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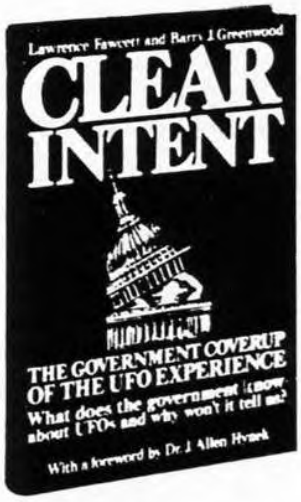
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Guest Editorial

THE NEW UFO 'DEPRESSION'

Lawrence J. Fenwick, Editor, Canadian UFO Research Network (CUFORN)

EVER since the release of the motion picture *"Close Encounters of the Third Kind"* in late December, 1979, the number of UFO reports has dropped quite dramatically in North America, where the film had its greatest impact.

Was it a coincidence? I think it was more than just coincidence. There is something much more significant happening underneath it all. What we are experiencing is manipulation, pure and simple.

Given the overwhelming evidence in terms of statistics, we must assume that UFOs are not only real, but represent an extraterrestrial exploration of our planet. Taking that one step further, let us state that the humanoids are at least one million years in advance of us in evolutionary development. Their minds would be capable of manipulating ours en masse or individually at will.

If they are sure that the sightings have conditioned us to the reality of UFOs, the next step would be to get us used to their appearance, if not their motives. But this in itself poses a problem. We are frightened by their appearance in many cases. How should they present their appearance in a more palatable form? The answer is to use the mass medium most suited, i.e., fictionalized encounters shown in motion pictures.

All that was needed was to implant in certain key human minds the idea of making films of a certain sort. They could then quietly sit back and wait to see what sort of impact such films have.

What happens now is that people who have sightings and who have seen the films say to themselves: *"Why should I report my sighting to anyone? UFOs are now 'acceptable' in motion pictures. Most people believe they are real."*

Even those who *do* report their sightings to the media don't see the report in print or on TV or radio. The newspapers are given an implanted idea: *"UFO stories are so common. Why bother to print them any longer?"*

So the sightings *are* there. The reports are not made or if they are, they're ignored. Yet the people are now conditioned to the sight of humanoids in a way which would not frighten them.

The question now remains: *What do the humanoids have in store for us in the near future?*
(The text of this Editorial, in which we have taken the liberty of making certain changes of a precautionary nature, first appeared in the CUFORN BULLETIN for May-June, 1985, and is reproduced here with their permission.)
EDITOR

CLOSE ENCOUNTER ON BAGSHOT HEATH

Omar Fowler, Consultant to FSR, Chairman, Surrey Investigation Group (SIGAP)

In our volume 29, No. 2, we published Mr Fowler's account of the extraordinary story of the old man Alfred Burtoo who claimed to have been taken aboard a landed craft near Aldershot in the early hours of August 12, 1983, but released by the entities as being too old and infirm (he was 78) for their purposes. Mr Fowler here follows up with the equally extraordinary and exciting account of the butcher, Mr David McMurray, who claims to have been "buzzed" more recently by two UFOs at Bagshot Heath, just some five or six miles from where old Mr Burtoo had had his adventure! From the sketches given by Mr Burtoo and Mr McMurray respectively readers may agree that it is probably highly likely that the same type of alien craft was involved in both cases. EDITOR

On the night of Sunday 15th September 1985 at 9pm, the McMurray family were driving home after visiting friends in Guildford, Surrey. They were travelling in their car along the busy A322 towards Bagshot and then turned off the main road at the "Gordon Boys School" roundabout, heading for Farnborough down Red Road (B311) — the time was three minutes past nine. In the car was Mr David McMurray, his wife Sue and two small children.

They had gone only about a quarter of a mile down the road, when as they turned a slight bend, they were met with an amazing sight. An object was hovering over the road (see sketch) only fifty to sixty yards ahead of them. The light was so intense that for a moment David McMurray turned his head away. Then as they continued to approach it, another similar object came up from behind the trees on the left of the road and travelled alongside of them just behind the trees skirting the road. They noticed briefly that another car following them had come to an abrupt stop and pulled to the side of the road. Meanwhile, the first object that had been hovering over the road had shot off skyward and disappeared.

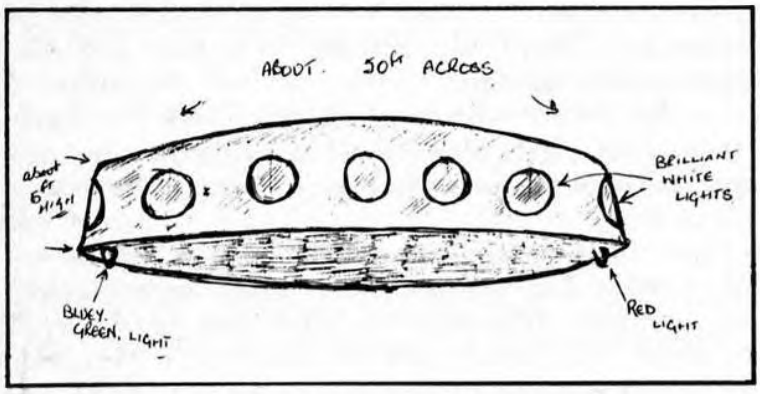


Fig. 1. Mr McMurray's sketch of the craft.

This incident had occurred along a lonely stretch of road in heathland adjoining the Bagshot/Lightwater area. There are some Tumuli within a hundred yards of the initial sighting, and a national grid power line crosses the road at the same point.

Mr McMurray made a quick decision to continue down the road as fast as he could for about a mile, where there is a new property development and the chance to run to a nearby house. As he turned the bend with the houses in sight, he drew over to the opposite side of the road, stopped and got out of the car. The children were asleep in the back of the car and Mrs McMurray locked her door and refused to get out.

As their car stopped, so did the UFO, and it hovered over the top of the trees just across the other side of the road, at a height of about fifty feet. Mr McMurray stood watching "it" and he got the impression that "it" was watching him. He heard a buzz-

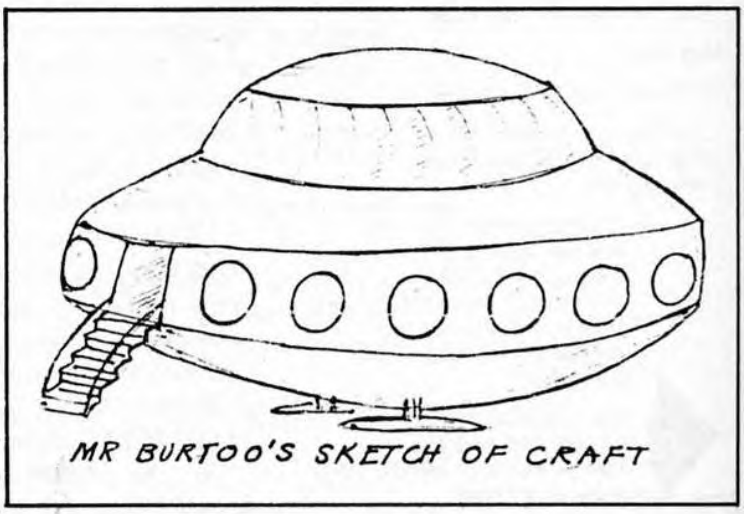


Fig. 2. Mr Burtoo's sketch of craft.

ing noise "just as though someone had started up an electric sewing machine". He noticed that underneath the object was a brilliant red light on one side and a green light under the other. Around the body of the object were a number of dazzling white lights, but no sign of any movement or rotating lights.

This strange scene of the silent but brilliantly lit UFO hovering over the trees and the occupants of the car just as silently watching the UFO continued for about a minute and a half, and then the object quite suddenly accelerated and was gone, visible only as a star-like object in the distance. Mr McMurray jumped back into his car and drove back up the slight hill from where he had come, in order to get a better view, but there was no sign of the object and it had completely gone from sight. The other car that had pulled over to the side of the road was still there. A white Volvo, with the occupant sitting inside with his interior light on. Mr McMurray did not stop and talk to the driver, but on reflection, wishes that he had done so.

In a later interview on the following night Mrs McMurray also gave her impression of the incident. The object was "saucer"-shaped and appeared to be flat underneath, with large "spotlights" on the rim, with a bright red light underneath on one side and a bright bluish-green light on the other.

Mr McMurray and his family then continued their journey home, and reported the incident to the local Police Station on the way, where his experience was duly noted. He also telephoned to Heathrow Airport (Control Tower) and then reported the incident to West Drayton Air Traffic Centre.

After-effects

The following morning the whole family, including the children, one of five months and one of sixteen months, all *overslept.* Normally, the children are awake at a quarter to six, but on this particular morning they had to be woken up when Mr and Mrs McMurray themselves awoke at nine thirty a.m.

Mr McMurray then went to start his car, but there was no sound from the engine and he discovered that his battery was completely flat. He then received assistance from a nearby garage and the car started.

Within a few hours on this following day (Monday 16th), Mr McMurray developed a severe headache on the crown of his head, so severe that he sought medical advice from his doctor and was immediately sent for a check-up at the local hospital. E.C.G. and blood pressure were found to be normal. He then developed symptoms of a "hollow" feeling in his stomach and "shaky" legs. These symptoms persisted for some eight to nine days after the "event" and by then, his wife had also suffered the effect of "shaky" legs and a "hollow" stomach for the final three days.

It was after the earlier symptoms had disappeared that Mr McMurray became troubled by disturbed sleep (event + 11 days) and this coincided with memory lapses at about the same period. It was also during this time that Mr McMurray suffered an outbreak of skin blemishes in the form of small red circles (approx 1¼" dia.) on his body. The first one appeared at the side of his neck and lasted for a period of a few hours, as the first circle faded, so another appeared on his left shoulder. As one circle faded, so another then appeared further down on his body (see photo). There were no additional effects felt, other than some consternation about the whole incident. That was the situation up to the 30th of September 1985.

Other UFO reports on same day

The same night, at 8.45 p.m., a Mr and Mrs Webb were driving along the M4 in the direction of the Wokingham turning (approximately 12 miles from Bagshot Heath), when they saw a bright red glowing object flying across the sky from the direction of Bagshot. Mrs Webb commented "I am sure it was not an aircraft. It made me think it could have been a so-called UFO".

Later that night at 11.45pm Lyn Brookes and her boy friend saw a strange object with flashing lights (red and white). After about five minutes, it dipped down behind some trees. The observation was made from the Wokingham area. Miss Lyn Brookes commented "I was really frightened, it was as if it was watching me". Her Great Dane dog was "disturbed and whining".

First investigation

The area adjoining the road where the McMurray incident took place was later inspected for possible landing marks/features without anything being found. The occupants of the new housing estate were questioned about any strange happenings in the area. There were reports that about a year previously, flashes had been seen coming from the nearby power cables at night and this had caused dimming of the lights in the houses.

Humming noises at night had been reported from the Lightwater area over the past few years. They appear to have been coming from the common land normally used by the Army for exercises, but it was not thought that the noises heard (3 a.m.) were anything to do with the Army exercises.

Follow-up investigation

A follow-up visit was made to the McMurray family on Tuesday 5th November in order to ascertain any new developments in the condition of Mr McMurray.

It became obvious within a short time that the

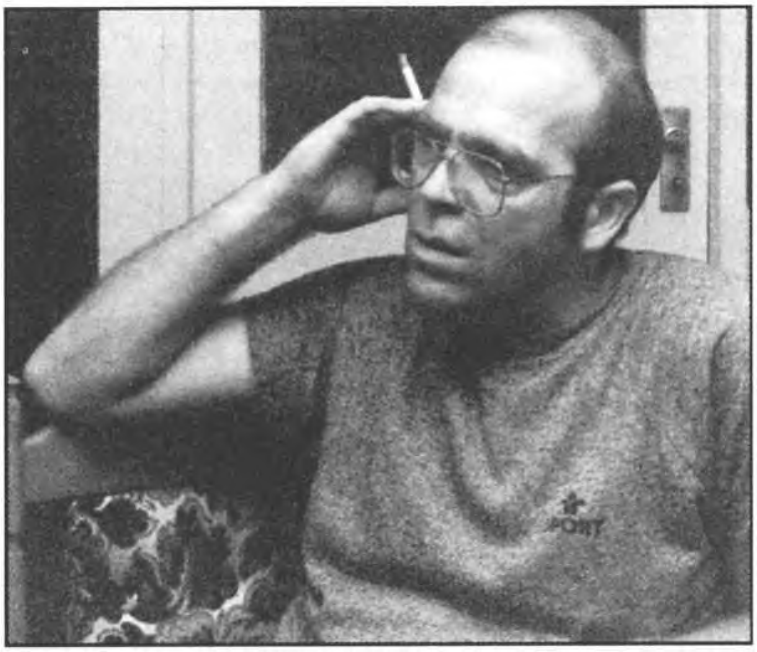


Fig. 3. Mr McMurray.

physiological symptoms affecting Mr McMurray had not diminished in any way, and a number of changes had taken place in his condition.

The red rings which had previouly appeared only on the *left-hand* side of his body (neck, shoulder, trunk and groin), had repeated themselves, during the period "Event" + 17 – 22 days, on the *right-hand* side of his body in a similar pattern. He had also become conscious in his mind that, at odd moments, he was explaining the function of various mechanical and electrical things to himself. He, for instance, sat looking at an electric light switch and there ran through his mind the knowledge of how the switch functioned. The same thing also happened while driving along in his car, he found himself explaining to himself the mechanics of the car and its engine.

Out-of-the-body experiences

In the last few nights, he had experienced two instances of "out-of-the-body travel" while asleep in bed. He said that he had been able to float above the bed and gaze down at himself and his wife sleeping, then returning into his own body with a "bump". This was something that he had never heard of previously or had experienced in the past.

A message?

The strangest thing of all was that he claimed to have had a message running through his head almost continously: "Epsylon 44L — 47L". He had no idea what it meant, and he had no knowledge of having read the word anywhere . . .

