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# A SORRY STORY

LAST September's big British UFO news story – the clumsy attempt to debunk the claims made by the late George Adamski that the photographs he took in California/Arizona were of an alien space craft – was a classic example of the damage that can be done by reckless and thoughtless publicity-seeking by UFO buffs. Damage, that is, to the results so far achieved by the patient gathering and examination of data by those of us who feel that UFO reports present a problem that calls for scientific scrutiny at a high level. In some countries great strides have already been made in this direction, but our efforts will be unavailing if we do not have the collaboration of the public. People must not be afraid to make reports of their experiences to responsible researchers, but they will become increasingly afraid if they see the mass media indulging in ridicule of UFO reporters and irresponsible sensation-seekers claiming to be researchers.

We will endeavour now to trace September's sorry story as we saw it unfold; an unusual step to be taken in our Editorial leader, but we trust our readers will forgive us this break in tradition.

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Our news-cuttings service provides us with a reasonable cross-section of reports on the topic of UFOs. The major snag is that the precious packets arrive some two weeks after the items were published – an unavoidable delay, and no fault of the agency.

So when the latest attempted solution of the mystery of the Adamski photographs was given impressive coverage in the London mass circulation evening newspapers, and on radio and television, on September 19, 1975, we were taken by surprise.

It is true we had received a brief letter from a Mr. Richard Lawrence stating that the Adamski photographs were fakes, but this was the only intimation we had of the shortly-to-follow public "revelation" that G. Adamski, a soft drink salesman, had photographed the top, or shade, of a patent bottle-cooling machine. This machine was discovered in a London restaurant by the afore-mentioned Mr. Lawrence, Secretary of the "British UFO Society,"* and news of it hit the papers as also did Mr. Kenneth Rogers, Chairman of the "British UFO Society."

Within a few days these allegations had been claimed to be false, but more of that later. Suffice it to say that the dust, raised by the rumpus that the revelations had caused, had barely had time to settle when we received our news clippings for the period just prior to the

* Not to be confused with BUFORA – British UFO Research Association.

furore, and the truth began to dawn.

In the *Bristol Evening News* of September 17, 1975, there was a report of a clarion call by Mr. Ken Rogers – Chairman of the British UFO Society, and author of a 20,000-word "thesis" on the subject – for the scientific investigation of Warminster's unidentified flying objects.

On the same day the headlines of the *Western Daily Press* gave notice of a "...call for new UFO research" by 25-year-old Mr. Ken Rogers – chairman etc., etc. – who was said to be planning to submit his 20,000-word "thesis" (based on 500 Warminster UFO reports = 40 words per report) to Bristol University. His cherished hope was that that learned body would undertake a full investigation "based on his dossier."

Glancing back a few days we discovered that the *Wiltshire Times* of Trowbridge had published a letter from Mr. Ken Rogers – former Editor, "Warminster UFO News" – supporting reporters of alleged UFO phenomena at Warminster, and revealing that he had predicted last August, in the columns of the national daily, *The Sun*, and in the *Western Daily Press*, that the phenomenon would return. Mr. Rogers' conclusion was that recent reports "...should for ever dispel once held beliefs that I was just a crank."

We could not find a copy of the item in *The Sun*, but we did come across a piece from the *Hampstead and Highgate Express* (August 15, 1975) headlined "UFO watch for Green Beings." This item was surmounted by a photograph of a figure which looked for all the world like a Charlton Heston portrayal of a Biblical Prophet with finger pointing skywards, and complete with a symbol, a five-pointed star within a circle, emblazoned on his T-shirt. And that figure, we learned, was Mr. Ken Rogers, chairman etc., etc., demonstrating no doubt how to look for green beings from the top of Parliament Hill.

To return now to Mr. Rogers' latest success. This was a sizeable photograph in the London *Evening News* of September 19, 1975, in which he holds up, for all to see, the top of a bottle cooler discovered by his buddy, Mr. Richard Lawrence, in an Italian restuarant in Drury Lane, London. And the lid, or shade, of this device was identical in shape and layout with the image of the alleged "Venusian Scout Craft" claimed to have been photographed on the slopes of Mt. Palomar in California, and Arizona.

The bottle cooler which, it was implied, had been used by Adamski as a model for his pictures, was said to have been made, in Wigan, Lancashire, by a firm long since closed down – which, in conjunction with the fact that Mr. Adamski died in 1965, was very convenient.

The Press generally seized this heaven-sent opportunity to jump on the Adamski claims and on the UFO subject in general. Specimen headlines were:–

*Evening News:* "Flying saucer phoney and how he did it."
*Evening Standard:* "The lid comes off a UFO mystery."
*Scottish Daily News:* "Flying saucer made in Wigan."
*Manchester Evening News:* "Arizona's flying saucer made in Wigan."
*Daily Mirror:* "The UFO made in Wigan."
*Wigan Evening Post:* "Preston link with UFO that made a fortune."
*Northampton Chronicle:* "UFO found in London."



**Left**
**Adamski's "saucer"**



**Right**
**The bottle cooler**

And so on, *ad nauseam*, with Mr. Rogers everywhere claiming to be disappointed and disillusioned.

A few erroneous facts that were bandied about were that the late George Adamski was author of *Flying Saucers have Landed* and that he had made a fortune from the book. The truth is that Desmond Leslie was the author, and that the section, with photographs, by Adamski, was added by the late Waveney Girvan, who published the book for T. Werner Lawrie. The book was a great success, but Waveney Girvan told the present Editor of FSR that Adamski refused all payment for his photographs.

The furore was still raging over the Lawrence/Rogers revelations when, on September 20, Gordon Creighton drew the attention of your Editor to the fact that a BBC Radio News Magazine had broadcast an item on the topic. One of the speakers was a Mr. Frank Nicholson, a refrigeration engineer, who stated that he was the designer of the bottle cooler in question, that he had been interested in the UFO mystery when the device was designed in 1959 (six years after the publication of the Adamski photographs) and that he had copied the Adamski picture for the cooler's lid, or lampshade. When challenged he produced the patent numbers.

It remained to be seen whether or not the newspapers, so ready to debunk, would publish retractions. Only a few did. We have items only from the *Daily Mirror* of September 23, 1975 ("The famous flying saucer picture is not a fake at all") and the *Bristol Evening Post* of September 22, 1975, with headline "Down to Earth with a bang..." and pictures of Mr. Ken Rogers – chairman, etc., – "I've been made to look a bit of a fool," and Mr. Nicholson, who obviously sees the funny side of it all.

Whether one holds any brief for the late George Adamski and his claims is not the point in question here. The unpalatable fact is that frantic and uncontrolled publicity-seeking by over-enthusiastic enthusiasts has done a gross disservice to those who seek to promote the serious study of UFO reports. As a direct result of Mr. Rogers' activities there must now be millions of people who, because there were so few retractions of the original reports, *know* by implication that all UFO reports are hoaxes. As an indirect result many others who did see or hear the retractions will have concluded – and who can blame them – that chairmen, and others, of UFO Societies, are all "bits of fools."

All this at a time when the climate for the subject has been improving, and witnesses of UFO events are being encouraged to come forward freely to tell of those events.

# A PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION OF AN ALLEGED UFO OCCUPANT ENCOUNTER

*R. Leo Sprinkle, Ph.D.*

**Dr. Sprinkle, who is Director, Division of Counseling & Testing, and Associate Professor of Psychology at the University of Wyoming, Laramie, makes a welcome return to the pages of Flying Saucer Review.**

THE following is a summary statement of my investigation of the case of Carl Higdon, copies of which have gone to APRO, MUFON, and NICAP. I had hoped by this time to have a more extensive statement on the investigation of the case; however various circumstances, including the end of the semester rush and the bothersome weather, have prevented a more thorough follow-up. I hope that these summary statements will serve the purpose of providing information for FSR readers, with the understanding that further investigation may lead to a more extensive statement for publication.

On Tuesday, October 29, 1974, I received two telephone calls: one from Mr. Rick Kenyon, Art Teacher in the Public School of Rawlins, Wyoming; the other from Mr. Robert Nantkes, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor of Riverton, Wyoming. Each man is known to me personally, and each is a person of high intelligence and integrity.

The telephone calls dealt with the same topic: the UFO experience of Carl Higdon, as reported to Sue Taylor of the Rawlins Daily Times (Vol. LXXXVII, No. 204), Tuesday, October 29, 1974 (see full text of press report at the end of this statement).

According to the newspaper article, Carl Higdon (an oil driller for the AM Well Service of Riverton, Wyoming) had been hunting elk on the north edge of the Medicine Bow National Forest (40 miles south of Rawlins) at 4.00 p.m., Friday, October 25. Then, approximately at 6.30 p.m., he called on the radio of the pickup truck which he had been driving. By talking with his boss, Roy Fleming, Carl was able to give directions about the approximate location of the pickup truck. He said that it was parked approximately three miles from where he parked it initially; it was in a "mud hole" where no one would drive a two-wheel-drive vehicle.

A rescue party (Sheriff Ogburn, Deputy Sheriff Ed Tierney, Roy Fleming, Bob Rosacker, Dave Martin, Harold Schutz) drove several four-wheel-drive pickup trucks into the area. With difficulty, they found Carl and the truck (approximately at 11.40 p.m., Friday, October 25). The truck was towed out by the four-wheel-drive trucks.

Mrs. Margery Higdon, Carl's wife, was with Mr. and Mrs. Don James; they were waiting about two or three miles from the area where Carl was located. During the rescue operation, they observed a flashing light for about 20 minutes – changing from red to green to white, in a pulsating pattern, and moving in an arc which was described as "three feet", at arm's length.

When Carl was found he was described as dazed and confused; he had difficulty in talking, and in recognizing his wife. He said he was taken to Carbon County Memorial Hospital, approximately at 2.00 a.m., Saturday, October 26, for observation, and released around 10.00 a.m. Monday, October 28.

During his hospitalization, Carl said that the physician, Dr. Tongca, had X-rays taken. Carl was told that the films were OK. (However, he had been hospitalized for "TB" at one time in Kimball, Nebraska. Chest X-rays in 1958, and 1970, had indicated there were scar tissues on his lungs, according to a Kimball physician.) During his hospitalization, the physician, Dr. Tongca, told Carl that he was "OK," and his blood was "OK" – in fact, it was "super", "very rich."

Carl is hopeful that information can be obtained from medical personnel which will support these statements. However, the Sheriff has made some public statements which raise questions about his acceptance of the report, [*which involved a UFO and Occupant encounter, as will be seen* – Editor].

Rick Kenyon said that he had interviewed Carl Higdon and obtained the basic description of his experience, plus some drawings of the "man." Carl had agreed to other interviews, plus the use of hypnotic techniques, for the purpose of obtaining further information about his experience.

On Saturday, November 2, Bob Nantkes and I met with Dr. Rick Kenyon, who had arranged an afternoon appointment with Carl Higdon, at his home. From approximately 1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m., we talked with Mr. and Mrs. Higdon, their children, and several relatives about their reactions to the events of October 25. The pendulum technique and other hypnotic procedures were utilized to obtain more information from Carl about his UFO experience.

Then, on Sunday, November 17, 1974, Rick Kenyon and I talked with Carl Higdon, his wife and children, from 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m., including an hour of hypnotic procedures. Also present for a short period was Mrs. Marilyn James, who described her reactions to the experience of observing a flashing green-red-white light over the area where Carl was waiting for the rescue party.

During the interviews, photographs were taken of the map area (Section 5, 87 West, T14 North) where Carl had been elk hunting. Also, photographs were taken of the bullet which Carl had retrieved and placed in his canteen pouch. He was willing to release the bullet, so that Dr. Walker, APRO Consultant, might examine it. However, he asked that it be returned after the examination.

Carl indicated that he was willing to have his name associated with the UFO report; however, he wishes that his address be omitted from any publication of the report. He believes that most people accept his story, but he wishes to prevent any "crank" calls. My impression of Carl Higdon is that he is a man of integrity, with average education, but a keen sense of curiosity about the world around him, he is an outdoors man and seems to have developed good skills of estimating size and distance.

Although the sighting of a single UFO witness often is difficult to evaluate, the indirect evidence supports the tentative conclusion that Carl Higdon is reporting sincerely the events which he experienced. Hopefully further statements from other persons can be obtained to support the basic statement.

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**Rick Kenyon's impression of the entity, based upon the oral account given to him by Carl Higdon, and published with Frank Bourke's article in the *National Star*, Lafayette, Indiana, of March 22, 1975, and other papers.**

The article which appeared in the *Rawlins Daily Times* of Tuesday, October 29, 1974, was under the signature of reporter Sue Taylor. It ran as follows:

" 'Everyone will think I'm a quack; but it really happened,' Carl Higdon said on Monday.

"He was referring to his elk hunting trip on Friday, which turned into a bizarre experience for him.

"Higdon was hunting south of Rawlins on the north boundary of the national forest about 4.00 p.m. on Friday when his 'experience' began to unfold.

" 'I walked down over this hill, and saw five elk,' Higdon said. 'I raised my rifle and fired, but the bullet only went about 50 feet and dropped. I looked over to my right and there, in the shadow, was this sort of man standing there.'

"Higdon said the 'man' was about 6 ft. 2 in. and weighed about 180 pounds. He was dressed in a black suit and black shoes, and wore a belt with a star in the middle and a yellow emblem. He was quite bowlegged and had a slanted head. His forehead and facial features were similar to humans, but he had no chin. His hair was thin, and stood straight up on his head, Higdon said.

" 'He asked me if I was hungry and I said yes,' Higdon said. 'So he tossed me some pills and I took one. I don't know why I did it — I never take pills of any kind unless a doctor prescribes them, not even aspirin.'

"Higdon said the 'man' then pointed what resembled a long finger at him, and the next thing he knew was that he was in a seven-by-seven foot cubicle, with two 'men' and the five elk.

" 'He asked me if I wanted to go with him, and I said "yes." I told my wife a long time ago, when these stories about UFOs and strange creatures were coming out, that, if I ever got a chance, I would talk with them or go with them.' Higdon said the 'men' placed a helmet on him, with a

strap around his neck. Six wires were sticking out from it on three sides. The 'men' then told him they were going 'home,' which was 163,000 miles away.

" 'In no time we arrived at this tall tower similar to a rotating restuarant, like the Seattle Space Needle,' said Higdon. 'The lights there were so intense and hurt my eyes a lot, and the 'men' said our sun affects them in the same way.'

"Higdon noted that the 'men' were never in the sunlight, but always in the shade.

"Because the light was so intense on his eyes, Higdon said that the 'men' said that they would take him home.

" 'The next thing I remember,' said Higdon, 'was talking to Roy Fleming on the radio.' Fleming is manager of the Maddox Well Service, and Higdon is employed by AM Well Service of Riverton.

" 'My truck was about three miles from where I had parked it,' said Higdon. 'It's only a two-wheel drive, and was in the mud-hole where no one without a four-wheel drive would attempt to go.'

"After Higdon was rescued by the Carbon County Sheriff's officers, he was taken to Carbon County Memorial Hospital for observation.

" 'My doctor said there were no bruises on me and I wasn't bleeding anywhere, but I'm still suffering from headaches and a backache.'

"Higdon's wife said that she and two friends went looking for her husband when he failed to return home on time, and as they approached the area they saw a bright red, white, and green light resembling a large star. Mrs. Higdon said that it was too high for a helicopter but too low for an airplane.

"Higdon said that he does not drink and does not take drugs of any kind."

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# APPENDIX TO THE PRELIMINARY REPORT ON CARL HIGDON

IN view of the extraordinary nature of this case, it seems likely that readers will also wish to read the full text of the following further press report, which appeared in the *National Star* (published, we believe, in Lafayette, Indiana) for March 22, 1975, under the signature of writer Frank Bourke. We are indebted to FSR reader Mrs. Arnold Lazarus of Lafayette for sending us the report.

While admittedly repetitive in part, this version does include a number of features which seem to be possibly of considerable importance and which were not in the *Rawlins Daily Times* story sent us by Dr. Leo Sprinkle, and given above. At the same time this fresh account does not appear to be at variance with the earlier one on any point of substance, apart from the matter of "the distance to their home planet", here given as *163,000 light-years*, which sounds no more convincing, and just as daft, as the *163,000 miles* of the *Rawlins Daily Times* version.

**Gdn. Creighton**

The National Star item appeared under the headline:
I WAS KIDNAPPED BY A UFO BUBBLE

"Laramie, Wyoming – A hunter's account of contact with beings from outer space and a kidnap voyage aboard a craft from another planet was termed 'legitimate' this week by a University of Wyoming psychologist.

"Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle, Director of Counseling and Testing at the University, made this conclusion after a thorough evaluation of experiences recounted by Carl Higdon of Rawlins, Wyo.

"Higdon, 40, is a veteran oil driller for the AM Well Service Co., of Riverton, and his eerie encounter with outer space occurred last October 25 while hunting in a secluded area of nearby Medicine Bow National Forest.

"Higdon gave the *Star* this account of that day:

" 'Life has not been the same since I met that "man" out in the woods I wish the whole thing hadn't happened but since it did I think it's my duty to let folks know about it.

" 'People may talk behind my back – saying I'm going crazy but I swear I'm telling the truth!

" 'Around 4.00 p.m. I noticed a group of five elk huddled together at a distance of several hundred feet from me, in a clearing. Raising my Magnum rifle and getting one of the animals into my sight, I proceeded to pull the trigger.

" 'Normally the firing of this type of gun would cause quite a jolt. Therefore, you can imagine my surprise at what took place next.

" 'Instead of hitting one of the elk with terrific impact, as it should have done, the bullet left my rifle very slowly, almost as if it were coming out in slow motion.

" 'In addition, the projectile dropped into the snow only 50 feet away. I thought to myself: "What can be going on?"

" 'Higdon received his answer seconds later.

" 'Immediately, I sensed a peculiar tingle in the air, like you feel before an electrical storm. Turning quickly, I spotted a "stranger" standing behind me in the shadows.

" 'At first, I thought he was just another hunter, until my eyes became accustomed to the glare of the bright sunlight on the freshly fallen snow.

" 'The "stranger" glided noiselessly towards me. If he had been human, I would certainly have heard his footsteps on the dried twigs and branches which covered the snow. Standing all of six-foot-two, he was dressed in a snug-fitting black jump-suit, which covered him from the region of the neck to his toes.

" 'Around his mid-section he wore a wide belt, in the centre

of which was a six-pointed star, and a mysterious emblem.

" 'He had coarse hair that stood straight up like bristles on a broom. They were spaced about a half-inch apart. Sticking out from the top of his head were two antennae-like rods.

" 'His face was eerie, because he had no chin – his head ran straight into his neck. His eyes were unusually small, and he had no eyebrows. And, while I was in his company for several hours, at no time during this period did I ever see his hands – if he had them. The sleeves of his one-piece garment were long, and in place of hands he seemed to have two tapered, rod-like appendages, which he would point in order to make things move.

" 'It was as if he could control the force of gravity with these appendages. The possibility arises that they may have been part of his body.'

" 'The being approached within several feet of where Higdon stood frozen in his tracks.

" 'He asked me if I was hungry, and without waiting for a reply, tossed me a small envelope or packet containing four pills. I took them, although normally I don't like to take even an aspirin when I know I'm coming down with a cold. It's like I was being controlled – made to take them.'

" 'The next thing Higdon remembers is being inside a cube-shaped, transparent craft, which moments later lifted from the ground and apparently transported him to another world, somewhere in the limitless void of outer space.

" 'I recall noticing this transparent object – presumably the ship in which my new friend had arrived – resting on the ground a short distance from where we met.

" 'All I know is that he pointed his "arm" at me and *zap!* before I knew what had hit me, we were inside this strange contraption, with the five elk – all paralyzed and off in a separate compartment.

" 'Also on board were two additional beings.

" 'Without any audible sound, we lifted off into the air. I was told we were going to their home planet, some 163,000 light years distance. Together, the three of them placed a helmet upon my head, which had wires sticking out in all directions.

" 'It was fastened to my head with a strap under the chin. They never explained what the purpose of doing this was.

" 'Shortly thereafter – my conception of time was thrown off entirely – we arrived at our destination. I don't consciously remember leaving the ship, but through its clear walls I could make out a giant tower with revolving lights all around its upper rim.

" 'If anything, I could best compare it to the giant "space needle" constructed for the Seattle World's Fair.

" 'At this point my eyes began to water. The light here – whether it was artificial or natural – hurt my pupils, and it became very uncomfortable for me to keep my eyelids wide open. These people told me that our sun affects them while they're on earth in the same way.'

"After this, Higdon is hazy about what took place. His next conscious memory is of wandering around in the cold air, back on Earth, in a state of hysterics.

" 'My mind was cloudy. I didn't seem to know my name or even where I was. All I knew is that I was cold and terrified.

" 'Somehow I stumbled upon my truck, which I had earlier left parked in a clearing, before going off to hunt. Now it was stuck, smack dab in the middle of a mud bog.

" 'I managed to struggle through the thick mire, eyes tearing, head reeling, in an effort to call for help on a citizens' band radio unit which I have mounted on the dashboard.'

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"A party consisting of Sheriff Ogburn and Deputy Sheriff Ed Tierney showed up a few minutes before midnight – more than eight hours after the start of his experience – to rescue the distraught Higdon.

"The vehicle had to be towed out of the bog.

"Margery Higdon, Carl's wife, who joined the rescue team a short while later, told the *Star* what happened that night.

" 'When I first saw Carl, he was obviously in a state of panic and unable to say a word. Only after I asked him if he got any elk, did he come alive and start looking out the windshield up at the sky. With this he began shouting: "They took my elk!" His face looked so strange, it scared me, and I told one of the Sheriff's deputies to get his rifle and take it out of the pick-up – and out of his reach.

" 'I wasn't sure what he would do. All the while Carl kept telling me not to touch him. Finally, I put my coat around his shoulders, and we drove to the Carbon Country Memorial Hospital.

" 'At the hospital, my husband kept talking wildly, making no sense: "They took my elk...where are the pills? the lights – they hurt! the pick-up is gone...they pointed the gun and it's gone."

"The normal hospital lights were apparently so bright to Higdon that his eyes reddened, and began to cause him considerable pain.

" 'The nurse on duty," Mrs. Higdon continued, 'eventually folded a damp cloth and laid it over his eyes, because they were watering so profusely.

" 'Finally, the doctor arrived, and turned out the overhead lights.'

"A thorough examination showed no trace of alcohol or drugs in Higdon's bloodstream.

"The biggest puzzle is the fact that X-rays taken of the patient's chest indicated a lack of scar tissue on his lungs, which had been there in previous examinations. The attending physician, Dr. Tongca, remarked: "It's like something out of a science fiction movie!'

"Supporting evidence for what might otherwise be a totally incredible story came from Mr. and Mrs. Don James, who claim that they 'watched a flashing light for about twenty minutes – changing from red to green to white, in a pulsating pattern – and moving in an arc of three feet at arm's length,' on the night of the episode.

"Also, the 7 mm. Magnum bullet which Higdon says came

out of his gun 'in slow motion' is being rigorously examined by a team of investigators led by Dr. Walter W. Walker, a consultant in metallurgy to APRO of Tucson, Arizona. To the human eye, the bullet looks as if it were 'turned inside out.'

"The Carbon County sheriff's office 'found no scientific explanation for the condition of the shell.' Normally, it was pointed out, the bullet would explode entirely, and would travel too fast for the human eye to see where it eventually fell.

"Higdon's explanation is that he was in some kind of 'force field,' which slowed everything down!

"Dr. Sprinkle subsequently contacted Higdon and asked if he would be willing to undergo hypnosis in order to determine the validity.

"Higdon readily agreed.

"Over a period of four hours, on two separate occasions, Higdon was put into a hypnotic state by Dr. Sprinkle and asked to re-live the episode in front of responsible witnesses.

"In a summary statement of his findings, [see previous article – ED.], the University of Wyoming professor acknowledges that Higdon has been most co-operative in extending the necessary time to have his story cross-examined.

"Says Dr. Sprinkle: 'My impression of Carl Higdon is that he is a man of integrity, with average education but with a keen sense of curiosity about the world around him; he is an outdoors man, and seems to have developed good skills of estimating size and distance. And although the sighting of a UFO by a single witness often is difficult to evaluate, the indirect evidence supports the tentative conclusion that Carl Higdon is reporting sincerely the events which he experienced.'

"While under hypnosis, Higdon revealed that others besides him have previously been contacted. Higdon even recalled seeing other Earth people while he was on the aliens' planet.

"When asked why the space-beings were travelling over vast light-years to reach the Earth, Higdon said he was told that they needed wild game and fish to use as food.

"Such a statement may offer, at long last, a solution for the disappearance of cattle and other livestock recently being reported across the United States."

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**COMMENT by Gordon Creighton**

I AM very willing to accept that animals – *and humans too* – are vanishing mysteriously, never to be seen again, and need only mention the famous incident in which a UFO swooped down and seized a steer from a ranch in nearby Idaho. This occurred on the week-end of September 8-9, 1956, and an account of it will be found on page 7 of Vol.2, No.6 of FSR (November - December, 1956).

That the whole Universe teems with life, much of it intelligent, I have little doubt, but, as I said once about the capers of some other denizens of Magonia, if these creatures – described by Carl Higdon are "Beings from Outer Space" – then I'm a fully paid-up member of the Vietcong!

Readers will no doubt call to mind many cases that seem to present some of the features of the Higdon affair. Personally those that I have in mind are the recent abduction at Bebedouro (see FSR Vol.19, No.6) in which the entities also thrust an irksome helmet upon the head of their wretched victim, and the case of the "Salzburg-Mars express" (FSR Vol.13, No.4) which one may feel has something of the same flavour and in which, so far as I recall, while they did not slam a helmet on to their victim, he did have some sort of metallic plate set against his chest.

As for the location of the home of these weird gentry, I suggest that it is becoming more and more evident who and what they may be, and that their habitat could well be none other than planet three of our Solar System.

Naturally they would be delighted if they could persuade us (as they have been trying to do for the past quarter century) that they hail from Cristofix and points beyond. As for me, I say I'm sorry: I don't buy it.

Let them go and tell it to the *Naval Landing-Fighting Forces*, as the Chinese would say.


For all French-speaking readers, a book by a French Canadian author . . .

LE PROCES DES SOUCOUPES VOLANTES

(The Trial of Flying Saucers)

*by* **Claude MacDuff**

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# BASIC PATTERNS IN UFO OBSERVATIONS

*Claude Poher and Jacques Vallée*

**A paper given at the 1975 Meeting of the American Institute for Aeronautics and Astronautics (AIAA) at Pasadena, California.**

This paper presents the view that (1) a significant proportion of the thousands of UFO reports analyzed by the authors come from witnesses who have really observed an object in the sky or at ground level; (2) the objects these witnesses have seen have characteristics very different from all identifiable objects and phenomena; (3) the phenomenon is of high scientific interest; and (4) a systematic research approach can be defined.

These conclusions are based on many years of research into the phenomenon, in the course of which the authors have had at their disposal the official Air Force files of the United States and of France, as well as files of several reliable private organizations. The paper presents the results of computer statistics obtained independently, and it describes some correlations between geomagnetic disturbances and UFO observations.

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## Introduction

*"There has been an extremely impressive increase in the number of visual sightings of luminous phenomena, sometimes spherical, sometimes ovoid, travelling at extraordinarily high speeds . . . My own profound belief is that it is necessary to adopt an extremely open-minded attitude towards these phenomena. Man has made progress because he has sought to explain the inexplicable. . . "*

*Robert Galley, French Defense Minister, France-Inter broadcast, 21 February 1974* [2]

During 1973 and early 1974, there has been a remarkable recurrence of a type of phenomenon known as a "wave" of unidentified flying objects. Coming as it did less than four years after the closing of Project "Blue Book" by the U.S. Air Force [1], this series of observations has prompted a new scientific debate concerning the reality of the objects or craft responsible for triggering the reports. Accordingly, we have examined the files of UFO observations in France and in the United States in the light of the following questions:

### 1. Have the witnesses really seen something?

The first parameter to consider in a study of visual observations is that of weather conditions. Fully 25% of the reports examined in official French files contain information about meteorological conditions as reported by witnesses. This information was found to agree very well with Weather data for the same times and places as obtained from official sources.

A simple statistical result (based on 258 reports) indicates that the phenomenon is seen less frequently as the weather conditions worsen. The statistics were computed separately for French and non-French cases and found to be in excellent agreement, with about 57% of all reports being made under clear sky conditions, 15% to 20% under scattered cloud conditions, 10% under high overcast, 8% under low overcast, and the remaining few percentage points coming from observations in rain or snow.

Using a term familiar to pilots, we consider the "visibility distance" (V) to be the maximum distance at which an aircraft is visible in the atmosphere. When we plot the number of reports as a function of this measure of atmospheric transparency, we find (Figure 1) a curve in good agreement with the model of the human vision for equidistributed luminous objects in the atmosphere.

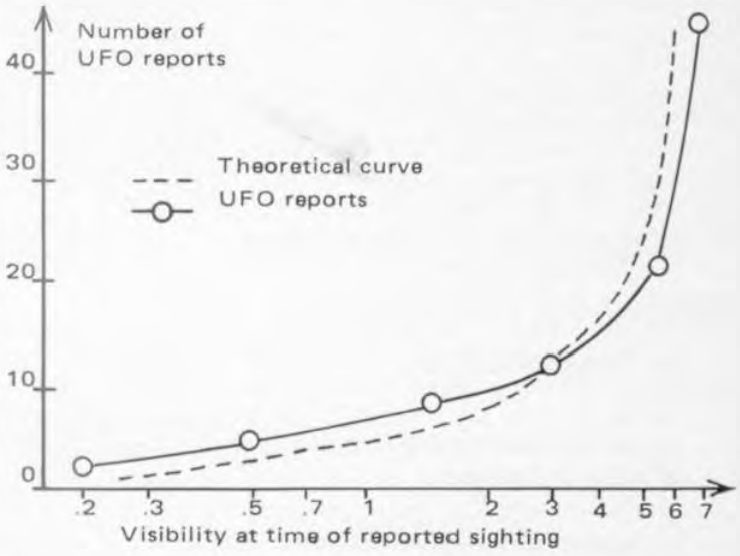



**Figure 1: Number of reports as a function of atmospheric transparency**

Another interesting result is obtained when we consider those unexplained reports (308 cases in the French files) in which angular elevation (h) is estimated by the observer and in which the object is of small angular diameter. Plotting on Figure 2 the number of reports against 1/sin h, we obtain a very good fit to the classical "Bouguer line" of optical astronomy (used in atmospheric absorption corrections).

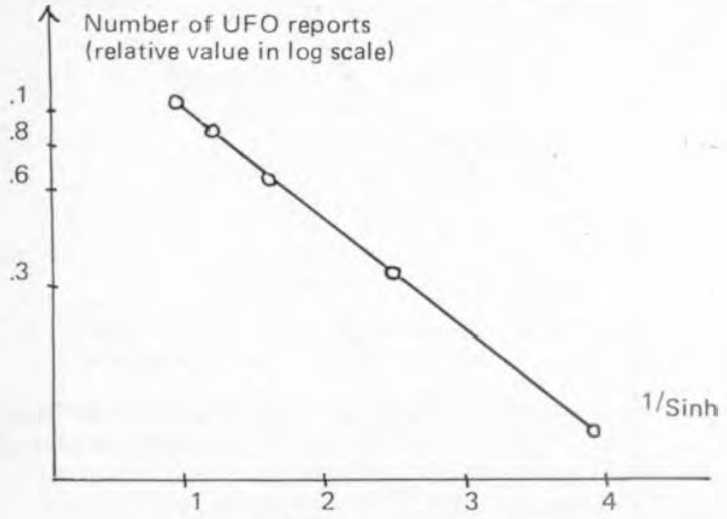



**Figure 2: Number of reports as a function of elevation (sample size: 308 cases)**

We conclude on this basis that the phenomenon under study presents the optical characteristics of a real physical phenomenon, observed by the witnesses' own eyes, through the imperfectly transparent atmosphere.

**2. Can the reports be explained by inidentifiable phenomena?**

We have approached this question through a study of the reported duration of the observations. In a book [16] published in 1966, one of us has already called attention to the fact that "Manifestations of the UFO phenomenon were of considerable duration, often in excess of five minutes and commonly of fifteen or twenty minutes." A statistical study of 1,000 cases disclosed in 1974 that 50% of these reports included an estimated duration and were distributed as shown in Figure 3.

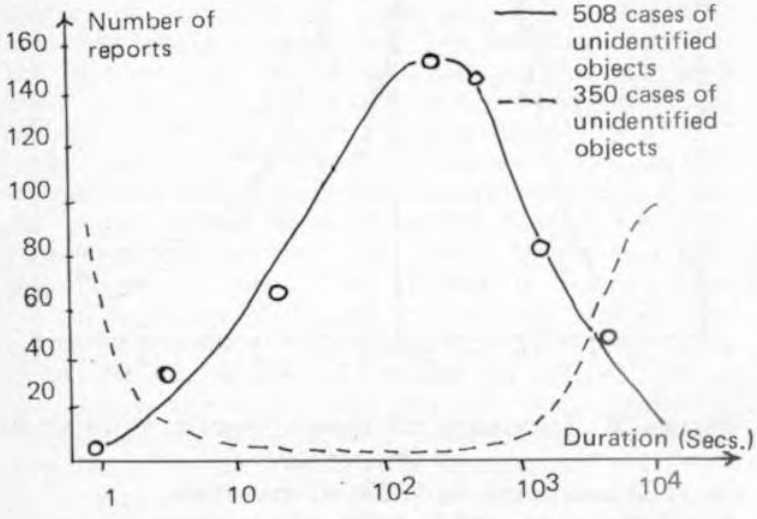



**Figure 3: Number of reports as a function of duration**

This curve corresponds in no way to the characteristic distribution for identifiable objects, which can be obtained as a composite of observations of meteors, balloons, stars, aircraft, birds, satellites, etc. In fact, when we plotted, on the same scale, 350 cases of *explained* reports (containing an estimated duration for phenomena that had been definately identified), we obtained the curve shown in Figure 3 as a dotted line.

Furthermore, this is a worldwide result, as shown by statistics based on 135 French cases and 373 non-French cases and plotted on Figure 4.

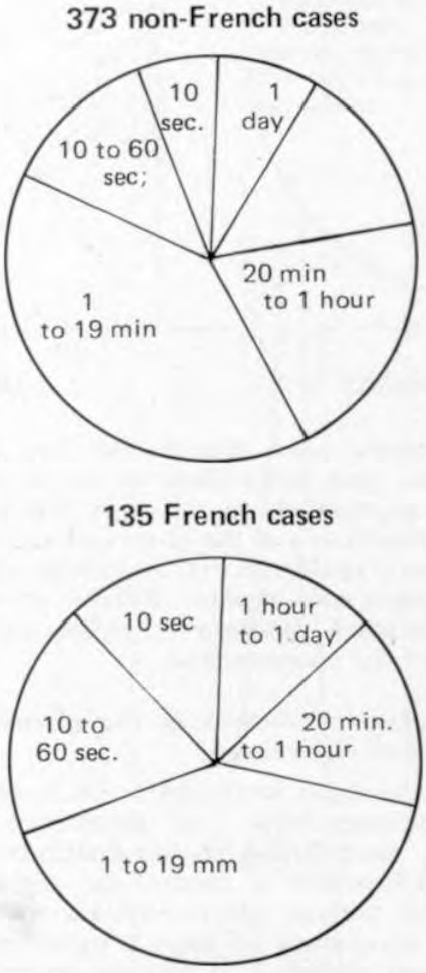



**Figure 4: sighting duration**

Another important parameter, shown in Figure 5, is that of the distance (as calculated by triangulation) between the observers and the source of the phenomenon. This parameter can only be computed in that subset of the reports which come from witnesses separated in space and observing the same phenomenon. Generally such reports have come from military or police sources. (Examples are found in references 4,6,8,9,15,16 and 18.)

