

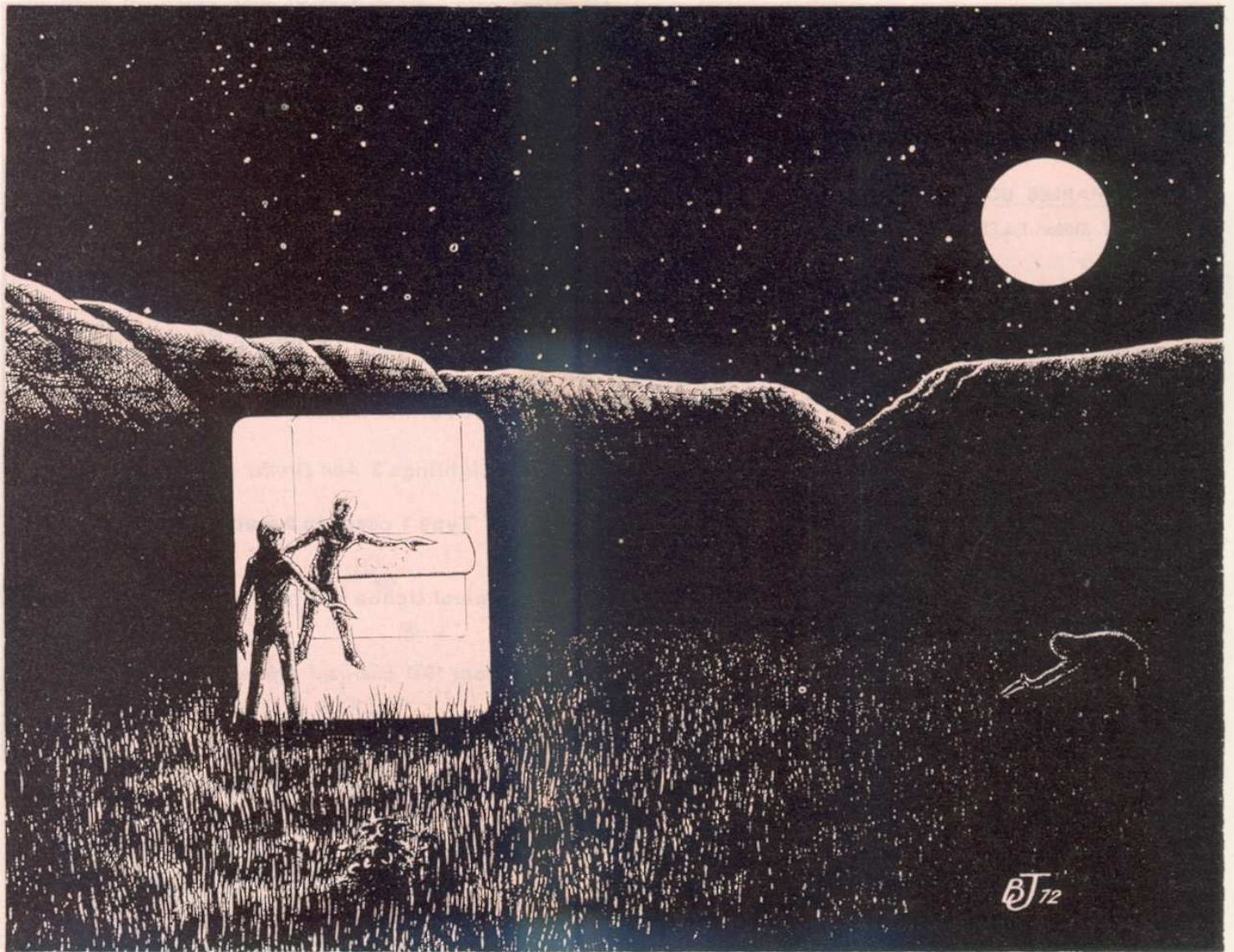


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# Belgian UFO Sightings During July 1972

By SOBEPS Investigators\*

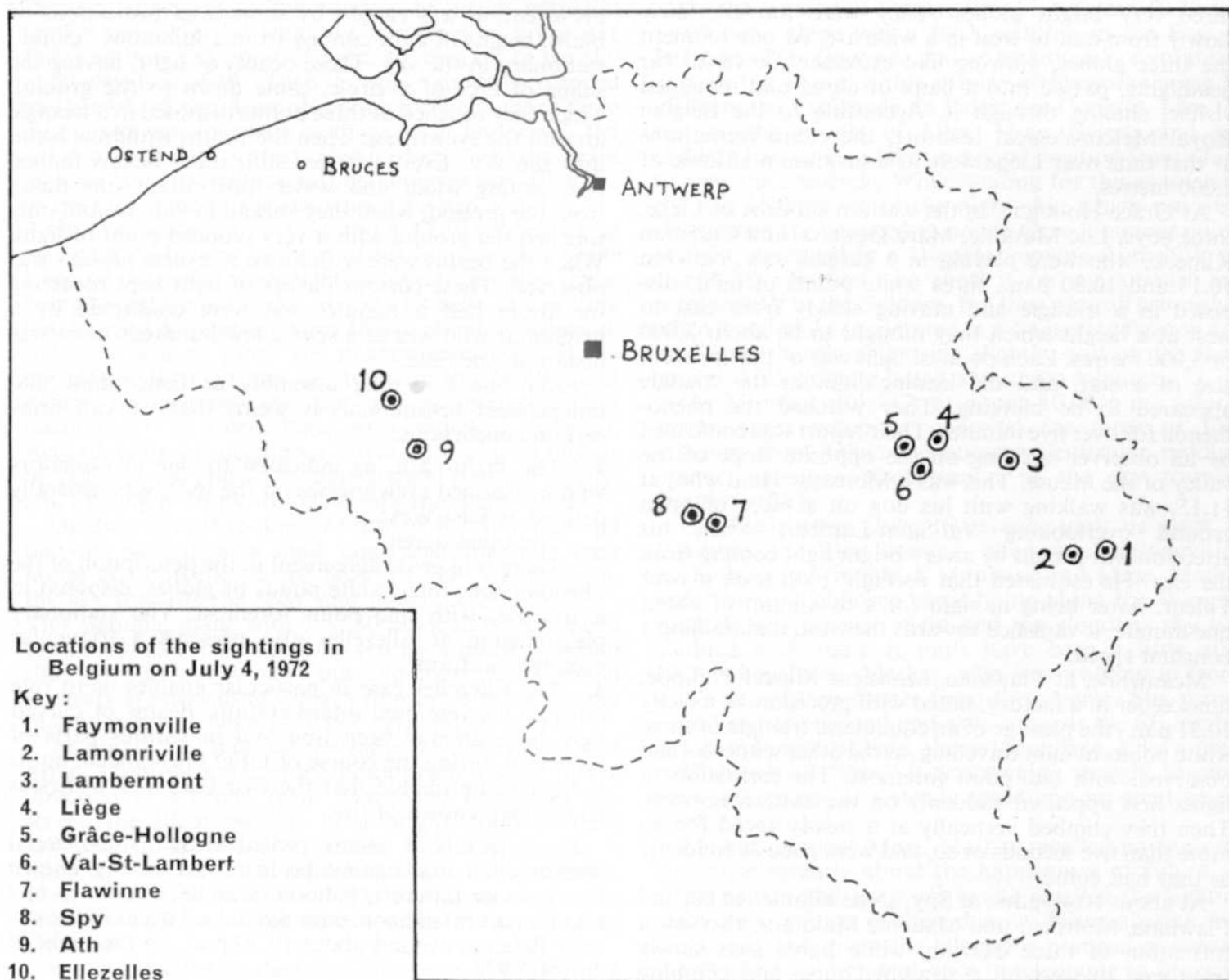
FOR some time there had been a great lull, the Belgian press carrying no reports of UFO activity until, on July 6 and 7, 1972, the newspapers suddenly erupted with reports of objects seen by scores of eyewitnesses on the evening of the 4th, and in all parts of the country. Our researches have shown that there were interesting sightings for some days thereafter, and also again in October 1972 (which we hope to publish on a future occasion).

We will begin with the sightings of the famous July 4.

At Faymonville, to the East of Malmédy, at 9.50 p.m., a man named José Ledur, aged 18, was the first witness. From his home, for a period of six minutes, he observed

a luminous white object, very bright, "like a big car headlight," travelling at an altitude which he estimated at some 5,000 metres. Of an apparent size equal to about one-fifth of that of the full moon, the object arrived from the south-east, described a wide sweep almost right above the witness and then vanished towards the west, where it was soon hidden by the houses.

\* Monsieur Lucien Clerebaut, Chief Secretary of SOBEPS, informs us that this report is a collective work by the whole of their team. The Society's journal is *Inforespace*, and the address is: Boulevard Aristide Briande, 26; 1070—Bruxelles, Belgium.



Some kilometres further west, the Reverend Father Quertemont, a Belgian missionary active in Uganda, was with 44 girl guides from Dison around a camp-fire at Lamorville (Bellevaux-Ligneuville commune) when, at about 10.10 p.m., the Guide Leader, Claudine Dieupart, aged 19, drew the attention of everyone to a triangle of white luminous points flying silently overhead from SE to NW. Each point of light was of the size of the Pole Star. The witnesses felt that they were "very high," and the total duration of the sighting was about five minutes.

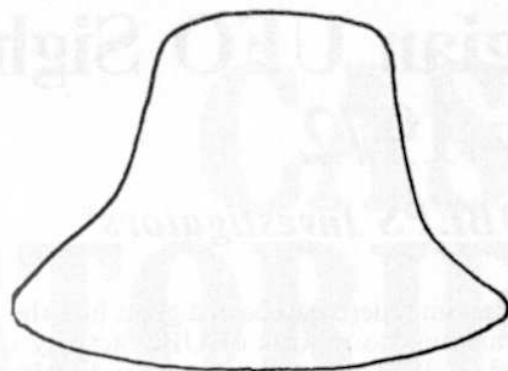
Meanwhile, at Lambermont, a suburb of Verviers, shortly after 10.00 p.m., three people observed the passage of a luminous shape "resembling the lens of a pocket torch," moving slowly across the sky at an estimated altitude of 2,000 metres and on a SE-NW course. The duration of the sighting was a little under two minutes. At one moment the object passed beneath a bank of cloud and illuminated it from below.

In Liège, at about 10.30 p.m., one observer (who desires to remain anonymous) informed the newspaper *La Meuse* that he and several people waiting with him at a bus stop at the intersection of the boulevard d'Avroy and rue Darchis saw a triangle consisting of three very bright globes. They were moving fairly slowly from east to west in a wide arc. At one moment the three globes, glowing like extremely powerful car headlights, passed into a bank of cloud and remained visible, shining through it. According to the Belgian Royal Meteorological Institute, the cloud formations at that time over Liège were at a maximum altitude of 2,000 metres.

