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EDITORIAL

CENSORSHIP AND MALICE.

FSR readers may recall that, in my Editorial of FSR 44/2, page 1 (Summer 1999), I made this statement:-

"FOR THE PAST SIXTEEN YEARS THERE HAS BEEN A PERMANENT BAN ON MYSELF AND FSR THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE OF THE TV AND RADIO AND PRESS MEDIA OF BRITAIN. NOT EVEN A PASSING MENTION IN ANY NEWSPAPER IS EVER PERMITTED, AND IF I WRITE A LETTER TO ANY NEWSPAPER ON ANY SUBJECT OR POLITICAL MATTER ON WHICH -AS A FORMER BRITISH DIPLOMAT AND INTELLIGENCE OFFICER- I HAVE A PROFESSIONAL AND EXPERT KNOWLEDGE, EVEN THAT LETTER WILL NEVER BE PERMITTED TO APPEAR IF IT BEARS THE SIGNATURE: GORDON CREIGHTON."

While I admit that the subjects of the correspondence which I propose to quote below bear no relationship whatsoever to our "pet subject", Alien or Extraterrestrial Intelligence and UFOs, I hope that readers will see that I have largely proved my point -which is that I am the recipient of blatant discrimination -and they will therefore forgive this "misuse of FSR space".

SUBJECT NO. 1. THE *DAILY TELEGRAPH* AND THE SWEDISH EXPLORER SVEN HEDIN.

Letter dated September 17, 1993, from Gordon Creighton to the Editor of *the Daily Telegraph.*

Dear Sir, in your report on the proposed Taklamakan Desert Expedition in Today's *Daily Telegraph* (page 20) you make the extraordinary statement that Sven Hedin perished in that desert in a similar attempt in 1898.

I met Sven Hedin many times during my five years with H.M. Embassy in Beijing during the 1930s. As a matter of fact he lived until 1952.

Yours faithfully, Gordon Creighton.

This letter was duly published on Tuesday, September 21, 1993:-

LIFE AFTER DEATH.

Sir, In your report on the proposed Taklamakan Desert Expedition (Sept. 17) you make the extraordinary statement that Sven Hedin perished in that "desert of death" in a similar attempt in 1898.

I met Sven Hedin many times during my five years with the British Embassy in Beijing in the 1930s. He lived until 1952.

GORDON CREIGHTON, Rickmansworth, Herts.

SUBJECT NO. 2. THE *DAILY TELEGRAPH* AND VIAGRA.

Letter dated September 15, 1998, from Gordon Creighton to the Editor of *the Daily Telegraph.*

Sir, When I read that "VIAGRA" is a purely Western product and the fruit of a chance discovery by British research scientists, I found it hardly credible, and felt sure that somewhere along the line an **Indian** scientist might have been involved.

For in Sanskrit the word **vyaghra** (व्याघ्र) means "tiger"! If it has already killed nearly 100 men in America, ought we not to be just a wee bit more careful?

Yours faithfully, Gordon Creighton. (Letter not published.)

Letter dated January 16, 1999, from Gordon Creighton to the Editor of *the Daily Telegraph.*

Sir, I note that in your newspaper for today you print a letter from Mr Ivan Button about the fact that the Sanskrit word for "tiger" is **vyaghra.**

This is interesting, because you refused to publish the letter that I wrote to you about it on September 15th of last year.

The reason why you did not print my letter -and persistently refuse to print anything that I have ever sent to you (-except for one letter) about China, and the Far East, and Marxism, etc., etc., etc., is -AS A GREAT MANY PEOPLE KNOW- because you have standing instructions that I am on no account ever to be given any publicity. And the reason for this ban? It is because I am the Editor of ***Flying Saucer Review***. I shall see that **this** little matter receives some publicity.

Gordon Creighton (H.M. Diplomatic Service, Ret'd.)

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From: The Office of HRH The Prince of Wales

1st November, 1999

Dear Mr. Creighton,

The Prince of Wales has asked me to thank you for your recent letter. His Royal Highness was grateful for your kind words.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. Hilton Holloway

G.W. Creighton, Esq.

P.S. The one exception was when I caught you out because you had said that Sven Hedin had perished in the Gobi Desert in 1897 or thereabouts, and I wrote in to say that I lunched with him in Beijing in 1935 or 1936 when I was serving there as First Secretary in H.M Legation (later H.M. Embassy).
(Letter not published.)

SUBJECT NO. 3. PRINCE CHARLES AND CHINESE OPPRESSION OF TIBETANS.

Letter dated October 24, 1999, from Gordon Creighton to the Editor of *the Daily Telegraph.* Copy to H.R.H. Prince Charles.

Sir, -"BRAVO!" to Prince Charles!

Here is a good and very interesting little story about the oppresssion of the Tibetan nation by the Chinese:-

In 1935 I was stationed as Consul-General (Acting) in charge of H.M. Consulate-General at Chungking, on the upper waters of the Yangtsze, in far West China, and I was the sole British representative in an area equal to more than half of Western Europe.

My district extended westwards as far as the "Eastern Marches of Tibet", and in the borderland town of Dartsendo (Chinese name Tachienlu) I had a regular semi-official Tibetan correspondent, a delightful man named Dorje Zörba (a.k.a. Paul Sherap), who periodically used to send me political and economic reports about that region.

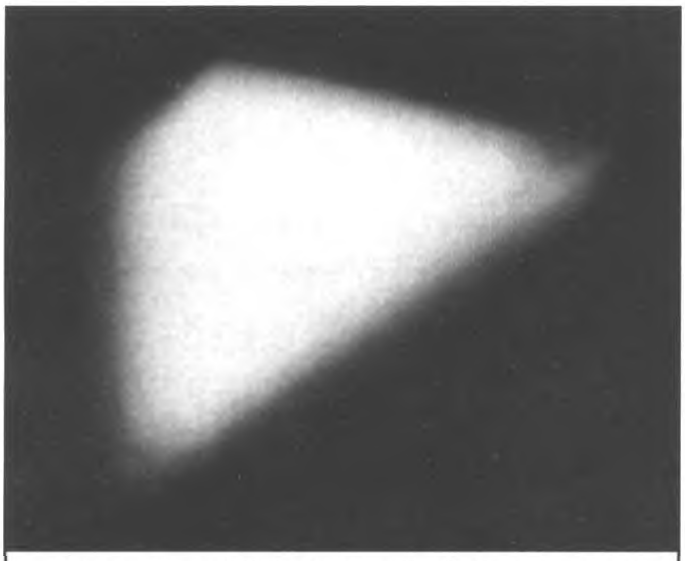
Although the Chinese had, quite soon after the end of the Manchu Ch'ing Dynasty in 1911, lost control of Hlasa and Central and Western Tibet, the most eastern part of Khams Province, which included Dartsendo, was still sorely oppressed by the local Chinese, particularly by petty Chinese officials under two local warlords, Liu Wen-Hui, based in Chengtu, and his nephew, Liu Hsiang, based in Chungking, who habitually paid his own provincial rabble army with opium, a crop covering much of the countryside. (Like Tweedledum and Tweedledee, the two Lius liked to have a little civil war occasionally, and when Spring came around we used to hear that they were having one of their spats.)

The last report that I received from Paul Sherap in the Summer of 1935 was an impassioned plea that I ask my Sovereign, King George V -the great-grandfather of Prince Charles -to dispatch the British army as soon as possible to liberate the Tibetans from their Chinese tormentors.

We sent the message on to the Foreign Office, of course. But, in view of the slight problems that in 1935 were already beginning to loom for Britain and for Europe, I suspect that my report did not precisely earn top priority attention from the clerks of Whitehall

Yours faithfully, Gordon Creighton. (Letter not published.)■

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Close-up of FT, shown in full colour on the front cover of this issue.

[Our recent articles by or about Mr Omar Fowler have been as follows:-

1. *The Flying Triangle* (book, 1996). Reviewed by Paul Whitehead in FSR 41/3 (1996).
2. *Flying Triangles: The Growing Threat?,* in FSR 42/2 (1997).
3. *Do Flying Triangles Have Underwater Bases?,* in FSR 42/3 (1997)
4. *A Flying Triangle Abduction Case*, in FSR 43/3 (1998). -G.C.]

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During the first few months of 1999, Melanie Cunningham, a member of the Derby-based Phenomenon Research Association, claimed to have seen a variety of UFO craft over her home in Belper, Derbyshire. Melanie had duly completed a number of report forms in which she sketched and described moving balls of light, and also several 'Flying Triangles'. However, there was some difficulty in substantiating the reports, although on one occasion a woman friend also claimed to have witnessed one of the 'Flying Triangles' (FTs) passing overhead.

As the result of Melanie's continued sightings, it was decided to loan her a camera to record any future UFO incidents. The high cost of camcorders precluded their use, but it was decided to use a Super-8mm movie camera as an alternative. Melanie was duly given the movie camera in early June 1999, and was asked to film any UFO lights or craft that passed over her home town of Belper.

Several weeks later, after further incidents had taken place, Melanie returned the Super-8mm movie camera, which now included the exposed film. In view of the difficulty involved in using a small movie camera at night, there was little expectation that anything would be revealed. However, the film was duly sent off to Kodak for processing and was returned one week later.

It was decided primarily to inspect the film with a magnifying glass, rather than to run it through a film projector. This precaution was to avoid the film being scratched in any way, as it was important to keep the 8mm film in pristine condition, just in case!

The film was inspected frame-by-frame, and at first there was nothing but blank exposures, then, halfway through the film, there appeared half a dozen frames showing two points of light. Closer inspection showed a yellow triangular object passing across the sky, near the Moon.

The strip of positive movie film was then sent to 'Mallard Imaging' of Nottingham for specialist processing. They made an inter-negative from the clearest 8mm frame and printed a first-class enlargement which showed a triangular, pale yellow object, passing across the night sky, and the Moon in its first quarter. (Melanie had kept no record at the various times of filming, but it is believed the film could have been taken about 19th June 1999.

In the photograph, the triangular object has a pale yellow hue, and the Moon shows up as white. It seems unlikely that the Moon could have caused light refraction in the lens, in view of the two different colours involved. There is also the fact that, in the previous three Super-8mm frames, only the yellow triangle is visible.

There has been some speculation about the blurred edges of the triangular image, and it has been suggested that this could have been caused by the craft's own energy source. However, we must bear in mind that the print is an enormous enlargement of the original Super-8mm frame, and this alone could have accounted for the blurred image. There is also the possibility that the craft was moving quickly across the sky, as has been indicated by the preceding movie frames.

The yellow FT was not the only object to have been caught by Melanie on the 8mm movie camera; there were also two shots of bobbing balls of white light. There may have been others, but it is a difficult task to locate and film moving lights through a small eyepiece at night.

Melanie has since been supplied with a newly loaded Super-8mm film camera, and we await any future sightings with interest.■

POSTSCRIPT: Yellow FTs (UK only) -latest data on:-

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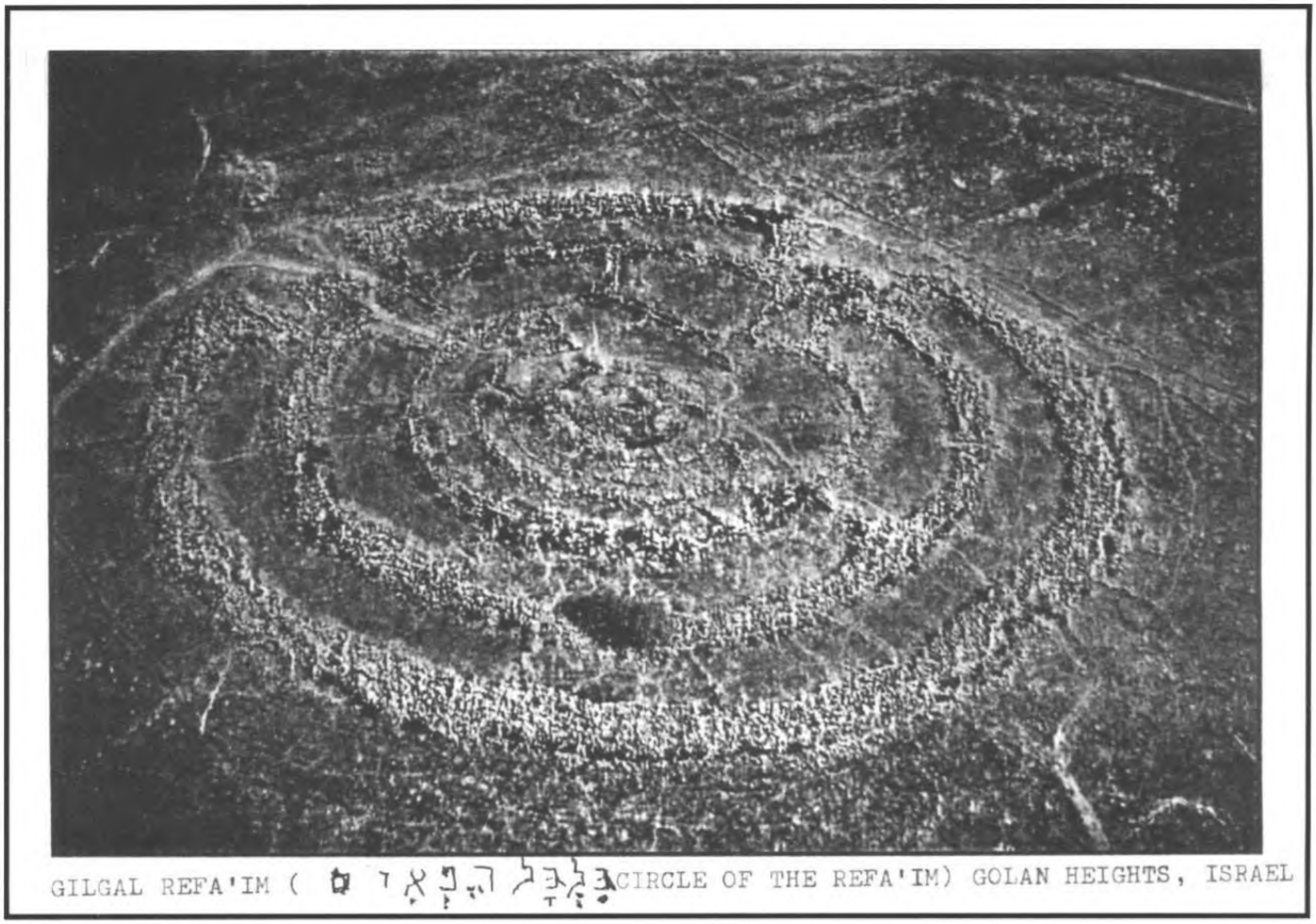
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ISRAEL: RETURN OF THE BIBLICAL GIANTS? -NOTHING TO CELEBRATE!