Finally during a return visit to the site of the UFO encounter, he had an overwhelming urge to proceed no further than the edge of the road, and not to walk

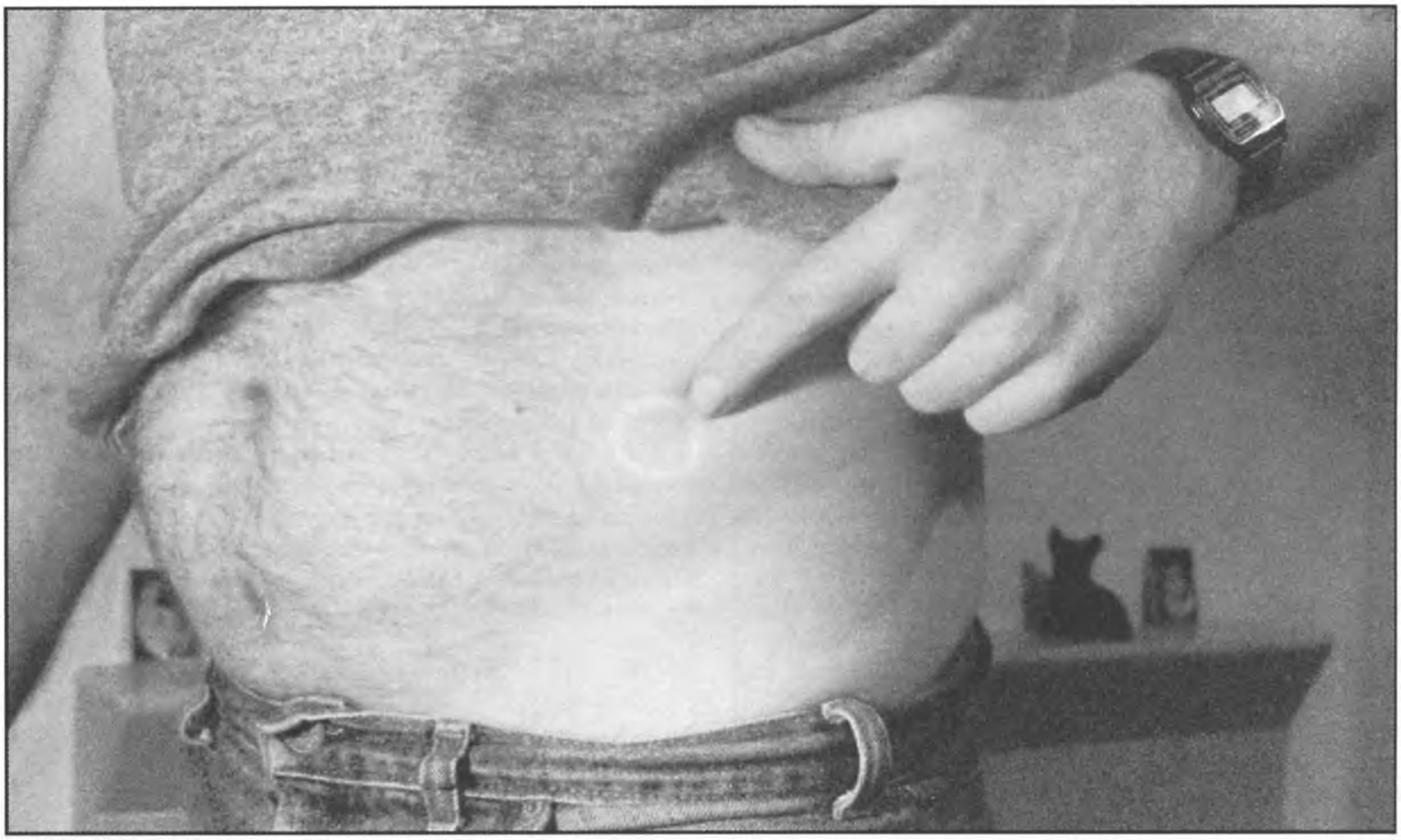


Fig. 4. The 'ring' circled for better reproduction.

through the trees to an open space area where the second UFO had been seen. In fact, he returned to his car and did not carry out his original intention of looking over the area.

That is the present situation as at the 6th of November 1985.

NOTE BY EDITOR, FSR

This is an absolutely "classical" account of what it is like to experience "astral travel" — including the "percussion effect" when suddenly re-entering the physical body! And it comes from a man who assuredly had never even heard of such things previously.

As I have mentioned on a number of occasions, I am inclined to the view that no contact with UFO entities ever occurs in the physical body, and that consequently, in all cases, the percipient is brought out of his body before the encounter can take place.

As a result, the "second body" becomes somewhat "loosened" in its moorings, as one might say, so that individuals who have never been aware of having an "astral" experience before, now find themselves slipping in and out rather easily.

Mr McMurray, when first asked whether he was willing to undergo hypnosis, is understood to have shown reluctance. But I now understand from Mr Omar Fowler that — as his physiological symptoms have continued, Mr McMurray has begun to be more interested in the possibility of finding out what has happened to him.

Plans are accordingly in hand to have him given hypnotic regression by a qualified operator and in the presence of a doctor, and we hope to be able to report the results in due course. I understand that it may likewise be possible for old Mr Burtoo to be seen by the doctor and hypnotist team. Something very interesting may emerge from it all. G.C.

THE BAGSHOT HEATH CASE IN THE BRITISH PRESS

Gordon Creighton

As always, it is interesting to note how the British press dealt with this case at Bagshot Heath. Naturally most of the British papers maintained their usual silence. But one of them — the *Sunday Mirror* — carried quite a good write-up of the story, and reproduced Mr. McMurray's sketch. (*Our UFO Terror,* "Sunday Mirror", September 29, 1985.)

The account gives the details of the case faithfully, supplied to the newspaper by Mr. Omar Fowler. One of the newspaper's journalists then telephoned to me to ask for my opinion on the case, and in fact he interviewed me by 'phone for well over an hour, and at the most expensive time in the day!

When his account appeared in the newspaper I telephoned to him and had a further long chat, in the course of which he told me that, *as a result of his article, the paper had been absolutely inundated with letters from members of the public all over Britain.*

I then challenged him, and suggested flatly that his original story as submitted by him had included an account of 'Flying Saucer Review' and of our work. He agreed that it had. And he confirmed that the whole of that part of it had been cut out.

How The Cover-Up is Worked

Here we see the cover-up in operation. This business shows us that, all over Britain, as we know very well already, there are scores and scores of folk who would like to become subscribers to FSR and would like to support us in what we are trying to do, but that they are always sedulously blocked, in their efforts, by those whose job it is to go often to most amazing lengths to see that the public remains unaware of our existence. Not one of those hundreds of letters are ever going to reach *US* — that's for sure!

"Advertise!"

It will of course be retorted glibly by many of you that the answer is: "ADVERTISE:" To that, my reply is: *"Oh yeah?"* And one of these days in the not so far future, when I have a moment to spare, I will publish the delightful story of what did happen when I contacted another big British Sunday paper (one of those with the largest circulations) and tried to place an advert for FSR in their paper at the time of the Rendlesham Forest case.

That story, when I publish it, will be seen to be highly instructive. *And, to those FSR readers who are complaining all the time about our increase in price, due solely to ever-rising printing costs, I have this to say: "If you want to see a bigger and better FSR, or indeed if you want to see an FSR at all, then I suggest that the time has come now for you to start doing what you have never taken the trouble to do yet — and that is to start telling some of your own friends of our existence and try to get some more readers for us. If you do not do this, you know what the result will be. And 'sorrow' will be of little use after the event!"*

As for me — I don't mind! I don't make a penny out of it, and there are plenty of other things that I would rather be doing!

All over the world the UFO journals are dying. There is grave news just in from APRO in the USA, *the world's first UFO investigation body, established by Mrs Coral Lorenzen in 1952 — three years before FSR started.* Mrs Lorenzen and her family are beset with serious health problems, and we send them our warmest and most supportive thoughts, and we hope that in due course there will be better news.

But not only from APRO is there sad news. We understand that elsewhere, also at the topmost level of U.S. UFO research, there is likewise deep concern over other illness, and there again we can only send them our sympathy and our warmest and most supportive thoughts at all times.

In Spain, Belgium, and Italy, all of which countries once had excellent and regular UFO investigation journals, they have packed up.

Whether we go the same way will depend entirely on FSR's readers. They alone can get us the new support that is needed. For we have already had enough experience to know that any attempts by us to advertise effectively will be cunningly and skilfully blocked.

Postscript

And one day — *Insh'Allah* — I hope also to publish the stories of what happened, more than once, to *"large quantities of mail for FSR"* received in certain quartets following upon TV or radio programmes involving UFO research and FSR!

It's all good, solid food for thought, isn't it! — G.C.

THE CASE OF ANTÔNIO ÁLVES FERREIRA* PHYSICAL EXPERIENCES, AND ELEVEN ALLEGED TRIPS TO A STRANGE PLANET!

Irene Granchi

(Translation from Portuguese version in* PLANETA No. 104-A, *published in Brazil in or about 1981)

Besides having been present at the making of a perfect double of himself (his family only discovered this fact thanks to a scar on the sole of one of his feet and to a fivefold increase in his weight!) on a planet that he has already visited eleven times, the Maranhão man Antônio Alves Ferreira has developed powers to affect metals, like the other Brazilian Thomaz Green from Minas Gerais, and like Uri Geller. This is one of the most remarkable cases of physical experiences with "extraterrestrials", including exchanges of gifts — the lot! (Antônio got a pistol that totally disintegrated a mango tree at the bottom of his garden with one single shot.)

* * * * *

Considered individually, all the various facets of this case are impressive. In combination, however, they present something new in Ufology.

Antônio Álves Ferreira, born in São Luis (State of Maranhão, North-East Brazil) is at present 19 years old. He states that he had his first direct CEIII close encounter case in 1975, when he saw a large UFO appear near his house and immediately after that he had his first encounter with "Riaus" and "Telione" who would later become his friends.

Dr. José de Freitas Dutra came to see me in August last year and brought me a magnetic tape recording of a discussion between Antônio and a supposed "extraterrestrial". He also gave me various other details about the youth whose family, poor but honourable, he, Dr. José de Freitas Dutra, as the State Attorney for the town, had known for several years already. Freitas Dutra desired to have my opinion about it because he himself, while having no doubt of Antônio's honesty, wanted to secure a few opinions about the other voice on the tape, which really did appear to be something very strange, very different from any language known among us. A medical doctor, the well-known writer Dr. Ernesto Bono, gave the following opinion after having listened to the dialogue (in which Antônio replies for a while *in their language*):

"What impressed me immensely was the projection of the voice, which does not seem to come from the larynx, but to be "crackly", as it were, and to burst out from the glottis ... and I was also struck by the modu-

lation of the voice, almost without variation, putting one in mind of a robot."

But when, in September of last year I (I.G.) made the personal acquaintance of Antônio, he assured me that his friends were no robots, but physical creatures, just as the UFOs were physical things that appeared in our dimension, and hovered above his house, leaving marks on the walls. Physical too, according to Antônio, were the trips which he declares he made to their planet, the name of which is not revealed to us.

His first trip was preceded by a series of phenomena, including the emission of beams of light, the destruction of a cashew-nut tree by a UFO, physiological affects (for example, his eyes inflamed by the intensity of the light) and marks on the ground and on the wall of his house.

The Ferreira Family Asks the Brazilian Air Force for Help

It all began on January 4, 1975. The phenomena were so many and so alarming that the family asked the Air Force for help. One day,the family were sleeping in the open, when the UFO came and struck the wall of the house, burning chairs as it passed. But the next day, says Antônio, he was in the garden, engaged in getting a thorn out of his foot, when the light reappeared, and a craft, of the size of a Volkswagen car. A sort of vane opened and a white, flashing light was emitted, which had the effect of raising the temperature of his body.

In his rustic dialect Antônio says: "My eyes seemed to be pulled outside". A descending ladder appeared, and a creature, and then another creature. Antônio tried to move, but was unable to do so. Finally, he was taken inside the disc, he does not know how, and a door closed behind him, while he seemed to be going up in a lift. He was terrified by the appearance of his captors, who were wearing masks.

Eleven Visits to the "Unknown Planet"

They arrived at some place unknown to him, and got out of the craft. There, there was a multitude of people awaiting them. They went into a hemispherical-shaped house, like a white ball, and there, in the middle of a room, was another being, seated. This being launched into a conversation directed at Antônio, who understood nothing of it, and this seemed to irritate his questioner. But suddenly — and Antônio does not know how to explain it — he started to understand and began replying to the questions put to him. These questions included the following:— "What function had the Earth people? What were cars called, and what was their speed?" They asked also whether aircraft operate on gasoline, and what sort of food we eat? Very primitive questions — let us admit it! — elementary — and not a bit in accordance with beings displaying a technology so superior to ours!

A certain sort of indication of this technology and this knowledge of theirs is illustrated by a subsequent action on the part of their "leader" for suddenly the latter (Antônio subsequently learned that he called himself "Croris") shot out a hand — hidden up till then behind his back — and struck the youth on the chest with his closed fist. From that day onwards, whenever Antônio is about to have a contact with them of one sort or another, a red spot appears on that same place on his chest).

On this first trip, Antônio was absent from home from 9 o'clock in the morning until almost midday, and nobody in his family noticed his absence. For three days thereafter he had no appetite, and ate nothing. And immediately after his return, he started to make drawings — he who had never drawn anything in his life.

Antônio did a number of drawings, all in great detail, some in colour, showing the entities, showing the appearance of their craft, both inside and outside, and with minute details of their laboratories and their star-maps. There were two of the star-maps, and he explained that they had been drawn, not by him, but by his extraterrestrial friends, although using his materials, his paper and his blue-ink and red-ink pens, his only job being to add black dots on the paper, at their instruction, maybe to indicate stars.

I asked him about the physical appearance of his friends. He said they were dark-skinned *(morenos)*, with rather large noses, thin lips. He never noticed whether or not they had teeth. They had slender, pointed ears, deep-set eyes of oriental shape, thick eyebrows, bulging heads, abundant black hair, but fine, like down. Their heads were generally covered by their helmets, which were blue and metallic (Fig. 2).

Their uniforms — of a green hue, "like the green on the Brazilian flag" — had a double band across the chest, and a broad white belt, with a red light or torch flashing in the centre. All the beings seemed to be of the same origin, though not identical. And all wore the same uniforms. The women, who did not wear the white bands across the chest, had breasts and had longer hair, and did not wear helmets. The helmet, used as a mask, serves both for understanding our speech and for supporting our atmosphere, which is hotter than theirs.

In numerous trips that Antônio says he has taken — eleven in all — to their base, his friends never revealed to him its precise position and even less its name, saying merely that they dwell *"between planets"*. This could suggest that they even live on a Space-platform or (and this would make the story far more complicated) the entire detailed description given us by Antônio of the dwelling of "Croris", their leader,

and the others, could be of somewhere in our own physical realm that we have never visited. Despite his assertion to the contrary, could Antônio, without being aware of it, have been taken, in an unconscious state, into a holographic world, as if it were a three-dimensional cinematographic screen, where he experienced his adventure, and he is left thinking, in all honesty, that he was still participating in our reality?