To summarize, we are faced with the problem of finding a phenomenon X that can present *simultaneously* the three patterns shown in Figures 6a, b, and c.

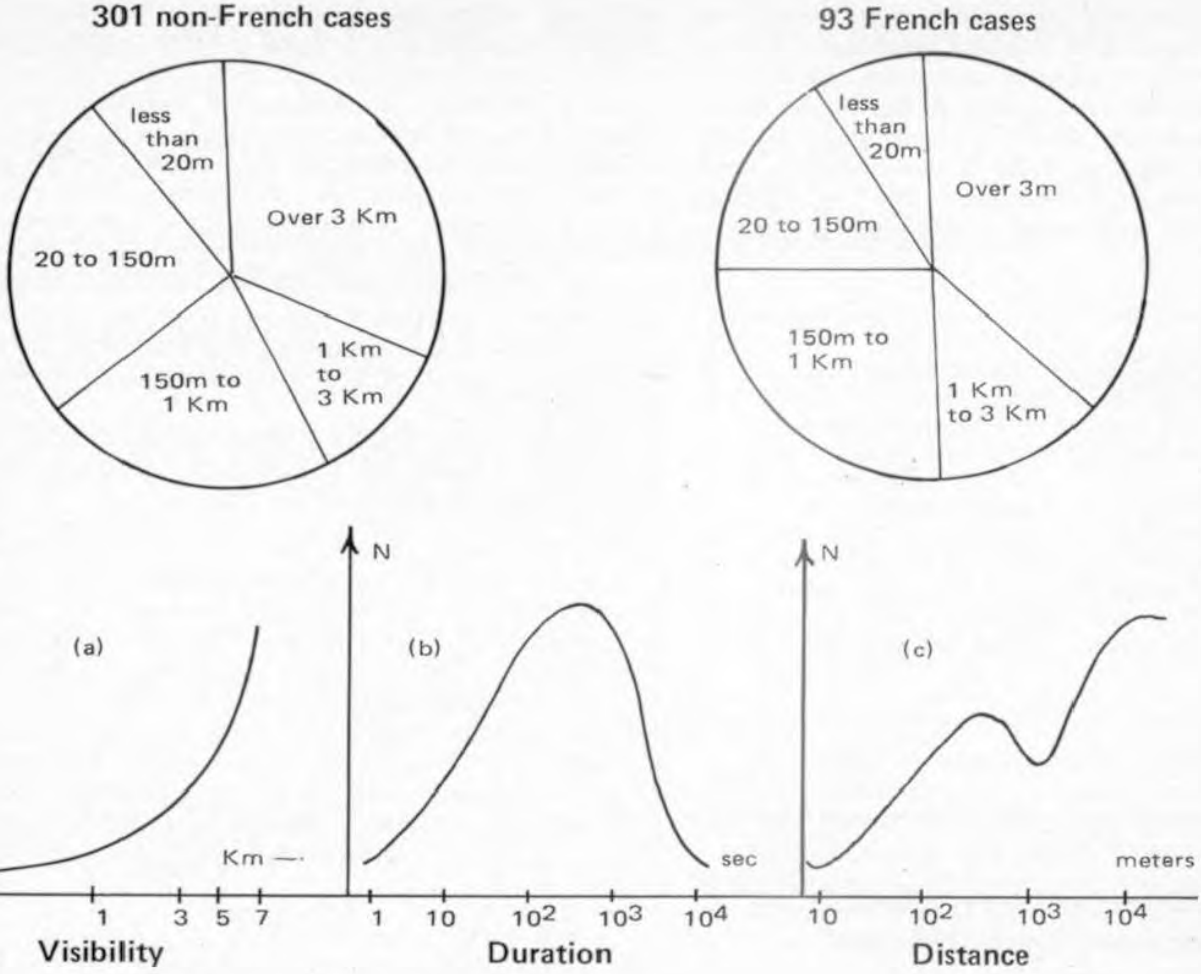



Figure 5
Distances to the UFO in 394 cases

Figure 6
Three patterns to be explained

The authors have not found any identifiable phenomenon that meet these three criteria. At this point, it is appropriate to ask more precise questions about the conditions of the close encounters with the phenomenon (type 1 reports) and about the witnesses who have made such reports. Finally, we will present some preliminary findings regarding the magnetic properties of the phenomenon.

### 3. Under what conditions is the phenomenon encountered at close range?

One of the most stable patterns in the study of close encounters with the phenomenon (type-1 cases*) has been found in the distribution of such reports as a function of time of day. First published in 1963, this pattern can be verified on the basis of worldwide catalogues of type-1 sightings. It shows no significant variation in old and recent cases and even yields the same distribution when a sample of previously unreported cases is obtained from a country with low awareness of the phenomenon (Figure 7).

Typically, the number of type-1 reports is very low during the day. It starts increasing about 5.00 p.m. and reaches a maximum about 9.00 p.m. It then decreases until it reaches a minimum at 1 a.m. It rises

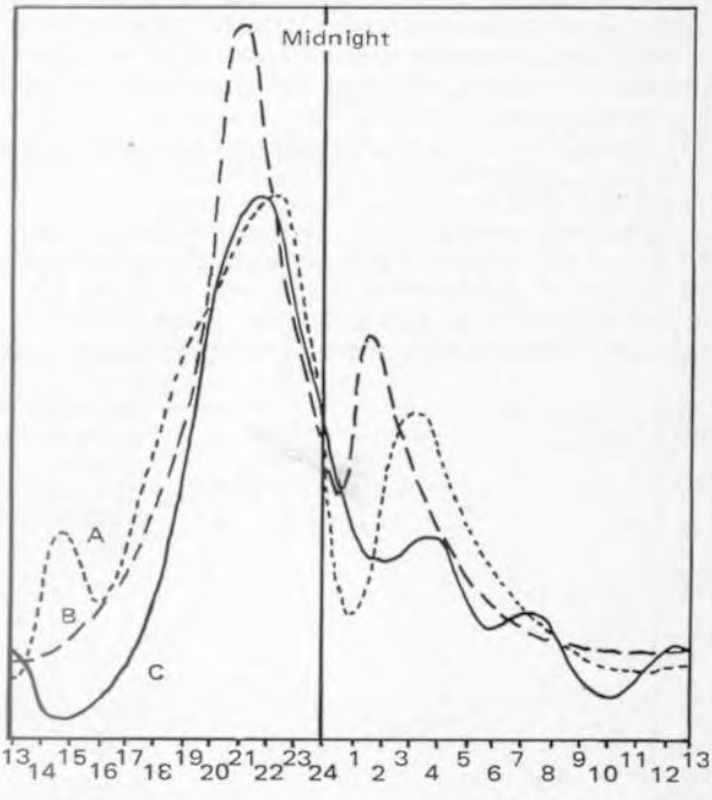



Figure 7. Frequency of type-1 reports as function of time of day
A: 362 cases prior to 1963, all countries
B: 375 cases in 1963–1970, all countries
C: 100 cases from Spain and Portugal

* In the classification used here, type-II reports correspond to cases in which secondary objects are generated by a flying object, type-III to cases in which the object's trajectory has a singular point, and type-IV to cases in which the trajectory is continuous across the sky.

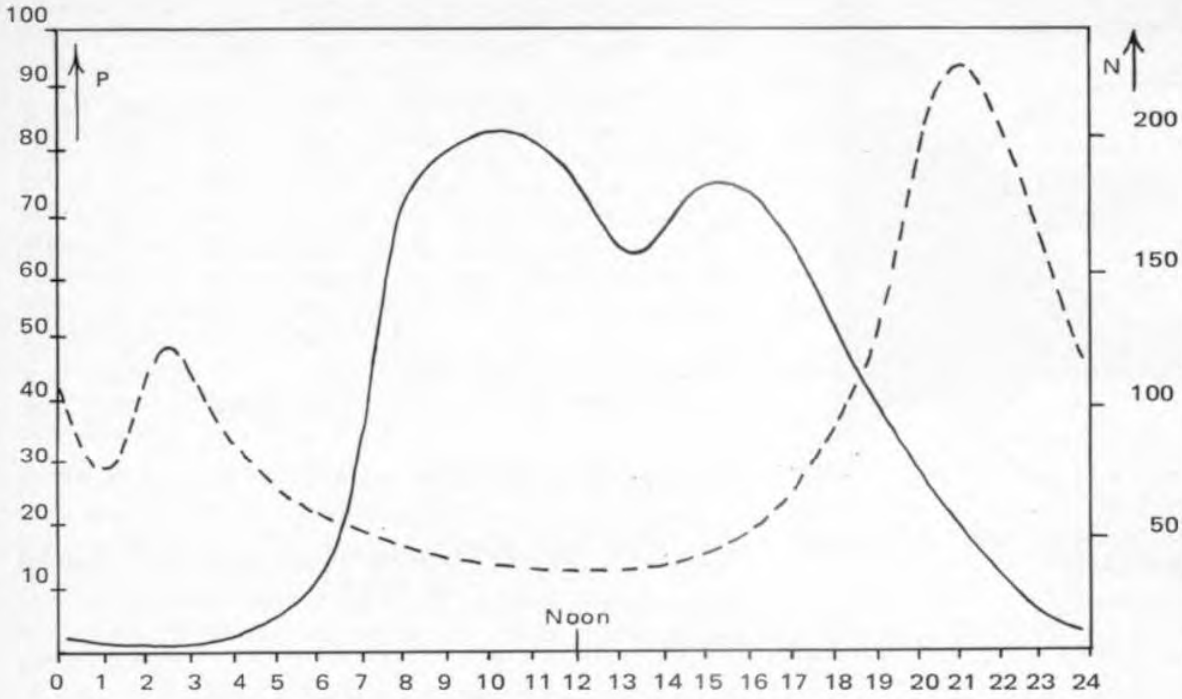



**Figure 8 (left)**
**Time distribution of type-1 reports (N) and of potential witnesses (P)**
**— P : percentage of the working population *not at home***
**--- N : number of type-1 reports**
**as a function of the time of day.**

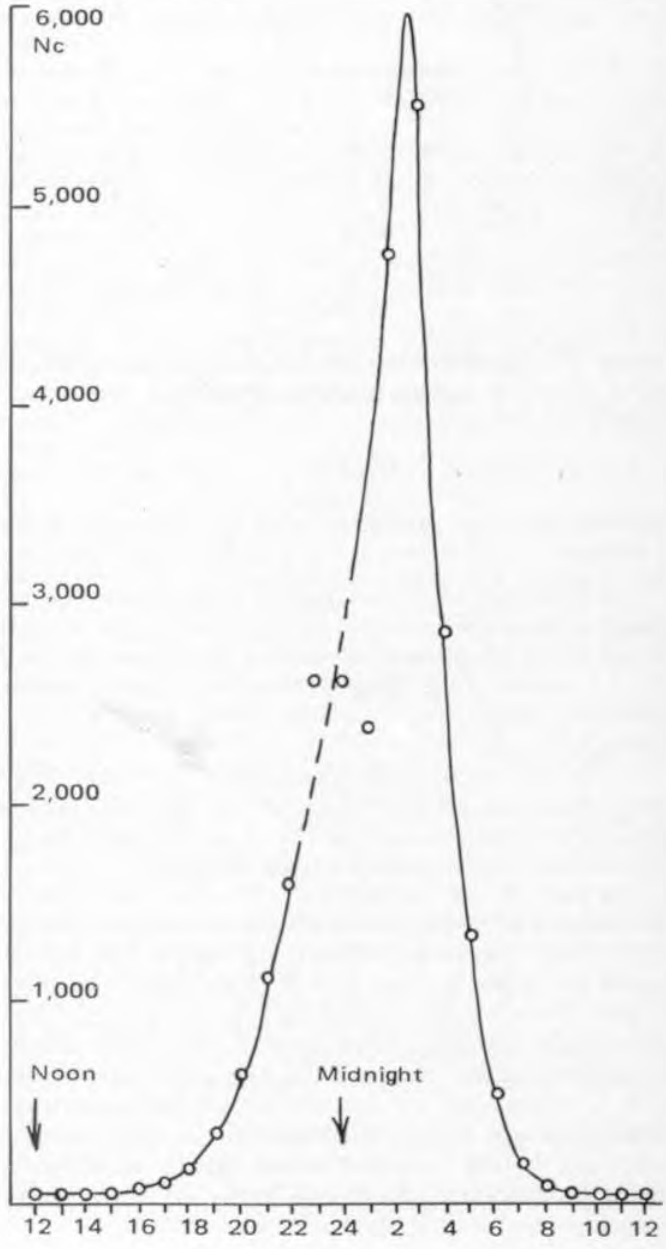
**Figure 9 (below)**
**Reconstruction of the time distribution of type-1 events taking into account the number of potential witnesses.**

again to a secondary maximum at 3.00 a.m. and returns to a low level at 6.00 a.m.

Such a pattern suggests that the decrease in reports of close encounters between 11.00 p.m. and 2.00 a.m. may simply be due to the fact that the number of potential observers falls drastically as most people spend these hours at home. In order to reconstruct the *actual* level of activity of the phenomenon under this hypothesis, we have divided the number of reports by the proportion of potential witnesses, defined as the percentage of the working population that was not at home at each hour of the day. (Statistics on time budgets of various countries, summarized in Figure 8, were obtained from the book *The Use of Time*, reference 14.)

The result of this calculation is shown in Figure 9. ($N_c$ represents the number of type-1 reports we *would* have in our files if people did not go home at night.) The ratio of $N_c$ to N is about fourteen to one. In other words, all other factors being held constant, witnesses are only in a position to observe one in fourteen close approaches of the phenomenon to the surface of the earth. In order to generate the 2000 close-encounter observations we have in our files, the phenomenon would have had to manifest itself close to the ground 28,000 times during the time interval and in the regions considered here.

We must next pose the question of the nature of the sites where such close approaches take place. An earlier publication [16] noted that, in France, such observations were not found in areas of high population density. This finding is substantiated by the statistics of Figure 10, showing that in approximately 70% of the cases, the site of the close approach is a relatively deserted or isolated area. If we pursue the hypothesis that the phenomenon is caused by real objects, then a multiplying factor for population density should be applied to the 2,000 close encounter observations mentioned above. However, we still know too little about detailed patterns followed by the phenomenon to estimate this factor.



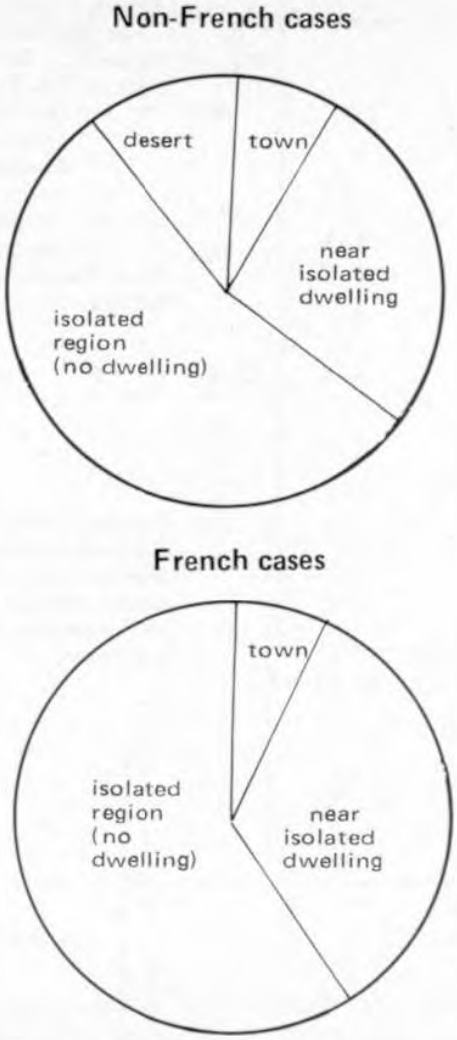



Figure 10. Distribution of Type-1 cases as a function of population density

| Time Period | Before 1947 | 1947 -53 | 1954 | 1955 -62 | 1963 -68 | Total | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 19 | 39 | 118 | 83 | 232 | 491 | 56.0 |
| 2 | 6 | 10 | 49 | 38 | 77 | 180 | 20.5 |
| 3 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 13 | 22 | 57 | 6.5 |
| 4 | 1 | | 7 | 12 | 10 | 30 | 3.3 |
| 5 | 2 | | 2 | 1 | 5 | 10 | 1.1 |
| 6 | | | 1 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 0.8 |
| 7 | 1 | | | 1 | | 2 | 0.2 |
| 8 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 5 | 0.6 |
| 'several' | 7 | 10 | 19 | 13 | 14 | 63 | 7.2 |
| 'many' | 11 | | 5 | 9 | 8 | 33 | 3.8 |
| Total | 52 | 65 | 214 | 175 | 372 | 878 | 100.0 |

Figure 11. (above) Number of witnesses in 878 cases of Type 1.

**4. What are the numbers and the ages of the witnesses?**

A catalogue of 923 cases of type-1 reports in the period 1868-1968 contains 878 incidents in which the number of witnesses in the group is given. Figure 11 gives the distribution of these witnesses tabulated according to the time interval of the sightings.

It can be seen from this table that only slightly more than half of the cases involved witnesses who were alone at the time of the sighting, and that this proportion has been stable over the years.

The age of the witnesses , on the other hand, is known in 147 instances. This information is reflected in the "age pyramid" shown in Figure 12; attention should be called to the fact that we have a paucity of reports from adults in the age bracket of 20 to 40, presumably because they would be most likely to be professionally harmed by the ridicule associated with a report of an unidentifield phenomenon. A detailed study of age distribution in old and recent cases has failed to yield any significant difference. The phenomenon does not seem to be associated preferentially with a particular generation.

We are led to the conclusion that there is nothing abnormal about the age distribution and group membership of the witnesses of such events, which follow patterns that can be explained from sociological factors alone. The only deviation from the expected norm is the lack of reports from young adults, presumably due to fear of ridicule.

**5. Can the observations be correlated with measurable physical events?**

Secondary effects observed in connection with UFO phenomena are too varied and numerous to be summarized here. They have been discussed in some detail by several authors (references 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 12, 13). The most interesting of these effects from a physical point of view have been electromagnetic in nature and deserve to be investigated in detail.

Geophysical researchers use an existing worldwide network of stations, which record, night and day, the fluctuations of the earth's magnetic field. In France, such a station exists at Chambon-la-Foret, about 30 kilometers north-east of Orleans. This station has been recording the three components of the field since 1886, with about 1 gamma accuracy and a bandwidth of a few hertz. We have, therefore, analyzed the UFO eye-witnesses accounts emanating from an area around Chambon-la-Foret (10).

In examining these records, we can limit ourselves to a particularly representative period of UFO observations: in this case, the year 1954. (This year alone covers 23% of French observations for the period 1944-1971.)

The results show a good correlation between the two phenomena for the month of October. This can be more carefully examined by the analysis of the distribution of witnesses' UFO accounts each day during October.

If we limit ourselves to the period between 1 and 8 October, which is the most remarkable for UFO observations, we can calculate a correlation coefficient of UFO observations with declination disturban-

ces of 0.034 and a correlation coefficient with the vertical component of 0.58 which is far from negligible.

On the basis of these same data, a very crude estimate of the upper limit of magnetic disturbances caused by UFO's gives peak-to-peak values of 10 gammas for the field vertical component when a UFO is observed at 40 km from the measuring station. This distribution leads us to think that the magnetic field produced by the UFO could be 150,000 ampere turns per meter in its immediate neighbourhood (Figure 13).

The complete study, which has been published in more detail elsewhere [10,11], led to the following conclusions:

– The method used here looks as if it might be very useful for an objective approach to the study of the phenomena. The analysis would have to be considerably enlarged, using a greater number of observation reports, associated with several geomagnetic recording stations, in order to obtain results of better quality.

The detection of UFO's by magnetic distrubances seems possible, but only if several automatic, well-equipped stations are available, which would increase the probability of seeing a UFO pass in the immediate neighbourhood of one of them. At least ten stations would be necessary.

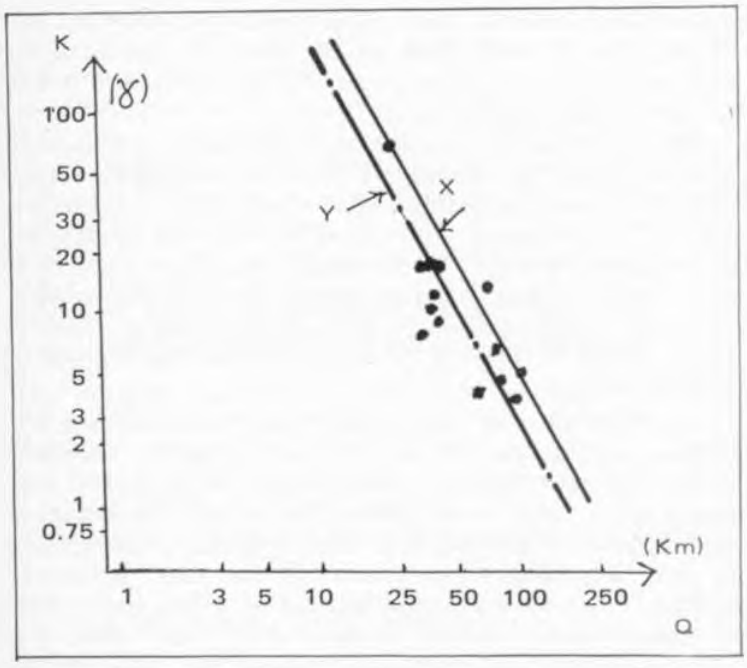



**Figure 13. Magnetic disturbances as a function of the distance of a UFO event**

**K: Peak-to-peak variations of the vertical component of the earth's magnetic field**

**Q: Distance from reported UFO to detecting station**

**X: Calculated upper limit of disturbances caused by UFO**

**Y: Observed upper limit of disturbances caused by UFO**

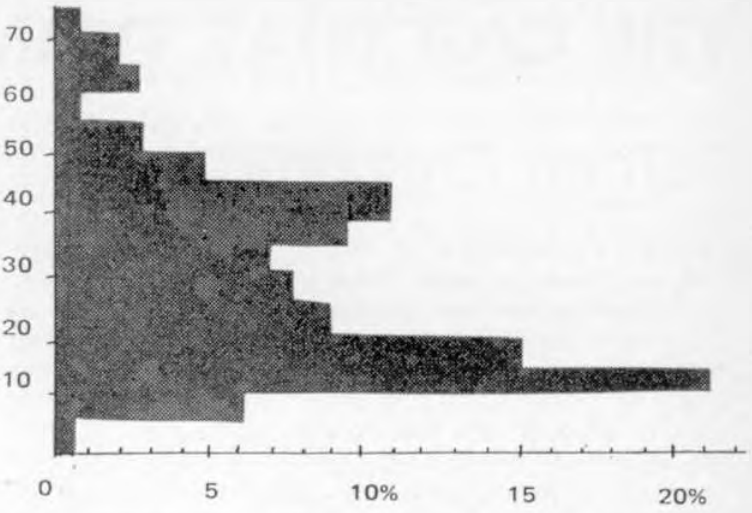



**Figure 12. Age distribution for 147 witnesses in type-1 cases**

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# THE CAR THAT TURNED TRANSPARENT

## *Gordon Creighton*

ONILSON PATERO, a 40-year-old Brazilian travelling salesman, was driving back to his home in Catanduva, in the northern part of the state of Sao Paulo, at 3.00 a.m. on May 22, 1973. He had been to Itajobi to submit his accounts to the firm for which he worked and had then made a detour to give a lift to a youth. He was now on State Highway No. 321 (the Washington Luis Highway as it is described in some of the newspapers), and in the vicinity of Kilometre Seven. It was raining hard, and he was driving at moderate speed.

He switched on the car radio, and heard the announcer say it was 3.00 a.m., and then came a song by the singer Nelson Ed. He turned up the volume, but suddenly the programme was overlaid by powerful interference resembling static. He fiddled with the knob, but the noise grew louder and louder, till finally the radio programme was blotted right out. Meanwhile he noticed that the car, a Chevrolet *Opala,* was losing power, and thought he must have an electrical defect somewhere. The engine continued to fail, even though he dropped down into second gear and then into first.

Then he became aware of an intense beam of bluish light shining into the car, playing momentarily on his driving mirror and then moving on to the back seats, where he had a briefcase. His first reaction was to get right over to the side of the road, thinking a lorry was coming by. He pulled over, the engine now almost dead, and put up his arm to shield his eyes from the glare. But no truck went by.

Uncovering his eyes, he got out quickly and now became aware of a strange and powerful heat that was almost suffocating. The beam of light was focussed on him, and he perceived its source, an opaque oval-shaped object about ten or twenty metres from him, and at a height of some fifteen or twenty metres from the ground. While opaque itself, the object was emitting light which lit up the whole region around as though it were day.

### Transparency and fire

Then he saw a tube start to descend from the object, and in panic he tried to escape, but found himself held by something. He looked behind him, and saw that the beam was playing upon the car and making it completely transparent. His skin was on fire, as though he were burning. He managed to run some distance. And then he fainted.

Two young men who came along the road some time later saw a deserted car with the lights full on, a door open, and a body lying face downwards on the rain-sodden ground. A briefcase and documents were scattered around. They thought the man must have died in an accident, and hurried on to notify the Police.

Police Highway Patrolman Clovis Queiroz went to the spot and while examining what he thought was a corpse, was surprised to see some sudden movement. Then the body sprang to life, Onilson Patero jumped up, and began shouting wildly: "They're after me! They're after me!." The patrolman thought he must be mentally deranged and so took him to the Padre Albino Hospital, where Dr. Elias Aziz Chediak gave him a thorough examination and kept him under observation until 7.00 p.m. when he was allowed to go home.

The documents scattered around and gathered up by the Police were found to contain many cheques and other papers *which had been inside the locked briefcase*. None of the cheques or other papers were however found to be missing.

### After-effects

Onilson Patero's hair, which had been brown, turned completely black during the night of May 22, but was subsequently reported to be slowly reverting to its original shade.

A few days after the episode, greenish-yellow spots, resembling bruises and subcutaneous effusions of blood, began appearing on Onilson Patero's chest and abdomen, and he returned to the hospital for further examination.

Dr. Chediak gave a statement to the press, which quoted him as saying: "I am absolutely sure that the man is telling the truth. His statements are fully coherent and he presents no symptons of mental debility." Commenting later on the spots on Onilson Patero's body, Dr. Chediak said: "He was burnt, and the burns are no ordinary burns. They look as though they were caused by some strange rays."

The doctor also told the press that, a week previously, a man and his wife employed at the Fazenda Secap (farm) claimed to have seen a similar oval flying object, "with two figures like people, in big hats and linked together by a sort of tube." According to one newspaper, as many as six local residents claimed also to have seen the UFO. (One paper said it was Onilson Patero himself who had seen the "two figures like people, in big hats and linked together by a sort of tube," but it seems likely that the attribution of this to him, rather than to the other witnesses, is a mistake.)

The affair was given very wide press coverage in Brazil and generated general alarm and excitement in the whole local populace. Day and night watches were organized by folk hoping to see or photograph a UFO, some enthusiasts even voicing the crazy desire to "establish contact with it, if possible, and ascertain its origin and purposes", which doubtless only goes to show that optimists are born, not made.

### Onilson Patero's second encounter

The present is a preliminary and summary report on the Onilson Patero affair, for it does not end there. Later reports indicate that on April 26, 1974, Onilson vanished, having driven to the nearby town of Julio de Mesquita and promised his family that he would be home again that night.

He was found on May 2, six days later, by a farmer named Cesar Menelli, sitting sodden with rain, his clothing covered with ticks, on a small hill, very difficult of access, near Colatina, in the State of Espirito Santo. Colatina is over 900 kilometres from Catanduva.

This brief account is based on reports published in the newspaper *Estado de Sao Paulo* for May 24, 1973 (acknowledgements and thanks to Mr. Nigel Rimes) and the Tio de Janeiro newspaper *O Dia* for May 29 and May 30, 1973 (acknowledgements and thanks to Dr. W. Buhler).

### The hitch-hiker again

After I had prepared this summary of the Onilson Patero case, we received SBEDV Bulletin No. 94/98 (Sept. 1973 – June 1974) in which Dr. Buhler has given a long and enormously detailed account of both Onilson's first encounter with the UFO and his "repeater" experience in April/May 1974, during which time he was allegedly taken aboard the UFO by the entities and found that one of the latter was in fact the mysterious young fair-haired, blue-eyed hitch-hiker, to whom he had given a lift on the night of May 21, 1973.

Owing to the time that it will take before I can complete a translation of Dr. Buhler's report, I have thought it better to present this brief outline of what appears to be one of the most weird cases yet to emerge from Brazil.

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# THE ANTHROPOMORPHIC PHENOMENA AT SANTA ISABEL – PART 2

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EPISODE TWO in this series of anthropomorphic phenomena of an unknown nature occurred six days after the Merlo experience, which – and we emphasise this – was only made public after this other happening had taken place.

In our opinion, the experience of the protagonist in this case (Sr. Enrique Moreno) is perhaps the most important of all, inasmuch as it presents a number of significant features which put it right at the top of the catalogue of Argentinian cases of manifestations of unidentified anthropomorphic creatures.

**1. Personal details concerning the witness**

Sr. Enrique Moreno is a young man aged 19, who has done two years of technical study and also two years at the Escuela de Suboficiales (Junior Officers' School) in Córdoba. He is an administrative employee of the Ika-Renault firm, in their plant at Santa Isabel. He works until 11.30 p.m. in the Teleprinting Department and does the internal document distribution of the firm on a motorcycle-runabout (Photo 4) with which he covers the distance between the various parts of the industrial complex. In accordance with express instructions from the office he carries with him a diary in which he notes down the time at which he completes each errand.

He is short, thin, and of introvert type. When we interviewed him for the first time, on October 14, 1972, he was still badly shaken by his experiences.

**2. Circumstances of the Sighting**

On the night of September 27, 1972, young Moreno set out from the Security Office at about 10.30 p.m. and went to distribute the documents destined for the Engineering Office (see Fig.4). Accustomed to routine, he did not switch on the light, and simply put the blueprints in question on a table, in the dark. Then suddenly, the two rows of fluorescent tube lights of the main room of the Engineering Office came on and went off, and this happened three times, the lights going straight on and off without the least flickering. When they went off for the last time (the whole thing had scarcely lasted 15 seconds), he heard, for a few seconds, a sound like the noise of a turbine. This hum, on top of the inexplicable business of the lights, caught his attention, because no machinery was running in this sector of the plant. And, even if there had been any machinery running, he is emphatic that there is no machine there capable of reproducing the features of the sound that he heard.




**Photograph 4. Enrique Moreno on his firm's motorcycle runabout**

He was quite frightened. He mounted his motorcycle again and made for the Stores Department, along an internal road some 200 metres in length (Fig. 4). Then, having done his job there, he started out again at 11.13 p.m. from the Stores Department, intending to do the same trip in reverse, which would take him back again to Security.

To his surprise, he saw, off to his right, fairly far and almost beyond the outskirts of the Plant, a sort of rainbow very near to the ground.

He did not pay overmuch heed to it however, and put on speed to do the run back to his starting point. It was at this juncture that he noticed, at a distance of some 100 metres or so, on the right hand side of the road and about ten metres from the kerb, a

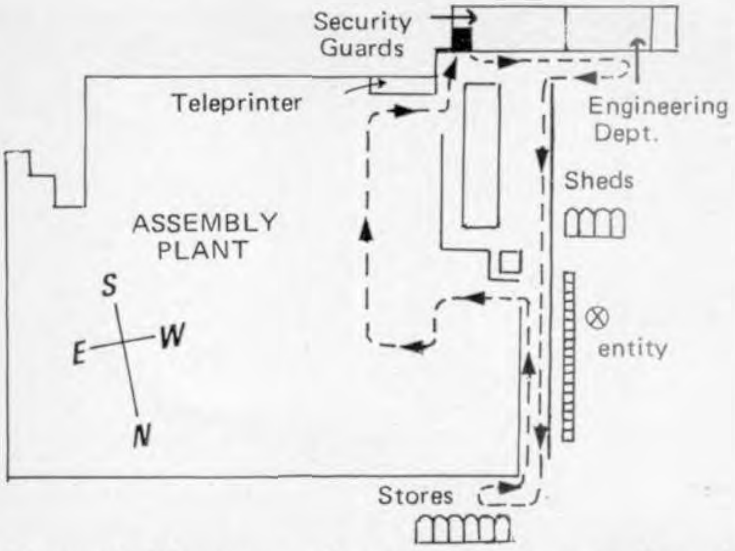



**Figure 4. Diagram to show Moreno's route through the Ika-Renault works on the night of Sept.27, 1972**

bluish-green figure which was moving slowly and gave the impression of being about to cross the road. (On this right-hand side of the road the terrain is completely unobstructed, though it is 50 cm. higher than the road. Beside the road, over an extent of about 100 metres, there were however some car chassis that were going to be exported to Chile.) Sr. Moreno thought at first that it must be one of the workers (they use green overalls) and was thinking that the figure's seeming brightness was perhaps due to a nearby mercury gas light. But he was struck by the excessive height of the individual, and indeed so much so that he felt it must be somebody walking on stilts for a joke.

When Moreno was about 30 metres from it (see photo No.5) the figure swung its body around to face him, seeming as it did so to jerk the head and arms as though they were inanimate objects firmly fixed to it. Simultaneously his exhaust backfired and his motorcycle immediately started to shake, the engine revolutions dropped and it began to falter. He changed into second gear, but the machine only moved forward slowly and then, inexplicably, stopped when level with the entity, which was now among the car chassis. Consequently it was visible only from the waist upwards. Photo No. 6 shows the spot where the runabout stopped (indicated by the position of the author of the present article), while Sr. Moreno himself is standing where the entity was.

### 3. Description of the Entity

Of robust build, and over two metres in height. (In the course of our reconstruction of the episode we established it at from 2.30 m. to 2.40 m. Face angular, showing incised planes, and white or very light green. (The witness is unable to say whether this green colour of the features was real or whether it





**Photograph 5 (above right). Moreno stands where his motorcycle began to falter**

**Photograph 6 (bottom right). Moreno stands where the entity was, and the author of this article stands where the motorcycle stopped**

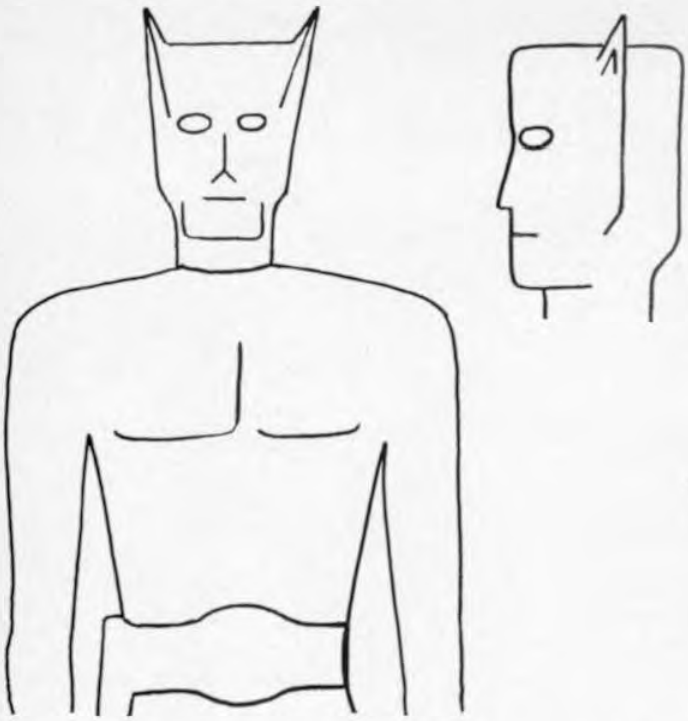


**Figure 5: The entity, as described by the witness, Moreno**



**Photographs 7 and 8. Bust of the entity, modelled by Don Luis E. Galindez**

was due to a reflection from the colour of the clothing.) There was no hair, and the ears extended beyond the top of the cranium. The eyes were round and sparkling, like two yellow light bulbs. There were no eyelids, eyelashes, or eyebrows; the mouth was like a straight thin line; the nose was a perfect pyramid, with no fleshy areas, just as though it had been modelled. It gave the impression of not being a living entity, but mechanical.