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Special Report to FSR and MUFON JOURNAL, U.S.A. (July 1998)



GILGAL REFA'IM (גלגל הרפאים CIRCLE OF THE REFA'IM) GOLAN HEIGHTS, ISRAEL

EDITOR'S INTRODUCTION.

[Our correspondent, Barry Chamish, is not "just another UFO buff". Far from it. He is a noted Israeli journalist and commentator, specialising in political and international questions, well known, particularly in the U.S.A. with over 300 U.S. credits, including articles in *The Atlantic, The Boston Globe, and Reason.* In 1992 he wrote a book on political corruption in Israel, and it was also issued in Britain and reviewed by *The Economist, The Sunday Telegraph, The New Statesman,* and the *BBC.*

Currently he is the editor of a newsletter called *Inside Israel.* He has been a keen observer of the UFO phenomenon for the past 25 years.

The previous articles by him which we have published are: *Israel's First "UFO Flap"*?, in FSR 39/4 (1994) and *Giants Encountered in Israel,* in FSR 41/1 (1996).

More recently, in FSR 43/3 (autumn 1998). we gave another report, *Extraterrestrial Giants In Israel,* by Yuri Reitarovsky, translated by me from German, (*UFO-Nadwichten)*, Sept/Oct. 1998), and readers will see that this account by Barry Chamish which we publish below covers the same lot of events that had already been dealt with in Reiterovsky's piece. However I make no apology for this repetition, particularly as Barry Chamish's version was written earlier than that of Reitarovsky, and in any case, given Barry Chamish's background and qualifications, he is likely to carry far more weight and authority, and these extraordinary reports from Israel really are something very special and possibly significant for all of us.

As Barry Chamish has so often emphasised, "Giants" really have "loomed large" in Israel's history, having been last mentioned in the time of King David, and their re-appearance now, he says, is "*not necessarily a reason to celebrate!*"

If you look carefully at the evidence from the *Old Testament*, clearly many - and indeed possibly *all* - of the "big critters" encountered and recorded were quite sinister. So we should take careful note of Chamish's final words in this report:-

"I believe the ancient giants may be coming home, and I conclude on a sombre note. The Biblical Giants were the enemies of God and of Israel, and Israel's armies were the means for their utter destruction. There is a legitimate reason to contemplate the recent re-arrival of Giants in Israel with a good measure of dread".

(Final question: have the Arabs got the giant Jinns as *allies*?) G.C.]

THE GIANTS.

Are the Anakim or the Refai'm, the Giants of the Bible, returning to Israel today? There are only two periods of recorded history when giants were reported in Israel: in Biblical days from the time of the Flood to the ascension of King David, and since 1993 in modern Israel.

The case for the return of giants to Israel is airtight. The giants thoughtfully chose reliable witnesses, allowed their craft to be filmed, and left in their wake ample physical evidence. In fact, what characterizes the current Israeli UFO wave from others in the world is the sheer abundance of physical evidence left behind by the visitors. Consider the first incident to usher Israel in to the UFO age.

SHIKMONA BEACH.

On the evening of September 28, 1987, a 27-year-old auto mechanic, Ami Achrai, was driving just south of Haifa when he saw what he thought might be a helicopter in distress hovering just above the sands of Shikmona Beach on the Mediterranean Sea He stopped his car, and to his utter amazement saw a disc-shaped craft which emitted a bright red flash before disappearing.

Two days later he returned to the site with a ufologist to whom the police had referred him, Hadassah Arbel. What they discovered remains one of the most lasting proofs ever left by a UFO of its physicial existence. The flash emitted by the craft burned its image into the sands of Shikmona Beach. A 15-meter ellipsoid disk was burnt black into the sand, but what was more interesting was what wasn't burned. In the vegetation which wasn't burned was a clear image of the pilot of the craft facing a control board.

Seven years later I sent samples of the burnt sand to the television show *Sightings*, which subjected it to laboratory tests. The sand seemed to melt in the heat of the camera light. The reason later discovered was that the sand particles were covered by a low melting hydrocarbon material. The laboratory could find no natural or human explanation for the phenomenon.

Ami Achrai's incident was followed by a repeat performance on June 6, 1988, when a similarly-shaped craft was once again burned into the sands of Shikmona Beach, about 100 yards north of the first site. This was followed by the most spectacular display of all. On April 27, 1989, two teenagers witnessed a UFO explode into thousands of shards over Shikmona Beach.

By now, Israeli ufologists were prepared to handle the latest incident more scientifically. The beach was strewn with burning white metal which was cool to the touch. The metal even glowed in water. When picked up, the shards turned into a white ash. Scientists from the Technion Institute of Technology tested the site and found that magnetism was 6,000 times higher than the surrounding area. The shards were found to be very pure magnesium.

Two hundred yards above Shikmona Beach is a Biblical shrine called Elijah's Cave. Here Elijah preached, and here, or somewhere nearby in the Carmel Mountains, Elijah challenged the Canaanites to a duel of Gods. Two bulls were tethered and the gods were beseeched to roast them. Naturally, Baal failed the Canaanites, but Elijah's God sent a ray of light from heaven which cooked the bull on the spot. This ray may have been similar to the kind of beam which burned the sands of Shikmona Beach into a saucer shape.

Within the Cave of Elijah is an ancient drawing of something that was the spitting image of the craft burned into the sands below. The *Sightings* team decided the image "was a coincidence. Maybe it was a bat." When Michael Hesemann filmed the drawing, he felt certain it was a match for the burned sand pictures.

Although the cave drawing's meaning is in dispute, the fact of the modern UFO-burned inscriptions is not. Something unique occurred at Shikmona Beach. Alien craft decided to leave souvenirs there at least three times. By doing so, they revealed the dimensions of their craft and apparently pilot, as well as their construction material. These were not crop circles nor were they formed the same way. A very different message was left on Shikmona Beach's sands.

HOUSE LIT UP.

After the UFO explosion, there was a hiatus of UFO activity until 1993, broken only once in late 1991 over the village of Sde Moshe, some five miles from Kadima. There, after two straight nights of having the inside of his house lit up by an unexplained craft hovering above it, Eli Cohen captured the responsible UFO on videotape. Several minutes of the tape were filmed after daybreak making the result a most clear and convincing record of a UFO.

It seems the visitors were merely scouting the Kadima area in 1991, but they returned in force in 1993. And this time the occupants of the crafts did more than merely hover in the sky. In the early morning of April 20, Tsiporet Carmel's house glowed from within. She stepped outside and saw what she thought was a new fruit silo built outside her back yard. But then she saw the silo add a second storey to itself. Ten yards to the side of this magical silo, Tsiporet saw a seven-foot tall being wearing metallic overalls. Its head was covered in what looked like a beekeeper's hat. Tsiporet said, "Why don't you take off your hat so I can see your face?" The being answered her telepathically, "That's the way it is."

CIRCLE FOUND.

This was Israel's first publicized close encounter with an alien being. Tsiporet could easily have been made an object of ridicule but for the fact that a circle 4.5 metres in diameter was found exactly where she had seen the craft. Within the circle were shards of a material later found to be a very pure silicon. Israel's ufologists are divided over the veracity of the silicon because there was a prankster loose in Kadima.

However, within ten days, two more circles were found just outside Tsiporet's back-yard. This time they were soaked with a red liquid, and this fluid would be a constant feature of upcoming landing circles. It was tested by the National Biological Laboratory in Ness Tziona and found to be composed mostly of cadmium.

This was the end of Tsiporet's incidents. Now the visitors concentrated on two other women in their late

thirties living on Hapalmach Street. The first was a Russian immigrant, Mara. Strange forces shook her house so hard they caused the outside airconditioning unit to fall out of its casing into the house. **Voices called to Mara using her childhood nickname.** Eventually she decided the house was haunted, and she moved far from Kadima.

THE TOWN TREASURER.

Shosh Yahud is the treasurer of the town of Kadima. She is down to earth and wants as little to do with her UFO experience as possible. In May, she awoke to see a seven-foot, round-faced being in silvery overalls circling her bed as if "floating on his shoes." The creature assured her he was not there to harm her, and she became relaxed. After a few minutes the being floated through her outside wall. Shosh thought she had dreamed the incident until she looked out her window in the morning and saw a 4.5 metre crop circle in her backyard. The ufologists descended on her home and discovered silicon and cadmium within the circle.

Next, in June, it was Hannah Somech's turn to be visited by a giant. Hannah lives in Burgata, three miles from Kadima. She was startled to see her dog go flying across the kitchen into a wall. She stepped outside to investigate, and her way was stopped by an invisible force. She then saw a seven-foot, round-faced being in metallic overalls examining her pickup truck. **She said to it, "What did you do to my dog?" It answered telepathically, "Go away, I'm busy. I could crush you like an ant if I wanted to. Go back to your husband."** A 4.5 metre circle crushed out of the grass was later found in Hannah's back yard. Within, the grass was soaked with red liquid cadmium.

By the end of the summer, the credible reports of giants roaming the land persuaded the normally staid television station Channel One to broadcast a one-hour programme on the subject. Tsiporet and Shosh appeared in it, as well as the ufologists who had examined the circles of Kadima. To the apparent shock of the host, the viewing audience believed the advocates of alien landings. The result was two more witnesses coming out into the open. Both were women in their late thirties who lived within ten miles of each other south of Tel Aviv. Clara Kahonov of Holon was most reluctant to be quoted, but achnowledged that she had seen a giant being.

Batya Shimon of Rishon Letzion saw far more than one. In early July, two seven-foot tall, bald creatures beamed themselves into her seventh floor apartment. They told her telepathically not to be frightened, and she immediately relaxed. She then felt they had "friendly faces." They roamed her home, "floating on their shoes" and dusting her shelves with a yellow, foul-smelling powder. One being saw her son's aquarium, became very excited, and called his colleague over. After a few minutes, they beamed themselves outside. The next night at 3 .a.m., a dozen giants visited Batya, arriving and leaving the same way.

I have had extensive conversations with the contactees, and there is much in common in their stories. That is a fit subject for a separate article. In short, all were women of the same age, all were white collar workers, three have been haunted telepathically since their encounters, all their men slept through the encounters, two had mysterious pregnancies, etc. But the core commonality is that these women did not know each other and separately described the same seven-foot tall, bald, round-faced giants.

And if absolute proof that giants were about in Israel was needed, it came in December in the village of Yatzitz, twelve miles east of Rishon Letzion. The giants had opened a new axis after Kadima, a triangle of twenty miles linking Rishon Letzion, Holon and Yatzitz.

VILLAGE SECURITY CHIEF.

Herzl Casatini, the village security chief and his friend Danny Ezra were conversing when they heard an explosion and felt Ezra's house shake. Herzl opened the door and stood face to face with a nine-foot tall creature in metallic clothes whose face was hidden in "a haze". He shut the door and called the police. They arrived and discovered deep boot tracks in the hard mud. The tracks sank 35 centimetres into the ground, meaning whoever made them had to have weighed, literally, a ton. Thinking there might have been a terrorist incursion, the army was called in.

Military trackers were totally stumped. The tracks carried on for 8 kilometres. The heel dug in only 5 cm., meaning that whatever made the tracks was walking almost on tip-toes, if you can call it walking. **Sometimes the distance between tracks was twelve feet, meaning the intruder was a world record-holding broad jumper weighing about a ton.**

The Yatzitz incident confirmed, even to the deepest skeptics, that giants were indeed sighted, and they left proof that was nearly impossible to dispute. The best the Israeli authorities could come up with to explain the tracks was that they were left by an unknown cult. It would have to be a very unknown cult, since records of cults whose ceremonies include dressing as giants and leaving miles of unidentifiable tracks are undoubtedly quite rare.

OTHER SIGHTINGS.

After Yatitz, giant sightings were reported in Ramat Hasharon, Rehovot, and Afula. And 1996 became a vintage year for UFO evidence gathering with a good dozen craft filmed. Two incidents stand out. In August, a UFO was filmed over three nights with professional equipment at Kibbutz Hatzor. The results include a close up of what appear to be rows of square-shaped vents on the craft. **In December, a Netanya household reported constant contact with small greys, the first such report from Israel.** The witnesses backed up their claims with an abundance of physical evidence, including stones that melt ice immediately without a known energy source.

The Israeli UFO experience is unique and very complicated. I have touched on just one aspect of it, but it is vital to understanding the Israeli puzzle. Of the seven best documented close encounters wth alien beings probably connected to UFOs, six involved giants. These giants were determined to leave evidence of their arrival in the form of cadmium-imbued landing circles, miles of

impossible boot tracks, and deliberate communication with witnesses. Indeed, the abundant evidence more than indicates that there are giants roaming Israel today, as there were 5,000 years ago, and they also left proof of their existence.

DESCENDED FROM THE NEFILIM (OR NEPHILIM).

The giants were descended from the Nefilim, literally the "fallen ones". In ancient time, entities fell on Israel from the heavens and later became the mortal enemies of the Hebrew nations. One giant king was Og of Bashan. The Bible records that his bed was thirteen feet long. Bashan's territory included the Golan Heights. Sitting on the Golan Heights is the Israeli version of Stonehenge. (See photo.)

Called Gilgal Refa'im, the Circle of the Refa'im (or giants in English), this site consists of five concentric rings whose beauty can only be appreciated from above. Unfortunately, there was supposedly no way for the simple nomads of 5,000 years ago to see the circles from above. The site is enormous. The outside circle has a diameter of 159 metres, and over 37,000 tons of rock went into the construction of the complex. Two openings in the circles may have been used to measure the solar solstice and the rising of Sirius in 3,000 BCE.

The fact remains that Israeli archaeologists are totally mystified by the Gilgal Refa'im. No other complex built in the Middle East resembles it, and it predates the Pyramids by more than 500 years. The indigenous nomads of the time did not engage in this kind of megalith building, so outsiders were probably the builders. According to the Bible, the only outsiders living on the Golan Heights back then were giants.

Maybe it's a longshot, but no one has come up with a better explanation for Israel's current UFO wave. I believe the ancient giants may be coming home. I conclude on a sombre note. The Biblical giants were God's enemy, and Israel's armies were the means to their utter destruction. There is a legitimate reason to contemplate the recent re-arrival of giants in Israel with a good measure of dread.

NOTE BY EDITOR.

In addition to the photograph of the Gilgal Refa'im, we have a photograph of a trace site on Shikmona Beach and another of a UFO over Migdal HaEmek, taken in 1990 by Shmuel Wascheky, but these are not clear enough for us to try to use them.■

MY PERSONAL INTERVIEW WITH THE INFAMOUS "MJ 12". © BY DESMOND LESLIE,

Co-author, with George Adamski, of *Flying Saucers have Landed* (1953); one of the Founding Fathers of FSR (1955); and FSR Consultant today.

