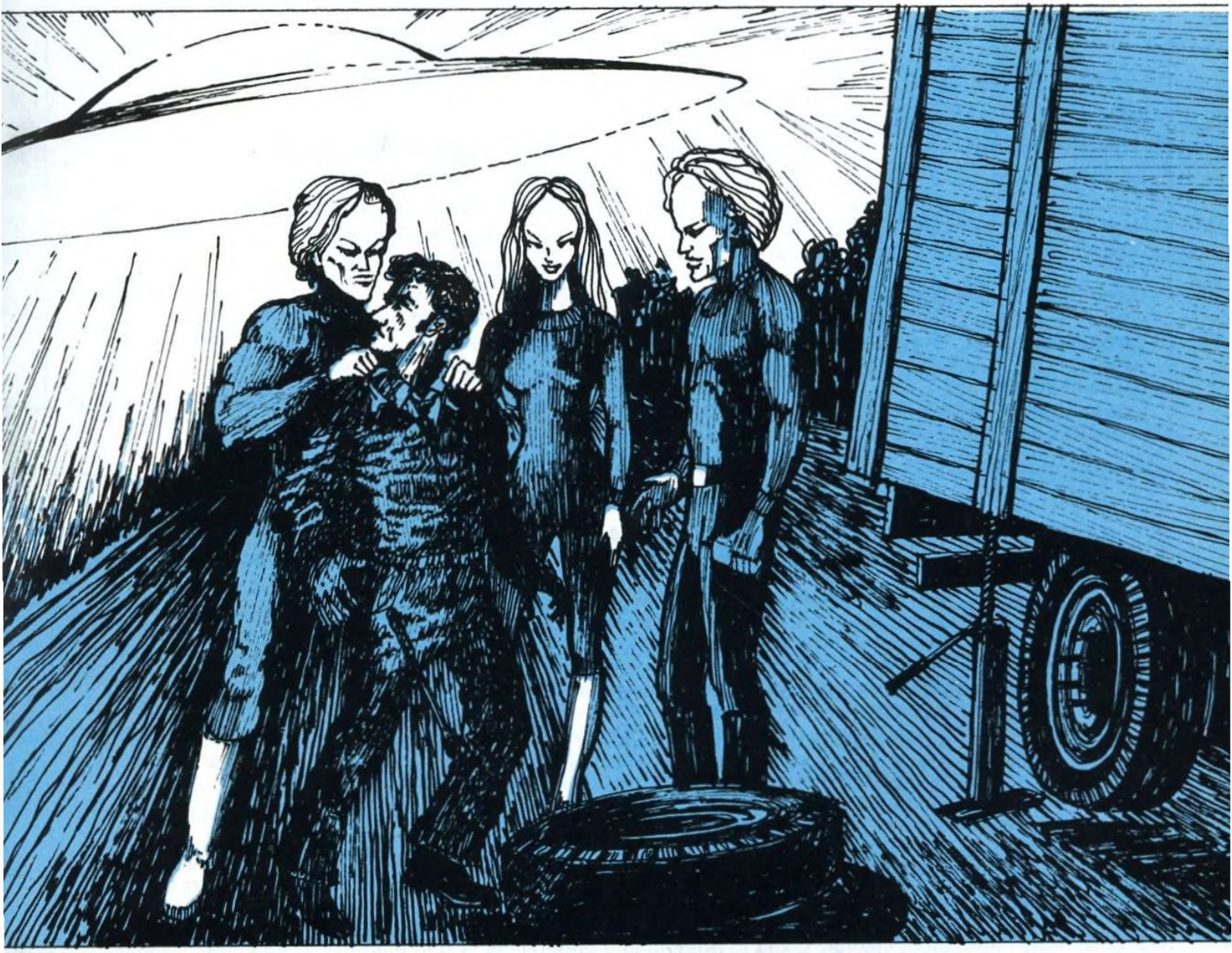
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Report of a remarkable Argentinian abduction

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DO THEY MIMIC?

ELSEWHERE in these pages readers will find a short report on a nocturnal light event which happened over the A3 trunk road between Cobham and Guildford, in Surrey.

This case had an unusual history: one of the witnesses, Mr. G. J. Moore, who was driving, and in whose car they were travelling, later telephoned the police. After details were taken he was recommended to get in touch with FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, and our London number was given to him. Which, all said and done, was a far more satisfactory thing than being recommended to telephone the Ministry of Defence — who usually don't want to know or, possibly, have as many cases of their own (strictly under wraps) that they can handle.

Mention of the MOD immediately brings to mind some of their choice explanations of the past, like the one offered to a local newspaper about (by implication) a young man in South East London who, one evening in August 1967, was walking home from Brockley to Lewisham when he was puzzled by a bright light motionless in the sky, elliptical in shape, continually changing colour, and which eventually "shot across the sky." The young man was said to have telephoned the Ministry, who "seemed uninterested" and said they would write to him. As he received no communication the young man told the *South East London Mercury*. It was learned from that newspaper (August 17, 1967) that one of their reporters telephoned the Ministry about the incident, and was told by a spokesman:

"We have not had many reports of UFOs, but we usually get them in the holiday season, or at weekends, after the pubs close."[1]

That, and other fatuous official explanations, have led us to believe that Authority is anxious to hide the fact that it knows little or nothing about the problem and is in no position to offer a rational explanation.

So now to the main point of this leading article. . . a wish to scotch one of the possible, but irrational, explanations about the sighting along the A3 in the early hours of September 17, 1980. For past experience dictates that we will be told that Messrs Moore and Johnstone misidentified a jumbo-jet flying out of Heathrow Airport.

It so happens that your Editor has spoken to Mr. Moore, who holds a very responsible job in the Civil Service. When he described the two bright headlights, Mr. Moore was asked if he had been watching an approaching aircraft. He was adamant that when he got out of the car he found the object was completely silent, and should anyone entertain doubts on that score your Editor can assure them that although Boeing 747s taking off after dark often use their landing headlights, and carry a mass of other lights resembling somewhat those described by the witnesses, they are *never* silent. Furthermore they do not (thank God) fly at a few hundred feet above the A3, nor do they seem to take off much after 2300 hrs. Your Editor knows: he lives only a few miles from the scene of the A3 sighting, and fairly close to one of the flight paths out of Heathrow.

1. See FSR Vol. 14, No. 2 of 1968, p. 30.

We grant there may be another logical explanation for the incident, but not the jumbo jet one, please! Better to pause for a thought or two about the question once asked by Ann Druffel: "Are there UFOs that mimic?"[2]

2. See FSR Vol. 24, Nos. 3 & 4. of 1978.

THE EXTRAORDINARY CASE OF DIONISIO LLANCA AND THE UFONAUTS

Gordon Creighton & Charles Bowen

This remarkable story from 1973 has had only the briefest of airings in the English language, and we have held up publication for a number of reasons — the main one of which is dealt with towards the end of the article — but as there has been little follow-up, we present it, belatedly, because we feel the details of the interrogations of the unfortunate witness are of the utmost importance in understanding this case. The reports on which our account is based were selected from the mass of newspaper and magazine articles which found their way to us in 1974, all of which were translated by Gordon Creighton.

THE WEATHER was fine on the night of October 27/28, 1973, in the Bahía Blanca region of Argentina, when lorry driver Dionisio Llanca[1] performed a cursory inspection of his *Dodge 600* truck. He noticed that one of the rear wheel tyres seemed a trifle low, but he took no action to remedy the defect, and at a few minutes past midnight, on the morning of Sunday, October 28, he set off on the first leg of a two-day journey to Rio Gallegos in southern Patagonia with a load of building materials.

By 12.45 a.m. he had reached the Esso Service Station on the Calle Don Bosco. He filled the tank with petrol, and paid for it out of the sum of just over 150000 pesos that he was carrying. Once again he looked at, but lazily ignored, the faulty tyre.

By the time he was rolling along Avenida 3 (Highway 3) it became obvious to him that the tyre was much worse, and that there was nothing for it but to change the wheel. He had reached the place known as Villa Bordeu, some 18 kilometres along the Highway from Bahía Blanca, when, at about 1.15 a.m., he pulled on to the hard shoulder of the road. He got down from his cab and took out a spare wheel, a jack, and other tools.

As he went to work with the jack the road was completely deserted. Then, while he was kneeling beside the wheel, the area around was suddenly lit up by an intense yellow light which seemed to come from behind him. His immediate reaction was that the light was from the headlights of an approaching *Peugeot* car, and he took no more notice until the light turned bluish, like the light from a welding arc. Then, when he tried to stand and turn to see the source of the light he found his legs would not respond.Still kneeling, however, he managed to turn partly round and saw, near a grove of trees, a great luminous plate-shaped object hanging motionless about six or seven metres from the ground. He also saw, close behind him, three strange people, who were eyeing him fixedly.

Our journal FLYING SAUCER REVIEW is fortunate in having representatives and correspondents in many countries, and Argentina is no exception, for we have been assisted there in the gathering of information by Dr. Oscar A. Galíndez, a lawyer, and Sr. Alberto Astorga, an inspector of air accidents, both of whom live in the Córdoba district, and more recently by Sta. Jane Thomas and Sr. Pedro Romaniuk of Buenos Aires. These good friends have frequently conducted their own investigations of reported incidents, but in many other cases, where the distance involved — and the expense — are too great, then we have to rely on the selections of press accounts that they send us. The affair of Dionisio Llanca falls in the second category.

Contrary to popular misconceptions, many of the reports carried in the Argentinian newspapers and magazines are very good, based on well-conducted, in-depth investigations. This account is derived from a number of newspaper stories, and from an excellent report which was published in the Buenos Aires magazine *Gente y la Actualidad* of November 8, 1973.

EDITOR

Once again he tried to stand up, but could not, and he realised too that he was unable even to speak. . .

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One wonders whether or not Dionisio Llanca would have made this strange encounter had he changed the wheel of his truck before he started the journey. A question that is far more pertinent, however, is what on earth prompted him to keep putting off such a necessary task — until he reached the Villa Bordeu?

What sort of a man was this witness who, as will be seen, was to become the centrepiece in one of the most dramatic experiences ever recorded involving the humanoid occupants of a flying saucer? (The past tense *was* is used advisedly, for the unfortunate Dionisio Llanca was to become a very different person.)



Dionisio Llanca

Llanca, who was twenty five years old at the time, was by nature a somewhat timid, reserved man. He was employed by the firm of Transporte Comercial Automotor, of Rio Negro, for whom he operated one of their lorries, and for which he earned about 100000 Pesos per month. Unmarried, he had few interests in life beyond his girl-friend of the moment, the local football club, and his own small circle in the town of Ingeniero Jacobacci, a little place in the province of Rio Negro where he lived with his parents.

During his period of military service in 1969-1970 Llanca had been attached to the Mountain Logistics Battalion No. 6, at Zapata, and a souvenir to this effect is tattooed on his left arm. One thing is plain, and that is that Dionisio Llanca is not a man of profound education, and it seems fairly certain that he had no interest in "platos voladores" (flying saucers).

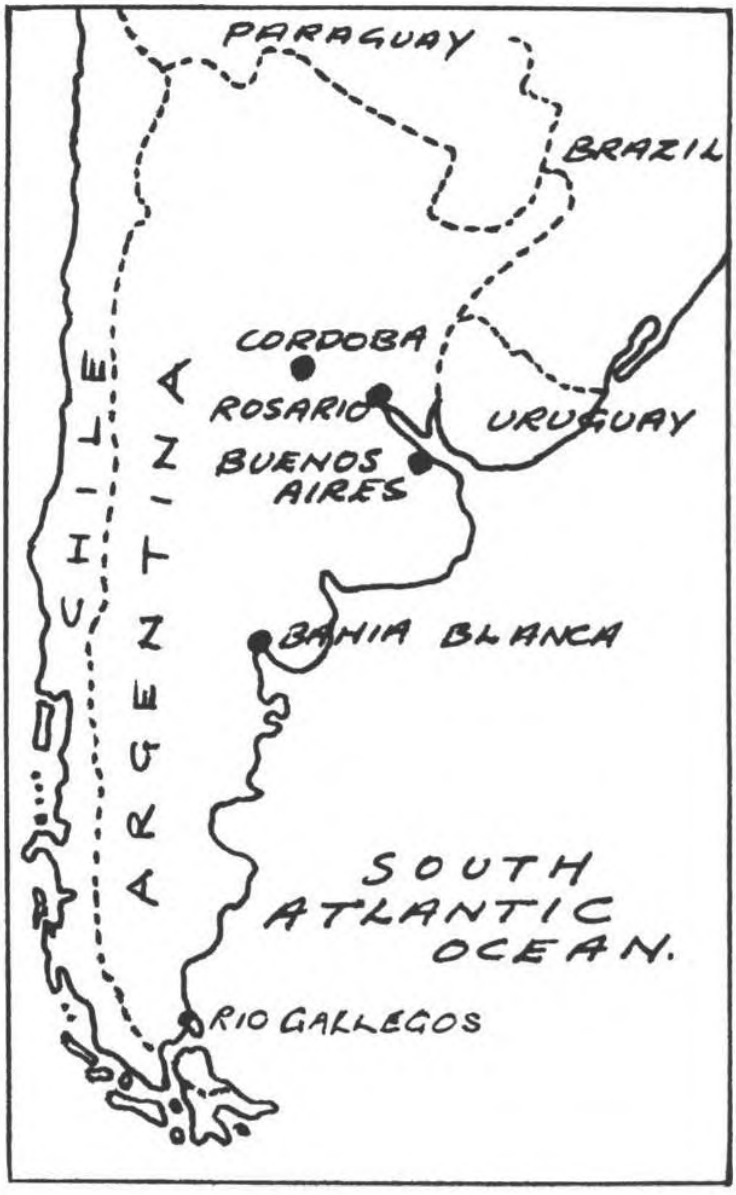
On the night prior to his encounter, Llanca had slept at the home of his uncle, Enrique Ruiz, in the modest green-painted house on the Calle Chubut, a quiet road some ten minutes or so from the centre of Bahía Blanca.

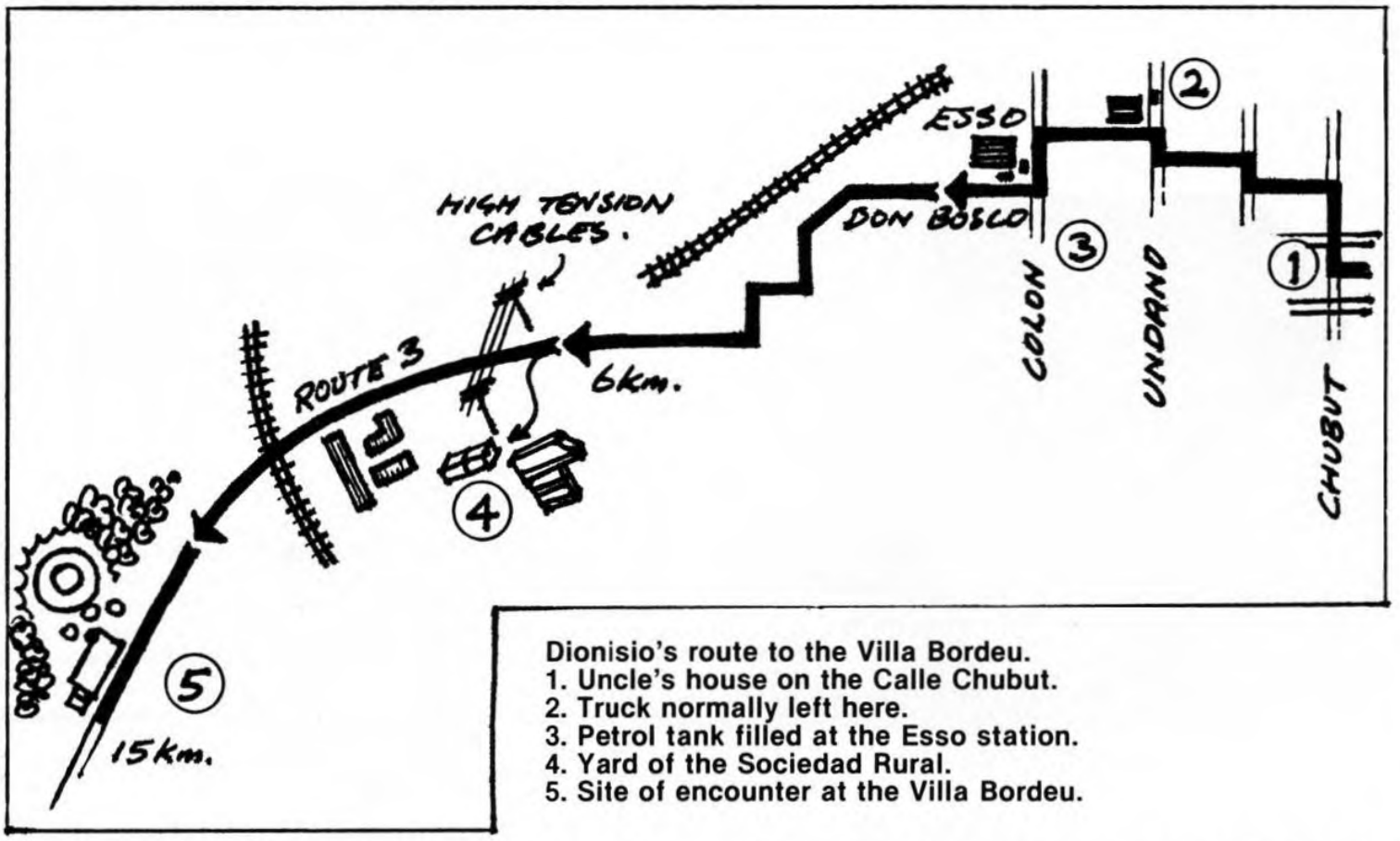
On Saturday, October 27, he got up very late, put on his working clothes, which consisted of an old pair of trousers, a shirt and a black jacket, and had lunch with his uncle. Then, as he planned to be on the road all night, he took a siesta and awoke at 6.00 p.m. For a while he sat before the television set, watching an instalment of an American police serial starring Robert Wagner, and entitled *Ladrón sin Destino* — all down-to-earth and factual, with nothing fantastic. At 10.00 p.m. he ate his evening meal with his uncle: beefsteak, a salad, and two glasses of Cepita, which is a non-alcoholic beverage.

Then, as we have said he bade goodbye to his uncle at a few minutes past midnight, and went out to his truck which was standing in front of the house.

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Out on the hard shoulder of Highway 3, Dionisio Llanca knelt by the rear of the truck, weak and immobilised and unable to speak. He watched the three beings as they stood looking at him for an estimated five minutes. As he was to say later: "They were two men and a woman, the woman in the centre. I could see she was a woman because I could see the outline of her breasts, and the long fair hair which reached half-way down her back. The men too were blond, with their hair combed back. All three of them were roughly of the same height, about 1 metre 70, or 1 metre 75 (about 5 ft. 6 ins to 5 ft. 8 ins), and they were all dressed alike. Very tight-fitting leaden-grey coloured one-piece suits, three-quarter length boots of a yellow colour like that of chamois leathers used for polishing shoes. They had long gloves of the same yellow colour, and these reached half-way up their arms. They wore neither belts, nor helmets, nor anything else. They had no weapons. Their faces were like ours, but they had great wide foreheads and elongated eyes, like those of the





Dionisio's route to the Villa Bordeu.
1. Uncle's house on the Calle Chubut.
2. Truck normally left here.
3. Petrol tank filled at the Esso station.
4. Yard of the Sociedad Rural.
5. Site of encounter at the Villa Bordeu.

