KGB CHIEF ORDERED 4m SOLDIERS TO KEEP WATCHING THE SKIES FOR UFOS.

By Nick Paton Walsh, © The Observer, 23 March 2003.

Yuri Andropov, the former Soviet leader and longtime head of the KGB, had an acute personal interest in UFOs, and ordered a 13-year programme that required every soldier in the military to monitor sightings over Russian territory, according to new revelations.

Andropov shunned the splendour enjoyed by many Soviet leaders to live in a sparse flat throughout his 15 years as KGB chief and one year as Secretary-General of the Communist Party.

Igor Sinitsin, who worked as an Aide to Andropov in the Politburo for six years and has just written his memoirs, told *The Observer* that in 1977 he discovered that Andropov kept a file on the phenomena in his desk.

At the time there had been fevered speculation in the Soviet Union about a large unidentified object in the skies over Petrozavosk on 20 September, 1977. Sinitsin, now 70, said that one of his responsibilities was to monitor the foreign press, and he brought Andropov a *Stern* magazine piece about UFOs.

"I dictated a summary of the piece to my secretary and was sure to express some doubts, because you know how sceptical the mood was in Soviet times to such stories. I worried he would be concerned about my mental health, but I dared to hand the summary to him."

Sinitsin was shocked by the staid KGB chief's reaction. Andropov handed him the text of an official report he had ordered from the counter-espionage directorate. "It described a UFO appearance in Astrakhan that an officer had seen while fishing."

Through Andropov's personal interest, in 1978 two committees were established to investigate UFOs, one military and one civilian. Andropov ordered four million Soviet soldiers to file detailed reports of incidents.

Platov said the programme led to hundreds of thousands being recorded in the 13 years before it was abandoned with the break-up of the Soviet Union in 1990.

Most cases had a 'rational explanation and were mainly linked to technical issues like missile launches'.■

INTERVIEW WITH CURRENT RUSSIAN UFO RESEARCH CHIEF, BY PHILIP CREIGHTON.

On the occasion of 12th International UFO Congress & Film Festival at Laughlin, Nevada (2-8 February 2003) a filmed interview was conducted between Valery Uvarov, of Russia's National Security Academy, and Graham Birdsall, editor of *UFO Magazine*, this being reported in the April 2003 issue of the latter.

The extraordinary revelations to emerge from this interview include the following:

That he is the head of the Department of UFO Research, Science and Technical, National Security Academy, based in St. Petersburg. He is answerable to just two people above him, in turn to President Putin.

In answer to the question "Do UFOs exist?" he says: "For sure, we know they exist, but what is behind their activity, their interest? This is the most important issue for us, and what we mostly focus our investigations on."

He asserts that there is wide-level active cooperation between NASA and Russia on this subject.

He makes an extraordinary declaration on the Tunguska explosion of 1908. He says they know that it was a meteor, and that it was shot down by a missile from an unknown installation in Siberia. Furthermore, that this same installation shot down another meteor on 24/25 September, 2002. He indicates that this installation is actually protecting planet Earth, and even maintains it in a stable orbit.

He says: "This has taught us to believe we have friends

-friends who watch over us silently. They did not then, nor will they allow now, any planet, comet or asteroid to strike and destroy the Earth. This, for us, is now absolutely clear."

He continues: "Let me speak frankly. This installation has a power system, an energy source. We have located this. It was during the conflict in the former Yugoslavia that we first noticed an increase in the output of that energy. For us, it was incredible, but we now know that this installation responds to social upheaval and conflict."

Further: "Let me tell you something about the Tunguska explosion –something that has never been spoken of before. Two months before the explosion, every living animal fled the region. It was as if the installation had powered up to deal with the asteroid. With that came an increase in radiation. The same thing is happening now, today."

He explains that radiation is a factor which is hampering visits to the site, but another expedition is planned for later this year, and invites Graham Birdsall to come to Russia to visit the installation as an observer.

This is indeed remarkable stuff. Despite numerous expeditions over decades noone has ever been able to explain adequately what caused the Tunguska explosion. Current theories even envisage that it could have been caused by a chunk of "mirror matter" which could still lie buried there under the ground. Let's watch this space.

