bristol Channel. Stopping their patrol car they watched as the lights drew nearer to them. The lights or object(s) passed to the west going in a S.Easterly direction. As it / they passed over, they noticed a third light, much smaller than the other two and positioned somewhere between them. Sgt [REDACTED] states - that as it passed silently by, he got the impression that the lights were attached to a very large object, but could not make out any shape of other details. As it went away from from them, both officers saw two white vapour like trails

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behind each light. They described these trails as 'self luminous' but not the same as normal aircraft vapour - more like beams of light! They estimated the elevation of the objects to be 40 degrees to the horizon at a distance of between 1,000' and 2,000'.

This is obviously at variance to the other reports, but would seem to substantiate Sgt [REDACTED]'s report who was at the same time S.W. of their position and saw the objects in a stationary mode N.W. of his position. This suggests that both the Sgts sightings are in many respects different to the others and indicate that their objects were extremely low and appeared to have the ability to stop and hover!

I personally have no doubts about their sightings, because, as whereas some people may have difficulty in judging objects at great height, I hardly think these officers could be mistaken in their judgements - 2,000' is one thing, but anywhere between 10,000' and 80kms is another. It is therefore my considered opinion that these two sightings are of different to that of the re-entry rocket and may be associated with certain other events that took place later in the morning, at 2.00am and indeed the previous evening between 8.00pm and 11.00pm over Nth Devon.

Most of these reports were received following the publication of some news articles in two local papers. (Honiton News & Somerset Gazette) The articles did not specify the type of objects seen or the time. As a result I received a large number of phone calls from members of the public and another police officer, this time from Somerset. After evaluating these reports and filing away those which I considered were not relevant to this case, it became apparent that in addition to the initial 1.10am police reports, there were a number which were very similar and did therefore have some association.

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In an effort to give these events some clarity - they have been separated into groups with each group being given its own heading, they are as follows:-

<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
'A'	Innis, Ireland	31/3/93	1.05am
'B'	* Wales, Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.	31/3/93	1.10am to 1.17am
'C'	Bridgewater, Somerset	31/3/93	2.00am
'D'	North Devon	30/3/93	7.00pm to 11.00pm
'E'	St Ives & Penzance, Cornwall	31/3/93	1.30am
'F'	** Wales, Westcountry, Avon, Shropshire, Sth Yorkshire	30-31/3/93	Various

\* The reports associated with this event include those received from the police officers who initially saw the objects at 01.10am on 31/3/93.

\*\* These reports are the subject of a letter received from the MoD (Sec Air)2a giving some details of reports received by them. They are thought to be associated with the events of 30-31/3/93 because of the similarities between them and those already known to me.

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## Investigation

### Event 'A' - Innis, Ireland.

This event occurred at 1.05am on Wednesday 31st March 1993 over Innis, Ireland, when 2 bright lights were observed traversing the sky. It is believed that they were seen at high altitude, displaying white vapour trails. they appeared to be flying parallel to each other, on a N.W. to S.E. course. Evidently this sighting caused some concern to the Irish Government and as a consequence a fighter aircraft was despatched to monitor the objects. It seems the operation was not successful as the objects were thought to have been travelling at about 3,000mph - obviously too fast for the jets. The full details of this sighting are not yet to hand, but it is thought to be basically correct.

As with the 1.10am police reports and some of the other 1.10am reports, this sighting is also believed to be result of the previously mention rocket re-entry, but more of that later!

\* Information supplied by Mr [REDACTED] a BBC Correspondent, based in Dublin.

### Event 'B' - Wales, Cornwall, Devon and Somerset.

At various time between 1.10am and 1.17am on Wednesday 31st March 1993, 12 people (excluding the original 11 police officers) reported the sighting of two very bright objects flying across the night sky in a south easterly direction. With the exception of one, they all report seeing some sort of vapour trails, but describe them slightly differently! In the main they were white, and trailed back from the objects and appeared to be self luminous.

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This indicates that they were not normal jet aircraft trails, but do seem synonymous with something like the trail of a 'shooting star'.

After evaluating these reports and giving due regards to peoples different perspectives of the objects, it is reasonable to assume that they, like the police officers, had also observed the spent rocket on its south easterly travels.

As a footnote, I have also received a report from [REDACTED] [REDACTED] of the British Astronomical Association, that two people, one in Belgium and one from the south of France, also observed some bright objects flying in a south easterly direction. The French report indicates a number of objects (6 or 7) and this I believe is the breakup of the original two seen earlier over Ireland and the south west coast of England. The Belgium report is not very comprehensive, but the 'sighter' is believed to have seen them from his location, most probably over France, but not over Belgium.