Japanese, and slightly protuberant. They were talking together in a language that was impossible to understand. It had no vowels, and sounded like a badly tuned radio, with squeaky, sharp notes.

"One of them seized me by the collar and pulled me upright forcibly, but without violence. I tried to speak, but my voice would not come. While the one who had pulled me up held me, the other "man" put a device to the base of the index finger of my left hand. I got a good look at the device. It looked like a battery-operated electric shaver, and it had a nozzle which they applied to me for a few seconds. It did not hurt. When they took it away, I had two drops of blood on my finger. I think I fainted then, because I don't remember anything else. . ."

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There is no way of saying when Dionisio Llanca regained consciousness. From the pieces of evidence garnered from various enquiries and the questioning of the witness, it seems it must have been somewhere between 2.00 a.m. and 3.00 a.m. on Sunday, October 28, 1973. He found that he was lying near some wagons parked inside the corral of the Sociedad Rural de Bahía Blanca, at a distance of some 9.6 km from the spot where he had had his experience. Why he was in such a place he couldn't say, for he could remember nothing: neither his name, nor the episode, nor his truck, nor his home. He felt nausea, and was very cold. With the lights of the traffic to guide him he remembers setting off for the main road, but that was all. When he next regained consciousness he found himself in a bed of the Municipal Hospital in Bahía Blanca. It was then that he recalled what had happened, and he trembled.

He could see that his clothing was intact, folded up at the foot of the bed. Asking what time it was, and feeling the need for a smoke, he found that his watch, his cigarettes and his lighter were missing. The 150000 Pesos were still in his trouser pocket. He then enquired about the truck and was told by the Hospital authorities that the police had found his truck, parked on the hard shoulder of Highway 3 at Villa Bordeu, and jacked up with a wheel ready for changing. His documents were in the dashboard compartment, and they were intact.

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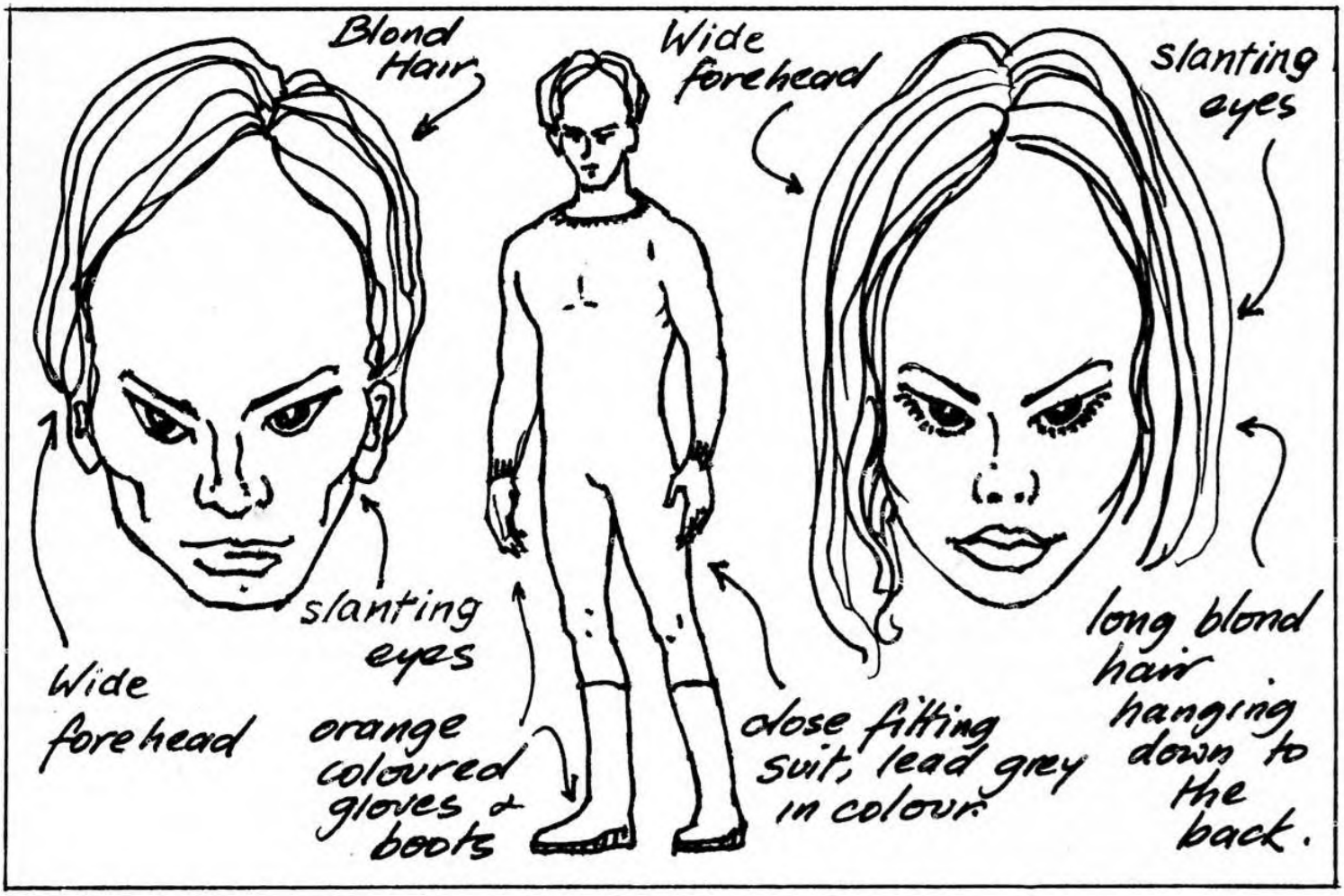
The *Gente y la Actualidad* account carried an extract from page 103 of the entry book of the Bahía Blanca Municipal Hospital's security personnel which reads:

Name: *Not Known.*
Site of accident: *Highway 3, beyond El Cholo.*
Cause: *Says a very powerful light blinded him; that it was a flying saucer, and that he remembers no more. Saw two very blond men and one woman.*
Lesions: *Traumatism of the skull and right temporal forehead, with total amnesia.*

Little is known of what happened to Dionisio Llanca between the time when he awoke beside the wagons in the yard of Sociedad Rural and the time when he was seen in hospital by Dr. Ricardo Smirnoff, an expert in traumatology and forensic medicine.

Said Dr. Smirnoff, in an interview:

"I am a doctor of forensic medicine. On Saturdays and Sundays I am on rota call. On Sunday October 28, at about half past nine in the morning, I received a



Artist's impression of the entities from the descriptions given.

telephone call from Dr. Altacarro who works in the Spanish Hospital. She told me that she had a rather curious case. At 10.15 I went to the Spanish Hospital and saw there a man aged 25 or 26 (I was able to make a good estimate of his age right away thanks to the tattoos on his left arm) who was suffering from a total retrograde amnesia, that is to say, he had forgotten everything about his past. He did not know who he was, where he had been born, or who his parents were. He was weeping continuously, and asking in which town he was. Dr. Altacarro told me that another man had left him at the hospital after finding him wandering around in the centre of the town like an automaton, and asking everyone he met where he could find a police station.

"At first I thought he had been knocked down in the street by a car. I examined him. He apparently bore no lesions. But when I came to examine his head, and as I was about to place my hand on his forehead — but, mark you, *before* I was able to do so — he instinctively threw himself backwards like someone protecting himself against something that was going to cause him pain. However, I found no excoriations or bruises or lumps — the classic 'bump on the head' — and no burns.

"I defined it as a 'strange right parieto-temporal pain.' Then I had a check made in the police registers, to see whether he had been in an accident, or was a fugitive — and finally I had him put into the Municipal Hospital for a possible fracture of the skull. Obviously a blow can cause amnesia, either partial or total. *But,* I ask myself, *what kind of blow can produce total amnesia without leaving a single mark?* In this business of flying saucers, there are two attitudes you can adopt: either you believe, or you don't believe. I don't believe. But I am obliged to admit that this case of Dionisio Llanca is very strange, very extraordinary. . ."

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Not unnaturally, the press reports of the truck driver's alleged encounter with a flying saucer and three humanoid beings engendered a deal of scepticism, mockery and indifference. So, reminding its readers that Pascal had said ". . .he who doubts and does not investigate is not only unfortunate, but also unjust," *Gente y la Actualidad* embarked on a question and answer session around the reported facts.

Llanca, it was pointed out, did not seem to be lying. Everything he stated had happened before he left his uncle's house had been verified. Indeed he had no motive for lying, for the affair kept him in a permanent state of distress, he had vivid dreams of the saucer and its occupants, and was terrified that he might meet them again.

Another point was that Llanca, had he been lying, did not stand to benefit in any way, nor did he try to benefit. Wandering in a state of amnesia — a fact that was verified by doctors, and entered in the hospital records — he did not seek out television or radio studios, or newspaper offices. He was looking for a police station, and finished

up in hospital instead. Then, once the hue and cry was on, he did not ask for a solitary peso for all the press interviews and submissions to questioning. All he wanted was to get off home to see his parents. With tears in his eyes he asked reporters: "Why did this have to happen to me?"

When referring to the report of the incident, the investigators observed that it was strange that only Dionisio Llanca should have seen the intense light that lit up the whole countryside. However, Highway 3 has little traffic at that time of night, and near the site of the incident there were only a meat-packing plant — and there was no activity there at the time — and a fuel dump guarded by watchmen who were on duty inside.

To the question as to whether or not he is a hoaxer, the answer is that he is a simple, almost primitive man. With no sense of humour, he displayed only anguish when being questioned, and was described by one of the doctors as "an innocent."

Again, the concoction of a hoax would have required much knowledge of the UFO phenomenon, but whenever he was asked about flying saucers he said he knew nothing, and was not interested.

The article in *Gente y la Actualidad* concluded with a prediagnosis by psychiatrist Eduardo Mata:

"I have sought on all sides, and it has been a very difficult task for me to fit in the case of Dionisio Llanca. I would not go so far as to venture *Korsakov's syndrome* as an explanation — a confusional syndrome in which the predominant features are amnesia of fixation, fabulation and erroneous recognitions, and with which is associated a polyneuritis that can, however, be absent.

"Nevertheless, although I have not yet examined him thoroughly, I think that his primitivism, his simplicity, his constant preoccupation with everyday matters like his work, his truck and his punctured tyre rather than with the extraordinary event that he relates — all this invalidates the idea of him as a fabulator. I believe that something tremendous happened to Dionisio Llanca that night. Something fantastic and terrible. And that the psychological shock he suffered when he beheld that 'something' could have produced in him the *Korsakov syndrome*. . ."

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Ten weeks later doctors and scientists were still examining and testing Dionisio Llanca. On January 19, 1974, the Buenos Aires newspaper *La Crónica*, reporting that his story seemed to be true, quoted a spokesman for the team of investigators as saying: "We cannot prove that he *was* inside a saucer, but we are equally unable to prove that he was *not* inside one."

The *La Crónica* report continues:

"When Llanca recovered his memory he said that he had been changing a wheel on his truck. . . and that a few instants later he had found himself inside a space-craft, the interior of which 'resembled the inside of a ship, and had a leaden-coloured metallic floor.' Seen from outside, he said, the machine was of a vivid yellow colour on its upper part, and a purplish colour on the under part. He said that while inside the machine, he had spoken telepathically[2] with three beings in tightly-fitting clothing and yellowish-orange boots. They told him they had been visiting Earth since 1950 in order to study our behaviour and make a record for posterity.

"Grave catastrophes ahead for our world"

It seems that, according to information which Llanca says was given to him, during the ten years up to 1960 these extra-galactic beings had been taking back samples of terrestrial materials to their worlds.[3] From that date, however, they have been concentrating on the establishment of contacts with us in order to determine the degree of adaptability capacity in human beings, and the possibility of moving them out into inter-stellar space should the need for this arise. Llanca was quoted by the newspaper as having said:

> *"These people said that our planet is bound to suffer very grave catastrophes if our behaviour continues as it is at present."*

Another interesting point: Llanca alleges that he saw a cable stretched between the space-craft and a nearby high-tension power line, by means of which the craft may have been re-fuelling. A remarkable thing about that statement is that during the night of October 27/28, 1973, the local consumption of power rose by about 10 ampères, something that, at the time, was attributed to a 'possible rise in the surrounding temperature, which however did not occur that day.'

The final report of the doctors

A long article giving the scientific and medical findings in the case, was published in the January 25, 1974, issue of the important Buenos Aires review *Así*. In an interview Dr. Eduardo Mata, the psychiatrist, revealed that the investigatory team consisted of four psychiatrists, two psychologists, a surgeon and a traumatologist (a specialist in shock and its effects), and that several tests were carried out involving the use of hypnosis and the "truth drug" Penthotal.

When asked if this team believed what Llanca said, Dr. Mata replied that he thought they had exhausted all the means that they had [of getting at the truth — C.B.] at that stage of the investigation. They had been acting as 'Devil's Advocates,' trying to demonstrate the possibility that it is not certain that things happened as Llanca says they did: they had failed in this. In each hypnosis session they repeated the whole process step by step. Each time his story was precisely the same, even down to the same mimes and gestures, and the same arm movements.

Dr. Mata explained that Llanca knew nothing whatsoever of what he revealed to the doctors when undergoing questioning under hypnosis and Penthotal. There was little doubt he would read about it in the newspapers, but he would know about it as though it had happened to someone else.

A resumé of the medical report resulting from the investigations is as follows:

1: The investigation of the Llanca case began on November 6, 1973, when a session of hypnosis was carried out. Prior to that, Llanca had been seen by two professional men in the Leonidas Lucero Municipal Hospital in Bahía Blanca. In his first statements, given

then, he showed signs of distress, and said he had seen three 'people' with whom he had had contact possibly between midnight and 1.00 a.m. of that day (Sunday, October 28, 1973).

2: The account given by the medical team withholds certain specific details which the medical experts have asked should not be divulged, as psychopaths might avail themselves of the information if it were revealed, and would "invent" alleged meetings with such beings, based on the details so divulged.

3: Under hypnosis at first, and then under Penthotal, Llanca told how he had met the two men and one woman. Then he related how he was taken by the men of the party to an object above the trees beside Highway 3. He was transported to it "by means of a light."

4: Llanca gives his impression of this thing as being like a ship, describing its interior in minute detail. And, under a technique known as *hypnotic hallucination,* he succeeded in making sketches of some of the instruments, and in giving a total description of the interior of the craft. The sketches are of little value however, since he has not had sufficient training in drawing. His miming and gestures are, however, perfect. He looks up, looks away across the room into 'space' and begins to describe what he saw. "Such and such a thing was here. . . such and such a thing was there."

5: Furthermore, he relates part of a conversation, or rather, a monologue, in which these beings give him instructions.

6: It is to be noted that at every step he made the appropriate movements. Always consistent. He was given four sessions of hypnosis and/or Penthotal, and every time he gave precisely the same gestures and mimings and he replied in each case in precisely the same words, and this is a formidable argument in his favour.

7: It is to be noted that both hypnosis and Penthotal produce special conditions in which the will, the consciousness, as a psychic stratum, loses all possibility of regulatory action.

8: Llanca heard from the lips of the beings a sort of sound similar to the buzzing of bees and, by means of an instrument which they had there — he describes it as a sort of radio — he understood everything they said to him. Presumably they spoke to him in Spanish.

9: They told him they came from very far, and had been coming here for a long time, at first concentrating solely on taking samples of materials. But since about 1960 they had begun making contact with Earth beings.

10: They had even studied the question of whether Humans were adaptable to the planet from which they themselves came.

11: They informed him that if the behaviour of Earth people continued as it has done up till now, very grave cataclysms would ensure.

12: They informed him that one of them has taken the Earth man form and is living among us.

13: They told him that they had chosen him for this contact because they considered him a simple, good man, without major problems, and that possibly they would come to look for him again and would take him with them.

14: After emerging from the effects of the Penthotal and the hypnosis, Llanca now remembers nothing of what happened to him between the moment when the beings seized him by the coat collar and his awakening in hospital.

15: In normal circumstances this is called a case of *lacunar amnesia,* a *lacuna* or 'lake' which covers the whole of a given period. Under the Penthotal he described his experiences during this *lacuna.* But, outside of the hypnotic state, he knows nothing of those experiences.

16: His education is scanty, so that he can neither understand the concept of 'personality' in strictly psychiatric terms, nor can he know the details of the mechanical things he described, when under the influence of the Penthotal, in connection with his visitors and the saucer.

17: None of the sessions of hypnosis were filmed, but there are complete taped recordings of all of them.

18: Throughout the whole of what happened to him during the period of the *lacuna,* Llanca saw everything against a background of *yellow.* Let us say that he had monochromatic vision. As though a yellow lens had been placed between his eyes and the outside world. Or, as happens in those places where there is a red light or a blue light that changes the colour of everything around.

19: Under the hypnosis, Llanca said that it all ended when the woman gently placed one of her hands under his left eye. Later, when being examined at the hospital, a small scratch of no significance was noted in that area. The doctors attributed it to a scratch by a twig or some such object.

20: In the area of the hand known as the 'anatomical snuffbox' (the hollow between the thumb and the index finger) he had a similar scratch. This is where he says they "took blood" from him.

21: From the moment that one of them placed a hand over his eye, he remembers nothing more, not even under either hypnosis or Penthotal.

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In reply to other questions, Dr. Mata said that Dionisio Llanca had been left quite normal as regards the occurence. What had affected his normality was not the experience, but the subsequent publicity. Any person who is little accustomed to or little prepared for fame, is emotionally disturbed when it arrives. The same thing is happening with Dionisio Llanca, only on a bigger scale, because it involves UFOs and themes which connote obscurantism and fanciful imaginings.

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News of the Dionisio Llanca encounter came to us gradually over a period of several months, and then followed the donkeywork of translating all the selected items and sifting through the material so that not a relevant point was missed. Every newspaper or magazine cutting, after the first one, reiterated what we knew already, but every cutting had something to add to the story.[4]. And so the picture built up as the reports of the tests by the medical team were gradually released to the public. Our account endeavoured to follow this build-up as we, 6000 miles away, saw it happening.

Without doubt we must be extremely grateful to the Bahia Blanca medical team for their inquisitiveness when they could not determine what had hit their patient, for

their determination to seek out the truth once they knew the "unlikely" answer, and for their public-spiritedness in making known their findings. Without them, and without the Argentinian press — which, it must be admitted, collaborated with great vigour — little of anything of this case would ever have been known to researchers. If the medical team had decided to clamp down on the case, it is doubtful if amateur researchers would have been organised well enough to attempt to unravel the mystery, given they had even learned of its existence in the first place.

We have no difficulty in thinking of a few countries where such a spirit of open-mindedness would have been squashed, unobtrusively but effectively, at the outset.

