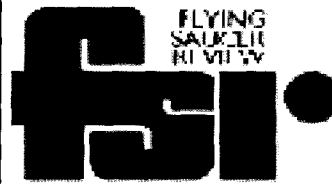


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Editorial Flying Triangles - the mystery deepens

George Wingfield, FSR Consultant, November 2004

The recent study of the "Flying Triangles", described by Leonard David at www.space.com, was produced by Robert Bigelow's National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS) organisation, based in Las Vegas, Nevada. For years, people have reported huge black triangular craft floating through the night skies, often displaying arrays of bright lights seemingly attached to the craft's superstructure. These have been seen in considerable numbers since the 1980s in the U.S.A. and also in Britain, Europe, Japan, Russia and other countries. Some reports of similar unidentified triangular, or boomerang-shaped, objects go back to the 1950s and 1960s.

In recent years this kind of sighting probably accounts for the majority of UFOs which are being reported. Opinion is divided as to whether these are extraterrestrial craft or whether they are secret experimental aircraft operated by some branch of the US government. And, of course, there are other possible explanations in addition to these obvious suggestions.

For the last few years NIDS has been collecting both historical and recent eyewitness accounts of such sightings. They hope to be able to move many of these triangular UFO sightings from the UFO realm into the realm of IFOs - identified flying objects. At present this intention remains little but a pious wish but already they maintain that correlation of some of the sightings with the proximity of certain USAF bases belonging to Air Force Material Command (AFMC) and Air Force Mobility Command (AMC) indicates that the triangles may be secret large troop or material carriers.

This reasoning seems extremely dubious to say the least. If these are experimental craft why would it be necessary to test them at very low levels in highly populated areas rather than over the south-western desert, as has been the case with all almost other secret aeronautical testing? If these craft are 'operational' troop carriers, as seems to be one possible NIDS suggestion, word of their existence would surely soon reach the public domain. Yet the NIDS report seems determined to establish that the "flying triangles" or "black triangles"

Colonel John B Alexander, US Army (Retired), is one of the leading lights of NIDS and is someone who has previously occupied senior positions in US military intelligence. He is generally held to have been the chairman of the Pentagon's "Working Group" on UFOs in 1987 as described in Howard Blum's excellent 1990 book Out There, where Blum gives him the pseudonym "Colonel Harold E Phillips" of the US Army's Defense Intelligence Agency. More recently Alexander was program manager in the area of Non-Lethal Defense development at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico. One might think that he, of all people, would know whether these "aircraft" --as they are described in the report-- are of US military origin or not. Yet Colm Kelleher, NIDS Administrator and author of the report, is quoted as saying: "I cannot say whether these are US Air Force aircraft. We simply do not know". Nevertheless, Kelleher implies that the triangles are indeed aircraft of unknown origin. Can it be that there is a serious lack of communications within NIDS itself, since Colonel Alexander must have some idea of the answer to this question?

So what is going on here, and is NIDS being completely frank with us? Is there an alternative implication that some agency which is quite distinct from the US government is flying these machines over America? If that is the case, this hypothetical agency must have considerable resources, including stealth technology which would make some - but, oddly, clearly not all of these aircraft - invisible to radar. Barring some massive conspiracy to conceal their regular appearance on radar - except, oddly in some cases - one must assume that in general such "aircraft" are detected by radar unless they have advanced stealth technology. But, even assuming that it was some foreign country that had such technology and the resources to make such intrusions, what on earth would their objective be? All these inconsistencies, and many other factors as well, have lead researchers to infer that the flying triangles are not aircraft of human origin.

I have studied flying triangle reports since about 1983

Hudson Valley area of New York State. These are detailed in the 1987 book Night Siege --The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings by Dr J. Allen Hynek, Philip J. Imbrogno and Bob Pratt. Following those sightings in the US, there was a remarkable flying triangle "flap" in Belgium between 1988 to 1990. Curiously enough neither of these major flaps is given prominence in the article on the NIDS study. These earlier reports invariably described the unidentified objects as being triangular, wedge-shaped or shaped like a flying wing or boomerang. Then, too, their size was usually compared to that of a Boeing 747 (with a wingspan of roughly 64m/210 ft) or else "as large as a football pitch".

