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# The strange case of the B-57 photographs

*Robert A. Schmidt*

When our contributor prepared a commentary on the intriguing business of the "changing" photograph he was a member of the NICAP Pittsburgh subcommittee. Nowadays he is Secretary of the UFO Research Institute of Pittsburgh, and from time to time has contributed interesting reports to *Flying Saucer Review*, the most recent being that of the "Callery UFO and Occupants" in the latest issue, for July-August. His original B-57 photograph report has been condensed into article form by Janet Gregory.

THE accompanying photograph of a Martin B-57 bomber was originally taken as a promotional shot for the use of the plane's manufacturers, but because of the

presence of another aeroform, which can be seen to the rear of the Martin and off at a distance, this photograph found its way into a set of UFO pictures offered for sale

by the NICAP Subcommittee of New York. Another picture in the series (prepared by NICAP and not by the Martin Company) showed an enlargement of the



Print made from the original negative — not "retouched". This was photo 9 in the NICAP set



object, which appeared to be streamlined and to have several dark "ports" on its lower periphery.

As the original photograph was only  $4 \times 5$  in., I wrote to the Martin Company requesting an  $8 \times 10$  in. glossy print for the NICAP file, and more information concerning the object. They sent the  $8 \times 10$  in. print, but the aeroform shape appeared to have been tampered with. The trailing edge of the object, instead of bearing an identical resemblance to the original print of the NICAP series, now showed a ragged edge. Their explanation for the object was that it was actually a tear\* in the negative, or a rub or abrasion mark. Such a double explanation did not cause me to place much reliance on

their photographic analysis! Martin Company also stated that a second flyby had been made to ascertain whether they could duplicate the photographing of this object over the same area—a rather unusual action if they believed the "object" to be a tear or abrasion mark.

We had the  $8 \times 10$  in. photograph examined by several high-ranking photographic specialists who also made enlargements of the object to the rear of the B-57. Their conclusion was that the object was not a rub or a tear, but definitely something on the negative. Emulsion studies revealed that the  $8 \times 10$  in. blow-up supplied by the Martin Company had been tampered with at negative stage, presumably by someone at the

Martin Company who was trying to create a rub or tear effect. However our photographic analysis showed that the emulsion grain extended itself over the area of the object as well as over the rest of the photo, whereas a rub or tear would have destroyed the grain at that point, causing an unsightly blotch.

*\* It is not clear whether this means a physical tear in the film itself, or a tear, i.e. droplet, of water remaining on the drying negative emulsion and causing a patch of uneven density. The context suggests that it means the former, but anyone who has tried to tear a piece of modern photographic film will know how difficult this is. Whichever meaning of "tear" is intended, our correspondent's arguments still hold good.—J.G.*

## YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS UFOs IN TWO WORLDS

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# Horse ill after UFO incident

*John Magor*

**Our contributor is Editor and Publisher of *Canadian UFO Report*,\* the magazine which has graced the Canadian scene for the last three years. This article, and its illustrations, are taken from the issue for the Spring of 1971.**

FAMOUS in UFO annals is the case of Snippy, a pet pony on the King Ranch in Colorado who, one shocking day in September, 1967, was found dead with the flesh stripped with surgical precision from its neck and head. Strange markings in the ground nearby and reports of unexplained aerial sightings led to speculation that UFO visitors were involved.

The case quickly became a news-headliner and tourist attraction, with the result that after a while it was difficult to tell fiction from fact. But whatever the truth of it (and unaccountably scant attention was paid to other livestock deaths in the same area about the same time), there is no question that these strangers have a pronounced interest in our animals, sometimes with unhappy results. Animals, in turn, often react with frenzy whenever a UFO is in the vicinity. Some observers believe this is because the mysterious craft emit a sound too high (or too low?) for human ears but audible to animals who for some reason are maddened by that particular pitch.

That may be so—or at least part of the story—but it does little to explain the plight of one horse—perhaps a second one was involved without a witness present—we heard about from that tireless UFO investigator, Bill Allan of Calgary, who sent us a tape recording of the incident after our visit to Alberta last autumn. The person involved was a Calgary chiropractor who asked that his name be withheld. We have his identity but respect his wish and will call him “the doctor”.

The doctor said the incident occurred about 8 o'clock one evening in late August while he was riding his horse along a river trail on the Sarcee Indian reserve west of Calgary. The weather was clear and stars were just beginning to shine.

“Suddenly, for no apparent reason, my horse, a mare, became very alert and stiff and started to pass ‘manure’, a sign of nervousness. Then very quickly it became extremely violent and practically uncontrollable, turning and twisting. I had to be very careful because the river was on my left and on my right there were trees and a barbed wire fence.”

At that point, the doctor said, what appeared to be an odd low-flying cloud ahead caught the top of his vision. It had a billowy contour and was about 70ft. across.

Trying now to get off his skittish mount, the doctor did not at first pay close attention to the “cloud”. But seconds later his attention became riveted on it when a solid-appearing object silently started to emerge.

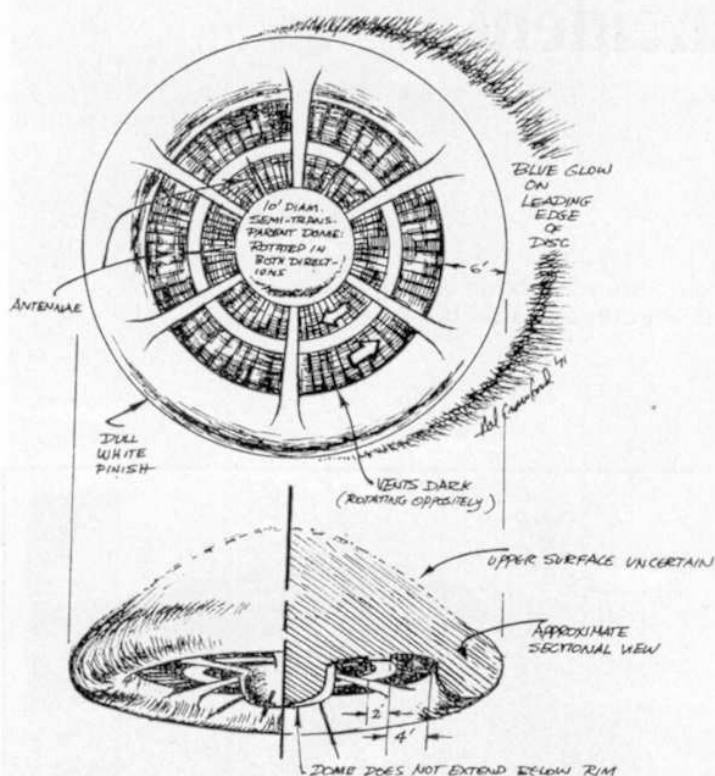


“It came out as if to observe what was happening below which, I guess, was me on my horse,” he said. “It was made of a material that looked like a plastic or fibreglass of a bluish steel colour, or a silvery blue. The underpart of it, which was all I could see, was slightly oval in shape and contained two circular vent-like structures, like the bottom of a mushroom, rotating in opposite directions. I could actually see them going round, as they were moving quite slowly.”

In his talk with Allan the doctor stressed that his view of the craft was badly interrupted by the wild actions of his horse but afterwards he was able to sort out the details in his mind. He remembered that the two sets of slats, moving noiselessly at first, were separated by a casing of some sort about 2ft. wide, and the vents themselves were about 4ft. wide. They revolved about a slightly squared central piece protruding from the bottom of the craft.

“I couldn’t hear anything myself but I wondered if the object was giving off a sound that hurt my horse’s ears because by this time she was thrashing her head about very violently,” the doctor said. “I was having so much trouble with her that I was only able to catch glimpses of what was happening, but after a moment I saw the object start to go back into its cloud and the whole formation began to rise, veering off

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toward the southwest. It moved very slowly, not seeming to be in any hurry, and as it left, the cloud became more turbulent and began to disintegrate. It trailed behind as the vehicle moved off towards the horizon and disappeared."

By this time the doctor had managed to dismount from his nervous horse and, in a moment of relative calm as he held her reins, he detected a soft vibrating noise from the craft as it started to leave. He imitated the effect by making a swishing sound through his lips that sounded somewhat similar to the noise of a stick whipped back and forth through the air. He thought the sound had about the same beat as the rotating vents.

While Allan and ufologist Dr. Max Edwards of Victoria, B.C., visiting Calgary at the time, questioned him for further details, the doctor drew a sketch of what he saw (see Hal Crawford's reproduction). He emphasised that at no time did he see the top of the craft but his impression was that the upper edges curved upwards and inwards.

The bottom part, which he could see clearly, was generally concave in shape and consisted essentially of the two concentric sets of vents already described. The vents were darker than the plastic-like body of the craft, which he estimated to be about 40ft. in diameter.

A particularly noticeable feature of the craft was the appearance and operation of the bottom central section which he figured was about 10ft. across and was connected to the outer rim of the vehicle by tapering beams.

"It had three or four spikes like antennas sticking out of it," he said, "and I could see by the motion of these that the whole thing was able to revolve. It would turn a bit in one direction, stop and go on or turn back in the other direction. These rods or antennas varied from about 4 to 6ft. in length and gave me the impression they were a searching device. In fact, the whole central dome seemed to be a sort of observation station."

Although the object itself had a dull finish the witness observed a brilliant electric-blue light along its leading edge as it emerged from the cloud. "It was like a welder's arc," he said.

The doctor went on to explain that for two or three days after the incident his horse was very head-shy and he suspected that somehow her ears had been affected by the experience. Unfortunately, however, worse was to come, suggesting that more than sound-damage may have been involved.

The trouble started several weeks later when the doctor noticed sore-looking spots, as if made by burning, breaking out on the horse's head. In a matter of days these had spread down her neck (the same area of the damage inflicted on Snippy) and a goitre-like swelling had started to show.