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It seemed then that information on the case of the Argentinian truck driver had tailed off when, in the summer of 1974, we received from our Brazilian colleague Dr. Walter Bühler, an item taken from the Rio de Janeiro newspaper *O Globo* of February 17, 1974.

The Buenos Aires correspondent of the paper had attended a meeting when the tape recordings of the hypnosis and truth drug sessions with Dionsio Llanca were played. Dr. Mata was present.

In one of the recordings, the voice of the hypnotist, Dr. Eladio Santos was heard, "tranquil, and inspiring confidence," we are told. By contrast the voice of Dionisio Llanca was grave, monotonous and tired. His breathing was affected, and he was panting at times. Part of the transcript is included here, not only because it includes a few new details, but also because it will allow readers to have at least some idea of the mode of speech of Dionisio.

Question: *Tell me what you did on October 27, after midnight?*
Answer: I leave the Esso Filling Station on Calle Don Bosco. I have a punctured tyre. I am going to change it.
Q: *On what road are you?*
A: Avenida 3.
Q: *What are you doing now?*
A: I am changing the tyre. . .a light comes. . .yellow. . . like the headlights of a *Peugeot.*[5]
(Dionisio's voice grows feeble. He replies, with breaks, that he feels a great tiredness, a profound fatigue.)
. . .Who are you people? What do you want? No. . .please. . . don't do anything to me. . .you can take the truck and my money. . .
Q: *Whom do you see?*
A: Them. . .two men. . .and there's a woman too.
Q: *How are they dressed?*
A: In silvery clothing, closely fitting the body. And boots, and gloves.
Q: *What is the colour of the gloves?*
A: Yellow. Orange-yellow.
Q: *Do they speak to you?*
A: No. I hear a buzzing noise, like bees in a hive, or like a badly tuned radio.
Q: *Do they threaten you?*
A: No. One of them approaches me, and touches my hand with an instrument. . .
Q: *Does it hurt?*
A: No.
Q: *What is the instrument like?*
A: Like an electric shaver.
Q: *What are they doing now?*
A: They are carrying me. . .where are they taking me?

Dionisio Llanca goes on to tell how the two men took him up a beam of light into a strange place with a floor that looked like lead, and with a round window. There were many instruments there, and a boat, two television sets and a radio. In one of the TV sets he could see the stars.

When Dr. Mata asked him whether they spoke to him, he replied that only the radio spoke to him.[6] The language was Spanish. Later he told how the place was lit up by a yellow light. Then the woman put on a black glove, came over to him and touched him, and at that point in the hypnosis session Dionisio raised his hand to his forehead in an attempt to cover his left eyebrow. He flinched, as though he had been pricked, and passed into a state of profound lethargy. When he came out of it, his first recollection was: "I'm falling. . .falling slowly into the corral. They said they will return for me. I feel cold. I reach the Avenida and start walking along it. . . Who am I? Who am I?"

Dr. Mata had one or two doubts about the investigation. "For example," he said, "when listening to the first tape one gets the impression that some of the questions carry, implicit in them, their own reply. This was correlated later when we put the conducting of the hypnosis entirely under Dr. Eladio Santos." He felt that the whole process may have been contaminated by those initial errors, so that they couldn't attribute 100% veracity to what Llanca said. He went on to explain, too, that Llanca's external behaviour underwent a modification (a description of this was not given because it pertained to the clinical history of a patient). However, said Dr. Mata, the change did not invalidate his statements, which have been entirely consistent.

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The *O Globo* correspondent later asked Dr. Santos if Dionisio Llanca was speaking the truth. Said Dr. Santos:

"He is speaking *his* truth. . . At the beginning I was most sceptical, and at the moment there is only one thing I can say to you: when subjected to tests by methods which in normal practice are acceptably sure, such as hypnosis and Penthotal, Dionisio told what he thinks he experienced."

The doctor also revealed that Llanca had been given an exhaustive psychiatric examination, and that there was no evidence that he had been lying, even though his statement may not be sufficiently valid for his claim of having made contact with extraterrestrial beings in a space-craft to be taken as the established truth.

Their analysis of his personality, he said, eliminated any possibility that he could be a hoaxer.

O Globo went on to report that while in the "craft" Dionisio Llanca saw the two beings take two "tubes" and link one of them to a high-tension cable, and lower the other one into a small lake. As for the stated rise in the flow of current, technicians explained that surges are not unknown, and do have various causes.

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Since Llanca's return from hospital to his uncle's home, he has had "problems." For one thing he desperately wanted to change his job; for another he became engaged to Marta Gaitan; a girl whom he met *after* his strange adventure. The girl bought her trousseau, and planned to be married to him on January 25, 1974, but at the time of the news report, had heard nothing from him for two months, and was unable to account for his behaviour. She wrote to his parents asking for their help, but they replied that they wished to have nothing further to do with their son. Furthermore, they had forbidden him to return to the town where he had always lived with them, Ingeniero Jacobacci, in the province of Rio Negro.

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One final and important item from Dr. Santos:

"Dionisio Llanca's encounter with the alleged extraterrestrial beings began at about 1.15 a.m. on the Sunday, and his adventure ended at dawn in a paddock. His account reveals a time gap.

"We have in fact reconstructed the route taken by Llanca, from the moment he woke up. And he 'knew' from some passing motorist that it was 3.00 a.m. He remembers that he had lost his watch. His story of the time inside the craft covers approximately half an hour. This means that there is a period in his life, of from 1½ to 2 hours, which is submerged in total amnesia."

Dr. Santos went on to say that the investigatory team members were quite unable to recover this lost time by either of the means which they employed (hypnosis and the "truth drug"), and he admits that the supposed extraterrestrial beings may well have totally "blacked out" from Llanca's mind all memory of what took place in that period of 1½-2 hours.

Comments

Such then was the extraordinary affair of Dionisio Llanca. It is abundantly clear that most of the Argentinian doctors who devoted so much of their time to the examination and testing of the unfortunate truck driver consider his story to be true. Not unexpectedly, however, they display a degree of caution.

We realise there are many who read this account who will be tempted to conclude without more ado that Llanca's story is true. Likewise there will be others who, without further consideration, will proclaim that it is untrue: such is life, and all we can say to the latter category of readers is that before they commit themselves they should first endeavour to check the records of the Bahía Blanca hospitals, and discuss the matter with the doctors concerned.

Others — and these are folk after our own hearts — will approach the reports in a critical frame of mind, doubtful, yet finding ample cause to wonder.

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At this stage it should be noted that doubts have been expressed by some amateur researchers about the validity of the Dionisio Llanca affair. A rumour has circulated to the effect that the whole business was a put-up job between a doctor (or doctors) and the truck driver. To us that idea seems preposterous in every way, yet it should be borne in mind. (It should also be treated warily, in view of what we have learned about authoritarian reaction to stories of this kind, and of the censorship and attempted brain-washing that all-too-frequently occurs.)

Our friend and correspondent Jane Thomas, of Buenos Aires, travelled with Pedro Romaniuk to Bahía Blanca in October 1974 in the hope of locating the witness. They did not find Dionisio, but they heard many a tale about him, and, for someone trying to establish the creditibility of a witness these stories seemed most unsatisfactory.

Dionisio's former neighbours told Senorita Thomas that he no longer lived in the area, that he had been thrown out of his home because he did not want to work, and that he had been in jail for swindling. The thing that upset Senorita Thomas more than anything else was that she discovered that Llanca had been paid money for the purpose of keeping him in tow, and " . . .available exclusively for tours and lectures."

While we have sympathetic understanding for Jane Thomas's feeling of alarm, we are not at all surprised by these reports. Throughout the whole of the unfolding story the witness, Llanca, has appeared as a weak and pathetic character: to this add the effects of the traumatic exeperience he is stated to have undergone — and Senorita Thomas herself has no doubts that he did undergo some initial experience — and the treatment and interrogations he suffered, and it is hardly surprising that he behaved the way he did. It is a well-known fact that claimants of UFO encounter experiences of the more spectacular kind are often reported to have been ostracized by those around them. Again, such an unhappy little man as Dionisio Llanca, dazed by both his experience and treatment, is an automatic target for sensation-seeking and money-conscious publishers who couldn't care a fig for the finer points of scientific investigation. That is a fact of life: it happens all the time.

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Let us return briefly to the newspaper and magazine discussion that followed the investigation. According to the Buenos Aires correspondent of the Rio de Janeiro paper *O Globo,* from whose report we quoted on page 8 Dr. Eladio Santos made an interesting summing-up:

"We possess no means of proving that Llanca was *not* inside a flying object, nor do we possess a technique capable of proving that he *was*. Dionisio Llanca, under hypnosis and penthatol, always told the same story. And that story is that he was inside a flying saucer with two tall men with short red hair, and a woman with long red hair. Those beings were wearing silvery clothing and talking among themselves in a language that sounded like the buzzing of bees in a hive, and that they promised to return. . ."

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Among the many accounts and reports of this case that reached us at FSR there are very few discrepancies of any importance. At times the clothing of the entities is described as *silvery*. At other times it was said to be *leaden-grey* (which, after all, is not so very different). One recalls the use of these same two terms in the A.V.B. case[7] so maybe the description could be *silvery-grey*.

The description of the entities' hair presents a few more problems. On this score Gordon Creighton has written:

"In all the articles and news cuttings from Argentina (and therefore in Spanish) the three beings encountered by Dionisio are described as 'fair' or 'blond' (*rubio/rubia*), but it is to be noted that in the one account in Portuguese from a Brazilian correspondent in Buenos Aires who had managed to hear the tapes, the two 'men' are described as *ruivos* and the woman as *ruiva.*

"*Rubio/rubia* and *ruivo/ruiva* obviously both derive from the Latin root *rubeus:* red. The differences between sister-languages are, however, often very fine and subtle, and my own impression is that while the Spanish word *rubio/rubia* is nowadays always used to denote 'blond' and 'fair', the Portuguese (i.e. Brazilian) word *ruivo/ruiva* has stayed closer to the original Latin meaning and is today employed to indicate definitely 'red-headed' rather than 'blond'. For 'fair' or 'blond' the Portuguese and Brazilians generally use another word altogether, namely *louro/loura.*"

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This business of certain entities and "red hair" in a number of UFO reports becomes more and more interesting, and it may well indicate something of considerable mythological and perhaps even anthropological importance. As far as Dionisio Llanca's entities are concerned it seems anyway that they were definitely tall blonds, and not red-heads.

Notes and references

1. There are discrepancies regarding the spelling of the name. Several of the newspapers and journals received from Argentina have *Yanca,* while two even have *Yanka,* but this latter version is clearly incorrect as there is no letter *k* in Spanish. We have decided on *Llanca,* which seems the more Spanish and more likely form. The journal *Phénomènes Spatiaux* (Paris) has published a brief account of the case, and they too use the form *Llanca.*
2. Considering the frequent allusions in these reports to Dionisio's scanty education, we have to accept that journalists probably put "into" his mouth words like *telepathically.*
3. *Sic.* The entities allegedly described themselves as coming from *outside our Galaxy.* Needless to say we have no way yet of knowing whether any of the communications given by entities to their contactees are ever true.
4. The names and dates of some of the publications have already been given, but for the convenience of readers the full list of source material consulted is appended:

Gente y la Actualidad,	Buenos Aires	Nov. 8, 1973.
Dagens Nyheter,	Stockholm	Nov. 13, 1973.
Review *Así*	Buenos Aires	Jan. 7, 1974.
		Jan. 15, 1974.
		Jan. 25, 1974.
La Crónica	Buenos Aires	Jan. 19, 1974.
La Opinión	Buenos Aires	Jan. 19, 1974.
O Globo	Rio de Janeiro	Feb. 17, 1974.
La Razón	Buenos Aires	Mar. 16, 1974.
Nostradamus	Paris	Apr. 11, 1974.

In addition to those correspondents whose names are mentioned in the introduction, we would like to thank for their kind assistance, Sr. Ignacio Darnaude of Sevilla, Spain and Mrs. Mary Boyd of Florence, Italy.

5. French cars are popular in Argentina where, for example, Renault have a huge factory.
6. See van Vlierden, C, "Escorted by UFOs from Umvuma to Beit Bridge" in FSR Vol. 21, No. 2, March-April 1975. (This is the Rhodesian teleportation case, which can also be found in the anthology *Encounter Cases from Flying Saucer Review* a Signet paperback by New American Library.) In the final section "Investigation under hypnosis: contact revealed" the witness Peter reveals when hypnotically regressed: ". . .the car was telling me what to do. . .switch the radio from L.M. [Lourenço Marques] to another station. This time we heard voices on the radio which sounded like L.M. . . but wasn't. It was [*sic*] direct signals from the. . spacecraft to the radio which was sending impulses to the car." Later on Peter said: "My wife fell asleep, or was put to sleep by the radio, which was the voice of 'them'."
7. The Antônio Villas Boas abduction, medical examination and sexual encounter case of Minas Gerais, Brazil, of 1957. The full account is still available in *The Humanoids,* Ed. C. Bowen, (Futura Books paperback) — see p.ii of cover.

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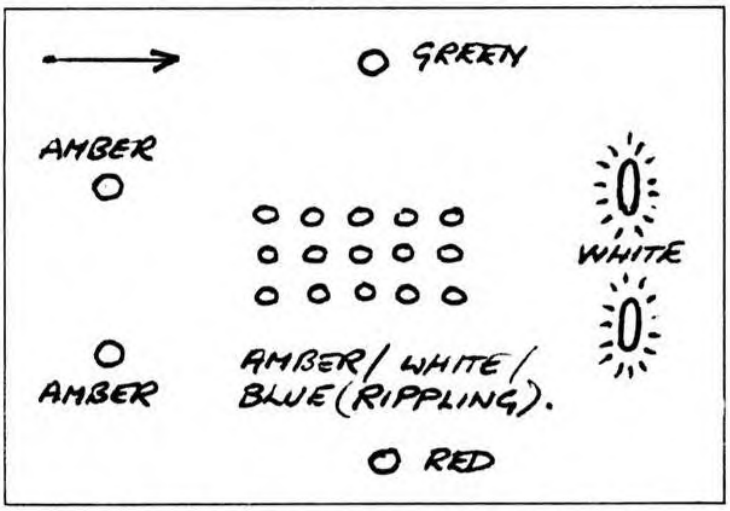
The witnesses of this incident reported it to a Surrey Police station, where it was suggested they should get in touch by 'phone with *Flying Saucer Review.* This they did, and the Editor asked Mr. Fowler if he would be so good as to investigate the case for us. A copy of the report has been sent to UFOIN.

CIVIL SERVANT Mr. G. J. Moore and electrical fitter Mr. A. Johnston experienced the following encounter at 0030 hours on September 17, 1980.

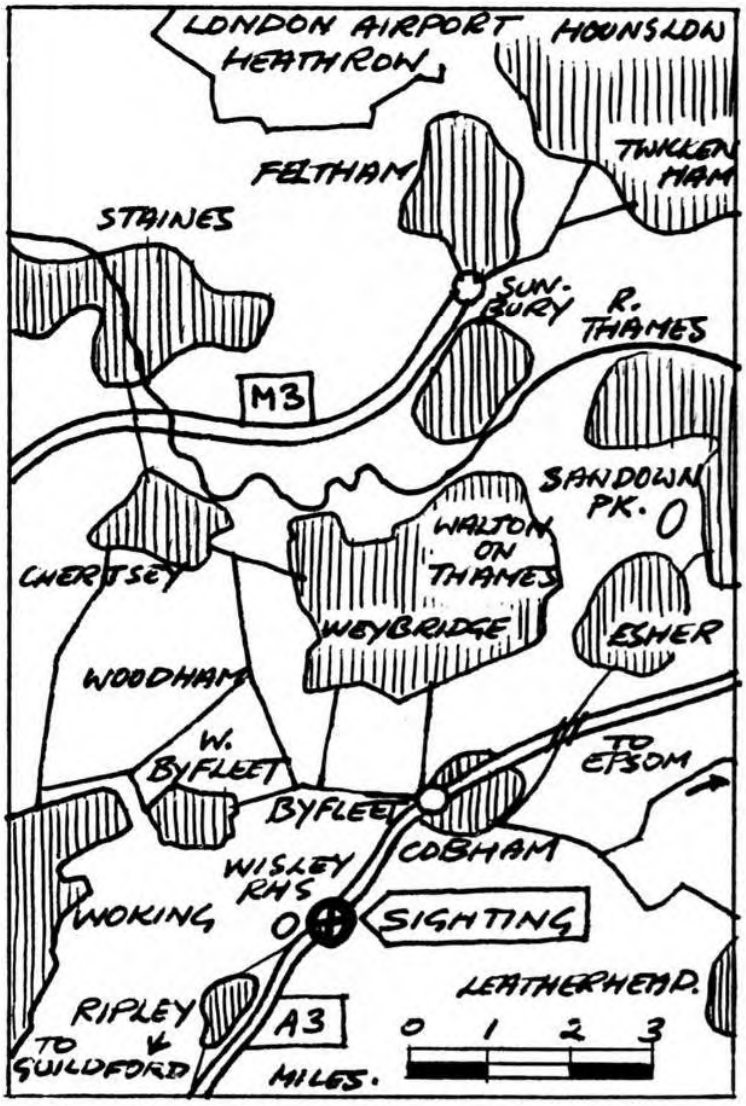
The witnesses were travelling by car on their way home to Portsmouth, and were driving on the A3 motorway standard road south of Cobham, near Wisley RHS Gardens. The weather conditions were clear and a few stars were visible. As they drove over the brow of a hill, they immediately noticed a brilliant light in the sky ahead of them and at a low elevation (approx 15°). The light was described as magnesium coloured and as being "incredibly bright", with "spikes" of light emitted by the object.

As the car approached closer to the light, it became obvious that the light source was not one light, but two close together. Mr. Moore described the brilliance as "not a soft glow, but spikey." At this stage Mr. Moore pulled over to a lay-by, stopped the car and turned the engine off. He then jumped out of the car and ran along the "hard shoulder." At this point it was possible to make out other lights associated with the object; there was a red light on one side and green on the other, similar to an aircraft's light pattern.

At first it appeared to be stationary, but then it moved across in front of the witnesses (Mr. Johnstone had now joined Mr. Moore), it did not go up or down, but was travelling on a level plane. It then passed over the witnesses, moving at a very slow speed and at a height of only a few hundred feet. Mr. Johnstone stated that he had always been sceptical about such things as UFOs and had been sitting in the car up to the point where the object had started to move towards them. To that moment he thought it may have been aeroplane. However, as it approached, there was no sound and as it passed overhead, it was very large. Commented Mr. Johnstone: "It was absolutely massive. You could almost feel the weight behind it, like watching a large liner moving slowly. . . you have that feeling of immense power. I reckon it was at least 200ft long, judging the distance between the lights."



The lights, as viewed from underneath, by Mr. Moore.



Parts of West Surrey and Middlesex.

The main impression made on the two witnesses was of the immense size of the object as it passed overhead. They did not feel any effects at the time, such as hair standing

on end, etc., which may have indicated a source of electro-power. Their car started immediately after the incident, without any problem, and there was no sign of any interference with any car instruments or their watches (they checked).

