



Part 5: USAF Col. Charles I. Halt (Ret.) Says 1980 RAF Bentwaters Lights and Craft Were “Extraterrestrial In Origin”

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Deputy Base Commander, RAF Bentwaters, U. K.*



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August 27, 2009 Stafford County, Virginia - Over the past thirty years in England - Royal Air Force Bentwaters, Royal Air Force Woodbridge and nearby Rendlesham Forest have been the focus of this question: What exactly did happen between at least two dozen military personnel, unidentified aerial lights and a triangular craft between midnight on December 26th, until 5 AM on December 28th, 1980?

Now Col. Charles I. Halt, the man who was then the Deputy Base Commander at RAF Bentwaters, has gone on the record in a recent June 25th press release to state:

“I wish to make it perfectly clear that the UFOs that I saw were structured machines moving under intelligent control and operating beyond the realm of anything I have ever seen before or since. I believe the objects that I saw at close quarter were extraterrestrial in origin and that the security services of both the United States and England were and have been complicit in trying to subvert the significance of what occurred at Rendlesham by use of well-practiced methods of disinformation.”

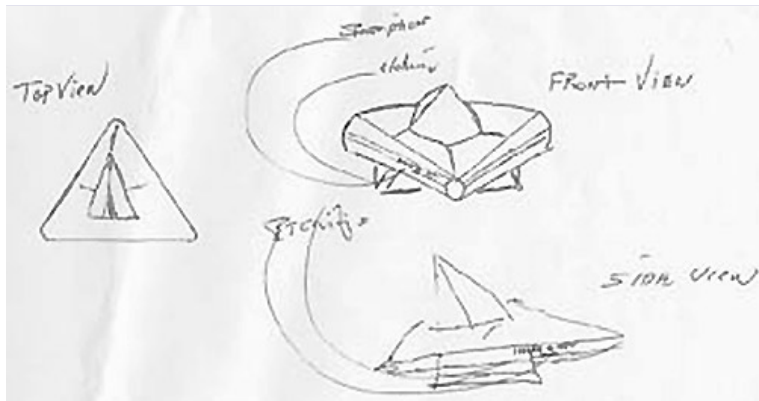


Col. Charles I. Halt (Ret.), former Deputy Base Commander at RAF Bentwaters, England, December 1980, photographed in Rendlesham Forest during 2007 TV production.

Col. Halt served in Vietnam and Japan before being assigned as Deputy Base Commander at RAF Bentwaters in 1980. His boss and base commander was Col. Ted Conrad, who had not been on the job very long. Their boss was the Wing Commander of the 81st Tactical Fighter Wing at Bentwaters/Woodbridge, Major General Gordon Edmund Williams. It is General Williams who allegedly received 35mm film in two canisters on December 30, 1980, from RAF Bentwaters Captain and Day Shift Commander, Mike Verrano, who told Larry Warren and Peter Robbins, authors of *Left At East Gate* © 1997, “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

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footage of the UFOs on the ground.” Based on Earthfiles Parts 1 - 3, it is assumed this 35mm “footage” includes the 35mm still negative roll that Sgt. James Penniston says he photographed around the triangular craft on the ground in Rendlesham Forest in the early morning hours of December 26, 1980.



Staff Sergeant James W. Penniston's sketch of triangle-shaped, dark glassy surfaced craft he photographed and touched in early hours of December 26, 1980.

By 1984, Col. Halt was promoted to RAF Bentwaters Base Commander and later also served as Base Commander at Kunsan Air Base in Korea. Later, he was Director of the Inspections Directorate for the Department of Defense Inspector General.

Charles Halt was born in 1940 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and is now 69-years-old. He received a B. A. in Economics and Chemistry from West Virginia Wesleyan College in 1962. A year later on February 7, 1963, he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force. He was assigned to a school for Maintenance Engineering at Chanute AFB in Illinois and became a U. S. Air Force maintenance officer for the next seventeen years. In 1975, he received an M. B. A. in Business Management from the University of Hawaii. Col. Halt retired from his professional U. S. Air Force career in 1991. Today, he is the equivalent of a mayor for a gated community in Stafford County, Virginia.

On August 18th, I interviewed Col. Halt about his personal RAF Bentwaters experience on December 28, 1980, what happened to him afterward and why it has taken thirty years for him to say on the record that the lights and craft over three nights in the Rendlesham Forest were “extraterrestrial in origin.”

Interview:

Col. Charles I. Halt, (Ret.), former Deputy Base Commander, RAF Bentwaters, England in December 1980: “Let me first say that I was very naïve and very trusting – is probably putting it mildly. And I’m very unhappy, I guess is the best way to put it, with some of my superiors as well as the intelligence services from both U. S. and British sources.

What I saw – now, keep in mind that definitely structured craft were seen on what was called the first night by three individuals: Sgt. Jim Penniston, Airman 1st Class John Burroughs and Airman 1st Class Edward Cabansag. What I saw [the third night, December 28, 1980] moved horizontally through the Rendlesham Forest avoiding trees and bobbing up and down. By that, I mean it went vertically occasionally to avoid the trees.