"It looked like a mass of tumours," is the opinion of Bill Allan who, with a touring TV crew from the Ontario department of education, went to see the horse.

At last report the unlucky animal's veterinarian had been unable to diagnose the trouble and samples from the affected area were being tested.

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To this already mystifying chain of events, the doctor added one more puzzling incident. He said that for an hour or so after their encounter with the strange vehicle, his horse remained quite nervous and he allowed her time to graze and calm down.

"But soon after I had mounted her and started on our way back, she began to stiffen up again and I thought, 'Oh, no, not another one!' But this time she wasn't quite as uneasy and we continued along until something lying in the bush caught my eye. I rode closer and saw it was a horse on its side, obviously dead. The strange part was that its exposed side was badly singed, though there was no sign of a fire having been there. But whatever had happened must have occurred very recently, as I could still smell burnt hair, and when I got down and felt the horse, it was still warm. Also, there was no sign of rigor mortis."

The doctor did not at first connect this discovery with his UFO sighting. Instead, continuing on, he reported it as a matter of routine to a young man he knew whose family lived nearby, and they agreed to look at the horse the next day to see if it could be identified.

But next day, though they had no trouble finding the imprint where the carcass had lain, they were unable to find a trace of the horse itself. To their utter mystification, the heavy growth surrounding the spot was unbroken and unmarked, even though it was apparent that a vehicle of considerable weight would have been needed to travel that far through the bush in the first place and to carry the carcass in the second.

So unmarred was the scene, it was just as if somehow the horse had been lifted directly from the spot and hauled away by air!

YOUR CLIPPINGS of newspaper items are very welcome. We apologise here for being generally unable to acknowledge these items as the pressure of work on our tiny staff and on our postage resources is too great. However, please do not be deterred by this seeming lack of courtesy. We really do appreciate anything you care to send.

# Unusual underwater object

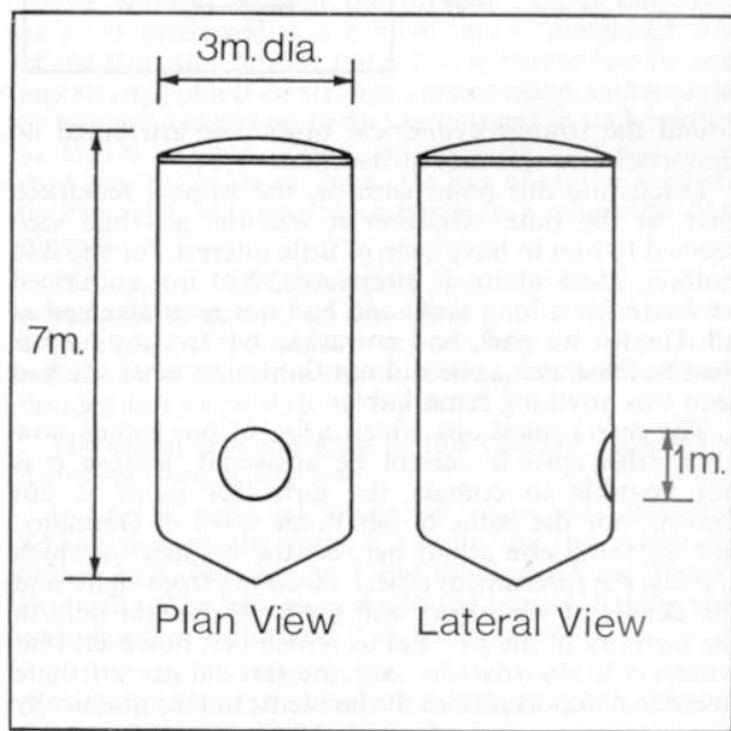
*Vicente-Juan Ballester Olmos*

This is a report compiled for CEONI (Circulo de Estudios Sobre Objetos No Identificados) of Valencia, Spain, by its President, our contributor. Translation from the Spanish by Gordon Creighton.

At about 1.00 p.m. on Sunday, July 26, 1970, a 24-year-old aqualung diver was engaged in hunting fish off Alcocebre (Castellón) at a spot ( $40^{\circ} 14' 45''$  North Latitude,  $3^{\circ} 58' 40''$  East Longitude) just off the urban settlement of "Las Fuentes". The water was some 8 to 10 metres deep and the spot was some 60 or 70 metres from the shore-line.

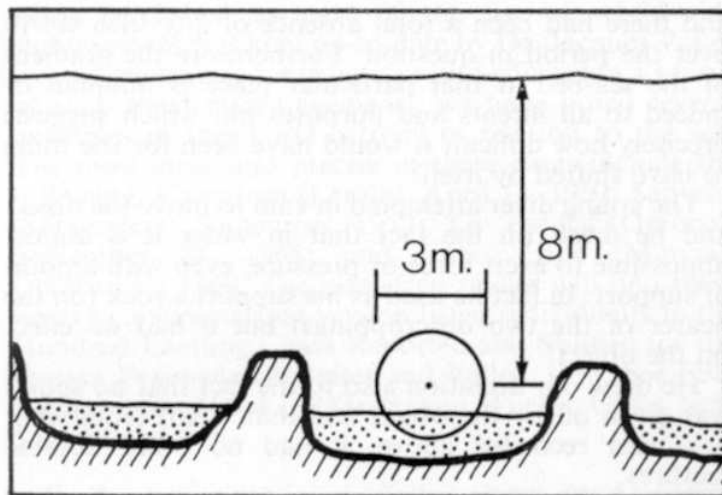
## Discovery of the object

The sea-bed at this particular region is of very fine sand with softly eroded rock outcroppings. As is the usual practice in underwater fishing in Spain, the man was using aqualung containers of compressed air.



The underwater object in detail

Suddenly, at some distance from him, he noticed, on the sea-bed, a strange metallic object. It was sticking up over the top of a rocky outcropping. So he went nearer to observe it, and he found that, lying between two of the outcrops which were about 9 metres apart, there was a metallic object sunk about 8 inches or so into the sand. Its length was about 7 metres, its width about 3 metres, and one of its ends was slightly conical. The other end, which was slightly convex, was pointed



The submarine capsule between two fingers of rock (sectional view)

out to sea. Near the conical end, and on the upper part of the object, there was a break in the continuity, about 1 centimetre wide and 2 centimetres deep, running right round the cylinder, enclosing a circular area about 1 metre in diameter. There was a similar groove running round the convex end.

The surface of the cylinder was metallic, polished, of a colour resembling the colour of dull stainless steel. It had no rivets or anything resembling rivets and it did not look as though it had been under the water very long, for there were no calcareous deposits on it, no unevennesses, nor was it rusted at all. He estimated that, since it was so absolutely clean and lacking incrustations, it could not have been there even as much as a week.

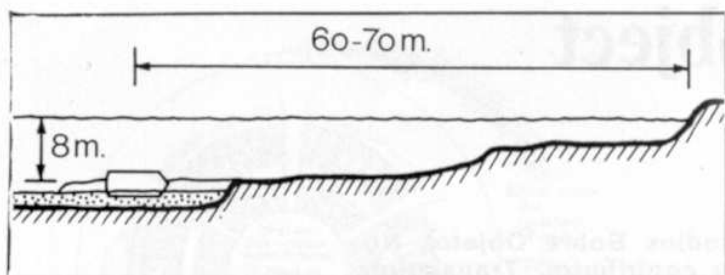
He tested and found that it was not magnetic, for when he put his knife (magnetised, as is the usual practice) against it, there was no magnetic effect. Then he tried to scratch the surface of the object with the knife, but neither knife nor cylinder showed any mark from the scratching.

He used his underwater gun to measure the cylinder.

When we were talking to the diver about the affair we discussed the question of whether it could have been a container of dumped industrial or radioactive waste.

He replied that he was unable to say yes or no to the idea since he had no knowledge of such matters, but nevertheless he repeated, emphatically, that it would have needed "a tremendous storm" to have shifted it from the particular place where it was on the sea-bed,





**Location of object on sea bed in relation to coast  
(lateral view)**

and there had been a total absence of any such storm over the period in question. Furthermore the gradient of the sea-bed at that particular place is minimal or indeed to all intents and purposes nil, which suggests precisely how difficult it would have been for the thing to have shifted by itself.

The young diver attempted in vain to move the object and he dwelt on the fact that in water it is almost impossible to exert force or pressure, even with a point of support. In fact he used as his support a rock (on the nearer of the two outcroppings) but it had no effect on the object.

He drew our attention also to the fact that no sound was given off by the object and that, apart from what has been recorded above, it had no other notable features.

The witness was quite unable to say how long he had remained under water examining the object. He reminded us that "down below" one completely loses the notion of "time" and he regrets that he cannot furnish us with this piece of information.

#### **A strange "something" seen from boat**

At about 3.00 a.m. on the following morning, the witness was out in a small rowing-boat in the same area, just off-shore opposite the "Las Fuentes" urban settlement, with a lady friend, a German girl aged about 20, who was on a camping holiday in Spain with another girl. Suddenly the German girl noticed something leaving the water.

When we questioned the witness about this incident in the boat with the German girl, he told us that the course of events was more or less as follows:

She (in broken Spanish, but quite comprehensible): "Something came out over there!"

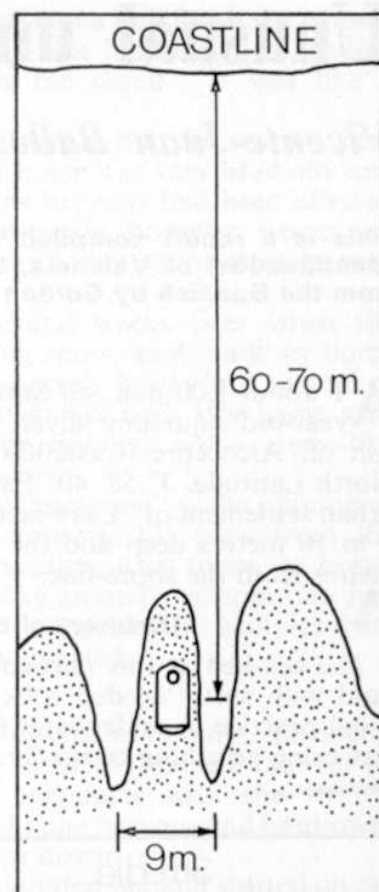
He: "It must have been a fish."