It was not possible to make out the shape of the object, it could only be judged by following the outline of the surrounding lights. The object was finally lost from sight as it passed over a nearby hill. Witnesses subsequently reported the incident to Epsom Police Station.

UFO ODOURS AND ORIGINS

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ODOURS are usually not experienced in UFO sightings since the object must be nearby and the witness must be within the downwind dispersion plume. Even in close encounters with disc UFOs, only about one out of four cases includes perception of odours. Witnesses generally report an unfamiliar, nauseating, pervasive and oppressive smell, pungently irritating to the mucosal tissues of eyes, nose and throat. Depending on the magnitude of integrated exposure, immediate effects may include dizziness, upset stomach and vomiting. The odour may still be noticeable hours later, from the lungs and on the skin, which may peel. Severe exposures may be followed by temporary loss of appetite and low blood lymphocyte count, and may necessitate hospitalization.[1]

In a representative selection of 52 close encounters with disc UFOs, comprising 16 with odour which are noted explicitly in this discussion, and 36 others without odour,[2] there is no significant statistical correlation between occurrence of odours and most other common features, including hum, whistle, roar, whoosh or throbbing sounds; smoke, haze or mist; coloured glow, electromagnetic effects, or sighting duration. Duration is evidently statistically insignificant as witnesses in several brief encounters noted immediate visibility of copious vapour emissions, to which they attributed the reported

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Specific Description	Interpretation	Chemical Formula	Remarks
Burning sulphur[5]	Sulphur dioxide	SO_2	Ozone is more likely but unfamiliar to many witnesses.
Pepper in the air,[6] burned out electrical motor[7] or transformer[8]	Ozone; (one witness also suggested hot bakelite)	O_3	Expected in vicinity of electrical discharges and ionized air. Besides irritating the upper respiratory tract, produces headaches,[16] usually not experienced by witnesses.
Fat burning[9]	Fatty acids appear in in vapour or among combustion products	E.g., formic acid, HCOOH	Formic acid produced in low-temperature oxidation of formaldehyde by moderately vigorous oxidizing agents.
Embalming fluid[10]	Formaldehyde	HCHO	Colourless, water-soluble, highly poisonous, irritating gas. Occurs in low-temperature oxidation of methyl alcohol by moderately active oxidizing agents.
Hot bakelite[7]	Formaldehyde and phenol	C_6H_5OH (phenol)	Phenol (carbolic acid) is a pungent, solid derivative of benzene, producing skin burns.
Nitrobenzene[11]	Nitrobenzene	$C_6H_5NO_2$	Oily, yellowish liquid, poisonous, with strong, slightly sweetish odour like oil of bitter almonds. Made from oxidation of benzene by nitric acid (nitrite ion; NO_2^-).

Table 1: Odour Descriptions and Interpretations

odour.[3] Witnesses close to the UFO are statistically somewhat more likely to sense any odours emitted by the UFO.[4]

In some of the CEII cases, odour at the landing site is not detected until the ground traces are inspected immediately after the sighting. The relative wind direction is unfortunately not stated in most UFO reports and may be responsible for apparent absence of odours in the majority of close encounters. In four of the 16 sightings with odour the witnesses did note a distinct hissing sound. This was not heard in any of the 36 typical close encounters without odour.

A provisional explanation for the odour evolves from literal interpretation of the specific odour descriptions, as summarized in Table 1, and from consideration of reported electromagnetic effects of UFOs. Thus, with the exception of ozone, which sometimes may be misinterpreted as burning sulphur, the specific odours reported are apparently from oxidation products of hydrocarbons, either methyl alcohol or benzene. Evidently these are somehow available in the UFO's vicinity, perhaps through venting or incomplete combustion. It is significant that they are not petroleum derivatives, but rather from wood and coal, respectively. On this planet at least, they are more likely to be available in later stages of technological development than petroleum derivatives.

The reported electromagnetic phenomena from UFOs are sufficient to produce the necessary oxidizing agents in the immediate vicinity. Thus, ozone is expected in a region ionized by static electric and magnetic fields, and by microwave and optically visible electromagnetic energy. Moreover, the characteristic yellow afterglow of active nitrogen,[12] visible in spite of the quenching effect of oxygen in the air,[13] is described by some witnesses.[14] The active nitrogen fixes the oxygen to produce N_2O (unstable), NO (oxidizes to NO_2), N_2O_3 (also unstable), NO_2 and N_2O_5. The latter oxide is a white, crystalline solid below 30°C (86°F).** Thus, only NO_2 is considered here, in addition to ozone, as an effective oxidizing agent. Its important properties are listed in Table 2.[15]

The fact that N_2O_4 is used as a fuel oxidizer in contemporary rocket technology is ignored in the UFO context since, as discussed above, the oxidizing agent appears to be produced outside of the UFO as an unavoidable consequence of the electromagnetic field.

In summary, considering the reported characteristics, UFO odours are attributed to externally produced oxidizing agents, ozone and NO_2/N_2O_4, and their reaction with methyl alcohol and/or benzene. While it may be difficult to accept the implication that hydrocarbons are used as an energy source in disc UFO, and wastefully too, the reported descriptions of occasional black smoke emission from disc UFO must be recognized as further evidence.[19]

**Angel's hair can hardly be N_2O_5, which sublimes rapidly at room temperature, and also reacts vigorously with atmospheric moisture to produce drops of nitric acid.

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Name	Nitrogen dioxide/nitrogen tetra-oxide (NO_2 tends to polymerize to N_2O_4 on cooling)
Chemical formula	NO_2/N_2O_4 (equilibrium between two)
Form	Liquid up to 21.2°C (70.1°F)
Specific gravity (liq.)	1.34
Specific gravity (gas)	1.59 to 3.18 depending on mixture
Colour (liquid)	Brown
Colour (gas)	Brown to light yellow, depending on mixture[17]
Solubility	Quite soluble in water, yielding nitric acid solution
Odour	Very unpleasant[18]
Toxicity	Injurious to animal tissue, resulting in severe burns to skin and eyes. Produces delayed pulmonary oedema, which may not develop until the day after exposure

Table 2: Oxidising agent from active Nitrogen

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SANDY KNUDSEN'S ENCOUNTER BEYOND BRAGG CREEK

W. K. Allan

An unusual humanoid case from Alberta, Canada, edited from transcriptions of the taped interviews, parts of which are used in full.

THIS interview with Mrs. Sandy Knudsen took place on Sunday, October 28, 1979, almost a year after the incident which, as she told us, happened on November 11, 1978. She and her husband, who live in Oakland Way South West, Calgary, Alberta, were to go with two friends to a party at a place known as Bragg Creek. They set out in two cars, but although they had clear enough directions they still managed to get lost. Due to conditions of heavy snow they took off along a road going west past Bragg Creek. The snow was by then so deep that there was no chance to turn round, so, with the Knudsens' friends leading the way they ploughed on until they found themselves among the foothills, and at the end of the road.

It was decided that the leading car should have a go at turning, and if they got stuck, then the Knudsens would go up and turn and come in behind the first car in a position where they could help push the first car out of the drift.

As the Knudsens went up to start their manoeuvre Sandy looked at her watch and said to her husband: "It's eight-thirty, we're going to be missing the hayride."

Once they had got into position, the Knudsens got out of their car and joined the others. At that point Sandy looked up and saw a light approaching.

Said Sandy: "It seemed quite slow and I thought immediately that it looked like a giant hovercraft the way it was moving. And I turned to the fellow who was with us and I asked him what it was as it came closer. And he looked at it and he said 'Oh it's just a UFO Sandy.' "

As the thing was getting closer all the time a worried Sandy Knudsen called out to their friend: "Henry, please will you look at it."

All Henry could say was: "Let's get the cars out of the snow."

But Sandy wasn't giving up that easy. She told how she grabbed her husband's arm, and called to her other friend: "I made them all look at this vehicle. At this point it was very close, probably — I'm not very good at distances, but I'd say it was from here where I'm sitting to out on the road.

(John C. Smith, at whose home the interview was taped, later paced off the distance as approximately 90 feet.)

Sandy continued: "It made no noise, there was no sound at all from the vehicle. It was about — I've spoken to Jack about it and the length I was describing from one point to another, it was about 150 ft long. It was three floor length windows high. It was illuminated inside. I remember looking at the people I was with, because I had to keep telling them to look at it. They were so blasé about it. I looked at the girl and her face was lit up by it. I don't really recall anything after that except that it just lifted and went away slowly. There was one thing about it I did notice, but that I didn't bring up till later. Then Henry said 'Alright Sandy, we've looked at your UFO, now can we please go and get these cars out of the snow.' So we did just that and got on our way, and I looked at my watch and it was twenty after nine!

"I was just sort of looking around" continued Sandy, "looking at my husband, and looking around, as we were driving back to the hayride. And I asked him: 'Didn't we see a UFO tonight?' and he said: 'Yeah, yeah, we did, but it was nothing.'

"It seemed like nothing to him, and I kind of forgot about it again. We found our way back to where the hayride was, ate dinner, and nothing was thought about it again until we went out on the hayride and were looking up at the stars. All of a sudden my memory was jogged, and I turned to the people who were with us and said: 'you guys, didn't we see a UFO tonight. . . wasn't it there so close?' They replied 'Yeah, yeah, we did.' "

According to Sandy, they did not talk about it again that evening, and she was very upset. In fact she confessed that she and her husband got

into a horrendous fight that evening just because she was so upset.

The following day they talked about it, and Sandy was still concerned about the thing she had on her mind, the thing she had noticed, but had kept to herself. That evening when she and her husband were lying in bed, she was practically begging him to talk about it. At last she spoke. . .

"There's one thing I noticed about the UFO. If you noticed anything really, really strange, no matter how strange it was, would you please tell me?"

He paused a moment, it seems, and then said: "Yes, there were people on it. There was music. It was almost like they were having a party. There was wine. . . and glasses, the shape of wine glasses, and almost the sound of the tinkling of wine glasses, too."

Said Sandy: "This is the one thing that I had noticed; the one thing that had been bothering me all day. So we talked to our friends about it, but they didn't seem bothered enough to want to recall anything. And that's all, unless you have any questions, Bill."

I certainly did have some questions. . .

Bill Allan: *Would your friends mind if we put their names on record?*
Sandy: No, they wouldn't mind at all. My husband's name is Kim Knudsen; our friends are Henry Zywotkiewicz and Geralin Wright.
Do you know where Geralin Wright comes from?
Yes, she comes from Winnipeg.
You spoke part way through of 'she' [the girl mentioned as having her face lit up? — ED]. *Was this a female creature in the UFO?*
Oh no. I'm sorry. It is my girlfriend Geralin. I looked at her because I was wanting to make sure they they were looking at it and when I looked at her, her face was lit from the vehicle, from the UFO.
What colour was the light from the UFO?
It was a kind of an incandescent colour. It was yellowish, bright but yellowish, from the windows.
Did you subtract those two times you looked at your watch to get the duration of the sighting?
It was about an hour.
Can you think of anything, Yvonne [Mrs. Allan — ED], *we should ask? Oh yes, the weather conditions?*
Very cold. It was very, very cold, but there was no wind.
And of course it would be dark in November, it would be Mountain Standard time?
Yes. I did call to the airport to see if any planes — like when I mentioned this to a friend she said: "Oh it sounds like a Time Airbus" — which I had never seen, and I called then to see if it had flown down there that evening and they said "No". . . but since then I have seen the Time Airbus and, no, it doesn't look like that at all. This vehicle was monstrous in size. It was shaped like a giant hovercraft, the hovercraft, now they come up like this (gesturing) and they're sort of flat on top, and then there was a very large thing at the back. It was lit, except for at the back where there was a dark almost like a fin-type thing.
You were just gesturing with your hands now and we have a vivid picture of how it looks. Do you think you could make a sketch?
Yes I will.
That's fine.

Yvonne: *Did you by any chance notice any different colour about it? Generally what colour would it be?*
It was so dark, and what I noticed mostly was the windows, the lights from the windows, and humanoids, whatever they were, full length almost like a silhouette of the people. This is just so vague to me. It's all fleeting and it always has been, it is part of the thing that bothers me.
Now you speak of a party with wine glasses. Did you see wine glasses through the windows?
No. No. The wine glasses only came in my mind. They were shaped like this. Everything is so vague.
You've made an appointment with Kenneth Pawson to see if he can have you recall more details, so I think maybe we should just close this off now.
Yvonne: *Could you recall anything on the ground after? Did you look?*
No, we didn't because the other people with me were almost annoyed with me for having taken up their time. They didn't want to have anything more to do with it. And they were annoyed with me because I had forced them to stop pushing the car in the snow to look at this thing.
Well thank you very much Sandy. Would you allow me to send this tape in to people like Dr. Hynek. The Aerial Phenomena Research Organization or MUFON the Mutual UFO Network?
Yes I agree.
Thank you very much.

Excerpts from the Regression session

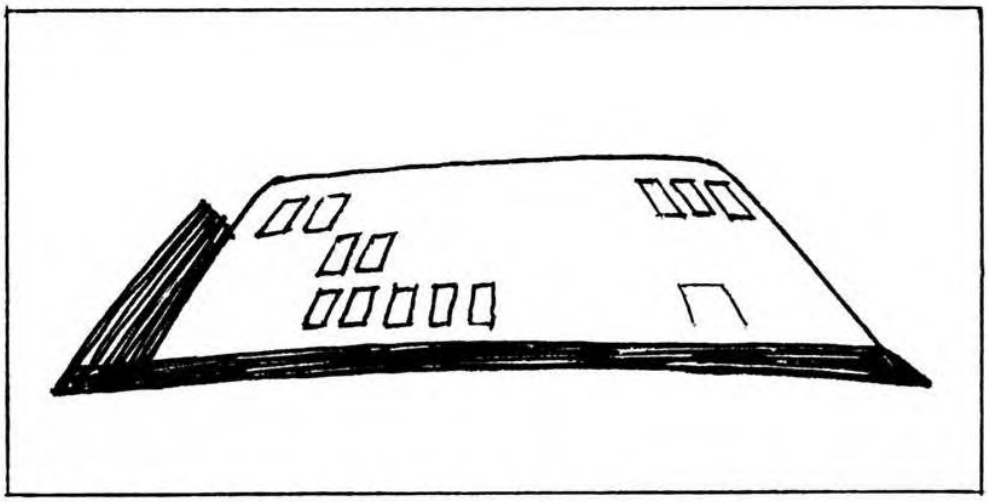
The third day after Sandy's taped interview she underwent hypnosis by Kenneth Pawson. After having had no problem in reliving the car trip up to the point where they turned the cars around, Sandy said: "I keep seeing the same thing, I can't seem to go beyond Gerry getting out of the car."

After Ken Pawson tells her: "It starts to become very, very clear. . .describe what you see" Sandy says "I can see a light, it's coming over a hill."

Ken asks "Where is it right now?" and Sandy replies "It won't go beyond my first being able to see it. They won't come any further. It sort of. . . I've stopped, I can't regress it. It seems to sort of make almost a jump."

Later she says "I'm trying to get it back. . .it's just the same light I think I seem to be able to see some shape to it."

Pawson: *Describe that shape as it comes nearer.* **Sandy:** Every time I try to think of what it's like. . .it's kind of like counting sheep, it just comes right at me and goes over me, the thought of it does. . . It's going by slowly. It reminds me of. . .it has so many windows on the front of it. The top, there seems to be a red light and a blue light. And there's people. It reminds me of what would be an ocean voyage when people are, I think it's people, would be just having a. . . There's people. Almost you can see silhouettes in the windows. There's many, many windows. It's so close. It's going by so slowly. I don't understand why I can almost see the people, what's going on inside, but it's not by looking at it. I'm so close. (heavy breathing).
The one you can see most clearly. How do you describe that person?
There seem to be two people in the window. It's a silhouette.
What kind of silhouette?
The silhouette is much like us, is much like us. It's really nothing to be afraid of.
Do they say there's nothing to be afraid of?
No, but they were having fun so



Of this sketch, which is based on Sandy Knudsen's drawing, Bill Allan writes: Sandy was uncertain of the "tail" structure (on the left of the object in sketch) but after the first hypnotic session she recalled there were dual fins from whence two humanoid figures emerged. After that her recall was blocked.

it. . . (breathing deeply)
Go ahead.
She puts her hands up in front of her face for protection or to push something away. It's too close. It really is too close.
Alright, just move a little further away.
(Deep inhalation) No. I don't like it. (sob) I've got to get it back. I've got to make it go back.
It's like a picture, you can hold it at arm's length or close. You can safely tell me about it.
It doesn't seem as close as it was. There is somebody at the front. The top windows are smaller. There is a red light and a blue light shining really bright in the front. Not everybody's having a party. There is somebody in the front window there. They're kind of navigating it. I don't know why I know this, I just know it.
What is the most noticeable thing right now?
There are so many people in that thing.
More than six?
Oh, yeah, many.
More than twenty?
Yes.
You can see crowds of people inside?
Yes.
Through the windows. Any sound? Sound of engines?
No — I know the bottom part because if (deep breathing and a long pause).
Because?
It almost seemed enveloping. That's why I wanted to push it away.
How much of the sky does it seem to cover above you?
It's not above us.
Not above you?
No, it's in front of us. It came from here (left).
At its clearest was it on your left hand side?
No, right in front of us.
Are you agreeable to describe everything to Bill [Allan] *and answer any questions?*
Yes.
Allan: *You thought they were having a party. Did you hear any sounds that made you think it was a happy time for the people?*
It seemed like a wild time, not a happy time.
Allan: *Could you hear music?*
Yes, a big band sound.
Allan: *Did you recognise any of the pieces?*
No. No it seemed scrambled.
Allan: *How long do you watch it?*
I'm thinking what is this? What is this thing? There's music and there's people.
Allan: *Why don't you ask Henry what it is?*
Pawson: *You can ask him right now.*
I look at them (breathing deeply).
Allan: *Are you still in the car?*
No. No we're not in the car, we're standing outside. Henry is standing beside me.
Allan: *Does he look at the thing or is he looking at you now?*
No, he's looking at it. We're all looking at it.
Allan: *Do they indicate that they're hearing the sound that you are hearing?*
No, because I never told No we're just looking at it. Nobody is saying a word.
Allan: *Does the light show on the snow?*
It's strange because I just look at Kim and Henry and Gerry and the light shows on them. I just look at them and I look at it.
Allan: *What colour is the light that's on Kim now?*
It's very bright, almost a whitish blue, very bright.
Allan: *Does he put his hand up to cover his eyes?*
No.
Allan: *Do you?*
No.
Allan: *At a dance hall the lights sometimes change with the music. Do you see the light changing with the music?*
No. No. I can't hear the music.
Allan: *Can you see them dancing through the window?*
No they're not dancing.
Allan: *They're not. Are they looking at you while you look at them now?*
Yes.
Allan: *They are?*
Yes.
Allan: *Can you tell how many men or how many women by their dress?*
No.
Allan: *Describe the dress of some of the ones closest.*
I can't.
Allan: *Are you sure that they are looking at you or are they maybe just looking at the cars in the snow?*
I don't know Bill. I don't know (breathing deeply).