I must be one of the very few people to have interviewed the chief scientific member of MJ-12, Dr. Donald Menzel, Harvard Professor of Radio Astronomy. He was Hatchetman-in-Chief to the U.S. Government, and his job was to shoot down and obfuscate anything to do with *Roswell* or, indeed, with UFOs.

I had originally arranged to visit another celebrated American astronomer at Harvard, Professor Clyde Tombaugh, who had claimed to have seen a large UFO with rows of windows. But, at the last minute, and for reasons best known no doubt to Menzel, I was shunted off to see Donald Menzel instead. (Tombaugh, as will be remembered, was the man who, in 1940, had discovered PLUTO when working at the Lowell Observatory).

I arrived at Menzel's house and was courteously though not warmly received by him and his wife. I was offered a drink. Then we talked.

He amazed me. He kept up a non-stop harangue. For openers alone he said: *"I've seen hundreds of UFOs". (his actual words). "They were all birds or clouds or optical illusions."*

Thereupon I drew his attention to some careful drawings, sent to me by a well known British astronomer, and showing V-shaped formations of very bright objects similar to Adamski's. (At high magnification each was seen to have a turret, a dome, and four brightly lit windows. (1) The lead-ship flashed a red light from the top of its dome).

"Birds" said Professor Menzel handing them back to me.

"But, ... why do their eyes glow in the dark?" I asked. *"Moonlight"* replied the Sage.

"And what bird has four eyes?" I asked. *"Optical refractions"* he replied (or something of the sort).

"What about the one with the flashing red eye - was it blinking?" -NO REPLY.

He then went into his party-line spiel -everything ufological was "a fake or a mistake". Q.E.D.

In our book FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED I had already taken him to task, strongly criticizing his "scientific methodology" as being *unscientific.* Later, Dr. J. Allen Hynek himself did a perfect demolition job (2) on Menzel's specious report concerning the very famous Papua (Boinai Mission) sighting of June 26, 1959, as reported by the Rev. Father William Gill and discussed at length by him and by the Rev. Norman Crutwell in FSR 5/5 (1959), FSR 5/6 (1959), FSR 6/6 (1960), and finally by Michael Jordan recently in FSR 42/4 (1997).

On that Papua case poor old Menzel really had been clutching at straws. As will be recalled, Stephen Moi, a teacher at the local Mission School, and the entire congregation, had just come out of church from the evening service and had observed a friendly (should we not say "*seemingly* friendly" ? G.C.) hovering UFO with entities on deck who exchanged hand-waving signals with the crowd below. As I have emphasised, this case is famous, and is well documented. Menzel's attempt at a put-down was so assinine that one could hardly credit that it had been written by a man who called himself a

scientist. For the best that Menzel was able to do was to say that, IF Stephen Moi had been short-sighted (*which he wasn't)* and IF he had left his spectacles at home (*which he hadn't - and anyway he was using binoculars!)* he MIGHT have mistaken some ordinary object, such as a cloud, for a large UFO with a railed-off upper deck from which a friendly crew were waving!

-Pathetic indeed. Hynek's comments are well worth re-reading.

Well, of course the wretched Menzel had been given a very difficult task - STOP THE GREAT AMERICAN LUMPENUFOTARIAT FROM BELIEVING IN UFOS, OR YOU'LL SCARE THEM, SCARE STALIN, UPSET THE OIL COMPANIES, AND MAKE OUR ARMS INDUSTRIES OBSOLETE!" To this end, Menzel discarded every last vestige of scientific integrity. Having been handed the hottest potato of all time, I suppose he had no other options. As I listened to him I was horribly reminded of Hamlet's famous line on Queen Gertrude who had helped to murder his father: *"Methinks the lady doth protest too much"*. Professor Menzel did protest so much that methought he must be hiding something. We now know what he was hiding, He was a leading member of the team of politicians and scientists who were secretly studying the new phenomenon - UFOs!

NOTES BY EDITOR OF FSR.

(1) For several years past I have had up my sleeve some astonishing material which relates to Adamski's so-much-maligned photograph of the "Scout-Ship" as he called his small disc-shaped UFO and which, in particular concerns the *port-holes. It may upset an awful lot of people, because it looks likely to go far to prove that Adamski's UFO photos are genuine! I shall publish it soon.*

(2) Unfortunately, forty or more years after Desmond Leslie's interview with Dr. Donald Menzel, I have not the slightest idea as to where I can read what it was that Menzel wrote about the Papua case or what was Dr. Hynek's comment on Menzel's views, and Desmond Leslie does not tell us. Possibly some U.S. reader of FSR may be able to tell us?■

THE "OBSKIY METEORITE" (SIBERIA),1966.

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(Originally in the Italian *Notiziario UFO* No. 19, July/August 1998. Spanish version by Jorge Martín in *Evidencia OVNI* No.18 (1998). (Translation from Spanish, G.C.)

The Moscow ufologist Nikolai Kuzmin has managed to interview the principal eywitnesses in this heavily censored and covered up case which occurred at the end of June or early in July of 1966 at a place about 10-15 kms. to the north-west of the West-Siberian town of Topolevka (Tomsk region).

THE FIRST ACCOUNT.

A Moscow geologist, Oleg Ivanovich, gave this account to Kuzmin:-

"Early in 1966 I was invited to join a geological expedition to the Trygorodskaya district. We started out early in June from Moscow and flew to Tomsk and then continued on by river-boat. It was exceedingly hot, and it was my first experience of the *taiga* (Siberian forest). Our job was to search for deposits of petroleum and gas. (Unsuccessful.)

"We were in camp in thick forest 20-30 kms. north-west of Topolevka. One day our horse got badly stuck in the swamp-mud. We decided to make camp and that night we were awakened by a deafening noise from the sky. Running out of my tent, I found that, all around us, *the forest was on fire.* The trees were burning, the heat was intense, and we jumped into the river to escape from it.

Next morning, pockets of forest here and there were still burning and we set out to see where the explosion appeared to have been.

"Then queer things started to happen. *Our compass went spinning out of control. The radio would not work properly, and we began to experience a sensation of powerlessness. The trees were seemingly all bent over in one direction, and their tops were lopped off as though by a gigantic knife.*

THE CRAFT, AND A PROTRUDING 'TENTACLE'.

"Then through the trees we perceived, flashing brightly and as though in a sort of semi-circle, a series of coloured lights.

"Approaching cautiously over the very swampy terrain, we saw the wide outline of a burnt object, like two washbasins set face to face, with the flashing lights around its central part, and we could see a small door from which dense smoke was coming. And, emerging from the dark interior, through that door, a sort of *'tentacle'* sticking out.

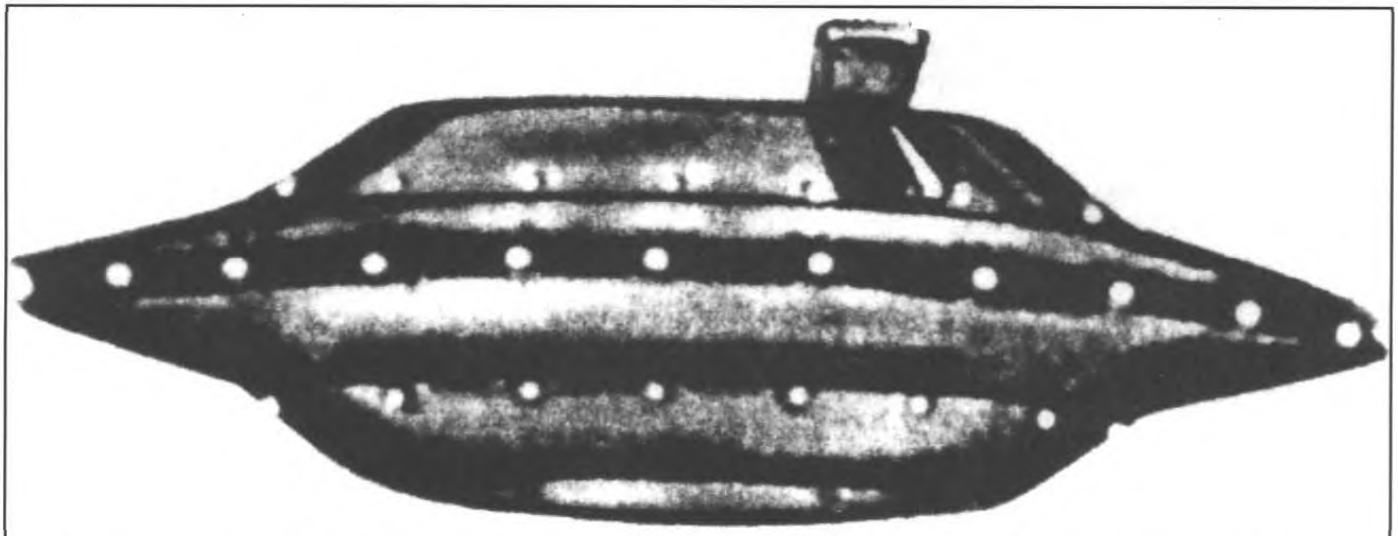
"Owing to the swampy soil we could get no nearer. We were now 25 metres from it.

"We started taking photographs of it (But none of them came out very well).

"I suspect that we were all affected by radioactivity because - even in that brief period, we all felt overcome by vertigo and nausea. I felt my eyesight was also being impaired somehow, so we decided that it was safer to retreat to a safer distance.

"By then it was getting dark, and we heard the sound of the first helicopter. "

THE "PHANTOM HELICOPTERS" ARRIVE.



Approximate appearance of the "Object Z", found near Topolevka in June 1966 and reported to be secreted in Military Unit No. 73790 at Zhiktur, in the Kapustin Yar Test Area.

"The first one passed over our heads, we couldn't use our radio to contact it because since the explosion it would not work any more.

"Then a second helicopter appeared, and a third, and then many more. They were heading for the spot where the crashed craft lay.

"We thought of going back there, but it was by now quite dark, *and our compass also no longer worked.* So we spent that night where we were, and next morning, about 10.00 am, we returned to the place, *and there wasn't a scrap of the burnt and crashed craft left! There were just human footprints on the swampy soil and marks left by the helicopters.*

("I still cannot decide for sure whether the craft had sunk into the mud or had been removed!")

"We had scarcely got back to Moscow when we were 'invited' -if one may put it thus- to go to a certain building of the local branch of the KGB. We were taken to a big room and received by an individual with a friendly air who said he was interested in our exploratory research work. But the sympathetic attitude was brief and rapidly the atmosphere changed, and he said:

"We are aware of certain events that you observed in the taiga. Well now, -you saw nothing. Absolutely nothing!"

"We felt we were in a real jam. And, he went on:

"All of you will most certainly know that it involves a *State Secret*. In addition to that, you will sign a declaration on the basis of which you will promise to divulge nothing about this affair. Otherwise, you can imagine what the consequences will be for you".

"We signed. We couldn't do otherwise. Just imagine for yourself -I signed without having even the slightest idea as to what had taken place that night!

"All that remains for me to say is that, almost without exception, every one of the members of our geological expedition is now dead, and yet all of them were men in perfect physical condition! By 1992 there were just two of us surviving. The other one - Pavel - was then living in Leningrad, and I don't know what it was that caused his death. I have talked with several doctors, who have told me that most of them died as a result of the effects of exposure to radiation".

THE OTHER EYEWITNESSES.

Two more eyewitnesses were living in the town of Topolevka.

Anna Egoronovna (who died in 1995 aged 82) gave her version of the incident. She said she was not sure of the exact date. She said that her own grandfather, Philip Ivanovich (he had died before the investigators could interview him) had been out hunting, in the *taiga.* Her statement to us is as follows:-

"I had gone to bed early, because I was planning to be up early next day.

"*I was awakened in the middle of the night by a roar, and found the walls of the house shaking*. Still half asleep, I looked outside to see what was going on, and found that it was all lit up out there, as bright as day!

"And before I could get out to the yard, the ground too began to shake. I was terrified. And I saw a great glowing light, descending towards the forest, a light as bright as the Sun! It made my eyes sore, and it affected my eyesight.

"The thing fell somewhere there in the forest, at some distance, and I felt a powerful blast of wind, and then everything was dark again. All that remained was a great glow away off in the distance.

"I couldn't sleep any more. I was worried about my grandfather. But he did in fact come back safe and well, and he said he had spent the night with friends, and had neither seen nor heard nor felt anything.

"There were rumours that some people in a village about 15 miles away, Lukashin Yar, had seen the blaze in the forest that night. And a special team from the KGB were said to have arrived, and to have declared that everything was all right.

That's the history of the affair."

A HUNTER'S ACCOUNT.

The second of these other eyewitnesses, also a resident of Topolevka, is Michael Kuzmich, a 79-year-old hunter.

Here is what he has told the investigators:-

"I had decided to go off and do some fishing. I had already got all my kit ready, and prepared all my gear, and I was out there by the river, and it was late at night. I had cooked and eaten some fish for my dinner, and was sitting on the bank there smoking a cigarette, when suddenly I heard a tremendous noise, *a sort of howling.....* like "HU-U-U, and I thought to myself *'Oh my God, what's that!'*

"Then the whole sky lit up as though all in flame. I ran back seeking shelter, and then there came an explosion and I felt myself struck by a tremendous blast of air. The tops of the trees were catching fire and crackling as the flames leapt up. I thought my time had come, and that the Chinese had launched a nuclear missile against us.

"After that all was calm again, but the forest was still all ablaze. I grabbed my tent and gear and got away from there as fast as I could. The blazing forest was terrifying and I knew that if I did not hurry the flames would get me".

THE MILITARY RECUPERATION OPERATION.

The final man to be interviewed was found in Moscow. His name is Sergei Petrovich M. -and he is a 52-year-old air pilot. From 1966 onwards he had seen service in the Soviet Air Force as an air-controller at the Kolpashevo Airfield, some 240 kms to the north-west of Tomsk and 350 kms. to the south-east of Topolevka.

He said that a squadron of military helicopters and a civil aircraft took off from Kolpashevo. The Kolpashevo Air Base is today still the headquarters of what is called the Military Relay Centre, where they have *MI-4 Hound* type helicopters and a few *MI-6 Hook* transport helicopters. At this Base they have been carrying out special test experiments -in the special environmental conditions of Northern Russia -to do with Space, etc. and with the training of the Soviet astronauts.