She: "No! No!"

He (again): "It was a fish."

She: "No! No! It wasn't a fish. It was bigger than that."

He then looks to where she was pointing (on the surface of the water), and she says: "Up, above." But he sees nothing. He estimates that it would have been about a little more than 10 seconds between her first words and the time when he looked over to where she was pointing. Besides seeing nothing, he heard no sound and saw no luminosity. And, although the direction in which she was pointing (to a distance of some 200 or 300 metres from the boat) was precisely the area where, on the morning of the previous day, he had



**Location of object  
on sea bed in  
relation to coast  
(plan view)**

found the strange cylindrical object, he attributed no importance to this fact at the time.

Discussing this point with us, the witness remarked that, at the time, whatever it was the girl had seen seemed to him to have been of little interest, for she said nothing more about it afterwards, had not continued to watch for a long time, and had not been alarmed at all. He, for his part, had not asked her for any further details, inasmuch as he did not think that what she had seen was anything remarkable.

The many questions which arise in our minds now about this episode cannot be answered because it is not possible to contact the girl. Her name is not known, nor the name of her home town in Germany, nor anything else about her. So the manner in which she saw the (presumed) object vanishing from sight, and the details of the object will probably remain only in the memory of the girl. Let us remember, however, that whatever it was that she saw, she too did not attribute overmuch importance to the incident; indeed practically none.

#### **Object gone**

At 9.00 that same morning (Monday) the young diver went down again, out of pure curiosity, to take another look at the strange object, and it will be appreciated that his surprise was enormous when, arriving at the precise spot where it had been, he perceived that it was no longer there.

The witness, who has been skin-diving for six years, has known the whole area thoroughly for even more years than that, since it is the place where his family have traditionally spent their summer holidays. But,



in order to make absolutely sure that he was not mistaken, he explored all the rocky outcrops along that part of the coast for a further hour, with no results. Then, and only then, did he begin to link the cylinder and its disappearance with what his friend the German girl had seen.

Since that date he has dived again at the same place several times and always without finding any trace of the object, and he again emphasises that the area is one very well known to him, so there can be no possibility of his being mistaken as to where it was, or being at fault in his bearings. We for our part would emphasise the fact that he is a *very experienced diver*.

When we asked him about the time of the day when, after his night trip in the boat he was back in the sea and diving again, we expressed our astonishment that he must have slept so few hours that night. He smiled broadly and replied that this is very common with under-water divers. Very often these young fellows spend a whole night dancing in some town near the coast and then, at six in the morning, without having slept at all, or perhaps having merely lain down for a couple of hours, they take their gear and go off down to the sea again. Such is their passion for this marine sport, we repeat, that a sleepless night is something very, very normal for them.

The witness, who at the present time is employed as a car salesman, is a draughtsman, unmarried, and of the Roman Catholic faith. Never before had he seen any strange object or strange phenomenon, either aerial or aquatic. He has no particular interest in such matters as UFOs, science fiction, or suchlike, and has never read any book about them. He has of course seen the occasional UFO report in a paper or a magazine, as is normal.

The original CEONI report bears the full signature, name and surnames, of the witness, in support of the authenticity of his statement, but he has asked for a certain amount of discretion to be used, and we have decided not to publish his name.

The enquiries conducted in this case by the CEONI members were as follows:

1. At a personal interview with V-J. Ballester, arising out of the latter's lecture, at the Alejandro Salzar High School, on UFO landings in the Iberian Peninsula. The witness came to the lecture, having seen an announcement about it in the press.

2. At an investigatory interview with the witness by various CEONI members, in April 1971, Don J. Cezón of the C.E.I., Madrid, also being present.

3. At a final interview, at CEONI Headquarters, in May 1971, at which the finishing touches were given on various points and details that had arisen in the course of our discussions of the case.

### **The sighting as a Type I, Class B UFO report**

Reports of unidentified flying objects associated with large expanses of water—oceans, lakes, rivers—are not uncommon in our subject. One book published recently (Ivan T. Sanderson; *Invisible Residents*. World Publish-

ing Co., New York and Cleveland, 1970) is devoted entirely to the problem of UFOs leaving or entering the seas, which is a good indication of the proportion of cases of this type within the general UFO Phenomenon. Whenever the investigator possesses sufficient details to be able to eliminate every category of known conventional identification (meteorite, break-up or decay of man-made artefact, balloon, and so on) sightings of this kind are catalogued under the category of *UFO Landings*, since this type of sighting meets the requirements laid down for that category.

In the Catalogue of Spanish Type-1 Reports currently being published as part of the list of world-wide sightings which is kept up-to-date by Dr. Jacques Vallée (whose enormous contributions and efforts are a source of such great encouragement), we have noted several examples of this UFO activity in relation to the sea. The most clear and precise of these cases include the following: Camarasa (Lérida), April 14, 1950; Santoña (Santander), September 1953; La Escala (Gerona), September 21, 1968; and Cabo Cope (Murcia), October 11, 1969. The interested reader will find these items in a summarised version listed individually in the *Hundred Landing Cases Reported and Studied for the Iberian Peninsula* (Ballester and Vallée, 1971. See FSR Special Issue No. 4, *UFOs In Two Worlds*, Cases Nos. 5, 8, 59 and 94).

In the particular case of the object at Alcocebre with which the present article deals, we are confronted with a cylindrically-shaped submarine object bearing no identification marks, in circumstances where the state of the sea and the water were such that no object of such a size and weight, resting on the sea-bed, could possibly have moved by itself. Secondly, we have a poorish visual sighting over the surface of the sea, with a low-level strangeness-index, a sighting which, while it might not have appeared of any importance at the time, immediately becomes a fact of significance and worthy of mention in the light of the subsequent discovery of the sudden disappearance of the mysterious object from the sea-bed. These features of the case have prompted us to include the incident in our listing of Type I UFO Reports.

As regards the lack of markings on the mystery object, we know that even every secret type of man-made device employed in our oceans bears signs, letters, or wording indicating its origin. An example was the object recently found in the Mediterranean by a Spanish fishing-boat.

It is our intention to follow up on this case. In particular, we shall secure all possible information regarding the types of receptacles most commonly designed for containing industrial or radioactive waste materials, although, for the reasons just adduced above, we feel that this particular hypothesis of the industrial or radioactive waste container is a weak one. However, we shall be glad to receive from readers of FSR their suggestions as to any possible explanation for this strange "deposit", and we hope that they will be published in these pages.

# A UFO and the car which "floated along"

## School-teacher's unnerving experience in Alberta, Canada

W. K. Allan

The following incident was taken from a tape-recorded interview with the witness supplied to us by the author, a reader for many years of *Flying Saucer Review*, and a friend and collaborator of Dr. P. M. H. Edwards, a regular contributor to the *Review*.

THE witness, Mrs. Barbara Smyth, a teacher from a small town in Alberta,\* Canada, saw, on February 18, 1969, "something I don't believe is true". It was "gigantic, bright pinky-red coloured, and about seven times the size of a steel granary of 14ft. diameter. When she first saw it, it seemed to be at a height of some 7 or 8ft. from the ground and was approximately half a mile away.

She was driving to school at the time, in an eastward direction (facing the sun). It was a beautiful morning, without even any frost on the trees. The object was seen in a field to the right of her, i.e. to the south. It seemed to consist of two rounded layers with a thin blue line in between. The two parts began spinning counterclockwise and revolved at such speed that the blue line seemed to disappear. There were two huge white lights on the top, flashing on and off regularly; these seemed to be attached to the revolving part as they revolved with it as well as flashing.

Surmounting the object was a tent-like portion whose sides were "going in and out" (? pulsating) laterally "like a couple of swing doors". The tent-like part was described as being of a silvery to fiery yellow colour with some orangey-red in it. The tip of it seemed to be moving like flames, but the sides were so straight that it did not seem like fire.

The object was kept in observa-

tion whilst driving for about 1 mile. After driving for about  $\frac{1}{4}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, Mrs. Smyth glanced back and noticed that it had "jumped over" to the next hill, which must have entailed a sudden and very rapid movement. When asked how fast she was driving the car:

"I finally shifted into high [gear—ED.] at 30 and got back to about 20 mph—it just seemed to be going along. I didn't seem to be steering it—or hit any bumps; and there was no noise—nothing. I've been trying to think whether the radio was on—I don't think it was. I always have the radio on. The car just seemed to keep on going down the road. I didn't seem to be able to get my stupid foot off the gas and put it on the brake."

Did she think she was partially paralysed?

"The only thing I noticed was I glanced my head back at the road once in that full mile, and I kept thinking: What if I meet somebody? But I didn't meet anybody. The car was floating along O.K., so I looked back at the thing—I was so hypnotised by it. But as for the rest of my body, I'm sure it didn't move. When you're driving, your hands move a little bit—but they didn't. I just sat like that."

"That's very strange."

"Extremely strange."

"Do you mean to say there was an unnatural quietness?"

"Exactly—horribly quiet. It was awful."

"You usually hear the sound of the car."

"Oh sure! I hear the bumps, because it's bumpy out there. I

steer through bits of ice and ruts and stuff. I just kept my hands in the same place and the car just seemed to float along on the ground. It was awful!"

"You didn't feel any sound or sensation? Mrs. Heggs in Saskatchewan—she saw one—she said it was like a shock. She could feel a sensation going through her."

"No, I never felt anything like that. I kept telling myself: Hey, stupid, go back and get your camera, go back and get your camera."

"How many times did you look over at the object?"