Even were this speculation to satisfy in some degree the doubts thrown up by the case, how is it possible to explain his rapid learning of the strange language — speaking it and reading it — the name of which language is likewise not revealed?

On his first trip, which took place in 1975, Antônio was taken before "Croris" who, surrounded by a multitude of beings resembling himself, began talking to him in his own language. Observing that Antônio was not understanding, and not replying, the leader showed signs of irritation and then suddenly Antônio started talking the same strange language, to his terror, without knowing how nor why. And, simultaneously, he also began to understand everything. How could such a thing possibly be? Our most modern computers are still unable to translate human languages perfectly. The teaching of an earthly language normally requires a prolonged period of study (despite the commercial advertisements promising reductions in the length of time), and our good Antônio, who speaks a decidedly rural sort of Brazilian Portuguese, was nevertheless able to express himself suddenly in a language totally different from ours. Is there by some possibility maybe a sort of matrix or basic "mother-speech" area, located in the frontal region of our brain, which, if stimulated, could give us this instantaneous capacity?

These are of course all conjectures, but we cannot immediately brush them aside so long as we have not found the true reason for this phenomenon. In the same fashion as Antônio had learnt suddenly to speak the language, he also learned to write it.

This process came about in a different fashion. One day, as he was about to make some household notes in a copybook, he suddenly perceived that he was no longer writing in Portuguese, but in totally alien characters! This written language, which he now employs fluently, gives rise to further doubts and questions, such as the question: what is its origin? What does it resemble among the languages known to us?

As the reader can see for himself from our illustrations (figs. 6 and 7), the signs put us in mind of the characters of oriental languages. In that case, why are the words written horizontally, and not vertically?** And why does each of their letters correspond to one of ours, and, moreover, correspond to our Portuguese alphabet, and not, say, to English or German, for example, both of which contain more letters than Portuguese? Seeking an explanation, could we say that they reduced their own alphabet in order to bring it within the range of understanding of Antônio?

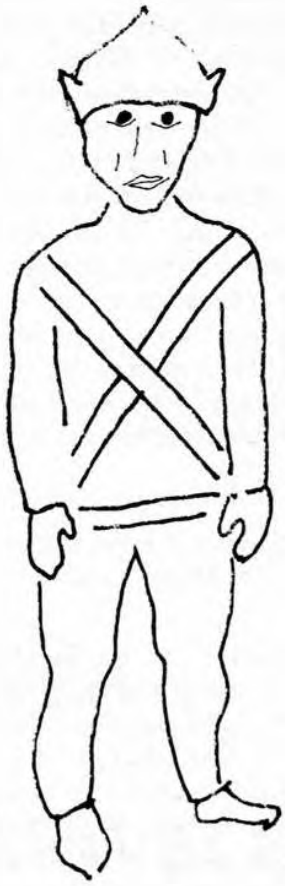


Fig. 2. One of Antônio's three sketches of the entities.

Streets Covered with Rolling Carpets

So we still do not know the origin of Antônio's friends, nor the name of their language, but Antônio has given us, in words and drawings, an account of one of their cities, its atmosphere, and machines.

"Croris" is the leader of a city consisting of buildings constructed on parallelopiped bases, alternating with other buildings that are rounded, in the shape of gourds. Their streets are covered with moving carpets. On that strange planet one cannot see the Sun: the sky is always clouded over and somewhat dark, as it is with us at nightfall. And the climate there is cool. All the inhabitants look alike — and so do their children. Incidentally, their children are *"of Coca-Cola size"*, as Antônio said, pointing to one of the larger so-called "family-size" Coca-Cola bottles.

As regards their method of reproduction, his explanations seem a bit confused: on the one hand he avers that their reproduction is effected by means of incubators: while, on the other hand, he says that their marriages last only three months. Money does not exist there, and they are all vegetarians. Only one species of animal exists among them, namely the *"antitolilai"*. For this reason, they asked for specimens of our

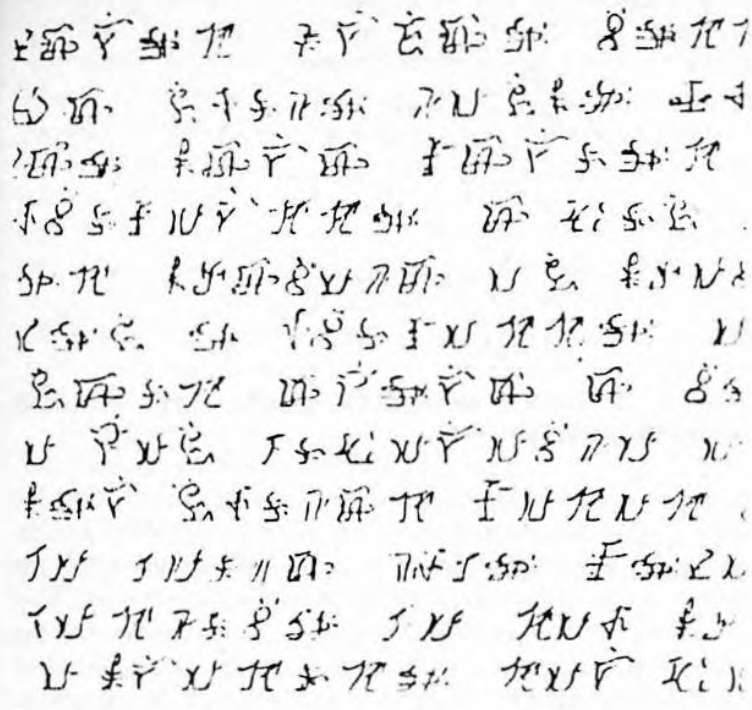


Fig. 6. The first "script".

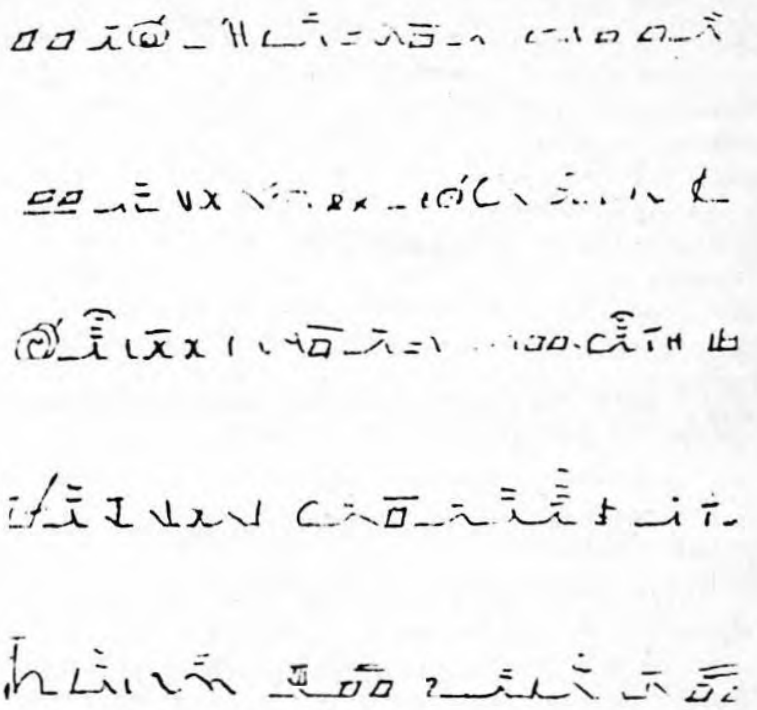


Fig. 7. The second "script".

animals, for them to experiment on, and Antônio supplied them — a cat, a dog, and a parrot. These animals were not returned here since, according to what they said, they would never be able to adapt themselves again to the Earth's climate.

But Antônio did not only give presents, he also received them. On one occasion he says, a beam of light, about 60 cms. wide, came down as far as his arm, and at the end of it there was a metallic statue a little over 40 cms. in length, portraying one of those people, and with an inscription in Portuguese on its base. What the inscription said, he does not recall, except for the word *"recordação" ("remembrance").*

Antônio's family became extremely agitated over the apparition of this statue, owing to the local superstitions, and the accusations of the neighbours that the whole thing was the work of the Devil. So he decided to give back the object which had caused such dissension.

He also received other presents: two small medals with effigies of the aliens, without masks, and two larger medals, also bearing effigies of them, but with masks.

The most dangerous present of all was a pistol (fig. 4) capable of destroying with one shot a mango tree growing in his garden. The weapon produced a smoke which caused the total disintegration of the tree. All these things were returned to them, and Antônio now has nothing left to show.

But the visits and contacts are still continuing frequently — every other day throughout the past year, so he avers.

In these alleged trips he observed their craft carefully, and we have, for example, this drawing showing, in lateral section, a discoid craft, with two floors, a sort of lift, and chairs of a material resembling aluminium, all of it illustrative of a *modus vivendi* similar to our own. Similar, but comparable only to our sophisticated research centres or our industrial electronic complexes, but not to our ordinary day-to-day living (figs. 1 and 5).

Antônio declares that he never saw a *bed* there, which is surprising. He made no drawings of comfortable armchairs like those described in the accounts given by Bianca and Herminio Reis.*** He learned nothing regarding the intimate aspects or the daily life of his entity friends. It is just a parade of information and of technical demonstrations, with machines resembling our digital data analyzers, for example, or our oscillators, or our television sets.

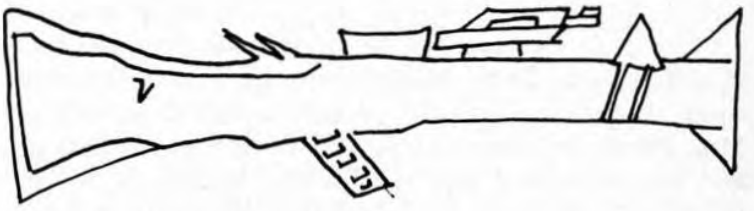


Fig. 3. One of the weapons.

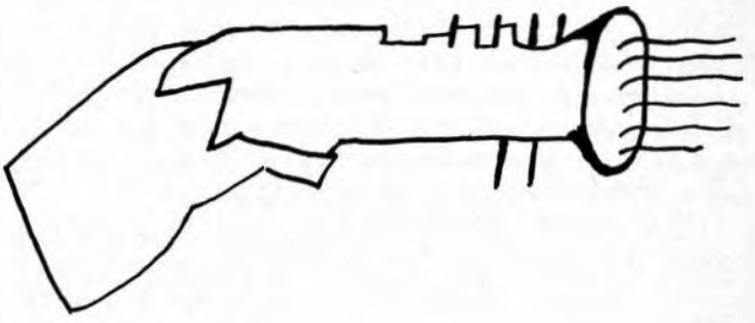


Fig. 4. The pistol.



Fig. 1. Antônio's sketch of the craft, which he said contained two storeys, connected by a lift.

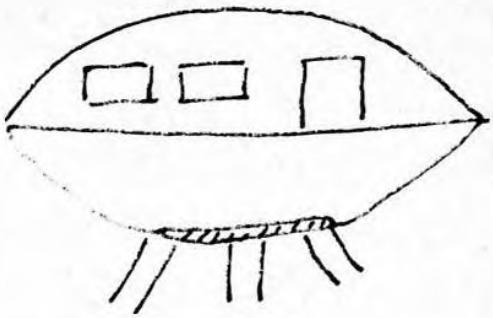


Fig. 5. Antônio's sketch of another type of craft allegedly seen by him.

The Manufacture of a Perfect Double

These demonstrations reached their climax in the operation of a duplication — a cloning — and in his account of it. During one of his trips. Antônio was informed that he would have to stay away longer (an absence of 36 hours) and they did not want his family to note his absence. And so they manufactured a being, an exact copy of Antônio.

In order to do this, they put him under a glass case (Antônio calls it a *bottle)* fitted with various leads applied to him and fitted — one to his head, another to his chest, another to his spine, and another to his arm. Each lead was plugged in to one of the machines, some of which were flashing, others rotating, and others emitting lights or smoke.

Beneath another glass casing was placed one of their people, fitted up in the same way. After some time, the experiment, which was not painful, being completed, Antônio turned his head and beheld his *"alter ego"* — identical with himself — still sitting under the other casing.

The latter emerged, and shortly afterwards, on a screen, he saw this "double" of his sitting at table in his house. A few moments later, its head drooped, and it was asleep. Then Antônio's father came into the room to get his son, still perceiving no difference in him. However, when the father wanted to lift him up and take him and put him in the hammock, to the father's vast surprise he found that the "boy" had become so heavy that it was impossible for him to carry him alone, and he had to ask for help! And then the mother observed that this could not be her son, for he lacked a certain scar on the sole of a foot. Clearly, the duplication had not been all that successful!

And now I ask myself whether maybe they have not perfected their methods, and whether there may not be, from time to time, some other bogus Antônios walking around here, some other duplicate-humans?

I don't know whether the reader will recall, as I recalled, the legend of Saint Christopher, whose task it was to transport people from one side of a river to the other. He was a big, strong man, but one day a boy came along who asked to be taken over. He carried the boy quite easily at first, but shortly after that the boy began to get heavy — so heavy that St. Christopher (who wasn't a Saint yet) had a job to reach the other bank of the river *for he had been carrying Christ!*

There is much talk in our present-day Science about duplication — *cloning* — but I can guarantee that when Antônio told me this part of his story for the first time, he himself had never heard anybody talk of such a technology. Furthermore, I know of other cases in which a person has seen such a duplication performed, and has seen himself, walking around in his own home, *and not even spotted as a duplicate by his own wife!* While in the meantime, the original human being in question was still aboard the flying saucer!

Many people may think that the man in this case was simply out of his body, and observing it from another dimension. Maybe indeed. But then how do we explain the proven fact, in Antônio's case, that the "other" being weighed five times as much as he did, and did not have the scar that Antônio had?

One day, after he had swallowed a small whitish pill — virtually forced by "them" to take it — Antônio began to display unwonted powers. Next day, to his surprise, when he picked up a pair of steel scissors, they broke, and the blades fell off. The same thing happened with his household cutlery, until the São Luis doctors, Dr. Remy among them, came to watch him, and took away with them the proofs of his strange energetic power over metals.

For a while Antônio was even able to effect medical cures in people — but this power was never applied towards improving his own condition, which was that of a crippled boy unable to walk without crutches. (He has one leg which is useless as the result of poliomyelitis contracted at the age of two. It seems that these extraterrestrials who are in contact with Antônio prefer to keep him as he is, making no attempt to secure a healing from them. His powers are entirely random and sporadic, and he has never been able to employ them whenever he wanted to do so.)