The clothing consisted of a one-piece bluish-green overall, seemingly plastic, and with a luminescent appearance. It had a broad silvery belt, with a large oval buckle of the same colour. On the right-hand part of the belt there was a small protuberance, like a cartridge-pouch. The car chassis prevented the witness from seeing the details of the lower extremities. (See Fig. 5, and photos 7 and 8, which reproduce the front view and profile of the entity, as modelled by Don Luis E. Galindez, a brother of the author.)

### 4. Accompanying features of the sighting

a) From the moment that he had arrived at a distance of 30 metres or so from the phenomenon, and as the motorcycle-runabout approached the spot where the entity was, Sr. Moreno began to experience an unbearable *hum* in his ears, so that they felt as though they were covered up, or had a fist thrust into them, and this effect persisted until he had left the scene of the phenomenon.

b) Simultaneously with the preceeding effect, Sr. Moreno felt a strange *itching sensation* throughout the whole body, and this too persisted until he had left the scene of these happenings.

c) He suffered a *spastic paralysis* in his upper and lower limbs, all of which (except for his head) became immovable, as though suddenly he had entirely lost his usual vitality. Nevertheless he was able to maintain his position on his motorcycle without any difficulty.

d) The area where the phenomenon took place was very *hot* despite the fact that it was quite a cool night.

e) There was a smell of *burning oil* around about the place.

f) Subsequently, he experienced a sensation of *dryness in the mouth* and a feeling of *nausea*, which lasted for 24 hours.

g) He had *pain* in the nape of the neck, in the arms and back, and these effects were still persisting at the time of our first interview.

h) He had a *burning sensation* in the eyes, which was followed by an intermittent watering. (This lasted for three days).

### 5. Changes following this sighting

i) Sr. Moreno thinks that he was not face to face with the entity for longer than 30 seconds or so, and he observed no movement on the part of the entity during that time. (Apart, that is, from the $45^0$ turn of the body, already mentioned.) Suddenly the motorcycle now shot off towards the left, out of his control, and as though driven by an unknown force. (If one studies Figure 4 it will be seen that on the left of the little road is located the Assembly Plant, one of the doors of which is precisely only seven metres from the spot where Moreno was. Photo No.9 shows his standing at the entrance to the building and pointing towards the spot where the phenomenon occurred.)

Immediately after this wild burst of speed, his machine performed a sudden leap, and the engine began to run normally again. Nevertheless, Sr. Moreno maintains that he was still not completely in control



**Photograph 9. Moreno stands at the entrance of the Assembly Plant building, pointing to the spot where the phenomenon occurred.**

of the machine, for he himself was still stupefied by the effects of the phenomenon. He has no recollection of manipulating the controls or steering it, and so he thinks that either he did this instinctively, or that the machine negotiated the four curves of the inner road (Fig. 4) under the influence of an unknown force. The speed limit for that stretch (there are signs there to this effect) is 5 km.p.h. But he swore to us that the machine did 50 km.p.h. and indeed nearly capsized when taking the last turn. When he reached the Security post he almost collided with the gate, which earned him an immediate oral reprimand from one of the watchmen on duty.

Just as he arrived there he heard the knocking-off siren, which is sounded at 11.30 p.m. precisely. His wristwatch however showed 11.13 p.m., and had stopped. His astonishment was even greater therefore when he checked at the Security and found that the time was indeed 11.30 p.m. He is quite unable to understand how he could have been *face to face with the phenomenon for 17 minutes*, as he is absolutely certain that he had never lost consciousness at any moment.

(In our re-enactment of the affair we established that if Sr. Moreno really did leave the Stores Department at 11.13 p.m. then the distance he had to cover from there to Security – inclusive of 30 seconds face to face with the entity – would have taken no more then three minutes. This means that his arrival at the Security should have occurred at about 11.16 p.m. ) On this particular point, there remains consequently a serious question as to the possibility that this witness may have undergone a period of 17 minutes of amnaesia, and this could probably be recoverable to his general consciousness if, at some time in the future, he is put into hypnotic regression.

(ii) The Security people, when informed of the incident, at once went to the scene where the entity had been observed, but found no traces of it. Neither did they detect the smell which Moreno had noticed nor did they corroborate the existence of an increased degree of heat anywhere in the area.

However, behind the car chassis – at a spot corresponding almost precisely to where the entity had allegedly been standing – Sr. Moreno says that he found two rectangular footprints in the ground, measuring some 20 cm. by 40 cm. Photo No. 10 shows the eyewitness indicating the spot where he found these footprints. The soil there was hot! The marks were impressed to a depth of 2 cm. into the ground (which is fairly consistent, being mixed with oil). Inside these depressions there were luminescent particles, resembling mica. When the Security men were called to confirm this discovery, one of them denied that the matter was of any importance, accused Moreno of seeing visions, and with his right foot erased the outlines of the marks, remarking that



**Photograph 10. Moreno indicates the spot where he found rectangular footprints.**

it is very common to find particles of mica in that soil.

iii) Moreno at once became the target for taunts from those around him and they cast doubts upon the reliability of his story. But in the meantime Moreno himself began to notice that his state of nausea was getting worse and that the pains in the nape of his neck, his arms, and his back were increasing. And his temples were throbbing.

After his experience he was quickly taken to the first-aid room inside the plant, where it was found that his blood had dropped to 7. /?/ And there he lost consciousness.

When he came to again, and had to some extent got over the effect of the sedative injection, he was sent home in an ambulance. In this border-state, almost a condition of semi-consciousness, he found passing through his mind — and with suggestive repetition — a series of words and numbers, but afterwards he was unable to remember these precisely. But certain expressions he had not forgotten — such as "co-ordinates", "latitude", "longitude", and "18." He is unable to say whether these have any connection with the experience he had undergone.

iv) When they were on the outskirts of Córdoba, Sr. Moreno asked the ambulance crew to take him to his fiancee's home. (Moreno himself subsequently kept reiterating to us that he was astonished by this behaviour on his part.)

The fiancee, Señorita Elba del Valle Celiz, aged 18, confirmed to us that at about 0.30 a.m. Moreno had arrived at her home, repeating over and over and over again that he had seen an entity of mechanical appearance, like a robot, in the Ika-Renault Works. She said that she noticed that Moreno was very nervous and very pale, and she was scared to see him in such a state. Describing his strange behavious, she said he asked if he could rest for a few minutes in an armchair, and they agreed he should do so. He quickly fell asleep. She saw that he was trembling in his sleep and moving to and fro nervously as though having powerful convulsions. Worried, she woke him up. He drank a glass of water, uttered his excuses for what had happened, and took his leave of her.

v) The next day (September 28), back at work on the night-shift at the factory, he had another, similar experience. He described this to us as follows:

At 10.30 p.m., after completing an errand in one of the departments adjacent to the Teleprinting Section, he went to the latter to pick up some work tools. As he was doing so, he suddenly had the impression that he was being watched by someone. He glanced quickly towards a window that looks out over an open piece of ground (see sector no.1 in Fig.6) and saw that, facing him, and only three metres from the window, was the same entity whom he had seen the night before. Simultaneously the fluorescent tubular lights flashed on and off just as had happened in the Engineering Dept. The whole area around about was permeated with a soft hum. The teleprinters started up. Seized with an access of sudden dread, Moreno ran to the Security and tried to get over the barrier, shouting for somebody to come back with him to corroborate the presence of the intruder (see sector 2 on Fig. 6). One of the guards took him by the arm and spoke to him gravely of the need to calm down, for his obsessive drive to prove his alleged experience was now casuing him to see visions that would end up by making him mad. He asked Moreno to come and have some coffee with him and the other guards. The latter all assured him that — for his own peace of mind — they would not report this second supposed experience of his, since, if the Management got to know of it, it might cast even more doubt on the question of his sanity. ( An internal office report to the Management had already been started, giving details of his experience of the night before.)

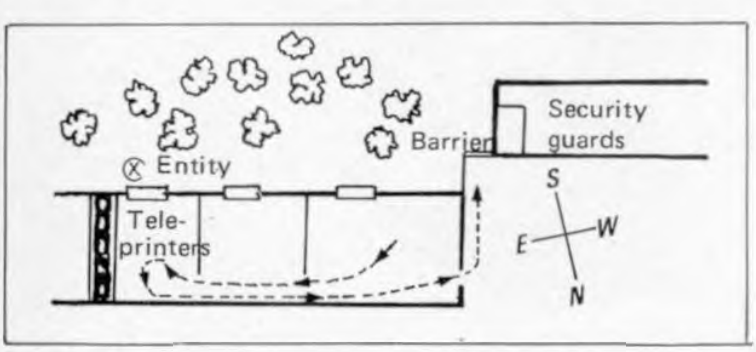



**Figure 6. Plan of the site where Moreno made his second observation**

vi) On October 16, 1972, the well-known Córdoban psychometrist Enrique Marchesini (unquestionably Argentina's greatest paragnost) told us, after merely touching with his finger-tips something that belonged to Moreno, that the patient to whom it belonged was a person who had suffered a heavy nervous shock as a result of a strange experience that had made a deep impression upon him. He gave no details as to the nature of the experience.) Marchesini advised that Moreno have plenty of rest and quiet, and added that Moreno was "a man who spoke the truth." He gave no further details about the affair. (It goes without saying that no information whatever had been given to Marchesini as to the reason why we had consulted him.)

vii) The examination of Moreno's wristwatch (an "Orient") revealed that it was highly magnetized. The technician who had the job of demagnetizing it (without knowing where it had come from) was indignant that such a valuable watch should have been subjected in this fashion to reckless experimentation by some curiosity-seeker.

### 6. Comparative Analysis

a) **Villa Santina Case**: Sr. Moreno saw no resemblance. (It should be remembered that for Sr. Merlo, there was a resemblence in the lips.)

b) **Kelly-Hopkinsville Case**: He thought the ears a little similar, especially as regards their size. The rest of the body of the Kelly-Hopkinsville type of entity had no similarity, he felt, to the Santa Isabel phenomenon.

c) **The Moais of Easter Island**: The witness found a surprising resemblance between the entity of the



Photograph 11

The giant stone heads on Easter Island.
It is interesting to compare them with the head of the entity represented in Photographs 7 and 8.

manifestations at Santa Isabel and a photograph of one of the "moais" (giant stone heads) of Easter Island. (See photo No. 11, and compare it with photos 7 and 8.)

### 7. General consideration of the Moreno incident

A) In connection with the EM Effect produced on Sr. Moreno's motorcycle-runabout, it is opportune to emphasise that the University of Colorado, when a probable explanation of the phenomenon was proposed, ruled out the possibility that UFOs might ionize the air in any way and so stop the normal internal combustion of a vehicle. Roy Craig concluded in the Condon Report: "This is considered improbable, because no concomitant physiological or physical effects are reported such as could be caused by such ionization."[7]

The effects reported by Sr. Moreno in our opinion are an open challenge to the Colorado verdict, and open up an interesting possibility for the interpretation of the EM Effect as indeed being a result of the ionization of the scene of the UFO phenomenon.

But, still within the framework of the hypothesis that would place the manifestation of these EM effects within the action if magnetic fields linked with the UFOs, we would refer – in view of their great importance – to two works by Dr. Bernard E. Finch on the subject of the psycho-physiological effects of the exposure of the human body to a force-field.[8] In our view, the effects reported by Moreno fit with both theories.

B) The sudden leap of the runabout as it was going towards the workshop, followed by the sudden return of the engine to normal running, suggests the possibility that some of the component materials of the carrier (reinforced concrete and zinc plating) might have served as insulators against the force-field generated by the phenomenon.

C) The sudden lighting up and extinction of the fluorescent tubes in the Engineering Department and the Teleprinter Department – simultaneously, without intermissions, and without the normal electrical contact – lead one to think that a high degree of ambiental electricity is present in areas where these phenomena occur.

Four hours after the first Moreno incident another anthropomorphic phenomenon was reported from elsewhere in the Ika-Renault plant. Details of this will be given in the third and final part of this article.

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# NEW BERLIN UFO LANDING AND REPAIR BY CREW

**A Psychiatric-Paranormal Survey of the Principal Witness**

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TED BLOECHER, pioneer UFO investigator, recently reported a spectacular UFO landing and repair by its crew in New Berlin, New York, on November 25, 1964.1 In 1973, Bloecher conducted several interviews of the people involved, including a face-to-face meeting with the chief witness, a 29-year-old housewife, Mrs. M.† These data were supplemented by telephone interviews and letters. The UFO experience, which also partially involved Mrs. M's mother-in-law, was observed over four hours while two crews from the grounded UFOs – "a group of perhaps as many as a dozen men" – "repaired" one of the craft.

Bloecher's investigation consists chiefly of Mrs. M's narrative, a map, drawings, and an addendum of questions and commentary. Among much interesting information, Bloecher mentioned an artifact found by the witness at the landing site, shortly after the incident. It was Bloecher's impression that the witness and her family were credible. However, because of the uniqueness of the experience, the M family avoided all publicity and discussed the incident with no more than a dozen people, most of whom were family or close friends.

Because Bloecher appreciated the possible value of collateral psychiatric study in cases such as this, arrangements were made for interviews of Mrs. M, who was seen on August 16, 1973 in her home in rural Pennsylvania. At that time all the facts of the landing and repair were confirmed during both direct interviews and hypnotic regression. The visit lasted four hours and most of the material was tape-recorded. The data that follow were also expanded by written material and during an extended phone call on June 19, 1974.

Mrs. M's description of the two landed UFOs, the entities, and the strange goings-on is similar to many reported worldwide observations.2 Psychiatric examination was conducted in the patient's rural home and showed her to be a healthy, open, straightforward young woman. She stuck to her story and presented a well-organized account. When her data from disparate sources and times were reviewed there were no inconsistencies.3 She frequently laughed when elaborating on some of the details, such as the ufonauts attempting to repair the craft, handling the tool boxes, cables, etc. She said she was more curious than frightened.

Aside from Mrs. M's recalling previous (and one more recent) UFO experiences 4 there were few other clues to this study; and if the interview had been terminated at this point, one would have concluded that there was nothing more to be gained by further questioning. However, a combined psychiatric-paranormal survey quickly uprooted data which had been shut off initially and which yielded a picture that led to surprises and that had possible relevance to the UFO experiences.

First, the UFO sighting happened on the wedding anniversary of Mrs. M's father and mother, and at the Thanksgiving holiday. Mrs. M made little of these connections, and aside from this, it appeared that there was nothing of deep personal significance, actual of symbolic, that immediately preceeded or which led up to the sighting.

At the time of the landing her husband and father-in-law were away hunting and she and her mother-in-law were staying up to watch a late TV show-- a musical. According to Mrs. M, an unidentified auto and passengers, at an early stage of the sighting, also witnessed some of the strange goings-on. Her dog "Lady" was frightened. Also, Mrs. M felt that the entities had seen her because an outside light was on the house was red, she had a red bathrobe on, and it was a very clear night. Most of her observation was done with field glasses. Mrs. M is nearsighted, but at the time of her experience she had fully corrected spectacles. She and her mother-in-law decided not to call the authorities and possibly cause a row and obtain unwanted notoriety.

The next day Mrs. M was joshed by her husband and father-in-law, but she and her husband walked up to the alleged landing site and found equilateral-triangle impressions in the ground. They searched for the cable artifact, which George (pseudonym for her husband) found and placed in his mother's house for safekeeping. Although George is a chemical engineer, he did not press for analysis of the "cable": "It looked like thin aluminum strips that were small, maybe a 1/16th of an inch, flat, and there seemed to be an insulation, like strips of paper. The strips were parallel to the cable. They didn't feel like aluminum. It was light." Although the family searched for the artifact, they have yet to find it (June 19, 1974).

### Family History

Both Mrs. M's parents were of old American stock Her father, an only child, high school graduate, and successful farmer, could not attend college because he had to care for his father who was ill. He was described as a widely read man. Mrs. M recalled many episodes of everyday telepathy between her father and mother. Her father's temper was recalled as "even." He attended a nondenominational Christ-

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ian church. Her paternal grandfather had died when Mrs. M was eleven. She was very much attached to him, and more will be said about him later. The paternal grandmother had died of breast cancer in 1971. Mrs. M felt that she was never particularly close to her: "She wanted me to be perfect." Since the death of the grandmother, Mrs. M has felt some kind of forgiveness from her grandmother; e.g., "She wasn't given time to let us know how she loved us – she wanted to talk to us."

Mrs. M considered her mother, a college graduate who majored in history and once taught high school, a very intelligent woman. The mother was the second oldest of eleven children, and her family was poor. Mrs. M recalled many episodes of telepathy between her mother and herself. For example, when Mrs. M was washing dishes in the kitchen and the mother was sitting in the living room wanting a pair of sewing scissors, Mrs. M got them for her. The mother was described as "terrific at finding lost things for her husband." The mother is an Episcopalian.

Interestingly, Mrs. M's mother and father had a common seventh-or-eighth-generation ancestor who was a citizen of colonial Massachusetts and who had been tried and acquitted of being a witch. In her associations Mrs. M compared her personality to her parents' personalities and presumably to "the witch ancestor" when she said that: "she knew what she liked and didn't like a strong personality."

Mrs. M has a fraternal twin who is five minutes younger. She is closely attached to him. He is a farmer and, with his family, lives near his parents. She recalled her father's oft-repeated comments: "One of us would answer a question that the other twin had not asked verbally. This happened many times – we also seemed to know when one of us was hurt or in danger." She also has a brother two years older who had been married, divorced, and remarried. This brother, a music teacher, has perfect pitch and is left-handed.

Mrs. M left college after the third semester to marry her husband, an agnostic, who was then a student at a technical institute. He is of old Colonial stock on his mother's side and of German-French extraction on his father's side. At the time of deciding whether to marry her husband, she was going with another man of whom her parents disapproved. One day when Mrs. M and George (her future husband) were talking about getting married: "Grandpa [paternal] appeared in an unusual light in the dining room. It was a white light that spread out, and as it spread out I could see him standing there in white robes. I was surprised. He was smiling at me. I interpreted it as being that he approved of George and it was a comfort to me." Mrs. M had not had any psi experiences with her husband unless one includes the alleged haunting, which is described below.

At the time of the UFO landing/entities experience, Mrs. M, age 20, had been married for one year. She was not pregnant.[5] In the subsequent years and at the time of the psychiatric study (1973), she had a son, age 6, a daughter, age 5, and an infant daughter whom she described as "exactly like me." The pregnancies and deliveries were uncomplicated. The children were born through natural childbirth. Mrs. M noted many family instances of possible parent-child telepathy.[6]

Some psychodynamically significant facts of Mrs. M's life included dissociative traits like sleepwalking and sleeptalking. She denied automatisms; e.g., "I hate the ouija board, and it won't work for me." Prior to the interview, she had never been hypnotized.

She had attended several schools and was a good student. Both parents handled the discipline: "The worst thing a child could do was lie. There was never any deception. But we were not punished for being inventive. If there was a lie, we'd sit down together and talk about it. Mother and Father's kindness was the discipline." She enjoys singing and can play the piano and the guitar by ear. She had been molested twice as a youngster: "It crops up as a ghost, every now and then."

### Significant Past Experiences

1. In her childhood Mrs. M had a tonsillectomy under ether anaesthesia: "It was a black void and I could see sheets of metal all crumpled – awful scared – it accelerated – changed directions, but was nothing like the drone, or in other ways like the [UFO] experience."

2. **Out of Body:** Once, on a Christmas day, at age 15, Mrs. M had a severe asthmatic attack and bronchial pneumonia. Her parents were very concerned. She recalled how she was propped up in bed, with a vaporizer on. Suddenly: "I couldn't breathe and nothing seemed to matter. I didn't pass out, but – I came out of the body. I stood on the floor by the bed and looked at myself. I gazed around the room, walls, and ceiling which then seemed to disappear as I began to travel. I went to the right and I was up higher than the house. I wasn't travelling distance as much as I was travelling space and time, and I could see both where I had come from and where I was going.

Then there was a light, off in the distance. It was growing larger, and in that light I could see people working. They were dressed in white robes. My grandfather was there and he was also dressed in a white robe. He seemed to be in the forefront, closer to me than the people who were working in the background. He seemed to be waiting for me, but he was not smiling. I stopped halfway between where I was going and where I had come from. There was music, such as I had never heard in all my life. I looked back and thought 'Dead, you know.' I turned around and looked back again at Grandpa and where I was going. Then a man stepped up behind me and took hold of my right shoulder with his right hand and wouldn't let me turn around. I started to turn to look at him, and I could feel the light from behind me as if it were emanating from the person, as he said to me, 'You may go there [death], or you may go back [life], but if you go back I have work for you to do, and your life won't be easy for you.' I made up

my mind to come back, and Grandpa seemed to turn around and go off.

I came directly back – at once. Next, I was standing beside the bed and I was getting into myself. It hurt to get back in my body. I did not seem to be asleep any of this time. I don't remember not being conscious of where I was or what I was doing. When I got back into my body, there was a little struggle to start breathing again, but I began. I've never forgotten that experience. I told my mother and father and later my husband about it. I think I died. Years later, when I got my (Mormon) blessing from the Patriarch, he said almost the same words to me that happened in this experience."

3. **Mormon Church**: One year after the UFO landing Mrs. M joined the Mormon Church. "When I was investigating the Church, I spoke to the elders about it [UFO experience]. I became a Mormon because the church is true." She did not elaborate on this but felt that her conversion was unrelated to her UFO experience. Interestingly, Joseph Smith, the founder of Mormonism came from Elmira, which is close to Mrs. M's childhood home. Her statement was in contrast to some reported analogies between reputed contactee experiences and Mormonism.[8] Much of her interest in genealogy was compatible with the tenets of the church in this regard. She said that since joining the Mormons: "People who are close to me never have anything bad happen to them. For example, I have been involved in many situations where a horrible auto accident should have happened, but it didn't. I don't consider myself superstitious. I believe we're in the millennium and Armageddon is approaching."

4. **The Good Samaritan**: "My Patriarchal blessing tells me that people will come to me for advice and I will be able to give them wise and sound counsel. Many times I've had total strangers come up to me and ask things that are very personal, and I've been able to help them. I feel I've been chosen for this.

"I particularly remember one incident. A woman came up to me in a motel lobby in Maryland and asked, 'Are you staying here at the motel?' I said, 'Yes I am.' She said, 'Well, my husband works for the chemical plant and we're staying here.' She then remarked on what a beautiful day it was, and then said to me, 'I have a problem. And I'd like to have your help.' You could have pushed me over with a feather when she asked me this,

"So she came to my room, and we sat down and had lunch while she told me about her problem. It was very personal. 'Could you give me sound advice?' she asked. I thought about it for a few minutes, and although I can't remember what I told her or what her problem was, she looked at me in tears and said, 'Thank you. Now I know that's what I should do.' "

5. **Haunted Apartment**: Two years after her UFO experience, when the husband was attending college, they lived in a five-apartment building and she recalled a possible haunting there. On occasions, when Mrs. M was home alone, she would hear sounds like marbles being rolled across the kitchen floor. Although she checked everything out, she could not find an explanation Her husband scoffed at this until one day when he also heard the sound. He grinned and said, "Your friend is back!" He listened, went into the kitchen, turned on the lights, and it stopped.

On numerous occasions she also heard something like a broom handle being bumped against the ceiling (or her floor) downstairs. This annoyed her because she was the only one in the apartment at time, and she could never find an explanation. She complained about this to her husband who also subsequently heard it. Finally, the sounds went away.

6. **Missing Objects**: Like her mother, Mrs. M was also gifted in finding missing objects. "Once, Dad lost the string and shock assembly from the hay mower. This is an essential part that is needed for loading and baling. Dad and my brothers searched for it and couldn't find it. Mother, who was good at finding missing objects in her own right, couldn't go, so she told Dad to ask me to see if I could help. So he told me where he had worked last, and I began to walk around. I then asked my twin to get in the truck with me and drive around the field. Suddenly I said, 'Stop.' And there it was, down in the field."

She also recalled: "Material for genealogical research has appeared out of thin air. Once, in Baton Rouge, I was grabbing a heavy county record book when it fell off the shelf and opened to the page that I had been searching for, for over two years – it had all the information I needed about my mother's grandparents."

7. **Haunted House**: A later haunting, in her current country home and years after the sighting, concerned the alleged ghost of the former owner who in life was supposedly very fond of the house, to which he had built an extension. She recalled these episodes:

"I'd bolt the cellar door so that my son wouldn't fall down the stairs, and yet I'd find the door open. This happened repeatedly and would make me very mad. Also the other doors would be open and the cellar lights would be on. And the radio went on once. Also, once when George went to work and left the radio on, I heard a man's voice say: 'Helen (pseudonym).' It sounded as though it came out of the hi-fi set, yet that wasn't on! At that time the kids were looking up and smiling as if they saw something. On another occasion, the children were looking at a picture of my paternal grandfather which was given to me by my mother. David, who had just learned to talk, said: 'That's Grandpa Stark (pseudonym).' It sounded as though it came out replied, 'Oh, we saw him (phantom?).' "

Mrs. M continued: "Mr. Campbell (ghost) bothered me. He hounded me if I didn't open the draperies. Every time I went into the room, he'd do this to me – as if somebody was taking hold of me. If I opened up the draperies, I had a feeling he would leave. One day I played a game with the draperies. I made the bed and closed them, but after one or two minutes I felt as if someone were standing in the room and

wanted me to open the drapes. I did so and the feeling left.

"I'd also find the lights on in the middle of the night both outside and inside the house. The neighbours would report this when we came back from a trip to town. One day I went to the store while a neighbour girl came to sew. She saw a man disappearing into the guest room. He was dressed in grey pants, brown shoes and a plaid shirt. It scared her to death. I came home, she was not there, and the back door, which was previously locked was open."

Nearly one year later (June 19, 1974), Mrs. M reported further evidence for the haunting: "Our 'friend' turned all the lights out and left the doors open."

8. **Strange Phone Calls:** Mrs. M recalled receiving strange phone calls prior to the UFO-landing experience. Once, before her marriage, a man's voice asked her name, age, and whether or not she was married and had children: "Like statistical data – there was no reason for it. I don't know why I even answered him. Usually I just say 'you have the wrong number' and hang up. He was polite. The last time this happened the man had a Scottish accent. I did not have any idea who he was. He asked me questions: I can't remember it all, but it seemed to be connected and have some purpose.

9. **Phantom Driver:** While driving on the highway to Kingston, New York, I saw a car behind me in my rear-view mirror – I could see her – a middle aged woman, and her face was blanked out. I felt awful and thought she was going to die. It was horrible."[9]

10. **Premonitions:** "I get odd feelings about people – even premonitions about myself. For example, one summer, when we were in high school, my twin brother and I decided to go to the Vermont State Fair. I looked forward to this, and we made plans to go with our older brother and his wife. The night before I couldn't go to sleep – I felt funny – and began to cry for no reason. I cried and cried. I woke up two or three times and decided that Bill and I couldn't go because we would be killed. I was sure of it. I went downstairs and told Mother. Bill came in and asked, 'Why not?' I said, 'Something is going to happen today and we'll be killed.' He asked if it was all right for our older brother Johnny and his wife Susie to go. I said sure, but we couldn't. Bill accepted it, 'OK, we're not going, and don't feel bad.' Of course I was in tears and disappointed. It was awful. My father said, 'Now, daughter, don't feel bad. When you have a premonition like that, obey it.' "

Mrs. M recalled hearing how, once during her father's courtship of her mother, a premonition he had was verified by a near-fatal auto accident.

11. **Animals:** "When I was a girl, wild cats would come to me that never went to anyone else. Also, when I'd walk through the woods, I could approach the deer, and they would just stand there and look at me. It's strange. I don't know why. Dogs would like me too. They don't continuously bark at me (when they do at other people). Never did a dog bite me. There is a dog down here who won't even go to the people who own her, but I'll call her and she'll come right to me."

12. **Confirmation through Hypnosis:** A deep hypnotic trance was quickly obtained.[10] Mrs. M relived the UFO – landing experience and invoked the essential details. While entranced, Mrs. M noted that the entities were Caucasian, they wore dark suits, and one of them had blond hair.

13. **Motion Pictures and Thoughtography:** Although Mrs. M. was unfamiliar with thoughtography[11] and had no memory of possible "spirit" pictures in the old family album, among snapshots, and the like, she recalled some recent developments (telephone conversation June 19, 1974) where two different friends of hers "accidentally took clear pictures of a white-robed man and (2) on a separate occasion when a camera was aimed at and snapped a clear sky, and a different person developed the film, the print was of Christ in white robes."

She promised to try to locate the material and send it for study. Her results are not unlike the description of Jesus appearing on a turned-off television set, and some of Mrs. Lansing's work.[12]

In conjunction with techniques used by contactee Mrs. Stella Lansing, motion pictures were made of Mrs. M, her children, pets, and the inside and outside of the house. A frame-by-frame analysis of the films revealed nothing unusual. It can be speculated that the results might have been different had the pictures been taken by Mrs. Lansing, in view of her past results when others who were simultaneously filming usually failed.

14. **Parting Shot:** When I was leaving Mrs. M, she pointed out a house some distance down the road and told me how she always detested that house and always associated it with bad news, until one day she told her girlfriend about her feeling. The girlfriend, who knew something of Mrs. M's paranormal experiences, howled with laughter. Finally, she blushingly informed Mrs. M that the cozy country home was once a bordello where one of the ladies of the evening was murdered by an ungrateful patron.

15. **Coincidences, or Red Herrings in the Psychic Nexus:** After procrastinating about setting up an appointment to visit Mrs. M in her home, I had finally resolved to go on the day which was the birthday of my late mother. My two consultations in practice (Montclair, N.J.) on days immediately before this date, oddly enough, originally came from the same remote area where Mrs. M lived, and where I had never been before. These patients were completely familiar with Lake Trilby (fictitious name), where Mrs. M lived, and even gave me directions on how to get there. Of course

they knew nothing of my forthcoming trip, researches, etc.

The credibility of Mrs. M was generously affirmed by another coincidence. It developed that a cousin of Mrs. M's husband lived in the town next to mine and the cousin's wife was well known to my wife. Later, by force of circumstances she was nominated by my wife to a position on the local school board. The cousin and his wife were very close to Mrs. M and her family, and without their knowing what I was seeking they completely supported Mrs. M's credibility. At the time of my questioning, the cousin and his wife had no knowledge of Mrs. M's previous UFO-entities experiences. It is not unlikely that many "coincidences" that are observed in the emotionally charged investigations of UFO cases are actually part of the psychic (telepathic) nexus [13] and have no direct relation to the UFO event itself, but might act as a red herring.

## Discussion

A psychiatric-paranormal survey of Mrs. M raises many questions that might throw light on the otherwise inexplicable UFO-entities experience. The credibility of the leading experient is supported. There was no evidence for psychosis, delusions, dishonesty, lying, fabrication, or exaggeration.

Could Mrs. M's UFO experience have been solely the product of psychodynamic forces? This critique is unanswerable. Clinically that is unlikely, because of the involvement of other witnesses, including her dog's response, and the physical evidence noted the next day. If her UFO experience was solely psychopathologically predetermined, we would need a positive concentration of emotionally significant events and, for such a unique experience, a precipitating cause, something more specific than the tangential fact that the episode occurred on the wedding anniversary of her parents. Furthermore, there was no past history for any striking UFO experiences or interest in such events.

Her previous psychodynamic structure, however, is helpful in explaining the quality of her reaction: the way she manages anxiety. From what we know of the mother-in-law, we can speculate that it would be unusual for her to have had a folie a deux reaction develop acutely during the UFO experience. This is not a clinically plausible explanation for what happened. The mother-in-law, according to Mrs. M, was never hypnotized, never had any emotional or psychosomatic illnesses, nor major dissociative reactions. Furthermore, upon questioning of Mrs. M, it did not seem that the mother-in-law was hypersuggestible.

Although the existent psychodynamic data are inconclusive, and it would be desirable to have had many additional sessions with Mrs. M, there might be clues in the psi events of her life. These data, which were prominent in the interview, might be analogous to data in other reported UFO cases [14] that were studied via combined psychiatric-psi techniques.

What is the significance of the various alleged psi experiences happening before the UFO event? After the UFO event? Could the UFO experience itself have been a psychic experience with projected telepathic hallucinations and materialization from more spectacular event than anything I have ever come across in studies of gifted paragnosts and telepathists.

Could Mrs. M (and her mother-in-law) have been psychically attuned to these events by the UFOs and entities, whereas other people would not perceive them? Could Mrs. M see or have experiences with another dimension that most others are oblivious to, or perhaps only dimly aware of? What is the source of the psi (?) force – human or UFO-engendered – that could be common to both, and how much of its employment, if any, is dependent upon the psychobiological nature of the experient? Is Mrs. M different from other close-encounter UFO witnesses, and if so, in what ways?

What purpose is served by the UFO-entities' form of dramatization? What is the meaning behind the communication? Is it part of some stratagem that is related to psi and to the other odd experiences like the possible MIB, phone calls; or is it all coincidence? Why was Mrs. M "chosen"? Was she conditioned for her UFO experience via past dissociative behaviour as later illustrated by her quick affinity for a deep hypnotic trance? Was her UFO experience a paranormal psychodynamic interaction and the product of entrancement? Was she prepared for this spectacular event by many previous narrow escapes from death (e.g., molestation as a child, fearful early experience with ether anaesthesia, fear of suffocation in an asthmatic attack, auto near-disasters, etc.)? How reliable and how relevant to the UFO experience is her anecdotal evidence for psi, including family telepathy, finding lost objects, premonitions, and psychodynamic, quasi-religious or psi hallucinations (e.g., the white-cloaked grandfather), unusual rapport with wild or hostile animals, and hauntings before and after the experience? What are the UFO implications of having a permissive family attitude for psi?

Would collaborative psychiatric research,[15] which has been successful in elucidating various behavioural and psychosomatic conditions, be helpful in pinpointing the origin and genesis of Mrs. M's UFO experience and in defining the UFO – psi interface? For example, was Mrs. M's decision to become a Mormon influenced by her experiential, psi, and UFO background factors, or were her later religious proclivities an inevitable part of her life style and of the same stuff as the formative (and UFO?) experiences that influenced Mormonism's founder Joseph Smith? It would not seem unusual for such an awesome event as Mrs. M's UFO-entities experience to invoke a religious type of reaction. Other contactees have had this type reaction.