Pawson: *Just relax, if there's something you want to say or ask?*
It's going.
Ken Pawson then took considerable time to slowly and gradually bring her back to the awakened state: *One. Two. Slowly coming out. Three. You're already wide awake.* The bottom part of it coming towards us was very, very huge. It was coming much closer. The bottom part was all I felt. Just a massive, kind of rounded, it was a mass just coming towards us.
How did you feel when you saw this? What suddenly scared you?
Just that it was so close and it was right — almost — just coming towards us.
What did you feel was about to happen or might happen?
It was a feeling of it engulfing us, not of the thing but just a feeling.

How can you describe that feeling to me?
I was very afraid.
Very afraid?
Very. Like a force, an invisible force weighing down, weighing down on us.
Was your breathing affected by it?
I don't know.
As you look back on it right now, what do you feel at this moment?
I feel OK, but my curiosity now is aroused much more so than before.
You don't have to read all of a book in one night of course.
I don't want to read that book in one night.
Let's discuss at this level something else. What time was that, have you any idea?
Not the exact time, no.
Just approximately, was it ten o'clock at night?
No, probably about nine.
Now the next thing that you remember after this passed was?
Was when we were driving down the road after we got the cars out.
What time would that be?
About nine-thirty.
After that you were fully aware of all time events?
Mmm Mmm.
No big gap?
No.
No big gap. The only thing is the half an hour that you weren't quite sure of.
I say it was about nine o'clock because I looked at my watch on the way starting up the road and it was eight-thirty.
OK, in other words you can remember certain events throughout most of the period? There is no gap which you can't remember?
No.
What was the last time you saw the craft? Was it moving away from you as a light?
Yes. No. NO (with much emphasis). It disappeared. It disappeared. **It disappeared.** That's marvellous. I never knew that before. I never thought about it. NO. (At this point the tape ran out. Some time later that night there is an added note.)
Allan: *Sandy* [this is after the hypnotic regression session] *you said that you now remember the details of the fins on the back that you couldn't draw in the sketch. Would you just say what that was again?*
Well there were two dark fins, and they were very, very large, and all of a sudden I in my mind I saw two figures come from that area. But immediately my mind would not. . . just locked. I wouldn't think of it.
Allan: *It is rather interesting that was the one part of the diagram that you were uncertain about and couldn't fill in, as if there is a block in your memory. Thank you again.*

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Geralin Wright was also interviewed, in her case on October 31, 1979. She was also questioned under hypnosis.

[This part of the investigation will follow in a future issue of FSR — EDITOR.]

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MORE CHILDREN AND UFOs

Martin Keatman and Stephen Banks

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THIS is a report on two sightings that occurred in December 1977 in the vicinity of Clifton Campville, a small village lying to the north of Tamworth, in Staffordshire. The first sighting involves the observation of an oval light source by four percipients. An orange light was seen at close quarters whilst ''manoeuvering'' over some fields. After being observed for about two minutes it suddenly disappeared.

The main encounter also involved four witnesses, a group of young girls who watched an apparently metallic object pass over them as if observing. During the event they were able to note several distinct features and colours on the object, and after it had descended into a nearby wood it shot up into the sky and disappeared at great speed.

The location

Clifton Campville is situated some eight kilometres to the north-north-east of Tamworth in Staffordshire, almost on the county borders with Leicestershire and Derbyshire. The area is predominantly low lying agricultural land, with the River Mease flowing roughly east to west across the district.

The village is mixed, comprising of a mixture of old farm dwellings and modern housing estates. Lullington Woods, the location of the initial sighting, are two kilometres to the north of the village and just inside Derbyshire. These are typical of the densely vegetated woodlands in the locale, and have an overall area of some 2 square kilometres. Fig. 1 outlines the general setting.

The first sighting

This took place on Wednesday, December 7, 1977, and



Looking north beyond Clifton Campville towards the woodlands where the first incident took place.

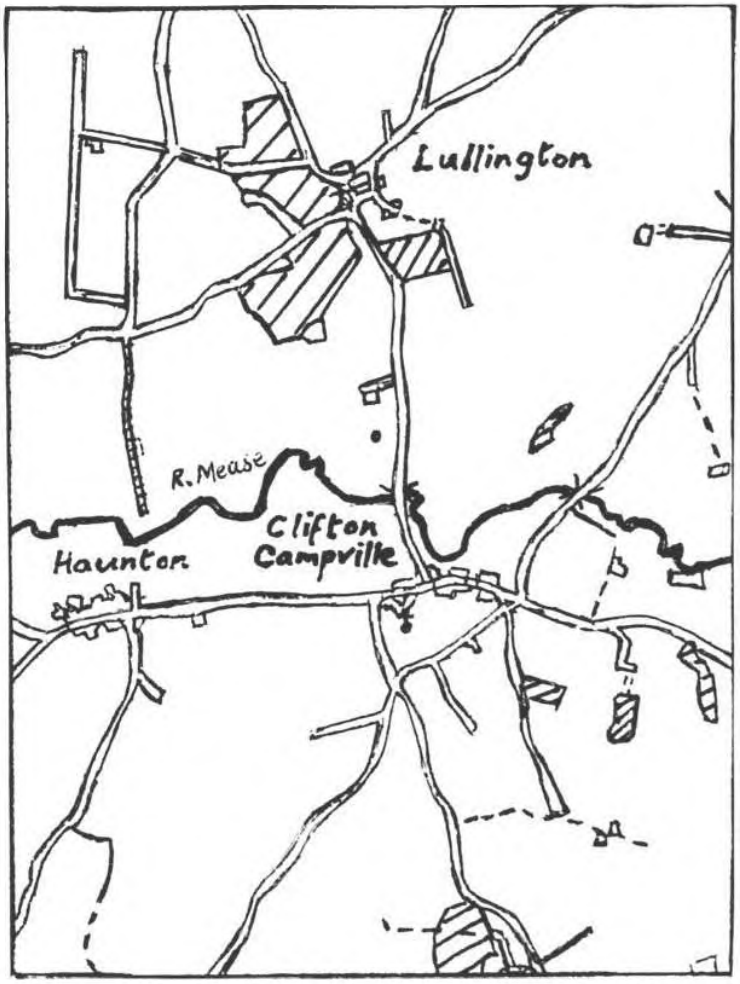


Figure 1: Author's sketch map of the country around the village.

was brought to our attention when Mrs. Pauline Broadhurst, mother of one of the witnesses to the main event, informed us that she and three of her other children had seen a ''strange thing'' some time ago. On checking in her diary she was able to establish the aforementioned date.

On the day in question they were returning from a Christmas shopping trip to Lullington. Along with Allison, Wendy and Peter — three of her children all aged under ten years — she walked down the quiet class C road that connects the two villages. The time was 16.00 hours GMT and darkness was approaching as they made their way along the unlit road. As they walked Mrs. Broadhurst suddenly noticed an orange light to the east. She pointed it out to the children, and they continued on their way as it descended from 30 degrees elevation on a south-westerly path. It was a cadmium orange oval of light that looked solid but with a peripheral haze. Subtending 0.75 degrees of arc it appeared slightly brighter than the full moon when seen under ideal conditions.

Maintaining a steady speed estimated as 4 kph, it

suddenly swerved through 60 degrees to assume a new course parallel to the road. This took it over a hedge some 90 cm high, and it proceeded to follow this, a mere 20 cm above it. The light gave the hedge a faint illumination.

As it changed direction the witnesses stopped to watch, and they now saw it travel along the hedge for 100 metres before disappearing instantaneously. Mrs. Broadhurst described this as "like a light being switched off." No sound was heard throughout the sighting, and no effects were felt or observed. The greatest cause for concern the witnesses felt, was the uncanny lack of sound.

It was a typically cold December day, with temperatures near zero and a slight but noticeable breeze. There had been a mild ground frost and several stars were visible during the sighting.

Fig. 2 shows the path of the light in relation to the position of the witnesses and the village of Lullington.

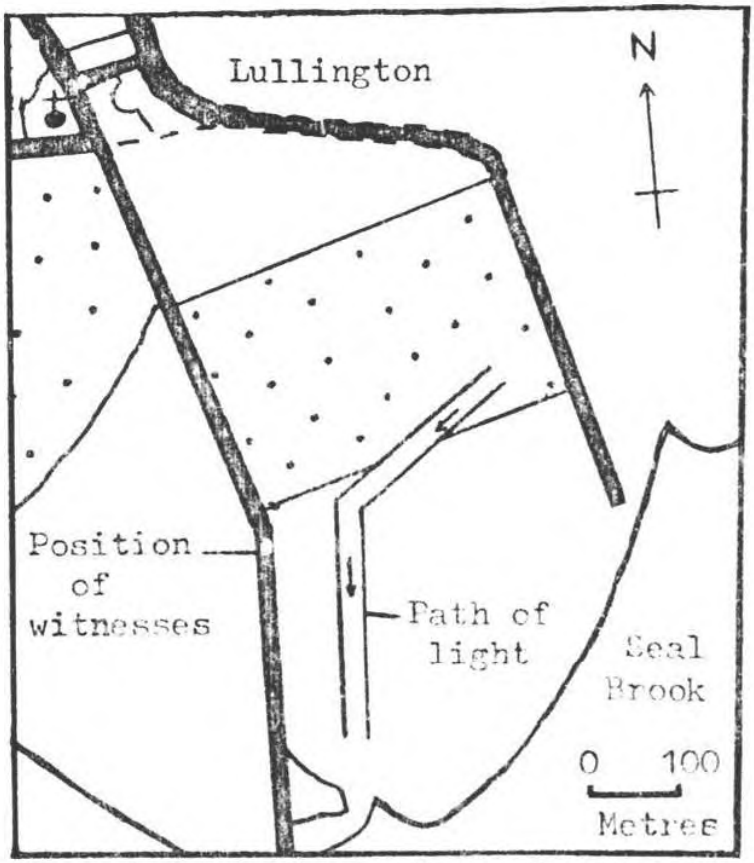


Figure 2: The sighting location on the way home from Lullington. Sketch by authors.



The four children involved in the main encounter: from left to right: Linda Broadhurst, Sally Johnson, Gina Ward, and Lynne Watkins.

The main encounter

This occurred on Monday, December 12, at 16.30 GMT, whilst four young girls — Sally Johnson, Linda Broadhurst, Gina Ward, and Lynne Watkins — were tending Sally's pony in Wards' field. This lies just to the south of Clifton Campville's main street.

Sally had been on the animal for only a short time, when Lynne pointed out a mysterious metallic looking object approaching their position from the north. On catching sight of it Sally was so surprised that she fell backwards off the pony and onto the grass. Fortunately she was unhurt, and her three friends managed to stop 'Blackey' from bolting.

By now the object was very close, its physical attributes being plainly visible in the fading light. It was shaped like a convex lens, perfectly symmetrical about a central horizontal axis. The strange craft was rotating slowly in an anti-clockwise direction as they looked up at it. The diameter was some 2.5 metres, and it appeared to be made of a dull white metal. About the central axis were two coloured bands, one red and one blue (see fig. 3). On the underside was a small curved protrusion, this being the same dull white as the main body of the craft. Surrounding this were four metal protrusions, these the girls likened to 'landing legs.' Atop the object were two flashing lights on silver cylinders. These were the same blue and red colour as the bands already described.

As it approached they heard a quiet buzzing/humming noise. They all said this was like the humming of a swarm of bees. It passed directly overhead, and was later estimated to be about 6 metres from the girls. They watched spellbound as it circled over them and headed back the way it had arrived. As it moved away the humming noise decreased, and the object slowly descended into Lullington Woods some two kilometres distant. After a few seconds it suddenly shot up from the wood and disappeared into the sky in a near vertical ascent.

The total duration of the sighting was found difficult to estimate, although a figure of 30 seconds to 200 seconds would seem most accurate.

As it descended into the woods the girls became very frightened and rushed off down the field. Lynne and Linda went to Lynne's house, and Sally and Gina hurried to Sally's.

After effects

The only discernible effects of the sighting were

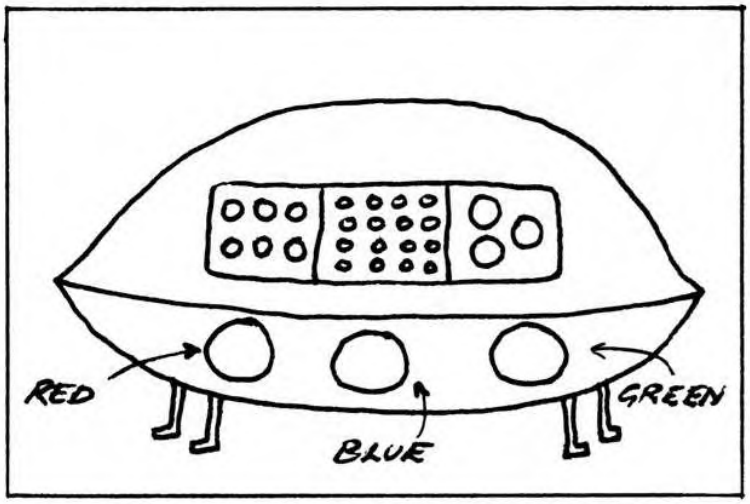


Figure 3: The object, as drawn by Linda Broadhurst.

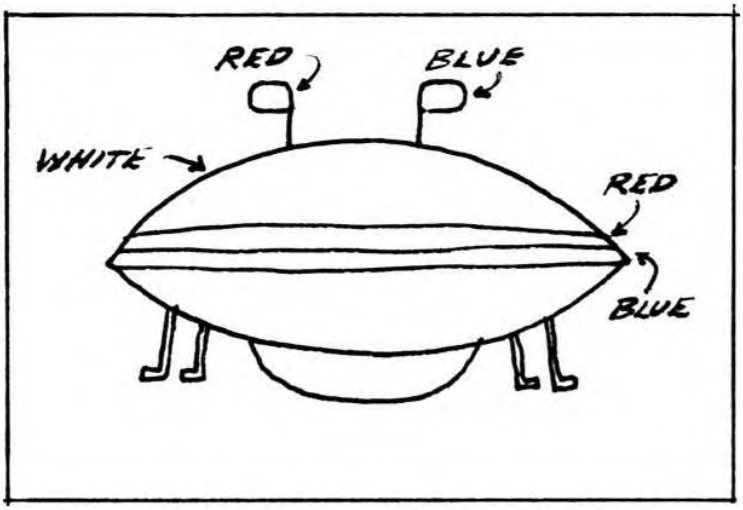


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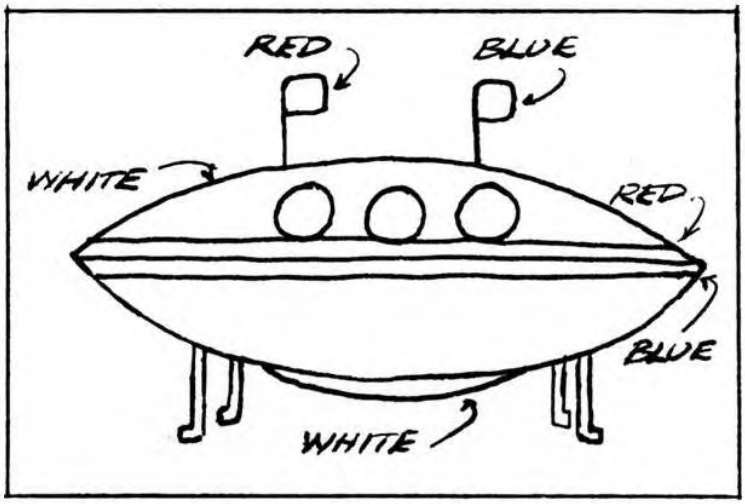


Figure 5: The object, as drawn by Gina Ward.

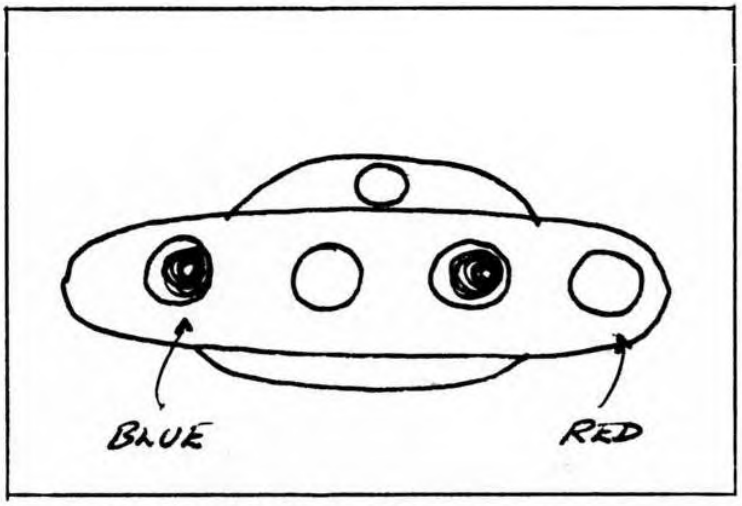


Figure 6: The object, as drawn by Lynne Watkins.

psychological upset. Sally was very worried and her mother had to call the Police at Tamworth. Later that day one of their constables arrived and took a statement from both Sally and Gina. Sally slept with her mother that night as she was still upset by the presence of this unusual object. Linda claims she felt ill after the encounter, but since this could not be verified with her mother, little significance is attached to it.

The investigation

All witnesses were interviewed independently to assure the greatest degree of objectivity. Statements and drawings were obtained from the girls, and their parents were spoken to concerning the events. An on-site re-enaction was made, with numerous site photographs being taken of the relevant area.

We made a thorough search of a local wood, only to find later — much to our dismay — that it was the wrong wood! This illustrates some of the difficulties involved in field investigations. However, all the woods in the area was virtually impenetrable, and any marks etc. that may have been left by the object, would have been destroyed by the elements or covered by wind-blown material from the trees.

A check was made with the gas board to ascertain whether they had their pipeline checking helicopter in the area on the day and time in question. This line of enquiry proved negative. The girls added that they have seen this aircraft many times, and it was most definitely not the one observed on this occasion. A door-to-door survey was made, but nobody else appeared to have seen the object.

Conclusions

This case is particularly detailed, and is certainly one of the best 'object' cases the authors have investigated. Considering the registered detail, the proximity and totally alien appearance of the object, it would appear that it was not a known form such as an aircraft or a gross misidentfication of a natural phenomenon. All the evidence suggests that this unusual object was a true UFO, an object that currently defies explanation within current scientific disciplines.

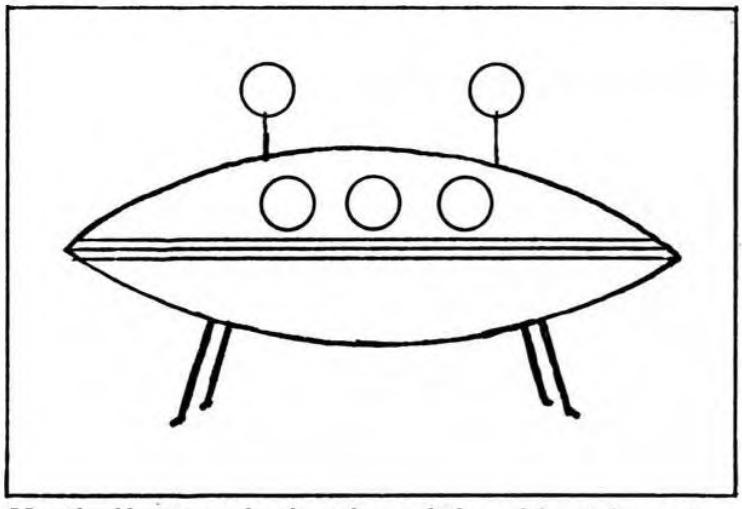
Some may say that young girls — aged nine in this case — do not make the best witnesses. We would contend that this is not so, however, having found genuine reports, as this one certainly seems to be, far more easy to document and investigate when coming from young children and

teenagers. This is because little social conditioning and preconceptions exist in such people.