Then, as now, the triangles did not appear to be operated as if they were highly advanced secret aircraft. They were sometimes reported to instantly change direction in flight. They usually flew silently even when observed at very low altitude, without even that swish of air which can be heard from a passing glider. Sometimes they seemed to vanish before the eyes of observers just as if a light had been turned off. The multiple lights which they would usually exhibit, and which appeared to switch on and off in varying sequences, would have required a formidable power source and, consequently, powerful and noisy engines would have been needed to keep any such conventional craft aloft.

As noted in the NIDS study, the flying triangles are often observed to operate in highly populated areas and over major highways which would hardly be allowed if these were experimental USAF aircraft. The safety implications would be unacceptable, quite apart from presenting a major hazard to other commercial and military aircraft. Nor do they operate as would other stealth aircraft since they are often brightly lit and seemingly drawing attention to themselves rather than the reverse.

I think that one of the key questions here is whether the flying triangles are in fact solid "craft" or not. It is entirely possible that what is seen is some kind of hologram or projection in the sky which, while having the appearance of a real object, is not in any way substantial. Of course this suggestion begs the question of who, or what, might be responsible for producing such aircraft-like phantoms, or how such effects might be achieved? Or, for that matter, with what motive? To assume that the flying triangles are real material craft is not necessarily warranted unless we can conclusively prove that this is the case.

Most of the FT reports we have do not indicate that they are picked up on radar, but of course there are several cases where FTs do seem to have been tracked. Since the military and civil authorities are so secretive it's really not possible to say whether they mostly appear on radar or not.

If these FTs are normal holograms they would NOT be seen on radar. But if they are, say, alien holograms of a highly advanced kind, produced by methods quite unknown to us, they could appear on radar or not - as their controllers see fit.

A further question is why these black flying triangles invariably appear in darkness and never during the day. There are some photographs taken by witnesses which supposedly show the triangles but these almost always show clusters of lights in the night sky rather than the outline of any solid craft to which these lights are supposedly attached or from which they shine forth. Consequently, most of the photographs are not impressive and tell one little about the objects themselves. However there is at least one controversial photo taken in Belgium in 1988 showing what appears to be a thin wedge-shaped craft with bright lights on its apexes and another at its centre. Even so, with the proliferation of digital cameras in recent years, one might expect there to be many more pictures available of the triangles, especially if we are indeed looking at actual material craft.

Everything about these mysterious triangles seems to indicate an "other-worldliness" that is inconsistent with secret aircraft or operational US government aeroplane. They appear to move in ways that do not conform to the laws of aerodynamics. They are sometimes reported to "blink out" in situ rather than fly away. They are often seen to move so slowly and silently at low altitude that no known aircraft of such size could remain aloft without stalling, or betraying its presence by loud engine noise. Then, occasionally, they are said to shoot off into the distance, vanishing at unimaginable speed, without sound - which would be impossible for any plane or dirigible to do.

I have suggested that these triangles might be holograms or projections of some kind but an alternative interpretation could be that they are highly advanced craft that are able to penetrate our physical reality and then move out of it again, vanishing without trace. This leads, of course to the concept of interdimensional travel - the ability to move through space and time, and possibly other dimensions as yet unknown to us, in ways which we can scarcely speculate. And, if these things are indeed craft from unknown dimensional realms, who controls them? There are no easy answers to these questions.

If we are driven to the conclusion that these UFOs are not secret aircraft, then we struggle to express any concepts of what they might be in current scientific terms and, in seeking a solution, we realise that the laws of physics and our present day concepts of the physical universe are woefully incomplete. Such admissions are, of course, abhorrent to scientific orthodoxy, and for that reason ufology has long been - and most probably will remain - a bastard science in the eyes of the scientific establishment.

Additional note, by FSR: Some of the Belgian and Hudson Valley FTs had key points in common: Both produced a white light so bright that it dazzled police officers, and other witnesses, who tried to look at it. Both produced a single red beam of light that swept the ground underneath it and some distance from it. Both also produced a red ball of light while the red beam was

sweeping around, with the red ball of light dropping from the FT and moving around underneath it, independent of it. And both the Hudson Valley and Belgian FTs apparently had the ability to very quickly transform themselves into something else, e.g. into three single white lights, perhaps attached to each other, that shot off into the night sky very rapidly. A man-made secret craft? Unlikely, unless it was making use of a new physics. But, many years later, we still await such physics: the American air attacks in Afghanistan and Iraq have relied upon conventional aircraft, including the stealth bomber and "ordinary" bombers, and "ordinary" helicopters (some of which have either crashed or been brought down by enemy fire).