"Well, I was more or less staring at it all the time . . . it was maybe 3 minutes, but I wouldn't put a dollar on it."

"What was the final result when you were driving? Did it climb? Did it go up and disappear?"

"It disappeared behind the hill. It seemed to just go down behind it and the last I saw of this thing was the top, the tent-shaped thing."

When asked what she previously thought about the subject of UFOs, Mrs. Smyth exclaimed: "I don't believe it, and I still don't believe it!" In fact, the topic had somehow arisen in her class at school, just prior to her sighting, one child saying that his mother had seen a UFO, and then another child adding that his mother had seen one too.

Mrs. Smyth continued: "I said, 'Oh, it's impossible. There is no such thing—it's just your imaginations.' Then they argued with me, 'But my mother saw it!' I said, 'I have not.' Now I've seen one!"

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\* The name of the town was not audible on the tape.



# What the children saw

Eileen Buckle

EARLY this year a new magazine for children was launched. Its name is **Countdown**<sup>†</sup> and its main theme is travel and adventure in outer space. Since its inception, more than a dozen articles on UFOs have appeared in its pages, the author of most of them being our Editor, Charles Bowen. The readers were invited by the editors of *Countdown* to write in to FSR giving us details of any personal UFO sightings they may have made. The good response surprised us all.

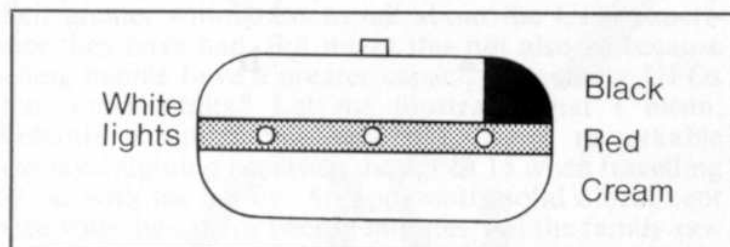
To date, 150 letters have been received, and most of them seem to be of *bona fide* sighting reports, judging by the contents and manner of narration; only a minority are deemed probable leg-pulls or exercises in imagination. A good many are probably sightings of weather balloons, satellites or aircraft, but there are other reports of objects not so easily identifiable, and the reports are often accompanied by well-executed drawings. Lack of descriptive detail and sighting data has marred a good many reports, though in general the standard of reporting has been high. Parents have rather obviously helped in the writing of a few of the accounts, and we are glad they have encouraged their youngsters in this way.

It might be argued that children make poor witnesses. Certainly a limited vocabulary and undeveloped observation technique lessen the accuracy and overall value of a sighting report, but on the other hand, it has been noted that children are generally more objective in describing an experience than most adults, and they are less inhibited about telling it.

It was difficult to select the best accounts for publication here. Almost all had their merits, and I would like to thank all those children who wrote to us.

The following letter came from **John Child** of Gorleston-on-Sea, Gt. Yarmouth, Norfolk:

"In August 1969 I was outside for a P.E. lesson with the rest of my class and I sneaked behind the changing rooms so as to miss a game of football. I sat down and kept my eyes fixed on some television aerials on the block of nearby flats. I was a keen aircraft spotter at the time and I heard the noise of jet engines. As quick as a flash my eyes were fixed on the sky. Immediately I saw a De Havilland Comet (I think!) leaving a heavy vapour trail across the sky. Then my attention was drawn by two objects moving slowly across the sky southwards, apparently appearing from nowhere while I was looking at the other aircraft. The UFOs looked like this:



**UFO observed over Peterhouse Junior School**

"Then I heard another aircraft noise and I turned away. My keen eyesight searched the sky for about 30 seconds but I could not see any aircraft. My eyes turned to the spot where the UFOs had been, only to find that they had gone. So I regret to add I did not see how the UFOs came or went, but just their swoop over Peterhouse Junior School."

I wondered if this next sighting, by **David Humphry** of Enfield, Middlesex, was of a similar luminous object to that filmed at Newark by Mr. W. H. Huntington\*:

"In issue 1 of *Countdown* it said that if you see a UFO write to this address. Well, when we were going to my aunt's in Chesham on the 20th December, 1970, we were just passing Radlett on the M10 when my sister spotted a large, long flame of fire in the sky, about 1 mile from Radlett aerodrome. It seemed as though a plane was on fire. But it started to come down on a diagonal slant; it then started to come down vertically, but for some reason got stopped. We then saw a small charter plane that seemed to be circling it. The flame of fire then started to rise again. We stopped at some toilets and when we started again we lost sight of it.

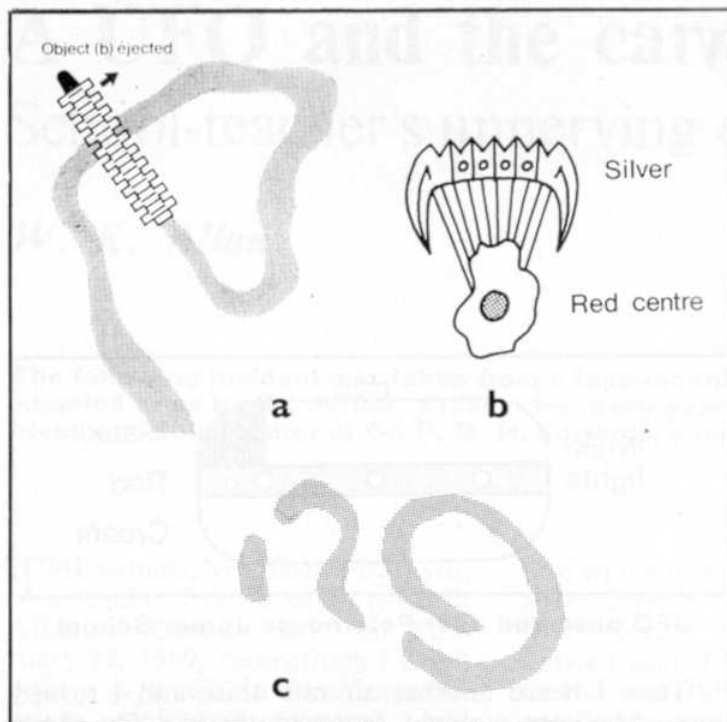
"As we were going down a hill in Hemel Hempstead we caught sight of it heading towards London. We came to the conclusion that the flame of fire was the main jet of fire to the UFOs main engine. We could see no spaceship, only the long flame of fire. From where we were standing the flame of fire was about 14 inches long and about 4 inches wide [sic]. As far as we can judge, it was about 250 feet long and 20 feet in diameter. It was about as high up as a Vulcan jet plane.

"The people who saw it were my mum, dad and sister and I. The time was about 5.30 p.m.

Next, here is the sighting account of a most peculiar object by **Dean E. Morris**, aged 10, of Chislehurst, Kent:

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\* See Case Histories Supp. 2, p. 3.

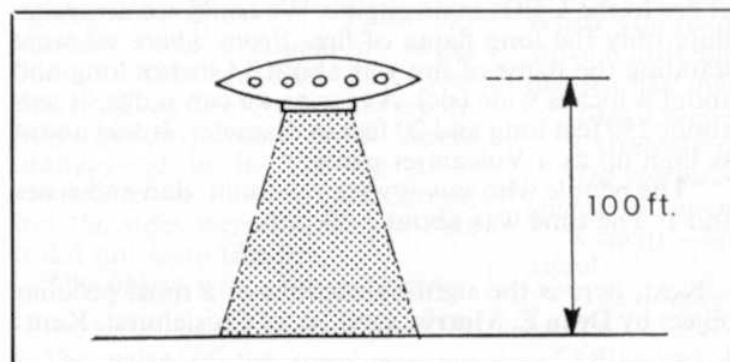


(a) Object observed at Chislehurst  
(b) Detail of object ejected from UFO (a)  
(c) Approximate shape of vapour trail

"One morning at about 8.25 a.m. I was walking along in Chislehurst High Street. Just as I was entering a bridle path, I looked up and I saw a very unusual sight. It was a funny kind of rocket (like the drawing). The weather conditions were fair, but breezy. The colour of the object was matt-black at the top and silvery grey at the bottom. It was moving slowly south-west. I do not know the date, but it was on a Wednesday. There were no other witnesses apart from people in the street, but I did not see them look up or see it. Two minutes later, I was still looking at it, and it suddenly twirled round and I saw a small shoot of fire come out of the top just under the matt-black nose cone through a hole. Then suddenly a sort of silver cloth thing came out with a sort of round bumpy thing hanging on it. I could not quite make out what it was, but this is what it looked like."

A short account of what must have been a most spectacular sighting came from Tony Layton of Rowley Regis, Warley, Worcs.:

"It was in the year 1967 and my Mom and Dad and I were travelling to Blackpool for our holiday, when we

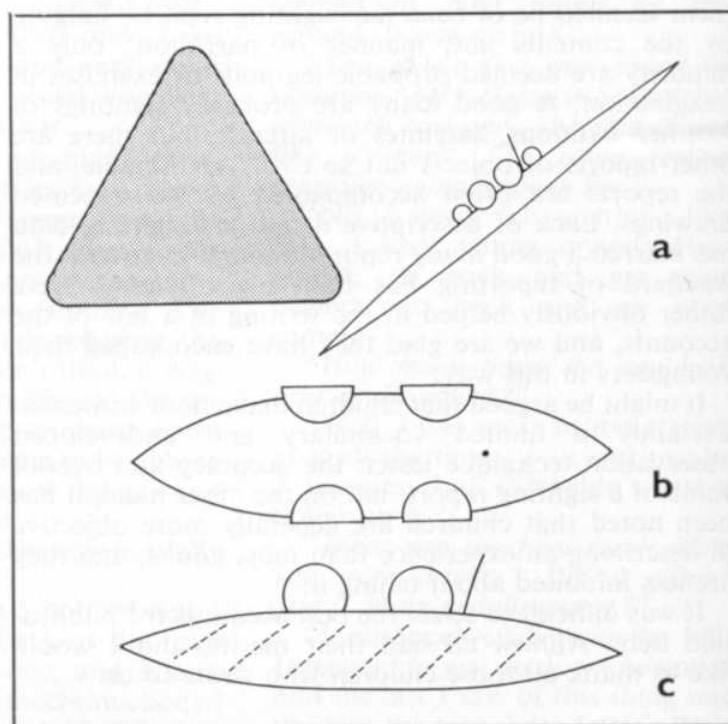


Object observed from M6 motorway

saw a purple disc in the sky that was sending a reddish beam that was cone-shaped. It was sending the beam down on to the grass by the side of the M6 motorway. It was a windy day on September 9. It was at a height of about 102ft." [Yes! he really did estimate it at 102ft.—EDITOR.]