The craft retreated from the forest into the farmer’s field. At that time, the object was reflecting a glowing light on the farmer’s house that was on the far side of the object. The Orford light house was beyond that. There is no way the light from the lighthouse could have reflected off the farmer’s house! In fact, on the audiotape (Col. Halt ran while in the Rendlesham Forest), I was very concerned about the occupants of the house because it looked like the house was on fire internally from all the reflections on the windows.



Farmer's field in general area of central pink circle in Rendlesham Forest near Capel St. Andrew, England. The Orford Ness lighthouse is the far right pink circle. RAF Bentwaters is top large pink circle, 4 miles northeast of RAF Woodbridge, pink circle at Woodbridge.

THIS WAS THE EARLY MORNING HOURS OF DECEMBER 28TH?

I believe it was December 28, as I remember, yes. And then the object that we saw was obviously under some type of intelligent control. There is no way it could have moved through the trees and done what it did and retreated into the field whenever we approached it. Then, it silently exploded into multiple light objects – and disappeared!

Narrow, White Beam Hits Ground A Few Feet from Col. Halt's Team

DURING THAT PERIOD OF TIME, DID YOU SEE A BEAM OF LIGHT THAT WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING WHITE COMING DOWN FROM A GLOWING LIGHT?

No, we saw that later. Let me explain. We went out of the forest into the farmer's field. We crossed by the farmer's house. We fell into a small stream and all got wet and cold and quite uncomfortable. We proceeded a little further and I was quite concerned about being off the base (RAF Bentwaters) at that time of night with people in uniform. Let's face it, we (USAF) were not home. It's (U. K.) a foreign country. We went beyond the road in front of the farmer's house into another field. And at that time, several members of the (scout) party noticed objects in the sky that were moving in strong, straight, angular movements and were multiple colored as far as the lights and they changed shape from elliptical to round and elliptical. Then we noticed other objects to the south and one of them approached us at very high speed. My guess is that it was 3,000 to 4,000 feet, maybe lower. I can't tell for sure. And the whole time, the lighthouse was clearly visible on the horizon.

The object stopped overhead and sent down a beam. The best way I can describe it is a laser beam because the light did not radiate out like a light would do. It came straight down and fell at our feet and we were quite concerned. The light was a very bright, white light – probably 15 to 20 inches in diameter, something of that size – when it hit the ground. It was right in front of us, less than ten or fifteen feet away.



Lt. Col. Charles I. Halt described mysterious aerial light that emitted white, narrow, beam down in front of him and over the weapons storage facility (above), said to contain nuclear warheads, at RAF Bentwaters, England, in the early morning hours of December 28, 1980. Illustration by Jan Roth at www.rendlesham-incident.co.uk used with permission.

WHAT HAPPENED AT THAT MOMENT?

We stood there in awe trying to – you know, is it a signal? Is it a warning? Is it a method of communication? What do we do? And we just stood there for maybe five to ten, maybe fifteen seconds, and then it was gone. I mean, it disappeared as suddenly as it appeared.

IT IS A BEAM OF LIGHT THAT COMES OUT OF THE LIGHT THAT IS STILL UP IN THE AIR AND WHERE IT STRIKES THE GROUND, THE BEAM LOOKS LIKE IT'S 15 TO 20 INCHES IN DIAMETER?

Something like that. It was so shocking – Wow!

Three Radio Frequencies Report Lights Over Weapons Storage Area

At the same time, we were picking up radio signals and continuously having problems with our radios on all three frequencies we were on from the WSA, Weapons Storage Area, and they were indicating that they (lights) were over there. We could see objects in the sky over there (WSA) and I later learned that there were some technicians from the communications squadron working in the tower, as well as the tower operator. They all observed some very strange things as far as lights and objects.

WERE YOU HEARING THE RADAR TOWER OPERATOR DESCRIBING TO YOU AND TO OTHERS SEEING THE BEAM COME DOWN INTO THE WEAPONS STORAGE AREA?

No. The tower is an observation tower. I actually called the people in the control tower through the command post and gave them locations to look for something in the sky. They called Eastern Radar and Eastern Radar had radar surveillance and air defense responsibility for that WSA area. And I didn't get a positive response, but at a later date when I talked to some people, they indicated that some of the tower operators had seen some things, but the audiotapes were confiscated. I don't know. It's all secondhand hearsay.

[Editor's Note: Page 413, *Left At East Gate* ©1997 by Larry Warren and Peter Robbins describes Col. Charles I. Halt as telling them that light beams from the unidentified lights penetrated the cement, steel and soil layers of the hardened bunkers shown below in the Weapons Storage Area (WSA).]



December 2007, photograph from RAF Bentwaters/Woodbridge tower used to monitor underground Weapons Storage Area (WSA), that presumably included nuclear weapons heavily guarded in December 1980 by military security. Image © 2007 by Gary Heseltine.