At Grâce-Hollogne, in the western suburbs of Liège, three boys, Luc Muraille, Marc Dewaha, and Christian Klineck, who were playing in a garden, saw, between 10.15 and 10.30 p.m., three white points of light, disposed in a triangle and moving slowly from east to west at a height which they thought to be about 2,000 or 3,000 metres. Each point of light was of the apparent size of a star, and the leading light in the triangle appeared to be blinking. They watched the phenomenon for over five minutes. Their report was confirmed by an observer strolling on the opposite slope of the valley of the Meuse. This was a Monsieur Haid who, at 11.15, was walking with his dog on a piece of open ground overlooking Val-Saint-Lambert when his attention was caught by a very bright light coming from the east. He estimated that its flight path took it over Tilleur. After being in sight for a maximum of about one minute, it vanished towards the west, maintaining a constant speed.

Meanwhile, at Flawinne, Monsieur Marcel Philippe, timekeeper in a factory, noted with precision, at exactly 10.31 p.m., the passage of an equilateral triangle of three white points of light travelling, as the other witnesses had observed, with one point foremost. The formation of lights first appeared suddenly on the eastern horizon. Then they climbed vertically at a steady speed for no more than five seconds or so, and were gone as suddenly as they had come.

At about 10.40 p.m., at Spy, some kilometres beyond Flawinne, Monsieur and Madame Malotiaux also saw a formation of three dazzling white lights pass slowly from east to west on a straight course and climbing



**Mme. Mathar's sketch of the hat-shaped UFO as it appeared to her**

slightly. They added that each of the three luminous points appeared to be rotating and to be surrounded by bluish sparks.

From the platform of the railway station at Ath a conductor of the Belgian National Railways saw three luminous discs, disposed in a triangle, and with hazy contours, travelling from ESE to WNW.

Finally, at Ellezelles, near Renaix, at 10.45 p.m., a young farmer was in a field adjacent to his farm when his attention was caught by some brief projections of bluish beams of light coming from a luminous "cloud" stationary in the sky. These beams of light, having the shape of arcs of a circle, came down to the ground, which they touched at three points disposed in a triangle around the eyewitness. Then the beams withdrew again into the sky. Even stranger still, these beams fanned out, getting wider and wider until about one metre from the ground, when they shrank in volume and only touched the ground with a very reduced point of light. When the beams were withdrawn a reverse process was observed. These curious flashes of light kept recurring for about half a minute, and were confirmed by a neighbour who was at a spot a few hundreds of metres distant at the time.

From the foregoing assembly of concordant and independent testimonials it seems that we can draw certain conclusions:

1. The flight-path, as indicated to our investigators who questioned eyewitnesses on the spot, was generally defined as East-West.
2. The times agree.
3. There is likewise agreement in the description of the phenomenon: three white points or globes, disposed in a triangle, with one point foremost. The stationary phenomenon at Ellezelles also presents a triangular symmetrical form.
4. The Ellezelles case in particular enables us to rule out one conventional interpretation. Beams of curved light have already been observed in various parts of the world during the course of UFO phenomena, but it is highly improbable that the two Ellezelles witnesses could have known of this.

Consequently it seems probable that some aerial phenomenon that cannot be identified as any known flying device (aircraft, balloon, satellite, etc.) or as any regular natural phenomenon did indeed occur in the sky over Belgium around about 10.30 p.m. on the night of July 4, 1972.

But in the course of our investigations during the days that followed, it soon became clear to us that not all the unusual sightings recorded on that day could be attributed to the same phenomenon, and, moreover, that strange things had also been going on on other days in that remarkable month of July. The investigation in depth by SOBEPS gradually established the existence of a sort of Belgian "miniwave."

We discovered that, at about 10.15 p.m. on the same day, July 4, a lady residing at Chapelle-lez-Herlaimont also observed the passage (though from S to SE) of three white points of light travelling silently on a straight course. In the same commune, at a distance of some kilometres from her, her daughter confirmed the passage of the same phenomenon, flying on the same trajectory indicated.

At Uccle, at about 10.55 p.m., a Mme. Devillers and her children observed a big flashing "star" coming from the South-East. The "star" remained stationary in the sky for a few minutes and then vanished upwards into Space.

Early on the night of July 5, a Mme. Trenteseau, residing at Overijse, observed from her bathroom a vivid white light moving slowly from NNE to SSW. Puzzled, she went to the window to watch more intently, and observed what she describes as a big star followed by a red point of light, moving off in the sky at an elevation of 40°. Then the object suddenly stopped and grew brighter. After observing for the space of three minutes or so, in which nothing fresh happened, the witness went back to bed. Her husband, waking again an hour later, found that the phenomenon was still there in the same area of the sky where she had seen it.

On Wednesday, July 5, at about 12.10 (noon), as he was parking his car in front of his house, a Monsieur Legrand noticed a dozen whitish objects of vague shape flying to and fro in the sky, at a low altitude, and putting him in mind of sheets of paper blown about by the wind. *But there was no wind.* The phenomenon was moving noiselessly through the air towards the NNW, and rising. The witness was not greatly interested, but mentioned it to a neighbour, who continued to watch. According to this neighbour, there were whitish objects of vague shape and fleecy appearance, rotating slowly, and moving in turns around a dark triangular object.

On July 8, at 0.15 a.m., Monsieur R. Alquinne and his wife saw, from a small courtyard adjoining their house at Courcelles, a red beam of light stationary in the sky towards the SSW and at an elevation of 50°. This sighting, made with 7 × 50 binoculars, continued until 0.40, and was then followed by a phase in which the light alternately went out and flared up again in intensity at intervals of three or four minutes, no change of colour being observed. They detected no sound.

At about 9.30 p.m. on the same day, Monsieur and Mme. Leempoels, returning home from a walk in the direction of Chéoux (near Marche-en-Famenne) observed the silent passage of a bright point of light following a NNE-SSW course. Thinking it was a satellite, they were astonished to see it halt suddenly. Then, after a pause of some 15 seconds or so, it continued on its course in the same direction but accelerating abruptly.

We were feeling by then that the events of July 4 were

about to repeat themselves, when a new sighting report came in from the troop of girl guides on holiday at Lamonville. This time what they saw was again an equilateral triangle formed of three white points, which was moving silently southwards. The time was 9.15 p.m. precisely. After they had watched for three minutes, they saw an aircraft cross the line of flight of the object, which then turned red and at once climbed away into the sky and vanished. There were 23 eyewitnesses.

On Tuesday, July 11, between 7.20 and 7.30 p.m., Monsieur Paul Licour of Ath observed, towards the north, a group of eight whitish balls arranged in an octagon. They looked like cottonwool, gave out no light, and were stationary, quite high in the clear sky. After five minutes they suddenly vanished in less than one minute, like snow melting away in the sunlight.

On Thursday, July 13, a Madame M.B. of Brussels observed for several minutes, from the dyke between Knokke and Le Zoute, and at about 10.10 p.m., a round object coming from the direction of Zeebrugge and moving at a steady and not very high speed towards Holland. The object was luminous, yellowish-white, and surrounded by a mat halo of the same colour.

On the evening of Friday, July 14, between 10.30 and 11.00 p.m., there was a fresh sighting in the East of Belgium. The *Quatorze Juillet* traditional celebrations were in full swing, with a display of fireworks being let off from the Esplanade du Palais des Congrès. Like the rest of the people of Lille, Mme. Swerts and her children had gone to take up a good position from which to view the spectacle. While waiting for things to start, she was looking up at the night sky, which was very clear, when she chanced to notice three luminous points of light, arranged in a triangle, moving from NW towards SE. At first she took it for an aircraft and mentioned it to the children. But they were all astonished when it suddenly accelerated in a staggering fashion and made off, silently and rising slightly, still on the same course. This sighting lasted about two minutes.

On Monday, July 17, at about 10.00 p.m., after a storm, three witnesses observed for three or four minutes, from Olne, a stationary lenticular reddish-orange luminous phenomenon in the sky towards Beaufays (SE).

On Wednesday, July 19, events took us back to Faymonville. That evening, after watching television in the home of friends, a Monsieur and Mme. Mathar and their two children came home along the Wévercé road. It was a warm night and the cloudless sky was studded with stars. It must have been a little after 10.30 when Mme. Mathar, who was walking in front, was a few dozen metres from their home. She turned round to her husband and saw, towards the SE, on her left, a red point of light above the village. Like a great reddish-orange "star," it was coming straight towards their little party, at a steady speed and no great height from the ground.

At that moment Mme. Mathar recalled having read an article recently about the happenings of July 4, as given above, and particularly she recalled the sighting made by a woman of their district. Remembering that the article had given the telephone number of SOBEPS, she ran into the house at once to telephone to Brussels.

As she entered she looked back once more and saw that the thing was much nearer, and she could now make out a precise shape which, as her son said, looked like a hat. (See Fig. 1.) Its contours were very clear and its colour now lighter than at first. Darker nuances on it gave the impression of considerable volume and its light, although diffused, did not illuminate the surroundings. She stopped watching it and rushed to telephone us. Her eight-year-old son, not happy about the phenomenon, remained outside no longer but joined her in the house.

Monsieur Mathar remained outside. Soon he saw the thing come to a halt. Called by Mme. Mathar, his nephew came running out from the house, and his description to us of the object tallies. He said the apparent diameter of the object was now about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  times that of the full Moon, and estimated its angular height at about  $5^\circ$  or  $6^\circ$ .

Meanwhile Mme. Mathar had contacted our Secretariat. We asked her at once to try to take photographs. Monsieur Mathar ran into the house to get his camera. The other witnesses, watching outside, now suddenly saw the light of the object grow dim and its outline grow vague, until finally it had completely vanished.

Coming out again with his camera, M. Mathar was much chagrined to find himself too late. But fortunately his regret was of short duration, for a few moments later they were astonished to see the phenomenon reappear, although this time its shape was more hazy, like an elongated spot of light. The duration of this second

apparition was only about ten seconds, after which the phenomenon faded away. Two photographs were however secured.