This next report was signed by Shane and Miss Shani Koscielniak, who come from Denham, Middlesex:

"We saw one, along with some other children at school and one adult person. This was a triangular-shaped object. It had no tail and hovered about 10 minutes and then vanished. It was silver in colour. This was at Denham. It had a slightly slower speed than the second one we saw later on. The first sighting was in January, 1968. The second one I am about to describe was also seen in Denham (Denham Valley—nearest town Uxbridge) and was seen in early October, 1970. This was the better sighting and the viewing lasted much longer. It was an unidentified flying object of a



(a) UFO seen over Denham Valley  
(b) Probable view of (a) from above  
(c) Lateral view of (a)

different shape and colour. We saw it from 7.45-8.15 a.m. It was on a very clear, bright morning, with a blue sky and a few wisps of cloud.

"It came suddenly at great speed from the south-west. It flashed across the sky until it came to the zenith, where it stopped for a few seconds. It hovered and then moved on again in a straight line towards the east and stopped once more. This time it stayed and hovered on the same spot for a long time. Then we gradually realised it had got fainter. It appeared to be fading and to gradually render itself invisible. It may have been, however, that it was actually still continuing its flight path to the east but had left behind it a smoke screen



trail the same shape and size as itself, and that it was *this* which was fading. However, it looked to us as if the object gradually became invisible.

"Now for a description of the 'vehicle'. At the time it was hovering it must have been about 100 feet up or less, and was clearly indicated and the outlines hard and sharp. It shone with a metallic sheen and was in the shape of a large flattened ellipse. There was bright sunshine at the time, which was reflected off it. Yet it also seemed to be emitting a kind of 'sunshine' of its own—a luridescence . . . [sic]. This lay in streaks around it and seemed to pulsate and glow. It also had two glowing 'eyes'—two very bright round radiances at mid-front centre—and two less bright (fainter and smaller ones) to the left and right of these (or so they seemed to be located—they may actually have been 'behind').

"There was some kind of 'aerial' or antenna on top of the object and this also was seen as a glowing thing. The flying disc itself, however, did *not* glow. It looked silvery-blue with touches of pinky-orange.

"It gave us the impression (the three of us in my family who were there) and feeling of a presence—an almost palpable feeling.

"We since heard that an unidentified flying object of a

similar description has been seen in the same neighbourhood by another (adult) person, both at times before and times after the date we have given."

I wish space would permit me to print more of our young correspondents' sighting reports, for whatever their explanations may be, some of them were most intriguing.

One final thought about sightings by young witnesses. I have always been struck by the fact that an unusually large percentage of cases appear to involve children or young people. This may be accounted for purely by their greater willingness to tell about the UFO experience they have had. But might this not also be because young people have a greater capacity for seeing UFOs than most adults? Let me illustrate what I mean. Recently a young man related to me a remarkable low-level sighting he had at the age of 15 when travelling by car with his family. An apparently solid object kept pace with the car for twenty minutes. All the family saw it clearly, except the father. Strangely, he was unable to see it at all.

Did the little boy at Chislehurst see an object that the other people in the High Street did not merely fail to notice, but were simply not capable of seeing? I think this matter needs some attention.

## Brazilian cases in 1968 and 1969—5

*Dr Walter Buhler*

INTENSE activity of UFOs, and the resultant spate of reports in the early months of 1969, is reflected by this section of our catalogue which covers just two more months.

### MARCH AND APRIL, 1969

94. **Beginning of March, 1969.** Belo Horizonte, State of Minas Gerais. People working at the Gabriel Passos Refinery in the Barreiro de Baixo area of Belo Horizonte have seen flying saucers on three consecutive nights this month. The UFOs travel at great speed, "but can also remain stationary in the air", as for example in the case of one which remained over the refinery for 15 minutes.

*A Notícia*, Rio de Janeiro, March 3, 1969.

95. **First week in March, 1969.** Fortaleza, State of Ceará. Colonel Eduardo Wayne saw a saucer flying over the construction site of the satellite tracking station. The object was silent, and emitted intermittently signals of yellow light from the hatches in its belly.

*A Notícia*, Rio de Janeiro, March 6, 1969. *Jornal do Brasil*, Rio de Janeiro, March 5, 1969.

96. **First week in March, 1969.** Presidente Prudente, State of São Paulo. For ten minutes during the night, the doctor A.G.L. and his wife watched various groups of luminous saucers flying in "V" formations over the town.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, March 7, 1969.

97. **First week in March, 1969.** Itaperuna, State of Rio de Janeiro. At 1.00 a.m. in the early morning, when driving in their car from Campos to Itaperuna, the judge Dr. Antônio Sampaio Peres and his wife were accompanied by a luminous hat-shaped object with a purple light on its cupola, which flew along beside the car. With great difficulty the judge finally managed to leave the object behind.

*Diário de Notícias*, Niterói edition, March 7, 1969.

98. **First week in March, 1969.** Alexânia, State of Goiás. The fazenda-owner Wilson Gusmão declares that a flying saucer with crew has landed on his ranch.

*Jornal do Brasil*, Rio de Janeiro, March 8, 1969.

(SBEDV Bulletin No. 69/70 contains an extremely lengthy account of this case, in which it seems that photographs were allegedly taken. It is hoped that a translation of the account can be provided in the near future.—G.C.)

99. **Early March, 1969.** Lins, State of São Paulo. Sr. Josué Lins de Oliveira and his wife and other people saw an extremely bright UFO, at an estimated height of some 500 metres, and saw another luminous object emerge from it and float down to near the ground. (Sr. Josué Lins de Oliveira is the radio-reporter of the Lins Radio Club.)

*O Jornal*, Rio de Janeiro, March 11, 1969.

100. **March 11, 1969.** Campinas, State of São Paulo. At 4.45 p.m. Sr. Angelo Randi of Vila Castelo Branco was driving along the road to Hortelândia, when he saw in the distance a powerful light which was moving about in various directions and changing colour, from yellow to green, blue, purple and then back to green again. The object came to a halt in front of the car, whereupon the speed slowed down and the engine gradually was paralysed. Said the witness: "Although I remained lucid, I was totally immobilised, being unable to move any of my limbs."

*Diário de Notícias*, and *Jornal do Brasil*, both of Rio de Janeiro and both for March 13, 1969.

101. **March 12, 1969.** Lins, State of São Paulo. At 9.00 a.m. Dona Maria Lúcia and her children saw an oval-shaped object, silver-coloured all over, approximately 1.5m. wide and with a rounded upper portion. It was flying slowly in a straight line towards the local airport, and stopping from time to time.

*Diário de Notícias*, Rio de Janeiro, March 15, 1969.

**102. March 14, 1969.** Lins, State of São Paulo. At 7.40 p.m., Sr. Jaime Antônio saw a flying saucer of a vivid red colour, shaped like two plates joined at the rims, with a slowly flashing light, like a neon lamp, and with two antennae on top. It came down vertically over the grounds of the Lins Athletic Club and then headed for Guaiçara, in the direction of the Fazenda São Miguel. There, Senhora Iracema Pruchi, wife of Sr. Laurindo Pruchi, said that her son saw, at 8.15 p.m., an object which he called a "flying paper", but he then corrected himself, explaining: "Mummy, it isn't paper. It is a kite, but shiny, fantastically shiny." Dona Iracema went on to say that on previous days she herself had several times seen "red balls moving about in the sky." One witness, Sr. Valenti, estimated the size of the UFO as "three times the size of the square panel of lights on the tower of the stadium of the Lins Athletic Club." This would mean that its width was 9 metres.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, March 15, 1969.

**103. March 15, 1969.** Lins, State of São Paulo. A flying saucer has again landed in the stadium of the Lins Athletic Club.

*O Jornal*, Rio de Janeiro, March 16, 1969.

**104. March 16, 1969.** Lins, State of São Paulo. At 4.45 a.m., Sr. Luiz Nardi saw, opposite the bus-station and at an estimated distance of 100 metres and estimated height of 40 metres, an egg-shaped object with its front part slightly larger. It appeared as though made of plastic, had in its central part a distinctly yellow colouring, and it had two parallel stripes running round it.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, March 16, 1969.

**105. March 19, 1969.** Belo Horizonte, State of Minas Gerais. At 8.00 p.m. the parish priest of São Cristóvão observed a light which was rushing about in various directions. And from the rua Uberlândia, in the Belo Horizonte suburb of Carlos Prates, three luminous (white and bluish) oval-shaped objects were seen performing evolutions above the nearby mountain range, the Serra da Piedade, for several hours.

*O Globo*, Rio de Janeiro, March 20, 1969.

**106. First part of March, 1969.** Ibiuna, State of São Paulo. Farmers at Quintas report the frequent appearance of flying saucers over the Fazenda Bonanza owned by Sr. Ilias Fleury, and over neighbouring properties.

*A Notícia*, Rio de Janeiro, March 21, 1969, and FSR, January/February 1970, pp. 15-19, *Reports From Ibiuna*, by Hans Bemelmans.

**107. First half of March, 1969.** Serra do Curral, State of Minas Gerais. Highway patrol police on Motorway BR-135 fired their weapons at a saucer which flew over the road and shone down a powerful light that temporarily disturbed their vision.