What is evident here, is that although I cannot be absolutely certain that the two objects seen was the re-entry of the Russian Space Rockets, their presence at this time and their reported locations, must be a strong consideration. Given the known height of these objects - between 80kms and 100kms, and the time they would have taken to traverse from horizon to horizon, some 2' to 3 minutes and certainly not less than one minute, then it can be reasonable assumed that from their known flight path i.e. from Ireland over Lands End and on over France, they would easily have been seen from as far away as Somerset and most probably even further! On the night in question there was very little cloud cover, which would have afforded all of the 'sighters' a clear view for many miles.

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At this point, given all the known facts, what we are dealing with is the following scenario:-

At sometime between 1.10am and 1.17am two very bright white objects with some sort of vapour trails, were observed flying N.W. to S.E. at high altitude and parallel to each other and appear to have been on a pre-determined course. There were I believe the remnants of a Russian Space Rocket that had earlier deposited a Cosmos Radio Satellite into orbit.

But, at the same time i.e. 1.10am, two brightly lit objects or a very large one with two lights attached, crossed the Bristol Channel, flew low over Lynton and somewhere between there and Liskeard came to a halt and hovered for a few seconds. They /it then ascended at great speed to about 10,000' and then altered course taking a southerly course over the English Channel.

If the information contained in the letter from the MoD is correct, then the object or objects were later seen over or near Bristol, Avon, at approx 1.15am heading south easterly! Also, if the MoD information is correct, similar objects were seen between 9.10pm on the 30th March 1993 and 2.40am on the 31st covering area from Cornwall to South Yorkshire! The implication of this being that some 4 hours before the re-entry an 'unknown' object or objects were flying across the Westcountry up into Avon and on to South Yorkshire with the last known sighting over Shropshire at 2.40am. It also indicates that the objects appeared to be crisscrossing these areas during this period.

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Event 'C' - Bridgewater, Somerset.

On Wednesday 31st March 1993, a group of fishermen (known as Elvers) were fishing the river Parrot, Nr Bridgewater, Somerset. At approx 1.30am they noticed 3 military type helicopters flying in a radius from Bridgewater to Hinkley Point. This activity was observed for some 30 minutes or so. At a little before 2.00am the 'elvers' saw two bright orange coloured lights approaching from the north. As they drew closer, the 'elvers', who had previously thought they were the returning helicopters, realised they were not. Firstly there was the absence of any engine or rotor blade noise and navigation lights. The objects approached their position at a steady pace, not over fast, and appeared to be at a height of about 800'. On their final approach, in addition to the orange lights seen, two very bright white lights seem to be glowing from the rear of the objects. As they passed overhead, one of the elvers [REDACTED] thought the objects were joined by some sort of structure and likened this to a 'Large Catamaran'. As the object(s) cleared their position, two very bright light sources were seen at the rear of the 'craft' throwing light beams backwards. These were described as like car headlights. What amazed the sighters most ([REDACTED]) was the complete absence of any noise, in fact quite the opposite - deathly silence! the objects proceeded on a south easterly course towards Dorset and were in view for 2 to 3 minutes before disappearing.

I have personally spoken to both of these gentlemen and received a written report from one [REDACTED] Mr [REDACTED] has not returned his report form and this I believe is because he has difficulty in writing - (don't we all!). and therefore feel it best not to persue the matter any further.

One other interesting point that I noted during conversation with [REDACTED] was this. During the early hours, somewhere between midnight and 1.00am, the cows occupying an adjacent field appeared to be very restless, which I am told was very unusual. Just after their sighting, [REDACTED] and their wives, were astonished to see all the cows had congregated in the middle of the field. They were all facing each other in a circular formation and had gone very quiet! This is also I'm told very unusual.


Event 'D' - Nth Devon and Somerset.

During the evening of Tuesday 30th March 1993, 6 independent witnesses reported an object or objects flying over and or hovering over Somerset and Nth Devon.

The first sighting occurred at 9.00pm, when Mrs [REDACTED] observed two glowing white/orange objects hovering north west of her position. At the time she was travelling from her home at Kington-St-Mary, Somerset, towards Bishops Lydeard and thought they were somewhere above or just beyond the town. They remained stationary for some 2 or 3 minutes, were very silent and Mrs [REDACTED] got the feeling that 'something was going to happen' as everything seemed to have gone very quiet.! She eventually lost sight of the objects behind some clouds.