Judging from clinical experiences, there are probably many other significant events that we do not know about and which Mrs. M did not or could not (repression) recall, but which would be helpful.

Because of insufficient data, it is impossible to state if there was an apparent augmentation or awareness for psi following her UFO experience. However, it is hard to escape the conviction that in some way psi is definitely related to the UFO-entities event, that all is not coincidence, and for all that one knows, the statement by Mrs. M about herself at one point in the interview, that she has a "mission in life," might be as good an explanation as any.

### More Questions and Conclusion

If Mrs. M's UFO experience was "designed" to inspire her with a missionary zeal, as has happened to other contactees, why has it not "worked" for her in this way, and for what deeper reasons other than to avoid notoriety has she avoided telling many people about her experience? What is the relationship between her two previous and later UFO experiences and this one? Perhaps much more data than were derived from one consultation would supply sufficient clues to better define the issues.

If this study, including all the alleged psi, were analyzed without the history for the UFO experience, it would not be unusual. Through the years I have studied many people who are healthy (and otherwise) who have had life-cycle-psi experiences on the order reported here. Thus, psi per se should not be overestimated. Situations like this, as in the instance of Mrs. Stella Lansing, the lady who has photographed many UFOs on motion pictures, are best followed over a long period of time. Undoubtedly, other clinical experiments could be devised. However, there is always the difficulty of applying suitable clinical controls that would help in assessing the credibility of the contactee and the validity and interpretation of the experience.

Perhaps the New Berlin landing and repair case, as well as other similar reports, would justify speculation about what might be found if psychiatric studies, including paranormal surveys, were a routine and necessary part of the evaluation of contactees.

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4. One bright sunny summer day, when Mrs. M was approximately twelve years old, she was lying on the ground and noticed "an odd silvery object with no vapour trail, that rapidly moved from horizon to horizon, within thirty seconds. There was no sound. It was so odd that I told my parents. No one else knew about this." This event occurred before the out-of-body experience (see note 8).
   Another time, when coming home from her second year at college, at 3.00 p.m., on a clear day, in Cortland, New York, Mrs. M came upon many excited people who: "... with the police, had been watching a cigar-shaped vehicle, large and silvery. It came straight down, assumed a vertical position, and little chips came out. It was very low, had a hardly audible drone. After a while it assumed a horizontal position, the chips went back in, and it shot away at a terrific speed, at an odd angle." Although she didn't witness this event, she was impressed. She never read anything about UFOs other than occasional newspaper articles.
   Although she has has no personal experiences since the New Berlin landing, she recalled: "There was a rash of sightings in January and March of 1974. Truckers stopped at the foot of the hill by my house, and at dawn lots of people were watching peculiar colours, which circled around like the flashing light on top of police cars. There was also reported interference with automobiles. I myself heard perculiar hums and loud noises at the time that some neighbours were seeing odd things in the sky."
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   This woman had one other striking out-of-the-body experience but never any unusual psi or UFO episodes. Some contactee events seem superficially similar to out-of-the-body reactions: e.g., the possible materialization of humanoids or creatures, travelling to another planet, or the reverse, where ufonauts allegedly appear transparent, can glide through walls, etc. The study of out-of-the-body and some contactee experiences and their interacting influences might seem to be a neglected but rewarding area for research in ufology.
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paranormal of UFO-related nuclear connection. It is a fruitful area for careful investigation.

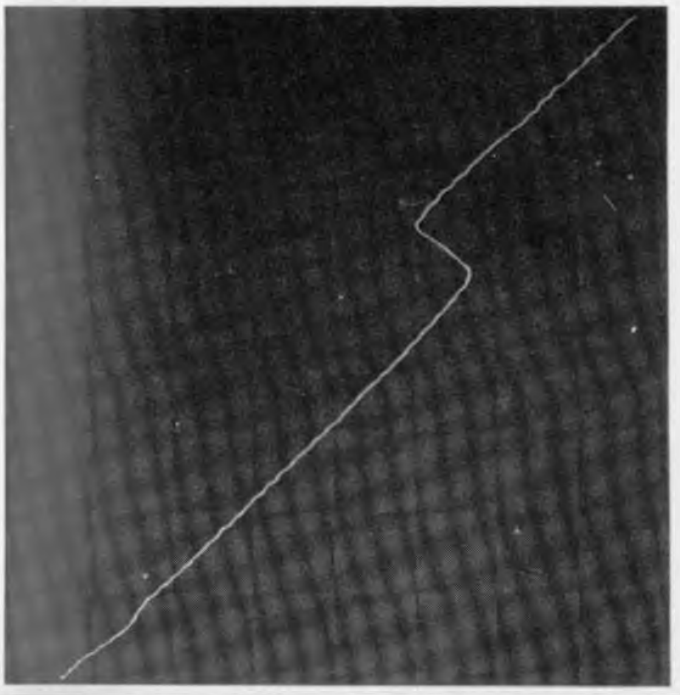
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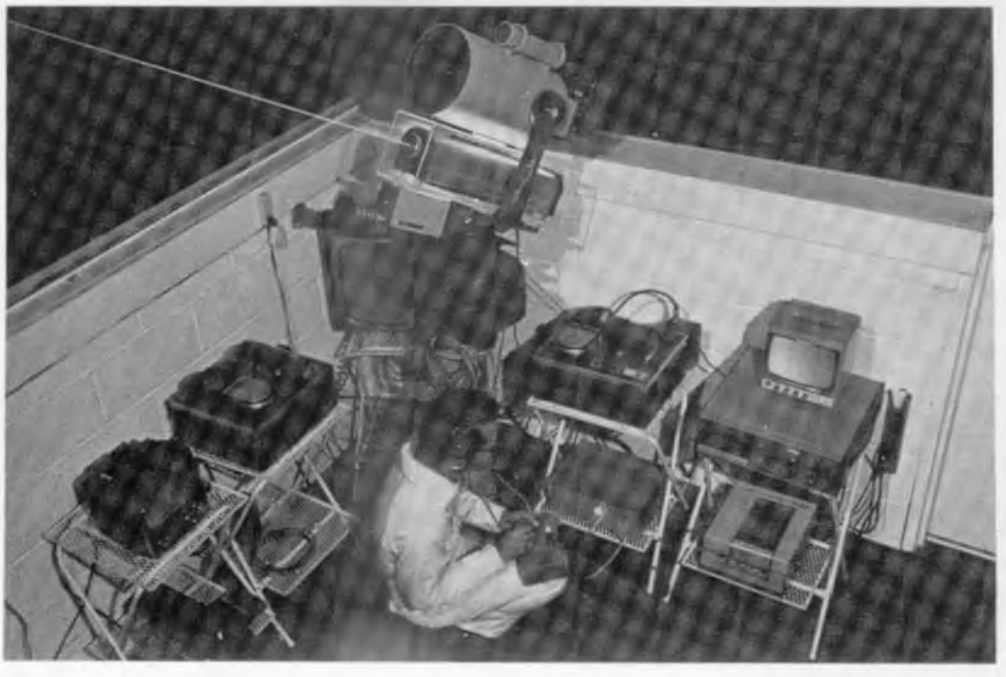
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Top and centre: Lisanette Hansen and Christina Loowrakwong describe their sighting
Bottom: Location and direction in which the UFO was seen

# THE BANGKOK UFO PHOTOGRAPHS

## *Donald A. Johnston*

WHILE travelling through Bangkok on my way to a teaching assignment in southern Thailand during October 1973, I was fortunate to make the acquaintance of two reporters on the staff of the English language newspaper, *The Bangkok Nation.*

I confessed an interest in the UFO phenomenon and, because news items were by this time appearing in the Asian papers on the U.S. "Pascagoula" wave, I questioned them on whether they knew of any local reports. My candidness soon was rewarded when they revealed two very interesting reports.

The first, much to my amazement, was a contactee case involving a former member of the Thai Parliament. This prestigious individual's encounter was alleged to have occurred sometime during 1972. His name and address were given to me, but unfortunately my stay in Bangkok was too short to arrange for a translator and an interview.

The second case proved much easier to investigate because it happened to involve two of the staff members of *The Bangkok Nation* – their chief photographer and his assistant. It was also more recent and involved photographs of the object.*

The sighting began in the evening of August 30, 1973, shortly after 8.00 p.m., when Mr. Sombat Srichuros, 19, an attendant of Aree Gas Station on Rama IV Road, reported to *The Bangkok Nation* that he had seen a flying object with flashing green lights over Soi Aree.

Two school girls, Lisanette Hansen, 12, and Christina Loowrakwong, 13, of Soi Aree Court, reported the same or a similar object passing behind Aree Court and San Francisco Court.

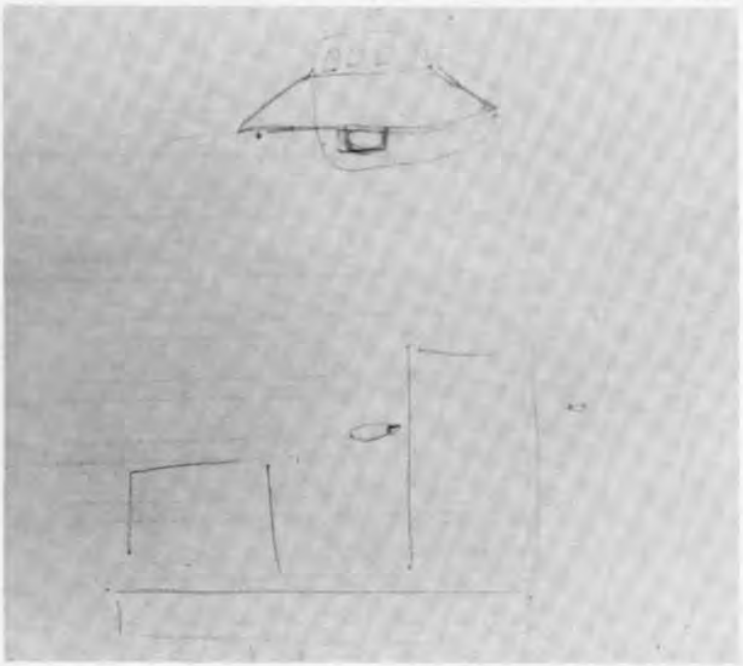
Lisanette Hansen, whose father, Mr. Ashjorn Hansen, works as an international marketing expert for the U.N., said the object had small square windows with bright lights inside. Christina, who saw the object first, stated it was in the shape of a "half

* A news item on this report was mentioned in Supplement 18 of *FSR Case Histories*, p.17.



**Top left.**
**Mr. Ashjorn Hansen discussing the sighting with *Bangkok Nation* reporters.**

**Below left.**
**Sketch of the object by Christina's brother, as described to him by Christina.**



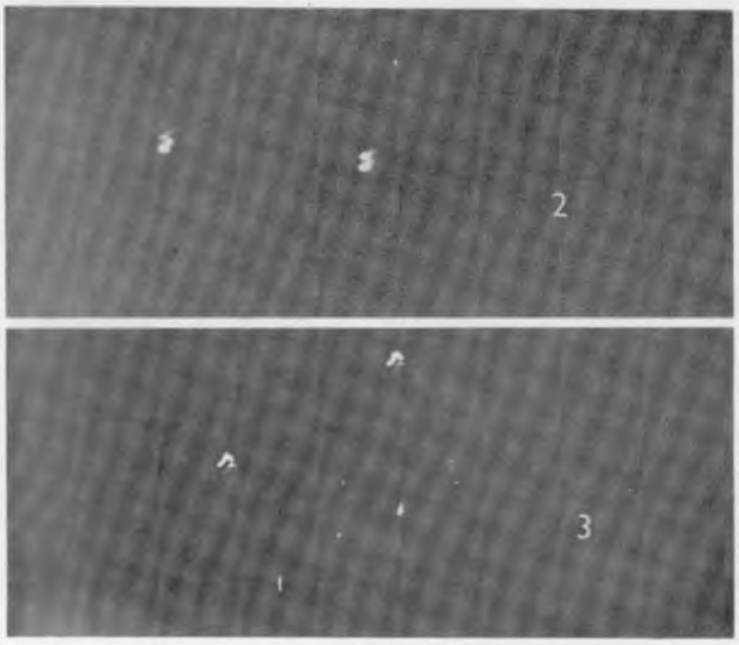
wing" with many red lights going on and off on top. They reported the object moved slowly and smoothly without sound, and disappeared in the direction of Klong (canal) Toey Port. The parents of the girls rushed out after they were told of the UFO and waited for some time in hopes of catching a view of the object should it return. It did not.

One other resident in the area reported the UFO to the local police station but said they paid no attention to his claim.

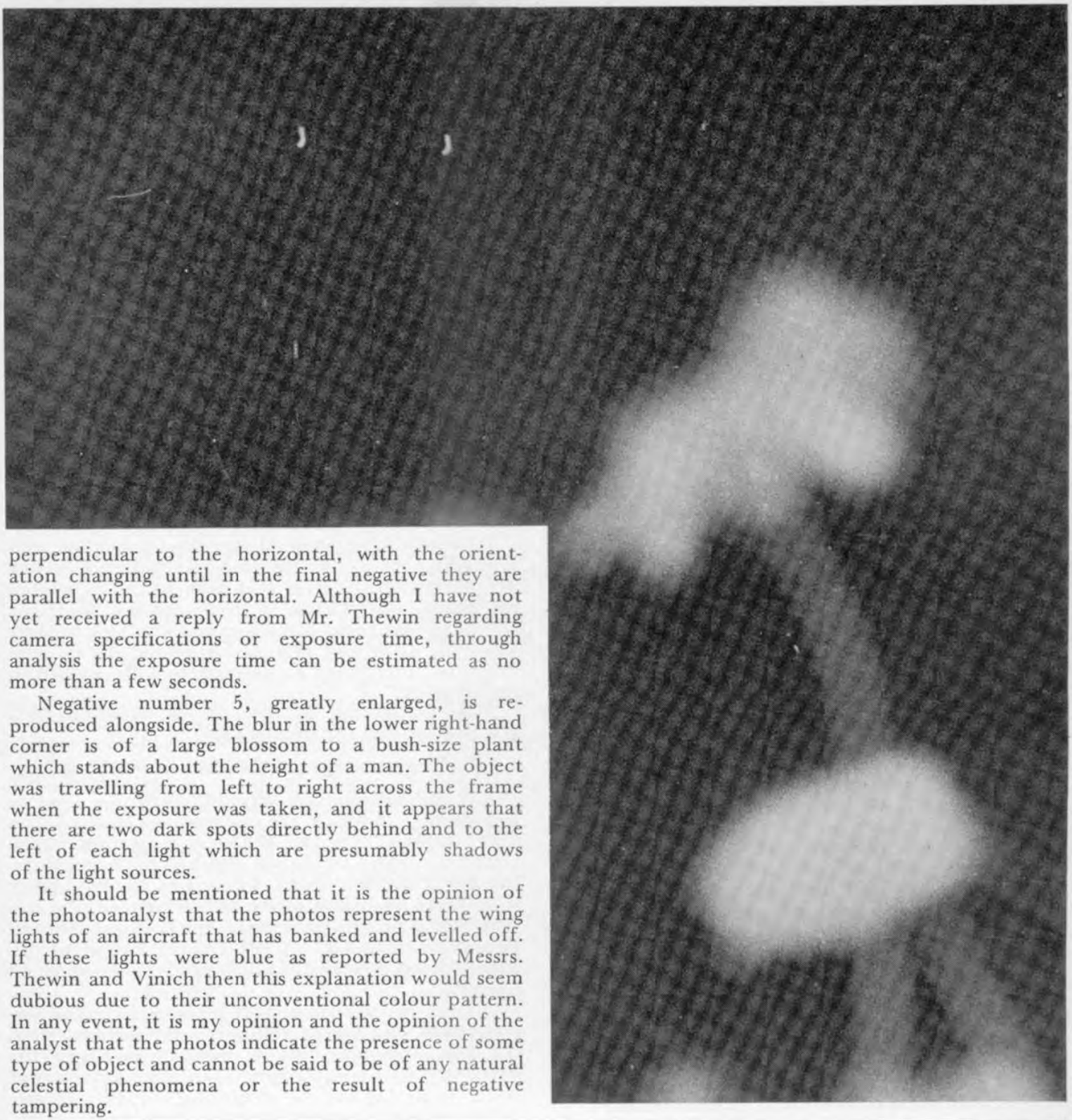
*The Bangkok Nation* photographers Thewin Chanyawongse and Vinich Thinviratana next reported sighting a similar UFO with a flashing red light in the centre and two blue flashing lights, one on either end, as they were driving on Sukhumit Soi 20 at 10.00 p.m. (north west but in the same approximate area as the other sightings). Reporters from the newspaper called Don Muang Airport to check for radar contact, but no contact was reported. There were no scheduled aircraft or helicopter flights in the area.

Mr. Thewin took a series of six photographs of the object with a 35mm camera equipped with a telephoto lens as it flew by. I was unable to meet with Mr. Thewin because he was out on assignment, but was able to encourage Mr. Vinich to allow me to borrow the negatives to these pictures for analysis.

When analysis was finally performed (I waited some time after my return to the United States and was slightly remiss in having this done), the negatives were found to show two lights — sadly of only point source dimensions. However, it was determined that the lights *were in focus* and that the camera, by judging from stars which could be found in the background, had not moved or jumped noticeably during any of the exposures. It was further determined that the lights were blinking with some type of alternating pattern, as was reported, and that the distance between the lights had remained fairly constant, suggesting they had emanated from one object. The first negatives show the lights almost




**Above (right). Enlarged portions of exposures 2 and 3 in Mr. Thewin's series of photographs**



perpendicular to the horizontal, with the orientation changing until in the final negative they are parallel with the horizontal. Although I have not yet received a reply from Mr. Thewin regarding camera specifications or exposure time, through analysis the exposure time can be estimated as no more than a few seconds.

Negative number 5, greatly enlarged, is reproduced alongside. The blur in the lower right-hand corner is of a large blossom to a bush-size plant which stands about the height of a man. The object was travelling from left to right across the frame when the exposure was taken, and it appears that there are two dark spots directly behind and to the left of each light which are presumably shadows of the light sources.

It should be mentioned that it is the opinion of the photoanalyst that the photos represent the wing lights of an aircraft that has banked and levelled off. If these lights were blue as reported by Messrs. Thewin and Vinich then this explanation would seem dubious due to their unconventional colour pattern. In any event, it is my opinion and the opinion of the analyst that the photos indicate the presence of some type of object and cannot be said to be of any natural celestial phenomena or the result of negative tampering.


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# BEBEDOURO II: THE LITTLE MEN RETURN FOR THE SOLDIER

**While a deaf-mute mimes a solemn warning!**

*Húlvio Brant Aleixo*

**Professor Aleixo has conducted further investigations together with his colleagues of CICOANI, the Belo Horizonte research group, and Dr. Walter Buhler. His report was first published in Dr. Buhler's SBEDV Bulletin No. 94/98 (Sept. 73 to June 74). Translation from the Portuguese by Gordon Creighton.**

IN the course of our investigations we have gathered a great deal of additional information about the incident and about the central figure, the soldier José Antônio da Silva who, as we reported in Part I,[1] claimed to have been abducted from May 4 to May 9 of 1969 by small red-bearded creatures who took him aboard their machine.

### I. Further details on the Soldier

José Antônio da Silva, aged 24, is an unmarried man, the second eldest in a family of 12 children. His father is still alive, but his mother died two years ago. As regards his education, he has had only the primary course of education, and even that not completely. For the past five years he has been an enlisted man in the Military Police of the State of Minas Gerais. He appears to be of a sound and healthy constitution. His social-economic situation is a modest one, and he lives with his family in a suburban house that he helped to build. He gave part of the land to some of his brothers and sisters. He spends little money on himself, and has been able to acquire three other plots of land in the town for his brothers as well. He takes the initiative in the home and decides most family matters. His friends and superiors regard him as a person worthy of all confidence. Apart from his work in the Military Police, which he enjoys, he has few other interests. He is very religious, but does not attempt to ram it down anybody else's throat. He belongs to no Catholic brotherhood or religious association, but is a faithfull practising churchgoer. His father agrees that it is José Antônio who is the leader in the family. He is full of praise for his son and says José Antônio gets on well with everybody and has no weaknesses or vices.

### II. The Soldier's symptoms after his return

In addition to the three marks on his shoulders and neck, and the slight swelling of his right knee, already reported in Part I, José Antônio also displayed other symptoms. When he arrived back home his family and his superiors in the Military Police all noticed that he was thin, sunburnt, unshaven, and downcast. They noticed moreover that he had difficulty in walking, had little appetite, and that he complained of constipation, which lasted for a week.

During the month following our report, we also heard him complaining of a burning sensation in the eyes [2] and a reduction in the sharpness of his vision. Subsequently, he began to speak of intermittent stomach pains involving a well defined transverse zone of the lower abdomen. This was accompanied by headache in the frontal region and by an increase in the burning sensation of the eyes, which now began to water. He said this sensation in the eyes resembled the sensation he had felt inside the little men's machine, when the light in the cabin increased and pulsated. He is convinced that he has not been able to see properly since his experience.

He seems to be alarmed over these symptoms, and says that nothing like this had ever happened to him before. His family agree that prior to the experience his health was normal in every respect. When we suggested that he get himself examined at the Military Hospital, he replied that he would not do so, as it might be interpreted as meaning that he wanted to get off work.

With the passage of time, all his symptoms have gradually abated and disappeared.

### III. Reconstruction of the incident on the spot

On the morning of May 26, 1969, we went to Bebedouro, scene of the episode, accompanied by José Antônio. The CICOANI Investigation Group were represented by myself and by Luiz Romaniello. Colonel Prazedes, Major Célio, and Captain Edem were there on behalf of the Military Police (the two first-named being, respectively, the Commandant and Deputy-Commandant of the Guards Battalion). Lt. Vitorino represented the CIONAI UFO Investigation Group.

After we had determined the precise spot and photographed it, the soldier re-enacted the incident from the initial abduction episode beside the lake up to the point where he was forcibly taken aboard the strange craft. At all stages of the re-enactment José Antônio's behaviour and reactions appeared to us to be consistent and coherent with his previously given account of the episode.

In the short time left, we used the opportunity to make a superficial enquiry among members of the sparse population of the district, whom we encountered on the road, asking them about the presence of strange aerial objects in the region. The results of our enquiry were positive. One of the brief accounts we received came from a boy who said he had seen a silent, high-flying machine which resembled an *umbrella* (See Fig. 2).

On the homeward journey we noticed that José

Antônio had fallen silent, and we tried to find out what was worrying him. After a great deal of resistance he finally replied that he was concerned about the possibility that the green liquid he had drunk in the chamber where they had questioned him might have given the little men power over him.

For, he said, they had come back to look for him, in the garden of his home.

He explained that at about midnight on May 21 (twelve days after his abduction), when he was already lying in bed, he had a sudden impulse to go out into the garden to see to his goats. And there to his astonishment he saw the three little men, dressed in their flight-suits, standing motionless in the garden, looking at him.

His automatic reaction was to step back into the house and bolt the door, without saying a word or hearing anything from them. When we asked him why he had reacted in this fashion, José Antônio replied: "So you think, do you, that I'm going to work against my own people?"

Then he gave us to understand that the little men might represent a threat for all of us in the future. But, as he was not sure whether the danger came from the particular type of individual who had abducted him or from other unknown types, he was at present prepared to have a further meeting with them in order to clarify the matter. In any case, he said, he was certain that the world was in great danger, without however knowing from where this danger would come. The danger had been revealed to him by the fair-skinned individual of friendly mien who had appeared mysteriously before him in the chamber, unperceived by the little men. The danger would involve the whole of mankind, and would possibly include intervention by unknown beings, in addition to other calamities. This danger might however be avoided if mankind changed their present behaviour.[3] We noticed that, when touching upon these matters, José Antônio displayed extreme reserve and resistance, as though anxious to keep a secret.

### IV. A new UFO sighting

In one of our later interviews, José Antônio took the initiative, addressing us as follows as soon as we arrived at his house:

"Professor Hulvio, up till now you have been doing the questioning, and I have been replying. Today I am the one who needs to put the questions for you to answer."

I gestured affirmatively and, with some difficulty in finding the right words, he began:

"Can there be a machine that isn't a machine?" I asked him to formulate the question afresh, so that I might understand his meaning. He tried, but without success. Then we enquired what he had in mind, and he replied that, during one of the previous nights, at about 10 o'clock, he had felt a desire to go for a walk on the hill where his house stands in order to meditate. After walking for a few minutes along the crest of the hill, at a point some 300 metres or so from the nearest houses, his attention was drawn to a yellowish point of light. This light was moving obliquely down towards him on the flank of a nearby range of hills, the Serra do Curral, which lie to the south of Belo Horizonte. Making no sound, the light began to slow down, came to a halt some 10 metres from him, and then started to perform a series of small vertical and lateral movements, at a distance of a few metres from the ground. Its shape was spherical, its diameter approximately 30 cm., and it seemed to be controlled by someone, though not a machine like the one he had seen and in which he had travelled. A few minutes later the luminous ball moved off, rising again towards the direction from which it had come.

José Antônio insisted that we give him an explanation, for he was perplexed by the idea of the existence of a ball of light with obviously controlled movements, and which yet revealed no structure such as would identify it as a *machine*. We confined ourselves to replying that there are innumerable reports of this type of phenomenon, but that, so far, there was no explanation for them.

Among the countless reports on strange aerial phenomena that continued to reach CICOANI during May 1969, there were insistent rumours of UFO activity in the area covered by the four municipalities of Matozinhos, Pedro Leopoldo, Jaboticatubas, Jequitibá, and Baldim, all to the north of Belo Horizonte. Some of these reports even mentioned the presence of UFO occupants.

As the case of the soldier José Antônio da Silva had been very widely reported in the early part of May, and as it concerned the Bebedouro region (north of the municipality of Matozinhos) we accepted the rumours of UFO activity in that area with great reserve at first, seeing that there was a strong possibility that they might be self-generated psychological effects lacking foundation.

But, while still vague, the reports kept piling up. Early in June 1969, a young member of the Chemistry Faculty at the Federal University of Minas Gerais, acting as spokesman and leader for a group of his academic colleagues, came to see us. This student revealed a great interest in the UFO problem, which had had its inception in an attempt at telepathic contact that – as he had told us previously – had resulted in the close approach of a UFO over the Santo Antônio suburb of Belo Horizonte. He had now come to ask for our collaboration in mounting an expedition, with his group, to the Bebedouro area, from which he had received trustworthy reports of UFO activity.

Since Colonel Jacy Praxedes, at that time Commandant of the Guards Battalion, had shown interest in following the case of his own subordinate, the soldier José Antônio, we thought it right to inform the Colonel of the new reports received from the Bebedouro area. We were surprised however to find that he was already quite au courant with these happenings, as one of his acquaintances, Professor Ângelo Heleodoro dos Santos (to whom we were introduced when we called on the Colonel) had himslef recently made a trip to Bebedouro along with an officer of the Guards Battalion and other persons.

A few days later, in response to our request, Professor Ângelo came along, with his own group, to

CICOANI head-quarters, to give us the results of his investigations and let us see a film which showed a strange moving point of light.

In a report that he sent to us on June 9, 1969, Professor Ângelo again stated that reports received by him from various sources indicated that strange phenomena were occurring in the same area where, a month previously (May), the soldier José Antônio da Silva claimed to have been kidnapped by occupants of an unidentified flying object. He went on to refer to various other cases which had occurred in that area and to certain visual observations that his own group had been able to make during the night that they spent at Bebedouro. The film, which he let me see, showed, on several frames, a luminous point in motion.

### VI. The new expedition to Bebedouro

Encouraged by the results of our own trip, and, in particular, by the film mentioned above, we at CICOANI started our preparations for a second expedition to the Bebedouro area. The report of CICOANI member Alberto Francisco do Carmo had mentioned a series of sightings of points of light behaving strangely, which members of the group had seen in the early mornings of June 14 and 15. These phenomena continued, always at a distance, until the first light of dawn on the horizon on June 15, when they terminated with the tranquil, silent passage, at some distance, of an oblong-shaped craft of a bluish-grey colour and of the size of a DC–3 aircraft. As regards the points of light, the author of the report had managed to capture one of them on his Fujichrome 100 ASA film. them on his Fujichrome 100 ASA film.

In addition to these sightings by the members of the group themselves, they collected a number of reports from local inhabitants which indicated quite clearly that unidentified flying objects were being seen repeatedly in the area, at low altitudes.

### VII. A whole region involved

As the days passed, the reports of UFO activities in various municipalities around Matozinhos went on piling up in the CICOANI head-quarters. The reports from one place, Jaboticatubas, were so many and, seemingly, so trustworthy, that on August 17, 1969, we mobilized a small party and sent it on our first expedition to Jaboticatubas.

This party's own observations, and the richness of the material found there by them led to over twenty further expeditions by CICOANI to that area, and indeed these expeditions are still continuing at sporadic intervals. Over one hundred people have been interviewed, most of whose reports have mentioned close approaches or landing by saucers. These accounts were all tape-recorded, and will be published, together with others, in a book to be called *Discos Voadores no Rio das Velhas.*

### VIII. The Constantino Case

From among these reports from Jaboticatubas we think it important that we make particular mention here of the Constantino case, owing to the close correlation which it seems to have with the Bebedouro case. It happened at the same time as the latter. The site was the *Fazenda Constantino*, an estate situated on the right bank of the river (Rio das Velhas), some twenty km. from Bebedouro. It involves a percipient named Antônio Rodrigues, a deaf-mute, aged 60, who by dint of miming and sketches, of his own volition, revealed to the estate-owner, and later to us and to Dr. Walter Buhler of SBEDV, details of an incident involving short, thick-set bearded little men who emerged from a machine that came down out of the sky.

According to the highly expressive gestures and miming of the deaf-mute percipient, who had been fishing at the time on the bank of the Rio Vermelho, the little men made signs to approach and he, terrified, took to his heels and fled. The unknown beings then chased him, and one of them, using something which he drew from his belt, struck Antônio Rodrigues on the right leg and knocked him down. The little men then gathered around him, talking among themselves. One of them even went so far as to feel the arm [4] of the fallen deaf-mute, and then shook his head and walked off towards the machine followed by the rest. With sufficient clarity the deaf-mute managed to describe in gesture the return of the unknown beings into their machine, and the machine's vertical ascent and departure.

In one of our interviews with the deaf-mute, he gave us, in mime and gesture, all the details of the episode, of which we had received only a summary at Jaboticatubas. And, when suddenly confronted with drawings of the UFO occupants in the Baleia, [5]



**Photograph of coloured painting by Alberto Francisco do Carmo, based on Antonio da Silva's description to him of a small, red-beared being.**

Segrada Familiar, [6] and Bebedouro cases, which we had brought along with us in order to test his reactions, Antônio Rodrigues became intensely excited at the sight of the *identikit* sketch of the little bearded men described by the soldier Jose Antônio da Silva of the Bebedouro case. The deaf-mute made emphatic gestures which Sr. Edsel Marcus Duarte (who was present and who is personally well acquainted with the deaf-mute's own particular system of miming) interpreted for us as signifying: **"Beware of that one!".**

The points of coincidence between the Bebedouro and Constantino cases acquire even more particular weight when one bears in mind the utter cultural isolation of the deaf-mute Antônio Rodrigues. For, in additon to suffering the sensory deprivations to which he is a victim, he lived away out there, right in the middle of the bush, and has not the scantiest possible contact with civilization or, to be more specific, with the communications media.

And even had the communications media been accessible to him, and even had he possessed previous knowledge of the case of the soldier José Antônio da Silva at Bebedouro, that would still not explain the coincidences between these two cases, **for in fact the newspapers had given an incomplete and entirely faulty version of the Bebedouro case. Never, until now, with our publication of it, has the Bebedouro case been divulged in all its details,** the knowledge of these details remaining confined to those few individuals most closely involved in our work of investigation. We have been at pains that this should be so, in order to make quite sure that any similar cases which might follow would not be inspired by the press reports on Bebedouro.

### IX. Further coincidences

In its morning edition for June 17, 1969, the Sao Paulo daily *O Diario Da Noite* devoted a whole page to the case of Adelino Roque, [7] the farmer from Itauçu in the State of Goiás. On April 20 of that same year, while travelling at night in the countryside, Adelino Roque saw a light approaching, felt himself being paralyzed, and lost consciousness. When he came to his senses again, he found himself sitting on a rock on the bank of a river at a place completely unkown to him. He was found by a man with a cart, who told him that he was beside the river Itumbiara, at a distance of one day's journey from Itauçu, whence he had started out.

Apart from the basic coincidence between the Itauçu and Bebedouro cases, there is yet one further and more specific similarity: the soldier José Antônio da Silva stated that when he recovered full consciousness after his return from some unknown place, he found himself on top of a rock, beside a ravine, from which he drew 1½ litres of water to assuage his raging thirst.

**Notes and Comments by Gordon Creighton**

1. See Prof. Hulvio Brant Aleixo: *Abduction at Bebedouro,* in FSR Vol. 19, No. 6, November/December 1973.

2. These physical symptoms, particulary the watering and stinging of the eyes and the headaches and intestinal disturbances, should be carefully compared with those mentioned in Dr. Olavo Fontes' *Medical Report on A.V.B.* (See: *The Amazing Case of Antonio Villas Boas,* in FSR's famous and much-translated classic, *The Humanoids*, now available again, this time as a paperback edition, price 45p., published by Futura Publications Ltd., 49 Poland Street, London, WIA 2LG.)

3. Warnings of this kind run like a red thread throughout the whole of the UFO Phenomenon since 1947, and are also a fundamental ingredient in the Marian Epiphanies of the 19th. and early 20th. centuries (which are not generally held to form an integral part of the UFO Phenomenon, though some of us feel sure that they are).

4. As will be recalled, the soldier claimed that he saw four human corpses laid out on a stone slab in the chamber where the mysterious dwarfs examined and "grilled" him. *Perhaps these little demons are predators on our species, maneaters, and that the deaf-mute escaped capture solely because he was far too old and skinny, with no good flesh about him, as his photo clearly shows.*

Why the plumper and healthier soldier, in his prime, was released by them is another question, and my own view, for what it is worth, is that his release is in some way connected with the mysterious personage *(human)* who (undetected by the dwarfs) appeared before the soldier in the chamber and gave him much information about coming events regarding which the soldier is allegedly pledged to secrecy. It seems that the redbearded runts fell out when discussing the soldier, and it may well be that the mysterious person whose apparition was seen by the soldier was responsible for some mental effect that caused this dissension among the goblins.

5. See Prof. Húlvio Brant Aleixo's *Humanoids encountered at Baleia*, in FSR Vol. 14, No. 6, November/December 1968, and Vol. 15, No. 1, January/February 1969.

6. Reported at Length in *The One-Eyed Entities of Belo Horizonte*, in: *UFO Percipients,* FSR Special Issue No. 3, September 1969. (Now out of print.)

7. See: *Another Teleportation and its Sequel,* in FSR Vol. 17, No. 5, September/October 1971.


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# THOUGHTS ON THE BEBEDOURO CASE

*Dr. Walter Buhler*

**Translation from the Portuguese by Gordon Creighton**

AS WE WERE ABLE to be present and to follow closely some of their thoroughgoing interrogations of the soldier José Antônio, it is but right that we should express our warmest congratulations to CICOANI, headed by Professor Hulvio Brant Aleixo and Sr. Alberto do Carmo, for their work of research and for their graphic reconstruction of the events of this case.