December 28, 1980, Eastern Radar Audiotapes Confiscated

THOSE CONFISCATED TAPES MIGHT CONTAIN WHAT HAS EMERGED IN HYPNOSIS SESSIONS WITH JIM PENNISTON AND JOHN BURROUGHS CONCERNING THE RADAR TOWER OPERATOR REPORTING THAT A WHITE BEAM WAS COMING FROM A LIGHT DOWN INTO THE WEAPONS STORAGE AREA?

That's certainly possible. I can't comment. I don't know, but I know there were a lot of funny things that happened.

DO YOU KNOW FOR A FACT WITH YOUR OWN EYES THAT YOU WERE SEEING BEAM COME DOWN IN THE GENERAL AREA OF THE WEAPONS STORAGE AREA?

I could see something, yes.

WHERE YOU SAW THE LIGHT BEAM COME DOWN CLOSE TO YOU WAS NOT DIRECTLY INTO THE WEAPONS STORAGE AREA?

No, the Weapons Storage Area was a mile to a mile and a half away.

SO, FOR THOSE RADIO REPORTS THAT WERE DESCRIBING A BEAM COMING FROM A LIGHT DOWN INTO THE WEAPONS STORAGE AREA, THOSE WOULD BE OTHER EYEWITNESSES WHO COULD SEE INTO THE WSA WHEN YOU COULD NOT.

That's correct. There are multiple objects in the sky at that time, at least four if not five or more.

WERE THEY ALL WHITE?

No. They changed color and they changed shape from round to elliptical.

COLORS?

Gosh, red, blue and green, I think. I remember the shock of - gosh, when the thing went overhead and the light approached us and you can hear it on the tape. Stopped overhead and sent a beam down. Oh, my God! We all went into shock almost! How am I ever going to explain this? Nobody is going to believe this! This is a kiss of death for my career.

Click here for audiotape recorded by USAF Col. Charles I. Halt, December 28, 1980, in Rendlesham Forest while encountering unidentified aerial lights and beams. See transcript in [More Information](#) below.

With him were: Lieutenant Bruce Englund; Sergeant Monroe Nevilles (Geiger counter and disaster preparedness); Master Sergeant Bobby Ball; and Sgt. Adrian Bustinza. Airman 1st Class John Burroughs, who was with Sgt. Penniston and Airman 1st Class Cabansag on December 26th, also says he was in the Rendlesham Forest December 28 as well. Col. Halt says he remembers only ordering John Burroughs by phone not to join Col. Halt and his team. However, John Burroughs and Adrian Bustinza both remember falling to the ground next to each other.

YOU ACTUALLY THOUGHT THAT ON THAT NIGHT?

I certainly did!

Morning of December 29, 1980

WHEN YOU STARTED THIS INTERVIEW, YOU SAID THAT YOU HAVE BEEN VERY DISMAYED BY THE COMMENTS AND SOME OF THE REACTIONS BY YOUR COLLEAGUES AND SUPERIOR OFFICERS. COULD YOU ELABORATE?

Well everybody from General Gordon Williams to you name it has – I played the tape the following morning for Gordon Williams and gave it to him and he believed me. According to Gordon Williams, who took the tape and my recorder, he played it at the Wednesday morning staff meeting. They had a staff meeting every Wednesday morning. He played my tape for the staff meeting and then General Robert Bazley said to the staff, ‘What do we do?’ And the conclusion was since nobody knew what to say, ‘It’s a Brit affair that happened off the base.’ General Williams actually laughed when he gave me the tape back.



Robert W. Bazley is a retired U. S. Air Force four star general who served as Commander in Chief, Pacific Air Forces (CINCPACAF), from 1984 to 1986. Before then, he took command of Air Force Inspection and Safety Center, Norton AFB, California, in May 1978. From July 1979 to June 1980, he commanded Sheppard Technical Training Center, Sheppard AFB, Texas. He returned to England as Commander, 3rd Air Force at Royal Air Force Station Mildenhall in Suffolk County, England. Bazley returned to Ramstein Air Base, Germany, in July 1981, as Vice Commander-in-Chief of U.S. Air Forces in Europe. In 1983, he became Inspector General of the U.S. Air Force at Air Force headquarters, responsible to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff for USAF inspection, safety, security, investigative, counterterrorism, counterintelligence and complaint programs. He assumed command of Pacific Air Forces at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, in September 1984, and retired from the USAF on January 1, 1987. Image courtesy PD-USGOV-MILITARY-AIR FORCE.

WHAT YOU ARE SAYING IS THAT IT’S A BRIT – MEANING BRITISH – AFFAIR OFF THE BASE?

Yes.

YOU KNEW THAT THERE WAS A CREDIBILITY PROBLEM. BUT NOW, 30 YEARS LATER IN THE SUMMER OF 2009, YOU ARE GOING ON THE RECORD SAYING THAT WHAT YOU ENCOUNTERED IN RENDLESHAM FOREST NEAR RAF BENTWATERS AND WOODBRIDGE WAS ‘EXTRATERRESTRIAL IN ORIGIN.’ CAN YOU EXPLAIN TODAY WHY YOU ARE CLARIFYING THAT?