Meanwhile, [REDACTED] a local business man, who lives at [REDACTED] Nr Lydeard-St-Lawrence, Somerset, - just north of Bishops Lydeard, had gone out into his garden to feed his fish. It was about 8.00pm and on looking up observed a triangular formation of 3 objects approx 5 miles north west of his home. They were brightly lit (self luminous) and each object was larger than a star.

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He likened them to golf balls, two at the top with the other immediately below (  ). From the lowest object a light beam seemed to be shining down at an angle of about 45 degrees. Mr

kept the objects in view for a little over 3 hours.

During this time his daughter had also been out to see the objects and has confirmed the sighting.

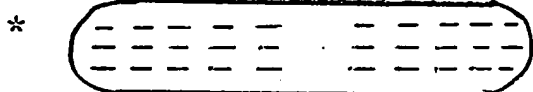
At this point I think it is worth pointing out that from the evidence the object(s) seen by Mrs and that by Mr are probably one and the same. The direction is right i.e.N.W. and although Mrs feels the object(s) were over Bishops Lydeard I think in this she could be mistaken and that they were a bit further away towards the N.W.

The third report came from P.C. who is stationed at Bishops Lydeard. His report (by phone) was as follows: At approx 9.00pm he was up on the Quantock Hills, Nth Somerset, with a group of Scouts carrying out some field exercises, when his attention was drawn to a series of bright lights approaching from the north west. They appeared to be at a height of about 3,000' and travelling at a constant speed, but not over fast! As the lights got closer he made out the outline of a large craft, which he said "looked like two Concorde flying side by side and joined together". the lights he had seen appeared to be around the object(s) and were similar to cabin lights on an aircraft, only much brighter. the object passed to his left and after 2 or 3 minutes was lost to sight as it proceeded on a south easterly course.

Strangely, as with the other P.Cs, despite agreeing to complete a report form, this has never been returned - I wonder why?

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At approx 10.30pm, Mr [REDACTED] was standing outside his home on the Sandhill Park Estate, at Bishops Lydeard when he noticed a brightly lit object approaching from the south. At arms length he describes the object as about the size of a Zippo Lighter and had 6 rows of lights numbering 30 in all. They were in two sections of 15 which were spaced in 3 rows of 5 lights in each.



The objects speed was similar to a jet aircraft and appeared to be at a high altitude. Because of this Mr [REDACTED] had the object in sight for nearly 15 minutes before it disappeared to the north. Some 5 minutes after the event Mr [REDACTED] observed a civil airliner on the same course, at approx the same altitude and he was able to identify this without any problem.

The 5th report came from Mr [REDACTED] who lives in Taunton, Somerset. At approx 10.20pm ( maybe a bit later) he observed 2 white lights, apparently connected, flying parallel to each other in an easterly direction. Again there was no noise from the objects and they appeared to be moving very fast. He gave the length of his sighting as 2 minutes and is convinced it /they was not an aircraft.

The 6th and last report for this evening, came from Mr [REDACTED] who lives at Milverton, Devon. At sometime before midnight - about 11.30pm, he saw 2 groups of lights flying along side each other. He describes them as 2 objects with 3 lights in a triangular formation. He says that they were moving very fast and watched them for 2 minutes before they disappeared in a south westerly direction.

Notes

From these reports it is obvious that during the evening (8.00pm to 11.00pm) an object or objects were clearly visible and seen hovering over Nth Devon. This is substantiated by Mrs [REDACTED] and Mr [REDACTED] in their reports. In addition other objects of a similar type, were seen traversing the sky from north to south and south to north. Although the reports are not identical, i.e. they are different in their descriptions, they do indicate that a fairly large twin hulled craft was airborne that evening and flying low over some areas. What this object was, is of course unknown and must therefore, temporally at least, be classed as an Unidentified Flying Object!

Event 'E' - St Ives & Penzance, Cornwall

At just before 1.30am on Wednesday 31st March 1993, two men living in St Ives, Cornwall, observed two very bright objects flying on a N.N.W. to S.S.E. course over the town. Their height was estimated to be about 2,000' and were described as rockets with light trails. they were moving very fast and were only in sight for 5 to 10 seconds. At one stage one of the sighters [REDACTED] thought that the two lights seemed to dim and come on brightly again. The other observer [REDACTED] did not see this particular effect. He, however, only had the objects in sight for a couple of seconds.