### (a) Preamble

Certain facts in the experience of the soldier constitute new and additional material for our research dossiers, as, for example, the offer made by the Extraterrestrials to the eyewitness to have him come and live with them for seven years. This fact, which seems to me to be of quite transcendental importance, will be discussed further by us below.

Another point to be emphasised is that the eyewitness noted an apparent discrepancy between the time spent by him with the Extraterrestrials (seemingly 24-28 hours) and the time that had actually elapsed on Earth (4½ days), as he was able to observe for himself upon his return to his home in the State of Minas Gerais. It is of course possible that, while inside the craft, under great nervous tension due either to panic or to the ingestion of psychotropic drugs (the green liquid, for example) the soldier's mind might have been affected so that his perception of time was deranged.

On the other hand another way in which one might attempt to explain this fact would be by the idea of *time-dilation*, in accordance with Einstein's Theory of Relativity. I shall deal with this also in a paragraph below.

NOTE: We feel it right to recall at this point the memory of our friend the chemist Dr. Ernani Ebeken de Araujo, who died recently (see SBEDV Bulletin No. 90/93, p.4). He was the author of the book *Os Discos Voadores e a Teoria da Relatividad do Dr. Einstein.* It was our long discussions with Dr. Ernani that induced us to try to penetrate more deeply into the labyrinths of the new views on Physics.

At this point too we would draw attention to the similar case[1] of time-dilation which we published on page 15 of SBEDV Bulletin No. 60/61, and we would also insert here another case that has recently happened in Argentina, and which was published in FSR. In the case in question (*A New Teleportation Near Cordoba*)[2], both a shortening of the journey and time-dilation were experienced (see my further references below).

In citing these similar cases, it is not our desire at this stage to construct any theory of explanation, but simply to stimulate readers to think about these questions and consider them in association with other events that may occur in the future.

Finally, we will give accounts, from other famous journals, of photographic records of sightings that attest to a strange form of energy – enormous acceleration plus instant deceleration – observed in the propulsion of interplanetary craft on two occasions when they chanced to be photographed, and which may possibly involve this problem of time-dilation (see below).

### (b) Are Relations with Extraterrestrials Possible?

In the present case of the soldier José Antônio da Silva, his interpretation of events is that he would be taken away to spend a period of seven years in the world of Extraterrestrials, after which he would return home with fresh instructions from them. Seemingly the strange beings were serious in this intention, inasmuch as, some time after the initial contact with the soldier, they appeared again in front of his home, as though to remind him of their proposition, without however forcing him to make a decision.

It might be argued that in going with them the soldier would be running great risks . . . That however would be a problem for *him* to decide, and the way in which he decided it would depend upon his own spirit of adventure. At the same time there would be no serious validity to the argument that in contacting the Extraterrestrials the soldier might reveal our important military secrets to them – first, because a mere buck-private *does not know* any important military secrets anyway, neither does he know the weaknesses in our Army, Navy, and Air Force. And secondly, because the soldier could tell the Extraterrestrials nothing, or virtually nothing, that they did not know already.

On the other hand, the information that the soldier might bring back, on his return, concerning the civilizations of more evolved worlds visited by him would be of inestimable value for us. Nor could one rule out the possibility that this contact might subsequently be extended to include the soldier's superiors, i.e. people in the governmental hierarchy here.

Only thus might it be possible to justify continuation, to his family, of the soldier's pay for the period of his absence from the Earth, seeing that he would still be a member of the Armed Forces though detached, as it were, on another mission, official, and different, and more important...to other worlds.

But none of this can become fact at present, since the actual existence of the UFO Problem has not yet been given *political recognition.*[4]

### (c) Instantaneous Photographs prove high speeds of Saucers

An eyewitness photographed what appeared to him to be a liquid-carrying tanker standing in an inaccessible spot, some 1,200 metres from the nearest road. But, when developed, the photo revealed a column composed of some 15-20 images, probably the object rising with its lights alternately flashing on and off, or maybe halting intermittently as it climbed. Since the exposure-time was calculated at 29 milliseconds, and the distance travelled by the object was 700 feet, this would correspond to a mean velocity of 16,000 miles per hour, with even more fantastic accelerations and decelerations before and after its halts during the trajectory. (Condensed from APRO Bulletin, March/April 1973, page 5, article entitled *The UFO At Sedona, Arizona.*)

Next, we might cite the FSR article *The Oregon Photo,15* by Adrian Vance, which analyzes an article published in Petersen's *Photographic Magazine* for January 1973 about a UFO photo taken with an exposure time of approximately 1/3 sec. Although the photographer only saw one simple saucer, the photograph clearly shows *three* images at varying altitudes, No. 2 being the smallest, from which it can be concluded that at that particular point in time the saucer was further away than in photographs 1 and 3. (See photograph on page 3 of FSR, Vol. 19 No. 2, in question.)

From this it can be argued that during the exposure time (approximately 1/30 sec.) the object probably moved at a staggering speed, and also that it was only visible to the camera on the three occasions when it appears on the film.

The fact that the observer saw only one saucer is due to the fact that the human eye is incapable of distinguishing two images separated by a time-interval of less than 1/20 sec. (This phenomenon is termed "visual persistence.")

### (d) Another Brazilian case of "Time-Dilatation"

On page 15 of SBEDV Bulletin No. 60/61 (January-April 1968), in an item about investigation of an experience undergone by Sr. Mario Restier[6] of Volta Redonda (State of Rio de Janeiro) we wrote as follows:

"Sr. Nario was astonished by the attitude of his father, who vehemently criticized him 'for having been away from home for such a long period –four months– without even letting any member of the family know, it now being April 14, 1950.' For Sr. Mario Restier himself however his absence seemed to have been for three days at the most!"

### (e) An Argentine Case of "Time-Contraction"

FSR for May/June 1973 carried an article[7] by Dr. Oscar A. Galíndez about a case of time-contraction in Argentina. The investigator reported that two people, returning to Córdoba from Balnearia in a Ford *Falcon* car at a steady speed, covered the whole distance of 185 km. in an hour, whereas the best that the car could have done would have been 115 km. in the hour. He added moreover that the fuel consumption was too low: 12.5 litres. There are also other details which deepen the mystery, as for example the fact that the two witnesses do not remember having travelled over one particular stretch of the route, 81 km. in length, including their passage through towns that they could not have failed to notice.

Before they came to the stretch of the journey that is missing from their memory the two men saw a luminous phenomenon in the sky, like a lightning flash, which lit up the whole region around as though it were broad day. And then, after that, they saw, at a distance of some 50 metres from the road, a string of rectangular lights that looked like the lights of a train, some 50 metres long, "but with the windows bigger than usual." The watches of both men functioned normally.

One of the two eyewitnesses said that on the following day after this occurrence he noticed a sort of numb sensation in the right lumbar-dorsal region, over a circular patch of some 1.5 cm., and that for four days he kept on scratching himself four or five times daily.

### (f) Some reflections on the problem of Time-Dilatation

In the foregoing paragraphs we have presented some cases involving phenomena linked to the dilatation of the time factor.

At this point, we would like to remind readers of something which might possibly give us an explanation of these related phenomena. This is Einstein's Theory of Relativity.

Here we are indebted for the valuable collaboration received from our friend Dr. Arnold Ende, a civil engineer now in retirement, but still possessor of a young spirit, open to new things, who quoting from the review *Ciencia Ilustrada* No. 67, explained the picture to us as follows, despite the fact that he had only just undergone a delicate heart-operation:

> "In his Theory of Relativity, Einstein suggests that Time depends on Velocity: the faster one travels the slower is the passage of time. Or, to put it in other words, that measurable time depends upon the velocity at which the person doing the measuring is travelling in relation to the Earth, the Stars, and the other Heavenly Bodies.
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> "To illustrate his theory, Einstein quotes an example: a man travelling in a rocket for twenty years at a speed close to the speed of light, will have aged twenty years when he returns to Earth, but thousands of years will have passed here.
>
> "According to Einstein, the mathematical expression for the phenomenon in question is as follows:-
>
> $$t = t_o \Big/ \sqrt{1 - V^2/C^2} = t_o B$$
>
> where
>
> to = time relative to the body which is stationary in relation to the referential employed.
> t = "dilated" time, relative to the body which is motion in relation to the referential employed.
> v = the velocity of the body, in relation to the referential.
> c = the velocitv of light in a vacuum (approx. 300,000 km. per sec.)
> B = time "dilatation" factor.
>
> *[End of quotation]*

**Table Showing Relationship Between Velocity and Time:**

| V (in km/sec.) | B (Dilatation Factor) |
|---|---|
| 0 | 1. |
| 75,000 | 1.032 |
| 150,000 | 1.155 |
| 200,000 | 1.342 |
| 220,000 | 1.47 |
| 240,000 | 1.67 |
| 259,843 | 2. |
| 282,843 | 3. |
| 290,474 | 4. |
| 293,940 | 5. |
| 295,804 | 6. |
| 296,923 | 7. |
| 297,653 | 8. |
| 298,142 | 9. |
| 298,496 | 10. |
| 299,833 | 30, |
| 299,940 | 50. |
| 299,985 | 100. |
| 299,996 | 200. |
| 299,999 | 500. |
| 300,000 | 00 |

On the basis of this expression of the problem, the accompanying Table and Graph are compiled, both showing Velocity linked to the Time Dilatation Factor, in which, as can be verified, Time would only undergo a reasonably appreciable degree of dilatation with velocities of 220,000 km. per second (in which case the dilatation will be approximately 1½ times or more). As can likewise be observed, when the velocity is in the vicinity of 290,000 km. per second, the time-dilatation will be four times, *which would fit the case of the Bebedouro soldier.*

(A modern proof for the validity of this theory is allegedly furnished by the variation in the "half-life" of the u meson (an unstable nuclear particle which, on being generated, disintegrates to form one electron and one neutrino/antineutrino pair). The half-life of this particle, when stationary in relation to the observer, is of the order of 10 million billions of a second. If, however, it is observed in motion – as is the case in the great majority of experiments – at a speed slightly below the speed of light, then its half-life becomes one-millionth of a second, i.e., 100 million times greater than what is observed when the particle is stationary.)

Again with reference to the Bebedouro case, we would like to recall that one of its most interesting aspects was that, in the course of the 4½ days of his adventure, the soldier drank, just once, a small quantity of a green liquid and, according to the statements made by him to CICOANI investigators as well as in private conversation with the SBEDV representative, he said that it seemed to him as though only one day – or, at the very most, 48 hours – had elapsed. This is thus a case that might very well be connected with the problem of "time-dilatation."

As regards the brief reference given by us above to Einstein's Theory of Relativity, we wish to emphasise that this in no way represents any commitment on our part to accepting it as the final and definitive explanation for the Bebedouro case (or indeed for so many other cases of the same type involving discrepancies in the Time Factor). We desire simply to make it clear that, in view of the immense limitations of our present-day knowledge, the Theory of Relativity *may perhaps* contain something that will throw light, even if partially, on certain cases encountered by students of the UFO Phenomenon. And this is precisely because this Theory has not yet been converted into a law (of Physics), since its full confirmation has not yet been possible, there being furthermore, among the specialists of high renown, many who do not accept it, so that the question is still "an open one." None of which in any case detracts from the genius of the famous Albert Einstein in the way that has already happened with so many other masters of Science.

**Notes and comments by Gordon Creighton**

1. This is one of the *many hundreds of cases*, now in my files,which I have had no time yet to translate.
2. In FSR Vol. 19, No. 3, May/June 1973.
3. It is quite incontestable that nobody has done more for UFO research in South America than Dr. Buhler, and we all recognize this. But I hope Dr. Buhler will forgive me if I say that I frequently find some of his views, such as those set forth in this section, somewhat puzzling. From no other part of the world have we had more thoroughly nasty UFO reports than from Brazil, and yet Dr. Buhler still wants to persuade us that the entities are benevolent to mankind!
As for the idea that the soldier might continue to draw full Army pay while absent on leave for seven years in the Kingdom of the Elves, it is difficult to imagine a Government embracing so fantastic an idea! (And it is equally fantastic to imagine that the soldier himself would be very keen on it, for as the above article shows, he is only too uneasy about the whole business.)
4. If we are to speak of "political recognition" (whatever these vague words may mean) one would have thought that the statement made by the French Minister for Defence, Monsieur Robert Galley, on the French radio on February 21, 1974, was quite sufficient. (See FSR Vol. 20, No.2, 1974.)
5. See FSR Vol. 19, Nos.2, March/April 1973.
6. See note 1.
7. See: *A new teleportation near Córdoba*, in FSR Vol. 19, No.3, May/June 1973.


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# THE CASE OF THE "GREEN MEN"

*Pedro Romaniuk*

**Translation from Spanish by Jane Thomas**

## PART I: OUTLINE OF THE CASE

WHEN Carlos Alberto Diaz, aged 28, left his home in the town of Puerto Ingeniero White (just outside Bahia Blanca, Argentina) at 7.00 p.m. on January 4, 1975, to go to his night-job in a restaurant-club, he could not have imagined, even remotely, that during the course of that night, which was overcast and later rainy, he would have one of the most terrifying experiences of his life, such as would not only remain for ever engraved upon his mind but would affect his whole future.

After finishing his long stint as a waiter, he sets off again for home in the early hours of January 5, and, as he goes out, he buys a newspaper, *La Nueva Provincia* (published in Bahia Blanca) at the club entrance. This newspaper will later prove to be an important piece of evidence regarding his adventure.

Catching a bus, he reaches a spot near his home at 3.30 a.m. Then, after walking, in total darkness (the sky, as stated, being overcast,[1] and it being just about to rain), a distance of several blocks across a large deserted railway yard, he suddenly sees a very bright "beam of light" which momentarily blinds him and which he takes to be a lightning flash from an approaching storm. But he states firmly that the beam was not straight, but "broken", and that there was no sound whatever with it. Once the temporary blindness is past his sight is completely restored, but he is very frightened, and tries to make a run for his home, which is now within viewing distance. But he is unable to run, completely immobilized by a total paralysis[2] of his body, which keeps him rooted to the spot. However his sight and other senses remain working perfectly, and from this moment onwards he starts to perceive an intense "hum"[3] – not loud, as though "of air or wind", as he puts it.

This is where his strange and unbelievable adventure begins, for, despite all his struggles to escape it, he is *drawn and absorbed upwards*[4] by the "windy humming of the beam," to use his own words. He retains full consciousness of what is happening, and his sight is in perfect condition until he is some three metres or so into the air, but then he loses all sight[5] and consciousness of everything around him, while still being sucked upwards.

He awakens, without being able to know how much time has elapsed, inside something which he describes as a "sphere", completely smooth and shining, yet not lit by lights – since there are none – but with a brightness coming from the walls themselves,[6] which resemble semi-transparent plastic. The whole "sphere" is moreover totally devoid of any furnishings or instruments.

Here Diaz remains, now recovered and fully lucid, half-kneeling, half-crouched or lying on his side, all the time keeping right up against a number of orifices, about three cm. wide, in the floor of the sphere, through which pure air is gushing, which he breathes avidly and which enables him to retain consciousness.

He finds that whenever he moves away from these orifices he feels nausea and begins to faint, and so he sticks always to the same spot.[7]

When we asked him about the diameter and height of the sphere, he estimated it at 2.5 metres wide and almost 3 metres high, and he reiterated that it contained no furnishings or instruments.

And now suddenly there come sliding in, very smoothly, three beings of human appearance, a particularly notable feature being the "green" hue of their heads and faces. But the faces are totally devoid of eyes, nose, mouth, or ears, and the heads are quite devoid of hair and about half the size of our heads. Their height is between 1.75 and 1.80 metres, and their bodies are slim and rather thin and covered with something which Diaz describes as extremely soft, pale cream-coloured "rubber" (as he was repeatedly able to feel subsequently) and contrasting profoundly with the "moss-green" colour of their skin, which was completely smooth and even, with no protruberances or concavities. The description of this "moss-green" colour came out in the course of the minute, extensive, and thorough examination to which Diaz was subjected by doctors, psychiatrists, psychoanalysts and other specialists, together with the Federal Police authorities, at the Hospital Ferroviario (Railway Hospital) in Buenos Aires, where he was detained for observation for several days. (In all, some 46 specialists took part in the enquiry. The "moss-green" colour came out when colour samples were produced for Diaz to look at.)

Diaz describes the beings as wholly without hair. They were equipped with two arms resembling ours, which were grotesque and impressive, as they had no hands or fingers to them, and terminated in a sort of "stump"[8] The arms were almost completely straight, and at no time did he ever see them bend them, and yet the arms had great flexibility, as he was again able to ascertain subsequently. They too were covered with the soft pale-coloured "rubber."

And now begins for Diaz what he terms the second stage of his terrible adventure, for the green beings start pressing down with both arms upon his head of long and abundant hair (or rather, what *had been* long and abundant hair until this moment) and begin pulling out tufts of it, in which task they are perfectly successful for, as they withdraw their arms from his head, they bring away great clumps of hair, which seemingly causes them great pleasure and

rejoicing (such being the interpretation which Diaz puts upon the fashion in which they jumped up and down and waved their arms about) – for this seemed to be their principal interest – to secure samples of hair.[9] And all this in the midst of a tremendous struggle, with Diaz putting up a stubborn resistance, in the course of which he is able to feel physically the softness of the covering of their bodies, described by him as *rubber*. Despite his terror, Diaz is able to take note of the fact that the arms of the beings are equipped with some sort of "suckers" which are tearing out his hair, though with the weird peculiarity that at no time does he feel any pain whatsoever.

They repeat these operations a number of times, and Diaz is able to note that although the beings move around very slowly, they possess extraordinary strength and appear to be indefatigable. They also repeat the operations on his chest, removing hair from there, as can still be seen from photographs[10] of Diaz taken some time afterwards.

After these dreadful experiences, Diaz' eyesight slowly begins to grow cloudy, until finally it fails altogether and he faints again. After which he remembers nothing more. (It is to be noted that, at the beginning of his experience, as at the end, *the last of his senses to be lost is the sense of sight.*)

Diaz awakens suddenly some hours later and finds himself stretched out upon the grass. He is obliged to close his eyes because of the bright sunlight beating down upon him, and he does not know where he is. By now he has totally recovered, and is conscious of his movements and feelings. And he is near to what seems to be an important highway. He looks at his watch, *and finds it stopped at 3.50*, which gives him the exact time of the commencement of his adventure. Then he begins to feel nausea, and continues trying to vomit until he is taken to the Railway Hospital, and thereafter through all that day. By his side he finds, still quite intact, his bag which he had been carrying, containing his working clothes, and also the copy of the newspaper, *La Nueva Provincia*, that he had bought at 3.30 that morning in Ingeniero White.

Just as he is awakening, a man appears, driving a car along the road about 30 m. or so from where he is lying. The driver stops and, seeing Diaz lying there with his bag and his paper beside him, concludes that he has been run over. When he has heard his explanation and seen that there are tufts of hair missing from his head, he offers to take him to the Railway Hospital, where they arrive twenty-five minutes later. (The time is now 8.00 a.m. on January 5, 1975.) By now Diaz has no doubt that he has been aboard an aerial craft of extraterrestrial origin and driven by extraterrestrial beings.

And so he is booked in at the Railway Hospital at Retiro, in the Federal Capital, Buenos Aires, at 8.30 a.m. on that day. There he is under constant investigation and examination, over a period of four days, by a numerous group consisting of 46 doctors and specialists from various branches of medicine. The Director of the Hospital himself notifies the Federal Police (Commissariat No. 46), who come at once, they too having advised the Judge for the area in question, given the physical condition of Diaz. And the Police proceed forthwith to an investigation of the case.

Notification is also sent to Diaz' wife and other relatives in Ingeniero White, who are already alarmed at his absence, since he normally never arrives home later than 4.00 – 4.30 a.m., and it is now already 8.30. The phone call put through from Buenos Aires reaches them at 9.20 a.m., producing great shock and consternation. They set out for Buenos Aires by train the same day and arrive in the Capital just before midnight. (The distance from Ingeniero White to Buenos Aires is 785 kms.)

Meanwhile, the sustained investigation of Diaz is proceeding, involving examinations, tests, analyses by psychoanalysts and psychiatrists, and including study by a team of doctors, without any kind of illness being diagnosed in him or any sort of physiological/psychological changes, other than the attacks of nausea, already mentioned, which he continues to suffer throughout the whole of January 5, and his lack of appetite. The only food that he takes is a cup of milk – and this is given forcibly.

## PART II: PERSONAL INVESTIGATION

ON FEBRUARY 4, 1975, at 9.00 a.m., I made a personal visit to the eyewitness Diaz, in his own home. This was 24 days after he had returned from the hospital. And instead of meeting the sort of individual described by his friends, who considered him dynamic, restless, a steady worker, somewhat nervous, I find a very nice, quiet young man, self-controlled and measured in his actions and his expressions, very modest, honest and sincere, which was immediately noticeable and – added to all this – with a steady, straightforward gaze, indicative of a degree of control and self-possession such as is seldom encountered.

Highly sensitive, he states frankly that I am the first investigator of extraterrestrial science whom he has allowed into his home, as he has already refused all other attempts made to investigate him, or to get him to appear on radio or television or in press interviews (with the exception of one interview already given to the magazine *Así*). For, says he, he has absolutely no interest either in the money they might offer him or in the publicity he might gain from it. He expresses to me simply a burning desire to make known, by means of "free lectures", the true facts about what has happened to him.

His home is very modest, as he lives on the meagre salary, eked out with "extras", which he earns regularly as a waiter in various restaurants near the port. He says he has no desire to make money out of the adventure he has undergone, but that he will be willing to submit straight away to any kind of test that I may wish to conduct with him.

We begin accordingly with an experiment in "mental exploration", with me trying to read what is registered in his subconscious. We start by "visualising" the experience he underwent, and we proceed quite smoothly, with no difficulty, as far as the precise moment when the three beings – "humanoids, but not terrestrials," as he describes

them – make their appearance inside the sphere, whereupon he reacts abruptly, pushes away violently my hands which have been resting on his head, and flatly refuses to go on with the experiment.

We continue talking however, and after half an hour has elapsed I insist once more on continuing the experiment. To this he replies that I should come back a couple of hours later, and that in the meantime he will reflect on what he thinks is the best course to follow.

After 3.00 p.m. I return to his house, and this time, he having consented, we start once more on the psychic investigation of the impressions in his mind up to the moment where the three extraterrestrial beings appear. At this point I would add the following details:

1. The bodies of the intelligences – which appear to be entirely covered, including the feet, and right up to the neck – are very slim, and all three extraordinarily alike, without any devices or belts of any kind.
2. Their heads are extremely strange. They are small, about half the size of our heads. They display no signs of protuberances or concavities of any kind, in view of which we can consider two possibilities: firstly, that they are wearing a mask or helmet, which hides their true features. Such a helmet might indeed be of a "moss-green" colour, without this being the colour of their actual skin, particularly as Diaz did say that he never succeeded in touching one of the heads during his struggles. We must also not forget that orifices had been provided for him in the sphere through which he obtained air to breathe, a fact which would indicate that the conditions inside the craft might not have been suitable for the extraterrestrials themselves in view of the fact that they were in our atmosphere. This too would explain their need for helmets.

The second possibility relates to the following considerations. Given the higher level of evolution that must logically be possessed by such beings coming here to visit us, it is a possiblity that they might have developed beyond such physical sense organs as the ones that we possess, and might have replaced these "extrasenses" or "extrasensory faculties" which are more perfect, more extensive, and more complete than our own very limited sense of sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste, for which reason they would have no need of eyes, ears, hands, nose, or mouth at all.

Continuing now with my report on my psychic investigation of Diaz, it can be surmised that the primary interest of these beings was centred on human hair and human body-down, features that would be totally absent in their own selves. The lack of pain[11] felt by Diaz while his hair was being pulled out is confirmed, since had the experience been painful it would have set up a psychic trauma in his mind that would have been easy to detect. It is to be noted that in certain areas on his head the hair had been "cut", due presumably to the enormous suction to which it had been subjected, while in two or three other areas I observed that it had been totally extracted, right down to the roots, leaving the capillary tissues completely clean – a phenomenon for which there is no scientific explanation. Whether the capillary bulbs were "dilated" by the action of some strange force generated by the beings, thus permitting the hairs to slip out freely, or whether, alternatively, the hairs were simply torn right out from the capillary bulbs, in either of these cases the beings must have exercised some sort of psychical influence upon the mind of Diaz that rendered him insensible to the pain it would cause.

Owing to the fact that the 46 members of the medical and psychiatric professions who examined him only a few hours later had no knowledge of this type of phenomenon, they conducted no "microscopic – photographic" analysis on his capillary bulbs, and so we can merely express an opinion on the basis of what he found in our own mental exploration of the eyewitness. We found moreover in the course of our investigation no traces of any process of "desensitization" that might have been left impressed upon the mind of Diaz, and so, in the light of this, we may accept that, through some strange energy emitted by the beings (similar in its effects to the dilation that hot steam produces on our skin) they might have caused the capillary bulbs to expand greatly, thereby permitting the "suckers" on their arms to withdraw the airs with ease.

A further detail that we must mention here refers to two people (both sensitives) who have detected a very intense vibrational energy in Diaz. The first case occurred on January 5, when he was being seen by an X-ray specialist (some ten X-ray pictures of him were taken). The X-ray specialist, who knew nothing whatever about the experiences that Diaz had just undergone, *felt a powerful shock when he took hold of Diaz' head in order to place it in a better position for the X-raying.* The other case occurred during the psychical investigation of Diaz. For this reason we are inclined to the view that in about three or four months from now Diaz may experience important changes[12] or mutations of a psychical/emotional/mental kind such as could even bring about fundamental alterations in his behaviour.

We detect no other important psychic changes in the subconscious of Diaz, but we do see physical changes, for it is observed that he is sure of himself and well-controlled, self-possessed, and measured in his movements and in his way of talking.

Another proof corroborative of the fact that the beings are of an evolution superior to our own is, in our view, to be found in the method employed by them for drawing or raising the body of Diaz towards their own craft, which was outside his range of view. It indicates very definitely a technology such as is at present un-attainable for human science, as they must have made use of processes akin to teleportation, that is to say, as a first step, the transformation of Diaz' physical body into energy; then, secondly, the projection of the said energy towards the aerial craft out in Space; and finally, the conversion of the said energy back into the form of the physical body of Diaz.

When I have completed my proposed personal interviews with the doctors and other professional

specialists of the Railway Hospital, as well as with another hospital (of the Armed Forces) and with the Federal Police Authorities, who have prepared a statement on the case (containing also the conclusions reached by the Judge who was involved) I shall produce a further report with additional details.

**Notes and Comments by Gordon Creighton**

Once again we see a case that presents many interesting features, not a few of which are already familiar to us from other episodes that, I suggest may not have been known to Carlos Alberto Diaz, a young man in a far-distant provincial town of Argentina.

1. It would be interesting to see a catalogue of the UFO encounter cases that happen during electrical storms or heavy rain. I call to mind immediately those of Bruno Facchini (FSR Vol. 20, No. 6, p.30) and of truck-driver Eugenio Douglas at Monte Maiz (No. 33 in "The Humanoids in Latin America", published as Chapter 4 of FSR's paperback, *The Humanoids*, Futura Books, London 1974). There must be a great many others.

2. We recognize this "paralysis" as a frequent feature.

3. The "hum" likewise.

4. This removal of individuals upwards is another feature which calls for much reflection and study. In Jewish and Christian traditions we have the Biblical accounts of what befell Enoch and Elijah – and *Jesus of Nazareth too, and also his Mother.* In the article entitled "Attempted Abduction by UFO Entity?"on page 23 of FSR Vol. 13, No. 2 (March/April 1967), I gave an account from the Iranian newspaper *Ettela'at* of October 15, 1954, about a Mr. Ghaseme Fili, who claimed to have seen a luminous craft containing a small man clad in black and wearing a strange mask "like an elephant's trunk." The craft, he said, approached his house at night and tried to draw him upwards off the balcony of the second floor. When he cried out in terror and awakened the neighbours, the luminous craft moved off. (I am not of course suggesting that the same type of entity, with the same motivation, is involved in all these cases. If we look closely, I think we shall find both an "Angelic" and a "demonic" agency at work, and this no doubt holds true for the whole of the UFO Phenomenon.)

5. Another important detail. In how many cases do we hear that the percipient experiences either a loss of the faculty of vision or some modification or change in his power to see?

6. In how many cases have we now heard that the cabin of the UFO was brightly lit, but that this illumination *came from the walls themselves?* The "clinical" or functional bareness of the cabin, totally devoid of fittings and furnishings, or containing only very few, also sounds familiar. (See the AVB case and the case of Betty and Barney Hill, as examples.)

7. For *nausea* see the AVB case. And the AVB case also has small tubes or orifices (though seemingly not furnishing pure terrestrial air for the victim, but rather a mixture or compromise such as would perhaps permit his female friend to enjoy her encounter without having to wear a helmet.)

8. See the case of the Wyoming man, Carl Higdon, who claimed to have been kidnapped in October 1974 by black-clad beings about two metres in height. His account of them does not seem to resemble in any way the account of Carlos Alberto Diaz, *except that their arms too ended in stumps.* The sudden appearance of such an *improbable* feature (how likely would a hoaxer be to make it up?) in two cases, is certainly weird.

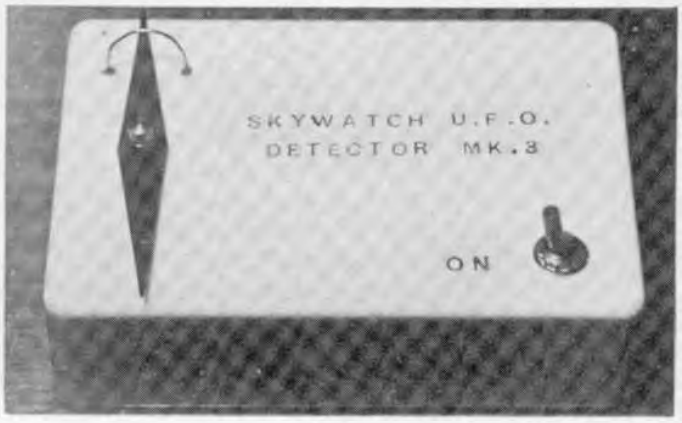
9. In precisely the same fashion, we are told, the abductors of Betty and Barney Hill became immensely excited by the discovery that *Barney's teeth were removable whereas Betty's weren't.* (Presumably there is now a report on file somewhere to the effect that this is one of the regular sexual differences to be looked for between male and female specimens of *Homo Sap.*)

10. In the Spanish original of Pedro Romaniuk's article which Jane Thomas has kindly also sent us, there is a reference to accompanying photographs of Diaz. However there do not seem to be any, so it is to be hoped that we shall find they are in the promised follow-up report of his further enquiries.

11. It will be recalled that, when in the course of the alarming operations conducted on Betty Hill, she felt pain as the entities drove a long needle into her (possibly into the region of the ovaries), the "skipper" of the craft at once calmed her and dispelled the pain by making passes of a hypnotic type before her eyes.

12. There is no more important work waiting to be done than the collation and analysis of the physical, psychological and other changes alleged to have taken place in percipients after they have had UFO experiences. Such study would involve the follow-up and regular observation of all contactees, possibly over periods of many years. It is difficult to conceive how such studies could possibly ever be made, but until they are made we shall have little chance of knowing precisely what alterations are being wrought in our species, whether for good or for ill, by these other beings. Wherever they are from, be it from *Tau Ceti* or from the *Kingdom of the Elves*, right here, it looks as though somebody, or rather a whole lot of *somebodies*, must be inordinately interested in us. From which it is difficult not to draw the conclusion that some extraordinary events, whether of a cosmic or solar or terrestrial nature, must be impending.


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# THE MYSTERIOUS "UMMO" AFFAIR–PART 5

*Antonio Ribera*

**Translated from the Spanish by Gordon Creighton**

THE REPORT published in the previous two parts of this article [see FSR Vol. 21, Nos. 1 and 2], like the letter before it, is "authenticated" by its curious lilac-coloured seal (this being the colour corresponding to the Spanish network; each national network has a distinct colour.) It is one of the most interesting of the reports and one of those in which the subject-matter is expounded with the greatest precision.

The section of the UMMO Reports entitled, **Our Views regarding relations with Earth-men**, is highly revealing. For note that in it they clarify their standpoint, and explain to us, *inter alia*, the reason why they do not desire at the present moment to establish contact with us.

The most revealing passage from this report is the one where they do not seek to influence or change us.* A fuller version of this, which I have, reads as follows:

*"We do not have the slightest desire – indeed we warn you most strictly against such a course – that you be tempted to give up your religious, scientific, or political and economic ideas and adopt ours instead. You yourself will recognize the rightness of such a warning.*

"Firstly: because our reports are purely DESCRIPTIVE. We offer you a statement, but without any positive, rational, or convincing arguments to support it.

"It would be a mistake for you folk to inject these bare ideas, concepts, and affirmations into the ideological situation and climate established by those who are in charge of your educational systems on EARTH.

"But, more than that, if you were to do so, you would be perpetrating a grave destortion of the normal rhythm of your social life and of the development of culture on the EARTH. You would change the normal process of technology, and you would gravely damage the present-day geosocial pattern.

*"Any revolution in your structures has got to be forged within your own social system. There is a moral law, to which we ourselves adhere, and which forbids us to intervene, except in unforseeable and limited cases.*

"We have not come – at any rate any brethren from UMMO and I have not come – to bring you a new doctrine. We have not come as prophets, descending from the Heavens, prophets of a new Religion or of new mathematical concepts, or, availing ourselves of our own more advanced cultural maturity, offering you panacaeas for your social or pathophysiological ills. Just as on your planet EARTH, if an engineer specializing in construction work were visiting a kindergarten, it would never occur to him to do violence to the normal cycle of infant education by trying to explain to the UYIIE (children) how to build the arches of a bridge with keystones of pretensed concrete."

And then again, further on, they make this surprising statement, inset in a box to emphasise its importance:

> "This is all that we ask: *You can disbelieve us. You can treat these concepts with mistrust.* For the time being do not divulge them among the mass-communication media. You can even show yourselves sceptical in front of those OEMII (men) who are unfamiliar with your science (which science is analyzing these facts), *but do not destroy these printed sheets. Along with a few thousand other sheets which have been secretly distributed, they constitute the historical beginnings of the first relations between our two hominid systems."*

In this selfsame vein, they said the following in a previous report which they sent to Fernando Sesma:

"It is consequently not our intention to act as a Terrestrial International Police Force. We repeat that our passive mission of study and analysis prohibits our doing that.

"The reasons which induce us to remain hidden are several, but we can say straight away that fear of a possible aggressive reaction by the men of Earth is *not* one of them. And we continue to repeat, until you are tired of hearing it, that we have no interest in being believed by you. Some of you keep saying that we must 'give you proofs.'

"We still do not know what it is that in your childish fashion you are trying to say. We have already placed a number of technical ideas within your reach, but notwithstanding all this, your technicians who received them attributed them to excentric scientists among your own people. Those who insist that they must TOUCH such proofs with their own hands do not perceive that their attitude is about as intelligent as the attitude of a peasant who doubts the reality of the LASER because he has never had one of these devices in his hands.

"But we repeat to you once again that *we respect your disbelief*. We can work much better in anonymity, and we are not going to be so naive as to present ourselves to you ostentatiously simply in order that you may be satisfied.