READERS' LETTERS.

WITNESS TO MEXICAN UFO CRASH.

Dear Sirs,

My father, Lt. Col. William Brophy was a witness to the UFO crash in Mexico, DEC 5-6, 1950. It was shown on television, the Mexicans and news media got to the crash site before the Airforce did.

Len Stringfield was warned by the C.I.A. not to mention the 1950 UFO crash in Mexico when he spoke to the M.U.F.O.N. symposium in 1978. Now, certain "ufologists" who work for the C.I.A. want to cover this very real UFO retrieval up; they don't mention that the C.I.A. and F.B.I. were going crazy DEC 6, 1950 trying to shut the TV broadcasts of the UFO crash off, and that President Truman ordered the Airforce on alert that day, DEC. 6, 1950.

Also, sirs, I would like to write UFO investigators Timothy Good and Jean F. Gille about the UFO crash in the San Bernadino mountains (Mt. Harrison) in California during the "Battle of Los Angeles".

Thank you very much, William P. Brophy. 18 March 2003

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P.S. Marilyn Monroe told Mexican film director, José Bolaños about the 1950 Mexico UFO crash. José Bolaños died on June 11, 1994. June 11 is the anniversary of the June 11, 1933 UFO crash in Italy at Milan.

A WELSH MINER'S EXPERIENCES.

Dear Mr Creighton,

I'd like to tell of an experience I had, and other experiences that followed over, I don't know, a period of years, and whether they're related or not I'm not sure. I meant to write it many times, but kept putting it off. However-

Some years ago I was a miner (I'm 65 now) and I was working nights regularly then in a local colliery a mile down the valley.

At the time I was working in wet conditions underground, and when you had done your allotted task you could then return to the surface, bath, and go home.

I would be on my way home early in the morning, 1.30, 2.00, 2.30, and on one such morning, a morning where the sky was lit up with thousands of stars, I suddenly saw one small section of sky where these stars were zig-zagging across this one small section of sky.

I remember stopping, watching this spectacle for a time, and then going on my way. And by the time I got home I'd forgotten about it.

I'd never heard of the term UFO then, but I've read in these last few years of people seeing these zig-zagging incidents and missing time, and then remembered one other incident.

That morning, I stripped, got into bed, and, looking out of the window, I could not believe how light it was outside. However, I thought no more about it, but I'm left wondering now, because in subsequent years I've had some frightening experiences in the bedroom, like being woken up with someone prodding me in the back, and with some purpose, then being gripped, and suddenly I am paralysed totally. Then waking up and someone sitting on my chest, and believe me, it's like a ton weight on me. Sometimes then waking, and all the blankets are on the floor by the door.

However, thankfully it's stopped now, but something else is happening of late, and it's a bit scary. I'm in bed, having just woken up, and it's like a switch in my head has been turned on. It's like an electronic buzzing, and it's so loud I could not hear any outside noise.

However, the last time it happened, which was last week, the loud buzzing was followed by someone coughing three times inside my head!

I lay there waiting for a voice, as it seemed like someone was clearing their throat, but gradually it stopped.

I don't know if this has anything to do with UFOs, but it's probably all inter-related.

Incidentally, Mr Creighton, if people in other parts of the country are all like those in my neck of the woods, then FSR has little chance of surviving. I've taken FSR to the local pub on numerous occasions, and even the brightest of them are totally indifferent. It's frankly bloody amazing.

D. Roberts, FSR reader. 12, SA10 9BR. 28 Feb. 2003.

MORE ON THE "SPACE GUN".

Dear Gordon,

Having read with interest the article in the FSR Spring issue on the "Gun" seen on the beach in Puerto Rico, I couldn't help but think that the enclosed account sounds remarkably similar. This took place in the San Luis Valley in Colorado. Extracted from Chris O'Brien's book *Enter The Valley*, 1999.

Best wishes, Graham Conway. 1 July 2002.

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THE EQUALIZER, SATURDAY, JUNE 7, ONE MILE NORTH OF ALAMOSA ON HIGHWAY 17.