Meanwhile [REDACTED] who lives at Crowles, Nr Penzance, was himself watching two very bright objects, with trails, heading S.E. at a very low altitude 2,000' to 3,000'. He also observed a third object behind the other two, but was less bright. none of the objects made any noise and the light trails "were" he said "thin and straight like a light tube". At the rear of the

2 large objects he also noticed a pink and blue light source but was unable to say if they were attached to the objects or the smaller one flying close by. From his southerly position the objects were to the north and not moving very fast. In fact he had them in sight for at least 2 minutes. This of course is at variance with the other two sighters at St Ives, who said their objects were very fast!, but this maybe because they saw the objects overhead whilst Mr [REDACTED] was looking at them from a distance. It's my belief that this sighting was of the same 2 objects seen over St Ives only from a different location and therefore different line of sight.

**Event 'F' - Ministry of Defence reports 30th/31st March 1993**

During the course of this investigation, I received a non Ufo report from a gentleman (name on file) who is a recently retired airline pilot. He had phoned me in response to one of the local newspaper articles and thought he had the answer to this case? He told me that at 1.30am on Wednesday 31st March 1993, he had observed two Jet Fighter Aircraft travelling at 30,000' in a westerly direction and at a very fast speed - about 1,500mph. They had their 'after burners' on which indicated they may still have been climbing! As an airline pilot he was well qualified to identify these 'jets' and was also certain that they were of a single engine type. Once I explained our sightings, (at this time I only had a number of 1.10am sightings) it was fairly obvious that his sighting was not connected to my reports - or was it?

Thanking him for this information, I resolved to contact the MoD to try and ascertain if they had any knowledge of these aircraft. The next day I phoned [REDACTED] at the MoD (Sec Air) 2 office and relayed my information to him. He was most helpful and promised to look into it for me - and would ring

back. About an hour later he did, but what he had to tell me was nothing short of amazing. He had been unable to discover any details regarding these aircraft and was at a loss to explain their presence over East Devon at the time. To his knowledge there had not been any flyovers by RAF, NATO or other aircraft and stated that all known flights would most certainly have been logged and there was no way that aircraft of this type could fly over Britain without the MoD's knowledge.

However, having explained to him why I was making this enquiry he did tell me that 'they' also had received a number of calls and letters reporting the same kind of 'objects' i.e. two very bright lights traversing the sky during the evening of the 30th and early morning of the 31st March 1993. Upon request, he later sent me a list of these sightings, giving locations, times and directions of travel. A study of these locations and times was most informative and I have to say, also somewhat puzzling. Because I had sent [REDACTED] a summary of my reports, some of these were mine and were in accordance with them. There were, however, a number which were not. Briefly his reports covered the period 10.10pm on the 30th to 02.40am on the 31st, and indicated that these objects had been seen as far north as South Yorkshire, Shropshire and the counties of Cornwall, Devon and Hampshire - all at different times and in many cases flying in different directions!

This as you can imagine was very confusing. For example, there were 3 sightings from South Yorkshire, all at different times i.e. 9.10pm, 11.40pm & 1.17am. the 9.10pm sighting had the objects travelling S.E., the 11.40pm ones travelling north whilst the 1.17am ones were unknown. In addition there was a sighting from Bristol at 1.10am but these objects were travelling westwards - and so it went on. \* A copy of the MoD report with map is attached to this report.

What all this means is anybody's guess. Was the information correct and I see no reason why it shouldn't be, or was it incorrect and a deliberate ploy to confuse the issue and try to put me off the scent? - I really don't know.

If correct, and lets suppose it is, then this surely means that not only were there 'unknown' objects flying and hovering over the westcountry between 8.00pm and 2.00am on the night, but were also tracking across the Midlands, South Yorkshire and Hampshire - what were they doing?

### Conclusions

As a Ufo researcher, it's my job to try and evaluate all reports and information received in an objective and hopefully methodical way. This case has, to date, shown all the hallmarks of a typical ufo event with evidence swaying the urgently sought answers one way and then the other. Were the events on this night nothing more or less than the re-entry of a man made space vehicle, or was it a ufo phenomenon related to that event? I think it may well be the latter. My reasons for thinking this are twofold.