Subsequently, it was a very great pleasure for me that these powers showed themselves again, in various ways, during his stay in my own home here in Rio de Janeiro. Although it is never possible to witness the

precise moment in which a given metallic object becomes twisted or breaks, there are generally one or more witnesses present when the event occurs. For example, at breakfast one morning, we were sitting at a circular table 1.15 m. wide, with Antônio on my right and a space on my left — consequently right opposite him, and separated from him by the width of the table. A coffee spoon bent itself twice after he had said: *"I feel myself getting warm ... I feel heat ... look at the spoon!"* He had not gone anywhere near the table before sitting down at it, and consequently could not possibly have touched anything.

Even more impressive was another happening on the last morning of his stay in Rio. The evening before, he had given a demonstration of the power to three naval commanders who had been visiting me, one of them being a son of General Moacyr Uchôa (of the Brazilian Army). I had left an intact spoon on top of the television set, and Antônio and Dr. Dutra — who was accompanying him — were just taking their leave of us. Antônio went off to the house of a woman friend of ours, Dona Catarina, some few kilometres distant from here, where he was staying. Very early next morning, the spoon on the TV set was still intact, and I was thinking that I would watch it, but I did not. Then, at half past ten, my maid called me excitedly: "Come and see what's happening!"

The spoon was in the same place as before, but with its handle totally twisted, right back, so that in profile the spoon now looked like a swan. And there was another surprise for us too: I had an electric fan there. Five of its wire guard-bars were already bent, from a previous occasion when Antônio had been present in that room. Now, two-thirds of them were bent! How could this happen, when he himself was so far away? That day I was due to go and see him and return to him some of his drawings, and, when I saw him, I asked: "What were you doing at half past ten this morning?"He eyed me with a malicious look and replied: *"The spoon ... and the fan."*

What greater proof could one have of the power of these energies which, via the channel of a human mind, are able to act upon metals at such a distance? The link between Antônio's repeated encounters with his friends "Riaus", "Telione", and "Croris", and the multiple talents that have blossomed forth in this youth of humble origins — his linguistic knowledge, both spoken and written, his accomplished drawing ability, plus his other powers of a type possessed by so very few other people such as Uri Geller, Matthew Manning, and the Brazilian Thomaz Green Morton from Minas Gerais — all these factors point the way to the type of research that investigators must follow if they are to succeed in probing the origin, the effects, and the purpose of these extraordinary happenings.

POSTSCRIPT

Along with Dr. Dutra, Antônio Álves Ferreira took part in the proceedings, last September, in Belo Horizonte, of the First Discussion on CE-III Cases, conducted by the Brazilian Study Group *Empresa de Estudo e Divulgações.* Subsequently, in November, he participated in the First UFO Symposium in Bahía organized by the Ashtar Sheran Centre for Exobiological Studies. On both these occasions the large audience showed deep interest. Numerous questions were asked, to which immediate and convincing replies were given. (At the present time, Antônio is in Salvador undergoing physiotherapy which has been offered to him, free of charge, by the director of a clinic there, owing to the great enthusiasm engendered locally by the lad when he appeared there in public.) I.G.

FOOTNOTES BY EDITOR, FSR

* This youth Antônio Álves Ferreira is not to be confused with another Brazilian, also a coloured man, named Antônio Carlos Ferreira, who was the subject of Irene Granchi's article *Abduction At Mirassol,* published by us in FSR Vol. 30, No. 1.

The surname *Ferreira* in Portuguese is just about as common as our name *Smith,* and derives from precisely the same basic meaning — *a blacksmith's forge.*

** Sra. Granchi seems to be under a misapprehension here. *Most* of the very numerous different scripts of Asia have *never* been written vertically. Chinese used to be always written vertically, but does not *have* to be. *It can in fact be written in any direction except from bottom to top!* And, in fact, at various times it has appeared in all these ways! For centuries it was written vertically, from top to bottom, and starting at the top-right-hand corner. Then in the 1920s and 1930s it was sometimes written horizontally, from right to left (like Hebrew, Arabic, and Persian and Urdu). Nowadays, the Chinese Communists on the mainland have made it standard practice to write it as we write English, horizontally, and from left to right. But the overseas Chinese in S.E. Asia and Taiwan generally still adhere to the old fashion of vertical, from right to left.

Apart from Chinese, the only other Eastern languages that are written vertically are Japanese, vertically, and from right to left, and Mongolian (and this latter only in one smallish area, namely Inner Mongolia, which is still part of China. The remainder of Mongolia, the Mongolian People's Republic so-called, *Bygd Nayramdakh Mongol Ard Uls,* is a client and vassal state of the USSR, and now writes its language, from left to right, horizontally, in a modified version of the Russian Cyrillic script).

It is important that, at some future date, we come back to making a careful study of this weird script produced by Antônio Álves Ferreira, of which, fortunately, we have been given a good supply, and in due course I shall have something to say about it *as a script. I believe that this script, and the many others that have so far been dished up to us by various contactees over the last forty years, offer some excellent*

clues as to the true nature of the so-called "extraterrestrials"! *** This is another extraordinary Brazilian case which we shall publish shortly. Finally, as regards Antônio's weird script, we have now received from Irene Granchi a cassette of Antônio's voice speaking it, but we have not yet had time to study this. G.C.

IT DIDN'T HAPPEN!

Gordon Creighton

As we have mentioned recently — and we shall have more to say on this later — there is a new generation of "Sociological" Ufologists in France today who are hell-bent on proving the total non-existence of the UFO phenomenon. According to them, the entire "French Wave" of 1954 never took place. All was hallucination or hoax.

Time is passing, and most of the original French witnesses have now died or are untraceable. The general thesis of the new group should therefore not prove difficult to put across.

Our French colleagues, in their splendid journal *Lumières Dans la Nuit,* are still publishing a remarkable lot of very detailed accounts of sightings of objects in the air over the territory of France, but we are not sure whether or not even they have abandoned the idea that UFO entities may exist?

"The Great Martian Fear"

In the meantime, undoubtedly the most representative of the books setting forth the new wave of French thinking is *"La Grande Peur Martienne" ("The Great Martian Fear")* by G. Barthel and J. Brucker, and published by Nouvelles Editions Rationalistes (New Rationalist Editions) in Paris in 1979. It is true that out of the hundreds and hundreds of French sightings of 1954 and the scores and scores of close-encounter cases, these two worthy and learned gentlemen chose to investigate only seven or eight, but they have proved conclusively that everything about UFOs and the great French Wave of 1954 was pure nonsense.

Messrs Barthels and Brucker dedicated their book to Michel Monnerie *"who opened our eyes",* and the preface to it is by Evry Schatzman, President of the French Rationalist Union, a body whose professed aim is *"to combat certain modern superstitions, such as Parapsychology, Ufology, etc."*

The USSR

It is worth bearing in mind that in the Soviet Union, all this type of work is under tight wraps and under the strict control of the KGB. *They* are known to be spending vast sums on research into the uses of Parapsychology for the purposes of military and political warfare. What therefore could be more "natural" than that so many folk including their pals and agents throughout the world, should be working like beavers to see that you and I know nothing about the facts of Parapsychology or UFOs?

The French Minister of Defence "Spilled the Beans"

It is important to note that it was in February 1974 that the French Minister of Defence, Monsieur Robert Galley, had upset so many applecarts and let so many cats out of the bag by saying in his Paris radio interview *(France-Inter)* with the ace reporter Jean-Claude Bourret that the UFOs do exist and that the French Government had indeed had for a long time past a department that was already secretly studying them.

So it did not take long for the counter-campaign to swing into operation. The book by Barthels and Brucker was already on the bookstalls five years after the Minister's revelations (which, we know, through very private and special channels, had earned from President Pompidou the peevish remark: *"We've already enough **** on our hands without you needing to bring up the question of flying saucers!").*

(See Jean-Claude Bourret: *The Crack In The Universe: What You Have Not Been Told About Flying Saucers),* English translation. Neville Spearman.)

Spain

As regards Spain, we still lament the passing of their splendid journal STENDEK which did so much good work. But UFO research is going on in several quarters in Spain. There are independent researchers, such as Antonio Ribera in Barcelona and J. J. Benítez in Bilbao, but the main scientific drive now lies with the indefatigable Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos and his colleagues José Ruesga Montiel and Manuel Gómez Muñoz of Sevilla, from whom we have recently received No. 9 (March 1985) of their mimeographed journal CdU (CUADERNOS DE UFOLOGIA) which, as they inform us, now replaces STENDEK on the Spanish stage.

We have also received from Sr Ballester Olmos two more copies of his excellent scientific books, LOS OVNIS Y LA CIENCIA (Plaza and Janes, Barcelona, 1981) and INVESTIGACIÓN OVNI (Plaza and Janes, 1984).

Both of these books are models of scientific precision and detail.

From letters received during the course of 1984 from Sr José Ruesga Montiel, we gain the impression that this new young Spanish generation of Ufologists feel that they are on the point of making a breakthrough, and that to them will fall the great honour therefore of securing the final explanation of the UFO Enigma.

Dr. Hynek's Statement to OMNI

This Spanish optimism puzzles us somewhat, we confess, for it will be recalled that, in his interview published in OMNI Vol. 7, No. 5 (see FSR 30/4, *"Dr Hynek Hits the Jackpot")* we thought that Dr Hynek had made it quite clear that the UFO Phenomenon *"cannot be explained by the present scientific paradigm".*

In the circumstances, we are obliged to conclude that the new young wave of Spanish investigators know a thing or two that Dr Hynek does not know. We can only wait and see. Maybe they too, like the young French Ufologists, have "solved the problem"?

C.S.I.C.O.P.

Finally, as regards the U.S.A. itself, we note an increase of activity this year by C.S.I.C.O.P. *(The Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal)* and not long ago we received a strictly confidential report from a good American source concerning the *political affiliations* of a lot of the folk over there who are at such pains to destroy all this kind of research. We found that report highly interesting.

It seems to us that, if the UFOs *"cannot be explained by the present scientific paradigm", the obvious and simple solution for this awkward poser will be to conclude that the UFOs do not exist.*

Q.E.D.

We shall not be surprised therefore to see all civilian UFO research here in Europe and in the USA and USSR and everywhere else following the same triumphal course in the next few years.

And there may be some interesting deductions to be drawn. One of these deductions may be this: that the Stage of Take-Over here has now been successfully concluded.

In which case, before long, there will no longer be any UFO research anywhere in the world.

The drive to study nice "safe subjects", like "Ley Lines", "Lights in the Sky", and "Piezo-Perinatal Phenomena" in general, will no doubt continue, and with greatly increased vigour.

COUNTDOWN TO REALITY

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With the special permission of Mr Norman, we have very great pleasure in presenting the full text of this paper as given in the MUFON 1984 Symposium Proceedings. It was also used as the theme for his lecture tours in the United States and in Africa in 1984.

Born and educated in the United States, Mr Norman served for six years in the U.S. Navy and thereafter worked in various places as an engineer in charge of hydroelectric and thermoelectric plants. He became interested in UFOs in 1953, when he saw one hovering over a power plant in Tennessee.

In 1963 he migrated to Melbourne, Australia, and rapidly became one of the foremost UFO investigators in that country, serving as Vice-President and Investigations Officer for the prestigious VUFORS Group. He is MUFON's representative in Victoria and also a member of Dr Hynek's Center for UFO Studies (CUFOS). — EDITOR

Abstract

There is a wind of change blowing in Australia regarding the recognition of the UFO problem. Thirty years ago, the Gallup Poll revealed that only 15% of the population considered the reality of unidentified flying objects. That percentage has now gone to 57% of the general public. It is my intention to show in this paper the reasons which are influencing this change of attitude with regard to this world-wide enigma of the skies.

Introduction

Australia, the land of contrast, has an amazingly similar record of mysterious flying objects as those reported from all over the world. Because Australian ufologists have remained on the alert, these reports have been investigated and recorded in the face of many difficulties. But now those problems have eased due to better co-operation from Australian officials and a greater awareness of the public in general. I will present Australian examples from physical trace land-

ing cases to UFOs with entities aboard, whose origin and purposes apparently remain unknown, but must be considered while studying the Countdown to Reality.

Historical Background

Official Australian investigation of unusual aerial phenomena was in progress even before the "foo fighter" era of World War II. At least as far back as 1920, when the *S.S. Amelia J.* disappeared, during a time when unexplained lights were being sighted around the entrance to Bass Strait, a search aircraft was sent out to investigate the lights and disappeared. It never returned.

In 1930, a squadron-leader was sent by the Royal Australian Air Force, to Warrnambool, Victoria, a town west of Cape Otway on the north shore of the Strait, where people had reported "aircraft" flying over the coast. The official investigator found that the objects were not aircraft belonging to Australia or any other power. They could not be identified even as aircraft. In short, they were unknown flying objects. After his retirement, this RAAF officer became an esteemed member of the Victorian UFO Research Society (VUFORS). He was Sir George Jones, who became Air Marshal of the Australian Air Force during World War II.

Please note: This documented official investigation of unidentified flying objects took place on the shores of Bass Strait, which has become the outstanding "flap area" of Australia, where strange sights in the sky and over its waters reach back for two centuries and beyond. During September and October 1978, UFO activity reached an all-time peak, culminating in the disappearance of Australian Pilot Frederick Valentich. He had been reporting the approach and description of an unidentified flying object as long as his radio transmissions could be heard. This encounter has become the greatest mystery in Australian aviation history.

The Miss Hobart Mystery

Another earlier example took place on October 19, 1935. The *Miss Hobart,* a new four-engine plane, took off from Launceston, Tasmania, for Melbourne at 9 a.m. The day was perfect for flying. The sky was clear and visibility was over thirty miles. On board were Captain Gilbert Jenkins and co-pilot V. C. Holyman, with ten passengers. At 10:20 a.m., the *Miss Hobart* was approaching the Victorian coast when her last message was received, "all is well". At 10:51 a.m., the radio operator at Melbourne called the plane. There was no answer. He called again at 10:56. There was still no answer and no Mayday distress call had been heard. The mystery deepened when a surveyor, Mr. H. Campbell and his crew, who were working 18 miles from where the captain reported his last position, said that he heard the engines of an airplane suddenly cease. He remarked to his fellow-workers that it was strange for such a thing to happen. There was no crash — just silence. They thought no more about it until after the aircraft was reported missing.

The spot where the survey crew was working was directly on the flight path the *Miss Hobart* would have followed if it had completed its flight. The time was ten minutes after the last radio contact. On the night of October 19th, residents 15 miles from where the airplane vanished, reported strange lights in the sky. The captain who flew the *Miss Hobart* on the previous flight reported there were no flares aboard. Three days later, the cargo ship *Koolinga,* bound for Melbourne, sighted lights not far from where the plane last reported its position. The aircraft's four engines were the 200 h.p. Gypsy VI type. In the event of failure, two engines could have kept the *Miss Hobart* airborne. This is just one more incident where an aircraft was reported missing during a period of UFO activity over Bass Strait.