Enlargement from photo 1



Enlargement from photo 2

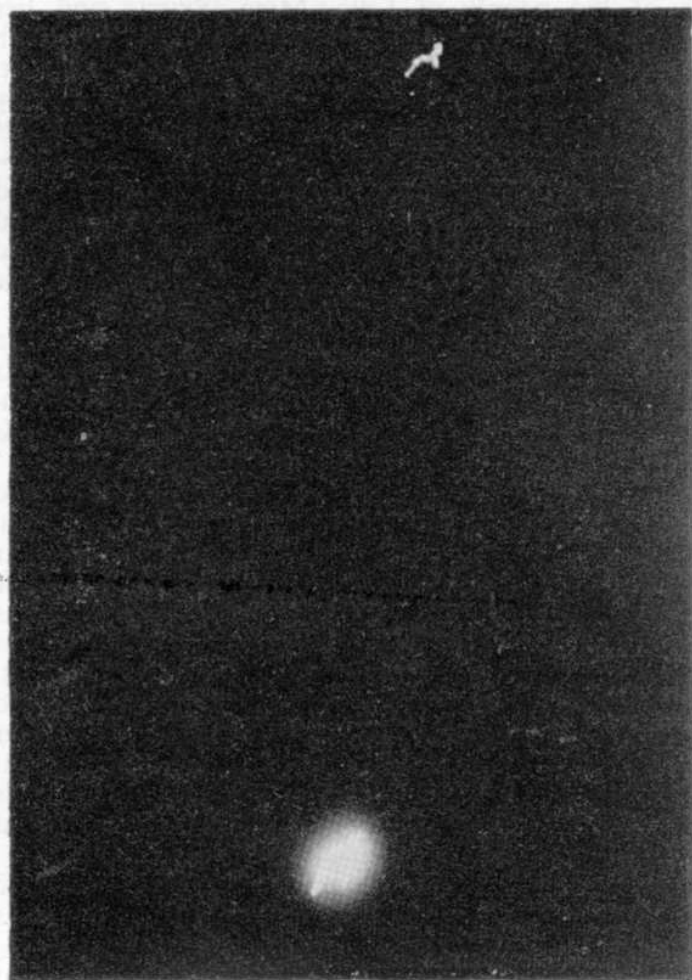


Photo No. 1 in full, sideways (top to the left).  
[Hand-shake?—Ed.]

#### THE FAYMONVILLE PHOTOGRAPHS

These two photographs were taken by Monsieur Mathar at about 10.45 p.m. on the night of Wednesday, July 19, 1972, at Faymonville, a place lying to the east of Malmedy in the Province of Liege, Belgium.

The camera used was an Agfa Color-Agnar, 1:3.5/45, loaded with 20 DIN black and white film.

A curious point is the great discrepancy between these pictures and the descriptions given by the various eyewitnesses, as well as the sketch made by Madame Mathar.

Seemingly the camera did not capture the same image that was seen by the eyewitnesses.

In the right-hand part of photo No. 1 is moreover a trail registered on the film which was not seen by any of the eyewitnesses. Only the camera has caught it. Enlargement of this trail is shown on page 25 of the magazine *Inforespace* No. 7/1973.

The most striking thing to bear in mind about the pictures is their remarkable similarity to the three photographs of precisely the same "luminous" kind which were taken at 4.00 a.m. on September 3, 1969, at La Souterraine in France by a Monsieur Laguide and which are reproduced on pages 10 and 11 of *FSR Case Histories No. 1* (October 1970).

The La Souterraine photos were seen by Mr. Percy Hennell, and his comments upon them appear on page 12 of *FSRCH* No. 1. We hope he will be able to examine the Faymonville photographs when the pressure of his business commitments permits.

GORDON CREIGHTON.

At this point we should also give the testimony of a neighbour whom the Mathar family had met as they were walking along the road. This man was sitting outside his house when he caught sight of the object, far off. At the time when the object drew nearer and became stationary, he reckons that its elevation was about  $30^\circ$  or  $35^\circ$ . He describes the object as rather vague in shape, of a red colour, and he estimated the duration of the first sighting at three minutes.

Then, after the object had "gone out," he saw the phenomenon reappear 30 seconds later and, from where he was sitting (unlike the Mathars) he says that its shape now appeared much more clearly, that it was round, and that it was surrounded by small points of light. He thought indeed that he could also discern a sort of faint smoke enveloping it. No sound was heard from it during these various phases and when the thing vanished it went very suddenly.

## Frightening Experience on the London-Brighton Road

*Jeanne-Marie Rivaux*

Mlle. Rivaux is a member of the C.I.E.S.P.I. in Poitiers, whose President, Jean-Claude Baillon, has contributed in the past to both our journals.

TOWARDS the close of 1971 I was told of an incident that happened to two friends of a friend of mine in England. I thought it would interest you inasmuch as you might be able to link it to something else. Unluckily I lack two very essential details: the precise day and year in which it happened. All I can say is that it occurred a few days before Christmas 1967, or 1968, between 10.00 p.m. and 11.00 p.m. The witnesses were two French students who were to spend their holidays in London.

They had disembarked in Newhaven and were driving past Brighton, towards London. As it was late they decided to stop and spend the night in their car (a Renault 4) in a lay-by. A dark car about the size of a Ford Taunus was there already with all lights out (they did not bother about it, did not notice if anybody was in it, and parked their car just in front of it).

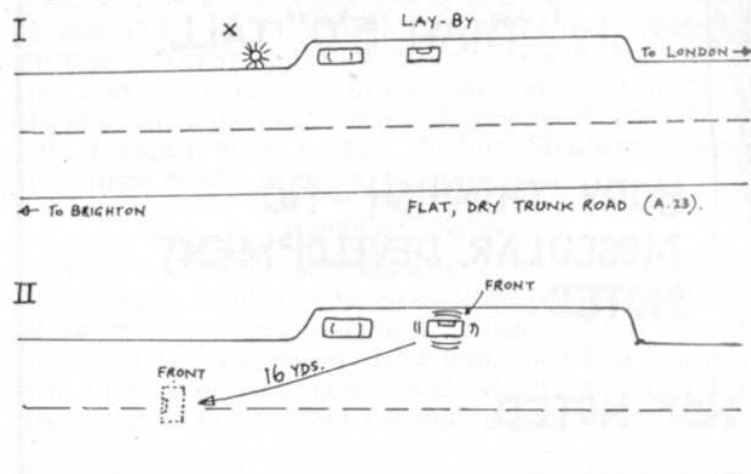
This lay-by can be approximately located between Brighton and Handcross. They said that apart from Brighton they did not drive through any other place;

it was far from any other village or town. There seem to have been no buildings around, but the road was illuminated by an orange light, probably from a street lamp to indicate the lay-by.

On stopping, the driver switched off the lights of the car, except the inside one, and put the hand-brake on. He remained in front, while the other laid down to rest on the rear seat. As soon as he had settled, the car was shaken violently in every direction, from one side to another, and up and down. At least, they had this impression, and they also felt a sensation of being pulled to the right in a descending movement. They were so stunned that they cannot figure out for how long the shaking persisted. But when it stopped, the car was found to be lying horizontally across the middle of the road and about 16 or 17 yards (15 metres) behind where it was standing originally (it must be said that the road was perfectly even and dry).

The driver realised suddenly how dangerous it was to be thus on the road, and he started the car, but the engine stalled because the brake was still on. He started again and parked the car in front of the other one, on the side of the road. Then panic-stricken (and his friend as well) he drove off very fast towards London. Up to then they had not linked the presence of the other car with what had happened to them, but on their way to London they were persuaded (only in imagination, they later said) that they were pursued.

My informant, Christian Chasseriaud, does not mind his name being published in the Review; he did not want to give me the name of his friend—the one who was driving—because he did not know whether he would approve of this. As for his sincerity, I am sure he did not invent the story. He has been a student of economics for four years at Poitiers, and according to friends who know him well, he does not show any tendency towards story-telling. He came to speak of this case very casually, and when I met him he sounded sincere. Of course this is no evidence. As for a common hallucination . . . ?



In sketch I, x denotes the position of the presumed street lamp. In sketch II the dotted outline shows the final position of the Renault 4 astride the centre line

# The Rosedale Humanoids: Further Details

## An Artist's Report, from Brian James

The details for this follow-up report of W. K. Allan's interview with Miss Esther Clappison of Rosedale, Alberta, Canada, are taken, with the kind permission of the editor, John F. Magor, from *Canadian UFO Report*, Vol. 2, No. 5, 1972-73.\*

AFTER reading a report on Miss Clappison's experience [W. K. Allan's account of his interview was published in *FSR Case Histories*, Suppl. 10, June 1972, under the title: "Humanoids and craft seen at Rosedale,"—EDITOR] artist Brian James was so interested that he went to Rosedale, which is some 65 miles ENE of Calgary, spoke to the witness, and viewed the site of the alleged landing. The end-product resulting from this visit was a composition depicting the scene as it might have been on the evening of June 9, 1971 [chosen for our cover design in this issue] and sketches illustrat-

ing his analysis of that scene, and of one of the reported occupants of the craft. These last two sketches accompany this article, and they include some fresh details unearthed by him during his investigation.

Here is a brief synopsis of the incident:

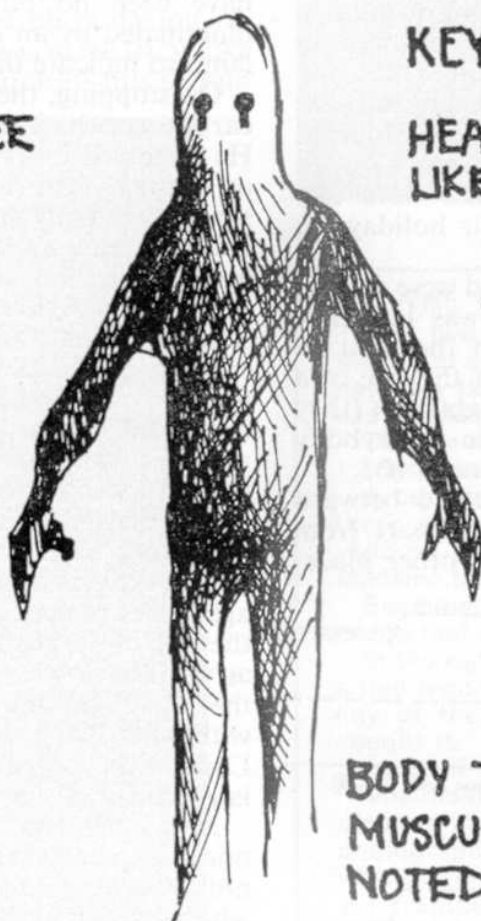
It was about 8.50 p.m., and there was a full moon. Attracted by a bright light which she saw through the window of her house, Miss Clappison went out to the

\* *Canadian UFO Report* addresss: Box 758 Duncan, B.C., Canada.

