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UFOs - DRAFT CLOSING ADDRESS

There are three grains of truth upon which the great myth of ufology is built.

FIRST: intelligent life could exist elsewhere in the universe. With 100,000 million stars in our own galaxy alone, it is probable that there are many planets capable of supporting life.

SECOND: the technical difficulties of inter-stellar travel are stunning. Even at the speed of light it would take 4 years to reach the nearest star, and 100,000 years to cross our galaxy. But it would be a brave man who said there could never, ever, be manned inter-stellar travel.

THIRD: there really are strange phenomena in the skies, and many are reported by cool and intelligent people.

2. But it is a far cry from this to the proposition that there have been great numbers of sightings of UFOs - implying alien space craft - sometimes claimed as running into hundreds of thousands. Her Majesty's Government is not in the least impressed with the idea that there is anything worth investigating in the information offered by ufologists.

3. On the one hand, there are perfectly simple explanations for the phenomena; on the other, the explanations offered by ufologists are most unconvincing. These explanations are unconvincing when they relate to space craft from other stars: they are even more unconvincing when they claim that UFOs come from another space-time dimension, from a hole in the earth, or the depths of the sea, as Lord Clancarty has suggested.