*O Globo*, Rio de Janeiro, March 21, 1969.

**108. Beginning of April, 1969.** Unaí, State of Minas Gerais. Luminous balls have appeared at Lavoura, a place 5 km. from Unaí, in a swamp area owned by Sr. Jacy Valadares. Employees on the property have not had the courage to make a closer investigation.

Letter dated April 9, 1969, to SBEDV from Sr. Wayner José Monteiro.

**109. April 8, 1969.** Guaratinguetá, State of São Paulo. On the feast-day of St. Benedict, in the vicinity of Conselheiro Rodrigues Alves Square, a saucer was observed for half an hour. Of round shape, with a protruding lower portion, it shone forth a beam of light which at times was so intense as to be unbearable, while at other times it was turned off.

*Correio Braziliense*, Brasília, April 9, 1969.

**110. April 10, 1969.** Ouro Preto, State of Minas Gerais. At noon the student Dimas Guedes photographed a flying saucer which had been pointed out to him by a driver of one of the buses of the Minas Gerais School of Geology, the bus being stationed at the time in the suburb of Sarmenha.

At 7.00 p.m. two objects were seen flying above the high

tension grid system of the Minas Gerais Electricity Authority, and at 8.00 p.m. there was a power blackout in the Sarmenha district, lasting for a quarter of an hour without it being possible to find any cause for it.

At 10.00 p.m. the student Marco Antônio von Kruger noticed a persistent interference on his TV set, which interference spontaneously ceased after a certain time. He was thinking of going out into the street to look around, but, glancing out through the window, he saw a vague shape in movement and heard the garbage bin being overturned. When examined later, it was found that the garbage bin had been "investigated."

Meanwhile, at a distance of some 200 metres from the residence of the student Marco Antônio von Kruger, a workman, returning to his home on the hill above the hall of residence of the engineering faculty, saw, suspended a few centimetres off the ground on the top of the hill, an enormous round and brilliantly shining object from which were coming strange measured, muffled sounds. The workman ran back down to the town and stayed there for that night.

*Jornal do Brasil*, Rio de Janeiro, May 14, 1969.

**111. April 11/12, 1969.** Guanabara. Radio amateurs were unable to participate in the international competition in connexion with D.E.N.T.E.L. owing to interference during the night. It was a very intensive sound (20 db above S-9), on the 10, 15, 20, 40, and 80 metre bands. Some of the radio-amateurs (for example Dr. Celso Aguiar, a medical man who is the president of the L.A.B.R.E.) considered that the interference was due to transmitters outside Brazil, in which case the Brazilian government would be unable to secure cessation of the transmission. Others however were of the opinion that the interference came from some planetary source in the Solar System or from an extraterrestrial space-ship.

*Jornal do Brasil*, April 19, 1969.

**112. April 20, 1969.** Rio de Janeiro, State of Guanabara. From a hill known as the Morro do Bairro Novo Mundo, between Laranjeiras and Botafogo (a southern suburb of Rio de Janeiro), at approximately 9.00 p.m., an object was observed flying slowly and silently at a height of roughly 1,000 metres above the motor race-tracks at Botafogo. The diameter of the object must have been in the neighbourhood of between 50m. and 70m. It was not possible to do more than conjecture that its shape was round, owing to the numerous beams of red, green, yellow, and blue light emanating from it.

SBEDV Bulletin No. 71, November/December 1969, p. 127.

**113. April 20, 1969.** Itauçu, State of Goiás. Sr. Dolor Roque, of the Fazenda Cerradinho (57 km. from the town of Goiânia) was riding into town at night on horseback to buy some medicine from a pharmacy. He saw lights, and fainted. He awoke at dawn, minus his horse, at Itumbiara (400 km. from where he had been riding his horse), on top of some rocks on the banks of the River Paranaíba. Totally disoriented, he asked the first person he saw: "For Heaven's sake, young fellow, where am I?" A passing man with a cart drove him to the nearest bus-station, from where he returned to his own town, Itauçu, by the Itumbiara-Goiânia bus. His family were terrified, inasmuch as his horse had come back home alone, and very late. In the town of Itauçu lights had been seen during the night, and had been the subject of much talk among the inhabitants.

*Diário de Notícias*, Rio de Janeiro, May 24, 1969.

*Folha de Goiás*, Goiânia, June 12, 1969. Also letter dated April 28, 1969, from Sr. Wayner José Monteiro to SBEDV.

**114. April 21, 1969.** Guanabara. A physician, Dr. Décio Nogueira Perez, with dozens of other people, saw three flying saucers, intensely luminous and very low, spinning very rapidly above the point where the Rio-Petrópolis motorway joins the Avenida do Brasil.

*O Dia*, Rio de Janeiro, April 22, 1969.



# Possible landings at Centeno, Argentina

*Roberto A. Ferrari*

Señor Roberto Ferrari has a group in Santa Fe, Argentina, known as the *Centro de Estudios Físicos* (Centre for Physical Studies). Their main interest lies in studying the possible methods by which the UFOs may be powered, and Sr. Ferrari informs us that among the ideas which they are examining are those that were propounded long ago, at the very outset of the UFO Phenomenon, by the remarkable Frenchman, Captain Plantier. Translation: Gordon Creighton.

THE case which is here presented is the first of a selection from the archives of our Centre which we are happy to make available for *Flying Saucer Review* and the companion journal *FSR Case Histories*.

The scene of the events described is Centeno, a place in the Province of Santa Fe.

At 3.40 a.m. on November 5, 1967, an employee of a dairy farm owned by Sr. Spini set out for the pastures to attend to his duties.

Suddenly he perceived, coming from the West, an object enveloped in a brilliant bluish luminosity. It landed on the ground at a distance of some 600 metres from him, and remained there for two or three minutes. In the meantime, the witness started calling loudly to one of his companions who was in the house. This second witness heard his calls and looked out, so that both were able to witness the departure of the object when it took off again towards the West. At no moment did either of them hear any sound from it or notice any strange sensations.

## Landing Marks

As soon as it was light, they were able to establish that there was an oval mark at the spot, and that the pasture there was dry and flattened. Moreover another mark, in all respects similar, was found by a Señor Aranzadi, owner of an adjacent field, when he came

out of his house on the morning of November 20 (twenty days after the first case).

## The Investigation

On learning of the landing, our Group sent a team of investigators to look at the site on November 26.

It had rained twice since the first landing and a great many visitors had milled around at the spot, but as our photographs Nos. 1 and 2 show, the oval area was still very distinct and the dried nature of the herbage was clearly detectable.

The dimensions of the oval flattened area were 6m.  $\times$  4m., with the major axis oriented from East to West.

Tests of the local magnetic field revealed no abnormalities. We took samples of soil and plants and sent them to be analysed by the Faculty of Chemical Engineering at Santa Fe, but no metallic particles and no traces of radioactivity or any other abnormalities were detected. The only distinctive feature presented by all the plants was that they were of the usual yellow colour, dry rather than burnt.

Statements were taken by us from the two witnesses, simple men who could offer no explanation for what they had seen.

At the second landing site we were more fortunate, nobody having been there before us, and we are pro-



Photograph 1



Photograph 2



Photograph 3

bably the only people who have investigated it, as it was much newer and few folk knew of it. It was similar to the first mark, with its major axis about  $4\frac{1}{2}$  metres and its lesser axis 3 metres. The major axis was again oriented from East to West. Nearby there was also another smaller mark, one metre in diameter, circular, and some 70 cms. from the large oval.

Both these marks were quite intact, and the contrast between the yellow dried grass inside them and the green grass all around was most striking. (See photos 3 and 4.)

The analysis of our samples of soil and vegetation at the second site gave the same results as in the first case—entirely negative.

When questioning local residents we learned that “strange lights” had been seen there during the period in question, and also objects had been seen flying overhead.



Photograph 4

### Conclusion

In the first case, two witnesses saw the object, and the correlation between the object and the oval landing mark seems clear. In the second case, although no witness of the landing was found, the strange characteristics of the oval mark and the yellow, dessicated, flattened grass lead us to suspect that it had been produced by the same means. It seems therefore that we can say that there were UFO landings at Centeno on the early morning of November 5, 1967, and during the night of November 19/20, 1967.

I would add that the effect on the dried grass has been extremely curious. The marks—which put one in mind of the sort of burns that would be given by a hot metal plate—indicate that the interaction between the UFO and ground was not confined merely to the zone of contact. The question as to what type of radiation it is that is responsible and in what conditions it is able to produce these effects remains open.

## Readers' Reports

### Taxi-driver's testimony

The following letter is from a new reader of *Flying Saucer Review* and *FSR Case Histories*, who took out subscriptions following the appearance of the Editor in the BBC-TV programme “Search” on May 26.

Dear Sir,—I am a taxi-driver and what got me definitely interested in these strange things derives from the following true account:

About four years ago my wife, Mary (a real down-to-earth woman), went out to the back green with our younger son, Donald (aged at that time 24 years), to bring into the house some clothes or washing that had been forgotten. They were both at the same time attracted to something hovering

low down in the sky quite near them, and they both gave me the following description from the view they had.

“It” seemed to be cigar-shaped, or it may have been saucer-shaped, from the angle it was seen (my son’s remark). It was the length of two railway carriages with big lighted windows on its upper structure; there was a deep blue-purple light coming from underneath it. No motor or engine noise was heard. The light coming from underneath the great “ship” gradually got brighter, becoming lilac and then brilliant white, when it flew off into the night sky at an incredible speed.

Now here is the sequel to the foregoing. Eighteen months later a taxi-driver whose name is Hugh Milligan, who is quoted as saying “I never

believed in any of that tripe”, was going home at 3.25 a.m. after his night shift. He then saw hovering about 50ft. above his block of flats a great ship estimated to be about 250ft. across. He gave the same particulars about it as my wife and son had done.

