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Star Wars? A load of old UFOs

I don't believe in radioactive giant rabbits²

IT IS there in black and white, an official report signed by a US Air Force Colonel saying that unidentified flying objects had been sighted by his men in Suffolk in late December 1980.

Needless to say, people wondered whether I had gone barmy three years later when I published the report by Lt Col Charles Halt, deputy commander of the USAF base at RAF Woodbridge.

The authorities today are still saying nowt or denying all, but they cannot magic away that official report by Lt Col Halt — later promoted to full Colonel and made commander of the East Anglia base. So he wasn't barmy!

It was unearthed under America's Freedom of Information Act as part of a remarkable investigation carried out for the past five years by three British women who refuse to be put down by officialdom.

Jenny Randles, director of investigations for the British UFO Research Association, and her two helpers, housewives Brenda Butler and Dot Street, tell their story in a paperback called Sky Crash to be published on May 22 (Grafton £2.95).

It was their early investigations that got me excited in October 1983, particularly the report Lt Col Halt filed to his superiors about the strange events in Rendlesham Forest. He wrote on 13 January 1981:

1. Early in the morning of 27 December 1980 (approximately 0300) two USAF security patrolmen saw unusual lights outside the back gate at RAF Woodbridge. Thinking an aircraft might have crashed or been forced down, they called for permission to go outside the gate to investigate... the individuals reported seeing a strange glowing object in the forest.



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Glowing lights

The object was described as being metallic in appearance and triangular in shape, approximately two to three metres (8 feet) across the base and two metres high. It illuminated the entire forest with a white light. The object itself had a pulsating red light on top and a bank(s) of blue lights underneath. The object was hovering or on legs. As the patrolmen approached the object it manoeuvred through the trees and disappeared...

2. The next day, three depressions 1.5ins deep and 7ins in diameter were found where the object had been sighted on the ground. The following night (29 December) the area was checked for radiation. Beta/gamma readings of 0.1 milliroentgens were recorded with peak readings in the three depressions...

The objects to the north appeared to be elliptical... turned to full circles and... remained in the sky for

Sun-like

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

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