* [With regard to this one must take note of the revelations **only under hypnosis**, of the Rhodesian contact-witness Peter –, who, knowing little or nothing of flying saucer lore, said the self-same thing. It is extremely unlikely that he knew anything of this aspect of the UMMO affair, and in his subconscious state, for although this article was written for FSR (in Spanish) three years ago, and so well before Peter's experience, this now is the first time, as far as I am aware, that it has appeared in English. See **Escorted by UFOs from Umvuma to Beit Bridge** by Carl van Vlierden, and **Investigation under hypnosis: contact revealed**, both in FSR Vo. 21, No. 2 – Editor]

"You seem to forget that *Proofs have precisely the value conferred upon them by the reasonings on which they are based.*

"If you do not understand or do not appreciate the ideas which we are offering you, *you will do well to disbelieve us.*"

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However, in addition to the apparatus already referred to, which was left by them with the Madrid professor for examination, they have supplied us with other proofs and samples of their technology, namely in the shape of blueprints, which I myself have been able to see, and which were sent to some of their Spanish correspondents, at the request of the latter.

Among these plans and blueprints I will mention:

i) An altimeter which enables the value of *g* to be measured at any point in the Universe, since it does not depend upon variations in the atmospheric pressure. It consists, in brief, of a crystal of boron pierced by a vertical conduit in which a vacuum has been created. In the upper part of the conduit there is a deposit from which molecules of thiocyanate of mercury are falling. An apparatus measures the speed of the fall of these molecules and in this way the strength of the gravity is known and, consequently, the distance from the centre of the heavenly body. It is a superminiaturized device, like most of the creations of UMMITIAN technology.

ii) A photographic camera fitted with gaseous lenses. Focussing is effected by modifying the refraction index of the gas.

iii) A sound recording apparatus with no moveable parts. According to engineers who have seen the plans for it, it is technically feasible, but its manufacture would be very expensive. (It is curious to note, incidentally, that the UMMITIAN technology is not based on the wheel as our terrestrial technology is, and that, in response to the request of the correspondent, the plans for this recorder were taken from a museum.)

iv) Computers based on titanium crystals (titanium, like boron, crystallizes on the cubic pattern.) These crystals store information at the atomic level and in the three axes of space. By means of them the whole of our terrestrial civilization has been recorded and codified and despatched to UMMO.

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This whole subject is very vast and it would take too much space to analyze it in detail. It is possible that, later on, Rafael Farriols and I will publish the enormous documentation which we have assembled. It was in fact Rafael Farriols who was responsible for the idea of organizing a First UMMO Symposium in Spain. This gathering, which brought together some fifty people interested in the subject, took place in June 1971 in the Motel at Osuma de Barajas, a town just outside Madrid. Over a period of three days the gathering listened to a total of thirty hours of taped material, made by a professional speaker, from all the UMMO reports. Transparencies and slides were also shown. Later we learnt that there had been an UMMITE attending the Symposium *incognito* and passing himself off as British.

Two years later, in May 1973, Farriols organized a Second UMMO Symposium in the assembly rooms of the Ritz Hotel in Barcelona and with a larger audience than the first one. This second gathering was more specialized, dealing mainly with the function of man in the Cosmos; the evolution of life; the group soul in the men of Earth; their theological concepts, and concluding with a final section on daily life on UMMO. The IBOZOO UU (concept of Space) was also discussed. There was a general discussion, with questions from the public, Monsieur René Fouéré, Secretary-General of the Groupement d'Études de Phénomènes Aeriens (GEPA) and Director of the GEPA review, *Phénomènes Spatiaux*, came specially from Paris to attend the Symposium.

Invited to address the gathering at the close of the Symposium, Secretary-General Fouéré dwelt upon the unique nature of the UMMO reports. He said: "I have received dozens of *messages* from supposed extraterrestrials, transmitted by all types of *contactees.* They are always messages of a missionary or evangelical type, in which terrestrials are warned of the tremendous dangers resulting from their imprudent manipulation of atomic energy; or the others try to save us and redeem us. The UMMO messages, on the other hand, have a merely expositional and didactic character, without attempting to convert us to any sort of cosmic religion."

### Conclusions

The reader will no doubt be wondering what are my own conclusions in the face of these disconcerting happenings. I will try to sum up my position in the following points:

1. As in the case of the UFOs, our starting-point here is also the existence of a *real fact.* In the case of the UFOs, the real fact is the *sightings.* In the case of UMMO, the real fact is the existence of the *mimeographed reports.* I can testify that these reports exist, because I have received them myself. Consequently, it must be assumed that *somebody* is writing them. Who this *somebody* may be is however another question, which we will examine below.

2. I do not feel myself obliged in any way whatsoever to remain silent on this matter any longer, regardless of the fact that in some of the reports their authors express the desire that their presence here shall not be divulged. I am not prepared to tolerate, on top of the censorship which we already have to put up with in Spain, a second censorship imposed by people who do not even come forward and make themselves known and who, if what they say is true, are, in the final analysis, *visitors*, not indeed to say *intruders*, on our planet. In truth it is *they* who ought to respect the laws of the various nations on our Earth, and not we who should respect *theirs!*

3. Apart from the existence of the so-called "Spanish network," I do not know of the existence of any other UMMO "national network." Senor Villagrasa

received a page of differential calculus, with the text in French, from a Canadian ufological society to whom he had written asking for any confirmation of the existence of UMMO. While the French on this page is correct, it lacks all the *grave* accents on those words which should have them. As we have already mentioned, various investigators received three microfilms, with text in French, from East Berlin, but despite all the vigorous efforts of René Fouéré via his review, he was unable to secure even one single text from the supposed "French network." The "Ummites" claim there are hidden networks in the USA, USSR, Yugoslavia, Italy, England, Australia, and other countries, but nobody has *ever* been able to furnish us with a text in any of the languages spoken in those countries.

4. If it is true that they have been on Earth since 1950, then it is strange, indeed not to say incredible, that neither the national police of the various countries, nor Interpol, nor the Intelligence Services of the Great Powers should ever have been able to apprehend a single one of these foreigners, particulary when one bears in mind that they themselves assure us that their presence here is known to the said Intelligence Services. In fact, to be precise, while our friend René Fouéré was here in Barcelona for the second symposium, he spoke to us about the efforts made "at a very high level" (i.e. at the French *Prefecture* level), including even the use of helicopters, to find some trace of the first Ummite expeditionary force near the French village of La Javie, where it seems the UMMITES excavated for themselves a hiding place, and ransacked a house in the countryside, indemnifying its owners later. According to Fouéré the results of this enquiry were "uncertain and contradictory." It is however necessary to bear in mind the fact that in France (by a custom that goes back to the French Revolution) all Police archives are burnt every ten years, so as to safeguard the dignity of the individual and avoid the perpetuation of defamatory antecedents.

5. Personally I am inclined at present towards two hypotheses, namely: a) that the authors of the reports displaying the mysterious seal really are in fact extraterrestrials from the planet UMMO, and b) that it is a *test* that has been set up by, for example, the Rand Corporation of America, who are using Spain, a more or less under-developed country, as a guineapig, selecting in it an average cross-section of the population, with a view to analyzing what would be the reaction of the average citizen faced with the presence of extraterrestrials among us.

6. We totally reject the idea that it can be a joke, on account of the lengthy duration of the "experiment," the indubitable quality of some of the reports, and the diversity of their themes and styles, which leads one to presuppose the existence of a whole team of editors.

7. Hypothesis b) of paragraph 5 above is highly improbable, if we bear in mind the small number of persons who have been the objects of the supposed test. As is well known, in order to obtain results of any value, the Gallup Institute and other enterprises dedicated to the taking of public polls have to base themselves upon a far broader statistical sample of the population. This prompts us then to propose a third hypothesis, which we will call c): namely that some unknown *terrestrial* agency is trying to *discredit* the whole business of "flying saucers" and "extraterrestrials," and is launching this complicated manoeuvre which, when the opportune moment comes, will be exposed, thus bringing the most fearful ridicule upon all those who have taken seriously the existence of "Ummites." This tactic would be in accordance with the secret clause 4a, which recommended to the Robinson Commission the "debunking" of the saucers and which was imposed by the CIA. In any case, such a manoeuvre seems to us to be a bit too Macchiavellian.

8. Nevertheless there is one report (which was read out at the Barcelona Symposium) on daily life on UMMO, and which is pretty suspect, for the following reasons: there is in it an absolute obsession with hygiene and asepsis; the UMMO husband does domestic chores in the kitchen; everybody laughs and tells jokes during meals; the family unit lives in a detached house; the husband goes to his work in a very Science-Fiction type of small flying car; the Ummites change their clothes every day, throwing the used garments (which are not made of textile fibres, nor synthetic) into a disposal shaft and, in general, the whole report gives the impression that it is the sublimation, the ideal, of the "American way of life": it is the "happy world" of the future of the average American, with the daily working-time reduced to three hours, the home full of gadgets, life is all automatized and everyone wears a constant smile. This, plus the prudish and puritanical attitude towards human nudity, seems to point to an American origin for the disconcerting reports.

Well, we could of course go on much longer in the same vein about the mysterious "UMMO affair." Some of the UMMO reports, for example, have a more "extraterrestrial" character than others, as regards both their ideas and the technology which they expound, so that it is also possible that an extraterrestrial group really did in fact initiate the whole business and is sending reports from time to time, and that some terrestrial organization, aware of the matter, is now taking advantage of it to sow confusion by distributing apocryphal reports of lower quality.

We might also add that the whole matter leapt into the public limelight in Spain in September 1968 as a result of the revelations made to Benigno González, a journalist on the Seville edition of the newspaper *ABC*, by don Enrique López Guerrero, parish priest of Mairena del Alcor, to whom I had given, in confidence, a sheaf of photocopies of UMMO reports. These statements by Father Guerrero were reproduced in all the national Spanish press and in some foreign newspapers as well, and were misrepresented, inasmuch as they led people to think that Guerrero personally was in contact with what he termed "a colony of extraterrestrials" living in Spain. Subsequently, in one of their letters, the Ummites delivered a kindly rebuke to the reverend father for his indiscretion, and said that it had obliged them,

as a security measure, to abandon the Iberian Peninsula for the time being.

I could also discourse at length on the macabre business at Albacete, and of the relations of two Ummites, between 1952 and 1954, with dona Margarita Ruiz de Lihory, a lady of the Spanish grandee nobility, whose friendship they gained by presenting themselves to her as Danish doctors and by curing her of certain ailments from which she suffered. As a result of this, doña Margarita allowed them to live in a large rambling house in Albacete, where she had dozens of domestic animals, on which the Ummites then proceeded to carry out vivisection and biological experiments. They stayed in the house for two years, and their presence became known to the residents of the street.

Subsequently, a daughter of doña Margarita fell ill, and was taken to Madrid by car by the two "doctors." In Madrid she died, and then a macabre episode occurred: one hand and the eyes of the dead woman disappeared. Doña Margarita's son, brother of the deceased, accused his mother of this deed, which gave rise to a famous court case.

Later, in a letter sent to my dear friend the UFO investigator Ignacio Darnaude Rojas-Marcos, of Seville, the Ummites themselves admitted responsibility for these mutilations, explaining that a virus from their own planet, with which they had been experimenting in Albacete, and the effect of which on human beings they were not yet able to evaluate (it later turned out to be innocuous) had infected a number of people in the neighbourhood. They were successful, they said, using distant treatment techniques, in eliminating these viral foci, but the germs that had got into the body of doña Margarita's daughter, who was already greatly weakened by her own illness, were in some of the more inaccessible places: the eyeballs, the soft palate, and the area of the palm of one hand, for which reason the two Ummite "doctors" had had to amputate these portions of the corpse.

The presence of these two individuals in Albacete, the first Spanish town in which they have resided, seems to be beyond doubt, as is shown by the investigations conducted by Ignacio Darnaude in person. At the time of its occurrence, this case was quite a spectacular affair, and was in all the more sensational of the Spanish newspapers, from *El Caso* right through the spectrum to *Porque*. It is one of the occasions on which the Ummites, whoever they may be, have shown their hand most. Will the enigma ever be solved? Let us hope so.


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# FROM THE TASMANIAN "FLAP" OF 1974 - PART I

*W. K. Roberts et al*

**Highlights from a report submitted by the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre***

This year (1974) has seen an unprecedented number of low-level sightings from part of Tasmania. Briefly, in the April-May period we had "nocturnal lights" reported from the North-West and the West: then from May onwards until last month (October), sightings have been concentrated mainly in the North and North-East. The Centre's representatives have contacted witnesses in the areas and examined sighting points. Where it was not possible to visit witnesses, follow-up was made by telephone.

The witnesses were just everyday people going about their normal routine, and no effort was made on any person's part to gain publicity or reward from the sightings. Some of the more notable cases are recorded here.

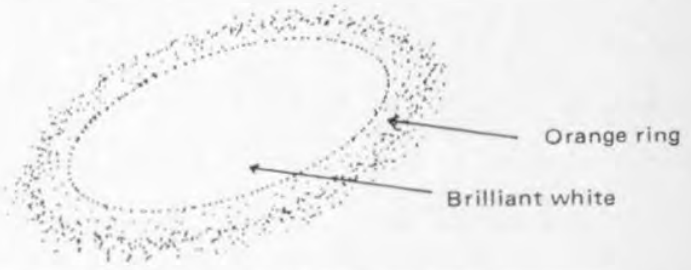
### Motorists paced in Derwent Valley

Late February brought low level UFO approaches to motor vehicles, first in the Derwent Valley, then in the Latrobe area. Our first witness will remain anonymous and we will refer to him as Mr. M.

In the early hours of Monday, February 25, Mr. M. was travelling home at about 4.20 a.m. on a calm night with a starry sky. The sighting took place on the Westerway-Plenty-New Norfolk road which travels mainly through open country, following the Derwent River most of the way from Rushy Park to New Norfolk with trees near the river. At the time, only one other vehicle was seen. Approaching the road junction at Westerway, he noticed a round light in the north-eastern sky. At first he took little interest in it, and turned at the intersection for Bushy Park (S.E. approx.). Initially the road heads out along a lengthy straight of a couple of miles to Koonya. It was here that a yellow glow suddenly lit up the front of M's motor vehicle. The glow increased in brilliance and looking around for its source the witness was surprised to see a mass of light above the car. With his attention off the road momentarily, he found the car running along the rough verge by the time he could pull to a halt. He got out of the car and made an inspection for damage, then looked around for the light, whose glow had faded.

It was still there, directly above the witness, and appeared as a disc of brilliant white light with a flat surface and an ill-defined orange ring near the outer edge. He estimated the size of the UFO from this and later observations as being about 15 feet across.

He decided to continue home, there being little else he could do. The thought occurred to him that he might find a second witness *en route*. The UFO now took up a position ahead of the motor vehicle at a 25 to 30 degree elevation. It seemed to follow the light of the beams of the car for it tended to round a corner only after the headlights had swung round, and then it would swoop across to take up its position in front. A couple of times however he was disconcerted to find, on a long curve, that the UFO would go ahead and be waiting for him to catch up. At other times the object gained elevation where there were roadside trees.




### Westaway-New Norfolk Road object

Once again, M. stopped to have a better look at the light, this time at Glenora. But the UFO, like a cat with a mouse, just hung stationary in the sky some distance ahead, waiting for him to continue on. Continuing via the Salmon Ponds road, the UFO moved well ahead, being visible below the distant hills and now much smaller in appearance. Near Plenty it went behind a hill, reappearing as a large light over the hills. M. now saw a truck coming and flagged down the driver to show him the object that had been pacing him for so long. The driver glanced back at the light in the sky, said it was only a big star, and then headed off towards Bushy Park.

M. shortly afterwards arrived home in New Norfolk about 5.10 a.m. He called out his wife and raced to find his camera for a photograph of the now stationary light high in the sky towards Brighton. It wasn't his night. He had no film for a picture and whilst briefly inside, the object disappeared.

It was ascertained there were no aircraft movements at the time, whilst the only planet visible would have been Venus just rising in the east when the sighting terminated.

### Motorists paced on the Moriarty Road

Running east from Latrobe is the Moriarty Road. It leaves the Bass Highway just outside the town, passes Staggs Hill and runs to the farming district of Moriarty some 4½ miles away. On Wednesday evening, February 27, something out of the ordinary occurred on this stretch of road. A UFO sighting was first reported to the *Advocate* newspaper and in turn to the Tasmanian UFO Investigation Centre the following day.

A surprise was in store for Greg Thornton and his girlfriend Sally Lamprey as they returned home to

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Latrobe at 9.45 along Moriarty Road. Greg saw the object first when they were about a mile east of Latrobe. "What's that funny looking thing?" he asked his girl friend, having noticed a bright orange dot ahead. Roadside trees obscured the view briefly and the light wasn't sighted for a further 150 yards. When it was in view again, he pulled up his car and switched off the headlights. There, about a mile to the west over the Mersey Hospital area and several hundred feet up, was the bright orange light. It seemed to be increasing in size. Once he had turned off the car lights the UFO approached rapidly but slowed as it neared the witnesses. No sound could be heard at any stage.

The UFO was now estimated to be only 250 yards away above the roadside trees at some 80 feet height. It was beaming brighter and surrounded by a shimmering effect. Having been just a dot in the sky, it now had the apparent size of a tennis ball. Sally Lamprey described it as looking like a triangle with rounded corners. The witnesses were now little disturbed by the presence and approach of the mysterious object, so Greg Thornton started the car and then switched on the headlights. As if in response, the UFO turned on to its side. "It appeared as a straight orange line, like a pencil at a 45 degree angle," said Sally.



**Latrobe object — as described by Sally Lamprey**

The UFO accelerated to a high speed, too difficult to estimate under the conditions, and vanished behind trees on a hill to the north. In all, the sighting had taken some three minutes.

Minutes later, five miles further east on the Moriarty Road, the same or similar UFO appeared to the north of Mr. J. as he travelled towards Latrobe. He noticed an orange light at low elevation keeping pace with him some distance from the road. Wondering what it could be, he stopped for a better look. He could hear no sound, but noted that the light that had been moving west was not stationary. It had a distinct round shape which he estimated as being 20 feet in diameter (apparent size six inches).

Unable to ascertain what the object was, Mr. J. continued on his way to Latrobe, the UFO once again keeping him company at about 40 to 55 m.p.h. and parallel to the Moriarty road all the time. The object was at 15 degrees elevation and seemingly brightened at times. He kept glancing at the object, but on nearing the Bass Highway at Latrobe (near the Thornton/Lamprey sighting point) when he looked for the UFO it had disappeared.

No aircraft were in the area at the time, whilst the weather balloon released earlier at Launceston had travelled east, away from the sighting point. As with the Derwent Valley report two days earlier, the UFO seems to have reacted to the headlights of a motor vehicle. Also we have the rare (for Tasmania anyway) occurrence of two motor vehicles being approached by the same or similar UFO within minutes on the same stretch of road.

### A temporary lull

Following the car pacings there was a lull until April when "nocturnal lights" cases increased, coming mainly from the West and North West. Typical cases were —

**6.4.74. 19.30 hrs.** Mawbanna (North West). Four witnesses see orange/red light with oval glow at 400 feet (cloud at 2000 feet). Light disappears and reappears three times, goes away finally to north.

**Mid April, 6.00 hrs.** Cardigan Flat (West). Two witnesses see bright glow on hillside near road, then white light moves up into sky and goes slowly west.

**2.5.74 3.00 hrs.** Linisfarne (South). Huge red bowl object with lights on edge and steady red light below. Stationary over hilltop. Two witnesses see it fade into gully to north.

**9.5.74 21.00 hrs.** Linda (West) Two witnesses see large, mellow orange, glowing light 200 yards off road on rugged hillside; pulses on and off three times; witnesses leave in hurry.

**25.6.74 17.45 hrs.** Cardigan Flats. Two men in log truck going west; drizzling; cloud at 2,000 feet. See bright white light just top 200 foot hill by road and disappear in opposite direction to the east.

### Motorist follows light near Gladstone

The town of Gladstone is situated at the north-eastern tip of Tasmania and is the centre for large grazing estates positioned to its north. It is roughly ten miles inland from the coast and is surrounded by mainly low-lying country with bush-covered hills a few hundred feet high, lagoons and, nearer the coast, large expanses of wind-blown sand dunes. South of Gladstone the country is hillier with some tin operations.

As is often the case during investigations into current reports, earlier sightings were uncovered. The Gladstone area was no exception. The first apparent visit in the current run of sightings occurred one Sunday night, early in December, 1973, around 11.00 p.m. Martin Riley was staying in the family caravan out on a dead-end road called Quakers Road whilst he helped his father with bulldozer work in the area. He was returning home, driving east along Quakers Road, when somewhere over a mile from the caravan he first saw the light. There was a new tractor in the paddock alongside the road and Riley could see a yellow headlight-type glare just above it.

He continued on towards the light and when 300 yards away he saw it move off parallel to the road. He estimated its size as being a couple of feet across. The witness was travelling at 40 m.p.h. but the light somehow kept the same distance ahead; it seemed to be only about eight feet above the paddocks.

He found the experience of following the round

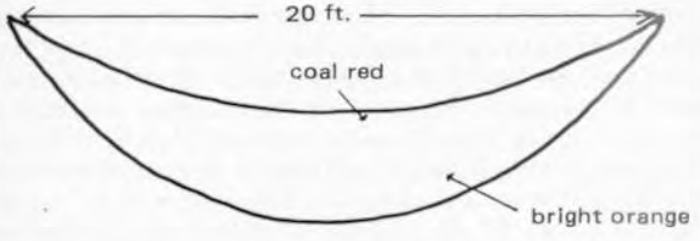
light rather disturbing, but he had to keep going to reach the caravan. A sandbank about eight feet high now lay in front of the light, but it just cleared the bank and was lost from view. The road swung around the end of the bank, but the light was waiting stationary some distance ahead when Riley came round the corner.

Almost at once, the light was on the move again, this time, however, the witness had to take his eyes off it to negotiate a gateway. On looking back a few seconds later, he found it had disappeared.

### The Boobyalla bananas

Some half dozen miles north of Gladstone is a group of houses, farm buildings and stockyards that make up the Boobyalla Estate from where several sightings were made. It all started on the evening of May 25, around 7.30 to 8.00 p.m., when the three witnesses were a mile from home on the road running north from Boobyalla. It was a dark, cloudy evening. The witnesses saw what they took to be the moon low over paddocks to their north-west. They soon realised it could not be the moon (which did not rise until about 11.00 p.m.), so they stopped their car to watch the strange, silent stationary light.

The UFO was shaped roughly like a large banana, but fatter in the middle. It was a bright orange below, and more of a fire-red in the middle, blending to bright yellow on top. The object was only 20 feet above the ground, and after the witnesses had been looking for a minute or so, it commenced movement in their direction. It was now so low it passed in front of some fencing and a large log heap, and was probably only about 200 yards away. They felt the object was large, giving estimates up to 100 feet for its length. The object now being so close, they felt frightened and decided to head for home to call out a few more witnesses. Their car was not affected by the UFO, which was left behind in the paddock. However, on returning, nothing could be seen in the area and a check next day revealed no marks or evidence of the previous night's happenings.




**Boobyalla object, 25.5.74**

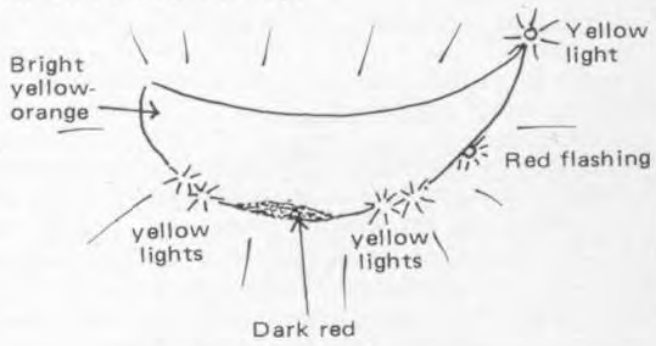
The same, or a remarkably similar object, was back again two nights later on May 27; this time it was seen from the houses at Boobyalla.

Mr. M. Richards had gone out at 10.00 p.m. to lock up the fowls, when he noticed a bright object in the north-eastern sky. He called out other residents at the farm, about ten in all, including six children. Once again the object was described as moving slowly, varying its height from fence top to 30–40 feet. It moved gradually towards the houses at Boobyalla, passing to the north about a quarter to half mile away.

Its shape was described variously as like a banana with one end rounded, the other pointed, and as a half moon on its side. Even witnesses' descriptions of the colours varied; some thought it was a very bright yellowish orange with a dark patch below, others mentioned a dark area above. Whatever it was, all agreed on the glare which lit up the paddocks. The cattle and fencing could be seen clearly, whilst the glare was said to be hard on the eyes.

One estimate of its size was about 15–20 feet long, another as moon-sized (apparent). The UFO now started to move away from the witnesses, brightening and fading at times as it went towards the west. One witness thought it had an antenna on each end with a yellow light. Another description gave only a yellow light on the right hand side.

The UFO now neared some trees and a red flashing light came on under the right hand side. Then, as it passed behind the trees, four yellow lights came on, two on either side of the dark area below. The UFO now faded somewhat and was lost from view in a valley.




**Boobyalla object 27.5.74**

Two groups from the farm decided to see if they could catch sight of the strange object again; one party went along the road but saw nothing, the second group, consisting of six children, caught a glimpse of a glow which faded away behind the trees to the west.

Mr. Richards says he saw this strange object on three later occasions. Twice he says the object was fairly distant and he did not take much notice of it. We wonder if his sightings could have tied in with reports from shooters in the Mayfield-Rushy Lagoon area on June 11 and 12.

The final sighting of the UFO from the Boobyalla farm was in the early hours of Saturday, June 15 at 2.15 a.m. The bedroom of the Richards house was lit up by a glow and on looking out for the source of the light the witness could see the now familiar banana-shaped object, glowing brightly away in the north-eastern sky. Mr. Richards estimated it was 70 feet up and much further away than on the original occasion it was seen.

The witnesses watched for the best part of half an hour as the UFO moved very slowly away to the north-east, seeming to brighten to a yellow-orange and becoming very glaring to the eyes. The



**Stockyards, Boobyalla Estate, five miles NW of Gladstone. Witness watched UFO move from right to left over paddocks at tree-top to fence height, lighting up the area.**

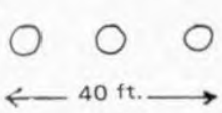


**Road to Rushy Lagoon, approx. seven miles north of Gladstone. Mayfield Flat sighting area is over low tree-covered hill in right foreground. Distant mountain is Mt. Cameron**

Richards returned to bed but for some time could see the shadows cast in the room from the glare of the UFO as it slowly travelled further away. It is interesting to note that the UFO would have been in or near the Mayfield-Rushy Lagoon area when last seen.

### Rushy Lagoon

This year the Centre has had a number of reports from Police Officers. One officer with other witnesses was out shooting on the New Airport Track near Rushy Lagoon about eight miles north of Gladstone. West of the Cape Portland road running north of the town is mostly low tree-covered hills that lead down to level open country by the Ringarooma River. A new airstrip is being constructed near the river. The Boobyalla Estate is roughly four or five miles south-west of the sighting area. About 10.00 p.m. on June 11, the shooting party first noticed to the west three very bright star-coloured lights, appearing like three vehicle headlights.




**Rushy Lagoon 11.6.74**

The lights were about 20 feet apart horizontally, giving a size of 40 feet in all. They seemed to be sitting on top of the hill over which the track passed. When first seen, the lights were stationary, but as the witnesses moved up the track they seemed to keep their original distance ahead. After following the lights for some 15 minutes, the party left the area and the lights behind.

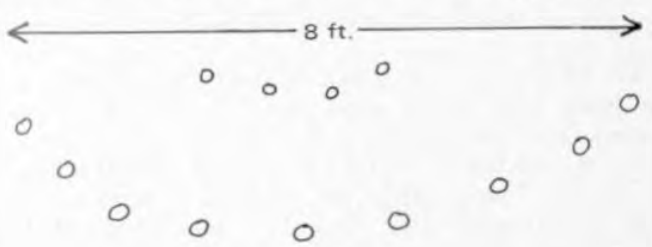
### Mayfield Flat

Was the same UFO back the very next night, June 12, around 9.00 p.m.? On this occasion, Mr. G. and four others were puzzled at first then disturbed by the presence of a row of lights as they were shooting in the Mayfield Flat area. If it was the same object, one can't help wondering where it spent the 24 hours between sightings.

Stopping at a gate about a mile west of the Cape Portland road, Mr. G. says the spotlight was swung round to the north-west. There, at almost ground level, a row of lights suddenly lit up about 400 yards away. Unable to make out what was causing the lights, the shooters moved on after a minute or more, going around the hillside towards Mayfield Flat and leaving the lights behind.

Looking out over the Flats towards the new airstrip area, Mr. G. and his companions were surprised to see the same set of lights again, only this time a couple of hundred feet up in the sky. No sound could be heard, and he described the row of lights as being a sort of green/yellow colour with a second row half the length just above. No shape could be discerned but from the first observation he thought the lights covered a length of about ten feet.

The shooting party now turned for the main road, puzzled now by the strange lights. Once again they were lost to view as they went back over the hillside. The lights had been stationary when first seen, but seemed to keep pace with the party as they left for home. Nearly back to the road, a rabbit was shot and Mr. G. went to pick it up. The whole group were now disturbed to find the UFO a few hundred yards away just above the tree tops to the north-west. Mr. G. thinks it must have been accompanying them on the way back. It had to move from its position near the airstrip to be visible when he stopped to pick up the rabbit. Some of the lights were steady, but others




**Mayfield Flat lights, 12.6.74**



**The location of the sighting by Raymond Groves, one mile South of Gladstone. The object passed in front of Sugar Loaf Hill on the left.**

flashed. The strange thing, Mr. G. said, was that the longer you looked at them the quicker they flashed.

Deciding not to go back and investigate the lights, the witnesses went down to the main road a short distance off, losing sight of the UFO behind the trees. At the road the group halted, turning off the lights and the engine. They waited for five minutes but all was still whilst nothing of their mystery light could be seen.

### Another car pacer

The next night, June 13, just before midnight, another UFO was back again. Raymond Groves, aged 19, of Rushy Lagoon was in Gladstone when he noticed a large round pulsing light in the southern sky. The silvery ball would fade at times, leaving a glow in the sky; then every five minutes it would change to red, green, orange, then back to its original silver colour.

Having heard of other sightings (his father was a witness to the Mayfield UFO the previous night), he decided to drive south from Gladstone to have a closer look at the light. He lost sight of the object as he left the town, there being a rise of some 200 feet, which the road ascends. After driving about one and a half miles, he noticed the light low to the south-east. It seemed to pace his car, now passing in front of the Sugarloaf Hill in the process. This would put the object closer than half a mile and some 400 feet high. After being paced for half a mile, Groves decided it was "time to get out of there". The object now appeared huge and close (he gave the apparent size as roughly five inches). He turned the car round and headed back to Gladstone at up to 80 m.p.h.

On the return trip the UFO still kept pace on the witness's eastern side, passing again in front of Sugarloaf Hill, then it shot over the top of his car when a mile from town, being lost from view on the other side (west) of the road. Groves estimated some six minutes had passed since he first saw the UFO. Stopping at his uncle's house in Gladstone, the light was relocated back in the eastern sky but now at an elevation of 45 degrees and only a fifth the apparent size of the object when it paced Groves on the road. Once again the light was fading, pulsing, and changing colours. Groves says he flashed his car lights at the UFO and both he and his Uncle saw it pulse as if in response. After watching for about ten minutes, he returned to Rushy Lagoon, eight miles north of Gladstone. The light seemed to maintain its position to the east of his car as he drove home. Once home, he called out his parents, brother and grandmother to see the strange light. However, they only watched it for about ten minutes as the UFO was now in the north-east sky and fading slowly away.


# THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES

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# IOWA'S BASHFUL HUMANOID

## *Jerome Clark*

ON AUGUST 1, 1965, a major UFO wave erupted all through the central United States. On the first night of the month alone sightings were logged in Texas, Arkansas, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, the Dakotas, Nebraska, Wyoming and Washington state. During the flap, which took several weeks to run its course, several persons claimed to have seen UFO occupants.

The two known ufonaut reports came from Grand Forks, North Dakota, on August 8 and from Renton, Washington, three days later. In the former, three young women saw a transparent, circular UFO resting on a golf course lawn; inside it they could see the silhouettes of "little figures." The object and its occupants abruptly disappeared when the UFO "just blew up." In the second case two teenaged girls observed three weird five-and-a-half foot humanoid beings who approached them, causing the frightened girls to take to their heels. When they looked back, the strangers were gone.[2]

Now a third ufonaut case has come to light, thanks to the efforts of Ralph C. DeGraw, a private UFO investigator living in Hazelton, Iowa. DeGraw first heard of the incident in January 1974 through a relative of his who worked with the witness, by now 24 years old. On January 13 DeGraw interviewed the man at his home in Denver, his current residence. This is the story that emerged:

Between 3.00 and 4.00 one hot afternoon during the second week of August 1965, David Gibson was sitting in the front yard of his Waverly, Iowa, house with his father and sister.

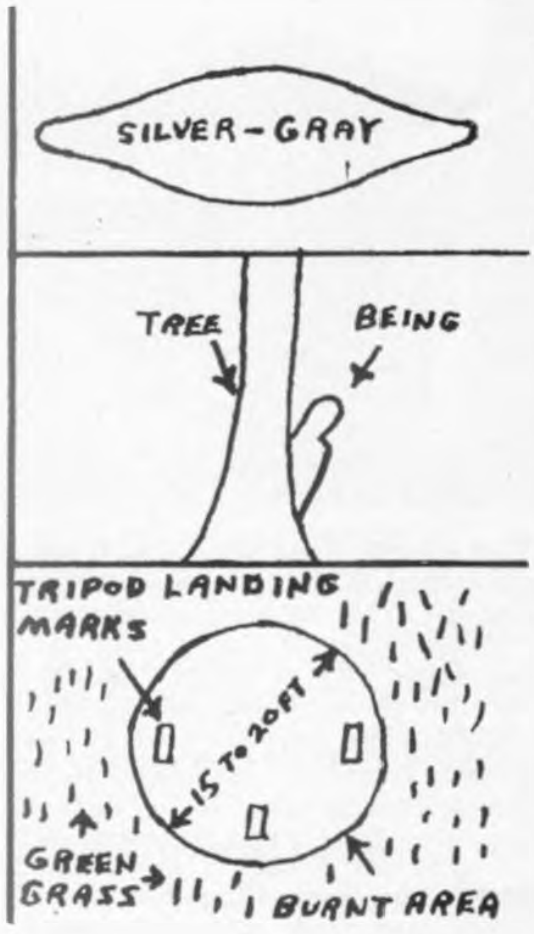
Suddenly, he recalled, "...We heard a high-pitched whining sound. We looked for a few minutes but didn't see anything. Then I looked towards the south and saw the craft descending slowly from the sky."

The UFO, which looked like "...two saucers glued together, about 15 to 20 feet in diameter and silver-gray in colour," had a shiny surface "...like polished aluminium" but it did not reflect the bright sunlight. It was windowless and there were no other visible markings.

The object slowly descended until it settled behind a tree-lined hill out of view. Once it was out of sight, the "whining sound" associated with it faded away.

South of the hill, on which sits an abandoned farm house, is an old quarry. Noting that the UFO had disappeared in that direction, Gibson set out in hopes of getting a better look. To negotiate the distance — between a quarter- and a half-mile — Gibson was forced to cross a ploughed field.

"About 160 yards from the scene," he said, "I spotted a being or some object standing behind a tree at the top of the hill, but only for a few seconds. After I saw this thing I speeded up my




**Degraw's sketches based upon Gibson's testimony**

stride, almost tripping. To keep my balance, I had to look down for an instant. When I looked up again, the thing was gone. I missed my chance for a good look at the being.