Sergei Petrovich's statement is as follows:

"I remember that night very well. Our military unit was alerted by a general alarm. *We took off in our helicopters towards the taiga and arriving there we found that on the previous day there had been a forest fire and also an earthquake.*

"My colleagues told me that the sky had been lit up by an incandescent ball that fell to the earth. But they themselves had not actually seen anything, because they were asleep at that time. In due course we arrived at the forest and disembarked from our *M 4* helicopters.

"Our Commanding Officer issued an order: *'This is a military secret'*, and he made it clear that if anything about it leaked out, we would pay for it.

"As I recall it, what we saw there was a very vast swamp area with burnt trees all around a point of diffused clarity. And there we beheld a craft half buried in the ground.

"The thing seemed to consist of two plates as it were set face to face, with a central ring of coloured lights around them. My mates immediately shouted: *"It's a flying saucer!'*

"More helicopters arrived, with armed personnel, *and also a big transport helicopter.*

"Further orders were issued. The disc was to be hooked up by steel cables to the belly of the big transport-helicopter. Then we started setting up the gear to lift the craft out of the swamp.

"When I found myself close enough to see, I could make out that the craft had a small door from which a sort of "fin" seemed to be projecting -a very big sort of fin, of a dark brown colour.

"The craft itself was big - about 8 to 10 metres in diameter, and its structure was extremely smooth and linear and it was impossible to secure the cables on to it anywhere, so we prepared a sort of network of cables with which to secure it.

OBJECT "Z".

There was a scientist with the transport helicopter, who first made a study of the craft's fuselage and then examined the 'fin' and carefully wrapped it in a polythene bag or something of the sort.

"At that point, further orders were issued, to the effect that nothing should be said to anybody about the affair.

"Then the transport helicopter arrived above the craft and very slowly started to lift it. At one moment I thought the disc was slipping loose from the cables, but suddenly the helicopter had it up into the air, and was on its way with it.

"We were all left standing there plastered with swamp mud from head to foot.

"For quite a while we could still see the lights of the craft receding in the sky.

"Several of the people of our military unit said later that the UFO had been taken to a secret military airfield, mentioned as "*Military Unit 73790*" at ZHIKTUR, in the KAPUSTIN YAR Test Range, and was being studied by a group of scientists and military.

"The thing was classified as *Object "Z'*; and it was said that in the interior of it bodies had been found, but this latter point might be a fable.

"I retired from the Armed Services a good while ago, but I still know nothing of what it really was all about, but one day I'll find out!"

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The Tunguska incident of 1908 is of course still the subject of the hottest debates. According to some folk, it was a heavenly body of an undetermined nature. To others: it was a manufactured craft af extraterrestrial origin.

"Object Z", the "Obskiy Meteorite", as they call the object with which this article is concerned , it is possible that the affair may be something even more mysterious than the event that happened in 1908.

What, in fact was it, that perturbed the peacefulness of that night in June 1966? Why was the object not destroyed by the impact? And, as is evident - *officially nothing ever occurred.*

It could of course be argued that it was not an extraterrestrial object, but a Soviet military satellite with a nuclear reactor aboard.

In 1965, at Kecksburg, in the U.S.A., a similar incident occurred (some think it more likely that it was a secret Soviet satellite than that it was an alien craft).

But then would it have been a mere coincidence that

the Kolpashevo helicopter unit was included in the command force despatched on that occasion? And we should also bear in mind that in those days almost all of the Soviet Space launchings followed a totally different trajectory from the trajectory of the "Object 7". Furthermore, Soviet Satellites in those days did not have multi-coloured lights all around them....

As to the final destination to which the object was transported for study and examination, that remains purely in the realms of hypothesis.

Even now, today, to enter into spheres covered by the Official Secrets laws is not an activity conducive to the best of "health". No one knows how much longer the secrecy will continue to be maintained about this as well as about other similar occurrences on Russian territory. But, despite the prevailing political/economical crisis that characterizes our country, our investigations and our search for further information must continue.■

TWO REPORTS FROM BRAZIL. © BY PROFESSOR HÚLVIO BRANT ALEIXO, Director of the Centre For Civilian UFO Study, Belo Horizonte, Brazil, and FSR Consultant. *Exclusive special reports to FSR.*

Précis translations from Portuguese, G.C.

1. SURVEILLANCE AND PURSUIT BY A UFO.

For about one entire hour (from 4.00 am to 5.00 am on April 25, 1998) a Brazilian man named Dalton Eustaquio de Castro, aged 41, living in the town of São Vicente, State of Minas Geraes, was relentlessly pursued and watched by a UFO as he passed through the deserted streets of the town after attending a funeral "wake" for a friend.

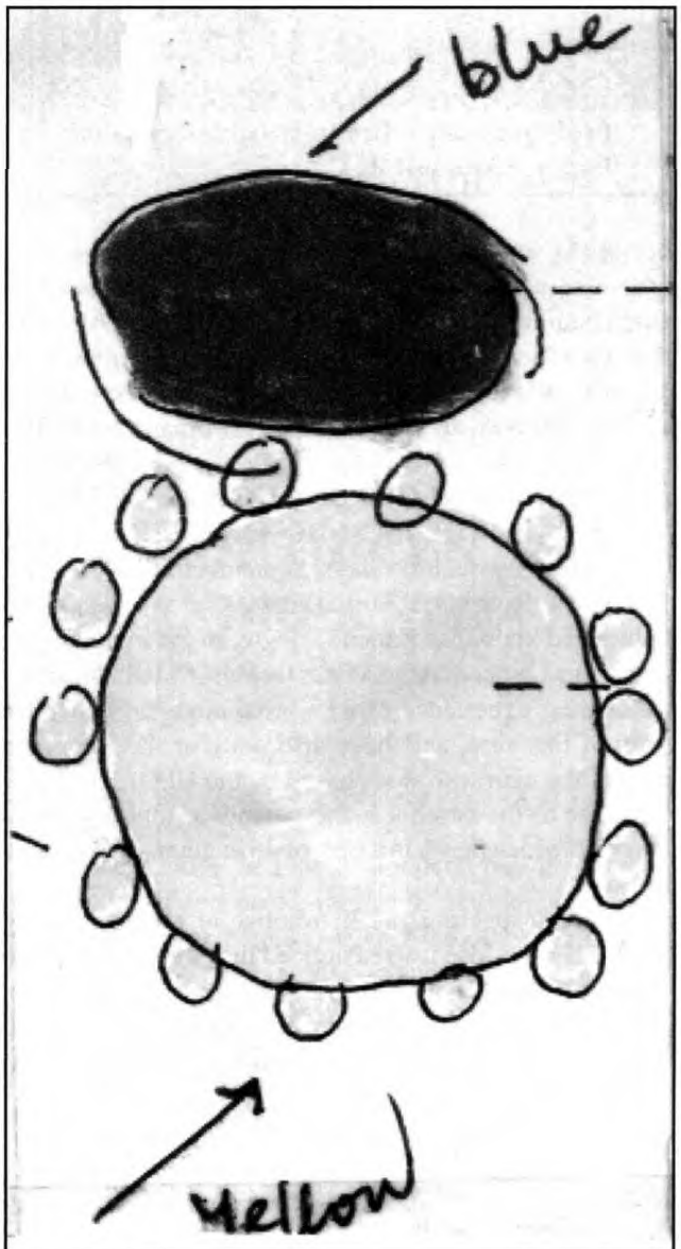
Perceiving two bright lights overhead, (one smaller blue one, above, and a larger yellow one, surrounded by a ring of tiny dim smaller yellow lights, below) he panicked and dashed through the town, dogged by them the whole way. The big lights, both circular, seemed always to be at exactly the same distance from each other, indicating that they were carried by one object. The lower (yellow) light was, he felt, "about 2 metres wide". (See artist's sketch.)

Not a soul being around on the streets, the terrified man dashed up to the main gate of a factory and clamoured for someone to come and let him in, but there was nobody there. He then fled to the nearby residence of an uncle and aunt, and finding their door firmly shut and unable to awaken them, he dashed to the back of the house and hid inside an outside lavatory which he knew was there.

Peering out from time to time, he saw that the UFO was still there above, waiting for him, but slightly higher in the sky.

And, as a few cars began to pass by on the road, he noticed that their engines all began to cough and falter slightly as they came near the UFO.

The dawn was now coming, and Dalton had spent about 45 minutes in the lavatory. Then the UFO began to rise higher and higher, until it had finally vanished.



Seen from below. The UFO that chased Dalton Eustaquio de Castro. (Artist's sketch)

NOTE BY THE EDITOR OF FSR.

Over the years I have seen several cases resembling this. In one of them, as I recall it, a Belgian woman was pursued in a similar fashion through her home town, and from the craft she received telepathic messages indicating *that the occupants knew all about her and even knew her name!* (This should not be surprising, since it is today



Professor Húlvio Brant Aleixo interviewing Dalton Eustaquio de Castro.

becoming evident that the genetic and crossbreeding programme of certain aliens involves intensive study of entire families and their family-trees, and there is evidence that the aliens are seeking out individuals of the B-Negative Blood Groups.) Also, in this present issue, in the Israel Report, alien giants knew a woman's nickname.

2. AN "ANOMALOUS BIOLOGICAL ENTITY" AT THE RANCHO ALEGRE!

On three consecutive days, September 20, 21, and 22, 1997, José Rodrigues Corrêa, caretaker at a plantation homestead known as Rancho Alegre, in the municipality of Mateus Leme, State of Minas Geraes, Brazil, had some astounding experiences, and I have made an extensive sudy of this case, as I have also done of the foregoing case of the man who was chased by the UFO.

Close by the farmhouse there stands a stone-built hen-house, in which they had a total of 48 medium-sized young fowls.

When inspecting the hen-house at about noon on September 20, José Corrêa noticed that some of the birds seemed to be missing. Yet his wife said she had been perfectly certain that all were there when she had fed them only a hour earlier. So, re-counting them again now, he found that 17 birds were missing, and there was no sign whatever of the wire netting having been penetrated or torn, and there was only one tiny spot a few centimetres wide, which in any case no chicken could ever have got through.

Checking the ground round about, Corrêa found a few little downy feathers and a few spots of blood. Then, in a nearby ditch, he found the dead body of one of the chickens, and a small hole in its throat. It had no other wounds and there was no blood anywhere.

They searched in vain for any signs of footprints. But their son noticed one weird thing: Near that ditch he felt a strange sensation of "goose-pimples".

The next day, Sunday September 21, Sr. Corrêa took out his revolver and ammunition. In the evening, when it was already growing dark, he heard disturbed noises from the chickens, and glimpsed an obscure shape. It seemed to be on two legs, and about 1.3 m. in height, and, when about 10 m. from it, he fired a shot at it. It fell heavily to the ground and he heard it rolling away over the dead leaves.

The next day, September 22, very early in the morning, Corrêa and his family examined the area where he had seen the shape. The vegetation there looked crushed and disturbed but there was no sign whatever of any body.

But they found that 2 more chickens were lying dead *inside the henhouse.*

At around noon, when working down in the valley below the farmstead, Corrêa, "got a feeling", as he put it, that something was about to happen, so he went and got his gun.

The next development came at about 3.00 pm. Corrêa was near the henhouse, with revolver in hand, when, from the ditch, only about 5 metres from him, a dark-coloured creature popped up and stood there gazing at him, with its right arm raised, the palm open. He could only see the creature from the waist upwards, the rest of it being hidden by the vegation around the ditch. Corrêa was just on the point of firing at it when the thought came to him, "MAYBE IF I FIRE MY REVOLVER THE THING WILL MAKE IT EXPLODE IN MY FACE!"

During this moment of hesitation he heard the creature dive back into the ditch again. And he smelt a powerful odour -"like crushed garlic mixed with sulphur. ["Brimstone and sulphur" is the smell traditionally associated with "Old Nick". G.G.]

Corrêa promptly searched the entire ditch and scythed away all the vegetation, but found not the slightest sign of the creature. And since that day there have been no more sightings of it.

DESCRIPTION OF THE CREATURE.

We had two long and detailed interviews with Corrêa and questioned him closely, and we also took along with us an artist to make a good sketch based an what he said:

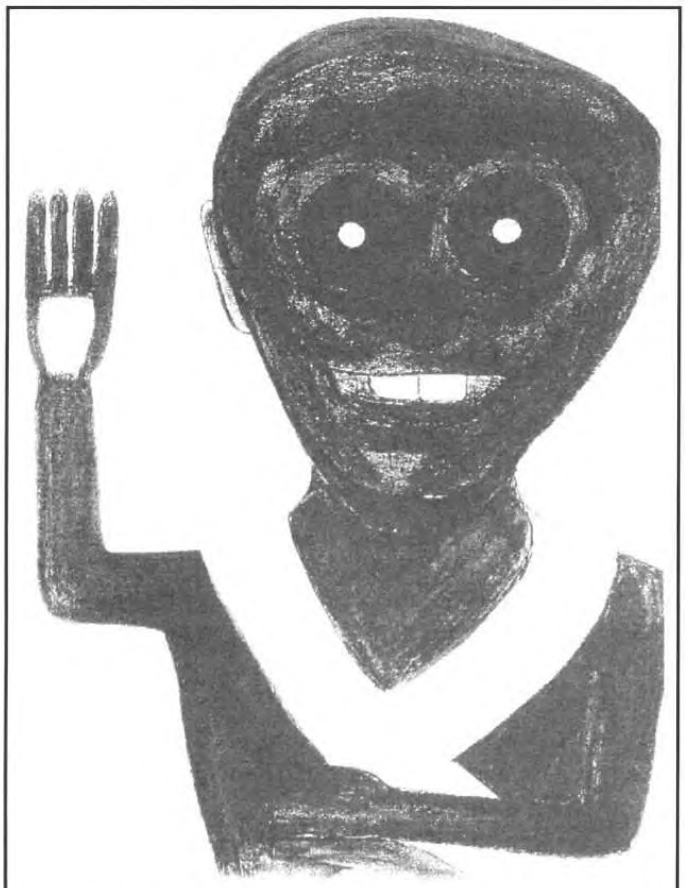
GENERAL APPEARANCE OF CREATURE. "He was real ugly. I was very scared. Much uglier than any creature here in this world".

The main difference between it and a human: "The top of its head was much flatter. The eyes were bigger than ours, with yellowish spots on them. I have the feeling that it is something invisible and that it comes here from elsewhere".

SIZE: "A bit bigger than this daughter of mine here - she is 1 m. 30 in height.

HEAD AND FACE: "Head much flatter than ours - flat, wide, but full. Face pretty wrinkled -sort of like an orangoutang. Skin dark -all dark."

EYES: "Big -bigger than ours -round - quite "bugged-out" with a yellowish spot in them. Unblinking.



Artist's sketch based on J.R. Corrêas's account of the creature seen by him at Rancho Alegre.