The Valley had been relatively quiet over the past seven months, and when people asked me what was going on down there, I told them with a smile, "Nothing. The aliens don't like it here anymore. We must have scared them away."

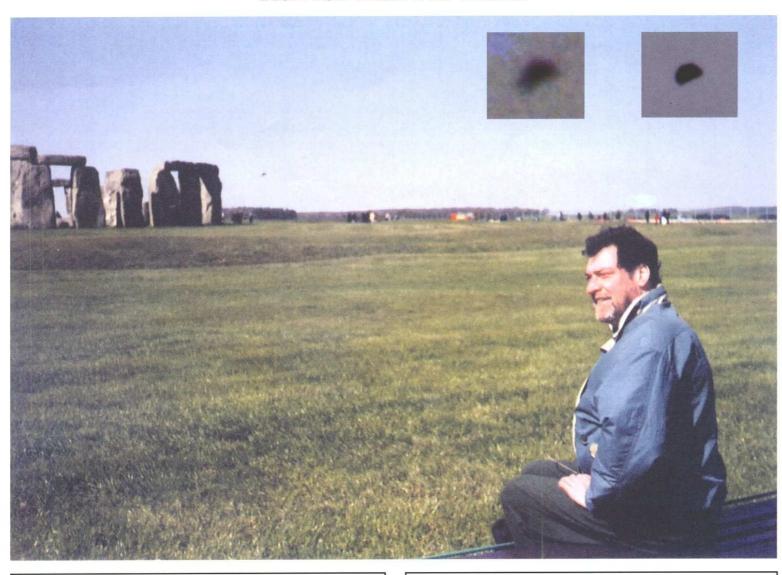
It was a wild stormy day, and I was headed into Alamosa to play at the annual Sunshine Festival. I had a line of cars fairly close behind me when, a mile north of town, I saw a large white pickup truck pull out onto the highway and begin meandering down driveways a mile north of Alamosa. It had a very strange-looking device in the back. It looked like some kind of space gun –that's the only description I could think of

The two guys I observed were in an unmarked, brand-new Ford F-350. Unfortunately I couldn't stop. I wish I had, because I mentioned it to a shopkeeper just minutes later, and she told me about seeing a semi truck parked at a gas station the night before. She claimed the semi had ten of these gun-looking things on a flatbed, and she assumed they were offloading them into the smaller trucks parked next to it. "I've never seen anything like that around here," she told me. Both the semi and the pickup were brand-new looking and had large blinking pale yellow rectangular lights.

Who *are* these guys? I posted the strange sighting on the Internet, and Skywatch International director, Col. Steve Wilson (who died of stomach cancer in November 1997) wrote that what I had seen was a reworked electromagnetic pulse weapon that had been called Joshua. Wilson said I probably saw a newer version of the weapon now called the Equalizer. He claimed they are used by Delta Forces to "bring down UFOs".

Activity was reported near Poage Lake, a few miles south of South Fork, Colorado, and thirty-five miles north of Dulce, New Mexico, a couple of nights before my inadvertent sighting of the pickup with the strange cargo. And reports of strange aerial craft were logged by Dr. Stephen Greer and his group during training the following week. I can't help wonder at the many reports of unknown parties tooling around the SLV in convoys and, in this case, pointing strange machines at the

UFO PHOTOGRAPHED BY STONEHENGE. From FSR reader Pete Willsher.



INCIDENT AT STONEHENGE 6TH APRIL 2002.

On the 6th april last year (2002) My Lady- Friend & were staying in Wiltshire and decided to visit storehenge - She took a photograph of me against he stones and when The film was developed we noticed a noving to on the perture. I remember fust after the Cameta clicked I turned to face her and was vaguely aware of something passing silently but rapidly overhead, but I wentully wrote this off as a bird or low flying in sect. The manager of my local photographic store was also curious and blew up" The portion you can see , which, although blurred shows the objects shape + motion I must mention that my lady-- friend is only partially Sighted

at all. The area was full of tourists so perhaps one of our readers may have keen there or knows some one who was.

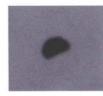
I also notice the similarity to many photographs of the "Warminster Thing taken in the 60's & 70's:

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Sincerely

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