It is, of course, difficult to pass objective comment on the geographical connotations within these two reports. The temporal link is undeniable, and is recorded for future research.

The possibility exists that the initial sighting was of some sort of electrical phenomenon, but whatever it was it definitely confused the witnesses. The description does not appear compatible with known forms, but future research may well yield an explanation. It is interesting to note that this orange sphere seemed to act in a totally controlled manner.

Many questions arise from these two cases. Are young children more prone to UFO encounters? Are there temporal and/or geographical links in their appearances? Do some areas have a higher incidence of UFO events? Only by careful and objective study can we ever hope to find the answers to these most important questions. The UFO phenomenon would seem not to be here for no purpose, and there must be some motivation behind it. It is time we realised this and attempted to fathom the problem.



Martin Keatman's drawing of the object, based on the girls' sketches and testimonies.

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Austrian Air Force fighter planes scrambled twice in one day

Terry Hooper

ON two occasions during the same day in May of this year, planes of the Austrian Air Force attempted to intercept Unidentified Flying Objects. The first I heard of this was in a translated report from my colleague in Austria, Herr Rainer Scheiblberger.

As far as we know this report has not been published beyond the bounds of Austria, and to make sure it gets the attention it deserves we decided that details — however brief — should be sent to FSR.

On 7 May 1980, the pilot of a KLM (Dutch) airliner was flying at 10,000 metres over the Dachstein Mountains. The time was approximately 3.50 p.m. Suddenly, the pilot saw a grey, spherical object flying over him, and he immediately reported this to the Air Control Centre in Vienna.

In turn the ACC contacted the military HQ of the Austrian Air Force (AAF). The officer in command at that time, Major Karl Schwarz, ordered three Saab-Draken 105s to take off and intercept. Once visual contact was made, two of the 105s attempted the intercept while the third had the task of taking as much footage on film of the UFO as was possible. The UFO's erratic manoeuvres and speed made it impossible for the aircraft to follow, and it was soon out of sight.

An interesting point is that as soon as the Saab-Draken took off, Oberst (Colonel) Karl Schaffer had the task of informing the office of the Austrian President. So far as we know no one expected a return visit that evening.

Approximately two hours later (5.50p.m.), a German aircraft belonging to the Lufthansa airline came into close contact with the object — or at least one that was very similar. Although there was no radar contact Major Schwarz ordered two Saab-Draken to scramble, and another attempted intercept was under way.

The comments and impression made on one of the experienced pilots is very striking.

> "We were operating at a height of 12,000 metres. The 'thing' was flying very fast, and then very slow. *It seemed to be playing with us.* The UFO was flying 3,000 metres over us, and although we tried all possible manoeuvres, we couldn't catch it."

As far as the film taken during the first intercept is concerned, the only comment on this came from a Major Wolfgang Brauner, at military HQ, ". . .the films are useless." What was his explanation for the object that out-manoeuvred experienced pilots and these excellent aircraft? Major Brauner believes it was a. . . balloon!

If he is to be taken seriously then it is suggested the Austrian Air Force should replace their aircraft, and their pilots as well!

Until a reporter got to hear of the story the case was kept "hushed up" but, under pressure, the few details above were given to the Press.

What with the Spanish Caravelle airliner incident of 11 November, 1979, the Aero-Mexico sighting of 28 December, 1979, and then the Olympic Airways case of 14 February, 1980, might one see a renewed interest on the part of UFOs in our aircraft? However, before drawing any conclusion we should be careful — UFOs are not the most predictable of phenomena.

FSR BOOKSHELF — 6

New UFO books reviewed. . .

Janet & Colin Bord

IN **The Tujunga Canyon Contacts** (Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J. 07632, U.S.A., price $9.95), **Ann Druffel** and **D. Scott Rogo** get to grips with a complex series of UFO events, and their painstaking detective work may well prove to be of seminal importance in the future. Ann Druffel, an American UFO investigator for 23 years, and D. Scott Rogo, a parapsychologist with several important books to his credit, have, with the aid of hypnosis, investigated a series of abductions and night visitations that were experienced by a group of women in and around the Tujunga Canyon area near Los Angeles, California, from 1953 to 1975.

Early in their enquiry Druffel and Rogo found that one of the women, whom they name Jan, seemed to be the triggering influence in these experiences. Although she did not play a prominent part in any of them, none of the abductees experienced UFO phenomena until they were associated with her. The investigators consider that this 'contagious' effect may be significant.

Throughout this book there is a sober evaluation of the hypnotic techniques used, and the investigators seem well aware of the pitfalls as well as of the value of regressive hypnosis when applied to UFO abductees. Such investigations are establishing that close encounter and abduction reports cannot be usefully studied in isolation. The mind and total experience of the witnesses are as important as the events they report. The main text of this book was prepared jointly, but each author has written a separate concluding chapter, both very readable and both quite different. Thus we see how this complex phenomenon can be viewed by different individuals in the light of their own predilections and can be "all things to all men." Among all the huge amount of writing on the subject of UFOs, there are a few books that are of real value and will stand the test of time. *The Tujunga Canyon Contacts* may well prove to be one of these.

In our last column we reviewed several new books on the "ancient astronauts" theme, and since then two more have come to our notice, confirming the continuing interest in this dubious branch of ufology. If the content of **Sungods in Exile** by **Karyl Robin-Evans, M.A., D.Phil.,** (Sphere paperback, £1.25), were true, it would be incredible. Unfortunately the book reads too much like a science-fiction story. The author is said to have visited the Dzopa tribe in the Tibetan mountains in 1947, and there learned their extraordinary history: they 'were not of the natural inhabitants of our earth', but came from the star Sirius. The why and how of their journey to earth were told to Dr. Robin-Evans, and shortly before his death he completed this ostensibly factual account of his adventures in Tibet.

Also now available is a reprint of the paperback edition of Richard Mooney's *Colony: Earth* (Panther paperback, £1.25), written in support of man's extra-terrestrial origins.

Readers with an interest in sociology and its application to the field of inexplicable phenomena may find relevant Sociological Review Monograph 27, edited by Roy Wallis: **On the Margins of Science: The Social Construction of Rejected Knowledge** (a 338-page paperback published in 1979 by the University of Keele, Staffordshire, price unknown). The book comprises thirteen papers by individual (or pairs of) contributors on such subjects as "Reflections on Deviant Science", "In the Beginning: The Battle of Creationist Science Against Evolutionism", and "The Construction of the Paranormal: Nothing Unscientific is Happening", the final paper being "Ufology: The Intellectual Development and Social Context of the Study of Unidentified Flying Objects." The author, Joseph A. Blake of the Wright State University in the U.S.A., tells us that "The task of this paper will be to explore ufology as a developing science, in comparison with and against the backdrop of conventional or normal science," but the brevity of his paper (23 pages) has resulted in a restricted development of his thesis, and we feel that it is more likely to be of interest to sociologists with no prior knowledge of ufology, than to UFO researchers of long standing. The previous paper, Ron Westrum's "Knowledge About Sea-Serpents," is in some ways more relevant, since it points up similarities in sea-serpent and UFO phenomena and people's attitudes towards them.

In **UFO-UK** (New English Library paperback, £1), **Peter Paget** gives the reader a medley of UFO reports whose linking theme is that they were all made in Britain. To relieve the monotony of a long recital of lights in the sky, he has included chapters on the Mrs. Joyce Bowles abductions, the Ripperston Farm encounters, UFO cults and societies, and the debates in the United Nations and the House of Lords. *UFO-UK* will be of interest to those who know little or nothing of these matters, but the author's uncritical and superficial approach will not commend his writing to serious ufologists. Although his publishers claim in their publicity handout that Mr. Paget is "Britain's foremost authority on UFOs," his limited knowledge of the subject is revealed when he misuses the acronym 'LITS' (light in the sky), apparently not aware of its meaning and using 'lit' to refer to a single sighting.

Everyone who enjoyed **Leonard H. Stringfield's** three-part article "Retrievals of the Third Kind" in FSR 25/4, 5 and 6 will be pleased to learn that he has now written a report on his researches to date (published

January 1980). Although there are inevitably some duplications of data, this latest publication contains plenty of new information that has come to Stringfield as a result of publicity concerning his research.

If all his first-hand witnesses are speaking the truth and really have seen crashed UFOs and the bodies of dead aliens, the implications are astounding, not the least of them being that perhaps the supporters of the extra-terrestrial hypothesis are right after all. But. . . all those crashes (49 reports, some perhaps referring to the same event), and all so conveniently in unpopulated areas. . . And if autopsies have been performed on the corpses, why, in the medical data given on pages 10-11, is there so much emphasis on the creature's *external* appearance? We are told that it had no digestive system, but there is no information on what *was* inside the body. Did it have a heart and lungs, for example? An autopsy involves dissection of the body, and the fact that Stringfield's queries on the alien's internal organs were "circumvented" suggests that we should be suspicious of his informant. The nature of the alien's interior is, after all, as revealing, if not more revealing, than its exterior. Whatever the truth in this controversial affair, Stringfield is to be applauded for his efforts to obtain the facts. Whether they *are* facts, or merely fantasies, remains to be seen. **The UFO Crash/Retrieval Syndrome, Status Report II: New Sources, New Data,** is a 38-page, large-format paperback published by Mutual UFO Network and obtainable from them at 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, TX 78155, U.S.A., price $5 including postage by seamail.

Those readers who are particularly interested in UFO propulsion will wish toknow of a book by **Robert Kingsley Morison, An Experiment With Space** (Ascent Publications hardback, £3, distributed by Volturna & Marsland Press, 52 Ormonde Road, Hythe, Kent). The author has assembled his ideas on gravitation and levitation, 'based on the vortex principle, which has attained respectability in connection with turbines and fluidic research and the origin of the solar system'. Our knowledge of physics being slight, we cannot presume to comment on Morison's theories, though we would disagree with the blurb which tells us that "the ideas can be followed by nearly anyone." This should be amended to ". . .followed by anyone with a scientific background." The small-format, 64-page book is neatly laid out and well produced, and all profits from sales are to be donated to Amnesty International.

Two recent books by astronomers may be of interest to some readers. First, **The Search for Life in the Universe** by two American astronomers, **Donald Goldsmith** and **Tobias Owen** (large-format paperback, published in U.S.A. by The Benjamin/Cummings Publishing Company and distributed in U.K. by Addison-Wesley Publishers, price £8.40). This book has 430 pages of detailed exposition suitable for "the educated layperson" or as a student textbook, and covers everything from the history of the universe and the origins of life to the possibility of interstellar radio and television messages. Chapter 21 asks: "Extraterrestrial Visitors to Earth?", and in it the authors, who know little about ufology, explain that they have relied on the writings of Philip Klass for their information. Klass's notorious manipulation of the facts in order to deride all UFO reports has been well documented and adequately dealt with elsewhere. The familiar arguments against the ETH are presented here, and the authors conclude that given sufficient time and funds, contact will eventually be made, and we "shall no longer be alone in the universe." This book has many diagrams and photographs, an index, and each chapter ends with a reading list and a list of questions for use by teachers.

In **In the Centre of Immensities** (Paladin/Granada paperback, £1.50), **Sir Bernard Lovell,** best known as the Director of the Jodrell Bank Radio Telescope, presents a densely written philosophic history of the study of the universe from Aristotelian astronomy to recent space technology, ending with a chapter on modern man's technological dilemma.

In view of the television series, the newspaper serialisation, and now the book, few people can be unaware of **Arthur C. Clarke's Mysterious World** written by Simon Welfare and John Fairley (William Collins hardback, £8.95). The 218-page book is well illustrated in colour and black and white, and has been very attractively produced. Twelve chapters cover a wide variety of subject matter, from ape-man to standing stones, from the Tunguska explosion to giants; and Chapter 10 deals with UFOs. This chapter is built round the 1979 House of Lords UFO debate, and is accurate enough — as far as it goes. For some reason the CE3 aspect is played down. The authors tell us on page 175 that "actual meetings with humanoids or aliens. . .are very rarely reported," which readers of FSR will know to be untrue, if we can take "meetings with" to include



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"sightings of." If such events are rare, how come FSR's editor was able, in 1966, to compile a book, **The Humanoids,** devoted to such cases? The chapter closes, as does every chapter, with a few well-chosen words by Arthur C. Clarke.

As for UFOs, he tells us that "the subject bores me to tears," after which confession we can hardly expect a dispassionate summing up of the evidence. He appears to accept that hitherto unknown phenomena and psychological aberrations are to blame for the reports. Throughout this book, Clarke's comments jar somewhat, as he is scathing and sceptical about most of the inexplicable phenomena competently described by Welfare and Fairley. It would have been a better book if Clarke's comments and photographs (there are two of him) had been omitted, and the title reduced to 'Mysterious World' — but then it would not have received such wide publicity nor sold nearly so well!

THE BOTTOM OF ANOTHER BARREL

Review of a new novel which conjures up a nightmarish picture of ufology.

Jenny Randles

NORMALLY *Flying Saucer Review* would not concern itself with books of the fictional kind, for that is what **Genesis,** a new Corgi paperback by **W. A. Harbinson** (published October 1980, 612 pages, £1.75) turns out to be. The theme, however, is UFOs, so it merited a mention.

For me it proved to be a horrifying book. Not only horrifying because its content is a kind of souped-up horror story conceived around the UFO mystery, but also because of the dreadful image it conjures up both of the subject and the people involved in it. Again there must be UFO enthusiasts who, weaned on the cover-up idea that so obsesses the author, will find sinister undertones in what Corgi Books label ". . .the epic novel of the world's most fearsome secret."

Novels based on ufology are rare: the theme of the very reasonable *Miracle Visitors* by Ian Watson (Panther Books) was written around the Vallée/Jung school of thinking. This new offering, however, seems to be culled from the hard-line ufology of Keyhoe, Stringfield and Co. There was scope for a literary exploration of the cover-up mythology. *Genesis* tries to do that, but its idea isn't entirely original, for our own Gordon Creighton touched on it — albeit in a light-hearted manner — in his article "Those cunning British: the truth at last."

The complex plot introduces elements from all over the world, but is centred on Britain — an abduction in Cornwall and regression hypnosis by a London doctor — and the plot revolves around the activities of two full-time American ufologists-cum-scientists, whose role is never quite explained. Apparently they do not work for the government, yet they stroll in and out of military bases with a freedom that is ridiculous to say the least. Nor is it explained who pays these redoubtable workers during the course of the action between 1974 and 1978. One of them is an older man with an incurable disease; the other is a whizz-kid who either spends a globe trotting life following up UFO incidents, or wallows in strong drink or drugs. This younger one is hell-bent on breaking the great cover-up mystery before his buddy dies, and one is forced to assume that his methodology is standard both for him and other associates of his: in one scene he beats the truth out of one percipient who, soon afterwards, dies of a heart attack. Other methods involve getting his witnesses drunk, or drugged, and then hurling four letter words at them; he even resorts to rape to elicit the truth from one unfortunate.

In parts of the text Mr. Harbinson actually intermingles real events and characters with fictional ones, even the late Ed Ruppelt of Project Blue Book fame, and poor James E. McDonald who, unhappily, can no longer speak up for themselves. Other characters are paraded who seem to parallel living investigators, and FSR also gets a mention, but fortunately only in the author's notes, where it is recommended as "mandatory reading" — but with a "selective eye."

Basically the author presents a theory (based on obscure documents said to have been discovered in West Germany) that everything which we link with UFOs — 19th Century airships, the Tunguska explosion, Foo fighters, ghost rockets and the Bermuda Triangle — are the work of a mad genius, at one time associated with the Nazis, who has discovered — and applied — secrets of longevity, and who has found a hide-out in Antarctica. Naturally this person is bent on world domination, but I'll leave the rest of the story for anoyone who may wish to read it.

For myself, all I can do is shudder at the false picture of UFO investigators and researchers that will be created by this monster novel. The horrifying aspect is that many may read it who could well have their own UFO experience at a later date, and keep their peace when they recall the behaviour of the fictional investigators. My only hope is that many readers will not be taken in by the fanciful and aritifcial nature of the book, which as far as the painstaking researchers and careful documenters of ufology are concerned, belongs to the murky waters at the bottom of another barrel.

LOW-FLYING TRIANGLE IN ILLINOIS

William Retoff

DURING a four-month span in 1979, at least ten incidents involving unexplained flying objects occurred across north central Illinois in the midwestern United States, an area previously unscathed by intense, unusual aerial activity. One of the ten known events happening between July and October was a near-landing.

That took place on Saturday night, July 28. A lone woman, 26-year-old Pattie Ong, witnessed a low-altitude unknown descending for a field while she drove her van down a secluded country road near the tiny farm community of Wenona, Illinois.

"I was going down to this friend's party," Pattie explained in a lengthy talk with your writer; ". . .this friend who lives in Toluca was havin' this party." (Toluca lies six miles southwest of Wenona.) "I was goin' down this stretch of road and seen it and stopped. You know, it was by accident. This thing was comin' at me real fast like a low-flyin' plane."

Pattie recalls the weather as being "pretty windy out" and probably cloudy as she didn't see any stars or the Moon. She later stated in follow-up correspondence that she first caught sight of the object at 9.50 p.m., local Central Time; she had checked her watch.

As for the object. . . "All I could see was like a triangular shape. Not saucer-shaped, it was like a diamond or a pyramid — like an outline — of real white lights. It had lights placed along it. I couldn't see anything solid; just lights. Inside the outline was dark. So it really could've been any shape."

"It was real big. It seemed about a half-block long" (approximaely 210 feet). "I didn't hear it make any noise."

Asked about its direction when she initially viewed it, Ms. Ong, answered with a gesture, "It was comin' at me" (travelling from out of the west). "It was comin' towards me at low altitude. See, I thought it was this friend of mine who has a private plane. Thought he was just buzzin' me for a second — and I said, 'Aw my god, it's gonna hit me?'

"And then all of a sudden it just stopped."

The apparently-soundless unidentified object, now positioned "about a half-mile" north of its lone spectator, began descending. At the same time, its lights switched from a steady glare into a rapid blinking mode.

The pace of action quickened. Pattie observed "lines of light" protrude from the subject's undercarriage. These lines of light buckled in below the pulsing structure as it dipped towards a bean field.

"It was like strobe light," declared Pattie, "—bam, bam, bam. It happened in about four seconds. It was real intense.

"You saw it flash — you saw this triangular shape?"