Unmoving. The rest of the eye black too.

EYEBROWS: "Black -same colour as the eyes. There was a light-coloured area between the eyebrows and the eyes.

BEARD/MOUSTACHE: "No moustache. But it had a shortish 'goatee', of the same shade as the hair".

HAIR: "Reddish-brown -the colour of ground coffee. But a bit deeper in shade than that. Hair sticking up rather - pulled a bit to one side. Had quite a big topknot sticking up".

MOUTH, LIPS AND TEETH: Mouth half closed, mouth wide, sort of like an orangoutang. Quite wrinkled. A bit squarish. Very weird. Two big, broad, very white teeth -white like cotton".

QUESTION: "Could it have been a monkey?"

ANSWER: "No! I could wish it had been!"

NECK: "Small and narrow".

CHEST: "There is a yellow stripe around the neck. Yellow like the yellow spot in the eyes. It could possibly have been hair or fur".

ARMS: "Thin and shorter than ours".

HANDS: "Like the hands of a human. Large. Dark. The palm of the raised hand was light-coloured. The fingers were all long, straight, and all of the same size. I recall only having seen *four* fingers -but I didn't really have time to count..."

EARS AND NOSE: "I didn't see the ears directly, but it seems to me that they were like ours. The nose was short and broad at the bottom".

SKIN: "Dark. lt seemed to have some hair or fur, or it could have been a kind of clothing. Dry. Without shine, without sweat".

COMMENT BY AUTHOR, HÚLVIO BRANT ALEIXO.

Possibly influenced by the seemingly friendly gesture of the creature in raising its hand, the artist has, I think, interpreted the look of the mouth as 'smiling' .

As regards the hair, the sketch has not brought out very well Corrêa's description of the '"topknot" effect and the bristly appearance of the hair.■

"CHUPACABRAS" RAMPANT IN SOUTH-CENTRAL BRAZIL (1997). © BY MAUREN ANDREA STIEVEN

(Of Brazilian *Equipe UFO* Group). Précis translation from Portuguese, G.C. From Brazilian Magazine *UFO*, No. 53, September 1997.)

The epidemic of attacks by the terrible "chupacabra" have now reached as far as the Brazilian State of Mato Grosso Do Sul (the extreme south-west of Brazil, bordering on Paraguay. G.C.)

The region reported to be most affected is around these main towns: Campo Grande, Jardim, Guia Lopes da Laguna, Ponte Porã, and Bonito.). But reports indicate that this is also not something totally new in these regions. The chupacabras have been active there for some years already, but the increase in cases in May, June, and July of 1997 has been astounding ***and there have now been accounts of humans also being attacked by them.***

The first attack this year was on a ranch (fazenda) known as the Fazenda Gorabal, near the town of Jardim, on May 25, 1997, where a cattle-farmer named Suely Wesner reported eight sheep mutilated, with holes in their heads.

The local Police dismissed the story however, and claimed that the holes were gunshot wounds inflicted by some feuding neighbour.

The next case, on June 2, involved two goats, on a ranch called Fazenda Flamboyant, at Boqueirão, near Jardim, and owned by a lawyer, Marcos Antônio Ruiz. The goats' eyes, tongues, and genitals had been torn out. Three days later, two newly-born goat-kids were found dead, with no signs of injury except that one of them had had one leg cut right off. The lawyer - owner commented: "It is a two-way business. If *we* are sending contraptions out into Space, then it's perfectly understandable that others should be doing the same thing here". But he added that, in general, the local people were too terrified to discuss the matter at all.

Next, on June 29, three out of five pigs were found dead, with the usual small holes in the chest, on the São João Fazenda owned by Nelson Lucas Batistella. The other two pigs which survived bore lacerations. The two

dead pigs gave off a most unpleasant, fetid smell, were totally drained of blood, had only been dead about twelve hours, and yet their terrible smell was far worse than a corpe when in the full stage of decomposition.

The ranch owner, Batistella, said that at about 8.30 p.m. he had been watching football on the TV when he heard what sounded like a car approaching, followed by a scream from a pig. He and his brother-in-law seized a gun and a torch and went out to the pigsty, some 200 m. from the house.

It was raining heavily, and the batteries in the torch were low, so it was difficult to see well. Afraid to go any further, they released their dogs, to chase off the intruder. But all the dogs would do was dash about hither and thither *as though disoriented.*

Generally those dogs had always been extremely fierce and fearless, ready to tackle any intruder. But, on that particular night, the dogs would not go anywhere near the pigsty, and the unseen visitor, whatever it was, was glimpsed making off towards the river Miranda near by.

"A SULPHUROUS SMELL."

At 11.00 a.m. next day a businessman and amateur air pilot, Heítor Paniago, a friend of the owner, arrived to video the dead pigs. He says: "I found one male pig and one female pig, both dead, and without a single drop of blood in them. The sow had its intestines exposed, and both animals had an extremely unpleasant smell, quite unlike the smell of an animal in decomposition. *It seemed like the smell of sulphur."* (Traditionally associated, both in mediaeval Europe as well as in the literature of Ufology, with the idea of something "demonic". G.C.)

He said that in view of the brief period that had elapsed and also in view of the heavy rain in the night, *the carcases could not possibly have reached the stage of putrefaction.*

He put the bodies in his car and took them to the local veterinary clinic for possible analysis.

There -some 16 hours after death- they were examined by the vet, Dr. Donato Bianchi Godoy, who made the following statement:

"Judging by their appearance and particularly by the incisions in the skin over the abdominal cavity (where, in one of the animals, the entire intestinal viscera were hanging out) it looked as though the animals had been cut with a scalpel -that means to say the organs had been *extracted surgically.* There were no ruptures, nor were there any bruises."

"A CONVINCING EXPLANATION?"

Present when the animals' carcases were being filmed were Sr. Edmundo Pereira Calado, the Regional Police Deputy, Sergeant Adelino Dorival Pacheco, Chief of the Forestry Police, and a policewoman expert, Edna Pleutin. None of these, likewise, was able to come up with any convincing explanation for the occurrence.

The team of investigators from our Brazilian magazine *UFO* had an interview on July 4 with the Police lady, Edna Pleutin, but she refused to discuss this case with them, saying that she was "only a biochemist" and that she had insufficient knowledge in such problems as this one. All she would say was that the dead pigs were not lying where they had been attacked, but then she went on to say that "it was evident that the features found on the animals did not look like evidence of an attack by a wild animal".

So, although she admitted that the case was a strange one, this Police expert still preferred to believe that the marks on the pigs were *jaguar bites*, and she resolutely refused to discuss in detail the state in which the pigs were when she visited the ranch and refused to express any private opinion, saying that she was "merely a biochemist" and that a vet would be in a better position than she to judge the matter. (Yet this Police expert is a person who in her daily work, in her office, deals regularly with the causes of animal deaths!).

According to Sergeant Pacheco of the Forestry Police, one of the two surviving pigs was noticeably giddy, and unable to stand. He mentioned that the cuts on its chest were longitudinal, and contained no blood. He also mentioned another case, some 40 days earlier, namely the case of the eight sheep found dead on the Gorabal Fazenda. He added that they had showed the same signs as these two dead pigs.

Dr. Marcos Ruiz, owner of the two dead goats at Boqueirão, near Jardim, refused to agree that his case and the case of Nelson Batistella's dead pigs were in any way capable of being linked, maintaining that the two cases showed no similarities!

Sr. Batistella, a resident in those regions for 16 years already, is fully familiar with jaguar attacks, *and he says the marks on his pigs do not resemble those left by jaguars.* He said: "If it were a jaguar, *the dogs would have barked* -and so, even if they tell us this case is "closed", I still don't believe it was an attack by a jaguar. *I think it was done by some sort of aquatic animal.* I've never known of an attack of this sort on animals or poultry on my own ranch, nor on anybody else's either!"

As for the vet, he was unable to find any link between these wounds and any known predatory animal. He did *not* think it was the work of a jaguar because, so he said, jaguars generally attack on the dorsal region of the victim or on the nape of the neck or on the flanks. In this case of the two pigs however, one of them had a bite on the chest, with claw marks - two large claw marks half a centimeter in diameter and two smaller ones.

One pig being still alive, the vet issued some medication in order to see if it would recover. The animal showed no blood around its wounds and did not look as though it was in a bad state, and with no signs of blood loss. He found this surprising, as much bleeding should have been expected from the area close to the jugular and the carotid arteries. The animal had lost patches of skin of about 10 sq.cms., with no signs of bleeding or unpleasant odour.

He concluded: "I suppose the attack on the goats at Marcos Antônio Ruiz's ranch was caused by an urubu (Brazilian name for *vulture*) or a *carancho* (name of some unknown Brazilian bird. G.C.), because the very first thing that they do is to tear out the eyes and tongue of the prey. But in seven years of work as a veterinary surgeon I have never seen such cases. So - if not vultures, then it must

have been some unknown predator".

AND NOW -HUMAN TARGETS?

On the morning of July 4, a young man named Rogério Rocha Grance, aged 22, may have been the predator's *first human victim.* He is a forester, and was returning home at 1.30 a.m. in the very early morning from a visit to his girl friend, and he was walking along on an unlit stretch of the road where he himself lives, when something unknown attacked him.

"I was going home from seeing a friend. I saw a piece of open ground and on it some dogs fighting something. Getting nearer, I saw they weren't only dogs. There was another quite different sort of animal among them, and, as I was crossing the road, it came at me. The critter was big, with big hairs scattered all over its body and it had an awful smell, and it really was savage!"

Terrified, he dashed towards his house - now only a few metres distant. His mother, Gregória Rocha Grance, awoke, and was horrified to see how pale and scared her son was. Seeing that he had a wound on his left arm, she rubbed some alcohol on it and then set out with him for the Marshal Rondon Hospital at Jardim, where the doctor on night-duty, Dr. Laércio, attended to him. Rogério says: "The doctor made no comments, and simply gave me a prescription for medicine."

When we ouselves went to see Dr. Laércio, who is a Brazilian Army man, and enquired about this, he replied that he had simply treated the wound, and had asked for no details, and so he had no comment to make to us, and despite our insistence, he refused to say anything more. But how - we ask - does it seem *conceivable* that a doctor on night duty at a hospital could not have ascertained what was wrong with the patient, arguing merely that it was "already daylight?"

However, as a matter of fact the young man's wound did *not* resemble those on the dead animals, and he personally does not think that his case is in any way related to theirs. He said: *"I felt what seemed to be long, cold, claws, digging deeply into me.* It wasn't *teeth.* I was terribly scared, *but I don't think it was a chupacabra.*

But in all my time spent out here in the Bush (this scrub area lies far to the south of the famous Brazilian Amazon Forest. G.C.) I have never heard or seen anything of this sort. (The man's assumption that the chupacabra uses mostly its teeth, and not its *claws*, shows how little he can have known about the creature. The chupacabra does in fact reputedly have fearfully long claws, and his description seems a clear enough proof that a chupacabra is what it *was*. G.C.)

His mother's only comment was: "The animal seemed to have teeth of steel!" (*"A impressão era a de que o animal tinha dentes de aço".*)

On the other hand, the young man said his case *did* resemble that of a dog that was found, dead, that very same morning! One of his neighbours, a Sra. Maria —, owner of the dog in question, threw its carcase into the river and told nobody about it. But it so happened that the night-watchman at the local school said that he had actually seen some very agitated dogs right in front of Sra. Maria's house, *and that he had also seen, close by, a very, very strange-looking creature.*

This eyewitness, the night-watchman, says the dog was killed by the "hairy critter" in just a few seconds.

At the Institute of Agriculture and Stockbreeding of the Province of Mato Grosso do Sul, in the town of Iagro, a veterinary surgeon named Olimpio Marçal Katayama confirmed that there were no wounds on the dog - *except for just one hole on the spine.* And, unlike the other cases listed above, this dog's body did still contain blood.

However, the vet was prepared to *guarantee* that the injury to this dog's back had been due to a bite from another dog in a fight! (This opinion of the vet, that the dog's body did contain blood, was totally at variance with what had been stated earlier, namely that the dog, like all the other animals, showed no sign of having any blood at all.).

RUMOURS. AND CENSORSHIP TOO.

There were rumours that the Brazilian Army was preventing the news of these cases from becoming known, and that the Army was announcing that anybody who had been attacked should first present themselves at the Barracks before giving any interviews to the Press.

The Regional Military Command was asked to make a statement about the cases that had occurred in the municpal areas of Jardim and Guia Lopes da Laguna, and Captain Ricardo Corrêa Leão, commanding the 4th company of Mechanized Combat Engineers, based in Jardim, *gave a guarantee* that there was nothing being concealed about chupacabras, and he added that he had himself never heard of any such cases.

Meanwhile however, the three Police agencies concerned - the Military Police, Civil Police, and Forestry Police - confirmed that they will go on investigating any future occurrences of the sort.

BATISTELLA'S FAZENDA ALREADY VISITED.

About two years ago there was an unforgettable happening at this ranch which, to this day, has never been explained.

Batistella says he heard his dogs fighting with something in the garden, and got out of bed to investigate. "When I came out onto the verandah, I saw a big animal, about 1m. 50 in height, struggling with the dogs, and at the same time snatching some sun-dried meat from a pole. [A sort of *pemmican*, sun-dried meat - called *charque* by the Brazilians; it is one of their favourite foods in the "Great Outback". G.C]

Batistella went and got his gun, and as he was coming out of the front door of the house, the animal rushed past him, *heading for the river.*

When dawn came he went out to look for tracks, but found none except for the prints of his dogs - which fact showed clearly that they had indeed had a fight during the night.

Later, at about 8.00 a.m. and at a distance of about 30 metres or so from him, Batistella saw a dark creature plunging into the water and then re-appearing. He says he had a perfect view, in that moment, of the "hairy monster's" head. And on the river-bank he found a

footprint different from anything that he had ever known. He described the marks for us, and also reproduced them in the soil for us. *The footprint looked like the mark of a cow's foot, with four big toes and long claws and, at the back, a spur cutting deeply into the soil.* [Precisely the foot of the chupacabra, as shown in Jorge Martín's sketch. G.C.] Batistella said: "I still have no idea what that track could have been made by. I won't say that it was of any animal existing in our world, but at the same time I can't prove anything, anyway".

"AN AQUATIC ANIMAL?"

In the case of the dead pigs, Batistella, together with the policeman Walmir Rodrigues Leandro and a journalist, made a search for possible tracks. The policeman said that he could not totally discount the theory that the animal might be something "alien" to this world, but also said he felt more inclined to view the thing *as "some aquatic animal,", because, in so many cases, it had been seen to make a dash for a nearby stream or reservoir.*

In his view, he said, the cases under discussion were *not* linked, being separated by distances of the order of 40 kms. or so and displaying - as he claimed - entirely different features. So, he concluded, the creatures involved are *not* all the same!