Cigar-shaped Object over Melbourne

Within a seven-day period in June 1954, an object described as of cylinder or cigar shape was reported over Melbourne. One witness said that her wristwatch stopped at 6.23 p.m. and the batteries in her small flashlight went dead while the object was nearby. At close range a canopy with a window on top could be seen as well as a window at each end of the silver coloured cylinder. Witnesses in the suburb of Maldon said that "dark shapes" could be seen within the craft. A policeman reported that the object hovered near the ground where he was standing and he could see shadows of people inside before it sped away.

A radio announcer, who sighted the object from another suburb of Melbourne, said he was leaving the home of some friends when he heard a sound like the dial tone of a telephone. When the object reached its lowest point, shapes like human forms could be seen. He said "my friends were too amazed to talk for several seconds. We were so impressed that each of us wrote down our individual impressions and they tallied almost exactly". An official of the Australian Broadcasting Commission, who was in the same group said, "If we had seen the same shapes in an aircraft, we would have said they were people".

1954 Navy Radar Case

The Melbourne morning newspaper, *The Sun,* displayed the front page headlines on December 16, 1954, NAVY FINDS SAUCERS ON OUR RADAR. This encounter was an outstanding radar/visual case.

The incident had actually occurred in September 1954, however, the story did not become known to the press until December of that year. As a Navy fighter was flying to the Naval base at Nowra, just after dark, two disc-shaped objects took up positions, one on each side of the aircraft. The pilot requested a radar check which was done. Three blips showed up on the radar screen. Nowra directed the pilot to execute certain movements to identify his aircraft from the two objects which he did. The UFOs gradually drew away and vanished. All movements were confirmed on the radar screen. Melbourne's evening newspaper, *The Herald,* carried the following front page headlines: THOSE SAUCERS, THE MYSTERY DEEPENS. NAVAL AUTHORITIES ADMITTED TODAY THAT THEY COULD NOT FIND ANY HUMAN SOURCE FOR THE OBJECTS.

In 1973 when Dr. Hynek visited Australia, we contacted the former pilot and made arrangements for Dr. Hynek to meet with the flight officer. This is another example where we cannot blame the military for mishandling the problem of unidentified flying objects. There have been many occasions where servicemen in all branches of the military have assisted private investigators in their research to try and ascertain the source of the elusive UFO.

A CEI Incident in Tasmania

One of the best sightings to come from the Tasmanian side of Bass Strait, occurred in October 1960. An object was sighted by an Anglican Minister, Rev. Lionel Browning and his wife at Cressy, a small town near Launceston. The UFO was first seen by Mrs. Browning, who called his attention to the object. They observed a grey cigar-shaped object with vertical bands on the side and a "rod" that projected from one end. They assumed that this could be an antenna. Rev. Browning had been skeptical about "flying saucer" reports, but stated "that it was no normal aircraft because it was descending below stalling speed." After about a minute the "ship" stopped and hovered for about 30 seconds, at which time five "saucers" swooped out of the clouds as if joining a "mothership". He estimated that they were about three miles away at that time. He described them as being flat on the bottom with a dome on top. Rev. Browning did not make his report until a few days later because he thought people would think the story was too fantastic to be the truth. It was only after other people reported the same phenomena that he and Mrs. Browning came forward.

One of the first definite indications that official investigators were not in agreement with overall policies concerning unidentified flying objects came to light during a meeting with the officer who investigated this encounter, when we showed him a letter from RAAF headquarters concerning the incident. We were told that the letter differed altogether from the report which he submitted to the head office. The RAAF debunking statement had attributed the sighting to reflections on scud-type clouds. The investigating officer disagreed with this "explanation". Years later while Professor James McDonald, the American atmospheric scientist, was visiting Australia, he made a follow-up investigation of this case, and found from weather charts that the climatic conditions at the time made scud-type clouds impossible.

Human and Animal Reaction Experience

On February 15, 1963, a disc-shaped object with a transparent dome descended to a low level near a milking shed, located at Willow Grove, near Moe, Victoria. The colour of the main body of the UFO was described as battleship grey. The object hovered a few seconds before flying away. During that time the cattle panicked to the extent that they could not be milked. For a period of several weeks the cattle avoided the spot over which the UFO had hovered. The witness, Charles Brew, was the only witness to the sighting, although his son Trevor was inside the shed and heard the swishing sound made by the object. Even though the sighting was of short duration, VUFORS investigators made the 90-mile trip from Melbourne and found that official Australian investigators had already been there. The witness developed a headache which was rare for him. He did not realize that the pain was associated with the close encounter until the official investigator questioned him. A scientist, who accommpanied the investigator, took rock samples for analysis. This is an indication that at least 21 years ago, Australian officials were examining radiation and human physical effects resulting from close encounters with unidentified flying objects.

First UFO Conference in Australia

In 1965, the first UFO convention took place at Ballarat, Victoria. It was organized by the astronomical society of that city. The conference was not only attended by ufologists, but officials from the Royal Australian Air Force, including the former Air Marshal Sir George Jones. This was another indication that some interest and co-operation already existed within the ranks of Officialdom and the Australian UFO research community.

Was UFO Responsible for Death of a Young Man?

A strong possibility exists that a UFO caused the death of 19-year-old Gary Taylor, at Bourks Flat, while he was driving to St. Arnard, Victoria, on April 7, 1966. Three days prior to the death of Gary, Mr. Ron Sullivan had encountered a strange object at the

same spot where Gary was killed. Mr. Sullivan first saw the object on the ground. As he drew near, he could see it was disc-shaped with beams of light in every color of the rainbow. When he was almost opposite the UFO, his headlights were suddenly drawn to the object and "bent" back to the road directly in front of him. This case was investigated by VUFORS as well as the Victorian Police. The UFO had left a four foot depression in the freshly plowed ground. There were no tracks leading to the spot where the depression was made.

A few days after the death, a motorist phoned VUFORS that he had been approaching from the opposite direction at that time and had seen the UFO in the paddock, but fled in terror. The motorist was concerned because he had not reported the details to the police and was afraid that he had committed an offense by not doing so. Twelve years later, we found further confirmation that a UFO was indeed at the same location where Taylor had crashed into a tree opposite the depressed spot in the paddock. Another motorist who had been following some distance behind the victim also saw the lights from the object and thought that Taylor had been blinded by those lights.

The Bourks Flat encounter occurred during a major flap in Victoria. Just prior to the death, a science teacher at Westall High School, together with scores of students, watched a silver-colored object rise out of a paddock near the school and soar into the sky, leaving the grass depressed in an oblong football shape. The incident was investigated by VUFORS and later by Professor James McDonald. It is interesting to note that a few hours after the site was checked out by VUFORS, military-like vehicles were seen in the paddock and uniformed men were seen examining the depressed spot, after which the field was burned-off.

Airline Captain Photographs Possible UFO

Other restrictions regarding information on UFO encounters are evident. For example: a UFO was filmed by the captain of an airliner while flying to Port Moresby. The captain reported the incident via radio to officials. His instructions were not to have the film developed until his return to Australia. Upon his return, two officials were on hand to take the film. Although VUFORS was aware of the encounter, it was years later before we learned the identity of the captain. The revelation came after Judith Magee had completed a lecture to a Melbourne civic club. During the lecture she had mentioned this incident. After the question and answer period, as the members were having a cup of tea, an airline pilot approached Judy and identified himself as the co-pilot of the airliner when the encounter took place. He named the captain. She immediately recognized his name, since she had flown with him many years ago as the hostess of his flight crew.

Australians Contribute to Condon Committee

In May 1967, the Condon Committee at the University of Colorado at Boulder requested us to submit examples of UFO encounters from Australia. Since the project was contracted by the U.S. Air Force, we expected to find a computerized selection of "Menzelian" scientists. During the ten-hour session, key Australian cases supplied by veteran ufologists from all over Australia, were placed before the Condon Committee. It soon became evident that some individuals on the committee were not "Condonians". We were especially impressed with one member of the committee, Dr. David Saunders. Dr. Saunders is the co-author of the book, *UFOs? Yes!,* an exposé of "where the Condon Committee went wrong". The CONDON REPORT (Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects), is one of the few books ever written where the conclusions and recommendations are in the first section. Dr. Edward V. Condon, the Project Director, probably desired that the reader would stop after reading Section I.

James E. McDonald Visit

The meeting at the University of Colorado was followed by a three-day visit with Professor McDonald, at the University of Arizona, in Tucson. The result of these meetings was a request for our assistance in organising interviews with key witnesses in "Ausytalia", where he was provided with eighty (80) selected cases involving people from all walks of life, including scientists, engineers, pilots, academics and officials. These were cases previously investigated by veteran ufologists from all over the country. Professor McDonald was a Senior Physicist at the Institute of Atmospheric Physics from 1958 until his untimely death in 1971 at the University of Arizona. He had formerly served with U.S. Navy Intelligence during World War Two. Since we did not have submarines that could fly, McDonald's interest was keen regarding reports of objects going into and flying out of bodies of water. We are now in possession of a photograph of an unknown flying object emerging from the water, just twenty minutes before pilot Frederick Valentich flew over this same area.

Pilots Report Multiple UFOs

Australia has had more than its share of UFO encounters involving aircraft. Another example: On August 22, 1968, UFOs were sighted from a Murchison Air Services charter flight by Captain Gordon Smith and Pilot Walter Gardin. They were flying from Adelaide to Perth. The pilots were interviewed by a psychologist who sent Captain Smith's personal report to VUFORS. The object was first seen by Mr. Gardin.

He immediately aroused Captain Smith, who was asleep in the aft-end of the aircraft. The time was shortly after 7:30 p.m. The two pilots observed a large object in which an opening appeared permitting smaller objects to fly out of the main object after which they continued to maneuver with the larger UFO. As this operation was in progress, their radio communications failed. This was probably due to the usual electro-magnetic effects associated with close encounters, because their radio communications were restored after the objects flew away. The objects were last seen after they joined again, "as if at a single command", before speeding away. Later, when Professor McDonald tried to make further inquiries about the incident, the pilots refused to respond. We assumed that they were following specific instructions in this regard. Years later, a pilot member of VUFORS said he was personally acquainted with the captains and confirmed to us that the pilots had indeed been told not to discuss the encounter further.

Official Interest Evoked by Valentich Encounter

The most outstanding UFO case in Australia has since become the greatest mystery in Australian aviation history. It is the Frederick Valentich encounter. That incident has done more to change the attitude of Australian officials than any other event. This became obvious when a RAAF official actually contacted a witness for his permission to be interviewed by the press for the purpose of publication in order to encourage other reports from reliable witnesses. This request came just 22 days after the Valentich disappearance. The reliable witness was an active master mariner with 35 years of responsible seagoing experience. Before this appeal was made to encourage reports from the public, let us go back to the time immediately after the pilot's disappearance. We learned of other behind-the-scene activity of some officials, such as the Forestry Commission telephoning instructions to fire-tower lookouts to report unidentified flying objects. This call went to, at least, the lookout towers in the Otway Ranges near Cape Otway. Police officers at various locations were instructed to interview witnesses who had reported unusual sights and sounds on that date in their areas. Aircraft pilots were called upon to report sightings of unidentified objects and lights in the sky. Instructions were given to pilots who were flying at the same time and utilizing the same radio frequency not to divulge any details of their communications. Attempts were made to make it appear that the pilot was not where he reported his location. Attempts were made to make the encounter appear to the public as a fabrication, etcetera.



The route taken by the Cessna.

"Professors of Impossibility"

During my travels and correspondence, I have found many false stories circulating around the world regarding this most important case. I have found that these inaccurate statements are coming from individuals at home and abroad. These are people who live hundreds of miles from the scene where the action took place, newcomers to the field, newsmen and journalists who write about everything and are experts on nothing except misquotations and last but not least, "Professors of Impossibility" from the scientific community who have concocted preconceived opinions and have tried to make their ideas fit around them.

The Frederick Valentich Disappearance

Here are the facts: During the evening of October 21, 1978, twenty-year-old Australian Pilot Frederick Valentich, disappeared over Bass Strait, while flying from Melbourne's Moorabbin Airport to King Island, off the coast of Victoria. His last communication occurred at 7:12 p.m., during the largest UFO flap in Australian history. Over five and one half years after that fatal Saturday evening, no trace has ever been found of either the pilot or his blue and white Cessna model 182 aircraft.

Frederick Valentich was not the only person who reported a strange object over and near Bass Strait that day and night. Researchers have found over fifty

reported observations in that area which occurred before, during and after his encounter. Most of this information would have never been found without the diligence of researchers from our Victorian UFO Research Society, based at Moorabbin, near the location from whence the mysterious flight originated.

At first this incident was being treated as an ordinary lost aircraft. It was difficult keeping details of the encounter hidden since several other pilots flying at the same time were tuned to the same radio frequency and heard the communications. The world first learned that a UFO was involved when one of those pilots tipped-off the press. On Monday morning, October 23, when the newspapers came out all over Australia, and the world for that matter, (although overseas headlines were not as pronounced) "Box Car" front page headlines led the news of the day. Our telephones were ringing constantly for the following three days. Switchboards were also being flooded with calls at radio stations, television stations and the press.

The Bass Strait Flap

The Bass Strait Flap had been building up for over six weeks prior to the pilot's disappearance. The UFO flap reached a peak that very weekend of October 21st. More daytime sightings were reported that day than in any flap period that we have ever investigated. Many of these reports have been published in the VUFORS publication, AUSTRALIAN UFO BULLETIN, the MUFON UFO JOURNAL, the INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER and other publications throughout the world.

It is a confirmed fact that many UFOs were reported in the vicinity of King Island and the area around Bass Strait on that day and night. Two months prior to this fateful event, we were receiving increasing telephone calls from individuals reporting strange lights in the sky. About this same time, UFO reports were being passed-on to the police and the King Island News. We were not aware of the reports occurring on this island until they were forwarded to us after news of the pilot's disappearance became known.

On that same day and night something strange was taking place in the Melbourne and Victorian skies as well as over Bass Strait. That is the inescapable conclusion from startling files of evidence compiled by investigators in the vicinity. Documented interviews with people from unrelated locations up to 150 miles apart told similar stories of round objects, starfish-shaped objects and silver cigar-shaped UFOs moving slowly in the sky apparently with no visible means of propulsion, no wings and no sound.

