



### Part 3: 1980 RAF Bentwaters Lights and Craft Were “Extraterrestrial In Origin”

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footage of the UFOs on the ground.” - Mike Verrano, RAF Bentwaters  
Capt. and Day Shift Commander, December 1980*

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**July 22, 2009 Phoenix, Arizona** - Eight years after the Rendlesham Forest mysterious aerial light encounters, on October 14, 1988, actor Mike Farrell hosted *UFO Cover-Up: Live!*, a two-hour prime time syndicated television special that was broadcast in North America. What happened behind the scenes was a secret hypnosis session with John Burroughs on November 11, 1988, after the TV broadcast. A producer wanted to find out what happened to John Burroughs near the lights and the rumor that John either “jumped up” on a craft or was lifted upward in a beam of light. John was confused by the rumor because he could not clearly remember what happened when he was near the lights in Rendlesham Forest on either the early morning of December 26, with Jim Penniston, or with Adrian Bustinza on the early morning of December 28.

I’m now going to share brief excerpts from the unpublicized November 11, 1988, John Burroughs hypnosis session in which John is the only one speaking to the hypnotherapist and TV producer, but John quotes various military personnel he is hearing in his hypnotic state beginning with what the Shift Commander was saying.



John Burroughs,  
Phoenix, Arizona

**Nov. 11, 1988 Privately Videotaped Hypnosis Excerpts** with former RAF Bentwaters Airman 1st Class John Burroughs about events in Rendlesham Forest on December 26, 1980, after midnight.

- John Burroughs (B)
- Hypnotherapist (H)
- Producer Curt Brubaker (P)

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Nov. 11, 1988 John Burroughs Hypnosis Excerpt:

**B quoting Shift Commander:** Heathrow Tower said they definitely, very definitely, had aircraft over your location. They went down. They went down fast. They don't know what it was. They said it wasn't normal, but you could have a craft down. Be careful.

**Hypnotherapist 1988:** Could you draw a picture of this object that you saw?

**B:** It seems mostly lights to me.

**Hypnotherapist 1988:** Did you try to touch it?

**B:** I wasn't close enough. ...it's like it's calling to us to come to it! We've got to go to it. It's telling us to come to it. We (Burroughs and Penniston) can feel it! ... I feel like I'm being pulled. Something's pulling me. Oh, God! Sergeant Penniston, what's going on?

**B quoting Penniston:** I don't know.

**B:** It's pulling towards us. Oh, look, it just changed again! It's small. (Light had been very large.) Now, it's moving back.

Orange path where Penniston and Burroughs returned to East Gate and air base around 5 AM, December 26, 1980. Map by Jim Penniston.



Aerial of RAF Woodbridge East Gate and Rendlesham Forest illustrated with orange-colored path that Jim Penniston, John Burroughs and Edward Cabansag took following mysterious, unidentified aerial lights after midnight on December 26, 1980.  
Computer illustration by James W. Penniston.

By around 5:00 AM, the Security Control team of Airman First Class (A1C) John Burroughs, Staff Sergeant James W. Penniston and Airman 1st Class Edward Cabansag are ordered to return to the air base.

Nov. 11, 1988 John Burroughs Hypnosis Excerpt:

**B:** So we're walkin' and it's cold and we come across a creek that we don't even remember crossing.

**B quoting Penniston:** Do you remember this, John?

**B:** No, I don't remember this.

**B quoting Penniston:** Well, how did we get there?

**B:** I don't know.

**B quoting Penniston:** Could we have been moved by it (lighted craft)? Could something have picked us off the ground?

**B:** I don't know. I don't want to talk about it.

### Nov. 11, 1988 John Burroughs Hypnosis Excerpt:

**B:** OK, we're talking real clearly with them (presumably the base Shift Commander) and they are saying, 'What's your E. T. A?' [ Estimated time of arrival.] We don't know.

**B describing radio transmission information:** The British police are there, the Shift Commander's there, the Security Flight Chief is there, our Flight Chief's there, there's other law enforcement patrols. Everybody was concerned.

They go, 'John, we lost contact for forty-five minutes with you – or fifty minutes! We didn't know where you were. The Weapons Storage Area tower saw all kinds of lights in the air. They thought they saw something being beamed up in the air, but they weren't sure. They thought we lost you, John! We thought we lost you guys. Well, what happened?'

**B:** We don't know.

### Nov. 11, 1988 John Burroughs Hypnosis Excerpt:

**B describing back at air base near sunrise on December 26, 1980, Shift Commander comments:** 'Well, nothing was right, John. We completely LOST you. We completely lost contact with you. There were other patrols down at the (East) gate. They said they saw weird happenings. They said they saw something above the tree level. They said they thought they saw something being lifted off the ground and they said they thought that you were GONE. They said that they thought we lost you. They thought something had taken you. What happened?!'

**Hypnotherapist 1988:** Did you see any kind of life forms in connection with the lights?

**B:** No. And the Shift Commander goes, 'Well, gentlemen, I've got some interesting news for you. Heathrow Tower had two unidentified flying objects and marked it a UFO. The British (radar) base (RAF Bawdsey ) that's four miles from here also marked it as a UFO. What I feel you were involved in, gentlemen, was a UFO.'



RAF Bawdsey (bottom pink circle) radar base four miles south of Rendlesham Forest.