Regarding the case of the dog attacked on July 3, this policeman, Walmir Rodrigues Leandro, said: *"I got the impression that the dog had been shot with a .22 rifle".* (!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!)■

"OPEN-HEART SURGERY" IN PUERTO RICO ?

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(Précis translation from Spanish. G.C.) (*EVIDENCIA OVNI* No. 5 (1995)

In a recent visit that my wife and I paid to Guayanilla, in the southern part of this Island, we were able to meet and interview a young woman, Myrna Rodríguez, who certainly has an amazing account to give of recent experiences with alien humanoid beings.

Here is her statement:-

"It was late at night on December 15, 1994, and it was for me the most marvellous, most beautiful experience that I have ever had in my whole life.

"I had been sleeping deeply when, at about 3.00 am., I awoke, startled, with the sensation that my body was being raised, was floating, off the bed, but I felt unable to move, I was rigid. Then I looked, and on either side of me I saw four persons - two on each side. But they werem't like our normal persons are. They were strange, only about three to four feet high. By then I was totally conscious, completely aware that I was not dreaming. It was something incredible. But it was happening to me.

"They were small beings, thin, with big, round, bald heads. Little ears, ending in points, big "Chinesey" drawn-out, oriental type eyes - dark eyes, with little furrows or marks under the eyes. Practically no nose to be seen, and fine, thin little slits of mouths. No facial features like ours.

"Their bodies were thin and skinny - their arms long, thin, with tiny hands and long fingers. I can't remember how many fingers they had. They looked so delicate and dainty - well, you could say they had the little bodies of kiddies five to six years old. But delicate, fragile. They were dressed in silvery semi-opaque little clothes - like a little silvery tunic.

"They floated me up, raised me up a bit above my bed, and kept me suspended there at their chest-level, and started working on my body. They examined me and touched my body all the way up from my stomach and waist up to my breast and my neck. They were looking at something in me, and commenting on it among themselves. What the comments were, I don't know, because I couldn't hear. They were talking among themselves in a low whispering tone.

"When I was able to take a look at my chest, I saw that it was open. I had a big hole running from my stomach right up almost to my neck, and they were checking, investigating, something there. All four of them were peering in there, as though investigating or looking for something. I could see my heart pumping away, and my bones, and other things that I suppose were my stomach and other organs.

"The most incredible thing was that all this was happening, and I had my heart all open,..... and felt no pain at all. On the contrary, - I felt a really tremendous tranquility."

As we questioned her further, Myrna explained that, astonishingly enough, she had never felt the slightest fear, though she was initially surprised enough to see herself in that unwonted situation.

She said: "Fear itself I *never* felt. It didn't enter my head to leap in terror off my bed and run out. Already then I was feeling able to move a bit, but I felt that they weren't going to do me any harm, *and that they were good beings.* And so I decided to live through the experience.

"Never in my life had I ever experienced anything like that, and I thought that maybe I did indeed have something wrong with me, and that they were helping me. So, I said to myself: 'maybe it's for my own good'. And I kept quiet and still, and I enjoyed it. I wasn't doing that because they were controlling me in any way. I did it because I *wanted* to.... I could feel a sensation of peace, a happiness.... and that told me that they aren't evil beings."

A short while later, Myrna felt that she was again

losing the ability to move, and slowly her body began to descend onto her bed, with them watching her all the time. The descent was slow and smooth. Once back, lying in her bed, Myrna now felt she could react, and she began to move. As she did so, she perceived that the beings were no longer there in her room. They had mysteriously vanished.

At once she examined her breast and stomach, and found that her abdomen was closed, with no blood, no scarring whatever.

"I WAS PREPARED FOR IT!"

She said that probably one of the reasons why she had felt no fear whatsoever was that she had always regarded the existence of other beings, in other worlds, as "totally possible and natural". She had been very familiar with such ideas right from infancy, because in fact her own mother had been enthusiastic about such matters and had even often discussed with her the idea that one might possibly meet such other beings oneself.

"*If these beings are here*", Myrna continued, "*then it is for some important reason.* And if there are a lot of us here who have already passed through these sort of experiences then there must be a reason for it. I don't think I'm alone. The beings who are coming are coming with good intentions.

"I believe that in the present world today there are so many evil conditions that we ourselves have created.... so much illness, etc., that we're in a bad way. And I've always thought that we weren't alone, that there are other beings, good beings, who want to help us... and this could be the case with the ones that I saw.

"Just think - Martín! Before this experience, I was feeling really ill. I was badly depressed. In fact I had just had a couple of days in bed in my room. I was really ill. I felt unwell, ill, in my innards, because I've got several ovarian cysts for which I need to be operated, and I now realize that, since this happened to me I don't feel anything there anymore. On the contrary - I feel extremely well. Even my depression has gone.... Since that night I've been very motivated, very happy. I'm a different person!

"So I think that maybe they *did* do something to me or fixed something that was wrong in me. More than that -I'm now going to see my doctor and get myself examined and get him to tell me whether the cysts are better. Because I do suspect that they did something to them too."■

BOOK REVIEW, BY EDITOR, FSR.

CE - 5: CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE FIFTH KIND: 242 Case-files exposing Human-Alien Interaction.

By Dr. Richard F. Haines, PhD, FSR Consultant.

Dr. Haines is a retired NASA research scientist, and former Head of the Space Humans Factors Office at Ames Research Centre, and subsequently Senior Research Scientist at the Research Institute for Advanced Computer Science, where he conducted the latest "R and D" in multimedia telecommunications for NASA's International Space Station.

Large book (softback, 23 cms x18 cms, 435 pages), with index and many illustrations and sketches. Published, 1999, by Sourcebooks Inc., Napierville, Illinois, U.S.A. Price $24.95. ISBN 1-57071-427-4

So far as I am aware, no such a detailed study and analysis of cases of human-alien interaction has ever been attempted, so this new book, by this very distinguished U.S. researcher and great friend and supporter of FSR, is to be highly recommended. (FSR is quoted as a source for at least 68 of the 242 cases covered). G.C.■

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BOOK REVIEW, BY EDITOR, FSR: *THE ALIENS AND THE SCALPEL: SCIENTIFIC PROOF OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL IMPLANTS IN HUMANS.* By Dr. Roger K. Leir, Foreword by Whitley Strieber.

Paperback, 232 pages, 17 photographs. Sponsored by the Bigelow Foundation and the National Institute for Discovery Science (NIDS), and printed by Granite Publishers, LLC, P.O. Box 1429, Columbus, North Carolina 28722, U.S.A.WS $18.95.

It may be difficult to recall now precisely when it was that we started to hear talk of "implants" (our first report was in FSR 37/2, Summer 1992). So we have waited quite a long time, and here at last is a good book on this unpopular subject, written by the man who seems most competent to do it.

I urge all FSR readers who can to get it and read it.

In this outstanding job that he has done, Dr. Leir has had the closest support and help from such eminent folk in the whole parapsychological and "ufological" fields as his cousin Dr. Kenneth Ring, M.D, Derrel and Doris Sims, Raymond Fowler, and Robert Dean, plus the members of the Ventura - Santa Barbara (California) MUFON Branch.

As for my own view on the question of implants, it remains largely unchanged from what I wrote about it in FSR 37/2, Summer 1992:-

"Our decision to publish the story [of Alvina Scott of Vancouver] may surprise some of our readers, who will no doubt have noticed that we had lagged very much behind other editors in our willingness to give credence to all the extraordinary material that is now emerging about the programme of sexual and genetic tinkering with the human race which is allegedly being carried out by at least one species of 'Alien'.

"The reason for this is, we must confess, that, most regrettably, we find the evidence to be more and more irrefutable. We therefore think it is time that we devote space to it. Personally I think it increasingly probable that in future we shall be paying very great attention to this whole sexual-genetic question. In fact, once the picture as given below [in the Alvina Scott story] is proved to be accurate, I fear that other aspects of the so-called "UFO problem" will fade into the background."

Since I wrote that, seven years ago, I would merely wish to add that I now perceive that while, on the one side, there is undoubtedly a decaying and dying race which is attempting to recover its life and vigour through latching on to us parasitically and cross-breeding with us, on the other hand there is also another, and far higher and more benevolent species, evidently of an "Angelic" or "Guardian" nature, which is engaged in a "Noah's Ark Action" - i.e. a programme to salvage the best of our racial seed before night falls - *simply in order to preserve it,* doubtless on instructions from the highest level - and not in order merely to *use* us or exploit us for its own selfish ends. G.C.

POSTSCRIPT.

From *MUFON UFO JOURNAL* for June 1999 we now learn that, due to personal differences, the Leir-Sims partnership is being dissolved. Both of these gentlemen will continue with their work, and there is no suggestion that the contents of their book are in any way impugned. We learn simply that there are "philosophical differences" between them. (This is according to Leir, who claims "to have found a welcome among ufologists that has eluded Sims.") G.C.■

FSR'S OWN FIRST REPORTS ON "IMPLANTS". BY GORDON CREIGHTON.

So far as I can see, I think our first "implant" account was in FSR 37/2 (Summer 1992) and was a report from Lorne Goldfader of Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, *The Traumatic Abduction Story of Alvina Scott and another Foetus Mystery.*

In that case, as will no doubt be recalled, the Vancouver bank clerk Alvina Scott, in her thirties and also, it seems, a minister in a local Christian church - was, unfortunate enough to have repeatedly been visited by "little Greys" since at least 1985 and to have been aboard their craft and there seen "foetal hybrids" floating in tanks and had received an "injection" that later showed up in ultra-sound tests to the astonishment of the attending medical technicians. Subsequently the implant had been flushed out through the urinary tract and lost in the toilet.

Subsequently, because Alvina Scott had been so brave as to reveal her experiences to the local media, she was dismissed from her job at the bank and also cold-shouldered by her Christian acquaintances.

Strangely enough, our second detailed account of an implant, in FSR 40/4 (Winter 1995), also came from Canada! (*Implant proved in Canada by Scanning Electron Microscope*, by Laurence J. Fenwick, Editor of *CUFORN Bulletin*, Toronto, and FSR Consultant).

It was not long before investigators were reporting strange discrepancies in the range of substances of which the implants consisted. And on March 8, 1995, in a lecture delivered in Toronto on *Abductions*, Budd Hopkins confirmed that, to his knowledge, *ten implants had already been examined in laboratories and that no two of them were identical as to the substance contained in them.*

In the course of time most of the discussion in the U.S.A. about the implant problem has come to centre around the names of Derrel Sims and Dr. K. Leir, the two investigators best known in the field, and who have now produced their book about it all (reviewed in the foregoing article).

Our own last report about implants was Dr. Peter Hattwig's account in FSR 41/4 (Winter 1996), about the former German Air Force Pilot Erwin Lohre, who in 1993 had had a remarkable UFO experience that began with a sharp stabbing senation in the spine which aroused him from sleep. Subsequently he had two red marks at the base of his spine. He asked his doctor to examine them and the doctor found what seemed to be two little black spots. Shortly afterwards Herr Lohre had two small lens-shaped objects come out of his back. He carefully put them away, intending to take them to the doctor, but by the second day following they had evaporated or vanished.

My own implant, which has never been reported, was received by me around about the age of ten years. I may deal with it in a future article.

We continue to hear regularly talk about implants found in the bodies of people in Britain, but very tight lips are the rule, **and that should surprise nobody! Few actual details ever reach us. G.C.■**

THE FRENCH "COMETA" REPORT.

Dear Gordon Creighton, Here is my summary translation of the French COMETA Report, free for copying and publishing, provided that its contents are respected. It must be stressed here that the Report is an independent publication by a private association called COMETA. It is summarized here with the approval of the authors. To translate and publish the Report itself, in part or in its entirety, permission should be asked by writing to the administrator of the association COMETA, Monsieur Michel Algrin, 25, Boulevard Saint-Germain, 75005, Paris, France.
Best regards and very sincerely, Gildas Bourdais, 74 Rue de Normandie, 92400 COURBEVOIE, France. 4/8/99

THE FRENCH COMETA REPORT ON UFOs AND DEFENCE: A SUMMARY, By Gildas Bourdais.

On Friday 16th July 1999 an outstanding document was published in France, entitled, "UFOs and Defence: What Must We Be Prepared For?" (LES OVNI ET LA DEFENSE: A quoi doit-on se preparer?")

This ninety-page Report is the result of an in-depth study of UFOs, covering many aspects of the subject, especially questions of defence. The study was carried out over several years by an independent group of former "auditors" at the very important and serious Institute of Higher Studies for National Defence, or IHEDN ("Institut des Hautes Études de Défense Nationale"), and by qualified experts from various fields, *Before its public release, it was first sent to the President of the French Republic Jacques Chirac, and to Prime Minister Lionel Jospin.*

This Report is prefaced by General Bernard Norlain, of the Air Force, former Director of IHEDN, and it begins with a preamble by André Lebeau, former President of the National Centre for Space Studies (Centre National d'Études Spatiales; CNES), the French equivalent of NASA.

The group itself, the collective author of the report, is an association of experts, many of whom are or have been

auditors of IHEDN, and it is presided over by General Denis Letty, of the Air Force, former auditor (FA) of IHEDN.

Its name "COMETA" stands for "Committee for in-depth studies".

A non-exhaustive list of members is given at the beginning which is quite impressive. It includes:

- General Bruno Lemoine, of the Air Force (FA of IHEDN).
- Admiral Marc Merlo, (FA of IHEDN).
- Michel Algrin, Doctor in Political Sciences, attorney at law (FA of IHEDN).
- General Pierre Bescond, armaments engineer (FA of IHEDN).
- Denis Blancher, Chief National Police. Superintendent at the Ministry of the Interior.
- Christian Marchal, Chief Engineer of the national "Corps des Mines".
- Research Director at the "National Office of Aeronautical Research" (ONERA).
- General Alain Orszag, Phd in physics, armaments engineer.

The committee also expresses its gratitude to outside contributors including: Jean-Jacques Vélasco, head of SEPRA at CNES, François Louange, President of Fleximage, photo analysis specialist, and General Joseph Domange, of the Air Force, general delegate of The Association of Auditors at IHEDN.

In a short preface General Norlain tells how this committee was created. General Letty came to see him in March 1995, when he was Director of IHEDN, to discuss his project for a committee on UFOs. Norlain assured him of his interest and directed him to the Association of Auditors (AA) of IHEDN, which in turn gave its support.

It is interesting to recall here that, twenty years ago, it was a report by this same Association which led to the creation of GEPAN, the first unit for UFO study, at CNES.