Actual Transcription of Melbourne Flight Service

The transcript portion of the communication between Valentich and Melbourne Flight Service, as released by the Australian Department of Transport follows: (FS — Flight Service, DSJ — Frederick Valentich aircraft designation).

1906:14
- DSJ Melbourne, this is Delta Sierra Juliet. Is there any known traffic below five thousand?
- FS Delta Sierra Juliet, no known traffic.
- DSJ Delta Sierra Juliet, I am, seems to be a large aircraft below five thousand.

1906:44
- FS Delta Sierra Juliet, What type of aircraft is it?
- DSJ Delta Sierra Juliet, I cannot affirm, it is four bright, it seems to me like landing lights.

1907
- FS Delta Sierra Juliet.

1907:31
- DSJ Melbourne, this is Delta Sierra Juliet, the aircraft has just passed over me at least a thousand feet above.
- FS Delta Sierra Juliet, roger, and it is a large aircraft, confirmed?
- DSJ Er — unknown, due to the speed it's travelling, is there any air force aircraft in the vicinity?
- FS Delta Sierra Juliet, no known aircraft in the vicinity.

1908:18
- DSJ Melbourne, it's approaching now from due east towards me.
- FS Delta Sierra Juliet.

1908:41
- — (open microphone for two seconds).

1908:48
- DSJ Delta Sierra Juliet, it seems to me that he's playing some sort of game, he's flying over me two, three times at speeds I could not identify.

1909
- FS Delta Sierra Juliet, roger, what is your actual level?
- DSJ My level is four and a half thousand, four five zero zero.
- FS Delta Sierra Juliet, and you confirm you cannot identify the aircraft?
- DSJ Affirmative.
- FS Delta Sierra Juliet, roger, stand by.

1909:27
- DSJ Melbourne, Delta Sierra Juliet, it's not an aircraft it is (open microphone for two seconds).

1909:42
- FS Delta Sierra Juliet, can you describe the — er — aircraft?
- DSJ Delta Sierra Juliet, as it's flying past it's a long shape (open microphone for three seconds) cannot identify more than it has such speed (open microphone for three seconds). It's before me right now Melbourne.

1910

FS Delta Sierra Juliet, roger, and how large would the — er — object be?

1910:19

DSJ Delta Sierra Juliet, Melbourne, it seems like it's stationary. What I'm doing right now is orbiting and the thing is just orbiting on top of me also. It's got a green light and sort of metallic like, It's all shiny on the outside.

FS Delta Sierra Juliet.

1910:46

DSJ Delta Sierra Juliet (open microphone for five seconds) It's just vanished.

FS Delta Sierra Juliet.

1911

DSJ Melbourne, would you know what kind of aircraft I've got? Is it a military aircraft?

FS Delta Sierra Juliet, confirm the — er — aircraft just vanished.

DSJ Say again.

FS Delta Sierra Juliet, is the aircraft still with you?

DSJ Delta Sierra Juliet, it's (open microphone for two seconds) now approaching from the southwest.

FS Delta Sierra Juliet.

1911:50

DSJ Delta Sierra Juliet, the engine is rough-idling, I've got it set at twenty-three twenty-four and the thing is coughing.

FS Delta Sierra Juliet, roger, what are your intentions?

DSJ My intentions are — ah — to go to King Island — ah — Melbourne. That strange aircraft is hovering on top of me again (open microphone for two seconds). It is hovering and it's not an aircraft.

FS Delta Sierra Juliet.

1912:28

DSJ Delta Sierra Juliet, Melbourne (open microphone for seventeen seconds). [No official conclusion has been given for the strange sound which was heard that interrupted the last statement of the pilot.]

VUFORS Investigators Relentlessly Continue Investigation

While military and civilian aircraft searched the area over Bass Strait, VUFORS investigators concentrated their efforts with interviews of witnesses who had reported objects they had seen flying that same day and night. Investigations are still continuing, even now. Some examples of reports follow: (Names are on file with VUFORS) Currie, King Island, 2:00 p.m.: The sky was clear, except one large cloud directly overhead. Out of this cloud came an object similar to a huge golf ball about a quarter-size of the moon. The object was white or silver in color. It moved slowly to the west toward the sea. The UFO stopped at an angle of 70 degrees above the horizon, then started moving back in the direction from whence it came. At that time there was no wind. The cloud remained stationary. The UFO was the only object seen to be moving in the sky. No balloons are released at King Island on the weekends.

Beginning less than one hour after the King Island UFO was seen, twin cigar-shaped objects were reported to be moving from west to east over Victoria, near Bass Strait. They were last seen about 4:30 p.m., when suddenly they changed color from silver to white, made a sweeping curve to the north and sped away. The movement of these objects was traced by interviewing witnesses scattered along a flight path until the objects sped away. The observers nearest to the UFOs were almost directly under the objects. They described them as about three-quarters of the size of a Boeing 747 aircraft, joined together with two silver beams. They were last seen over the ranges near Cape Otway.

Unusual Photograph Made by Roy Manifold

At 6:45 p.m., just 21 minutes before Pilot Valentich radioed Melbourne Flight Service that he was encountering an unknown aircraft, Roy Manifold, of Melbourne, photographed, on 35mm film, an object hurtling in a blur of speed and mist out of the water near Cape Otway lighthouse. All modes of computer analysis were used to gain data, including edge enhancement, color contouring, digitizing and filtering. The analysis was made by GSW and critique issued by William H. Spaulding, GSW Director. The photos were also examined by other photo specialists.

Publication of the photos brought "Professors of Impossibility" out of their armchairs for another debunking attempt. They decreed that the photos showed "a cloud or a puff of smoke". VUFORS advisors quickly exploded this hasty announcement. The object appears only in two of the six pictures, taken while the camera was in automatic sequencing. The time interval between each photograph is confirmed by the setting sun's position. In the last picture the so-called cloud is already nine degrees into the shot. This means it would have been moving at over 100 miles per hour. It is not possible for a cloud or puff of smoke to move at this speed on a calm day.

Additional UFO Reports Flood Investigators

Communications between Valentich and Melbourne Flight Service were recorded from 7:06 to 7:12 p.m., before an unexplained sound abruptly terminated the voice communications. During that time, twenty people, located in different areas around Bass

Strait, observed a green light in the same direction and at the same time the pilot was reporting the approach and description of an object with a green light.

In addition, other reports have been forthcoming, such as: In the southern suburb of Frankston, a mother and four teenagers reported what appeared to resemble a sky rocket, although the object was stationary. The color appeared to be a mixture of red, pink and white. The witness estimated the object to be a quarter-size of the Moon. The mother said that at the time of sighting she did not realize it was a UFO, until later when she learned that other people had seen the same object. At the same time, a bank manager and his wife, while driving on the highway west of Melbourne, observed a starfish-shaped object out over the Strait. They noticed green flickering lights at the ends. The couple are of the opinion that it was the same object that Valentich was reporting before the strange sound jammed his radio transmission.

Another sighting was reported from Ormond, a suburb in southern Melbourne, occurring at 7.15 p.m., when lights were noted in a cigar-shaped arrangement. The lights were described as looking like "silver rain" as they appeared to fall or else were turned off from top to bottom.

Two lads were out in the street communicating with their walkie-talkies when they saw a star-shaped object appear at a low altitude over their heads. It was moving slightly faster than an aircraft as if on an approach run to an airport. During the observation, both witnesses recall a sound like a low pulsating hum was associated with the object. Each of the walkie-talkies first became jammed with static then communication was lost altogether, even though the lads were only a short distance apart. Communication was restored when the UFO flew away. Their description was of an object with bright white lights placed intermittently at each tip of a starfish-shaped object and at various points along the arcs to the tips.

There were many other similar reports of flying objects throughout southern Victoria during that same day and night and continued for several days following this strange encounter. These reports were being referred to VUFORS from various sources.

The Starfish-shaped Object Returns

An outstanding sighting was reported on Monday evening, October 23, 1978 only two days later. It occurred at 9.00 p.m. as two families were preparing to leave the beach. They saw a cigar-shaped light speeding low over Port Philip Bay, from the direction of Bass Strait. When it reached a position about halfway across the Bay, between the observers on the Frankston beach and Williamstown on the opposite shore, the UFO flashed a brilliant white ray of light. Following this event a smaller red light was noted to have detached itself from the larger object. As the large UFO sped away to the north, the smaller red one flew at a much slower speed toward the beach where the observers were standing. As the smaller object approached the beach, the nine people observed that the object was shaped like a starfish with red lights at each tip. They could also hear a low humming sound as it flew nearby. When the red-lighted UFO was a mile or so past the group, it stopped in mid-air for a few minutes. It then accelerated away at a much faster speed in the direction of Bass Strait where the larger white lighted object had first appeared.

The White Acres Physical Trace Case

As previously mentioned, the Frederick Valentich encounter has done more to change the attitude of Australian officials than any other single event. After this apparent accelerated thaw within the ranks of officialdom, we later found an opportunity to respond with an excellent physical trace case report. The incident occurred on the White Acres Farm at Kilmany, near Rosedale, Victoria. An official was informed of our findings and the preliminary report was submitted to the RAAF. An indication that a strong gravitational force was associated with the appearance and operation of this UFO may give us a clue to the strange metallic sound heard at the time of the Valentich encounter. It is theorized that it could have been the sound of the Cessna model 182 breaking up, because of unusual stresses applied to the aircraft structure.

The White Acres encounter took place between 1.00 a.m. and 1.50 a.m. on September 30, 1980. The witness was awakened by the noise of his horse galloping around the paddock and a commotion among his cattle. When he went outside to investigate, he saw what he thought to be an aircraft about to crash. But to his surprise, the object leveled off and flew within 500 feet past his house to a 10,000 gallon water tank three-fourths of a mile from his house. He watched the object hover over the tank and then settle to the ground 100 feet from the tank. He then considered the possibility that a helicopter might be making an attempt to rustle a cow. He jumped on his motorcycle and sped to the scene.

When within about 50 yards of the object, he could see it was no known aircraft. From the light of the full moon, he could tell that the craft was bell-shaped. The main body was orange in color with a white dome on top. As the UFO gave off a blast of heat and began to rise slowly in the air, he noted that a large circular rim was under the bottom similar to a large tube. This rim receded in width as the craft ascended. He noted that there were small stones falling from below the craft. The witness was left shaken by the experience, with headaches and sleeping difficulties. The sleeping difficulties persisted for several weeks thereafter. The 10,000 gallon concrete water tank was kept full in case

the regular water supply failed as an emergency measure. When examined, he found the tank was left nearly empty with only one foot of water at the bottom. Algae, which were normally on the bottom were found pulled to the sides around the top of the tank. Three vertical cracks were found that had been caused by stress on the tank. Rocks which had been thrown up against the tank to get them out of the way of mowers had been pulled by the force in a path from the tank to the 30 foot circle left on the ground where the object had landed. Smaller rocks that had been seen falling from the object, as it flew away, were found on the ground directly below the object's flight path.

Mansfield, Ohio Helicopter Case

Another major case that could assist us in finding clues to the cause of the Valentich disappearance is the famous helicopter encounter with a UFO over Mansfield, Ohio. That startling incident took place five years prior to the Bass Strait mystery. Larry Coyne and his crew were flying a U.S. Army helicopter when an object hovered overhead. At the time the helicopter was flying at about 1700 feet. The UFO, a silver metallic-like, cigar-shaped object with a green light, pulled the helicopter to about 3800 feet without movement of the controls. There was also a loss of communications during this encounter, as well as the maneuverability of the UFO as described by Valentich five years later. Larry Coyne and his crew returned to tell their story — Frederick Valentich did not!

Government Co-operation Improves

Three and one-half years after this amazing incident, the Australian Department of Transport (D.O.T.) released its final report concerning the Valentich encounter. The bottom line read: "Cause of the disappearance is unknown."

Since that time, there have been several meetings between various officials and ufologists in Australia. Discussions during these meetings concerned various cases where veteran investigators have been involved over the years. The current situation has improved whereby some reports have been declassified and made available for further studies. However, certain unclassified reports still remain in official files. Some of them concern cases where we were personally involved in the investigations. We are grateful for this better co-operation and will not argue the case, although the Freedom of Information Policy is now in effect in Australia. After all, we also have confidential reports not available for publication and we will not betray that confidence. Unfortunately, the person most responsible for this better co-operation is not available to receive credit. He is Frederick Valentich, who disappeared over Bass Strait, during an encounter with an unidentified flying object.

The Reverend Gill Humanoid Sighting

No paper concerning the countdown to reality would be complete without mention of our most outstanding UFO case where "humanoids" appeared on board. This famous incident has been told and retold throughout the world-wide UFO research community. It occurred during June 1959. On October 28, 1959, Rev. William Gill addressed a large audience attending a VUFORS general meeting in Melbourne. He told of spectacular sightings being reported over New Guinea, consummating with one of the longest time durations of any close encounter ever reported. Thirty-eight people witnessed this spectacle. The main object observed during this series of incidents was described as a craft with two decks. The top deck being about 25 feet in diameter and the lower deck about 35 feet in diameter. There were four "humanoids" seen at one time who appeared to be making some "repairs or adjustments" on the top deck. At one stage the UFO descended to about 500 feet above the ground and the observers thought it was going to land. The people began to wave, thinking the "humanoids" were Americans in need of assistance. Two of the occupants aboard the craft responded likewise. The craft was last seen crossing the bay in one second. The width of the bay at that point is about 30 miles. This case is an example of a close encounter of the real kind as well as the other examples summarized in this paper. These are the type of investigated and selected cases on which we can depend as we study the *Countdown to Reality.*

Conclusions

I have tried to summarize several Australian cases where people have experienced the same type of effects, observations and/or reactions from encounters with UFOs as reported by thousands of people around the world. The Frederick Valentich encounter provides an excellent case for study. It is an incident that can be compared with several other encounters where objects have revealed similar characteristics such as, magnetic effects, ignition failure as well as communication failures, etc. There is no doubt in my mind that the disappearance of Frederick Valentich and his Cessna was caused by a UFO. I do not know whether he went up, down or was disintegrated. My first guess is that the electro-magnetic effect stalled his engine, (since he did report the engine was rough-idling or "coughing") and that he finally crashed into the water. There is also the possibility that the mystery sound which ended the transmission between Melbourne

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Flight Service and the pilot was the sound of his aircraft in the early stages of disintegration. Another possibility is that his radio frequency may have been jammed deliberately by persons or entities.

However, at this stage of the *Countdown to Reality,* I think that a fairly accurate prediction can be made. That is, sooner or later, your house lights will go out, or your TV will go on the "blink" or your car or aircraft ignition system will malfunction during the presence of a UFO. You will be told, by the Professors of Impossibility", that the object was a balloon, star, or a flock of ducks. You will be told by the same professors that the electro-magnetic effect is a coincidence. But don't you believe it! The electro-magnetic effect of the UFO is no more of a coincidence than sound is coincidental to our primitive rockets as they roar overhead. And that also applies to the space shuttle.

