

Defence Department Confidential Files

The documents enclosed provide recounts of possible UFO activity during December 1980, at an USA air force base at RAF Woodbridge, Suffolk, UK.



● **Colonel's top secret report tells the facts**

● **Mystery craft in exploding wall of colour**

● **Animals flee from strange glowing object**

UFO LANDS IN SUFFOLK

A UFO has landed in Britain—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 glowing silver disk 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

And that's OFFICIAL

NEWS OF THE WORLD INVESTIGATES

By **KEITH BEABEY**

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

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

appeared elliptical through an 8-12 power lens.

They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of lights from time to time.

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

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

toward the depressions.

3. Later in the night a red sun-like light was seen through the trees. It moved about and pulsed. At one point it appeared to throw off glowing particles and then broke into five separate white objects and then disappeared. Immediately thereafter, three star-like objects were noticed in the sky, two objects to the north and one to the south, all of which were about 70° off the horizon. The objects moved rapidly in sharp, angular movements and displayed red, green and blue lights. The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical through an 8-12 power lens. They then turned to full circles. The objects to the north remained in the sky for an hour or more. The object to the south was visible for two or three hours and beamed down a stream of light from time to time. Numerous individuals, including the undersigned, witnessed the activities in paragraphs 2 and 3.

Charles I. Hall
CHARLES I. HALL, Lt Col, USAF
Deputy Base Commander

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



NO HOAX SAYS THE

October 1983, the *News of the World* newspaper article fragment





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Dear Sir

SIGHTING OF UNUSUAL LIGHTS IN THE SKY AT WOODBRIDGE ON 26 DECEMBER 80

With reference to your letter dated 3 November 83 which related to the above mentioned incident.

Police knowledge of this matter is limited to a telephone report of the alleged incident timed at 4.11 am on 26 December and received from a person at RAF Bentwaters together with the two subsequent visits to the location by police officers.

The first visit followed immediately the reported incident and the two officers who attended made a search of the area with a negative result. A note on the log indicates that Air Traffic Control at West Drayton were contacted and that there was no known knowledge of aircraft in that area to coincide with the time of the sighting. Mention is also made on the log of reports received of aerial phenomena over Southern England during that night. The only lights visible to the officers visiting the incident were those from Orford Light House.

A further report was received at 10.30 am on 26 December 80 from a staff member at RAF Bentwaters indicating that a place had been found where a craft of some sort could have landed. An officer attended and the area involved did bear three marks of an indeterminate pattern. The marks were apparently of no depth and the officer attending thought they could have been made by an animal.

It is considered little more would be gained by you making direct contact with the officers involved as the above information constitutes the sum of their knowledge in relation to this matter. It is hoped the information supplied will be of assistance to you in formulating your intended account of the circumstances.

Yours faithfully

H. K. King
Chief Constable

Letter to UFO investigator in response to information request.



'We did see a UFO near Suffolk base'

RENDLESHAM: Former US deputy base commander speaks out

By Lizzie Parry

A VETERAN US air force chief has told of the "bright glowing object" he and other servicemen spotted hovering in the skies at a Suffolk air base.

At a Press conference in Washington last night the servicemen broke their silence describing how they believe UFOs had tampered with nuclear missiles in the US and the UK.

Lieutenant-Colonel Charles Halt was deputy base commander at RAF Woodbridge in December 1980 when patrolmen from the United States Air Force claimed they saw a small, triangular shaped craft moving backwards through Rendlesham Forest before taking off.

They claim missiles often malfunctioned and could not be fired after the strange, disc-like objects appeared at the air base.

Lt-Col Halt told the Press conference he was working at RAF Bentwaters, near Rendlesham, in 1980 when the encounter took place.

He said early one morning in December 1980 several of his base's security forces saw lights in the forest near Woodbridge. Two USAF patrolmen sent to approach the lights reported a craft, describing it as triangular, dark and metallic in appearance, sitting on three legs.

Days later he said he was interrupted at a family Christmas party and told the lights were back. He went back out into the forest with a couple of policemen, a camera and a cassette recorder.