He was so astounded, and a wee bit afraid, so he called our control on his radio. The control asked over the air if any other taxi was near. Six other taxis turned up and the seven drivers watched this “ship” for about five minutes, after which it “whoofed” away into the night sky at tremendous speed. Since then Hugh got permission from the janitor of the flats to use the roof area to keep watch for an hour or two each night; he could manage it with his big UFO camera and huge



binoculars (a changed man, eh?).  
**Archibald C. Walker, G.M.,** 59  
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 S4.

#### Yet another photo from Warminster

Dear Sir,—After reading your much publicised account and the investigations into the Warminster sighting of March 28, 1970, I felt that I should report a similar sighting that occurred on Saturday, February 13, 1971.

I must point out that as I am something of a newcomer to the Warminster "scene" and have visited Cradle Hill only three times I am not fully conversant with the surroundings at Warminster. However, I have enclosed a transparency that may possibly be of some help to your Warminster investigations; on the other hand, there may be no connection between the two sightings at all.

Briefly, the events surrounding the sighting are as follows: On February 13, 1971, my colleagues and I arrived at Warminster, Cradle Hill, at approximately 21.30 hrs. to find that an army exercise was in progress, including aircraft and helicopters. During the exercise (approximately 22.20 hrs.) a "blue" light appeared across the valley. Visually, it looked very similar to that shown on the front cover of FSR Vol. 16, No. 4. However, from the time of appearance and termination the light was stationary and visible for approximately two minutes, during which time a photograph was obtained. Incidentally, the photograph was taken from halfway between Cradle Hill gates and Field Barn gates.



**Army light, or what?** The image in this Warminster photograph appears quite unlike that captured on film by Mr. Foxwell on March 28, 1970 (see FSR July/August and November/December 1970 and March/April 1971).

At approximately 23.20 hrs. the light appeared for the second time in the same position as the first, but this time it moved in a horizontal path at a constant speed (slow speed) toward an easterly direction, and then disappeared.

The appearances and disappearances of the light in all cases were like a lamp being switched on and then off suddenly. A few suggestions were put forward as to the possible identity of the light, but at this point I remain neutral. The army exercise terminated at approximately 23.30 hrs.

At the time of the sighting there were quite an assortment of skywatchers present.

Incidentally, the light shown on the transparency is located just below the horizon of the hill and above the street lamps.

Yours faithfully,

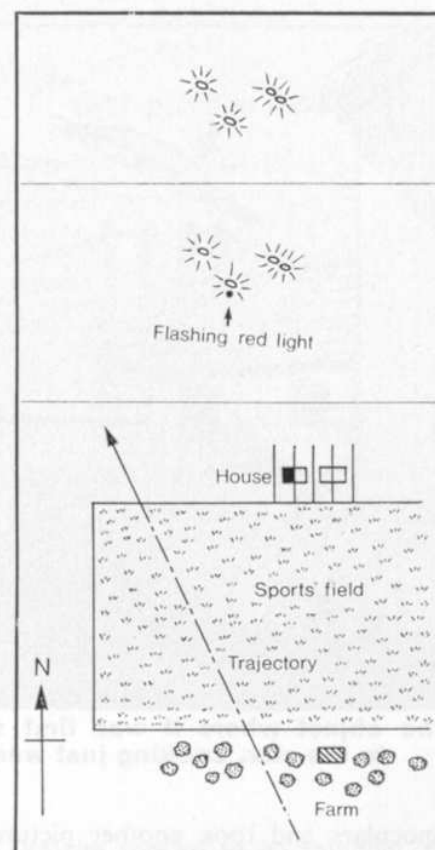
**Frank M. G. Morton,** 65 Malmsey House, Vauxhall Street, London SE11.  
 (June 16, 1971.)

#### Unusual lights over Ongar

Dear Sir,—This is an account of an unusual observation on Monday, June 28, 1971.

The time was approximately 10.20 p.m., it was twilight with about two-eighths cloud cover, stars were visible, the horizon was clear and not hazy and there was a very slight breeze. The moon in its position approximately due west, was at about half moon.

On looking out of the rear window of our house (from a lighted room into the twilight), I observed a large star-shaped light scintillating in the sky. I called the attention of my mother



**Ongar lights and plan of location**

and father and we all went out into the back garden to observe it better. My next-door neighbour, Mr. Trundel, was also outside, so my father called to him and showed him the object. At this point the object was stationary, just to the west of due south, about 100-200ft. up or about 10-20 degrees from the horizontal, the object appearing to be about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 mile away.

The drawing shows our house in relation to the trees and farmhouse which are approximately 500 yards away.

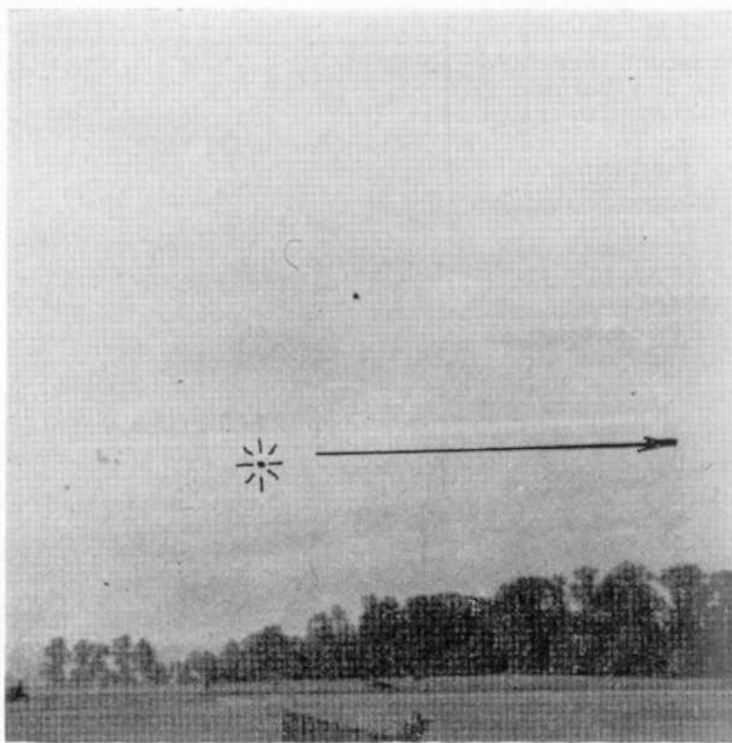
At this point I went into my bedroom, upstairs, where my mother was already getting out my binoculars and loaded camera. The object had now remained stationary for two to three minutes, but suddenly the light increased in brilliance and size, then started moving right, to the west.

I took one photograph, then focused my 16 × 50 binoculars on the object. (Later I found my photo had failed).

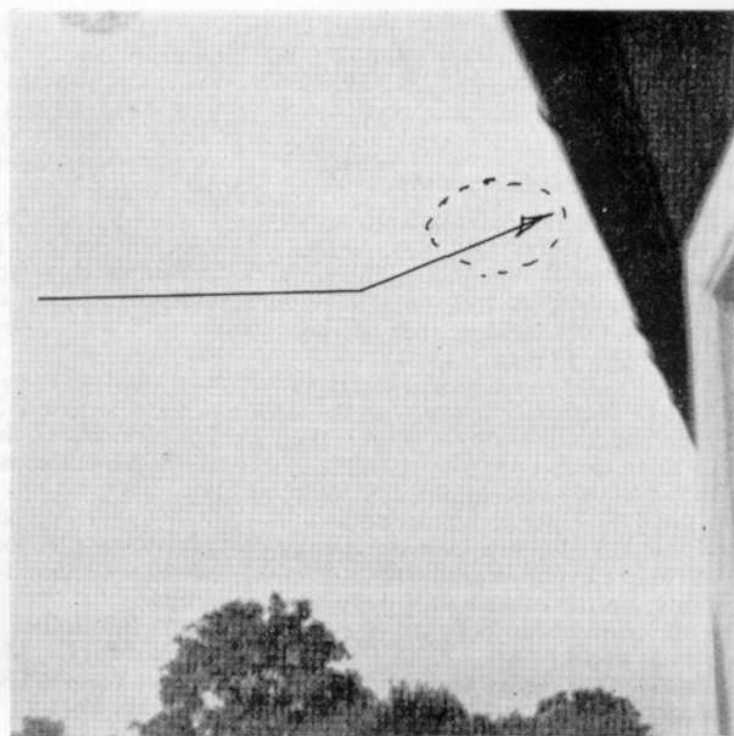
I observed the following:

The oval shape of the lights may be due to the focus, which in my haste was not quite correct.

The object was now moving at about the speed of a light aircraft, but completely noiselessly. I put down the



The object where it was first sighted, in relation to the star. Looking just west of due south



Looking due west, where the object inclined upwards and its light extinguished, somewhere within dotted area

binoculars and took another picture and then returned to the binoculars again. The lights were still in the same configuration, but I could now observe a red flashing light in the position indicated.

Behind the lights I could only make out a fuzzy shape, but nothing positive, as if these were searchlights or landing lights of some sort.

The object kept moving to the right (west) and just as it was approaching due west, and I was about to lose view of it behind the eaves of the roof, it suddenly changed course upwards (about 45 degrees), sped up and its lights extinguished.

The time was approximately 10.25 p.m., the sighting had lasted about five minutes. I came downstairs and went into the front garden for about three to four minutes but could see nothing more of the object. Throughout the whole five minutes the three other witnesses said they heard no noise from the object. Although I also heard no noise, I twice heard a sound like a very distant rumble of a jet aircraft (I am sure this noise was nothing to do with the object, and it could mean that an aircraft was in the vicinity and may also have observed the phenomenon.)

Later on that evening I saw Mr. Trundel again and he remarked to me that from where he was standing in his garden he had seen two lights with the naked eye and that just before the lights had extinguished he had seen the flight path incline and the object speed up. He also remarked that the

flight path inclined so that the object would pass across the face of the moon from our position and when it did the lights extinguished.