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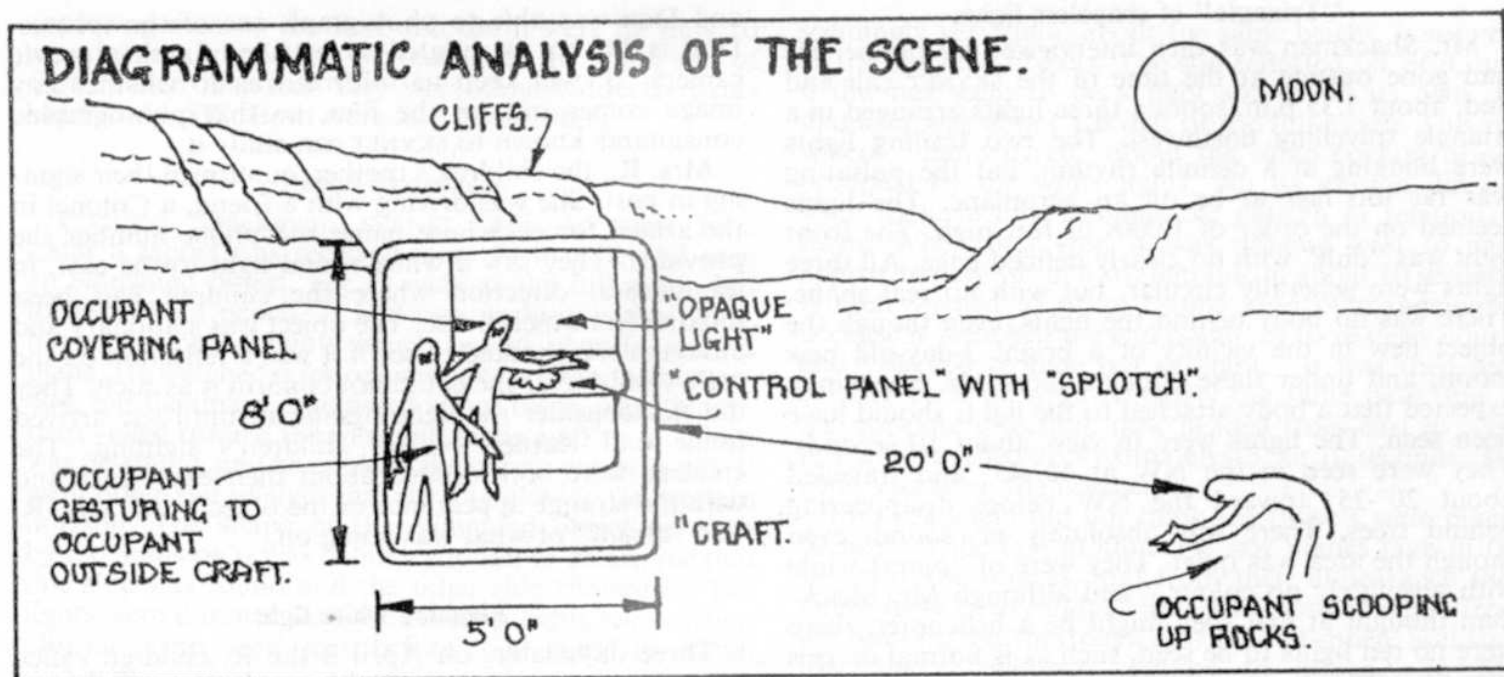
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DETAILS OF BODY STRUCTURE.



front porch. She saw a rectangular object at an intersection of two roads, and suddenly became aware of three occupants ("men"), two inside, seen through a "window" of the craft, and one outside who was bending down as though picking up stones. One of the

occupants of the craft seemed to be beckoning to his companion, and also trying to attract the attention of the "man" outside; at the same time he seemed to be trying to conceal something (perhaps an "instrument panel") with his person.

## The Los Angeles Basin Sightings

### 2: From April 5 to April 8, 1973

*Ann Druffel*

ON April 5, more sightings occurred, having some correlative factors with those of the nights previous. However, these new sightings involved seemingly closer objects. This series began shortly after 7.00 p.m. when B. and D.R., an 11-year-old girl and her 15-year-old brother reported from their home in North Hollywood that they were viewing unusual red and white lights in the sky. Since the lights were still in view at time of the call, I called SKYNET #27, Arthur Shackman, who lives three blocks from the R. home.

#### "Rumbling" lights

While waiting for Mr. Shackman and the R. children to call back, a call was received from Mr. and Mrs. B. of South San Gabriel, about 17 miles to the southeast of North Hollywood. At 6.50 p.m. they had heard a low roaring or rumbling sound which continued for about a minute until they decided to go outside to look

around. In the northwest they viewed two reddish-orange lights, seemingly very high and in view for about 10 seconds before they both went off simultaneously. In the place of one there seemed to be a "very dim blinking light" which continued on a northwesterly course. As the objects disappeared the rumbling sound died away.\* They were the size of very bright stars and were seen about 70° high, moving about 2° before disappearing. They were "somewhat the colour of a pumpkin but with some red mixed, like flame or the colour of the setting sun." They impressed the witnesses as "odd," though they at first tried, without success, to convince themselves that they were aircraft. Although the trajectory was short, the witnesses could determine "definite, but slow, motion." The winds also that day were northeasterly, so the objects were moving against the wind.

Mr. B. was in the Air Force for 3½ years as a gunner, and had taken flying lessons. He "has studied planes ever since" and was convinced the lights were not on planes. The colour was odd for plane lights and the intensity of the lights "was sort of mellowed over, but far more than just a dull glow."

\* I wonder whether or not the possibility was considered that these reddish-orange lights were the after-burners (re-heat) of military aircraft? That would account for the noise—EDITOR.

### "Triangle" of shapeless lights

Mr. Shackman was then interviewed by phone. He had gone outside at the time of the SKYNET call and had, about 7.35 p.m. spotted three lights arranged in a triangle travelling northwest. The two trailing lights were blinking at a definite rhythm, but the pulsating was far too fast to be on an aeroplane. The lights seemed on the order of 1,000s of feet high. The front light was "dull" with no clearly defined edge. All three lights were generally circular, but with no real shape. There was no body behind the lights, even though the object flew in the vicinity of a bright 3-day-old new moon, and under these circumstances Mr. Shackman expected that a body attached to the lights should have been seen. The lights were in view about 10 seconds. They were seen in the NW at 40°-45° and travelled about 20°-25° toward the NW before disappearing behind trees. There was absolutely no sound, even though the area was quiet. They were of "purest white with absolutely no colour," and although Mr. Shackman thought at first they might be a helicopter, there were no red lights to be seen, such as is normal on this type aircraft.

Mr. Shackman has worked for years in flight testing and knows aircraft well. He lives near Van Nuys Airport and is thoroughly familiar with aircraft as seen near his home in all their aspects.

I then spoke to the two R. children. They had seen a series of unusual lights, starting with a large, round greyish sphere which B. had seen pass over his house and which was visible through the window. It was brighter than the background of the dark sky and moved toward the north. As it flew into the distance B. could see four red square lights which outlined the circular shape. The lights were irregularly placed around the grey circle's circumference. He could hear no sound, though planes can usually be heard inside the house. It seemed to be 300-400 feet in height and its apparent size was a little larger than a full moon. Its speed was slow compared to a plane. He called his sister, D., and both ran outside and saw the object disappear behind a tree in the north.

### Three "spheres"

They continued to watch, after calling SKYNET No. 3, and saw a series of three spheres travelling from the northwest or west toward the north. They appeared in a different direction from the first one with the red lights. They were glowing, but with a softer glow than an electric light, having a tinge of yellow, with clean-cut edges. They disappeared in the north behind trees and were at least two times the apparent size of the full moon. Then after the last sphere had disappeared, the children viewed "strange flashing lights" at a point in the sky slightly above where the spheres and red-lighted object had disappeared. The flashes were about 80° high in the sky and were "like the light from fire-crackers popping in the air." No sound was heard. There were 10-12 flashes and they came in pairs with pauses between, 5-6 seconds between flashes.

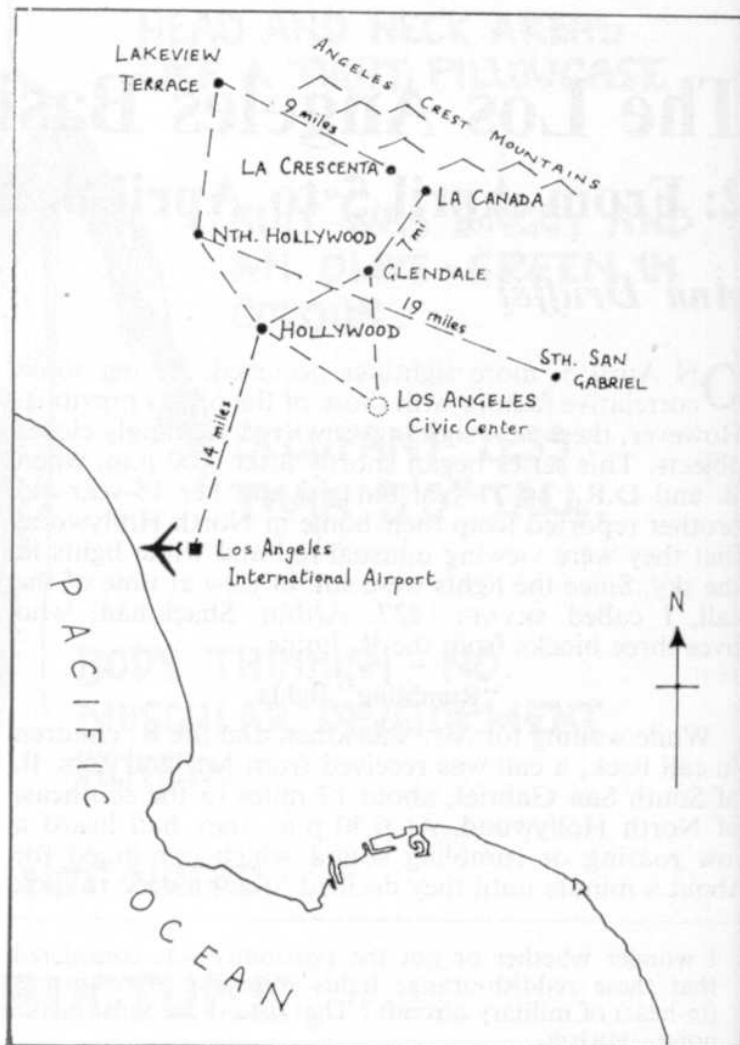
The R. children state they have seen unknown lights from their home for about two weeks, and had alerted a friend, Don. M., who had borrowed a movie camera. They called him this night while watching the spheres,

and Don was able to photograph one of the spheres. Don is 14, but is reputed to be handy with a movie camera. B. will keep us informed as to whether any image comes out on the film, so that photographic consultants known to SKYNET can study it.