In 2009, Why Col. Halt Says “Extraterrestrial In Origin”

Because those lights and craft were beyond the realm of anything we know and were

intelligently controlled. Now, I'll say one other thing – it's certainly possible that whatever it is might be from another dimension. I thought of that at a later point, but it was beyond anything we know or we had in place at the time, even experimentally. I mean, here's something that is too small for human habitation, that moves under intelligent control, it has the ability to change shape, and then multiple objects appear that have the capability to send down what I would say would be laser beams or something like that – and they have a great deal of interest about what goes on at RAF Bentwaters, as far as the Weapons Storage Area.

COL. HALT, WHY DO YOU THINK THAT 30 YEARS AFTER THIS EVENT IN RENDLESHAM FOREST NEAR RAF BENTWATERS AND RAF WOODBRIDGE THAT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM, WOULD PRETEND TO RELEASE ALL OF THE BENTWATERS DOCUMENTS WHEN YOU, I, NICK POPE AND OTHERS KNOW THAT THEY HAVEN'T RELEASED THE MEAT AT ALL?

I don't think they ever will! When I was on *Larry King*, you know what I told him? He asked me, 'When do you think this will ever become public?' I said, 'When one of them lands in Times Square or on the lawn of the White House and they can't deny it.' He and I both had a big laugh over it.

AND WHAT I STILL WONDER IS: WHY ARE WE LIVING SUCH A LIE ON THIS PLANET?

I can't answer that question. I agree with you!

WELL, SOME PEOPLE WOULD SAY THAT POWER, ARROGANCE AND GREED WERE THE STRONGEST MOTIVATORS OF THE LAST SIXTY YEARS IN SUPPRESSING INFORMATION ABOUT NON-HUMAN INTELLIGENCES INTERACTING WITH THIS PLANET.

Yes, I certainly cannot disagree.

WHAT DO YOU THINK WILL UNFOLD BETWEEN NOW AND 2009 AND GOING INTO THE FUTURE? HOW LONG WILL THESE LIES BE PERPETUATED?

Until something – until there is a dramatic event, which is probably an accident. I don't think you're going to get anybody from the intelligence agencies to ever come forward. Those people are afraid to death!

WHAT ARE THEY AFRAID OF?

(laughs) I can just say there's a very powerful force at work. Keep in mind, it is a very, very small number of people.

WHO KNOW.

That's correct. If you'll keep in mind that Eisenhower tried to get to the bottom of it, Jimmy Carter tried to get to the bottom of it, Bill Clinton tried to get to the bottom of it. Guess what?

ALL BLOCKED.

That's what they say.

SO, WHO WOULD BE IN CONTROL IF PRESIDENTS AND PRIME MINISTERS ...?

That's a question you have to answer yourself and tell me when you find out. A very select group!

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECULATION?

I would rather not comment."

Continued in **Part 6:** Is time travel past and future possible?

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More Information:

[Col. Charles I. Halt, December 28, 1980, Audiotape Transcription](#)

Rendlesham Forest near RAF Bentwaters and RAF Woodbridge, East Anglia, England
Originally printed in *You Can't Tell The People* © 2000 by Georgina Bruni.

The title comes from a quotation by Margaret Thatcher, British Prime Minister in 1980, who told Bruni in 1997: "UFOs! You must get your facts right and you can't tell the people."

LT COLONEL HALT: (Officer in charge) 150 feet or more from the initial, I should say suspected impact point. Having a little difficulty, we can't get the light-all to work. There seems to be some kind of mechanical problem. Let's send back and get another light-all. Meantime, we're gonna take some readings from the Geiger counter, and err, chase around the area a little bit waiting for another light-all to come out again.
SGT BUSTINZA: [on a radio in the background, obviously trying to organize more light-alls] ... to security control... that's mark... 155... number...
LT COLONEL HALT: OK, we're now approaching an area within about 25-30 feet. What kind of readings are we getting... err...
(Break in tape)
SGT NEVILLES: (Geiger Operator) Just minor clicks,
LT COLONEL HALT: Minor clicks.
(Break in tape)
VOICE OVER: [These voice overs are recorded over the initial recording and are not related to incident. It is the voice of Colonel Conrad, the Base Commander] Do you think it's going to be a nice day today?
VOICE OVER: Yeah, I think so.
LT COLONEL HALT: What are the impressions?
SGT NEVILLES: Just one, but...
LT COLONEL HALT: Is that all the bigger they are?
SGT NEVILLES: Well, there's one more well defined over here.
SGT BUSTINZA: [on a radio] ...Sergeant Bustinza to security control...
LT COLONEL HALT: We're still getting clicks
SGT BUSTINZA: ... Sergeant Bustinza. Well we're outta gas... we're at east gate...east gate, over
LT COLONEL HALT: Can you read that on the scale?
SGT NEVILLES: [examining the area with a Geiger counter] Yes Sir. We're now on a five tenths scale and we're reading about...er...third, fourth...
LT COLONEL HALT: OK, we're still comfortably safe here?
SGT BUSTINZA: [on a radio] you don't have a light-all or [?] ... or anything... duty security. Can you hear me?... Sergeant... a light all, with gas please.