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THE PARALLEL UNIVERSE AND OTHER DIMENSIONS — NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Paul Whitehead

FRESH support for the theory put forward recently by three American physicists that our universe is overlaid by an invisible, parallel universe, has come from two British scientists.

It is likely to throw the scientific world into further confusion. For not only do the scientists propose the existence of another universe existing in the same space as our own — an idea once ridiculed as pure science fiction — they also put forward a suggestion that *a number of other* previously unknown dimensions might exist.

"Superstrings"

Dr Michael Green, a lecturer in physics at Queen Mary College, London, and Dr Simon Anthony, a scientific consultant and former researcher into particle physics, revealed their findings in the August 29th 1985 issue of the *New Scientist.*

Both men give support to the "superstring" theory that subatomic particles don't exist as individual particles — they are really part of an extended object, which has been given the name "superstring" by scientists.

We don't see the whole object, or string, because we are only ever "tuned in" to one small segment of it — the particle(s) that comprise the atoms that in turn comprise our own known universe.

In the words of Dr Anthony: "Just as a violin string can be vibrated in a series of harmonics, so a 'particle string' can be excited into other states".

He believes that all superstrings are in a state of permanent excitement (vibration). We see only those particles vibrating at the lowest frequencies; we do not have "direct access" to particles vibrating at a higher frequency "because the energy to produce them would have been readily available only in the earliest states of the universe's history".

The superstring theory has been called "stunning" by such greatly respected physicists as Professor Edward Witten of Princeton University, USA. It may revolutionise physics and open up the way for serious study of dimensions to which we may one day gain access.

Infinite number of dimensions?

If we are indeed existing within one dimension of superstrings, Dr Green imagines there could be an "infinite number" of particles higher up the string, getting heavier the higher the frequency on which they are vibrating. However, he errs on the side of caution, and does not state whether this means we are faced with an infinite number of corresponding dimensions.

The superstring theory supports the theory proposed in a recent issue of *Nature* (vol. 314, page 145) and the *New Scientist* (August 8th 1985, page 24) that a universe parallel to our own is in existence.

Indeed, the heavier parts of all the superstrings in our universe may comprise this "shadow universe", it has been suggested. Scientists say we should be able to detect the other universe by measuring weak gravitation waves radiating from it.

Is it mere coincidence that an American and a Russian scientist have just proposed building a 25-kilometre-long gravity wave detector in space?

The parallel universe theory may be able to explain the mystery of our own universe's "missing mass". Our universe behaves in a way that indicates the presence of much more mass than it apparently contains, and that is puzzling astronomers.

According to Dr Anthony, a parallel universe could explain this missing mass problem. The mass from the other universe may have an affect on our universe through strong gravitational waves, and appear to us as an invisible, though measurable, mass.

What is the nature of the parallel universe, given that it exists? Dr Anthony says it would have the "same kinds of particles and forces, which to our senses are almost undetectable. Although the particles of this matter may radiate and detect light among themselves (much as 'ours' do — Ed.) particles of our matter could never detect it".

The two forms of matter could co-exist in the same place at the same time, "almost blind to one another's existence". Only gravity would be detectable by observers in either universe.

"CLEAR INTENT"

THERE has recently been a rash of "lectures" and radio talks here in Britain, and at least one TV interview — figuring certain individuals who seem to have come here with the purpose of "cashing in on" and "cleaning up on" the book "CLEAR INTENT", charging, in the process, some pretty fine entrance-fees at the "lectures" and even finer fees for sessions of special counselling of some sort or other.

Arrogating to themselves an equally fine title, possibly suggesting that they might represent some *"national"* body of UFO investigators in the U.S.A., it

may be that they thereby hope to convey the impression that they are the late Major Donald Keyhoe's N.I.C.A.P., or its representatives or its successors?

They have spoken at length to their British audiences about their own remarkable successes in securing the release, under the U.S. *Freedom of Information Act,* of two thousand *(sic)* pages of secret documents relating to the UFO cover-up. But, very curiously as you might perhaps think, they seem to have been careful not to go into any details about their task or about how they came to write this remarkable book, and have confined themselves to displaying copies of "CLEAR INTENT" for sale on the table outside.

Needless to say, had they ventured to discuss such embarrassing matters, it would of course have been necessary to explain to their British audience that all the arduous work of securing the said secret documents (incidentally, not "2,000 pages", but today probably nearer double that figure) had been done, not by them at all, but by such people as, firstly, the two authors of the book, Lawrence Fawcett and Barry Greenwood, and by Dr. Bruce Maccabee, Larry W. Bryant, Robert Todd, Charles Huffer, Brad Sparks, W. Todd Zechel, their indefatigable lawyer Peter Gersten and, no doubt, many others whose names are quite unknown to us here in Britain, but who are members of C.A.U.S. (CITIZENS AGAINST UFO SECRECY) or of CUFOS and of MUFON, who have tackled the American authorities on a broad front under the terms of the F.O.I. Act and have brought court actions against a whole lot of U.S. Government bodies, as we have already reported at some length (particularly in FSR, Vol. 30, No. 1).

So far as we know, the names of the visiting mountebanks figure nowhere among the list of all those who have done this work.

It is important to take extremely careful note of these lectures and these radio and TV appearances here in Britain, inasmuch as they indicate clearly how the Mendacious Brigade in our country operates. The affair enables us to observe not merely one but *two* sets of dishonest interests at work, or, as the old Chinese proverb puts it so pithily, *"Two lots of crooks stringing along together for their mutual benefit".*

On the one hand, we have one interested party, the slick operators, making their quick buck. And on the other hand, we have the other interested party, the presenting agencies, the media, who, quick to spot a phoney when he appears, are ever alert to the possibilities of *cashing in on him, and of using him to harm the cause of serious UFO research.*

For the visitors told some fine tales of their own marvellous encounters with the Space Ships and claimed to be aliens from Space themselves! All of which, highly difficult to believe, would serve the purposes of those in control, and carry forward the great work of bamboozlement, brainwashing, and lying.

Where Are The Reviews?

We think in fact it is accurate to say that, right up until now (end of November 1985), "CLEAR INTENT" has — with one remarkable and solitary exception — received no mention whatsoever anywhere in the media of information in this realm, the United Kingdom of Britain and Northern Ireland. And yet Messrs Prentice-Hall Inc., of Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey, U.S.A., published it in June 1984. *That is to say almost a year and a half ago.*

That one remarkable exception known to us is a half-column mention right at the time of publication, in one of the provincial newspapers of either Lancashire or Cheshire, and due, we feel sure, to the efforts of Jenny Randles.

That, so far as we know, is the lot. *Le reste est silence . . .*

We ourselves lent our first copy of "CLEAR INTENT" in July 1984 to the Science Correspondent of one of Britain's national newspapers having the largest circulations. He is a man who knows all about the UFO Phenomenon, and has known about it for many years. *We place on record here the fact that, having read the book, he returned it to us practically without comment. He apparently has not dared to write one single line about it in his newspaper.*

Since, however, even we aren't totally omniscient, and are even willing to admit it, it remains quite possible that we are painting a somewhat false picture, and that there *have* been some, or indeed possibly even many, references to "CLEAR INTENT" in the British media since June 1984. If there have been such, our ignorance stands exposed for all to see. (And in that case, we might add, our readers, who know very well that FSR cannot afford to subscribe to a newsclipping agency, have not served us very well. So we take this opportunity to ask our readers to let us have full details of any such reference or reviews as they may have seen, and we thank them in advance for this help.)

(We might add that, in general, it would be absurd to say that our British readers support us much by sending in the few press-reports and articles that do appear here nowadays. *They do not.* Relatively speaking, we get far more help from the readers in the English-speaking countries overseas.)

And Europe Too?

But, while we are on this subject, we would like to go further than that. For we would like to take this opportunity to ask all our numerous friends and readers in the European countries to do likewise, and to let us have full details of any comment or mention or review

that they may have seen or heard anywhere on the book "CLEAR INTENT", in any of the languages of Europe. *For not a single report of any such mention has come our way yet.*

France?

And, of all the countries of Europe, naturally the one in which we are most especially interested is *France.* For is France not reputed to be the very Mother of Liberty, the Home of Freedom and of Free Speech? (What was all that French Revolution business about?)

Huge numbers of French people have an excellent knowledge of English and many of the French UFO researchers know our language well enough to buy and read the UFO books printed in it. Where, then, but in France, should we be seeing and hearing today countless references to "CLEAR INTENT"?

But the fact of the matter is that, in these eighteen months, we did not hear a single "cheep" out of France in this respect.

A fine — and significant — state of affairs, forsooth!

The "Psychosociological Hypothesis"

For France, as some of our readers will know, is today in the throes of an attack of the ultra-fashionable *"psychosociological hypothesis".* This superb "hypothesis" — a Marxist concoction — has already put paid to every single UFO report ever recorded in France — including the whole of the massive UFO Wave of 1954 about which Aimé Michel and Jacques Vallée and so many others have written.

All done and settled now. It was *"all sociological"; "all in your mind".*

Between them, these two choice pieces of cosmic crap, the *"Sociological Hypothesis"* and the *"Piezo-Perinatal Hypothesis",* must have wrought wonders, must have harvested veritable marvels of stupidity. We shall be all the more interested therefore to learn from our French and other West European readers whether — in all the length and breadth of that *douce et belle France,* that "fair land of liberty" — anyone has dared to whisper a single squeak yet about "CLEAR INTENT"! — G.C.

Postscript

We recently had the very great pleasure of a visit by the Japanese writer and Ufologist Yu Masaru Mori, widely known under his pen-name of Hiroshi Minamiyama. This indefatigable and charming son of Nippon has translated many notable books into Japanese, including Dr. Hynek's THE UFO EXPERIENCE, John Fuller's INTERRUPTED JOURNEY, and Arthur C. Clarke's MYSTERIOUS WORLD.

And he has already translated and published, in Japanese, Lawrence Fawcett's and Barry Greenwood's "CLEAR INTENT"!

And you can take it from me that doing that is a hell of a sight more difficult than it would be to translate that book into French!

Incidentally, within the course of a few months recently, NIPPON TELEVISION had a large camera-crew over in Britain, headed by the veteran TV UFO researcher, Mr. Jun'ichi Yaoi, Director-in-Chief, Nippon TV Network Corporation, on no less than two occasions, with particular reference to the affair at Rendlesham Forest, which they probed most carefully, interviewing the principal witnesses and investigators. They made two long interview programmes, on us and our UFO research, for showing on the Japanese TV system, and, altogether, gave the impression of being the most alert, lively, efficient, and intelligent bunch of people.

Jun'ichi Yaoi has studied UFO landing and contact cases for more than five years, travelling all over the world, to the USA, Mexico, Brazil, and many other places.

What a contrast these Japanese present! And one is left with some strange thoughts . . .

For example, how does it come about that the Japanese appear to be so brave and independent in these matters? How does it come about that, apparently, they think for themselves? Could it be that, for some strange or weird reason, they are "hard nuts to crack"? Could it be that they alone are proving less "amenable to the influence"? Food for thought, indeed. — G.C.

NOTE: The address of C.A.U.S. (CITIZENS AGAINST UFO SECRECY) is: P.O. Box 218, Coventry, Conn. 06238, U.S.A., and the cost of their JUST CAUSE NEWSLETTER (issued quarterly) is U.S.$10.00 per annum (four issues), or U.S.$15.00 for overseas subscribers.

REPORTED KILLING OF A UFO ENTITY

ACCORDING to a report just released (September 1985) by the Washington Office of C.A.U.S. (Citizens Against UFO Secrecy), 3518 Martha Custis Drive, Alexandria, VA 22302, Mr Leonard Stringfield recently received the following letter from a man who was at the time serving in the Security Police Squadron (PACAF) of the U.S. Air Force, APO San Francisco 96239. The letter was written on the official PACAF notepaper, and deals with an extraordinary event: *the slaying and retrieval of the body of an occupant of a UFO that had been pursued by military policemen from Fort Dix and McGuire Air Force Base, New Jersey, on January 18, 1978.*

Funds are now being raised for the "DIX-MCGUIRE FOIA UFO LITIGATION PROJECT", in order to be able to prepare the requisite *discovery motion,* issue subpoenas, and take the case to the courts.

The identities of the Air Force man and of others in-

volved in or making this report are known to Mr Stringfield, but the latter has decided not to reveal these so as to shield the men from Government reprisals and also from hounding at the hands of the sensationalist news media.

As we have already reported (FSR 31/1, page 3) Mr Stringfield made this remarkable case the subject of his STATUS REPORT NO. IV, delivered at the annual MUFON Symposium in St. Louis, Mo. on June 29 of last year and now available (please note *amended price* $11.00) from MUFON, 103 Oldtowne Road, Seguin, Texas 78155.

The text of the report to Mr Stringfield from the Air Force Security Policeman is as follows. (We have at FSR a photostat of the report, on paper bearing the official Security Police heading):—

"1. In January of 1978, I was stationed at McGuire AFB, N.J. One evening, during the time frame of 0300 hrs. and 0500 hrs., there were a number of UFO sightings in the area over the airfield and Fort Dix Army Camp. I am a security policeman, and was on routine patrol at the time. New Jersey State Police and Fort Dix MPs were running code in the direction of Brownsville. N.J. A state trooper then entered Gate No. 5 at the rear of the Base requesting assistance and permission to enter. I was dispatched, and the trooper wanted access to the runway area which led to the very back of the airfield and connected with a heavily wooded area which is part of the Dix training area. He informed me that a Fort Dix MP was pursuing a low-flying object which then hovered over his car. He described it as oval-shaped, with no details, and glowing with a bluish-green color. His radio transmission was cut off. At that time in front of his police car, appeared a thing, about 4 ft. tall, greyish-brown, fat head, long arms, and slender body. The MP panicked and fired five rounds from his .45 Cal into the thing, and one round into the object above. The object then fled straight up and joined with eleven others high in the sky. This we all saw but didn't know the details at the time. Anyway, the thing ran into the woods towards our fenceline and they wanted to look for it. By this time several patrols were involved.

"2. We found the body of the thing near the runway. It had apparently climbed the fence and died while running. It was all of a sudden hush-hush and no one was allowed near the area. We roped off the area and AF OSI[1] came out and took over. That was the last I saw of it. There was a bad stench coming from it too. Like ammonia smelling but it wasn't constant in the air. That day, a team from Wright-Patterson AFB came in a C141 and went to the area. They crated it in a wooden box, sprayed something over it, and then put it into a bigger metal container. They loaded it in the plane and took off. That was it, nothing more said, no report made and we were all told not to have anything to say about it or we would be court-martialed.