Final thoughts: 2% of the 2,199 ufo cases investigated

by the United States Air Force between 1947 and 1952 were triangular in shape, some boasting the same colour of lights as the FTs seen in the Hudson Valley and Belgium.

The 1947 sighting of "saucers" by Kenneth Arnold, was no such thing: he saw objects that were perhaps closer to a triangle shape than a saucer, or rather, half triangle, half saucer. They skipped through the air like saucers. They were also very large: another similarity to some of the FTs seen 40, 50 and now, nearly 60, years later. It was Major Donald Keyhoe who stated: "The Flying Saucers are real." Perhaps he should have added FTs - and Flying Saucer/FT hybrids - to his comment.

What Is Behind The Flying Triangle Phenomenon?

By Tony Spurrier and Sue Addison: another dramatic article in their series for FSR

In our previous articles in FSR we have discussed how the field research into the Flying Triangle phenomenon began, using an extensive database of FT sightings collated by Victor Kean and Project Flying Triangle. From the outset we were able to witness the phenomenon and over the years continue to gain more information. This article covers the next stage of our research as we began to close in on the main area of activity...

During our time using a new research site, much of the activity came from one particular direction. After one night's watch, when we had not witnessed anything, we decided to move towards that location. This was to see whether it would warrant limiting our view on our next visit, but concentrate where there was most activity. We reached a point by a fallen branch, and thought this would be a good benchmark to set-up an observation point - the reason being that if something unusual was seen at night we can revisit during daylight and know exactly where the event was witnessed from, and attempt to identify any rational explanation.

Directly in front of us was a slope with bushes and beyond those a quite steep decline into an adjoining field. Around 100 metres away, the field began to slope up to the same approximate height as we were standing. To the left were two cottages approximately half a mile away at the far end of another field. We had always been aware of the cottages, although they are obscured from most viewing points, as they lie down in this gully.

On this particular night the gully was covered in a low level mist; which was only separated by the boundary hedges of each field. As we looked down into the gully we began to see something emerging from the left of the bushes in front of us. This thing was moving really slowly, but as it came into clearer view it was evident that it was in the left hand field, due to it being beyond the boundary hedge. The colour of what was being seen was identical to the mist, so we were tried to establish

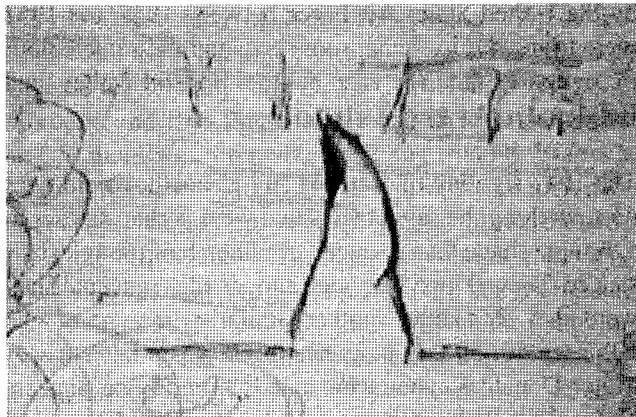
whether we were witnessing the elusive "grey triangle". However, as it came into full view it was apparent we were not looking at a craft at all.

We could see what could only be described as a hooded entity moving slowly through the mist, although the mist was not being disturbed during the entity's movement. This was clearly visible with the naked eye and even more intriguing through binoculars, as there was a dark mass where you would expect to see a face (see figure1) We began moving towards the entity (this was done in turn so that one person was always stationary with the entity in perfect view). Due to the slope we had to stop as we would have lost sight of the entity. It was at least 300 metres to the entry of the field it was in and to get any closer we would have had to lose sight of it. It was at this point that we realised how large this entity was; we could now gauge the height of the entity against the cottages. It was incredible to see it was level with the upstairs windows, with the low level mist below the downstairs windows.

Figure1. Sketch of Entity (top left of next page)

Although the entity may not have been as far away as the cottages, this still made it extremely tall. I was personally watching it through binoculars when it vanished. I mean, it just vanished; it was moving along slowly, then it just wasn't there. Again, there was no disturbance to the surrounding mist, no sudden movement of the entity. It didn't fade away and nothing else was apparent that could account for it moving out of view. This event was something we had not experienced before and seemed more ghostly than something related to ufology. During our research we discovered that people working at US nuclear power stations were reporting ghostly activity; maybe we had experienced something similar that night.