Firstly, there is no doubt that the re-entry took place and that this occurred at approximately 01.05am on the 31st. From the evidence collected and collated it is almost certainly a fact that the reports describing the events at 1.10am indicate that what these people witnessed was the re-entry of this missile. The heights given are synonymous with a re-entry of this kind and the length of 'sighting time' likewise. All the 'sighters' give the objects direction of flight as N.W. to S.E. or N. to S. giving some margin of error and this would certainly been the spent rockets course.



This I believe, is evidence enough to suggest that this is exactly what these people saw - a rocket re-entry.

What is also evident is that on the evening before, between 8.00pm and 11.00pm, objects were seen traversing the North Devon sky and indeed hovering N.W. of the same area. In addition it is fairly certain that at 2.00am on the 31st, an object of some considerable size, flew over the River Parrot at Bridgewater, disturbing not only the local fishermen, but also the cattle in the adjacent fields. Also at this time we have the mystery of the 3 helicopters seen. They were almost certainly of a military type, but as with the 2 fighter aircraft over East Devon earlier, their presence has been denied by the MoD - Why?

In association with this we have the 1.30am sightings at St Ives and Penzance and the other numerous sightings over Cornwall, Devon, Shropshire, South Yorkshire and Hampshire, starting at 10.10pm on the 30th and ending at 2.40am on the 31st.

If these reports are correct, and as I said earlier, I have no reason to doubt them and my reports are also correct, then it must be the case that at least one, if not more, unidentified flying objects were active over these areas on the night in question - but what was their purpose? Were they / it here on a specific mission, or just carrying out a nighttime surveillance operation. The latter scenario is of course quite feasibly given what we already know from their well documented past, but what about the first proposition?

Well if we examine the evidence and what we already know about this alleged mode of operation, there is clearly a case for this line of thinking.

In Timothy Goods latest book 'Alien Update' he edits a whole chapter on this very subject. He cites a number of cases from

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Russia where ufos have been observed tracking rocket launches, space flights and more importantly their re-entry procedures. It seems that this activity has been monitored for some years and that the Soviet Authorities are fully aware that their space program has been subjected to some very intense scrutiny by unidentified objects, which appear disc like and are able to traverse their air space at will, and in some extraordinary ways!

Additionally, it seems that Britain has also been the victim of such activity. In her new book 'From Out Of The Blue' Jenny Randles also explores this possibility. This book is the follow up to another entitled 'Sky Crash' which she co-authored with Dot Street and Brenda Butler and is more than just a spectacular account of a ufo landing in Rendlesham Forest, Suffolk, Nr the Bentwaters Air Base jointly manned by the RAF and USAF. Around the time of the alleged landing it is known that a similar re-entry of a Russian space rocket occurred over the area. Following this, and in addition to the events at the Bentwaters Base, a number of ufo sightings were received. Some of the sightings were before the known re-entry time and indeed after. This strongly implies that some unknown craft was present over the area and as suggested by Jenny, may have been interested in the re-entry.

The events at Bentwaters are in themselves quite remarkable and suggest that a space vehicle of unknown origin actually landed in Rendlesham Forest and that a possible 'alien liaison' took place. The evidence presented does seem to substantiate this, but as with most, if not all of these cases, will we ever learn the truth!

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Unlike the Bentwaters case, this one has not to date thrown up any evidence of a ufo landing, but there is certainly enough evidence to imply a ufo presence over the Westcountry, and possible other parts of the country, on the evening before and after the known re-entry of a Russian space rocket at 1.10am. My gut feeling is that this is exactly what occurred, and until the present 'unknown object(s) reported upon are identified, then they should without question be classified for what they are - 'Unidentified Flying Objects'.



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PC Harris phoned MOD - told no aircraft known to be in the area.

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4. [REDACTED]

Time 1.10am. Accompanied by PC [REDACTED] East of Ilfracombe driving into Lynton. Looking towards the Bristol Channel and saw two white lights, which they they thought were attached to a very large object. Estimated distance between lights as 500'. No sound. Object passed overhead and headed south, south west. Time of sighting 10 to 15 seconds. Height 2,000' plus!  
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5. Sgt [REDACTED] Fletchers Bridge, Bodmin

Time 1.10am. Two bright slightly yellowish objects / lights, stationary 2,000' due north of his position - S.E. of Liskeard. Watched object lift up and ascend banking left towards the S.E. Object dropped slightly, then climbed and continued S.E. over Torpoint, Plymouth. No sound. At height (about 10,000') a vapour like trail appeared and what appeared to be a third object or light source behind the object. Objects / Lights gave the impression of being controlled or guided.