Afterward, John Burroughs went to bed to sleep the rest of December 26, 1980, and woke up in the early morning of December 27, feeling like something had returned. Burroughs was told that a female Shift Commander was driving in her jeep when a blue light stopped her vehicle. The blue light moved inside her jeep and back out. The blue light scared her so much she cried and was relieved of her duty for the night.

So, Burroughs decided to return to Rendlesham Forest after midnight on December 28, 1980, with a couple of friends. By 2 AM, December 28, lots of military people showed up with a light-all and other military and photography equipment. John Burroughs asked what was going on? An answer came from a military man nearby.

### Nov. 11, 1988 John Burroughs Hypnosis Excerpt:

**Military Man:** 'The lights are back again.'

**B:** ... I knew they were coming back tonight! What happened? ... What's the light-all going for?

**Military Man:** 'Oh, they're setting a trap for it. They're trying to draw whatever it is up to the clearing where it was the other night and they want to light it up so they can get pictures of it and videos of it.'

**TV Producer 1988:** Who told you this, that they are setting a trap for it? (meaning luring the craft to a pre-arranged site set up to photograph and film)

**B:** Some sergeant. There were some sergeants there I did not know. It was a different flight (shift) working. And Colonel Halt shows up with Sergeant Ball and I thought it was weird that Col. Halt was in civilian clothes.

Some brief military personnel background: The RAF Bentwaters base commander in December 1980 was Col. Ted Conrad, who had not been on the job very long. His Deputy Base Commander was Lt. Col. Charles I. Halt. Their boss was the Wing Commander of the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing at Bentwaters/Woodbridge, Major General Gordon Edmund Williams. About Gen. Williams, in their 1997 book, *Left At East Gate*, Larry Warren and Peter Robbins quote Captain and Day Shift Commander, Mike Verano, as saying: "I did drive General Gordon Williams to an F-16 on the Bentwaters tarmac the AM of December 30th. He had two canisters of 35mm footage with him. ...He told me directly that it was actual footage of the UFOs on the ground."

Back inside the November 11, 1988, private hypnosis of John Burroughs organized by TV producer, Curt Brubaker, John is saying:

### Nov. 11, 1988 John Burroughs Hypnosis Excerpt:

**B:** I call to Colonel Halt, 'It's back again. I can't believe it!' He acted like he was not surprised. He was real calm. But the other people were scared. They looked weird! They are very surprised, very upset. ...The whole group moved back. Col. Halt and I were standing there with Chris. He was good friends with Col. Halt.

Chris says, 'What happened, Colonel?'

Halt goes, 'Weird things, Chris. We had things over, on top of, they were making *contact with our minds*.' (Howe emphasis.) They are little blue lights. ... The craft was still hovering out there. They're (blue lights) coming from that craft. They've been out there for hours!'

**B:** Well, I want to get closer to it.



### Nov. 11, 1988 John Burroughs Hypnosis Excerpt:

**Col. Halt goes,** 'John, I want you to go out there because I think you can bring them closer.'

**Hypnotherapist 1988:** John, do you know why they thought you could bring the lights closer?

**B:** No. I didn't understand. And that was something that I never understood either. They *all* wanted me there.

**TV Producer 1988:** What happened then?

**B:** Well, then Col. Halt put his arm around me and said, 'Let's go.' And then all of a sudden there was a shorter sergeant and he was Mexican (Sgt. Adrian Bustinza). He was coming up towards me and he says, 'Let's go!' And the three of us walked toward the craft (Col. Charles Halt, Sgt. Adrian Bustinza and Airman 1<sup>st</sup> Class John Burroughs).

**And Col. Halt goes,** 'I've got all of this on tape recording.' He shows me the tape recorder. And he has a radio with him. And he goes, 'We're recording all of this through the Wing Commander Post.' ... So, we started walking and the light was there and it was at a distance. And THEN, there it was! Three blue lights!!

### Nov. 11, 1988 John Burroughs Hypnosis Excerpt:

**B excited:** 'There they are! There they are!' And Halt goes, 'That's what we had before. John, you're never going to believe this, but a group of us – those blue lights *made contact* with us. They were on top of us. It was like they spoke to us!'

I go, 'They? What's They?'

And Halt goes, 'These lights!' ... There were lights there and they were speaking to us. They were over us, they were flying in the sky, they were hovering over us.'

**Hypnotherapist 1988:** OK, John, hold it right there where you see those blue lights. Now, I want you to look at one of those lights and ask it questions that come to your mind. That light will talk back to you and tell me what it says.

**B:** It says, 'Come to me.'

**Hypnotherapist 1988:** Ask the lights what they are representing?

**B:** The craft.

**Hypnotherapist 1988:** Is there any life form with, or in, that craft?

**B:** The light *IS* the life form."

Continued in **Part 4** - John Burroughs and Jim Penniston hypnosis sessions.

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#### More Information:

Former U. S. Air Force 1st Class Airman John Burroughs is now organizing a 2010 reunion in England for all the military personnel in RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge who were involved in the mysterious light phenomena of December 26 - 28, 1980. John would like to hear from all who were there and has created a website and email account to organize a 2010 Bentwaters reunion.

Website with email address: <http://backtobentwaters.blogspot.com/>

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