"A few minutes later, I saw a blur and a sound like air rushing around a speeding object."

Gibson continued on his way to the spot where the being had been standing. Once there, he searched the surrounding area for evidence of its presence but found nothing, not even footprints or pressed-down grass.

The being appeared to have been three- to three-and-a-half feet tall. It had been watching him from behind the tree, which had covered all but his head and left shoulder. He was too far away to discern facial features, if there were any, but he said it seemed to be "bald." He was able to determine its height by noting how high it had stood relative to the tree.

He then walked over the hill to see if the UFO itself had left any physical evidence behind. He discovered quickly enough that it had: about 40 feet south of the tree near the northern bluff of the

quarry pit lay a perfectly round burned area about 15–20 feet in diameter. Outside the circle the grass was perfectly green. Inside it, it was charred black.

But that was not all. When Gibson inspected the scene close-up, he noticed three rectangular indentations in the ground, situated in a triangle within the burned area. One inch deep, five inches wide and 12 inches long, each was located two feet in from the surrounding edge and together they formed a triangle in the northern half of the circle. The ground was "firm" and Gibson speculated that the UFO must have been quite heavy to have made such marks.

Rushing back home, Gibson told his parents what he had seen and his father urged him to contact the highway patrol in nearby Cedar Falls. This proved a mistake. The officer at Cedar Falls openly ridiculed the story and refused to accompany the Gibsons back to Waverly to examine the evidence. The Waverly police also dismissed their report and would not investigate.

Determined to speak no more of the incident, Gibson returned to the apparent landing site the next day and checked the area for additional prints. There were none.

Curiously, about a week later Gibson saw a UFO again. Maybe even *the* UFO, since it was identical in appearance.

At 1.00 a.m. on a Saturday, while returning from a date with the girl whom he later married, he caught the object in his headlights as he approached the crest of a hill. At the time he was driving south on a gravel road four miles east and a half a mile north. The UFO was hovering about 30 feet above the ground. When the carlights hit it, it shot away to the right and could no longer be seen.

DeGraw, a capable and intelligent investigator, believes that Gibson is a "responsible person who witnessed on two occasions something which he could not explain." Gibson himself is convinced he saw a "spacecraft."

Notes

1. Jerome Clark, "The Greatest Flap Yet?", *Flying Saucer Review*, January/February 1966.
2. "The Greatest Flap Yet? Part 2," FSR March/April 1966.

# Readers' Reports

**Fusiform object over the Channel**

*We thank* **Peter Bowles,** *Chairman of the East Sussex Gliding Club for the following report, and also Timothy Good who asked him to write it down for us.*

The sighting of the UFO is so long ago now that I cannot put a date to it, but my wife and I think it was August (or late July), 1971.

Our house at Bexhill overlooks the English Channel approximately opposite the Royal Sovereign Light Tower. The house stands on a cliff approximately 50 feet above the Highwater mark and has a vista of about twelve nautical miles across the bay to the south-west, to Eastbourne and Beachy Head and the South Downs. All this can be seen whilst seated in our lounge which has very large picture windows to the south and west.

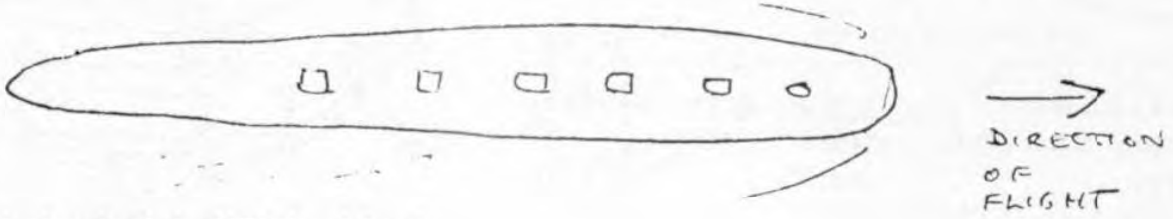
The sighting occurred at 19.45 hours approximately. It was still half daylight – a beautiful clear evening. My wife, who had been watching television, called me as I entered the room. To the south, about a quarter mile out to sea, was a large cigar-shaped UFO proceeding parallel to the coastline, going towards Eastbourne. It had lights in its windows which were like large portholes. It was approximately 700 feet up, proceeding at great speed in a *level flight path*, clearing the downs behind Beachy Head (the highest points on these downs are 450 feet a.m.s.l.). The object was in view for about six seconds, during which time it covered approximately 16 miles.

My first thought was that it was a supersonic airliner and that there would be one hell of a bang and noise once it had passed. I had the sliding glass door open in two to three seconds after the first sighting of it. As I saw it disappear I was standing outside the lounge on the terrace. To my utter astonishment there was no noise of any kind, except that made by the sea, which was very slight as it was a very calm evening. It was then that I realised I had seen no airliner.

It was about the size of a Jumbo Jet, only sleeker in line. In those few seconds of seeing it I was not conscious of the presence of any wings or tail-fins. We talked about it for a considerable time as both my wife and I have had a lot to do with flying and observing aircraft, both in wartime and at air shows. We have both flown a lot, observed satellites, meteorites, parachutes and balloons. We have witnessed Neville Duke flying the Hawker Hunter through the sound barrier and hearing the sonic "boom" on the ground; we have seen him fly at over 700 miles per hour at less than 200 feet above our heads at Farnborough Aeronautical Establishment. But this sighting was an entirely new experience.

The next day the newspaper contained reports of a UFO being sighted from Dover to Bognor Regis by a number of witnesses.

**Peter Bowles**
South Cliff,
Bexhill-on-Sea,
Sussex.
15 June 1975




Peter Bowle's sketch of the UFO he sighted

### 18th Century enigmas

Miss Barbara Steer, of London, SW1, in the course of her work as a genealogist, has come across quite a number of possible UFO reports, usually under the heading of "Meteors", in the *The Annual Register*.* For example –

"February 24, 1759: At ten at night was felt, at Liskeard in Cornwall, a slight shock of an earthquake, which extended north and south six miles, and about four leagues east and west; it was a vibratory motion, and continued about two or three seconds.

"George Thompson, esqre, apprehensive of what it was, went out to observe the air, and saw multitudes of blood-red rays converging from all parts of the heavens to one dark point, but no luminous body.

"The phenomenon disappeared in fifteen minutes."

Again, in a report from Scotland dated September, 1767: "An uncommon phenomenon was observed on the water of Isla near Cupar, Angus, preceded by a thick, dark smoke, which soon dispelled, and discovered a large luminous body, like a house on fire, but presently after, took a form something pyramidal, and rolled forwards with impetuosity till it came to the water of Erick; up which river it took its direction with great rapidity, and disappeared a little above Blairgowrie.

"The effects were as extraordinary as the appearance.

"In its passage, it carried a large cart many yards over a field of grass; a man riding along the high road was carried from his horse, and so stunned with the fall, as to remain senseless for a considerable time.

"It destroyed one half of a house, and left the other behind, undermined and destroyed an arch of a new bridge building at Blairgowrie, immediately after which it disappeared.

"As few instances of this kind ever were attended with like consequence, various conjectures have been formed concerning it."

* *This chronicle began in 1758-59 as a digest of political, literary and social events.*

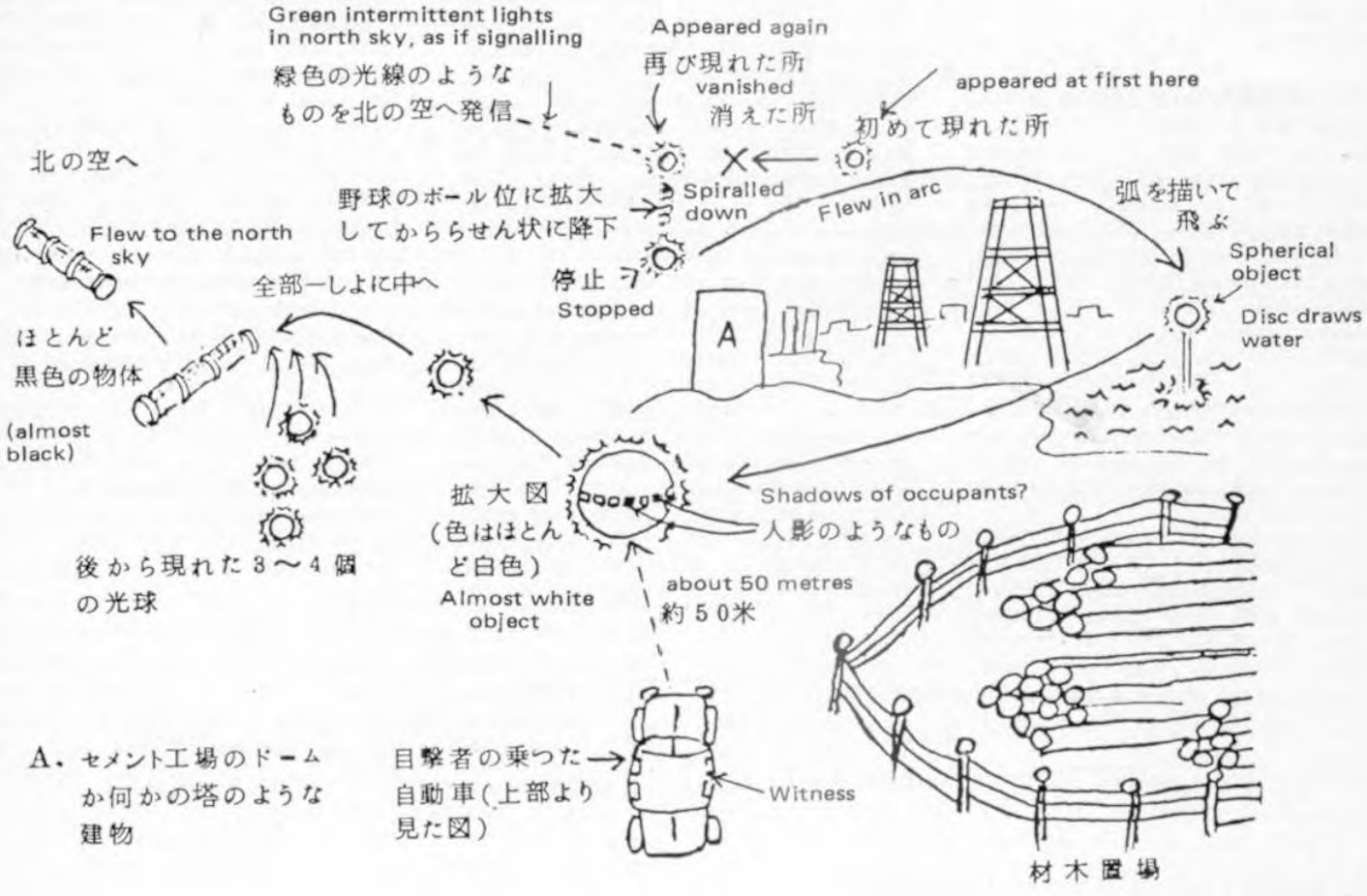
### Spherical object off Japanese coast sucks up sea-water

Dear Sir,–In the last two or three years there has been quite a "flap" in Japan. One of the many incidents took place in July 1973 (although it was not reported until July, 1974) at Hokkaido, a large island in the north. The witness was a 20-year-old college student who was working at the time as a guardsman in his summer vacation. As he sat in a car in the yard, he noticed a brightly shining object to the north in the dark sky. The object subsequently vanished and later reappeared again a little way off. It flashed green, intermittant light as though signalling. Next it spiralled downwards and then flew in an arc across the sky, coming down over the waters of a bay. The object was spherical and was seen to be sucking up water through a prolonged, pipe-like protrusion. Thereupon it flew within 50 meters of the witness, who was terrified. He saw the shadow of one occupant in a window and the shadows of two occupants in another. The object then met with four or five similar objects; all entered another object, which was almost black, like three drums put together end-to-end, and which finally flew away to the north.

**Jun-Ichi Takanashi**
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### Dazzling object over South East London

Dear Sir,–On Saturday evening (September 20, 1975 – 8.35 p.m.) whilst on my terrace, I glanced up to the sky to the south, my attention being drawn to a disturbing dazzling, though blurred white light, slightly smaller than the full moon which appeared elsewhere against a black sky. At a very rough



estimate I would say the light was between a quarter and a half mile away, but I am not experienced at judging distance.

My primary and logical impression was that this was a roof-top light (as it appeared above some flats); however if this was the case why had it never been so obvious before? The sight which followed though, some 30 seconds later, soon dispelled my original belief, for this stationary light suddenly displayed a gigantic flash, diminished to the size and shape of an egg, and moved very slowly in a South-Easterly direction, by this time being very clear and definitely in focus.

On tracing the direction of this silent, oval, white object, it appeared to alter to a north-easterly course, and after about half a minute disappeared into the sky.

I might add that this series of events occurred simultaneously to two aeroplanes traversing the sky, offering a visible comparison between normal aircraft and something usual in the sky.

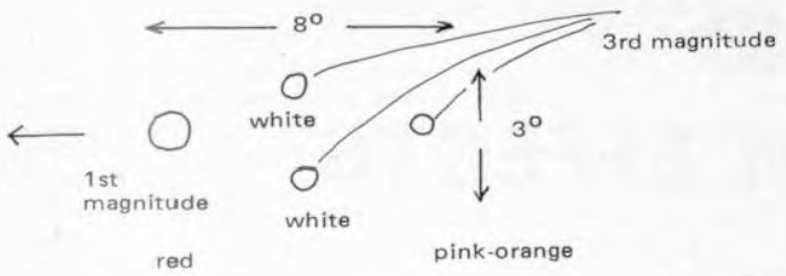
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London SE16 2NA

### Puzzling phenomena over Rock of Gibraltar

Dear Sir,—Being a new subscriber to FSR, I feel I must write to you about a sighting experienced by some people in Gibraltar at about the end of June. It was a Sunday, and they were bathing at one of our beaches when they saw on the horizon a strange formation of clouds such as had never been seen before around here, as far as I know. The clouds had the colours of a *rainbow*. On another occasion a friend of mine who happens to be interested in the subject of UFOs saw a light falling vertically, very slowly, until it disappeared behind a mountain to the north of Gibraltar in the Spanish mainland.

Last night I was looking up at the sky with a pair of 7 x 10 binoculars when suddenly I saw a light, the size of a small star, travelling from south to north apparently over the Rock of Gibraltar. I was standing on the west side and looking due east. At first I thought it was a shooting star, but then I realised that shooting stars fall in a straight line, or rather an arc, but this light was zig-zagging as shown in the sketch. What do you think it was?

**Angel Freyone**
55 Picton House,
Red Sands Road,
Gibraltar.




The four-lights UFO, as seen by Mr. James

### Mystery lights

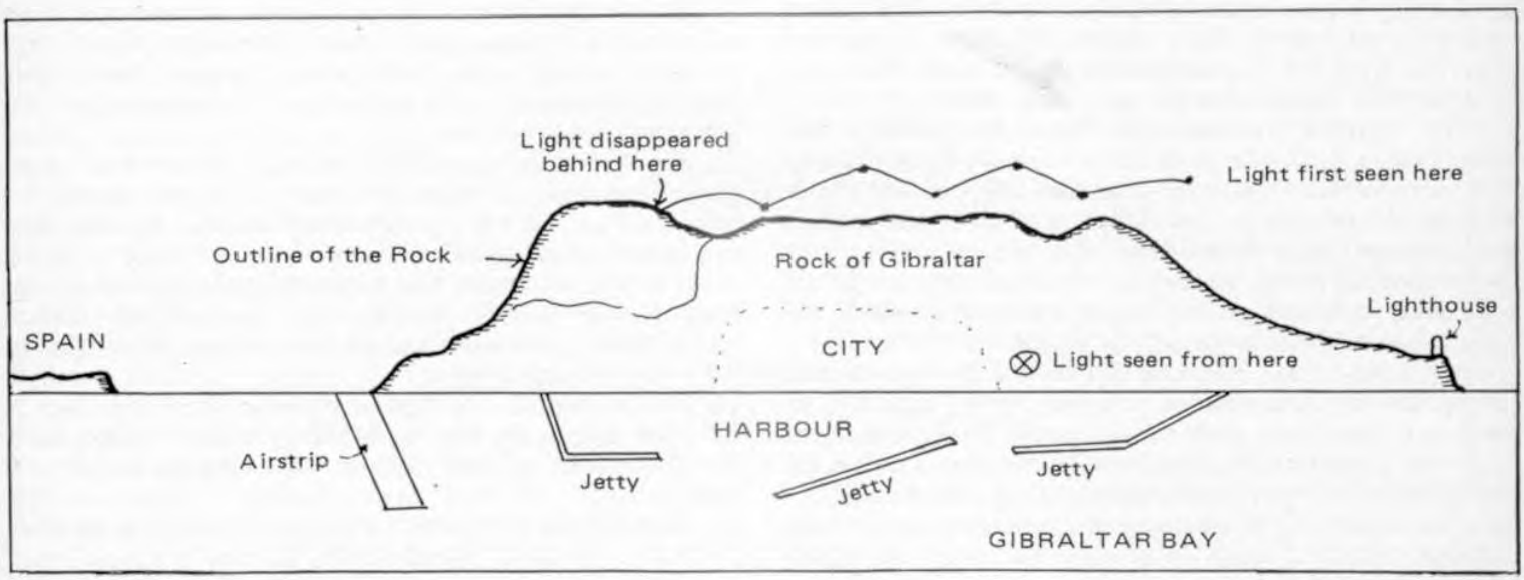
Sir,—On August 4, 1975, at 10.00 p.m., my father, a neighbour Mr. Reed and myself were talking when I noticed a bright red light (1st mag.) moving about 30° above the horizon to the south west. I observed the light through binoculars and noted it was actually composed of four lights.

These four lights became visible to the naked eye. The object went behind a roof for a couple of seconds and re-appeared. I got my binoculars to it and it "went out" as if a light had been switched off. Here are some properties of the UFO:

1. visible — 20 seconds
2. brighter than dark sky [?ED?]
3. magnitudes — 1st and 3rd
4. sound — none
5. shape — all lights circular
6. colour — red, white, white and pink-orange
7. its edges were sharply outlined
8. apparent size — 8° long 3° deep
9. appeared in SW disappeared in S.
10. speed — 1 second /10°

Weather conditions: clear sky, no clouds, temperature 21°C; wind light (Force 2 — 3) ESE; dry.

**B. James**
18 East Fields, Blewbury, Nr. Didcot,
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7 August 1975



# THE ARMY AND E.M. EFFECTS

## *Wido Hoville*

Mr. Hoville, a Canadian investigator, lives at Dollard-des-Ormeaux in the Province of Quebec, and works with the Siemens Company, for whom he does a great deal of travelling, in the course of which, as he informs us, he has been able to interview many UFO percipients in various countries and investigate their reports. He was born in Germany, and has lived in France before moving to Canada. He tells us that his journeys take him to Europe occasionally and that it was on one of these recent trips that he was able to meet one of the witnesses in this alleged Welsh case – a man who was a reservist in the British Army at the date in question.

FSR has no information which proves or disproves this report, and it is accordingly published as it stands. At the same time we note that the details as reported sound convincing. Is it possible that an attempt was made to investigate a UFO landing, and to camouflage the operation as an Army Reservists' training exercise?—EDITOR

THE incident described below took place in June or July 1966 (exact date is not available). It all began on a Friday, around 23.00 hours, and went on until the following Tuesday.

The witnesses involved were a Mr. 'X', my informant (name withheld at his request) and, in addition, at least 30 soldiers of the British Army.

Weather conditions were scattered cloud and intermittent clear skies, and the general location was North Wales, near Lake Bala, Llangollen and Mount Snowdon.

Mr. 'X' states that on the day in question he was serving as a reservist. He told me that the Army would call him for a reserve exercise at any time when needed. His unit, "Section B," assisted the Regular Army on a 24-hour alert basis in disaster areas, dock strikes, plane crashes, etc. During the course of the Exercise the Army had to pay his employer (when he was called on a working day) or he had to provide a substitute himself.

He recalls that on a number of occasions he was summoned to take part in investigations into reported UFO sightings.

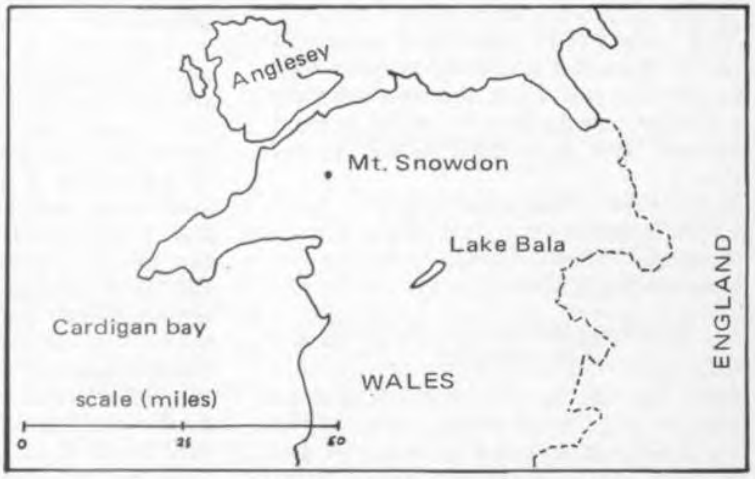
On the Friday afternoon in question, a policeman telephoned the "Alert Unit" in the Valley of Anglesey [RAF Valley, Anglesey?—ED.] "plane-crash."

Witness was called up, and was sent with other soldiers to the alleged site of the crash, which was in North Wales, near an oblong valley. The valley was surrounded by hills about 30-40 ft. high, and was reached by a gravel road from one direction. The region serves mainly as sheep land.

The convoy included at least 30 soldiers and nine trucks and one jeep (all engines petrol-driven), and arrived at the area late on the Friday night, around 23.00 hours. A Headquarters had already been set up, and also an Army Kitchen.

It was decided to begin "Gridsearch" at 09.00 hrs. next morning, with Army units advancing from four sides towards the alleged "crash site."

At 9.00 a.m. on the Saturday his particular group set out as planned, consisting of four trucks and one jeep and one rescue unit. These advanced into the countryside, headed by the jeep. Suddenly the engine of the jeep stalled. The driver checked his fuel and electrical system, but found nothing wrong, and tried again to re-start the jeep, but still without success. The jeep was then pushed back by the soldiers. The driver tried once more to start it, and this time it started. The general conclusion was there had been a blockage in the petrol feed. However, as the jeep advanced again, it stalled once more. A truck then advanced on the left-hand side of the jeep and also stalled. A third vehicle (also a truck) then advanced on the right-hand side of the jeep, and promptly stalled too.



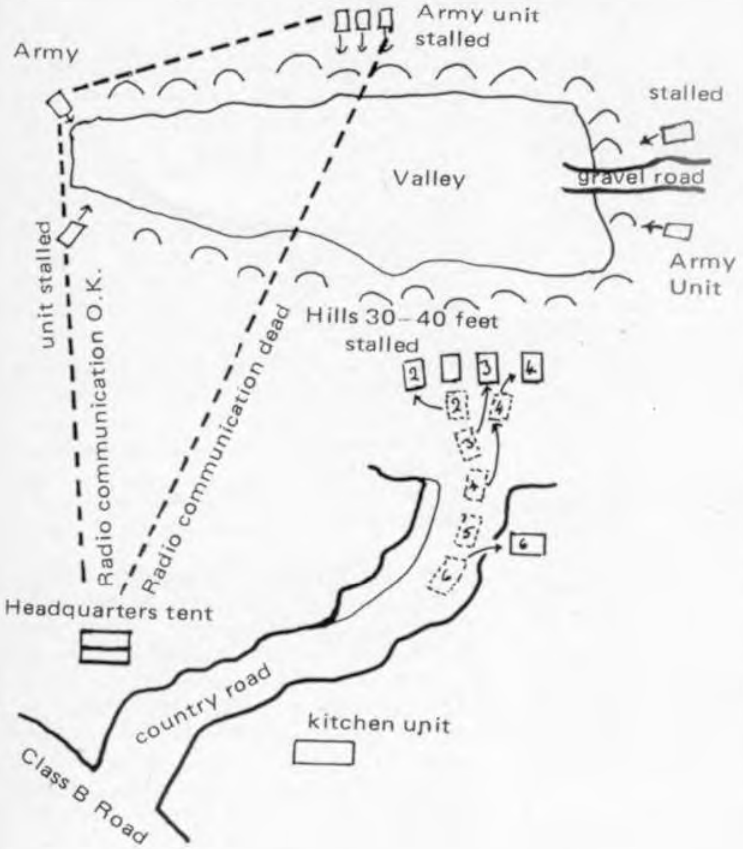

**North Wales**

The fourth vehicle (truck) then advanced, on the right of the third, but did not advance quite so far as the others, and the driver halted there. (See sketch, drawn by the author with assistance of the witness.)

At this stage the fifth vehicle (the rescue unit) pulled vehicle 2 back by winch. But in order for vehicle No. 3 to be winched back, it was first necessary for vehicle No. 4 to advance slightly. The driver of truck No. 4 accordingly started up his engine and drove ahead, and the engine stalled immediately, as soon as the line of the other stalled vehicles was reached.

For a period of approximately three hours, the vehicles kept advancing, stalling, being pulled back by the winch of the rescue unit, and so on all over again.

Nobody however had yet associated this trouble with the alleged "plane-crash."




**Sketch map of the area where the E.M. effects occurred**

Meanwhile, another unit advancing from the opposite direction, as well as two other units advancing from the left and right hand sides, had also experienced the same trouble with their vehicles stalling. This was learned by Witness's party after they had tried to establish radio contact with the unit on the opposite side of the valley. The radio was dead. Contact was subsequently established around the valley by means of the other two units to the right and left hand respectively. An officer drove round the whole area in a jeep and reported that the same situation (stalled cars) prevailed at all points.

A meeting was held, and it was decided that soldiers should now go forward on foot, in groups of four or five, to investigate. (Witness stated that the men were armed with rifles, but had no ammunition.)

Witness was a member of one of these small groups advancing over the countryside when the following things began to happen:—

As soon as the soldiers had got ahead of the line of stalled vehicles, Witness and the rest of his party all experienced a very strange feeling. They had no more "willpower" to proceed further. Witness says that every one of them felt influenced by some sort of "mental interference."

During my interview with him, Witness was quite evidently embarrassed, as he was unable to find a clear definition of what it was that had happened to his mind that day. I asked him if he had the feeling of being *paralyzed*, or if there were some sort of *wall* which could not be passed. He said definitely not: it was a purely *mental* influence.

As soon as he got back behind the line of stalled trucks, everything became normal again. He tried to go forward once more, and again with precisely the same result. He heard later that the unit opposite them experienced exactly the same thing.

At about noon on the Saturday, the search of the valley area was abandoned. The search in the area to the right continued until evening, but nothing was found.

During the evening, while they were all eating a meal or taking a wash, they suddenly heard a high-pitched humming sound in a pulsating frequency. Then all was silent again for a while, until suddenly an orange-yellow light appeared, or rather its reflection was seen on the hills, for the object emitting the light was evidently lower down in the valley, and Witness said that he did not see the actual object emitting the light. This light appeared over on the right hand side of the valley, and then moved leftwards. Then it moved back right again. The same process took place four times, no sound being heard at any time while the light was moving to and fro. Then the light suddenly dimmed.

When this light was first seen, the words "flying saucer" spread around among the soldiers, and some of the younger became alarmed. Witness admitted that he himself had had a "bad feeling" too.

After the light had dimmed away, the soldiers again tried to advance in the direction in which it had been seen, and once again they encountered the same situation of being mentally immobilized and unable to go forward.

A conference with Headquarters took place, and it was suspected that a UFO was the cause of the whole business.

Witness said he thought the time that elapsed while the light was travelling to and fro was no more than a total of five minutes or so, but later, when all the reports were in, it was found that the actual time during which the reflected glow had been passing to and fro on the hills was *more than one hour*. It seemed to witness that he had lost his ability to judge Time and Space during the episode. The pulsating orange light always pulsated at the same frequency. A radiation check of the area was made, but no radioactivity was found.

On the Sunday following, another Army unit was called in, and Witness heard that the area was finally entered on the Tuesday or the Wednesday. He himself was again called in to take part in a Gridsearch of the area on the following Sunday, but (so far as he knew) absolutely nothing was found.

Witness states that the whole affair was classified as *secret*. For this reason, his name, rank, and all other details about him are being withheld.

Witness remembers that, shortly after the incident, he saw an article in a newspaper stating that a farmer in North Wales had mysteriously lost 37 of his sheep.

# MAIL BAG

**Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.**

**From Dr. Nathaniel Micklem, C.H.**

Dear Bowen,—The accomplishment of 20 years, though the F.S.R. came of age many years ago, is a proper occasion for warm congratulations and for the expression of great gratitude to you. It was Waveney Girvan who put me on to it years ago.

I am one of your very grateful and very sceptical readers — very sceptical about all *explanations,* but not sceptical about the urgent necessity for a proper scientific enquiry into many inexplicable facts.

My scepticism rests partly on an experience of my own. I have to this day the clearest visual memory of seeing in the north transept of St. Alban's Abbey the recumbent figure of a bishop in full canonicals, and I remember my surprise at seeing that he bore my mother's family name. My visit to St. Alban's with a family party was a fact (some 75 years ago), but there never was such a recumbent figure, and none of my mother's family was ever a bishop there. I can only suppose that after the visit I dreamed of what I thought I saw; but unless I knew for a fact that what I saw never actually existed in any form, I should to this day assert with complete assurance that I saw that statue. I do not doubt the integrity of those who report what they have seen but am doubtful of all uncorroborated evidence, but you report many events for which I see no explanation at all.

Much power to your arm!

yours ever
**Nathaniel Micklem,**
Abingdon, Oxon.
6th May, 1975.

**On the Ummo affair**

Dear Sir,—I wish to thank Mr. Gordon Creighton for his translation of my article *The Birthplaces of Prominent People in Relation to Bavic* (FSR Vol. 20, No.1).

I have also read with much interest Mr. Creighton's translation of Antonio Ribera's long article on the UMMO Mystery (FSR Vol. 20, Nos. 4–6 and Vol. 21, Nos. 1–2.), for I have myself been for some time in correspondence with Padre Enrique López Guerrero about this affair, and I have on my files a good many copies or translations of the famous UMMOAELEWE letters. In my opinion Father Guerrero is undoubtedly an important element by reason of his great knowledge of the intricacies of this strange UMMO business (and what a foul affair it is!).

In July 1973 I wrote to Father Guerrero, and enclosed an account of the events that had been taking place at Les Nourradons, in France, in 1971, as described in my article *A French Repeater Case: Events at Les Nourradons,* which appeared in Mr. Creighton's translation in FSR Vol. 19, No.3 (May-June 1973.)

In due course I received the following very interesting reply from Padre Guerrero:

*Dear Sir,*
*Going through the copious correspondence heaped up in my office (I receive a tremendous lot of letters) I have before me your letter of July 12 last, and I apologise for the delay in replying.*

*The landing of the first three UMMO spacecraft did indeed occur on March 28, 1950, at a spot situated some 10 km. from Digne, in the Departement des Basses Alpes (Provence).*

*All you tell me in your letter is very interesting, and I should be grateful for all information that you can give me on the affair.*

*There — at the French landing — they remained for three months or so, living in an* underground base *which they made themselves. In the vicinity a "strange" robbery is supposed to have taken place around that time at a rustic farm. It would be very useful to consult the files of the local press for that period. At any rate I shall be grateful for further word from you.*

*With my greatest esteem and best wishes,*
*Yours sincerely,*
**Enrique López Guerrero,**
*Párroco de Santa María de la Asunción, Mairena del Alcor, Sevilla, Spain.*

Well now, *it is a fact* that there are, in the close vicinity to the spot, two or three dilapidated farms and barns. And one wonders how it is that Padre Guerrero knows this?

It seems likely moreover that a cave or subterranean chamber does indeed exist beneath the house and the landing area, for two dowsers,* working quite separately, have both indicated that there is such a cave or chamber there.

I do not claim to know myself what lies behind all this UMMO business, but one thing is certain, and that is that there is far too much evidence of strange people involved in that 1971 landing at Les Nourradons (on which I reported to FSR as mentioned above), and Les Nourradons (Var) is not very far to the south of Digne (Basses Alpes). And there have been far too many "saucer" reports from that whole area of south-eastern France in recent years for us not to think that something very strange is going on. I hope to make a further investigation when I visit the region again later this year.

Yours sincerely,
**J.C. Dufour**
13 rue Cyrnos, 20000 Ajaccio,
Corsica, France.

(**Note by Gordon Creighton**: I have taken the liberty of re-arranging Monsieur Dufour's letter, which was in English, and of adding a little to it here and there in order to bring out the points which he wishes to emphasise. A photostat of Father Guerrero's letter was enclosed by Monsieur Dufour. It was in the original Spanish, and I have therefore translated it from that language.)

* The French call dowsing *radiaesthesia,* and dowsers *radiaesthesists.)*

**Ummite philosophies?**

Dear Sir,—Whether or not the "Ummo" documents are true, a fantastic fabrication, a deception on the part of alien entities, or the product of somebody's highly imaginative mentality, they do have, to my mind, a curious resemblance to our own terrestrial philosophies (superimposed, of course, on to an extra-terrestrial format).

In particular, there is a marked resemblance in some of the words and phrases to the critical philosophy of Immanuel Kant, among others. For example, from Part 4, (FSR Vol. 21, No.2), the following: 'dialectic' 'transcendant', 'necessary', 'necessary being', 'schematology', 'categories', and 'we create the (Universe) when we think of it.'

If the planet Ummo exists one can but say: small universe indeed!

Yours sincerely,
**Raymond E. Cox**
59 Briery Road, Halesowen,
West Midlands, B63 1AS
21st September, 1975.

[*We showed this letter to Dr. Ivor*

*Grattan-Guinness, who nodded agreement and added "Much closer correspondences even than those quoted by Mr. Cox."*—EDITOR.]

### Underwater bases

Dear Sir,—I was extremely interested in Mr. Gordon Creighton's article "Under water UFO Base off Venezuela?" in FSR Vol.21, No.1.

The water depths in the Bonaire and Cariaco Basins off El Litoral Central vary to about 800 fathoms. The Continental Shelf in this region runs fairly close to the shore, so the deeper portions of the Basins lie comparatively close to land.

The pressure at a depth of 510 fathoms is the same as that at the surface of the planet Venus. If I were looking for an extraterrestrial underwater base in the area I would start by concentrating on areas where the depths are around 500 fathoms.
Sincerely,
**Stuart W. Greenwood**
University of Maryland, College of Engineering, Department of Aerospace Engineering, Glenn L. Martin Institute of Technology, College Park, Maryland 20742, U.S.A.
August 16, 1975.

### Poltergeists and UFOs

Dear Sir,—I refer to Carrington and Fodor's *The Poltergeist down the Centuries*, in particular the chronological index of outstanding "poltergeist" phenomena commencing with an incident in A.D. 355 (p.23).

It has been suggested that the "anti-gravity" involved in the violent movement of solid objects which occurs during poltergeist activity could be connected with the proximity of a UFO.

May I recommend the reading of this chapter to subscribers to *Flying Saucer Review*. I am sure they will find some interesting correlations with ufology.
Yours sincerely,
**Gay Mosley**
Flat 26, Norman Court,
154 Lower Richmond Road,
London SW15.