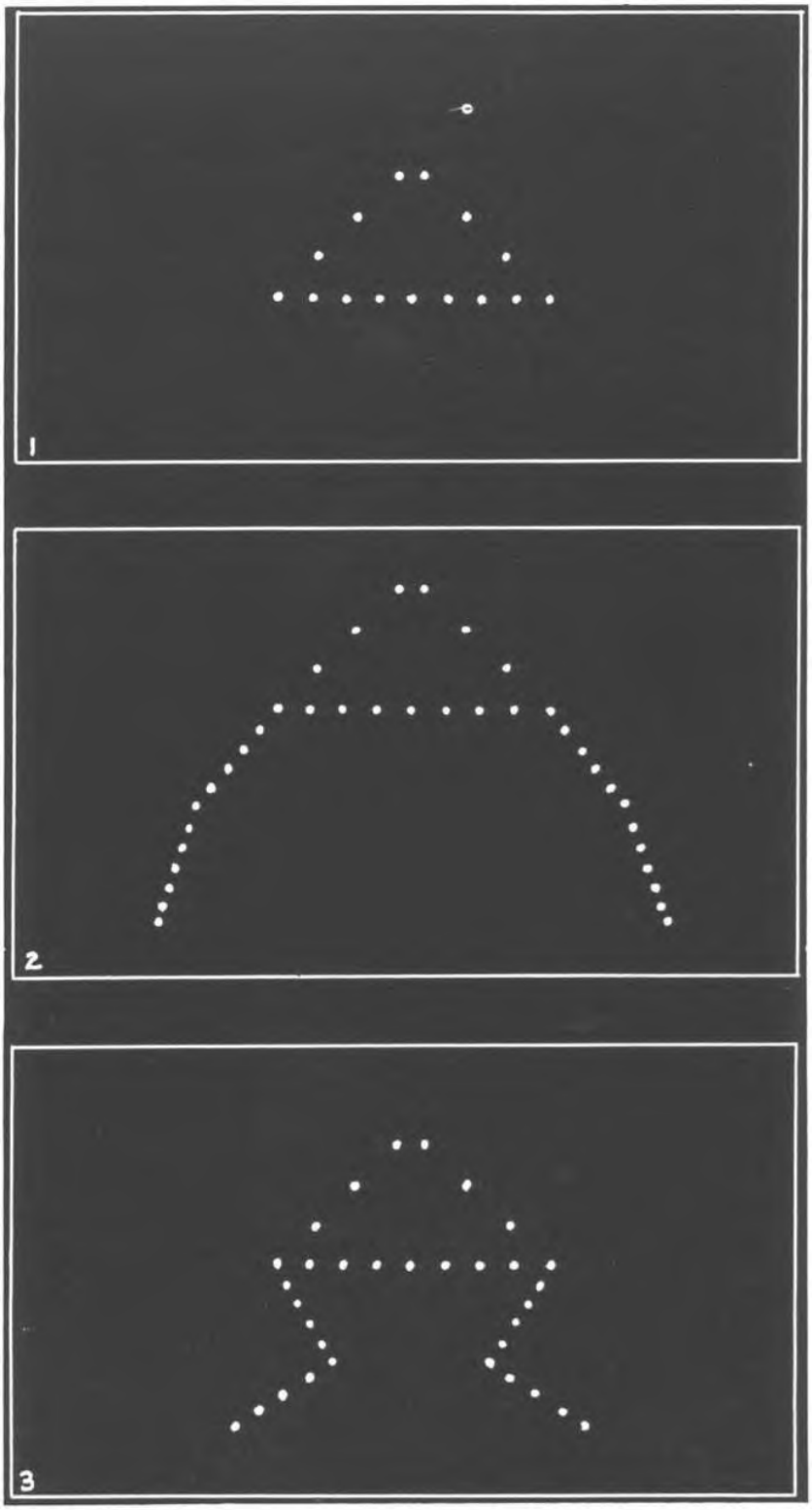
"It flashed — you saw these, these things comin' out. . . it flashed — you saw 'em down. Then that was it. There was no way you could get a good look at it because it happened so fast. I just saw the shape and those lines, and that's it. It kinda just faded down in the field."



The arrow points out the scene — indicated by the black box — about 1.5 miles from Wenona, Illinois, which is seen in the foreground, where the July 28, 1979, incident unfolded.



Above: Pattie Ong, eye-witness to the landing of the flying triangle-shaped object on July 28, 1979.



Right: A "cleaned-up" version — by the author — of Pattie's original sketches of the blinking airborne triangle in its three last stages of descent. "Lines of light" extend, then buckle, below the object. Each spot represents a white light, as seen by the witness.

Whether or not the thing actually touched down is unresolved, as is the exact cause of its disappearance. The object swooped into a gently-undulating field covered with four-feet-high bean plants. Question: could it have slipped behind a swell of ground and/or simply blinked off, thus effecting its fade from Pattie's view?

Once the triangle was out of sight, however, she distinctly remembers watching "little flares" that "went up from where it was at." They shot "about 50 feet" into the night air before dropping back into the field.

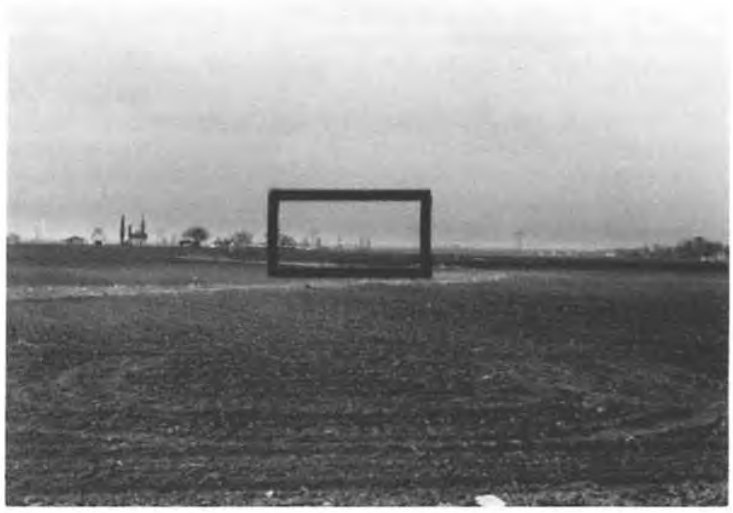
That was the last Pattie saw of the baffling display. "Then I kept going around and searchin', but I never saw it again."

Did she consider calling the police? "No. No, they'd just hassle me." (That old familiar song — W.R.) Nor did she tell the media.

In the course of her briefing, conducted some three months after the incident, Pattie drew a sketch of the object (included here) which depicts it coming down. A few days later, she amended that — after thinking it over — the flying triangle was actually "a bit flatter" than portrayed in her drawing.

Parts of Pattie's account coincide with other testimony taken regarding cases in the minor sighting spree which shaded north central Illinois in '79. Besides her encounter, three separate incidents out of the ten on record involved triangular or conical-looking, soundless aerial craft.

In addition, the locale of her sighting is noteworthy. During the last half of July — and before the episode on the 28th — three presently-unexplained events were observed in the night sky above the same plot of farm land there: "a flare in the sky", "a bright flash" and "something strange going on overhead", according to eye-witness reports of varying detail. They all occurred between 9.30 and 10. p.m. And Pattie Ong observed one of the events — the bright flash — with two companions the evening before she drove to her unexpected rendezvous with the low-flying triangle.



The triangular form descended into the area of the bean field — marked by the black rectangle — outside Wenona. The camera was located on the road where Pattie Ong was driving, and is pointing North. On the night of the incident four-foot-tall bean plants covered the field.

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.

No sliding doors, but many obfuscators!

Dear Sir, — My wife and I visited Broad Haven (FSR Vol. 23, Nos. 1 & 6) this August, arriving during the regatta at Little Haven. The larger keel boats were rounding Stack Rock and we learned that many local fisherman landed on it. Mr. Gerald Bird, who hires out boats from his small yard and who might be willing to take you there, has scrambled all over the small island and seen no sliding doors, through which a flying saucer was observed, from two separate points, to disappear. Furthermore, although there are rock faces, the only spot visible from Haven Fort Hotel in the east and near Ripperston Farm in the south is a grassy slope. The sighting was an illusion.

Nevertheless, the school and other sightings are accepted locally as real and Mr. Randall Jones Pugh (co-author of *The Dyfed Engima*) told me that sightings continue, although mostly of lights in the sky. Of two ladies in the Haverfordwest tourist office, one had seen these and the other, Ms. Tegmen Hill living in a bungalow at Broad Haven, became convinced of the presence of something out of the ordinary when, about the time of the school sightings, her elkhound growled one night and all its hair including the fur undercoat stood on end, making it look like a brush, for the first and only time in its life.

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While Dr. Hynek's categories are valuable statistically, the recent attempt to extend them may indicate that a new classification is required to deal with the variety of the phenomena as simply as possible. For the time being, specific use of the following terms for the categories could be useful.

Extraterrestrial. Objects of appearance or behaviour suggesting ability to travel outside earth's atmosphere or be housed in space.

Flying saucer. Any UFO of definite shape, not only disk-shaped.

UFO. This general term should be applied specifically to lights in the sky of unconventional appearance or behaviour and to objects of indeterminate shape.

Illusion. A judgement hard to prove. Magic is no longer magical when its operation is explained; nevertheless it is illusion. Teleportation, or time-travel if it is possible, would not be illusion, however supernatural it seems. The holograph, a new scientific wonder, is not an illusion but would come into this category because it shows only an image and not the substance. A hoax is best described as illusion.

Supernatural. A residual term for apparently pointless, purposeless phenomena e.g. poltergeist activity.

Obfuscator. Anyone who offers a ridiculous explanation of a particular experience. Obfuscators may be wearing blinkers ("space travel is bilge") or wish to appear as reliable establishment figures, or speak in an official capacity, holding no brief for the truth.

This proposed classification is in the reverse order to Dr. Hynek's and places first what is of most interest to humanity. We have more freedom than ever before in history, but not yet the freedom of the universe. This is the promise of the UFO and constitutes its main attraction.

Yours faithfully,
John M. Lade,
FSR Publications Ltd.,
West Malling,
Kent.
October 6, 1980.

From the Chairman of BUFORA

Dear Mr. Bowen, — In view of the letter your received from Stuart Campbell and your editorial comment on it, I have to clarify BUFORA's policy regarding investigations and our attitude to other investigators.

BUFORA Council cannot support the view that any other investigator's work on the same case is "unwarranted interference" and regret that this phrase

was used. To be fair, however, Mr. Campbell did say that his views were not necessarily those of BUFORA — as in this case they are not!

BUFORA makes NO claims for any special priorities, privileges or exclusivities over any other researcher or Group, willingly recognising that any person or body has every right to freely examine and comment upon any event anywhere.

Finally may I appeal to all activists in the UFO field to work in harmony and forget past differences. There is so much work to do, so many avenues of approach, that we only weaken and dilute our efforts by sterile controversy amongst ourselves. BUFORA's policy is to work with everyone who will help in reaching our published aims.

Yours sincerely,
L. W. Bayer,
Chairman — BUFORA.
Research Headquarters:
Newchapel Observatory,
Newchapel,
Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs.
October 20, 1980

The question of copyright

Dear Sir, — With reference to our investigation of the Livingston case from November 9, 1979.

The report, from which the three-part article was taken, is copyrighted to discourage misuse by the unscrupulous. For the record, any case copyrighted as such is freely available to be discussed and criticised. In no way did we intend to stop this and we are sorry if it may have seemed that that was our intention.

We have made a mistake in Part III of the article. The sighting from Dedridge, witnessed by Mrs. Stewart, occurred on the morning of November 10, 1979, and not October as was stated.

Finally, we would like to wish Stuart Campbell all the best with his investigation of the case.

Yours truly,
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October 15, 1980.

The UMMO situation

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I have read your last Editorial, "Hoax, or Conspiracy?", published in the last issue of the FSR [Vol. 26, No. 2], and I must congratulate your objectivity in approaching the baffling and irritating UMMO affair.

Since the day I wrote — and you published — my five article series on this subject, new developments have arisen. To begin with, the flow of UMMO letters and scientific reports has never stopped: the last letters received from the "Ummites" (whoever they are), are dated May and June of this same year, and they are *highly interesting.* They stopped corresponding with me in 1971, but other people have been contacted (in Madrid and Alicante), so that the thing goes on. Several scientists of high standing (in Spain and abroad, among them your Overseas Consultant, Aimé Michel himself) have shown a great interest and respect for the affair; I have myself published a book, *El Misterio de Ummo* (The UMMO Mystery) which has sold very well in Spain and Latin America, being for several weeks one of the first in the ranking. I sent one copy of it to our mutual friend Gordon Creighton; he can inform you about its contents, if you wish.

Incidentally, the "confident title *Un Caso Perfecto*" — as you describe in your Editorial — was imposed upon us by our publisher; we had in mind another one, more conservative and careful.

Yours sincerely,
Antonio Ribera,
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San Feliu de Codinas,
(Barcelona),
Spain.
September 23, 1980

Correction please

Dear Sir, — Relevant to my letter "The importance of the Contactee" in the last but one issue of FSR, may I just point out that the definition of The Credibility Factor (T.C.F.) is the *"CREDENCE"* given to incredible tales told by seemingly creditable witnesses, and not, as reported, the *evidence*. . .

Doubtless my near illegible handwriting made this error almost inevitable.

However, I too would like to add my good wishes for the continued success of FSR, since after 25 years it has now set a standard of such good scientific and *honest* reporterage that will be difficult to improve upon.

Let the Patrick Moores and the Michael Bentines of this world enjoy their little nod, wink, nudge nudge assessments of the ufological scene generally, whilst more enlightened individuals "press on regardless" in their efforts to search for the raison d'être of these strange craft appearing in our objective world.

Yours sincerely,
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Haverfordwest,
Pembrokeshire,
W. Wales.
August 20, 1980.

Penny dropping at last?

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I thought that FSR readers might be interested to learn that Ufology in the Soviet Union enjoys a higher scientific status than here in the West. I was surprised to learn via the British Interplanetary Society journal *Spaceflight* Vol. 22, Nos. 9-10, page 320, that a study of our subject is included in the Soviet scientific communities general concept of SETI (Search for Extra-Terrestrial Intelligence) which up until now had been monopolised by the realm of Radio Astronomy both in Russia, America, and indeed, in all major countries possessing the hardware to undertake such a task. For almost twenty years communication by radio has been considered to be the uniquely rational way by which galactic races would communicate with each other. Radio Astronomers have searched in the most likely places, and have even searched in some unlikely places, but always the result has remained the same — nothing!

The subject of SETI now seems to be entering a transitional phase. Some SETI researchers are being rigorously scientific and they are basing their philosophy upon what is observed, which in this case, is absolutely nothing. They have assumed that we are unique! Others have become more adventurous and are considering alternatives to what has been attempted in the past and it is at this point that I would like to quote from the article which appears in *Spaceflight.*

The item is entitled "Soviet SETI Studies" and is by Boris Belitsky.

". . .Kardashev regards electrically charged black holes as opening up entirely new dimensions of space and time for travel. And Gindilis is engaged in a study of anomalous atmospheric phenomena. All this may cause a lifted eyebrow here or there in more traditionally-minded scientific quarters, but is indicative of the new and highly promising 'no holds barred' approach to some of the most baffling scientific problems of our times. . ."

And about time, too!

Best wishes,
Bill Dillon,
43 Hollybush Road,
Vauxhall Park Estate,
Luton, Beds.
August 17, 1980.

NZ saga continues

Dear Sir, — There is no doubt that the New Zealand "Kaikoura UFOs" December 1978, have enjoyed a tremendous amount of international comment. I see in this latest FSR, further Kaikoura UFO report material and now with the Scientific debate on this saga about to get underway at the Smithsonian Institution in USA, we have not by any means heard the last of the affair. Captain Bill

Startup, Captain of the Argosy Freighter aircraft in the centre of this now classic case, has just announced publication of the book *Kaikoura UFOs*, which has been in preparation for 18 months or so. Published by Hodder & Stoughton.

Congratulations on celebrating 25 years of publication, I can still recall receiving in the mail a complimentary copy of your very first issue.

Yours faithfully,
Harold H. Fulton,
Director for NZ,
Mutual UFO Network,
PO Box 878,
Palmerston North,
New Zealand.
August 21, 1980.

No. 1 the best Cover?

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Congratulations to F.S.R. on reaching its Silver Jubilee!

I have been a subscriber since Volume 1 and have found every issue of the magazine very interesting.

I still think that the original cover was the best — it gave suggestions of speed, distance, depth, space, with a "flying saucer" to boot!

Despite all your difficulties I wish you all the best for the future and look forward to many more issues.

Yours sincerely,
L. H. Navier,
19 Ormonde Avenue,
Hull,
East Yorkshire HU6 7LX.
July 12, 1980.

A fruitless search?

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I have read with interest Mr. Randall Jones Pugh's letter (FSR 26/2).

I must take issue with his statement that a number of the American astronauts returning to Earth saw UFOs accompanying them. Actually, these "UFOs" were later perfectly identified as a variety of known terrestrial objects (cf. the respected French science magazine "La Recherche" No.102, pages 753-759).

As for the immensity of space, this is nothing new or special: it was already known and taken for granted long before the space age. If some of the U.S. astronauts were so awed by their space experience as to succumb to "religious" feelings, this was just a matter of *very personal and subjective* reaction born of their previous religious brainwashing. It *in no way* proves the scientific validity of the religious dogmas.

In fact, the religious dogmas are epitomized by the infamous Inquisition that terrorized Europe for more than 650 years. Its most famous victims: Giordano Bruno and Galileo Galilei. The religious dogmas also blocked scientific progress in Europe for 1,500 years!

Whoever believes that the UFO enigma will one day be elucidated indulges in a naive illusion. For scientific advances can only be made within the framework of the 4-dimensional material universe of which we are eternal captives. It will be for ever impossible for us to go beyond this boundary and apprehend the paraphysical phenomena that are diverse manifestations of a plane of existence higher than ours. Nature probably comprises an infinite hierarchy of planes of existence. The paraphysical phenomena will therefore remain forever scientifically unprovable. *But the phenomena themselves are not important. What is important is the true nature of the intelligence lurking behind them, and this we shall NEVER know, for this knowledge will be deliberately withheld from us.*

Sincerely yours,
Julian H. Kaneko,
18, rue Le Corbusier,
CH-1208 Geneva, Switzerland.
August 20, 1980.

Pity the poor passengers!

Dear Sir, — I've only recently been able to read Volume 25, Numbers 5 & 6 of the *Flying Saucer Review* (received in June) so probably others have already asked you this question about the excellent article relating to the November 11, 1979 episode in Spain;

> Page 15 of No. 5, 4th indent, in the left-hand column reads—
> "I don't think so, because dinner was being served at that time".
>
> Page 13 of the above, last line of the right-hand column reads—
> "Well now, a few minutes before 11 p.m. . .?

So sometime after the sighting at 11 p.m. the passengers were being served dinner, and while I've had only 3 trips around the world via ships and planes, that seems a very late hour for a dinner on a plane — as well as otherwise.

Then on page 32, in the 3rd indent is included— ". . .pilot. . .why he plunged the aircraft 14,000 feet. . ."

If dinner was in progress, let along if the passengers were not warned about seat belts beforehand, my imagination about foodstuffs and passengers being abruptly commingled leaves a situation which must have justified comment.