\* Other side of Liskeard at approximately the same time, PCs [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were N.W. of Liskeard and saw two very bright white dot like objects appear from the north and head towards Liskeard.

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6. Plymouth police received a call from a gentleman at approx 1.10am who reported seeing two white lights flying over Stoke, Plymouth. Incident not officially logged but noted by officer on duty!

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7. Torquay. Two lights seen over gentleman's house. Report with [REDACTED].

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8. Sgt [REDACTED] and PCs [REDACTED] & [REDACTED] Heavitree Police Station, Heavitree Road, Exeter. Time 1.10am Saw two dot like objects / lights flying parallel, fairly high, heading east. Sighting time 15 seconds.

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9.\* East Devon. Two police officers observe two white objects flying easterly. Objects seen through binoculars - report to follow from station Inspector.

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10. [REDACTED], Cotleigh, Devon [REDACTED] Time after 1.05am! Two large light gold / yellowish lights heading towards Stockland. No noise, fairly fast, one light slightly in front of the other!

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11. [REDACTED], Wellington, Somerset

Time 1.11am Two bright white lights - like round balls, Small vapour trails (lit up!) Very high. Speed very fast. No noise. Time of sighting 20 seconds. Flying parallel N.W to S.E. but could have been West to East!

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12. [REDACTED] Taunton, Somerset..  
Time 1.15 (approx) Two very bright white / yellowish objects, flying parallel to each other. Long vapour trail - not smoke! Objects approx 3" apart at height. Very high but not star height! Time of sighting 20 seconds. Passed left to right in a southerly direction.

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13. Taunton Man - Wishes to remain anonymous.  
Time 1.13am two very large luminous objects - glowing, silent. After glow that stayed with objects - (fluorescent). Speed- Gliding very fast. Direction N.N.W. to S.E. Seemed to turn right. Time of sighting 2 minutes. Objects 2" to 3" apart at height. Seen through binoculars. Felt compelled to get up and go outside. No noise.

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14. [REDACTED] Taunton, Somerset. Time 1.15am Returning from Bristol Airport. Saw two bright white objects with whitish vapour trail. Thought vapour trail was lit up by another light source! Very high in sky, appeared cigar shaped and silver in colour. Flying parallel (in tandem) in an easterly direction, south of his position. Objects appeared 6" to 7" apart at height. No noise.

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15. [REDACTED], Bridgewater, Somerset  
Time 1.15am 2 Balls of light - followed by vapour trail or a light! No noise. Flying over Bridgewater in a south easterly direction. Knew it was not an aircraft!.

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16. PC [REDACTED] Wiveliscombe, Somerset. Time 1.15am to 1.20am. Two bright objects - vapour like trail. From right hand object/light appeared to be a long light shining backwards! Height 10,000' Speed 2 or 3 times faster than a jet airliner. 3" apart at height. Flying N.W. to S.E. Right object appeared to be leading.

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17. [REDACTED], Bridgewater [REDACTED]  
Time 1.17am Two very bright lights - trail of light behind. flying parallel, left object slightly in front. No Noise - completely silent 'OZ FACTOR?' Time of sighting 50 to 55 seconds. Very low - if piloted could have seen pilot.

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18. [REDACTED] Carhampton, Minehead [REDACTED]  
Time 1.10am to 1.15am Two white coloured lights - trailing  
vapour reddish/orange in colour! First one object seen, then  
followed by second 30 seconds later. Flew parellel to each  
other and decended to approximately 2,000'. Observer thought  
they /it was going to land! No noise. Flying in easterly  
direction.

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Date June 1993

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for sending me a copy of your final report into the UFO sightings of 30/31 March.

I agree that unless a sighting is explained almost immediately, there is very little hope that it will ever be explained; perhaps if the case is mentioned in "UFO Times" it will lead to some useful feedback.

I appreciate that your report had to cater to a number of different viewpoints, but I can assure you that there is absolutely no question of our ever supplying incorrect information ("... or was it incorrect and a deliberate ploy to confuse the issue and try to put me off the scent?"). Also, in relation to the aircraft and helicopters that were seen, I said that I had been unable to find evidence of military activity that might account for what was seen - not quite the same as "their presence has been denied by the MOD - Why?".

Good luck with your research, and please feel free to contact me in the future; we will always do our best to help, and can let you know whether we have details of any sightings that might tie in with ones you are investigating - as with this case, however, I cannot guarantee that the timings or bearings will match yours!

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