Mrs. R., the children's mother, confirmed their sighting in part. She was driving with a friend, a Colonel in the armed forces, whose name and phone number she provided. They saw a white round light to the east, in the general direction where the children had been looking from their home. The object was stationary and although she checked to see if it was a reflection on the car's windshield, she could not confirm it as such. They did not consider the light significant until she arrived home and learned of her children's sighting. The children were both excited about their experience and with the strange appearance of the objects and Mrs. R. was "afraid" of what was going on.

### Flashing white light

Three days later, on April 8 the R. children called back. They were viewing a flashing white light stationary over in the SW. B. had viewed the light through small, inexpensive Remming self-adjusting binoculars and while he was doing so a second white flashing light



appearing next to the first one. Both were in view 10 minutes in all and then moved off to the south out of sight. When first seen they were almost directly overhead in the SW. Both were like "small stars."

### Pencil-like object

I called Shackman, SKYNET #27, to alert him. Later a report was received from B. that he had seen an elongated object, not as wide as the full moon but longer, like a pencil. It had two flashing white lights, but no coloured lights which would identify it as a plane. He watched it for one minute through the binoculars, but the image, magnified about twice, was "hazy." It travelled toward the west and made a 60° turn. There was no sound, and he could make out no wings or tail. It went down out of sight into the city glow in the western horizon. The shape of the elongated object, as seen by the lights on it was definite enough to determine that one side was round and the other side triangular. The lights were dimmer than the flashing lights seen earlier. Objects were seen just before 7.30 p.m. to about 7.35 p.m.

At 8.35 p.m. that same evening D. saw a red light, about quarter size of the full moon. It looked like a "big ball" of steady light and was seen in the north-west travelling north. Dull white lights were seen on either side, irregularly spaced around the rim, and small and dim compared with the red light. She also saw a white light flashing on and off "like an eye," opening and closing, hovering overhead, clearcut like a "40-watt bulb." It was blurred through the binoculars. The light was "dull." The sky was clear and there were no clouds, and the wind was from the northeast.

Mr. Shackman could see nothing really unusual at the time of these sightings to confirm them, but he is on the other side of the freeway from the R. home. Phone numbers between the two locations, only three blocks apart, were exchanged, and it was agreed that direct calls between the two homes would be made in case of further sightings to save time.

It is entirely possible that the B., Shackman, and R. sightings of April 5 were interrelated, both because of the similarity in times of sightings and because the directions of travel coordinate more or less. When it is considered that the objects were seen to change in appearance by the Bs while travelling toward the Shackman and R. homes, this seems to add credence to the theory that the objects could possibly have been the same thing(s) or at least related to each other.

### Red sphere and star-like object

The minor "flap" seems to have ended on April 8, when a Mr. Harold L. Pearlstein and another adult, hiking in the hills above Hollywood, viewed a group of unusual objects about 60°-70° high in the northerly sky. Resting under a tree, they viewed four star-like objects scattered over a portion of the sky covering about 30 degrees. Two were fairly bright, about -1 and +1 magnitude. The time was 4.15 or 4.30 p.m. and the sun was toward the southeast. The lights varied in intensity, some at times seeming to disappear, then reappear.

But the most puzzling part of the sighting was a "red sphere, edges clearcut, colour bright like scarlet." It was

seemingly very high, about the same height, it seemed, as the star-like objects. The sun reflected off of it, and it did not seem to be a light source on its own. Its diameter was about 1/6 that of the full moon. This red sphere "manoeuvred" about the same portion of sky occupied by the white lights, but its motion did not seem to have any recognisable pattern in relation to them. When first seen it was moving west to east, approximately 15° in a straight line in about 10 seconds. It then seemed to make "some kind of manoeuvre," because it "reached the end point" of its easterly course and "seemed to fade out of sight." It was then seen coming back on approximately the same path, but in the opposite direction, now headed from east to west. It again travelled approximately 15° in 10 seconds. The wind was from the northeast.

Mr. Pearlstein did not think the objects were planes because of the fast motion. He saw planes high in the sky near the objects, and from their appearance they might have been military jets. They looked white from the bottom, but they passed by the red sphere and star-like object "without seeming to notice." In Mr. Pearlstein's opinion, the planes were not as high as the objects.

The two witnesses thought the objects very unusual, but theorised at the time of sighting that the starlike objects were stars or planets seen in the daytime and that the red sphere was a "red balloon." They continued their hike and did not watch beyond about ten minutes. But upon arriving home, Mr. Pearlstein called the Griffith Observatory and was referred to SKYNET.

Mr. Pearlstein is a chemical engineer, also working in civil engineering projects and is familiar with elevation, azimuth, angular velocity, diameter and magnitude. He was puzzled by his sighting, especially after being convinced that there were no stars in that area of the sky which could be seen in the daytime and learning that the direction of the wind probably precluded explaining the red object as being a balloon. He has no special interest in UFOs.

### Summary

In summary, a series of sightings, both daytime and night-time, occurred over the Los Angeles Basin (Southern California), most of which occurred over the northern half of the area. These sightings involved sixteen separate episodes, and at least three dozen witnesses and occurred from April 1 to April 8, 1973.

Types of objects described were starlike objects, both twinkling and steady, ranging in magnitude from -4 to +2, seen both in daytime and night-time. Associated with these objects at times were spheres of varying colours—red, white, yellowish-white, and grey (unlighted). The edges of these spheres were almost invariably clearcut, and they ranged in apparent size from 1/6 diameter to two times diameter of the full moon. Also involved were flashing lights, ranging in colour from orange-red, red, to white. At one location these coloured lights were seen to change their appearance from reddish to a dull, blinking, barely perceptible light. By reasons of factors of time, direction, and location there is a strong possibility that they are interrelated. No conventional explanation at present is available to explain them.

# Preliminary Catalogue of Type 1 cases in Argentina—Part 4

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IN the preparation of this catalogue, sub-classifications have been made in Dr. Jacques Vallée's sub-divisions of Type 1 UFO reports.

Parts I and II contained 45 cases which fell into the sub-class A-1 of Class A, relating to visibly abnormal bodies or phenomena situated on the ground. Part III included the first 16 cases which fall into sub-class A-2 and now, in Part IV, we list a further 16 cases of the sub-class.

The initial figure given for each case refers to the serial order of the event within the class to which it belongs, and the figure in parentheses indicates the chronological position of the case within the total context of all classes.

**Sub-class A2 (continued): Visibly abnormal body or phenomenon hanging at not more than 10 metres from the ground**

**17. (101). 1967, November 16; Lanús Este (Buenos Aires). 24.00 hrs.**

A man named Poloni awoke suddenly feeling a sensation of great heat and an intense itching. Through one of the windows came a powerful light, the source of which seemed to be situated at the back of the house. Thinking it might be a fire, Sr. Poloni ran round there, and discovered a strange light suspended over the servants' sleeping quarters. He quickly called the rest of the occupants of the house (his wife, his three children, and his two brothers) and he went and got a rifle with the intention of firing at the object, but he was struck in the face by a sort of "tube of hard light" coming from the thing, which affected his muscles and paralysed his vocal cords. The object rose into the air and vanished at high speed.

L. Anglada Font: *La Realidad de los OVNIS a través de los Siglos*, pub. Kier, Buenos Aires, 1968, pp. 368-370.

**18. (103). 1967, December 14; City of Córdoba. 2.20 hrs.**

At a well-known plant producing food products, located at No. 1560, calle de 24 de Setiembre, three employees, Francisco Meuri, Miguel Angel Colazo, and Mario Ernesto Benegas were working. Suddenly the lights were blacked out. Then they saw a powerful luminosity from the direction of the street, which was lit up as though it were daytime. They ran out quickly to find the cause and saw a great ball irradiating an intensely bright white light. This light kept changing colour, passing through red and green and then back to white. It remained hanging there for five minutes at the height of the street-lights, then it rose slowly into the air and moved away.

*La Voz del Interior*, Córdoba, December 15, 1967; and on-the-spot investigation by CADIU.

**19. (104). 1967, December 28; Andalgalá (Catamarca). 04.00 hrs.**

As he was driving in his car, accompanied by his wife, Señor Clérico saw, ahead of the car, and almost touching the ground, a violet light which at moments turned green. This occurred at a place called Subida de la Chilca. Sr. Clérico ran the car up on the verge and turned off the engine and the lights. Then a spherical luminous object, some 2 metres in diameter, rose up and vanished towards the mountains.

*La Razón*, Buenos Aires, December 29, 1967.

**20. (107). 1968, March 3; Castelar (Buenos Aires). 00.45 hrs.**

The lawyer Eduardo Squirru and his wife were watching the television when suddenly the whole house was flooded with a pale blue light of extraordinary intensity; there was a drop in the electrical power and the TV screen went black. Then the whole place was shaken by a thunderous roar, like the noise of a jet aircraft, which awoke their two daughters and their manservant. A Sr. Armentano, who lives near the Squirru family, stated that he had seen a ball of light take off at dizzying speed.

*La Razón*, Buenos Aires, June 13, 1968; Review 2001, Buenos Aires, No. 19, 25.

**21. (111). 1968, June 10; Los Cigarrales (Córdoba). 03.15 hrs.**

Just as he was going to bed, Sr. Jorge Yarú saw, through a window of his house, an object of metallic appearance, some 5 metres in diameter, hanging above a tree and at a distance of about 10 metres from him. Around the bottom part of the object were yellow, red, and orange lights. It remained there stationary for almost 40 minutes and then did an abrupt "jump," became stationary once more, and then made off at high speed.

*Los Principios*, Córdoba, June 16, 1968; on-the-spot investigation by CADIU; World Round-Up, in FSR for September/October 1968.

**22. (114). 1968, June 19; La Rioja-Catamarca Highway (Catamarca). Early morning.**

Taxi-driver Julio Fedelli was conveying three passengers in his vehicle. When 60 km. from the town of Catamarca they saw a very large bright object which was stationary near the road and at a height of 5 metres from the ground. The engine failed. Then the UFO suddenly rose up and moved away rapidly, emitting intense flashes of light.

*Clarín*, Buenos Aires, June 21, 1968.

**23. (115). 1968, June 21; Miramar (Buenos Aires). 01.30 hrs.**

As Oscar Rodolfo Vivas was returning home on his bicycle, he suddenly saw a very bright light in the middle of the road. In the upper part of the light there was a diamond-shaped machine which, almost adhering to the ground, was rotating at high speed. He heard a very powerful hum, and the machine was shooting great bursts of fire down towards the ground. It remained there for almost two minutes and then climbed rapidly into the sky and vanished. The police subsequently found at the spot a whitish powder, like talcum powder but more viscous, forming a sort of ring on the road.