As a result, several members of the Committee come from the Association of Auditors of IHEDN, joined by other experts. Most of them hold, or have held, important functions in defence, industry, teaching, research, or various central administrations. General Norlain expresses the hope that this report will help develop new efforts nationally, and an indispensable international cooperation.

General Letty, as president of COMETA, points to the main theme of the report, which is that the accumulation of well documented observations compels us now to consider all hypotheses as to the origin of UFOs, especially extraterrestrial hypotheses.

The Committee then presents the contents of the study:

In the first part, presentation of some remarkable cases, both French and foreign;

In the second part, they describe the present organisation of research in France and abroad, and studies made by scientists worldwide which may supply partial explanations, in accordance with known laws of physics. The main global explanations are then reviewed, from secret craft to extraterrestrial manifestations;

In the third part, are examined the measures to be taken regarding defence, from information of pilots, both civilian and military, to strategic, political and religious consequences, should the extraterrestrial hypothesis be confirmed.

PART I: "Facts and Testimonies".

Many of the cases selected are well known by most researchers, and need only to be mentioned here. They are:

- Testimonies of French pilots; M. Giraud, Mirage IV pilot (1977);
- Colonel Bosc, fighter pilot (1976);
- Air France flight AF 3532 (Jan 1994)
- Aeronautical cases world-wide;

  Lakenheath (1956);
  RB-47 (1957);
  Teheran (1976);
  Russia (1990);
  San Carlos de Bariloche (Argentina, 1995).

- Observations from the ground; Tananarive (1954);
- Observation of a saucer near the ground by a French pilot, J.P. Fartek (1979)
- Observation at close range over a Russian missile site, by several witnesses (1989);
- Close encounters in France;

  Valensole (Maurice Masse, 1965);
  Cussac, Cantal (1967);
  Trans-en-Provence (1981);
  Nancy (so-called case of the "Amaranth" 1982);

- Counter-examples of elucidated phenomena (two cases)

Although the selection is limited, it seems to be sufficient to convince an uninformed but open-minded reader of the reality of UFOs.

PART II: "THE PRESENT STATE OF KNOWLEDGE".

The second part, entitled "The Present State of Knowledge" ("Le point des connaissances"), begins with a survey of the organisation of the official UFO research in France, from the first instructions given to the gendarmerie in 1974 for the preparation of UFO reports, to the creation of GEPAN in 1977, its organisation and its results: collection of more than 3,000 reports from the gendarmerie, case studies, statistical analyses.

It then surveys agreements made by GEPAN and, later, SEPRA, with the French Air Force and the Army, the civilian aviation and other organs, such as civilian and military laboratories, for the analysis of samples, and photographs.

Regarding the methods and results, we are reminded of some famous cases (Trans-en-Provence, L'Amarante), and emphasis is made on the catalogues of cases, notably

of pilots (Weinstein catalogue), and "radar/visual", worldwide. A historical note appears here with a quotation of the famous letter of General Twining, of September 1947, asserting already the reality of UFOs.

The following chapter, called "hypotheses and attempts at modelling" ("OVNI: hypotheses, essais de modelisation") discusses some models and hypotheses which are under study in several countries.

Partial simulations have already been made for UFO propulsion, based on observations of aspects such as: speed, movements and accelerations, engine failure of nearby vehicles, paralysis of witnesses.

One model is MHD propulsion, already tested successfully in water, and which might, in a few decades, be achieved in the atmosphere with superconducting circuits. Other studies are briefly mentioned, regarding both atmospheric and space propulsion, such as particle beams, antigravity, reliance on planetary and stellar impulsion.

The failure of land-vehicle engines may be explained by microwave radiation. In fact, high power hyperfrequency generators are under study in France and other countries. One application is microwave weapons. Particle beams, for instance proton beams, which ionize the air and become therefore visible, might explain the observation of truncated luminous beams. Microwaves might explain body paralysis.

In the same chapter are next studied "global hypotheses". Hoaxes are rare and easily detected. Some nonscientific aspects are put aside, such as conspiration and manipulation by very secret, powerful groups, parapsychic phenomena, collective hallucinations. The hypothesis of secret weapons is also regarded as very improbable, as also is "intoxication" at the time of the Cold War, or just natural phenomena.

We are then left finally with various extraterrestrial hypotheses. One version has been developed in France by astronomers Jean-Claude Ribes and Guy Monnet, based on the concept of "space islands" of American physicist O'Neill, and it is compatible with present day physics.

The organisation of UFO research in the United States, Great Britain and Russia, is surveyed rapidly.

In the United States, the media and the polls show a marked interest and concern of the public, but the official position, especially of the Air Force, is still one of denial, more precisely that there is no threat to national security. Actually, declassified documents, released under the FOIA, show another story, one of surveillance of nuclear installations by UFOs, and the continued study of UFOs by the military and intelligence agencies.

The report stresses the importance, in the United States, of private independent associations. It mentions the Briefing Document: "Best Available Evidence" sent in 1995 to a thousand personalities worldwide, and the Sturrock workshop in 1997, both sponsored by Laurance Rockefeller. The "Briefing Document" has obviously been welcomed by the authors of the COMETA report. The committee also notes the public emergence of alleged insiders such as *Colonel Philip Corso*, and considers that his testimony may be partly significant as to the real situation in that country, in spite of many critics.

The report describes briefly the situation in Great Britain, with a special mention for Nick Pope, and poses the question of the possible existence of secret studies pursued jointly with American services. It mentions as well research in Russia, and the release of some information, notably by the KGB in 1991.

PART III: UFOs AND DEFENCE.

The third part, "UFOs and Defence" ("Les OVNI et la Défense"), states that **if it is true that no hostile action has been proven yet, at least some acts of "intimidation" have been recorded in France (case of the Mirage IV for instance).** Since the extraterrestrial origin of UFOs cannot be ruled out, it is therefore necessary to study the consequences of that hypothesis at the strategic level, but also political, religious and media/public information levels.

The first chapter of Part III is devoted to prospective strategies ("Prospectives Stratégiques") and it begins with fundamental questions:

"What if extraterrestrial?
What intentions and what strategy can we deduce from their behaviour?"

Such questions open a more controversial part of the report. Possible motivations of extraterrestrial visitors are explored here, such as an aim to protect planet Earth against the dangers of nuclear war, suggested for instance by repeated flying over nuclear missile sites.

The committee then ponders the possible repercussion on the behaviour, official or not, of different states, and focuses on the possibility of secret, privileged contacts which might be "attributed to the United States". The attitude of the U.S. is seen as "most strange" since the 1947 wave and the Roswell event. Since that time, a policy of increasing secrecy seems to have been applied, which might be explained by the protection at all costs of military technological superiority to be acquired from the study of UFOs.

Next, the report tackles the question: "What measures must we take now?" At the least, whatever the nature of UFOs, they impose "critical vigilance", in particular regarding the risk of "destabilizing manipulations". A kind of "cosmic vigilance" should be applied by the élites, nationally and internationally, in order to prevent any shocking surprise, erroneous interpretation and hostile manipulation.

Nationally, COMETA urges the strengthening of SEPRA, and recommends the creation of a cell at the highest level of government, entrusted with the development of hypotheses, strategy, and preparation of cooperation agreements with European and other foreign countries. A further step would be that European states and the European Union undertake diplomatic action towards the United States within the framework of political and strategic alliances.

A key question of the report is "what situations must we be prepared for?" It mentions such situations as: extraterrestrial moves for official contact; discovery of a UFO/alien base on the territory or in Europe;

invasion (deemed improbable) and localised or massive attack; manipulation or deliberate disinformation aiming at destabilizing other states.

COMETA devotes special attention to "aeronautical implications", with detailed recommendations aimed at various personnel, such as air staffs, controllers, weathermen and engineers. It also makes recommendations at the scientific and technical levels, aimed at developing research, with potential benefits for defence and industry.

The report further explores the political and religious implications of UFOs, using as a model the perspective of our own exploration of space: how would we do it, how would we handle contacts with less advanced civilizations?

Such an approach is not new to the well informed readers of the abundant ufological literature, but it has a special value here, being treated seriously at such a level.

The media/publicity implications are not forgotten, with the problems of disinformation, fear of ridicule, and manipulation by certain groups.

NB: In its conclusion, COMETA claims that the physical reality of UFOs, under control of intelligent beings, is "quasi certain".

Only one hypothesis takes into account the available data:

The hypothesis of extraterrestrial visitors. This hypothesis is of course unproved, but has far-reaching consequences. The goals of these alleged visitors remain unknown but must be the subject of spculations and prospective scenarios.

In its final recommendations, it stresses again the need to:

1. Inform all decision-makers and persons in position of responsibility.
2. Reinforce all means of investigation and study at SEPRA.
3. Has UFO detection been taken into account by agencies engaged in the surveillance of Space?
4. Create a strategic cell at the highest state level.
5. Undertake diplomatic action toward the United States for cooperation on this "capital question".
6. Study measures which might be necessary in case of emergencies.

Finally, this document is accompanied by seven interesting annexes which are worth reading even by seasoned ufologists:

1. Radar detection in France
2. Observations by astronomers
3. Life in the Universe
4. Colonisation of space
5. **The Roswell case - The disinformation (an interesting text which will be criticised by some readers, and welcomed by others, including myself).**
6. Antiquity of the UFO phenomenon. Elements for a chronology.
7. Reflection on various psychological, sociological and political aspects of the UFO phenomenon.

The importance of this Report should not be ignored. Ufologists worldwide should consider not only its contents but the personality of its authors, and in spite of the criticisms which may be addressed to it.

In fact some sharp criticisms of the Report, soon after its release, were made on the *Internet* and in the French press. Curiously enough, one of these critics, the sociologist Pierre Lagrange, who already is rated high as an expert on UFOs, went so far, in an article published in *La Liberation* (July 21, 1999) as to denounce the Report as a piece of disinformation destined to pour ridicule on our subject!

At any rate let us all hope that this present Summary will help to clarify the debate.

NOTE BY EDITOR OF FSR.

Monsieur Gildas Bourdais, whose name is probably not yet known to many folk in Britain (he has spoken here recently, at the Leeds UFO Conference in September) is one of the French investigators who have more recently shot up to prominence and he is a long-standing friend of FSR. He is, it appears, younger than the "first wave" of French investigators - Aimé Michel, A. Veillith, Joël Mesnard, Fouéré, Jean Sider, Geneviève Vanquelef.

However, he is already well known in the U.S.A. as a contributor to their leading UFO publication, the *MUFON UFO JOURNAL*, and is himself the author of two fine books published in France. These are:

1. *ENQUÊTE SUR L'EXISTENCE D'ÊTRES CÉLESTES ET COSMIQUES (1994 - "An Enquiry into the Existence of Celestial and Cosmic Beings").*
2. *OVNIS: 50 ANS DE SECRET (1997 - "UFOs: Fifty Years of Secrecy").*

We are now particularly indebted to him for having taken the trouble to send us this excellent analysis of the allegedly important new French document OVNIS ET LA DÉFENSE: À QUOI DOIT-ON SE PRÉPARER ?, which we give below.

Here in Britain we have a popular saying, "*The penny begins to drop*", when somebody belatedly starts to perceive the truth of something or other. And, with the appearance of this much-trumpeted COMETA REPORT, produced by a galaxy of prominent Frenchmen, it certainly does seem as though "*a few French centimes* are beginning to rattle down".

However, as you study its contents, you will note what a timid and craven piece of work the Report is, for it carefully refrains from mentioning all the really important questions, such as the abductions, the crossbreeding and genetic tinkering, the killings and mutilations (of both humans and animals), and the apparent multiplicity of the alien factions and forces now impinging on mankind.

Thanks to Descartes, there is probably no country in the world where the average man and woman are so firmly imprisoned, as in France, in a particular mind-set that it is very difficult for them to conceive that there might be, anywhere in the Universe, anybody or any thing smarter than "*Homo Sapiens*". So I beg leave to doubt whether this Report is going to have any influence whatsover on the French Government or on anyone of authority in that country.

Unquestionably the French Government, for half a century past, has known just as much about the

realities of the "UFO Problem" as the Governments of the U.S.A., Russia, and Britain have known, so my own particular bet will be that, having divulged nothing so far, the French Government isn't going to divulge anything in future. (For it is possible to suspect that Governments, and their Ministers and high officials, may have very good reason to fear that anyone who divulges too much may be called upon to pay with his own life and even the lives of those nearest and dearest to him or her.)

In conclusion it is necessary to point out one more scandalous feature of this so-called "comprehensive Report". This is that, if you scan the list of the source materials used and quoted by the authors, as given in this summary, you will see that there is no mention whatsoever of France's journal *Lumières Dans La Nuit,* which has been running for 41 years, is one of the world's best UFO journals, and, like FSR, has provided an invaluable, steady, stream of careful and accurate UFO reports.

You will see also that there is not one single reference to any of the undermentioned seven names, which shine and scintillate like stars - the names of the great pioneering heroes of UFO research in France over the past half century. The absence of any mention of these people and of their unselfish work, is a downright and damnable disgrace, and a shameful blot on France, and as far as I am concerned renders the report ridiculous -if indeed, as it seems, in the original full text, none of these names and these publications are mentioned.

Here are the names:-

AIMÉ MICHEL (deceased) -FSR Consultant and Pioneer French writer on UFOs and author of many books.

A. VEILLITH (deceased) -for many years editor of *Lumières Dans La Nuit.*

JOËL MESNARD -Current Editor of *Lumières Dans La Nuit.*

Dr. PIERRE GUÉRIN -eminent French astronomer and UFO researcher.

JEAN SIDER -eminent French UFO investigator and author of several splendid books.

P. FOUÉRÉ, (deceased) - For years publisher of France's very first UFO research journal, half a century ago.

GENEVIÈVE VANQUELEF. Notable French woman investigator of the UFO problem, and author of several excellent books and reports.

DR. JEAN-PIERRE PETIT -Eminent French astrophysicist, most recently Director of Research in the CNRS (French National Council for Scientific Research), specialist in theories of Cosmology and in electromagnetic propulsion (MHD), and author of half a dozen important books entirely on UFOs.

The exclusion of such a man from mention is utterly incredible -but also not a bit surprising, for nobody in France is likely to be anywhere near to comprehending his perceptions regarding "Other Realities"! Ultimately, however, we must not lose sight of the fact, that this report is the work of the french "military", so you can't expect them to pay any attention to mere civilian investigators. G.C.■

ARE UFOs WATCHING THE U.S. RADIO-ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY AT ARECIBO?
MAYBE CONTACT HAS ALREADY OCCURRED?
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Although few people know it, this famous American Radio Observatory on the Island of Puerto Rico - in use ever since the 1960s in the U.S. search for extraterrestrial life (S.E.T.I) - is a frequent target of UFO activity.