LT ENGLUND: [the on duty Flight Chief] We're still getting minor readings... we're getting a good indentation.
SGT BUSTINZA: [on radio] ... security D to security.
SGT NEVILLES: This one's dead.
LT ENGLUND: Let's go to the third one over here.
SGT NEVILLES: Sort of, whatever it is.
SGT BUSTINZA: [on radio] ... Sergeant Bustinza ... security...
SGT NEVILLES: Yes, now getting some residual.
LT COLONEL HALT: How can you read that? The meters definitely giving off pulse.
LT ENGLUND: About the center.
LT COLONEL HALT: Yes, I was gonna say, let's go to the center of the area next, see what kind of reading we get out there. Keep reading the clicks. I can't hear the clicks. Guess you all... is that about center Bruce [asking Lt Bruce Englund].
LT ENGLUND: Yes
LT COLONEL HALT: OK let's go to the center.
SGT NEVILLES: Yes I'm getting more...
LT COLONEL HALT: That's about the best deflection of the needle I've seen yet. OK, can you do an estimation? We're on a point five scale, we're getting... having trouble reading the scale.
LT ENGLUND: At err, approximately 0125 hours.
(Break in tape)
NOISE OVER: Deep cough
SGT NEVILLES: We're getting rad at err a half a [sounds like millirem]
UNKNOWN VOICE: Chuck. [This is Colonel Halt's name, Charles, known as Chuck].
(Break in tape)
NOISE OVER: Loud gong noise. [Not connected with the forest recording].
LT COLONEL HALT: ... best point, I haven't seen it go any higher.
LT ENGLUND: Well, it's still flying around.
LT COLONEL HALT: OK we'll go out toward the...
LT ENGLUND: Now it's picking up...
LT COLONEL HALT: This out toward the indentation were we first got the strongest reading. It's similar to what we got in the center.
SGT NEVILLES: Right near the pod. It's right near the center.
LT ENGLUND: This looks like an area here across where there could be a blast. It's in the center.
LT ENGLUND: It jumped up towards seven...
LT COLONEL HALT: What?
LT ENGLUND: It just jumped towards seven tenths there.
LT COLONEL HALT: Seven tenths, right there in the center?
LT ENGLUND: Ah, Ah.
LT COLONEL HALT: We found a small blast what looks like a blasted or scruffed up area here. We're getting very positive readings. Let's see, is that near the center?
LT ENGLUND: Yes it is.
SGT NEVILLES: Well, we assume it is..
LT ENGLUND: This is right in the center... dead center...
SGT NEVILLES: picking up more as you go along the whole area there now...
LT COLONEL HALT: Up to seven tenths...
SGT BUSTINZA: [on radio, still struggling with the transmissions] ... 55, this is our last call...
LT COLONEL HALT: ... or seven units. It's going on the point five scale.

(Break in tape)
 LT COLONEL HALT: OK why don't we do this, why don't we make a sweep now I've got my gloves on now. Let's make a sweep out around the whole area about ten foot out and make a perimeter run around it, starting right back at here at the corner, back at the same first corner where we came in. Let's go right back here... now I'm gonna have to depend upon you counting the clicks.
 LT ENGLUND: Right.
 LT COLONEL HALT: OK, get the light-all on it.
 LT ENGLUND: Lets sweep around it.
 SGT NEVILLES: It was flying.
 (Break in tape)
 LT COLONEL HALT: Put it on the ground every once in a while.
 BACKGROUND: We have lights nearby...
 LT ENGLUND: This looks like an abrasion on the tree...
 LT COLONEL HALT: OK, we'll catch that on the way back, let's go around.
 LT ENGLUND: We're getting interest right over here. It looks like it's an abrasion pointing into the center...
 LT COLONEL HALT: It is.
 LT ENGLUND: ... of the landing area.
 LT COLONEL HALT: it may be old though. There's some sap marks or something like that.
 Let's go on back around.
 UNKNOWN VOICE: Err...
 Break in tape
 SGT NEVILLES: It also gives some extension on it.
 LT COLONEL HALT: Hey, this is an awkward thing to use, isn't it?
 SGT NEVILLES: Normally you see I carry it on my... on my cars but this one broke.
 LT COLONEL HALT: Are we getting any further? I'm gonna shut this recorder off until we find something.
 SGT NEVILLES: Picking up
 LT COLONEL HALT: Pickin up. What are we up to? We're up to two-three units deflection.
 You're getting in close to the pod?
 SGT NEVILLES: Picking up something... picking up.
 LT COLONEL HALT: OK. It's still not going above three to four units.
 SGT NEVILLES: Picking up more though, more frequent.
 LT COLONEL HALT: Yes, you're staying - you're staying steady up around two to three to four units now.
 SGT BUSTINZA: [still struggling with the radio] 155
 LT ENGLUND: Each one of these trees is facing at a blast, what we assume is a landing site, all have abrasion facing in the same direction towards the center. The same...
 LT COLONEL HALT: Let's go around a circle here. Turn back down here.
 MASTER SGT BALL: Try the other tree.
 SGT NEVILLES: Picking up something ...a ...
 LT COLONEL HALT: Let me see that. You know I've got a funny ... you're worried about the abrasion. I've never seen a tree that's, err...
 MASTER SERGEANT BALL: That's a small sap mark.
 LT COLONEL HALT: I've never seen a pine tree that's been damaged, react that fast.
 [Interference, voices all talking together].