*La Razón*, Buenos Aires, and *Clarín*, Buenos Aires, both of June 22, 1968; review 2001 No. 19, Buenos Aires, p. 26.

**24. (117). 1968, June 27; Saladillo (Buenos Aires). 06.45 hrs.**

Srs. Luis Oscar Gicovich, Alfredo Dellasante, Juan Armand, Lauro Borbiconi and Geraldo Silvero observed, towards the south, a metallic disc with an intermittent red light in its centre. It was at a distance of some 600 metres, and 10 metres from the ground. It vanished slowly towards the south-east making a slight sound.

*La Tribuna*, Rosario, June 27, 1968.

**25. (125). 1968, July 5; Villa Domínguez (Entre Ríos).**

Omar Severino Rabin was in his house when he suddenly saw, through one of the windows, a machine that was emitting a powerful reddish light. Rabin went outside, with his arms raised in a defensive posture, and his hands remained stained with a black substance smelling strongly as of burnt wood. The object rose into the air and vanished.

*La Razón*, Buenos Aires, July 6, 1968.

**26. (126). 1968, July 5; Las Cejas (Tucmán). 19.20 hrs.**

Former Secretary for Agriculture and Livestock, agronomist César Ercilla, together with a landowner friend, observed a cone-shaped UFO 20 metres wide, and 10 metres from the ground, emitting flashes of purple and reddish light. The object had descended in a dive, at a distance of some 2 km. from them, and was stationary in the air. The eyewitnesses were travelling by car towards Santiago del Estero at the time.

*La Razón*, Buenos Aires, July 8, 1968.

**27. (136). 1968, July 25; La Pastora (Buenos Aires). 02.00 hrs.**

Sr. Juan Sívori and his wife and one of their daughters observed, over Highway No. 226 and at a distance of only 35 metres from them, an object shaped like a spinning-top, of the size of a motor truck, and silver-coloured. The engine of their car stopped. The UFO remained hanging there for about five minutes, at a height of 10 metres from the ground. Then it rose into the air and vanished. The engine of the car started up again.

*La Razón*, Buenos Aires, July 27, 1968.

**28. (142). 1968, August 29; Capayán (Catamarca). 02.00 hrs.**

Three La Rioja businessmen, Miguel García, Carlos García, and Aldo Lorente, were travelling in a motor-truck when they saw, beside the road, at a distance of about 12 metres from them, a strange silvery-red object shaped like two deep plates placed face to face. It was of the size of a truck. From its under-part emerged four converging prolongations towards the ground, and on the upper part there was what seemed to be some illuminated spy-holes. It was suspended at a height of about 2 metres from the ground.

*Córdoba*, Córdoba, September 1, 1968.

**29. (143). 1968, August 31; Luján (Mendoza). Night.**

As Señora María Di Tomaso de Cicchinelli stepped out into her patio to feed the dog, she saw a luminous object swaying to and fro above her. She felt as though she was paralysed. It was suspended at a height of about 4 metres above her head. It was spherical and was emitting reddish and pale blue flashes of light. When it moved away the witness recovered her power of movement.

*La Razón*, Buenos Aires, September 3, 1968.

**30. (156). 1969, May 26; Azul (Buenos Aires). 17.30 hrs.**

Señor Adolfo Corengia saw, through a window of his week-end house (near Balnearia) and at a distance of about 15 metres, a spherical object suspended at a height of 1 metre from the ground. It was of a reddish-orange colour, with a protuberance in the middle of the upper part, and about 3 metres in diameter. It started to rise up into the air slowly and then, gaining speed, headed off towards the south and disappeared from sight. Two days later, Sr. Corengia was just about to mow the grass when he noticed, at the spot below where the UFO had been hanging, an ellipse-shaped area on which the grass looked thin and blackened and there were a lot of mushrooms.

Review 2001, Buenos Aires, No. 13, p. 24; *Clarín*, Buenos Aires, June 5, 1969.

**31. (160). 1969, December 18; La Reducción (Tucmán). Early morning.**

Agriculturalist Manuel Rodolfo Rodríguez stated that he had seen a cigar-shaped UFO, 70 metres long, hanging horizontal and stationary for 20 minutes at the height of the cables of the electric power-line which runs parallel with Highway No. 38, near his farm. He called his father, Sr. Joaquín Rodríguez, who came to the spot and also saw it. Next day it was discovered that, at the place where the UFO had been, the leaves of the eucalyptus trees were scorched, and there was a smell in the air of sulphur or burnt gunpowder.

*La Gaceta*, San Miguel de Tucumán, December 21, 1969.

**32. (161). 1970, February 7; Las Salinas (17 km. from Chapelc6, Buenos Aires). 23.50 hrs.**

## The Investigations of General Uchoa in Brazil — Part 3

*Gordon Creighton*

THIS is the continuation of my resumé of a series of articles which appeared in the newspaper *O Dia* of Rio de Janeiro, between October 26 and November 4, 1972.

The sudden intervention of plantation-owner Wilson da Silva, and the consequent failure to secure an encounter with the occupants of the UFO, had a somewhat dampening effect on the spirits of General Uchoa's team of investigators, and, to compound their gloom, the strange phenomena ceased entirely for some days.

But work continued, and the group kept to their posts and maintained watch, night after night, near the little hill over which the strange objects had performed their acrobatics, and displayed their mysterious lights.

Some time later their tenacity was rewarded by the reappearance of the craft at almost exactly the same spot and with no great variation in their performance. But one night, a very dark one, the group were able to observe an impressive spectacle.

Several flying objects began to project beams of greenish-yellow light simultaneously, and then, at a given moment, formed a figure in the sky like a mast, the flag being represented by stars. This phenomenon was all the more remarkable inasmuch as the brightness of the stars was much greater than is the case with the natural light of the stars.

Observation continued, the group re-assembling at the spot every night, frequently bringing with them unbelieving friends to view the spectacle. One of these

was the doctor Floriano Vilela, a personal friend of General Uchoa.

Although he had not been fortunate enough to see some of the really impressive "shows" of earlier nights, the doctor was nevertheless deeply impressed and, a few days later, when Air Force officers were visiting him at his home, he argued with them in favour of the reality of the phenomena and managed to convince all the officers by his vehemence and sincerity.

A few days later, when the General and his group arrived at the estate, Wilson greeted them with the news that he had received a message from the disc requesting a meeting near a certain spot at a fence about 140 metres from the hill.

As was to be expected, this announcement caused an uproar among the party, all of whom were longing for the awaited moment to arrive, though in fact none of them were to be permitted to accompany Wilson—the latter's instructions being that he was to go forward entirely alone to meet the strange beings.

All of them were busily studying the spot indicated for the forthcoming apparition, and the best positions from which to watch, when all argument was terminated by a loud noise: a jaguar had broken into the pigsty and attacked one of the hogs. Arming themselves they all set out after the jaguar, which at once took refuge in a nearby thicket, where further search proved fruitless.

This detail of the attack by the jaguar was related by General Uchoa in his lecture to the Fifth Brazilian UFO Congress in São Paulo as an indication of the fact that, when the mystery object did arrive, all the members of his party were thinking about other matters and under no emotional stress or strain. The jaguar-hunt, and the excitement caused by the presence of this animal, had produced a complete relaxation of the tension they had all been under as they looked forward to the possibility of making a contact.

Discussion of the jaguar had scarcely ended when, only minutes later, the disc arrived at exactly the area indicated by Wilson, namely near a fence about 140 metres from the house.

All the members of the party watched the strange craft as, powerfully illuminated, it came down gently until it was at little more than a metre from the ground.

The cameras, fitted with telescopic lenses, went into action and a number of photographs were secured while Wilson, visibly excited, got ready to walk towards the strange machine.

He started out, seemingly quite calm, but, as he admitted later, inwardly extremely nervous. As he describes it, he walked straight towards the mystery craft, his eyes glued to it, his thoughts on nothing else.

So absorbed in the encounter and so concentrated was he, that it could almost have cost him his life. Naturally, being the owner of the estate and having lived there many years, Wilson was more aware than anybody of the danger. But, his eyes riveted on the UFO, he went too near to a dangerous swamp area. Then he suddenly heard a voice which cried: "Look out! Don't go there. Go further to the left!" Only then, looking around him, did he realise how near he had been to this dangerous bog which he knew so well and which could yet have robbed him of his life.

Wilson walked on a few metres and was now close

to the craft. As he related later, he now felt no fear whatever. As he approached, a door opened, and a normal-sized man, wearing a blue overall and a wide belt, descended by a small ladder.

When questioned later by his companions regarding further details Wilson was unable to give any, for, as he described it, he had been in a trance. Nevertheless he remembers having noted that there was nothing abnormal about the shape of the being.

Returning to the group, Wilson told them that throughout the whole experience he could feel that he was, as it were, under the control of a superior force, but that at no time had he felt fear. He did not recall having had any physical contact with the strange being, not even so much as a simple handshake.

However he stated that he recalled, quite perfectly, the message which delivered in he knew not what language, was as follows:

"We are peaceful. Your atomic experiments are causing an imbalance in our world."

Immediately after that, he said, the strange being ordered him to depart, and he obeyed forthwith, and did not even see the craft.

Wilson da Silva's deposition (also signed by all those who were present) agreed in every detail with what the others had seen as they observed from a distance with their binoculars.

When Wilson had covered half the distance back to where they were, they saw the strange craft shoot straight up into the sky, where it was out of sight in a matter of seconds.

Several photographs were secured. When developed and printed, some of them were found to show the craft clearly, with a man beside it. According to *O Dia* the negatives have been subjected to the most rigorous examinations and analyses, and their genuineness fully established.

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# Some German Reports from 1971

Eberhard Schneider

THE newspaper *Offenburger Tageblatt*<sup>1</sup> of August 12, 1971, carried a report by Otto Peter Paeffgen under the headlines: *Unknown Flying Objects Seen: Confirmation By Several People*. I give below a translation and digest of the salient points of the article:

For about three weeks before August 12, 1971, people were puzzled by strange sky phenomena. Several individuals, whose veracity cannot be doubted, sighted unidentified flying objects in the area of Offenbourg and to the north of Achern. As a former pilot in the last war, Herr Paeffgen says that he himself had seen these objects three times. From his training in astronavigation and meteorology he could tell the difference between, on the one hand, stars or weather balloons and, on the other hand, unidentified flying objects. Enquiries which he made at the meteorological office in Freiburg, the State Observatory at Heidelberg, the German Federal Defence Department in Bonn, and the American Air Force Headquarters in Wiesbaden, all indicate that unquestionably the objects were real flying bodies, although the civilian authorities have so far failed to give any explanation as to their nature.

