

When asked about windows and any indication of landing gear, he replied that there were none. However, he stated that all three vehicles had thick glass or lexan-like clear plastic hemisphere-shaped bubbles with what appeared to be remote-controlled three-dimensionally gimballed video cameras inside. He described the domes as being very similar to those in a casino, but clear, as opposed to mirrored or dark. There were five dome-covered video cameras mounted on each vehicle; four of the units were spaced equidistantly around and about halfway down the side of the cupola, or top of the craft, with the fifth camera being perched on the very top. He stated that there were no apparent running or collision warning lights on the vehicles.

He continued pencil-sketching while he talked about the positions of the birds on the floor and stated that each vehicle contained a submarine-like door hatch with reinforcement ribs visible on the outside and a round 7 or 8 inch circular turn handle recessed into the doors and that the doors conformed in contour with the spherical shape of the domes, or cupolas.

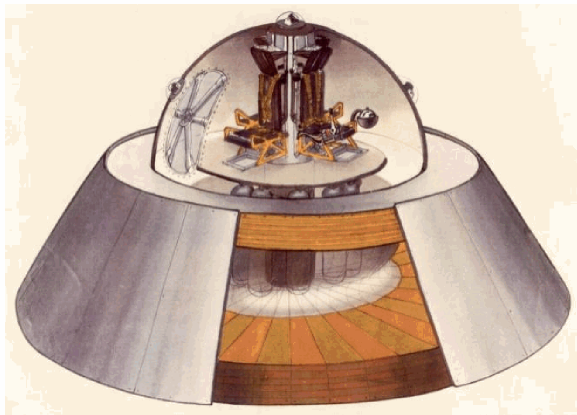


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When asked if they were open, Leonardo replied, “Only on the small ship.” He described the door as aircraft-like in that it was hinged on the inside and opened inward, its thickness being between 3 and 4 inches, as was the exposed dome’s wall area around the door closure, which he thought appeared to be pressurized with an inflating seal, both on the door and the door jam area.

He further stated that there were approximately 100 people in the hangar, mostly gathered around Baby Bear, listening to a speaker standing on a slightly raised lectern with an elevated TV monitor. A videotape loop presentation without sound showed the bird jerkily maneuvering just above ground level and then rapidly shooting up into the air. He thought the film had been made by some kind of fast tracking camera, as the craft rose vertically and disappeared from view in just a few seconds.

Leonardo described the individual making the presentation as an Army general (name not given) with three stars. The rest of the viewers were mostly admirals, generals, and a few civilians, whom his benefactor said were from the Senate Intelligence Committee, there to consider covertly funding a run of 50 of the Poppa Bear size vehicles as manned nuclear weapons delivery systems. His benefactor told him that just 50 units would be required to replace the entire US strategic triad, as they were totally invulnerable to any counterattack and could deliver a knockout strike with zero warning time. In conjunction with SDI, they would make America invincible. The benefactor told Leonardo that the fleet of 50 units, each containing hundreds of nukes, would only cost about a billion apiece, but there were many other considerations affecting their