SGT NEVILLES: You got a bottle to put that in?
 LT COLONEL HALT: You got a sample bottle?
 LT ENGLUND: Yes put out the... that's for the soil sample... [interference].
 SGT NEVILLES: Yes Sir.
 VOICES: [excited]
 LT COLONEL HALT: From now on let's [gap] let's...
 LT ENGLUND: You'll notice they're all at the same...
 LT COLONEL HALT: Let's, lets, lets identify that as point number one. That stake there. So you all know where it is if we have to sketch it. You got that Sergeant Nevilles?
 SGT NEVILLES: Yes Sir. Closest to the Woodbridge...
 LT COLONEL HALT: Closest to the Woodbridge base.
 SGT NEVILLES: Be point one?
 LT COLONEL HALT: Be point one. Let's go clockwise from there.
 SGT NEVILLES: Point two?
 LT ENGLUND: Go ahead...
 LT COLONEL HALT: Point two. So this tree is between two and point three.
 MASTER SGT BALL: Burroughs and two other personnel requesting ... riding on a jeep, that err, your location. [Airman John Burroughs arrives with a patrol].
 LT COLONEL HALT: Tell them negative at this time. We'll tell them when they can come out here. We don't want them out here right now.
 (Break in tape)
 LT COLONEL HALT: OK the sample, you gonna want this sample number one? Have em cut it off, include some of that sap and all... is between indentation two and three on a pine tree about err... about five feet away... about three and half feet off the ground.
 SGT NEVILLES: ...I'll just put it in there for now, I've got some more...
 LT COLONEL HALT: There's a round abrasion on the tree about three and a half, four inches diameter. It looks like it might be old, but er, strange there's a crystalline...pine sap that's come that fast.
 SGT FRAIL: [seems in the distance] ... Sergeant Frail...
 LT COLONEL HALT: You say there are other trees that are damaged in a similar fashion?
 LT ENGLUND:...center of the landing site... [interference].
 LT COLONEL HALT: OK, why don't you take a picture of that and remember your picture. Hey, I hope you're writing this down. It's gonna be on the tape.
 SGT NEVILLES: You got a tape measure with you?
 LT COLONEL HALT: This is your picture, the first picture will be at the first tree, the one between err... mark two and three. Meantime, I'm gonna look at a couple of those trees over here.
 (Break in tape)
 UNKNOWN VOICE: We are getting some...
 (Break in tape)
 LT COLONEL HALT: We are getting readings on the tree. You're taking samples from on the side facing the suspected landing site?
 LT ENGLUND: Four clicks max.
 LT COLONEL HALT: Up to four. Interesting. That's right were you're taking the sample now.
 LT ENGLUND: Four.
 LT COLONEL HALT: That's the strongest point on the tree?
 SGT NEVILLES: Yes sir, and if you come to the back, there's no clicks whatsoever.
 LT COLONEL HALT: No clicks at all in the back.

SGT NEVILLES: Maybe one or two.
 LT COLONEL HALT: It's all on the side facing the... interesting.
 LT COLONEL HALT: Looks like it f... twisted as it got... as it sat down on it, looks like something twisted it from side to side.
 LT ENGLUND: Ah, Ah
 LT COLONEL HALT: Very strange. We're at the same tree we took a sample of with this, what do you call it... the starscope.
 LT ENGLUND: Ah ah, Stargazer
 LT COLONEL HALT: Getting a definite heat reflection off the tree, about three to four feet off the ground?
 LT ENGLUND: Yes... the same side in...
 LT COLONEL HALT: the same place were the ...is
 LT ENGLUND: ...we're getting heat directly behind us. I think we got the same thing off to your right.
 LT COLONEL HALT: There are three trees in the area immediately adjacent to the site within ten feet of the suspected landing site; we're picking up heat reflection off the trees.
 LT ENGLUND: Shine the light on that Bob [Sgt Bob Ball]
 LT COLONEL HALT: What's that again?
 LT ENGLUND: Well, shine the light on again Bob
 LT COLONEL HALT: Why, you having trouble finding it... turn the light on.
 LT ENGLUND: ... then when you want em you'll notice the white
 [Suddenly there is a very strange humming sound and the men are silent]
 LT COLONEL HALT: Hey... [long silent gap apart from humming noise]
 LT COLONEL HALT: You're right there's a white streak on the tree.
 LT ENGLUND: Indicates er...
 LT COLONEL HALT: Let's turn around and look at this tree over here now. Just a second.
 Watch, because you're right in front of the tree. I can see it. OK, give me a little side light so I can find the tree. OK, ahh...
 SGT BUSTINZA: [still on the radio] Alpha 2 security...
 LT COLONEL HALT: I've lost the tree.
 LT COLONEL HALT: OK stop! Stop! Light off. Hey, this is eerie.
 MASTER SGT BALL: Why don't you do the pods spots...
 LT COLONEL HALT: This is strange! Hey, does anyone wanna look at the spots on the ground?
 Whoops! Watch you don't step...
 BACKGROUND: Five beeps from a vehicle arriving on the scene.
 LT COLONEL HALT: ... you're walking all over them. OK, let's step back and don't walk all over em. Come back here - somebody and put a beam on em. You're gonna have to be back about ten, fifteen feet. You see it ...
 LT ENGLUND: OK fine...
 LT COLONEL HALT: OK, lights off.
 (Break in tape)
 VOICE OVER: [Colonel Conrad] He took this long to document...
 LT COLONEL HALT: What do you think about the spot?
 [Radio interference in background]
 LT COLONEL HALT: Yeah.
 (Break in tape)
 LT COLONEL HALT: ... ready at the first spot? OK, that's what we'll call spot number three.