Herr Otto Paeffgen's account continues:

"The comments of the Defence Department and the American Air Force are still awaited. But in the meantime the teletyped reply from the Freiburg Weather Bureau is of special interest. They say: 'From our own experience in a similar case we know that only a few specialists can answer these questions. Try the American Military Airfield Rhein/Main, though of course they may be prohibited by security regulations from issuing any information at all.' From this reply we may deduce that the Freiburg meteorological bureau has made similar observations of flying objects in the past or has been informed of such sightings.

"Equally significant is the reply received from the State Observatory in Heidelberg, where Dr. Klare, a member of the Observatory staff, explained to us last Tuesday that, judging by the trajectories of these flying bodies, they could not be stars. Dr. Klare, who would not commit himself, said: 'At the present time there are a whole lot of artificial bodies flying around in Space.' He does not preclude the possibility that the objects seen over Offenbourg and several neighbouring places could have been so-called slow-flying fireballs, i.e. meteors. However, the likelihood of this explanation being correct is small, since the object, emitting beams of light changing from pinkish-red to pinkish-yellow, has already been seen several times, and always flying on the same East-West trajectory.

FLYING DISC NEAR ACHERN CLEARLY DESCRIBED BY THREE PEOPLE

"It all started on July 16, 1971, with the sighting of a mysterious flying disc near Achern.<sup>2</sup> Senior Police-Officer Heinrich Koller of Bühl and his wife were driving near Grossweier, on their way home to Oberachern, when they suddenly saw a large brightly

glowing rosy-red disc right above them. As Koller said later: 'It was uncanny. I stopped my car on the road, and we got out and watched as this disc slowly flew away towards the Achern railway station, changed course, flew along above the railway line, then changed course again, and finally disappeared towards the mountains.' The 32-year-old Police official, a very level-headed man, stressed with conviction: 'What I have seen, I have seen.'

"His statements were corroborated by his wife, who said: 'I had a really weird feeling when I saw this thing, hanging there noiseless above us.'

"When asked how they had first noticed the disc, they explained: 'That was precisely the uncanny thing about it. All of a sudden it was there in front of us. Just like switching on a light in the dark.'

"Koller described the object as a disc, and he believes he could make out some sort of superstructure on the upper side despite the darkness. Whether this superstructure was round or pointed he could not see exactly.

"The statements of the Kollers were confirmed precisely by the truckdriver Franz Wratny, likewise aged 32, of Grossweier, who was also on the road at the time and pulled up his truck just a few metres from the Kollers and watched the disc. He said: 'It was about the size of the Moon to look at, but I can't imagine what it was.' Shortly afterwards, he went into a bar where he reported his experience. 'They laughed at me, but what I said about the disc is the truth, and nobody is going to persuade me otherwise,' he added.

MYSTERY FLYING OBJECTS SEEN SEVERAL TIMES  
IN OFFENBURG AREA

"During the following days there were more reports from Offenbourg and surrounding area of flying objects seen over the Kinzigtal<sup>3</sup> (Kinzig valley), over Offenbourg itself and to the west of that town. Among the eye-witnesses is Artur Seiter of Offenbourg, a businessman, who up to now has seen 'UFOs' three times, namely on July 19, August 5, and August 9. This particular flying object, seen by Seiter and distinguishable by reason of its extreme brightness and its size (nearly double the size of Venus) was also seen three times by myself (Peter Otto Paeffgen). I timed the period it took to go from the eastern to the western horizon (1 hour 50 minutes). A very short time for a star, which conclusion was also verified by the comment from the Heidelberg Observatory: 'That can't be a star!' The conjecture that it might have been a weather-balloon can hardly be valid in this case either, since such balloons do not reach such altitudes that they catch the rays of the Sun at night and so become luminous.

"A telesatellite perhaps? This question was also answered in the negative by the Heidelberg Observatory, where it was pointed out that such satellites are faster than that. But then what else was it?

"Last Tuesday the object appeared again to the East of Offenburg just after 9.15 p.m. It was clearly visible for only a few minutes, as thunderclouds then intervened and hid it from sight. It was once again at the same time of the day as on the previous occasions, and once again it was the same East-West trajectory. But this time a camera was ready, loaded with highly sensitive film and fitted with a telephoto lens, and the object was photographed. [Photo accompanied original article but we do not have good copy—EDITOR.] The photo corroborates the description given by Artur Seiter who said: 'Seen through binoculars, the object had a flat shape and was travelling, in a diagonal sort of fashion, from S.E. to S.W.'

"Since this object cannot be the Soviet space-capsule *Salyut*, which moves in the opposite direction, and has been seen over the Baden-Württemberg area of Germany several times, the question as to the nature and origin of the flying object still remains open. Was it, perhaps, this same flying object that was sighted near Achern on July 16?

#### DO "FLYING SAUCERS" ACTUALLY EXIST?

"The talk about these discs, or 'flying saucers' as they are called, began only a few years after the last World War. The detailed description given by the Oberachern Police-officer, his wife, and the truck-driver, inevitably leads our minds back to this theme which is indeed dismissed by so many as fantasy but which nonetheless has a very real background.

"In the book *Die deutschen Waffen und Geheimwaffen des éweiten Weltkrieges (German Weapons And Secret Weapons Of World War II)* by Rudolf Luser, published by the well-known firm of J. F. Lehmanns in Munich in 1959, precise details were given about these 'flying discs,' and we read:

" 'Since 1947 flying saucers have been haunting the world, turning up suddenly here and there, arriving and

departing again at hitherto unheard of speeds with rotating flames around their rims; are tracked by radar, are chased by fighter aircraft, and yet right down to this present day it has not been possible to identify any such *flying saucer*, or to ram it, or to shoot it down. The world, and indeed the scientific world, finds itself confronted with an alleged mystery or with a miracle of technology.

" 'Only slowly is the fact, the truth, leaking out, namely that, already during the War, German researchers and scientists had taken the first steps towards these *flying saucers*, and that they actually built and tested out such flying devices bordering on the miraculous. According to confirmed reports from experts and from people who worked on them, the first projects, called *flying discs*, were begun in the year 1941. The plans for these machines derive from the German experts Schriever, Habermohl, and Miethe, and from the Italian Bellonzo. Habermohl and Schriever adopted a broad ring which rotated around a stationary cupola-type cockpit and consisted of controllable blades that could be adjusted to any required position, according to whether they were needed for take-off or for level flight. Miethe on the other hand developed a discus-like shape, 42 metres in diameter, to which adjustable jets were fitted. Schriever and Habermohl, who worked in Prague, took off on February 14, 1945, in the first *flying disc*, and in three minutes they reached an altitude of 12,400 metres and a speed of 2,000 km.p.h. There were plans to reach speeds of 4,000 km.p.h.' "

1 Offenburg (Lat. 48° 27' N.; Long. 7° 56' E.) is in the State of Baden, in the South-West of Germany, and not far from the east bank of the Rhine.

2 Achern, also in Baden, lies slightly to the N.E. of Offenburg, at Lat. 48° 37' N.; Long. 8° 05' E.).

3 The Kinzig is the river on the East bank of which Offenburg stands.

## Readers' Reports

### Dartmoor mystery circles

Dear Sir,—With regard to the recent publication in FSR of readers' letters referring to circles found on the ground, I would like to record the following for your interest.

While on holiday in Devon and returning by car from Okehampton across the Moor, my wife and I, and a friend, came across the most perfect circle we have ever seen. It was cut in the ground on the side of a very steep hill which we estimated to be at an angle of about 35 degrees. We first saw this circle during Whitsun in 1971 and at the time we were unable to investigate it further as our holiday was over and we had to return to London. However, on a subsequent visit the following year we made a thorough check on the circle with the following results.

We found the location quite easily but could not see the circle, which I

suppose is not surprising after a lapse of twelve months. However, my wife, who has very keen eyesight, eventually located a very faint outline of the circle with the aid of binoculars. The odd thing was that the circle seemed to be much further down the hill and not so large as the original one. We left the car and walked over to the circle, having great difficulty in finding it.

When we finally located it we drove a screwdriver into the centre and attached to it a length of thin rope. I then walked to the outer edge of the circle, marking this point on the taut rope with my thumb. I then walked all round the edge of the circle while one of my friends supported the screwdriver. To our utter amazement the thumb-mark on the rope never deviated from the outline of the circle. In other words, it was a perfect circle, just like you cut out of pastry with a cup. Now came another surprise,

which will explain why we had trouble in finding the circle in the first place.

My wife discovered that somebody had very carefully replaced the turf in irregular strips measuring about 12 inches by 3 inches; these had been pushed in in all directions in no particular pattern. From this we assumed that it may have been covered in a hurry, the covering not being important as long as the circle's outline was obscured. We all searched about in the vicinity of the circle trying to find where the turfs had been taken from but could not find any marks that would bear any reference to them at all.

Inside the circle we found bracken which was broken down and stunted in growth. Everything within was flattened as though it had had a heavy weight lying on it. Also inside the circle we found short lengths of gorse twigs about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch in diameter that were black as though they had been burnt.

On breaking some of these we found that the inside was a white to yellow colour, and from this we assumed that these pieces of wood had only been charred. This may have been due to swaying which is done on parts of the moors from time to time. The odd thing was that we could not find any similar pieces of wood outside the circle even though we searched over a wide area.

Another odd finding inside the circle was small balls of earth rolled up to about the size of a golf ball; these were made up from many small balls of earth about the size of a quarter-inch ball bearing. Again, nothing like this could be found outside the circle.

We discussed the findings at great length but could not find any acceptable solution. We are positive the circle could not have been cut by a farm tractor as the angle was too steep; even a caterpillar tractor would have great difficulty cutting a perfect circle, especially at the bottom where standing upright was an effort. In any case, we surely would have seen marks left by the caterpillar tracks.

The thing which still puzzles us is who or what would go to the trouble of cutting so perfect a circle in such an awkward place in such a deserted area, that can be seen by motorists from the road, and then go to all the trouble of trying to hide it? For what purpose was it made? We had considered the possibility of witchcraft, but surely any rough circle would suffice for that purpose?

We noticed, too, that in the early part of the year before the bracken had grown much, there were similar circles, one of which might have been the original one we saw as, from memory, it seemed to be in the right place and bigger than the others. Each time we go to Devon we visit this spot, but to date we have nothing of interest to report other than the fact that the bracken is slowly blotting out any sign of the circles.

We hope you and your readers will find this account interesting, and would like to read any remarks you may make.

**M. Hackman,**  
Marney Road,  
London SW11.

[The report was also signed by Mrs. Hackman and Mr. and Mrs. John Charlesworth.]