At first I thought we may have been observing the landing lights of a light aircraft doing a practice approach run. Three things seem to count this out:

(i) The absence of noise during a five-minute period, with the object between one half to one mile away during that time.

(ii) Even when observed through the 16 x 50 binoculars there was a total absence of the red and green, port and starboard navigation lights.

(iii) That even when the lights were running across and round us they did not change their configuration as they would have done if they had been aircraft landing lights on or in the leading edge of the wings along the line of flight.

Approximate grid references on O.S. sheet 161, London N.E.

(1) My house TL 555.037, (2) where the object appeared TL 553.028, about  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 mile distance between the two points, away over Ongar town.

I had my photographs developed, but I am afraid nothing came out at all, most probably due to my bad photography. However, the next morning I took some more exposures of the area which I have marked up with the positions as near as possible.

Allen V. J. Stockel, Onslow Gardens, Ongar, Essex.

#### Dunston-on-Tyne UFO

Dear Sir,—Two weeks ago (May 10,

1971) I saw a UFO, and it was witnessed by my mother. Members of the family are amused, and my mother has become doubtful, but I am convinced it was a flying saucer.

My sister and I went to the local library and looked up some books on the subject. After reading them I felt I should report what I had seen to someone, as it leaves doubts on other UFO reports if all other people keep quiet. I wrote to *Orbit* magazine in our nearest city—no reply! [This magazine has ceased publication—ED.] Then I found your address in a book and hoped you might be interested in my report.

It was a bright evening with an almost clear sky when at about 8.15 I went over to the television set to switch on. As I was doing this I looked through the window and my attention was caught by a "line of bright light" above a pylon which stands directly in front of Dunston Power Station. This light was strange: the only way I can explain it is thus . . . imagine trying to describe a beautiful diamond to people who have only ever seen plain glass.

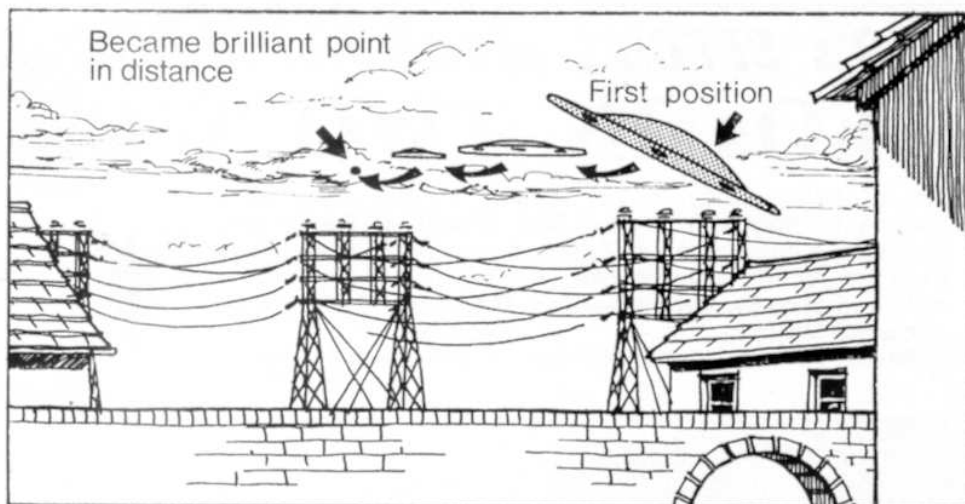
The light "hovered" in a diagonal aspect for some minutes, and I could see smokey grey spots appearing under the light. These gave the appearance of moving in a circle. Above the light there was the impression of a grey, round dome. This dome was visible in the same way as is the dark part of the moon when half lit. The light seemed to diminish in length and I realised it was going away. My mother who had been watching it with me at that point exclaimed: "It's going round!" I had



said nothing about that, but she also seemed to get the impression that it was spinning. (Although she now insists it was only an aeroplane, she was at first amazed at the UFO.)

As the "light" grew smaller it straightened into a horizontal position and in a few seconds it was just a small dot in the distance. A fighter plane—possibly a *Lightning*—swept into view from the North West, just as the dot was disappearing. It veered round to where the object had been, shot over the power station and flew away to the South.

I have tried to be objective, but as far as my sketch is concerned I am willing to admit my representation of the UFO's exact disappearance may be directionally faulty. When I first saw it I thought it was an aeroplane trail, but then I saw it as a brilliant light like



a neon, showing the grey spots underneath when it was moving. As it became just a brilliant point of light it bobbed

under a dark grey cloud.  
Miss L. Linton, Meadow Close,  
Dunston-on-Tyne, Co. Durham.

## Possible resemblances

Gordon Creighton

AKE FRANZEN'S article *The Little Man of Norrbotten* (FSR Case Histories No. 4, pp. 13-14) is illustrated by two interesting photographs of a model of the little creature, made on the basis of the descriptions furnished by several witnesses.

While one must not jump to rash conclusions or give too much reliance to a model which was, as everyone must realise, constructed in the absence of an original and merely in accordance with oral statements, I recall one sketch of a type of small creature which seems curiously near to it, both as regards the shape and position of the eyes and the profile of the face.

This is the sketch which appears on

p. 32 of NICAP's publication *UFOs: A New Look* (1969).

On November 2, 1967, two Indian youths, Guy Tossie and Will Begay, encountered a domed UFO, 8ft. wide, which was hovering about 5ft. above the surface of Highway 26 outside Ririe, Idaho, U.S.A.

Two creatures, each about 3½ft. in height, floated down. They were wearing packs on their backs which protruded above and behind their heads. Their faces were oval, with rough skin heavily pitted and creased. They had small round eyes, straight slit-like mouths and large ears standing high on hairless heads. They wore tight one-piece garments.

The bottom of the UFO appeared green and orange, in alternating colours.

The rim seemed to be spinning, and had bright flashing lights, green and orange, while the object hovered. A light appeared at the bottom at take-off, yellow, and playing like a flame.

One creature got into the car beside the witnesses. Tossie escaped from the car and ran to a nearby farm, pursued by a bright light carried by the second creature.

Not only does there seem to be a marked resemblance in respect of both eyes and ears, but it should also be borne in mind that the Norrbotten creature is represented as carrying a bright lamp.

## UFO and the car which "floated along"

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Mrs. Smyth's husband, Dave, was also questioned.

"When did you first hear about this thing?"

"When she got home from school."

"What did she say?"

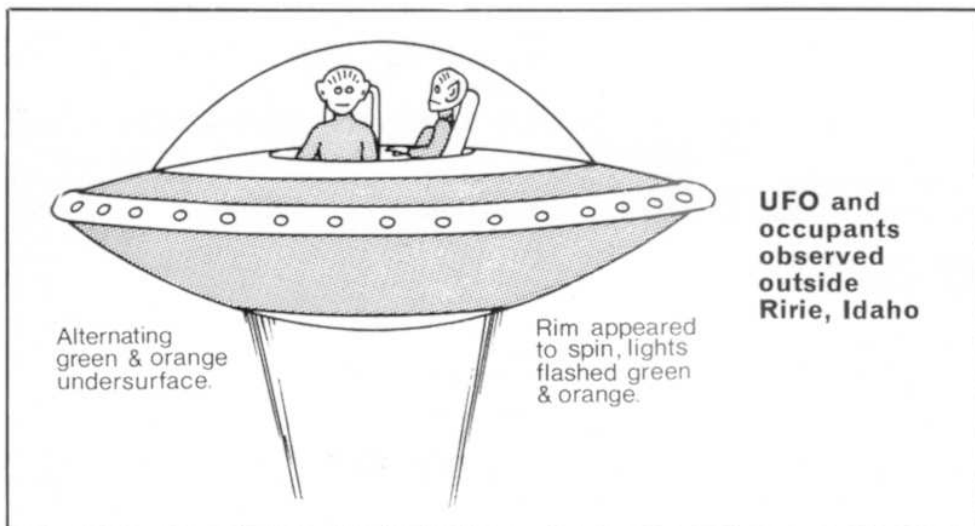
"She came out with this: 'Honey, you ain't gonna believe this. I saw a thing that looked like a flying saucer.'"

"And what did you say?"

"I laughed."

"Do you believe her now?"

"Well, yeah."



UFO and occupants observed outside Ririe, Idaho

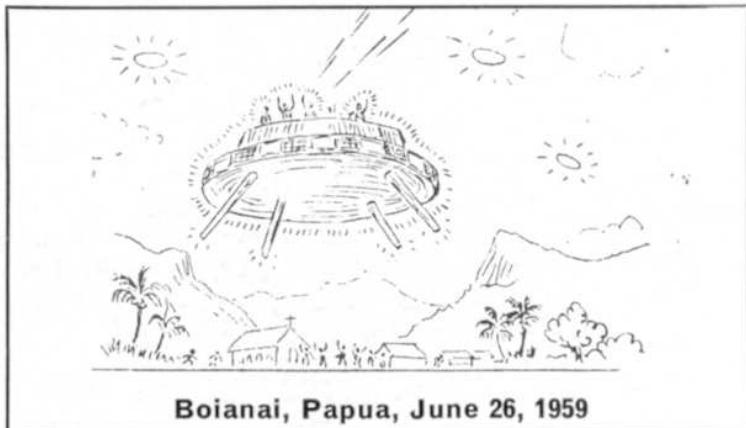
Alternating green & orange undersurface.

Rim appeared to spin, lights flashed green & orange.

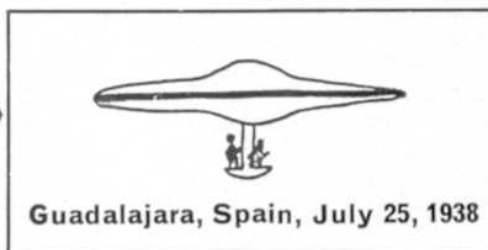
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