Let's go in the back corner and get spot number one. Spot number one, here's spot number one right there, spot number one right there. Do you need some light? There it is right here. ... you focused?

SGT NEVILLES: Focused.
 LT COLONEL HALT: OK... looking at spot number one through the starlight scope.
 LT ENGLUND: Picking up a slight increase in light as I go over it.
 LT COLONEL HALT: Slight increase in light in spot number one. Let's go look at spot number two. Spot number two's right over here. Right here, see it?
 LT ENGLUND:... Slight increase.
 LT COLONEL HALT: OK, get focused on it. Tell me when, OK lights on. Let's see what we get on it.
 LT ENGLUND: Slight increase.
 LT COLONEL HALT: Just a slight increase?
 LT ENGLUND: Try the center.
 LT COLONEL HALT: The center spot, not really center, slightly off center. It's right there.
 LT ENGLUND: Right here.
 LT COLONEL HALT: OK, we're gonna get your reading on it right there.
 LT ENGLUND: OK.
 LT COLONEL HALT: Tell me when you're ready.
 LT ENGLUND: Ready.
 LT COLONEL HALT: OK lights on. It's the center spot we're looking at now; almost the center.
 LT ENGLUND: Getting a slight increase.
 LT COLONEL HALT: Slight increase there. This is slightly off center toward the err... one - two side. It's er... some type of abrasion or something in the ground where the pine needles are pushed back where we get a high radiat... err high reading about a deflection of er, two to three, maybe four, depending on the point of it.
 Note: [this abrasion corresponds with the exact same position-just off center in landing site photographs taken by Ray Gulyas]
 LT ENGLUND: Someone wanna check it?
 (Break in tape)
 SGT NEVILLES: Yes.
 LT COLONEL HALT: Are you sure there's a positive after effect? SGT NEVILLES: Yes, there is, definitely. That's on the center spot, there is an after effect.
 LT ENGLUND: What does that mean?
 SGT NEVILLES: It means that when the lights are turned off, once we all focused in, allowed time for the eyes to adjust, we are getting an indication of heat source coming out of that center spot... as err... which will show up on the ...
 LT COLONEL HALT: Heat or some form of energy, it's hardly heat at this stage of the game.
 SGT NEVILLES: But it is still heat...
 (Break in tape)
 LT COLONEL HALT: Looking directly overhead, one can see an opening in the trees, plus some freshly broken pine branches on the ground underneath. Looks like some of them came off about fifteen to twenty feet up. Some small branches about inch or less in diameter.
 (Break in tape)
 LT COLONEL HALT: 01.48. We're hearing some strange sounds out of the farmers...
 SGT NEVILLES: Twenty eight... seven...
 LT COLONEL HALT: ... barnyard animals. They're very very active and making an awful lot of