This event disturbed some of the group and on our next



visit we decided not to return to that particular observation point, so that everyone would feel comfortable. Once we reached our regular observation point we noticed an unusual light in the area where had been on the previous occasion. With the naked eye it looked like an oblong white light with an orange tail. I managed to video the light before it went out and we stayed the rest of the night without seeing anything unusual. We reviewed the footage through the camera a couple of times during the night and noticed that, when the light went out, it appeared to rotate rather than to switch off. We were all intrigued by this and although some people felt extremely sick during the sighting, nothing else unusual was noticed.

A few days later we decided to have a look at the footage through a television set, to see if we could learn anything more about this apparent rotating light. We replayed the footage and noticed something that wasn't evident when watching the footage through the camera. What we described as an orange tail seemed more like a figure on the bigger screen and it appeared to turn towards our direction during the segment of footage. We decided to play the footage through our PC and capture some images to see if we could identify the source of the light and the figure. Below are captured images from the footage.

Figure 2 below, shows the light once the camera had focused using 10x optical magnification. This clearly shows the white light, with a smaller white light to its left, and the orange coloured anomaly. This was basically the view we had on the night, but we were not aware of the smaller white light to the left. The horizontal lines along the top are purely noise created by the video camera when the footage had been paused.

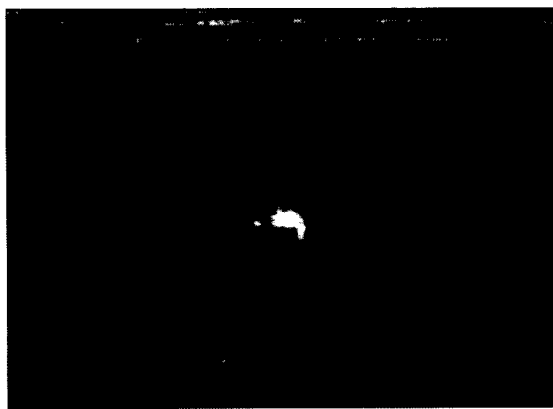
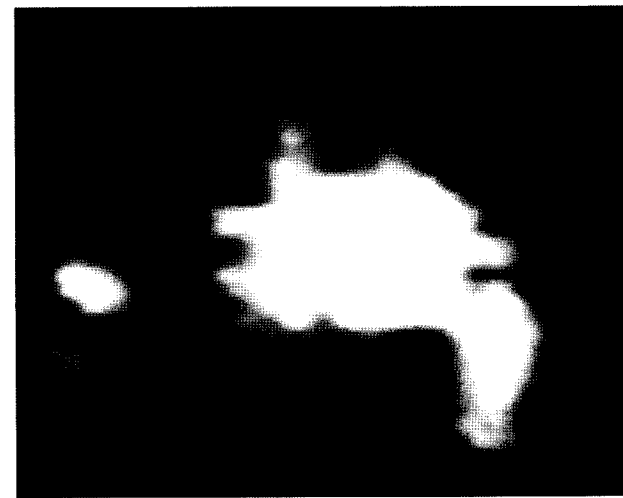


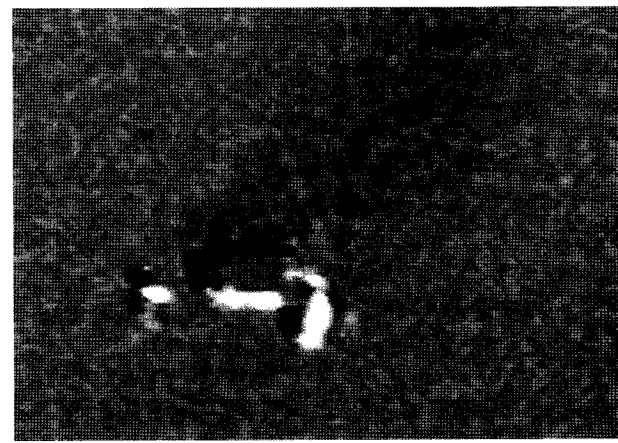
Figure 3 below, is an enlargement of fig2 and shows not only an apparent figure standing in front of the main white light, but also appears to show a triangular structure behind the lights and the figure. We were now contemplating that we may have inadvertently captured footage of a stationary but hovering triangle, along with something from within the triangle.



Figure 4 below, is a further enlargement which appears to show the figure with a grey coloured head. This figure doesn't appear to be silhouetted by the large light to its rear, which you would expect. This does seem to show some form of structure and some apparent straight edges culminating a triangular shape.