*Full citation:*
Carrington, Hereward and Fodor, Nandor: "The story of the Poltergeist down the Centuries." London: Rider, 1953.

### From Dr. Dave Saunders

Dear Sir,—The photograph taken by Stephen Pratt on March 28, 1966 (FSR, September 1966), bears a "remarkable resemblance" to that taken by Nigel Birch in February 1962 (first reported in FSR for September 1962). The resemblance was noted by FSR in September 1966; I am aware of *no* other similar-appearing pictures. Moreover, in each case, we are dealing with the work of a single teen-age photographer, though their homes are only about 14 miles apart!

The Birch photo is now an acknowledged hoax (FSR, November 1972). Is there any reason to believe this acknowledgement does not apply equally to the Pratt photo?
Sincerely,
**David R. Saunders**
Research Associate, The University of Chicago, Industrial Relations Center, 1225 East Sixtieth Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637, U.S.A.
April 17, 1975.

### Creed

Dear Sir,—In response to your creed in the last 1974 edition of FSR (Vol. 20, No.6), I agree completely with your conclusion. I have been studying Ufology for the past two years, and have done quite a bit of research in a Seminarian Library which has proved to be very fruitful.

There's a book that's recently hit the news stands entitled *UFO's and Their Mission Impossible*, by Dr. Clifford Wilson (Author of *Crash Go The Chariots*). In his book he states that many people will be turned off it's religious significance (demonology and the Second Coming of Christ). But serious research will lead you in that direction.

He makes the statement that the answer to the UFO mystery is not a scientific but philosophical one, and the reason that scientists make no headway is because their fields are so demanding they don't have time for educating themselves in liberal arts (history, religion, philosophy).

I believe the answer to the possibilities in your creed are philosophical, in which everyone must answer for himself: Do good and evil exist only in the minds of men (due to fear and guilt etc.) or are they a real force in the universe?

I think the sad condition of our world is a legitimate hint.
**Henry Schmidt**
3509 Locklee Road, Louisville,
Kentucky 40214, U.S.A.
July 13, 1975.

*[***UFOs and Their Mission Impossible,** *a Signet Book, is published by the New American Library, New York, at $1.50*
**Crash Go the Chariots** *was published in 1972 by Lancer Books, Inc., New York—EDITOR].*

### Lansing's Clocklike Patterns

Dear Sir,-I continue to keep an open mind on this subject, among others; but while I certainly don't go along with Bowman's extremely rude letter on the subject (about which you have rightly protested) I have recently seen on television an identical clocklike formation which I am sure was the result of an effect of light, and will put this on record for what it is worth.

The month was July this year, just before we went on holiday. The channel was ITV, the time about 8.30 p.m., and the film was some ghastly effort called 'Hit Woman' which I think was one* of those quickies made cheaply in Italy with dubbed American dialogue.

In the first third of the film the Hit Woman has just bumped off a rich rancher and is making her getaway in a car across sparse desert-like terrain. At one point in this sequence the car shows in the lower right-hand half of the screen. As it approaches the camera and gets close up, a clocklike pattern which seemed to me identical with Lansing's appeared just slightly above the car's roof. I thought then (and still do) that it had been produced by the effect of brilliant sunlight striking up from the reflective roof of the car. The duration of the flash was a split second only.

I wonder if anyone else may have noticed it — though few people with an I.Q. of more than —45 are likely to have been watching the film.

ITV could readily give precise details as to date and time of showing (and the making of the film etc.) in case anyone thinks it worth looking into. They are repeating so much junk lately a re-run is possible.
Yours faithfully,
**Barbara D.G. Steer,**
London SW1
September 17, 1975

* Title has been euphemised to 'Hit Lady'. Sorry.

### UFOs and metal-benders: that noise

Dear Sir,—"Somewhere a bell is tolling in my head..." Reading your editorial *Signal Success* in FSR Vol.21, No.2 (1975), in which you write about the address given by Prof. J. Taylor, I take note of the link by a sound of special phenomena. And now I remember having read somewhere about a great noise accompanying the movements of heavy stones in ancient times, used in the erection of monuments such as Stonehenge and The Pyramids. Where did I read about that? In the Bible? I don't think so. As it could be a very important clue to overcoming gravity, can anyone put me wise?

At time of writing I have had time to read little else in FSR Vol.21, No.2, but as I mentioned in an earlier letter, both Professor Dr. W.H.C. Tenhaeff of Utrecht and I consider the book *Uri* by Dr. A. Puharich as sheer nonsense: too many convenient

dematerialisations of material proofs, such as tapes and motion pictures. But, to prove the book is nonsense is quite another matter! This week Uri performed on Television here with thousands of pieces of cutlery. He mended watches and electrical gadgets, etc. There was quite an air of excitement throughout the whole of the country, but that could have been nothing to do with UFOs.

Yours truly,
**A. Cramwinckel,**
Chr. de Wetlaan 1, Hilversum,
Netherlands.
September 17, 1975.

[*But the claims that have been put forward by Uri Geller and his mentors, are that he gets his powers from UFO entities – hence our interest. Furthermore it seems more than likely that there is an overlap between UFOs and other matters and events parapsychological* – EDITOR]

# World round-up

## *of news and comment about recent sightings*

### England
### Caterham Landing?

We learn from the *Caterham Times* of September 19, 1975, of a report of a possible landing near this Surrey town,—"An unidentified Flying Object was seen by two Caterham people minutes before it was thought to have landed in a field near the town.

"Airports and police were informed of a 'flying saucer' that had been spotted by residents in Eldon Road, Caterham, at about 2 o'clock on Tuesday morning.

"Mr. Jack Hennequin an advertising manager, said the craft had bright red, green and white lights and was rotating rapidly.

"He could not believe his eyes and went to tell Caterham police who in turn launched a small search of their own. Simultaneously a warning went out to airports.

"But within two minutes of the craft appearing it had descended below tree level and was out of sight. No trace has been found since.

"Mr. Hennequin's 19-year-old girlfriend said she was on her way home when she saw a fixed red light and many circling white lights in the sky.

" 'It was nothing like a plane or anything else I have ever seen in the sky. It was definitely round and descended vertically in a very short time. It was really unbelievable.

" 'The funny thing is I am normally so sceptical of things like that. If before Tuesday morning anyone told me they had seen a flying saucer I would just have laughed.'

"She felt scared and wanted to get home quickly, but Mr. Hennequin was fascinated. He wanted to get a picture to endorse the remarkable story.

" 'I was quite amazed. It was flying quite low, so low in fact that as I approached it went behind the trees as if it were landing.'

"The couple believe the craft could have been linked to the unidentified flying object that was sighted in Ireland a few days ago. They had read a newspaper report on Monday that citizens had spotted a flying saucer hovering above an Irish town.

"Both are certain it was from 'outer space'. They said it was travelling much faster than any plane they had seen and its strange lights were rotating. 'I only wish I had evidence to show people,' said Mr. Hennequin.

"It is the first report of a flying saucer Caterham police have received for at least three years.

"It is similar to a recent sighting at Haslemere on the other side of Surrey."

### England
### Bell-shaped UFO near Winnersh

A newspaperman's wife was the witness of a UFO visitation which was reported to her husband's colleague, Mark Prior, whose story was published in the *Reading Chronicle* of August 29, 1975,—"A Wokingham woman claims she has seen what may have been a visit from outer space by a flying saucer.

"The bell-shaped object was seen for about four or five minutes, hovering over the Winnersh area on Wednesday night by Mrs. Jill Bodman.

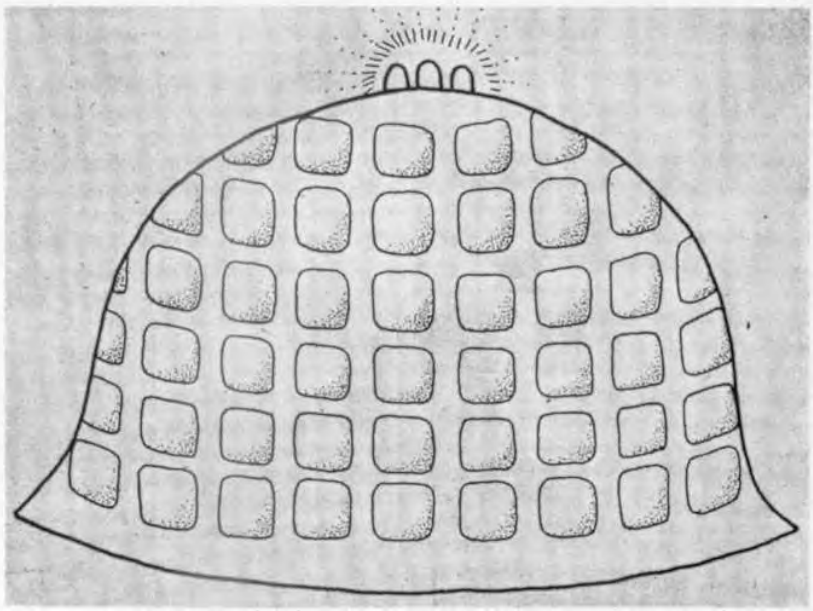
"She said she first saw it at Winnersh, moving slowly, just above rooftop height. Several times it disappeared behind trees and then went out of sight at Emmbrook Park.

"Mrs. Bodman, a 22-year-old secretary of Peach Street, Wokingham, described what she saw and our artist's impression was made up from it.

"It was bell-shaped, with a rounded bottom and small indentations covering the object. Metallic grey in colour, it had flashing green and white lights on the top. There were no windows of any kind and no signs of life. She guessed there would have been room for about two people in it – if it were carrying human beings.

"She was in a car on the Wokingham Road at the time.

"Mrs. Bodman, explaining what happened, said: 'It was about 10.30 p.m. and my husband and I were travelling towards Wokingham. When we got to Winnersh I noticed this thing in the sky and at first I thought



Our artist's impression of the U.F.O. seen between Reading and Wokingham by Mrs. Jill Bodman on Wednesday evening. She said that the square "panels" did not appear to be windows but indentations.

**The *Reading Chronicle* artist's impression of the UFO seen by Mrs. Jill Bodman on the night of August 27.**

it was an aeroplane or a helicopter.

" 'I was afraid it might crash, because it was so low. It was hovering just above the rooftops.

" 'Then I realised it was like nothing I had ever seen before. I could not believe my eyes, but it was a flying saucer. It was definitely not an aeroplane or a helicopter. It looked vaguely like the Apollo spacecraft. It was that sort of shape, but more rounded at the top,' said Mrs. Bodman.

"She could not say whether it made any noise, because she was in a car.

" 'I saw it for about five minutes, but it kept dropping behind trees and the roofs of houses. It was a clear night and I got a good view of it,' she added.

"Her husband, *Chronicle* photographer Bob Bodman, was driving and was only able to get a glimpse of the lights. After the object went out of sight he and his wife turned off the road at Emmbrook, in an attempt to get a picture of the strange object, but it had gone.

"There were no reports to local police of any other eye witnesses of what could have been a visitor from another world, but there was a similar sighting from Tilehurst.

"A resident reported seeing something hovering in the area at about 10.00 p.m. He could not give a clear description."

### Baffling Berkshire light

The following extract was taken from the *Abingdon Herald* of September 4, 1975,—"A Wallingford man has seen a red light — and he is wondering if anyone else saw it too.

"Mr. Roger Goodwin was with a colleague at Didcot Power Station, where he works, when they saw the light in the sky in the Harwell direction. 'It appeared to be too big for an aircraft light, and it was certainly going too fast for any civilian aircraft,' he told me. 'The curious thing was that it just suddenly went out; it was not high in the sky, but certainly too high to have disappeared behind any feature of the landscape.' It was travelling south-east, he estimates.

"He saw no other lights to indicate that it was an aircraft, and heard no sound. That was on Friday night, at about 9.15, and of course it was dark.

"According to a Press report, about 45 minutes later two boys saw an object over Caversham which baffled them. One was quoted as saying: 'A big plane was going over when we saw this object underneath it. It was oblong shaped and a silvery colour. It seemed to block out the plane and then disappear.' And two nights before that a woman reported a bell-shaped object hovering over Winnersh.

"If anyone can corroborate Mr. Goodwin's story, I should be pleased to let him know."

### Rash of Reading UFO reports

At least a half page of the *Reading Chronicle* of September 5, 1975 was devoted to an investigation of the Thames Valley sightings by staff writer **Mark Prior** who from the outset put forward his personal interpretation of the reports,—"It now seems almost certain that Reading was visited by something from outer space last week.

"Many accounts of sightings of the unidentified flying object indicate that what passed over Reading on Wednesday night last week was definitely not an aircraft or a helicopter.

"One popular theory is that the round or oblong object that shone brightly, hovered and moved at astonishing speed could have been a meteorological balloon. But there were no balloons in the area at the time.

"The report by Mrs. Jill Bodman of a bell-shaped craft hovering over Winnersh was followed by a host of reports to the 'Chronicle' of a strange craft seen in various parts of the town at about the same time.

"Though descriptions differed in several respects there were startling similarities in every case.

"From the reports it appears that the UFO began its low pass at Winnersh. There it hovered for some minutes before moving in a northerly direction, travelling over the town centre at a fairly slow speed.

"It continued north over Caversham and then picked up a 'tremendous' speed by the time it reached Emmer Green. An eye witness to its spectacular departure from the sky said it went a bright orange as it accelerated and disappeared in a flash of blue light.

"All those who saw it said it was moving quite slowly or hovering just above the roof tops. They all agreed there were very bright lights shining from it and that at no time did it make any noise.

"Each witness stated categorically it was not an aeroplane or a helicopter or like anything they had ever seen before.

"Mrs. Bodman saw the object over Winnersh and said it was a dull metallic grey in colour and shone brightly when it reflected light.

"It was next seen passing over Earley and a few minutes later it was seen by three members of the Ryde family of Downshire Square, Reading.

" 'Three of us all saw it from our garden,' said Mrs. Rose Ryde. 'It looked like a falling star at first but it had a little light on top of it. It is hard to describe but it was going very fast and moving to the north west.

" 'It did not look like a balloon or an aircraft. It must have been a flying saucer. At first I laughed it off but when I saw the article in the paper I realised I had seen the same thing.'

"Mrs. Ryde's two grand-children, Steven and Philip, also saw the visitors from space.

"Two young planespotters, who were on the lookout for Concorde, got quite a shock when all they saw was a flying saucer.

"Ian Cox and Mark Huntley, both 12, of Valentine Crescent, Caversham, said the object was moving so fast they only saw it for a few seconds.

" 'It was round and oblong in shape and made no noise at all.' Mark explained. 'It was travelling very fast, much faster than a plane. In fact it went right under a plane that was going over.

" 'It was a dull silvery grey colour and it came up from the south. It was going too fast to be a helicopter or balloon.'

"The last sighting was made by Mrs. Denise Palmer, of Eccles Close, Caversham, who described how the strange object vanished into the night sky over Emmer Green.

" 'All I got to see of it was the light — it was a bit like a star. It made no noise and I thought that was strange. I kept my eyes on it and it hovered for a while.

" 'It was completely quiet but it suddenly picked up tremendous speed. As it did it turned a bright orange and started to go up. There was a flash of blue light and it was gone," said Mrs. Palmer.

" 'I think it was probably some sort of UFO. It was very uncanny because nothing could travel at that speed and it went in different colours."

"Neil Shepherd, aged 12, saw the UFO from his home at Hartland Road, Reading. He suggested he saw more than one of them travelling north.

"He told me he spotted five flying saucers in formation. All were bright white and flying in a staggered pattern.

" 'They were going much faster than a plane and going just above the rooftops. I saw them for about a minute before they flew out of sight. They were very low down and did not make any noise,' said Neil.

"A spokesman for the Meteorological Office at Bracknell said they were not using any weather balloons at the time, although the plastic ones they used reflected light and sometimes had a small lantern on them.

"Most of their balloon ascents were made during daylight hours.

"And at the R.A.F. base at Odiham in Hampshire a spokesman said it was highly unlikely that what was seen was a helicopter.

" 'We do have aircraft on night

flying but I very much doubt if it was a helicopter. There were none in that area.' He thought it could have been a light jet aircraft which have intensely bright lights and are very quiet.

### Report from the Yorkshire Moors

The account that follows was taken from the *Huddersfield Examiner* of September 19, 1975,—"Two 'flying saucers' were claimed to have been seen over the moors between Huddersfield and Oldham last night.

"The unidentified flying objects – UFOs – were said to have been spotted by a Holmfirth woman, from a car parked at Harden Moss on the road between Holmfirth and Greenfield.

" 'I hope it doesn't sound ridiculous, but whatever these things were they were not normal aircraft,' she said today.

" 'They were round or oval-shaped with red lights underneath and just hovering over the moors. I'd guess they were about five miles away from me in the direction of Oldham, and about five miles away from each other.'

"She first sighted the UFOs at about 10.30pm and watched them for about quarter of an hour. What prompted her to contact *The Examiner*, she added, was that she had seen two similar craft in the same area six months ago."

### More Berkshire activity?

The story of the continuing Thames Valley flaps was carried in the *Reading Evening Post* of September 15, 1975,–

"The Thames Valley may have been visited by unidentified flying objects on Friday night.

"One sighting was made by five boys at the Burghfield Bridge at Holybrook.

" 'I glanced up and saw a white light behind a bush," said 15-year-old William Crowley, of Brunel Road, Southcote.

" 'I called my friends and we watched it hover for a while, then it shot down. After a while it came back up again at an angle and we saw a red flash.

" 'Suddenly there was a group of them. My friend saw six and I counted seven. Then a plane came and they all disappeared. Although it was very quick. I think they went towards the motorway.'

"Earlier in the evening, Mrs. Carol Ward of Island Farm Road, Ufton Nervet, spotted something hanging in the night sky from Redhatch Drive, Earley. 'When I looked up I saw eight lights in the sky,' she said.

" 'They gave the impression of floodlights or a train in the distance. They remained stationary for some time and then slowly moved away towards Winnersh.'

"A Ministry of Defence spokesman said: 'We are unable to make any comment on unidentified flying objects, but anyone who spots one should send us a written report and we can look into it.' "

### Republic of Ireland
### Timolin landing?

A UFO at low level was reported in the Dublin *Evening Herald* of September 15, 1975,–"Co. Kildare publican Michael Hennessy today gave Dunsink Observatory experts a detailed account of the unidentified flying object sighted near the village of Timolin yesterday.

"He claims he saw the disc shaped craft hovering in a field and watched it intently for some minutes before it disappeared into a nearby valley.

"The sighting was allegedly made first by his nephew 16 year old Paul Moran who was home for the day from Newbridge College and was out walking the family's new pet dog.

"He shouted excitedly to Mr. Hennessy his uncle, who was sitting in the house.

"Mr. Hennessy went out and said he saw the six foot wide UFO at the end of a field. It was emitting a humming sound and spinning rapidly.

"Mr. Hennessy, a teetotaller said: 'It was a silvery chrome colour and stayed around for about two minutes. It was an astonishing sight.' "

Credit: A Dublin reader who did not sign.

### Colombia
### Warnings of worldwide catastrophes from UFO contactee

The evening edition of the Buenos Aires paper *Ultima Hora* of May 21, 1975, carried an EFE report from Cali, Colombia, quoting an article published in the Cali paper *Occidente*.

Seemingly a Colombian citizen named German Navarrete has been visited by two "men from Mars" named Ran Kar and Kepton. They said they were Martian scientists, and they revealed to Sr. Navarrete by means of mental waves, that, apart from Australia, very few areas of the world will escape the vast geophysical cataclysms which will strike the earth between 1977 and 1988, many regions vanishing altogether beneath the sea. The period of transformation, said they, would embrace three distinct phases, the first of which might include a nuclear war between the Great Powers in 1977.

According to Sr. Navarrete, whom the Colombian paper describes as "not made", Mars is inhabited by two races of humanoid beings, the one tall, slim but powerfully built, with fair hair, blue eyes, and skin that looks "almost transparent", and a shorter, swarthy species, whose mental, scientific, and human development are all in advance of those of Earthlings. The Martians have two languages, called *Sans* and *Iridin,* in which they communicate mentally. Their lifespan is the equivalent of 200 terrestrial years, and they wear clothing made of electromagnetic fabric.

A close approach by Barnard's Star (described in the press report as *Barnard's Planet* or the *Fugitive Planet*) is given as the main cause of these devastating happenings.

Credit: **Miss Jane Thomas**

Precis translation by **Gordon Creighton**

[*So far as I recall, the star known as "Barnard's Star" is at about six light-years from us, and is stated by astronomers to definitely possess at least one large planet of its own. As it stands this report looks particularly garbled and nonsensical, and one would like to have a clearer idea of what precisely Sr. Navarrete claims to have learned about our future!*—G.C.]

### India
### You have been warned

From the *Times of India* of August 20, 1975, under the sub-heading *In Search of Temples*,– "The controversial Swiss research scholar and author, Dr. [*sic*] Erich Von Daniken, is visiting Kashmir in his search for two temples, described in the Old Testament of the Bible, to establish his theory that the earth was visited in ancient times by astronauts from another solar system.

"Dr. Daniken, who is the author of well-known books—'Chariots Of The Gods.' 'Return To The Stars', 'In Search of Ancient Gods' and 'Miracles Of The Gods'—believes that two of the seven temples described by Prophet Ezekiel in the Old Testament around 500 B.C. must be in Kashmir.'

Credit: **Jal N.D. Tata** of Colaba, Bombay, India.

### Jungle humanoids

A P.T.I. report datelined Dibrugarh May 24, 1975, contains the following interesting information,–"A pair of strange humanoid creatures were captured by the tribal people in Khamti forest in Arunachal Pradesh yesterday.

"Giving this information, Mr. R. Das, superintendent of police of Dibrugarh district, upper Assam, adjoining Arunechal Pradesh, said today the height of the creatures, a male and a female, was estimated at ten feet.

"Mr. Das said the administration was making necessary arrangements to send the creatures to Tazu, the district

headquarters of Tirap in the Urizon territory, for further investigation.—P.T.I.

"[It may be recalled that apart from the "Yeti" (abominable snow man) of the Himalayas, the Americas also have a tradition of giant human-like creatures.]"

Credit: **Jal N.D. Tata**

### Rhodesia
### "Paralyzing" light

The *Rand Daily Mail* of Johannesburg, South Africa, contained in its issue for July 30, 1975, the following strange account,—"After many published reports of an unidentified flying object over Salisbury suburbs in recent weeks, a man living in a town 100 km east of the city has now claimed that he was paralysed by light from a UFO which hovered over his garden on Saturday night.

"Mr. John Clark, 54, a Farmer's Co-op salesman at Macheke, said he was flung to the ground by a mysterious light that appeared at tree-top level 10 m from his house.

" 'I believe it was something from outer space. Judging from the hold it had on me it could have destroyed me straight away,' he said.

"Mr. Clark explained that he walked out of his house just after 7 pm.

" 'I went round the side of the house and when I was about level with the bedroom window a terrific bright light came on to me. At the same time I was thrown to the ground,' he said.

" 'I went straight down and I couldn't move.'

"All of the UFO reports around Salisbury have involved a bright orange object either hovering or moving quickly across the night sky. Mr. Clark said the UFO over his house shone with a white light."

Credit: **David Blackwell** of Taunton, Devon.

### Police chase UFO

From the South African newspaper, *Rand Daily Mail* of July 31, 1975, we learn how,—"Two policemen in a patrol car chased an unidentified flying object for 15 km in the Salisbury area on Monday night, in one of the latest of a spate of UFO sightings over Rhodesia.

"Three other policemen saw the UFO from the roof of the main police station in Railway Avenue after the sighting was reported by a woman near Warren Hills.

"The patrolling 'B' car crews reported seeing the object stationary about 150 m above the ground, but as they approached, it moved off. They lost sight of it after a 15 km chase.

" 'It appeared to be very bright and orange in colour,' a police spokesman said.

"At midnight on Monday, Mr. Tony Alexander reported that he and a companion driving from Marandellas to Rusape were followed by a 'big bright orange light', about 'twice as big as the setting sun', and indented at the top. A smell entered the car 'like sea water, rotten, like Durban Harbour.'

"Five other sightings were reported on Wednesday in and around Salisbury."

Credit: David **Blackwell** of Taunton, Devon.

### Tanzania
### Almost human?

The following item, from the *Indian Express* of May 21, 1975 — a Reuter report datelined Dar es Salaam, May 20 — may not concern ufology, but could be of interest to our readers,—

"The Tanzanian Government said today that a coastal fisherman has caught a sea monster with arms and legs, fingers and toes, one ear, a horn, beard and a glowing eye.

"The Government information service said the creature was caught last week by Mr. Mohamed Sefu, off a deep water jetty at Kilwa, southern Tanzania.

"It was said to have 'two legs with toes on each leg, two arms with five fingers on each. The arms spouted from the chest where there was also one eye. On its right side there was another eye glowing like a lamp during the night.'

"The creature, whose size was not revealed, was also described as having a small horn, an ear, a hump like a cow's, toothless mouth with a large tongue and a beard."

Credit: **Jal N.D. Tata** of Colaba, Bombay, India.

### United States of America
### Aura of mystery surrounds missing persons

As many as 20 persons from the Newport-Waldport area of Oregon left most of their personal belongings behind to follow the leaders of a crusade called the Human Individual Metamorphosis (HIM) after attending a public meeting conducted by strangers at Walport's Bayshore Inn.

This, and several other meetings, in Oregon, California and Colorado, was held by a man and woman identifying themselves only as "The Two". They were described as "plain-looking, although neatly dressed, with the appearance of an average middle-aged couple." They claimed to be from "the same vibrational level" as Jesus Christ, and that they travelled from planet to planet on UFOs. They also said they would be assassinated within the next two months and then resurrected.

Those attending the meetings were told they must discard all possessions and human relationships to qualify for a trip by UFO to another world and a better life.

Authorities in Oregon and California say they have no evidence of wrong-doing. But distraught relatives and friends of HIM converts have complained.

There has been some speculation in the press concerning the converts' disappearance, and there were even fears that it was connected with Manson and ritual murder.

### U.S.S.R.
### Tungus Meteorite a Comet

From Bulletin No. 15954 of March 13, 1974, issued by the Novosti Information Service of Moscow, and distributed from 3 Rosary Gardens, London SW7 4NW, we learn that—

"The latest data obtained by Soviet scientists have confirmed that the Tungus meteorite, that fell in Siberia in 1908, was the nucleus of a small comet. Final confirmation of this fact will help in evolving a physical theory of the destruction of comet nuclei in the atmosphere of planets, an article in the magazine *Zemlya i Vselennaya* (The Earth and the Universe) points out.

"In a peat bog near the centre of the catastrophe scientists discovered at a depth of 25—4 cm, a layer in which there was a profusion of molten glass spheres with bubbles of gas inside. The composition of the particles is unusual: the silicates included in them have a high content of silicon and alkaline metals. The bubbles in some spheres are filled with carbon dioxide or hydrogen sulphide.

"The comet hypothesis of the Tungus meteorite is the only one explaining the "bright nights." The glow of the sky that was observed for several days after the catastrophe in Siberia and even in the south of France was caused, the scientists believe, by the scattering of the comet's tail. Under pressure by sun rays the particles of this tail deviated to the west of the site of the fall.

"It is believed that a considerable part of the comet, that exploded on entering the atmosphere, would have liquefied or even, perhaps, vapourised. This resulted in the formation of an aerosol cloud that was carried by stratospheric winds in a north-westerly direction. So the bulk of the substance should have settled, not in the centre of the explosion where it was previously sought, but in the direction of the wind and at a distance of a hundred or more kilometres. It is in that direction that Soviet scientists intend to continue their search."

Credit: **Nigel Watson** of Scunthorpe.

# BOOKS YOUR CHILDREN SHOULDN'T READ

## *Colin Bord*

OSTENSIBLY produced as an unbiased introduction to the subject for young people between the ages of 10 and 15, the fault with *Unidentified Flying Objects* by **Gene and Clare Gurney** is not what it says, but what it leaves unsaid. Co-authored by an American Air Force officer and his wife (who, as a civilian, is employed by the USAF), there is a constantly lurking hint that somewhere among its pages might be found the official imprimatur of the USAF. A few "classic" sightings are outlined, starting of course with Arnold and going on with Mantell, Chiles-Whitted, and Gorman, and the offical explanations where experienced pilots confuse planets, weather balloons and flocks of birds, one with another, are given, albeit without very much conviction.

Project Blue Book is presented as a competent and thorough sifting through of available evidence: "...all but a small percentage of the 12,000 UFOs [reported to Blue Book] have been explained," rather than as a public relations exercise, set up to explain away the phenomena.

The Condon Committee gets similar treatment, a picture of dedicated scientists patiently probing for the truth, etc. No mention is made of any of the chicanery which has been revealed. The chapter on hoaxes labels three cases as such. They are the Maury Island sighting, Desvergers' (the Florida scoutmaster) experience, and the objects photographed by Rex Heflin, the Santa Ana traffic engineer. A brief outline is given with the official "hoax" explanations, but none of the investigatory evidence suggesting genuine sightings is mentioned.

This is generally a dull and biased introduction to ufology and cannot be recommended. It might be suggested as suitable for a very sceptical adult who needed convincing that there are such phenomena as UFOs and that the officials cannot explain all of them away. The authors at least admit that. But the book skates warily around any awkward evidence, and for younger enquiring minds this approach would not be very satisfactory. There is a bibliography of some 20 titles, an index of names and 12 photographs.

Conversely, *UFOs and Other Worlds* will fascinate and delight most youngsters up to the age of 12, so it is regrettable that **Peter Ryan** has set out to systematically discredit the few UFO reports he quotes. The subject of UFOs is allotted only 18 pages of this heavily illustrated, 48-page book, the rest being filled with the current possibilities for interplanetary communication via radio. Artist Ludek Pesek has produced ten very dramatic and colourful illustrations, some showing the surfaces of unknown planets and others of alien space ships orbiting in darkest space. There are a few good astronomical photographs and diagrams and fewer photographs of non-UFOs, i.e. a glowing gas bubble, a circular aircraft, and unusual circular clouds, etc., along with a list of 35 objects "frequently" mistaken for UFOs. which runs the gamut from tumbleweed to lighthouses.

The author mentions four well-documented cases which can be identified by regular readers of UFO reports, though strangely none of the witnesses are named, not I imagine because the author wishes to protect their anonymity. Each case is given in abbreviated form with significant inaccuracies, and then explained away, doubtless to the satisfaction of the author, if no one else. The aerial objects seen by Kenneth Arnold near Mount Rainier were in fact a formation of USAF planes. Father Gill (garishly illustrated to appear as a robed figure in the jungle, apparently receiving a vision of the Holy Ghost) was, it seems, quite alone during his sighting, no mention being made of the multiple witnesses and numerous other sightings in the locality. Other inaccuracies abound, such as the statement that NICAP was set up by the US government; and if you are still wondering what caused the great New York blackout of 1965, the answer is that someone accidentally turned off an important switch!

The idea of interplanetary communication is dealt with in a reasonably factual way. First the general astronomical layout of the solar system, its nearest neighbours in light years and place in the galaxy is shown, then the use of radio telescopes and the coding and decoding of a message by the use of dots and dashes are described. This is followed by a short discussion on the difficulties and advisability of communicating through space, ending with a dot and dash 'message' which the young readers can try to decode themselves.

With its double spread and whole page colour illustrations, this is an attractive-looking book, but cannot be considered good value for the £1.30 asked for the hardback (60p for the paperback), as the text is very brief and sketchy. and the information on UFOs completely misleading. Mr. Ryan clearly doesn't like the behaviour of UFOs and is much more interested in sensible space people who will make contact in recognisable ways for which the astro-scientists of earth are prepared. He is one of that group of space enthusiasts who are not prepared to consider UFO reports seriously because the reported behaviour of UFOs and the entities associated with them do not conform to their preconceptions. It is therefore regrettable that either he or the publishers felt it necessary to include UFOs in the content of this little book. It would have been a better one had he concentrated solely on the possibilities of interplanetary communications.

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# BRITISH GROUPS MAKE TV APPEAL FOR SCIENTIFIC UFOLOGY

*Jenny Randles*

ON Saturday, October 11, 1975, there was something of a minor breakthrough for British Ufology when the Northern UFO Network (NUFON) were allowed nine and a half minutes of national television time to make a plea for scientific respect for the subject.

Although the length of time was very inadequate for an ambitious effort it was possible to concentrate on three definite aims. The first of these, quite naturally, was to utilise the publicity in order to inspire confidence into the public to come forward with their UFO reports. The success of this is indicated by the fact that over 50 new sightings were reported during the weeks subsequent to transmission. Several of these were telephoned into NUFON almost as the observation was being made, a fact which greatly assisted investigation work.

A second objective of the feature was to illustrate that the investigation of the UFO phenomena was complex and involved a coordinated system of investigation throughout the country and conscious attempts to identify all reports in natural terms, often thereby necessitating many months or years of work.

Jenny Randles, NUFON co-ordinator, explained how local groups operated and were linked together through the communications network provided. She also indicated how NUFON was only part of a larger system, involving the British UFO Research Association. Trevor Whitaker, of the BUFORA Yorkshire Branch, explained in detail how investigation work is conducted, and Pete Warrington (Chairman of the Manchester UFO Research Association) presented statistical facts and figures to compare the findings of Ufologists with official sources, such as the Ministry of Defence.

The final aim of the broadcast was to try and bring out the scientific nature of the subject. Michael Dean, of the Wirral UFO Society, presented some of Dr. Claude Poher's statistical studies and also made mention of the work of Dr. J. Allen Hynek. Although the time was insufficient to cover such an amount of data it was hoped that even should a certain amount of confusion occur in the minds of the viewers then they would at least realise that the studies of aerial phenomena involved considerably more than sitting on a lonely hilltop waiting for passing little green men.

It was, of course, realised that it would have been impossible to convince hardened sceptics of the reality of an unknown phenomenon without a programme of far greater length. Such an attempt was not, therefore, made. The only actual piece of evidence used was the film taken in October, 1971 by an ATV film crew of a strange object near Banbury, Oxfordshire. Roger Stanway, Chairman of BUFORA, was interviewed about the investigations into this case and the in-depth analysis of it he has just published.

There is no doubt that the showing of this programme on two occasions (it was repeated the following Saturday) generated considerable public interest. Apart from the sighting reports, well over a hundred letters and a similar number of telephone calls poured into NUFON. These varied from congratulations on presenting the subject so seriously to straightforward pleas for further information, and several weeks afterwards they are still steadily coming in. Oddly, only one letter expressed any degree of scepticism, and even this showed signs

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that this had been shaken to some extent by the programme.

With this encouraging outcome it gives cause for optimism along several lines. Certainly NUFON and BUFORA are jointly concentrating their efforts on persuading the BBC to attempt to produce a documentary on the subject, presented in the same, serious manner. It is being pointed out that the public have demonstrated their interest in the topic, when free from its normal sensationalised trappings.

One should not forget also that this was a real co-operative venture between Ufologists, who not very long ago were content to wallow in their isolation. It has indeed acted as a stimulus to groups elsewhere in the country and similar communications networks to NUFON are being formed in the South, Midlands and East Anglia. When all these organisations are working together and also in collaboration with the national associations (with BUFORA and Contact UK at present negotiating a system of liaison with each other) then Ufology in this country will truly begin to make progress.

The NUFON venture, as illustrated by this TV appearance, has great potential. It is quite clear that this country is behind others in "official" research. In order to both create enough respectability to generate this, and also to make the best use of the manpower and materials currently available amongst the amateur groups *co-ordination* and *co-operation* are essential.


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