Then again on page 15, right-hand column, the first indent includes— ". . .the passengers were not informed of what had happened, but were simply suddenly accommodated in one of the hotels. . .comments. . .pretty angry. . ."

The timing and sequence of the above together with the absence of any passenger observations does not seem to be believable. 109 dinners cannot be served all at once, and a 14,000 foot dive cannot be experienced by 109 passengers without more than mere angry comments about being put into a hotel.

I believe I have read elsewhere that comment already has been made regarding the item on page 32, indent 6 reading— ". . .plunge 12,000 feet in 30 seconds — something no plane I know can do. . ."

12,000 feet divided by 5,280 feet is 2.27 miles per 30 seconds, times 2 = 4.54 miles per minute × 60 is 272.4mph, or no great cruising speed let alone a diving speed.

No doubt I've missed points, but I suggest that this episode in Spain might need further comments about timing, etc.

Thanks for your attention from a subscriber to your excellent magazine for several years.

Yours sincerely,
H. E. Haglund,
32 Woodlane Road,
Ithaca,
NY 14856,
U.S.A.
July 16, 1980.

[I have read elsewhere that the passengers were already in an ugly frame of mind after a long delay at Majorca (hence the late dinner?), and were near to rebellion when they made the unscheduled stop at Valencia. Among other things, the airworthiness of the 'plane was questioned. Perhaps they did have a rough ride — EDITOR]

Disappointing movie

Dear Mr. Bowen, — I have been enjoying the articles entitled *Retrievals of the Third Kind* and am fascinated by the thought that the U.S. Government is covering up the truth about U.F.O's. It puzzles me as to why the government is so afraid to admit the existence of U.F.O.'s.

Recently a film entitled *Hangar 18* has come out here in the United States. From the previews and trailers of it one gets the impression that it is a documentary style film about the same subject as *Retrievals of the Third Kind* (i.e. Government covering up the fact that they found crashed U.F.O's and then examine them in a secret Hangar). Instead it was science-fiction film which reminded one of *Star Wars* as far as special-effects go.

It was related in that the basic story was about a government cover-up of a crashed U.F.O., but much of the film seemed to be doing more harm than good to the cause of making people less sceptical about U.F.O.'s. I suppose some of the film was based upon fact, but

anyone who goes to see this film expecting a documentary will be entertained but disappointed.
Sincerely yours,
Michael R. Johnson,
1226 Citracado Pkwy,
Escondido,
California 92025.
August 12, 1980.

Psychic link?

Dear Sir, — I have been an avid reader of *Flying Saucer Review* for many years now, and am greatly interested in the UFO phenomenon. Being Vice President of a Bath Spiritualist Church I meet many people who not only share my interest, but who have actually witnessed sightings around this area.

Being interested in paranormal phenomena, we feel that psychics have a natural affinity to link up with intelligences who control these crafts.

Mediums, being sensitives, act as receiving stations to certain wavelengths on a much higher frequency than a normal person could attain.
Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) A. M. Tylee,
Bathampton,
Bath,
Avon.
BA2 6UR.
August 16, 1980.

Another psychic link?

Dear Sir, — I have just read a book on UFOs and it re-called an experience my niece and I had in 1968. I expect you have heard of similar cases, but it may still be of some interest to you.

Around August of that year we were living on an island in the north of Western Australia. This particular day we listened to a lecture on the radio about so-called UFOs given by an English Professor. He finished by stating one could contact these beings by thought. We thought it highly hilarious as we were very sceptical of such things, and had never read any books on the subject.

That evening we went for a stroll on a deserted beach and lay back on the sands to enjoy the beautiful evening and admire the starry sky. My niece brought up the subject of the lecture, and suggested we experiment by sending out a thought message to see if it had any effect. As I was quite sure it wouldn't, I agreed. After some discussion we decided to concentrate on a sentence which ran something like ". . .if there are any UFOs in the area contact us, please." Eventually restraining our mirth, we relaxed and beamed out this thought. Suddenly something disturbed us, as I remember we sat up simultaneously and gave a concerted gasp of fright. Suspended low in the sky above our heads hovered a beautiful shining silver disc. It seemed to pulsate, and different colours emanated from it. It's difficult to estimate the size, although it seemed very large in comparison with the stars, perhaps the size of a dinner plate.

We observed it for perhaps half an hour, unable to make out any details as we could only see the base. By now, our composure returning, we were longing to have a closer view. So we deliberated on sending another message asking if it would descend a little nearer that we might study it more closely. Before we had time to formulate the words we would use, and as though it were listening to our conversation, it suddenly descended towards us at a terrific speed at which, I am sorry to say we took to our heels and ran for home. When we glanced back it had vanished.

Up until then I had had a few psychic happenings which I had dismissed from my mind as unexplainable, but my experience from then on opened my eyes to the wonders that surround us. I feel that although this experience seemed objective at the time, it was really subjective and perhaps for the purpose of lifting us from the Materialism into which we have sunk.

Another little incident which may be connected occurred two years later when we were travelling through Germany. We had just descended a steep hill and stopped the car while I looked at the map to ascertain our route. There was no traffic all, and it was a very quiet place. While studying the map we realized we were floating back up the hill seemingly on a cushion of air. About half way up the hill the car stopped and my niece put it into gear and we set off again.
Yours sincerely,

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June 26, 1980.

Adamski, the Moon, and flesh and blood contacts

Dear Mr. Bowen, — Regarding your Editorial "Was This The Message". I would like to say something about your comments on George Adamski.

To state that he said that the Moon "was a place of lush vegetation and water" and leave it at that, conveys the wrong impression of what was actually reported in Inside The Space Ships. Without going into what was written in the book, I would like to say that I have made a certain amount of investigation into information available on the Moon and the American exploration of that world and found that there is much which corroborates what was stated in Inside The Space Ships. I'll be glad to share this information with anyone who is interested.

Also, and this needs to be put quite clearly. No matter what Mr. Daniels and others — including Desmond Leslie — have said or believe, George Adamski's contacts with our space visitors were not in any way trance or hypnotic experiences. He stated clearly, many many times, that the space visitors he met were ordinary flesh and blood human beings like ourselves who come in space ships from the other planets in our solar system and systems beyond. To those who cannot accept this he is a liar. Distorting what he said has no value and only introduces mysteries where there need be none.

I agree there was a message. I would like to quote George Adamski: "Nothing that the space travellers have told us is new. Their wisdom has been with us for centuries. In the past we have chosen to ignore it, giving excuses of one kind or another. They are but reminding us in simple, understandable language, again showing us the way of a life of peace and happiness. . ." and "As I have said many times in my lectures, it is not the sighting of space craft that should concern us, for one sighting is no different than another, but the knowledge that they bring us for the betterment of our lives. For without this we cannot hope for a better world."

Is there still time to heed the message? I am going to hold that thought.
Yours sincerely,
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Offerton,
Stockport,
Cheshire SK2 5NT.
July 16, 1980.

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England

Mystery circles near Warminster

In the Bath *Evening Chronicle* of August 15, 1980, we read that,—

"Mysterious circles discovered in cornfields near Westbury White Horse have led to claims The Warminster Thing is back.

"The Thing first appeared above Warminster on Christmas Day, 1964. Hundreds of subsequent 'sightings' turned the town into a centre for UFO enthusiasts.

"The latest mystery centres around three depressions, each 18 yards across, found within a quarter of a mile of each other in cornfields below the White Horse.

"Two are still visible but the the third has disappeared since the grain was harvested.

"The depressions have mystified farmers and tourists. 'If it's not a helicopter that has caused them then it is very mysterious,' said one farmer. 'It certainly isn't wind or rain damage because the marks are too regular for that.'

"Another farmer has asked the Army if they can throw any light on the mystery but so far he has received no reply.

"An Army spokesman told the Chronicle he would investigate but added, 'I can see no reason for a helicopter landing in a field of corn.'

"The marks are all perfect circles with well defined boundaries and there are no tracks leading from them. Inside the circles the grain is flattened in a tight clockwise direction.

"A spokesman for the British UFO Society said an immediate investigation would be launched.

"He added that similar marks had been found in the Westbury and Warminster area during the height of the Warminster Thing sightings in the 1960s but none had been discovered since then.

" 'At the moment we are not ruling out a landing by a UFO but we must first investigate properly.'

"He appealed to anyone who had witnessed anything strange in the area in the past month to contact the society."

Credit: **John D. Patton** of Bath, and **A. White** of Westbury.

More mystery animals?

Shades of the "puma" hunts in West Surrey and Hampshire in the early 1960s were resurrected by an item in the *Surrey-Hants Star* (Aldershot) of July 17, 1980,—

"The Aldershot Police big game squad — complete with panda car — was on full alert as the *Star* went to press this week following a late night 'sighting' of a cheetah on the Farnborough Road.

"The cheetah — fastest animal on earth — was 'spotted' by a Queen's Hotel employee as he drove along the A325 on his way to work at 3.10a.m. on Tuesday.

"He called Aldershot police to tell them of his find, insisting to the naturally sceptical desk sergeant that he was stone cold sober.

"The story took a new turn just after 4a.m., when there was another cheetah report — also from the Queen's Hotel.

"Mr. Bedwell, the hotel's porter, called to say that he could hear a 'large cat' prowling around the back of the hotel.

"The big game coppers were quickly on the scene, but despite a search the elusive cat had vanished."

Credit.: **Miss Y. Cooper** of Camberley, Surrey.

Canada

Mystery object over Bear River: Dog scared

The Halifax, Nova Scotia, *Chronicle-Herald* of July 10, 1980, carried the following account relating to an incident on July 5, 1980, near Bear River, Digby County—

"Marlene LeJune is not really concerned that the 'Empire' is striking back in theatres across North America, but she does not want aliens to use her yard as a landing base again.

"Mrs. LeJune says she saw an object hovering over trees near her home at 2 a.m. Saturday, and it was an experience she won't soon forget.

"She said after returning from a 4 p.m. to midnight shift at the Digby Hospital, she had read for a couple of hours and begun to get ready for bed when she heard voices in the backyard.

"As her husband and oldest son were away, she looked down at the dog and told him that he would have to go out to investigate for her.

"But the dog, she said, was less than thrilled about the idea. Normally if would bolt out of the door at any hour, barking at anything. This time it hid under her bed.

"Seeing nothing at the door, Mrs. LeJune decided to check through the house. She said she saw nothing when she first checked the back door and yard with an outside light on.

"But, she said, when she switched the light off and glanced out again, she saw, hovering above the tree tops about 500 feet away, a round bright blue-white, moon-shaped object with white lights flashing around it.

"She said she first thought she was imagining things and walked away from the window, but, when she looked again moments later, it was still there.

"She said the object made virtually no noise and was about the size of a house.

"Again she walked away from the window, and again she returned to see the object still there. She said she looked at it for nearly five minutes before going to bed to continue reading.

" 'I never thought to call anyone,' she said, adding she would have gone out except she feared for the safety of her two other children.

"Later that night, she said, she heard engines but passed it off as teen-agers driving cars nearby.

"She said one other thing seemed strange — it became very bright behind the house while she was in bed.

"She said she thought that was because the clouds cleared, allowing the full moon to shine.

"But the next morning her friends told her there was no moon and later a friend found a ring of discoloured grass about 20 feet in diameter in the field where Mrs. LeJune saw the object.

"Mrs. LeJune said the grass was brown and slightly depressed but not burned. She said there were no footsteps or any evidence of heavy impressions in the ground.

"She said she is convinced she saw something, but exactly what, and from where, she could not speculate.

"But, she said, several other persons in the area reported that their animals acted very strangely the morning before she saw the object.

"RCMP are investigating the incident."

Credit: **Mrs. N. J. Roop** of Aylesford, Nova Scotia.

Malaysia

Did UFO attack oil plant?

The *Courier Mail* of Brisbane, Queensland, Australia, published the following account under the headline "Laser beam from UFO caused fire" in its edition of June 14, 1980. The story was based on an AAP report originating at Kuala Lumpur, and it is presumed the Sunday referred to was June 8, 1980,—

"A flying saucer launched a near-miss laser beam attack on an oil installation terminal at Port Klang on Malaysia's west coast last Sunday, according to three people.

"They told police they saw the UFO blast a house with a laser beam and start a fire which destroyed two houses and a shop only 6m away from the Felda and Caltex oil terminal, the *New Straits Times* newspaper reported.

"The 'attack' took place three days after the big fire and explosions which ripped Port Klang last week.

"The three people asked not to be identified. They said they saw a bright luminous ball-like object about 10 m. above the oil installation.

"The bluish-red object, about 60 cm in diameter, was spinning, they said."

Credit: **R. W. Boundy** of Brisbane

Finland

Preliminary details of an abduction case

We append the details of Report 2/80 of Suomen Ufotutkijat ry (UFO Research of Finland),—

"Our chairman, Mr. Ilkka Serra attended the 1980 MUFON Symposium on June 7 in Houston, Texas, representing all the Scandinavian UFO research organizations and lecturing on Scandinavian UFO research. And in the Spring we found out about an old sighting concerning 14 to 15 objects, and a new abduction case.

"As far as the length of the observation time, the number and luminosity of the objects are concerned, the most significant UFO case in Finland took place at the Pahkakoski hydroelectric power plant in northern Finland on March 19, 1979, between midnight and 5.45 a.m. There were at least two witnesses. First at around midnight a red ball of light was seen landing behind a nearby forest. A similar object was seen in the same direction at 1.35 a.m. and at 1.45 a.m. Then at 2.55 a.m. two objects were seen simultaneously and immediately after that a total of 14 or 15 objects were seen hovering over a marshland behind the forest. They were disc-shaped and appeared to have a diameter of 30 metres each. One of the objects directed a bright beam of light downwards. No sound was heard. The hovering continued until 5.45 a.m. when the objects disappeared.

"Aino Ivanoff, age 52, experienced a two-hour abduction on April 2, 1980. Most of the details were revealed under hypnosis. She was driving on a country road near Pudasjärvi in northern Finland, after midnight, and crossed a bridge at 1.15 a.m. Immediately after the bridge she entered a strange fog and the car lights were suddenly directed upwards. She hit the brakes and stopped the car. She saw an aluminium-coloured domed object with oval-shaped portholes. She was somehow taken inside and examined on a metallic table by three men dressed in black. The table was the only piece of furniture in the room. The fog was still there when she returned to the outside world and most of the way back home she had to drive in the fog. She noticed that there had been a time lapse of two hours. After the incident she was extremely tired for a week and found five small dots on her right shoulder. She was given a message supporting peace and opposing war. She was also told that men in black are unable to get [beget? — ED] children."

It is understood that research work is continuing on this second case.

West Germany

Young woman chased by UFO

According to a report in the South German (Munich) newspaper *Münchner Merkür* for Monday, April 14, 1980, a young woman from the former German Province of Alsace (now the French eastern *départements* of Bas-Rhin and Haut-Rhin) has had a frightening experience with a UFO. We regret the absence of such elementary details as place and time,—

"Patricia Dziomba, aged 27, dashed up to the doorway of a house and rang the bell, stammering: 'I'm being chased by a flying saucer!'

"The lady's story, as told to the press, is that she was driving along in her car when suddenly a brilliantly lit object came shooting down at a tremendous speed out of the sky and came straight at her. 'I was terribly frightened and at once turned round and began driving back in the direction from which I had come. Shortly after that, I found the glowing sphere suddenly right in front of me. Then, at a bend in the road, I had another shock. My car stopped and the engine went dead. I tried vainly several times to start it again.' Then, seeing a house about 200 metres distant, she got out of the car and ran to it. 'As I stood there, right outside the door, I saw that the UFO was still there, flying round the house.'

"The owner of the house, Michel Ludwizak, who opened the door to her, states: 'After the lady had described her experience to me, I went out in front of the house and indeed I saw the ball of light myself. It was by then far off, but clearly visible.'

"Ludwizak and Patricia Dziomba at once went to the Police. In the course of the subsequent investigations it transpired that the occupants of the control-tower of the Mulhouse-Basel airport had also seen something strange the same night — an 'object' they said, 'which could not possibly have been an aircraft.' All further investigations regarding the 'spooky object' have proved fruitless. Subsequently two further witnesses claimed to have seen the flying saucer."

Credit and thanks to: **Mrs. Mary Boyd** of Florence, who also made the translation from German.

Scotland

Huge UFO over Newarthill

From the *Motherwell Times* of October 2, 1980, we learn that on Thursday, September 25, 1980,—

"A Newarthill family are convinced they saw a UFO in the sky early last Thursday morning.

"Mr. William Quigley, his wife Nora, and daughter Janice, claim they saw a huge unidentified flying object around 4.30 a.m.

"Mr. Quigley, who stays at 8 Torridon Avenue, told us on Friday: 'It was a sort of round shape with huge green and red lights. It was too huge to be an aircraft and there was no noise of engines as it passed over our house.

" 'There is no stretch of the imagination here as my wife and daughter both watched it as I viewed it through binoculars. There were stars in the sky but it certainly wasn't a shooting star. The huge lights alone convinced me there was something alien up there and the remarkable thing is that it happened on our doorstep.'

"A police spokesman said there were no other reports of a UFO in the area."

Credit to "A Motherwell reader"

England

Police in UFO chase near Wetherby

The following story was carried by the *Yorkshire Post* in its issue for September 15, 1980, about an incident reported on Saturday, September 13, —

"Police in West and North Yorkshire have been chasing a mysterious UFO.

"The object — a bright diamond-shaped light — was first seen by police officers near Wetherby early on Saturday.

"It was travelling silently northwards about 2,000ft. above the ground. Officers in a police car followed it until it changed direction over Wetherby.

"A West Yorkshire police spokesman said: 'Altogether, five officers saw this object and described it as brighter and larger than any star.'

"PC Roy Allen and PC Richard Gordon had been alerted in York that the

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object was heading towards their patrol car.

"PC Allen said yesterday: 'We were on the York bypass when suddenly we saw it. The light stopped moving and hovered in the sky for some time. Eventually it moved off in the direction of Hull.'

"Police made checks at local RAF stations and at RAF Fylingdales, but did not receive a satisfactory explanation.

"A senior officer at York said: 'There is nothing more we can do. It has been logged as an unidentified flying object.'

"Humberside police said a UFO sighting was reported by teenagers shortly before 10 p.m. on Saturday.

"A spokesman said that they had reported an oval-shaped, pinky-red object.

"The Army is carrying out a Home Defence exercise in the North, but a spokesman at York said he knew of nothing that could account for the sighting."

Credit: **O. Atherton** of Harrogate

England

UFO that hovered near Bradford

The following short account from the Bradford *Telegram & Argus* of July 7, 1980, was sent in by a reader who says it was near her home but, ". . . as I wear bifocals and have to look where I am going, I missed the fun as usual." The sighting took place on July 5, 1980,—

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" 'I've never believed in this before,' said Mrs. Christina Harris, of Baildon, 'but I really did see it. It was round, in metallic silver and black, and it moved off smoothly towards Bradford city centre.

" 'I saw an Asian child watching it, too. When it moved I followed it, although I wanted to shout out to people in the street to look up.

" 'I eventually lost sight of it. I thought at first it was a kite, but it moved too smoothly and was the wrong shape.' "

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