We embossed fig 3 using Adobe photo deluxe to get fig 5 below; this is the only image we have tampered with.



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other than enlarging segments. This image appears to confirm there is a straight diagonal edge on the right hand side, with a less defined edge to the left. We have on a number of occasions witnessed the Flying Triangles flipping upright during flight but have never managed to capture this manoeuvre on video tape. Perhaps we had, inadvertently, on this occasion, while the triangle was not in flight.

Below is Figure 6. As we mentioned before, the main white light source appeared to rotate rather than switch off, so we looked at this part of the footage to see



whether the apparent figure was any clearer. This is the full screen grab during the rotation process of the light. The light appeared to rotate to the left and the direction of the light can be seen pointing to the left hand side in this image. But more importantly, the figure is still visible.

Figure 7 on page 1 is an enlargement of fig 6. The left hand white light remains unchanged and the main white light is now pointing towards the left and seems more yellow. The figure is still visible, but the structure is not apparent. The head of the figure appears to carry more detail and what was described as the orange tail appears to be light coloured clothing. See page 1 for fig. 8.

Once again as we learn more about the phenomenon the more questions it poses. We have witnessed the Flying Triangle phenomenon flipping up into a vertical position and now we possibly have video evidence of a stationary hovering triangle completing a similar manoeuvre. This poses the question of the aerodynamics required for it to do this while moving slowly, but, even more intriguingly, how was the FT able to do this when stationary?

The video footage clearly shows the legendary FT centre light rotating, yet how can this be possible on a solid craft? Was the large entity seen in the field on the previous occasion linked with this latest sighting, or a separate phenomenon altogether? As you can see, these and many more questions need answers.

By chance we met with an old friend, who is a practicing medium and simply showed her the close up picture of the figure and asked whether she could shed any light. From the discussion that ensued we were told that we should recreate what we had done that night - go there with the same people at the same time and see what hap-

pened. Doing this was no problem at all for us and we arranged to visit the area again soon afterwards. We all went to the same viewing point but we decided to alter one aspect of the previous visit we had made to the area. 15 minutes before the previous sighting had occurred, I would go to the area where we believed the Flying Triangle had been seen hovering.

After arriving at the site on our next visit, I moved to the location and was scouting the area while thinking back to the footage. I was really amazed that I could have been standing in the exact spot where a Flying Triangle had previously been hovering and perhaps even an extraterrestrial had stood. I then had a call over the radio, "what's that?" I turned round and witnessed what we had been waiting for many years, a very close encounter with the Flying Triangle Phenomenon. What I saw over the next few minutes was to answer some of the questions we had been asking ourselves, but it also changed our perception of this phenomenon.

In the next article we will disclose this encounter and how it impacted our continuing research.

Important postscript to this account, by FSR:- On two occasions, June 14th and July 24th 1984, a huge FT/boomerang hovered over the Indian Point nuclear power station plant in the Hudson River area of the USA. The lights, when first sighted, were white with some yellow, as in the case described above, which happened close to a (British) nuclear power station. There were multiple witnesses to the Indian Point sighting; one of them described one of the objects as being the size of three football pitches. This particular object moved at a very low altitude (at 300ft ~ the legal ceiling is 1000ft) - over the only one of the three reactors that was functioning. The plant's entire security and alarm system failed and the computer that controlled all communications and the alarm systems failed, during the slow overflight. Source: "Night Siege: The Hudson Valley UFO Sightings" by Dr J Allen Hynek, Philip J Imbrogno and Bob Pratt, first published in 1987 - now re-published with additional chapters.

Newflash, November 10th, 2004: 'Flying Triangle' Activity Over Yorkshire, UK. By Omar Fowler. Local investigator Russell Kellett says Yorkshire has been the subject of numerous UFO reports in recent months. On 5th October at 9.55pm Mr & Mrs 'JM' were driving along the A64 (Selby to Scarborough) road. They had just turned off towards the town of Norton when they were confronted by a mass of lights in the sky. Mr 'JM' described them as "bright white and bright red, there were so many and they were so close!" He pulled the car over to the side of the road and lowered the window to watch as "four massive triangles passed overhead heading North. They had two red lights at the back and a white light at the front." The following morning, Mr 'JM' had developed a painful eye infection. He visited his doctor who in turn referred him to the local hospital. (The investigation continues. More in next issue of FSR)