The "official" version is that, so far, no replies have yet been received to their high-powered radio emissions searching for the "Somebodies" out there. But certain very strange happenings - scores of them - around and over the Observatory, might indicate the opposite - or that, at the very least, "Somebody" is extremely interested in what is going on there.

In this article, and also in future issues, I will report on some of these strange cases.

A FLYING SAUCER AND ALIENS IN THE BARRIO DOMINIGUITO SUBURB OF ARECIBO.

Señora Gertrudis Mendoza, from the Cuchi No. 1 sector of Dominguito, has had a contact with the UFO Phenomenon.

One night in 1981, she and her small daughters encountered a UFO and three strange beings on a hillside as they were on their way to meet her husband at his place of work. We interviewed her in her home, and this is what she told us:-

"Up there on that hill, about a kilometre from my own house, at about 11.00 o'clock one night, I saw a vividly bright object on the left hand side of the road. I moved closer and pulled up at the edge, where there were some railings between us and the thing. There were three beings there, one small one and two taller ones, standing on the ground. The object was round, metallic, grey in colour, brightly glowing, and quite big, with a cupola on top and a series of bright lights around it. The beings, or individuals, were dressed in bright, tightly-fitting clothing. One was small - about 3 ft high, with a large head and no hair, and he was slim in build. He was wearing a close-fitting garb of a greenish-grey shade. And all of his skin looked *greyish*....

"As I said, the other two were taller and wearing tight-fitting clothing of a silvery-grey colour. They were *different* from the little one - *they were of human type.* I don't recall their hair colouring. I couldn't see their facial features at all because they had their backs to us and were facing their craft. All three of them were examining the craft. And it was hanging suspended at about 3ft. above the ground, and so not touching the ground at all.

"I felt a very strong urge to approach closer, and stepped out of the car and tried to get over the railings. The beings were in fact only about 20ft or so away from me. I was still trying to get nearer, but I was unable to do so because my smaller child took fright and started to cry. So I got back into the car

and drove away fast and went on to get my husband. Later, when we came back there, the craft and beings were all gone.

"When I told my husband all about it, he "told me off" for having got out of the car and gone out like that without any fear for my own life and my children's lives. He said they could have carried us off and he would never have known what had happened to us".

Four years ago - i.e. in 1994, Sra Mendoza had another sighting, and in the same area. She was with her husband and her sister-in-law when they saw a flying saucer above the same mountain where she had had the encounter in 1981.

She said: "It was a very bright shining thing, pretty large, and it had lights of various colours - including amber, blue, orange, and green. In my opinion it was what you could call a "*mother-craft* because it was enormous! It was round and had a cupola on top. Around it there was a series of luminous rotating borders of various colours. And it made no noise - none at all.

"It went off in a south/south-east direction, and that's where the Arecibo Observatory lies. *These things that are being seen hereabouts always seem to be related somehow to the Observatory. People are always talking about the things that they see, but it seems that they are all too scared to report what is going on."*

ANOTHER GIGANTIC UFO NEAR THE RADIO OBSERVATORY.

Señor Felipe Jiménez, a resident of Utuado, a town in the centre of the Island of Puerto Rico, was an eyewitness of an incredible sight some years ago - between December 1991 and January 1992.

He was obliged to go late one night into Arecibo to get some goods. And, when he was near the Alvarado Stock Farm in Hato Viejo, he suddenly saw a very big bright light, The time was about 1.30 am.

Puzzled by the light, he stopped and turned off his engine. And then, looking up, he saw something that startled him, at a height, as he thought of maybe 500 ft or so. Here is his account:

"I stuck my head out of the window and looked up, and was astounded. It was a flying saucer as big as a stadium or a basketball park. It had blue and yellow lights revolving all around it. At that moment an ambulance appeared on the road. The driver of it stopped near me and also began to watch it. I think it was a municpal ambulance from Utuado.

"We were still watching that thing, and then suddenly I thought of checking to see what time it was and, looking at my watch, I found that whereas I had been thinking only five minutes had elapsed, in reality it had been 20! I just can't explain that difference in time.

"Then I started up my vehicle and the driver of the ambulance did likewise, and he drove off fast and I couldn't keep up with him.

"I got to Arecibo and picked up the stuff I had come for, and I met there another man who was doing the same thing. I had come from Lares along the fast route (*expreso*). The time was by now about 1.50 am or a bit later. I knew this fellow already, and I said to him: "*You won't believe what I've just seen!*" - and he answered "*And you won't believe what I've just seen either!*"

"So I asked him *WHAT,* and he said: "When I was coming along the Expreso from Lares to Arecibo I saw an enormous flying saucer, very bright, with lights". And I said: "Yes, and I saw it too, but in the mountainous area, near the Arecibo Radio Observatory, as I was coming from Utuado."

We chatted for a bit, and on my way back along the same road where I had seen the UFO I suddenly spotted three objects in the sky. They were *triangles*, with the edges lit up - only the edges. They were flying in a tight pattern of three - one in front and two behind - in the direction of Utuado. When they were above one of the peaks they suddenly vanished. *And, what is most interesting* is that right behind that mountain lies the Arecibo Observatory! The huge UFO, and also the three triangular craft, had all appeared from the vicinity of the observatory and were heading towards Utuado, and I am driven to wonder whether the personnel of the Observatory will not also have seen those flying objects!"

And Jiménez went on to reveal something else: "Here in Utuado there is a man (name withheld) who works for the Electricity Authority and, on one of the jobs that he worked on near the Observatory he heard reports that a man from the Hato Viejo area had seen something similar, but had reported it to the authorities, after which several very well dressed individuals - apparently Federal Agents - had come to his house and had warned him sharply not to tell anybody about what he had seen.

"My personal opinion", continued Jiménez, "based on what I saw myself, is that the scientists working at the Radio Observatory have possibly communicated or are possibly already in contact with the crews of the craft, because there is such a high level of UFO sightings near the Observatory - and that cannot just be by mere chance. If just one isolated person had a sighting, it might indeed be chance, but when it is lots of people then I simply can't believe *that*!"

In conclusion, Jiménez said:

"All this worries me. Because, if it is really happening, why isn't it made public? Through fear of panic maybe? Something's going on. And I am worried".

MILITARY PURSUE A UFO.

The home of Señor José Angel Rodríguez, a resident of Arecibo, is near National Route No. 10 (from Arecibo to Utuado) and very close to the Radio Observatory.

In 1994 Sr. Rodríguez saw a UFO being chased. He says:

"It was one night when I was returning from a visit to my mother-in-law. Near my house, I saw two big OMNI HUMMERS type jeeps full of armed soldiers travelling along Route 10. They were all in camouflage kit and armed, and they had binoculars. Behind the two jeeps came two dark-grey coloured vans with small round radar antennae on top. Their windows were darkened. It all looked very curious. *And* those troops were following a great big ball of light, vividly glowing and silent. One of the soldiers was watching it all the time.

"From where I was, it looked to me as though the dimensions of the ball of light were about 7 ft X 3 or 4 ft., and as though it was not very high up in the air - may be 300 ft. or so. It was travelling slowly - more or less at the speed of a car, and more or less towards the mountains, i.e. roughly towards El Jobo."

From this statement by Rodríguez we could see that the object was not exactly circular, but rather *oval*, and that it was pretty big.

Rodríguez went on: "Seeing all this, I followed them, and I saw a soldier get out and look up at the thing. The "light", or the UFO or whatever it was, continued to fly on. Then the troops found the way blocked by road-works, and turned off and drove along the Arecibo - Utuado No. 10 toward El Jobo. I followed them as far as El Jobo, but I lost both the troops and their vans and the light ball after that. The light ball had headed for El Jobo.... *and the weirdest thing about all this was that it was happening close to the Arecibo Observatory".*

And Rodríguez then added: "Look, Martín. *One night I had gone with a cousin of mine to look at the Radio Observatory and its towers and radio masts and, right in the midst of the towers we saw something quite incredible - a long object, quite large, and shaped like a boomerang, with lots of little lights. I shone a torch (plugged into my car's cigarette-lighter) at it, and immediately it shot away at high speed, passing right over our heads without making any sound whatsoever. The time was between 11.30 pm, and midnight. The thing was quite long, and had been hanging stationary there for quite a time. I couldn't make out what colour it was.*

The staff of the Radio Observatory MUST have seen it. If we could see it from where we were, then assuredly they MUST have seen it too, being so much closer to it! Well, anyway, there's something queer going on there. The Radio Observatory people

must have some type of communication, and were communicating with that object via their computers or whatever, FOR THE FACT IS THAT THE THING HAD BEEN HANGING STATIONARY THERE. It wasn't an aircraft, nor was it any type of terrestrial military craft or device. Nor do I believe that what I saw there was a *STEALTH* aircraft, because a *STEALTH* could never have been able to hang stationary so long, so static, without moving. IN MY OPINION THEY ARE HIDING SOMETHING FROM US THERE AT THE RADIO OBSERVATORY."

CHUPACABRAS, LASERS, AND UFOs.

In the course of the wave of animal mutilations in connection with the creatures called "*chupacabras*" in Puerto Rico in 1996, quite a lot of these sorts of attacks on animals occurred in places in the Municipal Area of Arecibo on one day, Tuesday, February 6, 1996.

One of these incidents involved the family of Señora Marina Rivera, who lives in the Esperanza suburb of Arecibo, near to the Radio Observatory.

As this lady explained to us when we spoke with her on the following day during our investigation of the facts of the case, she had got up from bed at about 6.00 am to take a little grandson to school, and she noticed that her chickens were still perched up in their usual orange tree, quite close to the house.

At 6.45 am she left the house to take the child to school, and as the boy was due to have some tests that day, she stayed on at the school until the tests were over, and she returned with him about 12.30 pm. And, arriving there, she now found that six of her hens and two of her cocks had been killed, and were strewn around all over the patio and in front of the house.

The dead birds all displayed two incisions in their backs, and there was not a drop of blood in them. This was verified when she, together with a constable from the Arecibo Police Headquarters who had come in response to her call, opened up one of the hens with a knife and inspected the body.

Moreover it could be seen that the hen in question appeared to have had its liver and its internal organs *crushed,* as though under great pressure or force. And on the ground could be seen strange marks that seemed to indicate *three big claws*.

One of Señora Rivera's sisters who lives near by said that while Sra. Rivera was away at the school, she (the sister) had heard something like the crying of a baby but had not paid attention to it.

The deaths of the birds had to have occurred between 6.45 am, when Doña Rivera left, and 12.30 when she returned.

Doña Marina had no idea of what she ought to do with the chickens' carcases. The Government had already announced, via all the media in the Island, that a so-called special "TASK FORCE" of people from State Civil Defence, the Department of Agriculture, and the Department of Natural Resources, would assume the job of studying cases of this kind and would also collect and analyze the carcases.

Worried, she therefore asked the Police what she should do, because, if she were to bury them herself, she might well be accused of hiding evidence. But the Police did not know either what she was to do!

So she then telephoned to the Department of Agriculture, who told her that they had nobody available to deal with the matter and look at the fowls. And Civil Defence gave her the same answer!

This attitude on the part of othe personnnel of these two Government Agencies provided a flat refutation for talk of any alleged Governmental "Task Force".

So there she was, with a pile of dead fowls on her premises, already beginning to decompose and pose a health risk. So she decided to bury them herself. And then, during our interrogation of her, she revealed to us certain other very important matters:-

As we have already mentioned, she and her family dwell in the suburb of Esperanza, just beside the Radio Observatory, and she next proceeded to tell us that she and other local residents had, on several occasions, seen strange flying objects, some of them luminous and some opaque, and shaped like round discs, constantly flying about over the Arecibo Observatory!

At times too, she said, brilliant beams of bluish-white light have been seen shooting out from the buildings of the Radio Observatory and towards those mysterious aerial objects. These objects, she explained, rapidly evade the light beams by performing sharp angular turns, leaps in the sky, finally shooting straight up and escaping.

She said: "You know, those beams that they shoot up at them look like lasers .... but there's one queer thing about it; *those rays aren't just ordinary lasers which - so far as I understand it - are shafts of continuous light. But these rays - they stretch them out or shorten them, just as they wish!*

According to what this lady Doña Marina Rivera told us, the spokesmen for the Radio Observatory have already "explained" to the local residents, in order to allay their fears, that the objects seen flying about in the sky there are "*meteorites*", *and the rays which they, the scientists and technicians of the Observatory, shoot up at the* "meteorites" are merely "in order to illuminate and study the "*meteorites*"!

Señora Rivera went on:

"I don't of course know ... but, so far as I understand it, meteorites don't *FLY*; they are rocks from Space and they fall to the Earth because they are attracted by gravity - isn't that how it is? Meteorites can't fly about in different directions and dodge light beams in the way that these things do! MY OPINION IS THAT THESE THINGS *ARE SOMETHING ELSE - UFOS!* And they are shooting at them with these beams."

And we agree with her entirely.

And, along with all this, Señora Rivera also revealed to us that on certain occasions luminous objects of vast size have hung stationary above the Arecibo Radio Observatory's great parabolic dish. On one night, on one occasion, a relative of hers, who is a security officer at the Observatory, was up on one of the towers when a big, long object, brilliantly lit up, came down out of the sky and suddenly started to hang there, right above him, and blinding him with its light. (Is this maybe the very same object that was seen by Señor José Angel Rodríguez and his friend?).

The impact of this experience on the security officer was so great that, after the UFO had departed, he was in a dreadfully emotional state and had to receive medical attention. For a long time, he failed to respond to treatment at all, being apparently in a condition of total shock and constantly voicing religious hymns and prayers. And from that time onwards he was never again allowed to go up on the Observatory's towers.

According to Señora Rivera, certain people who work at the Radio Observatory have told her that their superior officers have instructed them never to speak of incidents of this type when they happen, "BECAUSE IT IS SOMETHING VERY SECRET".

On another occasion, at around 2.00 am, she saw a luminous circular object wreathed in a powerful glow of yellowish-white light, pass rapidly over her house and vanish in the sky to the north-east. And - once again - the flight-path of the UFO originated from the Arecibo Radio Observatory.

CONCLUDING REMARKS BY JORGE MARTÍN.

Thus, as we see, the incidence of UFO sightings and UFO encounters near the Arecibo Radio Observatory has been frequent, and the cases described here show clearly that this is so. In the next issue of *EVIDENCIA OVNI* we shall present fresh reports on these matters and reports that show that the personnel of the Radio Observatory have been involved in the investigation of the UFO business, contrary to what their spokesmen have been saying for decades past. So watch out for it and don't miss our next issue. J.M.■

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