At the site in Rendlesham Forest he said they discovered indentation on the forest floor, of around six to eight feet wide and increased levels of radiation as well as broken branches on the trees.

At the Press conference Lt-Col



MYSTERY: Right sketches of the UFO allegedly spotted near RAF Benwaters, above, in December 1980, drawn by USAF witnesses. Inset above, Lt-Col Charles Halt

Photos: PA

Halt said: "Milling around one of the individuals saw a bright glowing object like an eye.

"It would appear to be winking and was shedding molten metal and silently moving through the trees and at one point it actually approached us."

He then described how the object exploded into five white objects which became visible in the sky.

He described how he moved out of the forest and observed "several objects in the sky" which changed shape from elliptical to round.

One of the objects then directed a beam of light at the feet of the men, the Press conference heard.

"I have no idea what we saw that

night but I do know it was under intelligent control. My theory is that it was from another dimension or extra-terrestrial," Lt-Col Halt said.

He and five other senior US military officers are calling on US and British authorities to release 60 years' worth of files they claim prove the existence of extra-terrestrials.

The former officers claim that UFOs have been seen over many nuclear launch sites and displayed a number of declassified Government documents at the Press conference to support their claims.

The Rendlesham Forest inci-



dent, often described as 'Britain's Roswell' happened in the early hours of December 27, 1980, but was never fully explained.

Papers released by the National Archives show the Ministry of Defence's final position was that there was "no evidence of anything having intruded into British airspace."

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On 26 Dec 80, SSgt Pennington and I were on Security #6 at Woodbridge Base. I was the member. We were patrolling Delta NAPA when we received a call over the radio. It stated that Police #4 had seen some strange lights out past the East Gate and we were to respond. SSgt Pennington and I left Delta NAPA, heading for the East Gate code two. When we got there SSgt Steffens and A/C Burroughs were on patrol. They told us they had seen some funny lights out in the woods. We notified CSC and we asked permission to investigate further. They gave us the go-ahead. We left our weapons with SSgt Steffens who remained at the gate,, Thus the three of us went out to investigate. We stopped the Security Police vehicle about 100 meters from the gate. Due to the terrain we had to on by foot. We kept in constant contact with CSC. While we walked, each one of us would see the lights. Blue, red, white, and yellow. The beckon light turned out to be the yellow light. We would see them periodically, but not in a specific pattern. As we approached, the lights would seem to be at the edge of the forrest. We were about 100 meters from the edge of the forrest when I saw a quick movement, it look visible for a moment . It look like it spun ~~XXXX~~ left a quarter of a turn, then it was gone. I'w advised SSgt Pennington and A/C Burroughs. We advised CSC and proceeded in extreme caution. When we got about 75-50 meters, MSgt Chandler/Flight Chief, was on the scene. CSC was not reading our transmissions very well,, so we used MSgt Chandler as a go-between. He remained back at our vehicle. As we entered the forrest, the blue and red lights were not visible anymore. Only the beacon light, was still blinking. We figured the lights were coming from past the forrest, since nothing was visible when we past through the woody forrest. We would see a glowing near the beacon light, but as we got closer we found it to be a lit up farm house. After we had passed throught the forrest, we thought it had to be an aircraft accident. So did CSC as well. But we ran and walked a good 2 miles past our vehicle, until we got to a vantage point where we could determine that what we were chasing was X only a beacon light off in the distance. Our route through the forrest and field was a direct one, straight towards the light. We informed CSC that the light beacon was farther than we thought,, so CSC terminated our investigation. A/C Burroughs and I took a road, while SSgt Pennington walked straight back from where we came. A/C Burroughs saw the light again, this time it was coming from the left of us , as we were walking back to our patrol vehicle. We got in contact with SSgt Pennington and we took a walk threh where we saw the lights. Nothing. Finally, we made it back to our vehicle, after making contact with the PC's and informing them of what we saw. After that we met MSgt Chandler and we went in service again after termination of the sighting.


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