noise.
SGT NEVILLES: ... definite pigmentation...
LT COLONEL HALT: You saw a light? Slow down. Where, where?
SGT NEVILLES: Right on this position here. Straight ahead in between the trees... [Adrian Bustinza pointed out that someone saw a light going through the trees] LT ENGLUND: There it is again... beginning of the gap... right there
SGT NEVILLES: It throw the hell off my flashlight there.
LT COLONEL HALT: Hey I see it too. What is it?
SGT NEVILLES: We don't know sir.
LT COLONEL HALT: OK, it's a strange small red light, looks to be out maybe a quarter - half mile, maybe further out. I'm gonna switch off for a...
(Break in tape)
LT COLONEL HALT: The light is gone now. It was approximately 120 degrees from the site.
SGT NEVILLES: It's back again.
LT COLONEL HALT: Is it back again?
SGT NEVILLES: Yes sir.
LT COLONEL HALT: Well douse flashlights then. Let's go back to the edge of the clearing then, so we can get a better look at it. See if you can get the starscope on it. The light's still there and all the barnyard animals have gotten quiet now. We're heading about 110 - 120 degrees from the site, out through the clearing now. Still getting a reading on the meter about 2 clicks. Needles jumped 3-4 clicks getting stronger. [Bustinza said that when he returned with the light-all the patrol were in a clearing on the edge of the forest]
SGT NEVILLES: Now it's stopped. Now it's coming up. Hold on, here we go. Now it's coming up about approximately 4 foot off the ground. The compass has 110 degrees.
(Break in tape)
LT COLONEL HALT: Right, I just turned the meter off. Better say that again, about 4 feet off the ground, about a 110 degrees, getting the reading of about 4 clicks.
SERGEANT NEVILLES: Yes sir... [????] Cough; excuse me, now it's died.
LT COLONEL HALT: I ... I think it's something here on the ground. I think it's something... very large...
SGT NEVILLES: ... a tree right over...
(Break in tape)
LT COLONEL HALT: We just bumped into the first light that we've seen. We're about a 150 - 200 yards from the site. Everything else is just deathly calm. There's no doubt about it, there's some kind of strange flashing red light ahead.
SGT NEVILLES: Yeah. It's yellow.
LT COLONEL HALT: I saw a yellow tinge in it too. Weird. It appears to be making a little bit this way?
SGT NEVILLES: Yes sir.
LT COLONEL HALT: It's brighter than it has been...It's coming this way. It's definitely coming this way.
MASTER SERGEANT BALL: Pieces are shooting off.
LT COLONEL HALT: Pieces of it are shooting off.
MASTER SERGEANT BALL: at about 11 o'clock... [referring to its position]
LT COLONEL HALT: There's no doubt about it; this is weird.
MASTER SGT BALL: Look to the left
SGT NEVILLES: There's two lights. One light to the right and one light to the left.

LT COLONEL HALT: Keep your flash light off. There's something very very strange. Check the headset out see if it gets any stronger. Give us...
SGT NEVILLES: OK, I have an indication that this is a vague reading too
LT COLONEL HALT: A vague reading?
SGT NEVILLES: The cable has been removed
LT COLONEL HALT: OK... pieces are falling off it again
MASTER SERGEANT BALL: It just moved to the right... went off to the right
LT COLONEL HALT: Yeah ... strange, Auh.
LT ENGLUND: Went off to the right.
LT COLONEL HALT: Strange. Ahhh. One again left. Let's approach the edge of the woods at that point. Can we do without lights? Let's do it carefully, come on.. OK we're looking at the thing, we're probably about 2-3 hundred yards away. It looks like an eye winking at you, it's still moving from side to side and when we put the starscope on it, it's sort of a hollow center right, a dark center, it's...
LT ENGLUND: It's like a pupil...
LT COLONEL HALT: It's like the pupil of an eye looking at you, winking and the flash is so bright to the starscope, that err... it almost burns your eye.
(Break in tape)
Added Note:
[There is now a huge gap and no indication of what happened next]
LT COLONEL HALT: We've passed the farmer's house and are crossing the next field and we now have multiple sightings of up to five lights with a similar shape and all, but they seem steady rather than pulsating a glow with a red flash. We've just crossed the creek...
LT ENGLUND: Here we go...
LT COLONEL HALT: What kinda readings are we getting now? We're getting three good clicks on the meteor and we're seeing strange lights in the sky.
(Break in tape)
LT COLONEL HALT: 2.44: We're at the far side of the farmers, the second farmers field and made sighting again about 110 degrees. This looks clear out to the coast. It's right on the horizon. Moves about a bit and flashes from time to time. Still steady and red in color. Also, after negative readings in the field, we're picking up slight readings 4-5 clicks now on the meter.
(Break in tape)
LT COLONEL HALT: 3.05: We see strange err, strobe like flashes to the err ... almost sporadic, but there's definitely something there, some kind of phenomena. 3.05: At about err... 10 degrees horizon err directly north, we got two strange objects, err ...half moon shape, dancing about with colored lights on them, but err. it has to be about 5-10 miles out, maybe less. The half moons have now turned into full circles as though there was an eclipse or something there for a minute or two.
(Break in tape)
LT COLONEL HALT: 3.15: Now we've got an object about ten degrees directly south...
SGT NEVILLES: There's one to the left.
LT COLONEL HALT: 10 degrees off the horizon, and the ones to the north are moving, one's moving away from us.
SGT NEVILLES: It's moving out fast.
LT COLONEL HALT: They're moving out fast.
MASTER SGT BALL: There's one on the right heading away too.
LT COLONEL HALT: Yeah, they're both heading north. Hey, here he comes from the south; he's coming in toward us now.

MASTER SERGEANT BALL: Shit.
 LT COLONEL HALT: Now were observing what appears to be a beam coming down to the ground.
 [Excited shouting in the background]
 MASTER SGT BALL: Look at the colors... shit
 LT COLONEL HALT: This is unreal.
 Break in tape
 LT COLONEL HALT: 3:30: And the objects are still in the sky, although the one to the south looks like it's loosing a little bit of altitude. We're turning around and heading back toward the base. The object to the sou... the object to the south is still beaming down lights to the ground.
 (Break in tape)
 LT COLONEL HALT: 0:400 Hours one object still hovering over the Woodbridge base at about 5-10 degrees off the horizon. Still moving erratic and similar lights beaming down as earlier.
 (End of transcript)

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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