"3. I will be getting out of the Air Force in about two months. Do not disclose my name as I could get into trouble. I am interested in pursuing this and other matters if you need help. Forgive me for not signing this but I can't take any chances. Please reply to the above address,[2] and my parents will forward it to me or I will be home already. Don't send it here because they monitor all mail closely and I again don't want to take any chances."

(1) AFOSI = AIR FORCE OFFICE OF SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS. (See our report, *U.S. Air Force Base's Radar Knocked Out By A UFO*, in FSR 29/5, p. 2.)

(2) Home address of parents added on original letter, but deleted by Leonard Stringfield. G.C.

"FLAP" IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

BETWEEN mid-May 1985 and June 22, 1985, the West Australian UFO Investigation Centre (P.O. Box 541, Cannington, W. Australia 6107) received 127 separate sighting reports. Of principal interest are:—

(1) May 24. Pastrycook Frank Maurice was driving in the early morning from the suburb of Rollystone to his bakery at Gooseberry Hill when he saw a bright white object "about the size of a quarter-Moon", low in the sky. It zigzagged in flight and carried two bright lights. It zoomed down towards his car several times during the journey. When he reached the bakery it took up a stationary position in the sky, and remained there until about 7.00 a.m. when it vanished. The next day, Frank Maurice felt unwell, had no energy, no appetite, and found it hard to concentrate, this condition lasting for two days.

(2) At about 8.30 p.m. on June 9, two civilian pilots, Rod Johnson and Alan Burge, flying in a twin engine *Piper Navajo,* almost collided with a glowing spherical orange object. They said it manoeuvred around in the sky and flew along ahead of their plane for fifteen minutes.

(3) On June 13, a farmer, John Barber, driving in his car, was followed by a bright orange object for about 40 kms. near Bunbury in the south-western area of W. Australia.

At one stage both the car and his own body heated up. Two days later, he told Police, his eyes started to burn and he felt very peculiar for a week. He got himself checked medically, but the tests for radiation exposure etc. were negative.

(4) At 3.15 a.m. during the night of June 22, two farmers, Dennis Chester and Peter Chester, saw a disc-shaped object moving over their property near Beacon. It hovered at times, changing from white to orange, and had a blue ring around it and emitted sparks "like bolts of lightning". They had time to go into the house and get a video camera and film it, the film being shown later by a Perth TV station.

(5) At 5.00 p.m. during the same night, 300 miles away, in Perth itself, Mr Suren Karabyikjan saw a crescent-shaped, very bright orange-coloured object with a rounded bottom, hovering and intermittently moving up and down and around in the sky.

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(Credit and thanks to reader Mrs J. Hill of Cannington, W. Australia, for sending us an article in West Australian magazine, *PEOPLE*, of September 9, 1985.)

MAIL BAG

Correspondents are asked to keep their letters short and give full name and address (not necessarily for publication). It is not always possible for the Editor to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

From Another New Australian Consultant

Dear Editor, — We appreciate FSR, and our vote is that it is the best magazine in the world about the subject.

With personal regards,
Yours sincerely,
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VICTORIA 3189,
AUSTRALIA
September 20, 1985.

Paul Norman has just honoured us by agreeing to become an FSR Consultant. Ed.

Another Noted Consultant for FSR

Dear Sir — I wish to volunteer my services as a medical consultant to FSR. As you know my publications deal with physiological effects reported by witnesses of unidentified flying objects. I would be willing to review and comment regarding some of the alleged medical problems that manifest in your published cases.

Recently I was instrumental in arranging a meeting with GEPAN at Paris and Toulouse, France, in June 1985. The meeting involved Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Dr. Jacques Vallée and myself. Papers were presented and the higher echelon of the French CNES was in attendance. We had a private meeting with Dr. Claude Poher. As you know Monsieur Jean-Jacques Velasco, head of GEPAN, has been faced with possibly closing his project. Our invitation was to support his efforts. Dr. Hynek will publish this meeting in the CUFOS journal. My comments will appear in the next issue of MUFON.

I am chief of radiation oncology at Andrews AFB, Maryland and a major in the USAF. I have a medical degree (M.D.) from Montpellier, France and my speciality is radiation oncology. I have a Ph.D. in the Biological Sciences from Pacific Western University, California. I have been very keen to explore medical problems in the US Armed Forces as it may pertain to UFOs. I have the experience, good contacts and feel that it is worth a try. FSR would be an excellent international journal to share some viewpoints. The USAF understands that this activity is my "hobby". After all they did let me go to France!

Drs. Haines, Hynek and Vallée know me well as an ufologist and could serve as my references. I will be happy to furnish my CV upon request. Indeed it would be an honor for me to serve FSR.

Trust to receive a favorable reply and will take this opportunity to salute you for your fine publication.

Sincerely yours,
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"Indirect Hypnosis"

Dear Editor, — In FSR 30/4, Mr Malcolm Smith of Brisbane asked what we mean by the term "indirect hypnosis"?

By this term we usually refer to a situation in which a so-called "sensitive" or medium sits by the person whose stored, forgotten memories we desire to revive. This method is employed instead of "direct hypnosis", in which the hypnotist also sits beside the patient but it is the patient who himself restores his memory after being brought into a relaxed state by the hypnotist. With "indirect hypnosis" it is consequently the sensitive who captures the patient's stored memories and expresses them in words. In America this method is often called "reading", and has been employed successfully by scholars such as the Ufological expert Dr R. Leo Sprinkle of the University of Wyoming.

This method is also being used by a Rio de Janeiro physician, Dr R. Sobral, with the purpose of diagnosing

patients' ailments, and has proved successful.

Personally, I listened to an Argentinian lady sensitive as she narrated the whole of Luli Oswald's UFO abduction, yet without having ever seen Luli Oswald or heard of her story before. (See my *"Encounter With "Rat-Faces" In Brazil,* FSR 29/1.) And this occurred in the presence of other witnesses too.

I hope that this has answered some of Mr Malcolm Smith's questions.

Yours sincerely,
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August 11, 1985.

Horn of Africa

Dear Sir — In Somalia I heard of (and nearly everybody knows about) the vision of a mysterious fast-moving and very bright *"Sun",* seen at a most unusual time, namely *at night,* and it is always believed that enormous good luck is connected with it.

To persons with poor knowledge of the movements of celestial bodies, the sight of something huge and shining, a great disc crossing the sky at night towards the East, and coming from maybe any other direction, is naturally taken *as being the Sun during its voyage towards its home-place, the East . . .*

Such an old legend (reminiscent of the beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians) has been with us for centuries. *But it occurs to me that the legend may very likely have its source in UFO sightings.*

Yours sincerely,
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October 5, 1985.

Spirit Over Matter

Dear Editor, — About those *Jinns* and things, Science has reached the stage where we can now safely say that the atom is the building block for everything physical in the Universe.

Therefore, no physical agent could have made it, because it didn't exist, so *"something else"* had to, and that *"something else",* whether some of us like it or not, was *spiritual.*

Manifestations of this force are living things, whatever shape they take, animal or vegetable. Our spirits control our bodies, using the brain as interface, and because of that connection, in certain cases, e.g. Uri Geller, Arigó in Brazil, water-diviners, faith-healers, etc., the spiritual force is able to exert its control over its original product — the *Atom.*

Thank you for keeping our Magazine going.

Yours truly,
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October 18, 1985.

"Boiled or Fried?"

Dear Sir — As I re-read your Editorial, *"Boiled Or Fried?"* (FSR Vol. 29, No. 5) I was put in mind of a short story written several years ago by the late Frederick Brown. It described how flying saucers arrive on Earth, and their pilots quickly win us over with their words of wisdom and kindness. They even offer to transport large numbers of earthlings to another planet and to a new, more hopeful and more fruitful life. Millions of people clamour to make the trip; huge spacecraft arrive to collect these willing emigrants.

In the course of the story, a book discarded by one of the aliens falls into the hands of a scholar who laboriously translates it. He finds that the title of the book is *"How To Serve Man".*

The story ends with the revelation that it is a cookery book!

This was of course pure fiction, but it seemed to echo the thought of Charles Fort, who postulated the idea that we might be *"property".* The same conclusion was reached by the lat Ivan T. Sanderson, the Cambridge-educated zoologist who wrote on UFOs and on unknown animals, and who once suggested that maybe the Earth might be a gigantic farm, and that we, mankind, *are simply part of the crops!*

When we review all these cases of abductions, it sounds very much as though someone has indeed been periodically collecting humans and inspecting them — just as we might inspect livestock.

Some Ufologists have regarded such abduction reports as merely proof that *curious* visitors from another planet might have been studying samples of the life here. But maybe there is really much more to it than that. Much more . . .

Anyway — one thing is certain. *Someone,* from *somewhere,* has been keeping close tabs on us for thousands of years.

Best wishes,
David Taylor,
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November 5, 1985.

Personality Changes After UFO Experiences?

Dear Gordon, — In your MAIL BAG that appeared in your Volume 30, No. 5 (June 1985) issue of the Flying Saucer Review, you published a letter from Graham Conway of British Columbia, concerning possible personality changes after UFO experiences. Conway asked if anyone had made a study of such changes.

I don't necessarily believe that this is a dangerous area and I've tried to be prudent in these matters of research and investigation.

On December 30, 1983 I completed a four-year study project on human reactions to UFOs (which covered the years 1944-1984). This subjective study fitted "hand in glove" with the objective UFO encounters being reported, and I received responses of over 30 different human reactions from over 27 countries in the world.

My 32-page report to this date has yet to be published, but the study found that such reactions world-wide were as consistent and persistent on a global basis, as were the encounters with UFOs and their occupants (UFO-nauts).

Some of the many reactions included increased IQ, awareness, newly found psychic abilities, personality changes, changes in life-style, precognition, telepathy, healings, etc.

Others included shootouts, blind panic, injuries and deaths, etc.

I hope this information proves to be of interest to not only Mr. Conway, but also to the readers of FSR.

Some of my findings were published in the 1985 MUFON UFO 16th Annual Symposium Proceedings, which was held at St. Louis in June, 1985, where I was one of eleven national speakers. My prepared paper

and speech was entitled, "What We Have Learned From UFO Repetitions!"
Sincerely,
George D. Fawcett,
MUFON PR Director for North Carolina,
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August 24, 1985.

"The Night of Brahma"

Dear Sir — In his article *From Atoms to Tachyons and Hyperspace — and Back Again',* (Vol. 31 No. 1), Paul Whitehead says that philosophical and quasi-religious terminology are used by some physicists to express the ideas of quantum mechanics. I am not at all surprised, as the idea that the observer has an effect on the atoms of the object of her/his study however near or far they happen to be, has already been expounded by two of our present-day philosophical teachers.

Firstly, there is Krishnamurti, the nub of whose teachings is that observation is the key to the understanding of oneself and the world, and that when this is perfectly co-ordinated, *the observer and the observed cease to be and all that remains is the act of observing.*

This follows on neatly to Ernest Holmes who founded the Church of Religious Science and whose philosophy is called 'Science of Mind'. He teaches that there is one Universal Mind in which all individual minds dwell and what is known in one part of Mind, can therefore be known instantaneously in any other part, as it is all one mind. This is similar to Paul Whitehead's quantum wave which could be used for faster-than-light signals across the universe. However, Ernest Holmes takes us further by demonstrating that it is also the nature of Mind to reconstruct, in our familiar world of physical atoms, that which is thought into it. He gives detailed instructions in his book *Science of Mind'* of the method which should be used to bring forth a desired objective, calling it a 'movement in Mind' or 'treatment'. I have personally tested his format and it works!

In the light of the findings of both physicists and philosophers, it is obvious that the whole of our universe down to the smallest iota is one organism in which all aspects respond to each other, and that includes seemingly individual beings like ourselves. Even Einstein's $E=MC^2$ would be an impossibility without the observer, which returns us to Krishnamurti.

Consequently, our modern scientists could be saved a lot of time and effort if they would only co-operate with their old adversaries, and what better place to begin than at the very beginning with the birth of the universe as propounded by the Hindu Vedanta System,* which is dreamed into existence during the Night of Brahma, only to disappear on his awakening.

'We are such stuff as dreams are made on, and our little life is rounded with a sleep.'
Yours faithfully,
Margaret Buckingham,
19 Collingbourne Avenue,
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November 27, 1985.

* The majestic, cosmic view that is given us in Vedanta has not yet found an equal, and happily many of our modern scientists, from Robert Oppenheimer onwards, have begun to perceive this.

See, for example:

J. R. Oppenheimer: *Brighter than a Thousand Suns.*

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David Bohm: *Wholeness and the Implicate Order.*

J.W.N. Sullivan: *The Limitations of Science.* — EDITOR

Closed Minds — East and West!

Dear Mr Creighton and FSR Staff — Thank you for your dedication and efforts. I appreciate it fully.

Considering the closed minds and blinkered eyes of my friends, it is a pleasure to read FSR and to know that there are others who search for the truth and wonder.

I have discovered the best way to get rid of people when one has had enough of talking about mundane subjects, is to start talking about UFOs, and suddenly they disappear — just like a UFO!
Yours sincerely,
Sheryl Arman,
33 Badgers Way,
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October 1985.

How heartily I agree with Miss Arman! I don't often talk to anybody about UFOs, but curiously enough I tried it out quite recently. We were at the grand reception in the Royal Garden Hotel, Kensington, to celebrate Free China's National Day, the *Double Tenth,* anniversary of the Revolution of 1911 which ushered in the Republic (now in Taiwan and — don't forget it! — with the highest standard of living in South-East Asia!) At a certain point in the evening, conversation seemed to be flagging. We had covered all the hardy old perennial subjects, like the economic boom in the Pacific; the fantastic industrial development of South Korea and Taiwan, etc; the congenital inability of the British trade unionists to grasp what is yet to hit them in the future; and the burgeoning Soviet plans for total control of the Pacific and for a short, very sharp and bloody naval war in at least four oceans simultaneously. The group in which we were standing contained a Chinese professor of venerable aspect, two young Chinese businessmen and a Chinese banker, and a couple of Englishmen from firms trading with Taiwan. When I introduced the dread subject of the *"flying plates" (feidie)* the faces of the whole group assumed the aspect of startled rabbits confronted by an adder, and like lightning our little group broke up, some heading off in one direction and the rest in the other. In no time our end of the Buckingham Suite was cleared. You couldn't have done better had there been a fire. G.C.

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