#### A gliding "coat-hanger"

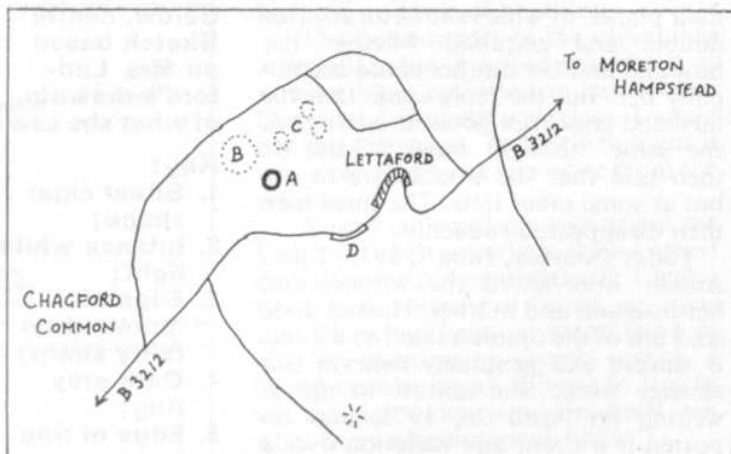
Dear Sir,—It was a bright, clear, sunny afternoon in mid-September, 1966. My husband and I were in our flat at Notting Hill Gate. About 2.00 p.m. my husband called me and said: "What's that up there in the sky? I've been watching it for about 20 minutes before calling you in."

The object, which appeared to be of

#### Key:

- A. Circle Ordnance Survey reference Sx 695 845;
- B. Original circle?
- C. Outlines of other circles;
- D. Lay-by, half-mile from circle A.

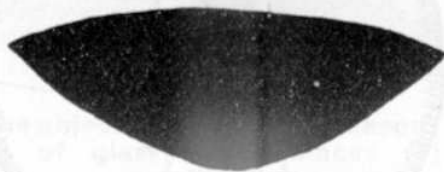
#### Rough sketch-map of area of mystery circles.



dark metal, was almost in the shape of a coat-hanger such as dry-cleaners now supply. According to my husband, it had been slowly descending from way up in the sky until it became clearly visible, although still at a high altitude.

I then observed its movements with him. It came down further still and then hovered for about half an hour, more or less in the same position.

I find it difficult to estimate size and distance, but I *knew*, without any doubt whatsoever, that it could not have been an aeroplane or glider (wrong shape for a glider) because an aeroplane at that particular height would have appeared much larger than this object—and of course it certainly would not have hovered in the air for some 1½ hours in all. We also completely eliminated all possibility of the



"Coat-hanger" UFO

object being a helicopter, a bird, a child's kite or a balloon, and it certainly was no hallucination, or cloud or light formation. It was most definitely *very* solid, and, as my memory serves me now, rather darkish grey in colour. I would have assumed it to have been made of metal of some sort; I could not say it shone, nor could we hear any sound emanating from it.

After about the 20 minutes or so that I had then been watching the object, it started to drift slowly over to our right in the sky, for about a mile I would think, keeping more or less at the same level. It paused for about five minutes, apparently quite motionless. Then it came straight back the way it had just come, on the same level, but going somewhat quicker, although still somewhat slow-moving. It glided across the sky until it was again in the "space" in the sky we had

been studying it previously. Then it slowly went right up into the sky, following the exact path on which it came originally. After about 15 minutes of staring fixedly into the sky into the sun, it disappeared into space.

I give you my word this event took place. At the time I wrote to the *Evening News* and they published my account in short letter form. I was then in my early 30's, my husband in his early 40's.

**Jeanne Handzic (Mrs.),**  
7 East Way, Shirley,  
Croydon, Surrey.

#### Three Uninvited Visitors

Dear Sir,—After receiving a letter from a lady in Poole, Dorset, reporting a case of three disappearing humanoids, I interviewed the witness in her home. The story is as follows:

Mrs. R., a State Registered Nurse and wife of a police officer, was living at Corby New Town, Northants, where they had a modern flat in the police station, overlooking the town centre.

One June morning in the early 1950's, at 5.50 a.m., Mrs. R's husband was on duty whilst she was in bed in the flat. An object floated through the window which Mrs. R. took to be a leaf initially. After it had alighted on the carpet, however, it resembled a glass cruet set. As the witness watched the object it gradually disappeared.

The flat door then opened and three men appeared in the open doorway to the room. The men smiled and said, "Did you get our visiting card?"

Mrs. R. replied: "A spaceship."  
"Well, only a visiting card," came the reply. "We come from a very happy planet, and where we live is very beautiful."

As the conversation proceeded, Mrs. R. realised that it was being conducted not by sound but by telepathy.

They appeared to be ordinary humans, except that their skin was a golden colour. Their clothing was shiny, black and close fitting. They asked Mrs. R. if she would like to visit

their planet, at which she naturally had doubts and enquired whether her husband and her mother could accompany her. But the reply came that the husband could not go as he was not of the same "thought range." Mrs. R. then said that she would love to go, but at some other time. The three men then disappeared suddenly.

Today (Sunday, June 3, 1973) I personally interviewed the witness and her husband and mother. Having done so, I am of the opinion that the witness is sincere and genuinely believes this strange story. She sent it to me in writing on April 26, 1973, and repeated it without any variation over a month later without reference to any notes. Her mother believes Mrs. R. to be telling the truth, while her husband told me he is "open-minded."

Details of the witness are as follows: date of birth, February 8, 1922; born in North of England of mixed English and Irish ancestors; brought up as Catholic but now is a non-denominational Christian; qualified as a State Registered Nurse at Kettering General Hospital.

There was no possible motive for a hoax or deception. She sought neither publicity nor financial gain and had told very few people of her experience. In my opinion, having interviewed the witness at considerable length, she is perfectly sincere. She had no objection to her full name and address being published but I keep this confidential to avoid the possibility of any embarrassment to her husband.

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[I should like to add that Mr. Hill is a Member of the Institute of Work Study Practitioners and therefore trained in observation and interviewing, and in cultivating a logical and objective approach to problems. Two details are to be added to his report following my enquiry: (a) Mrs. R. specifically stated that she was not at all nervous and felt she had been prepared in some way for the experience; (b) She wrote to Mr. Hill following his appearance on "Day by Day," a Southern Television local news programme (he was interviewed after informing them of the setting up of his UFO Association)—ASSISTANT EDITOR.]

#### UFO seen above hospital

Dear Sir,—A UFO was observed by two nurses, a porter and a patient, at St. James' mental hospital in Milton on March 31, 1973. At 7.00 a.m., the nurses, Mrs. Ludford and Mrs. Winsor, were leaving the hospital by the Warren Avenue gate after finishing

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Sketch based  
on Mrs. Lud-  
ford's drawing  
of what she saw.

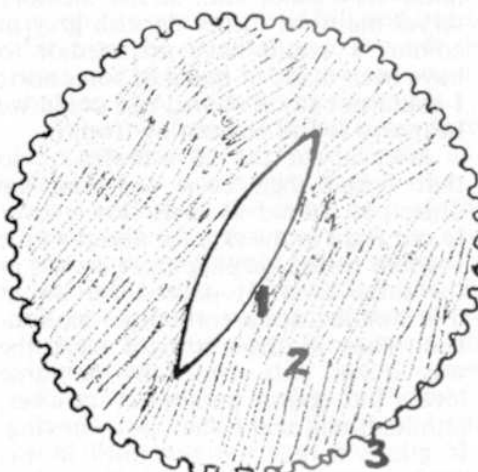
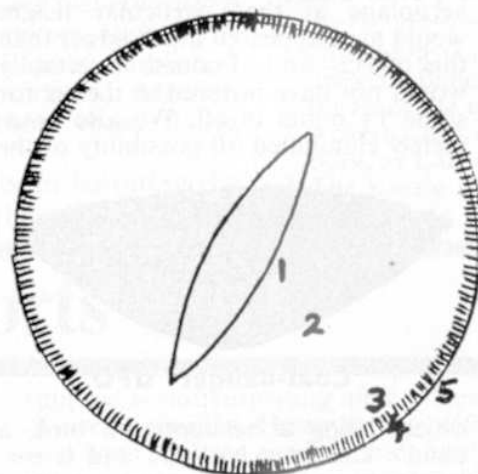
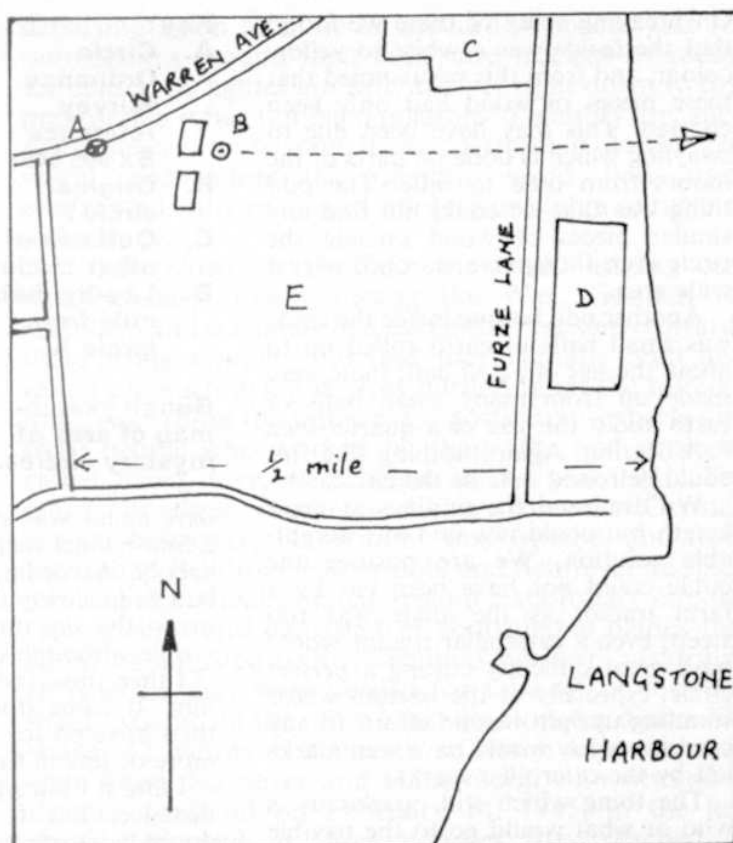
Key:

1. Silver cigar shape;
2. Intense white light;
3. Edge of illumination fairly sharp;
4. Dark grey ring;
5. Edge of ring hazy

Below, bottom  
Sketch based  
on Mrs. Win-  
sor's drawing.

Key:

1. Silver cigar shape;
2. Hazy smoke-like area (dark grey);
3. Scalloped effect on edge



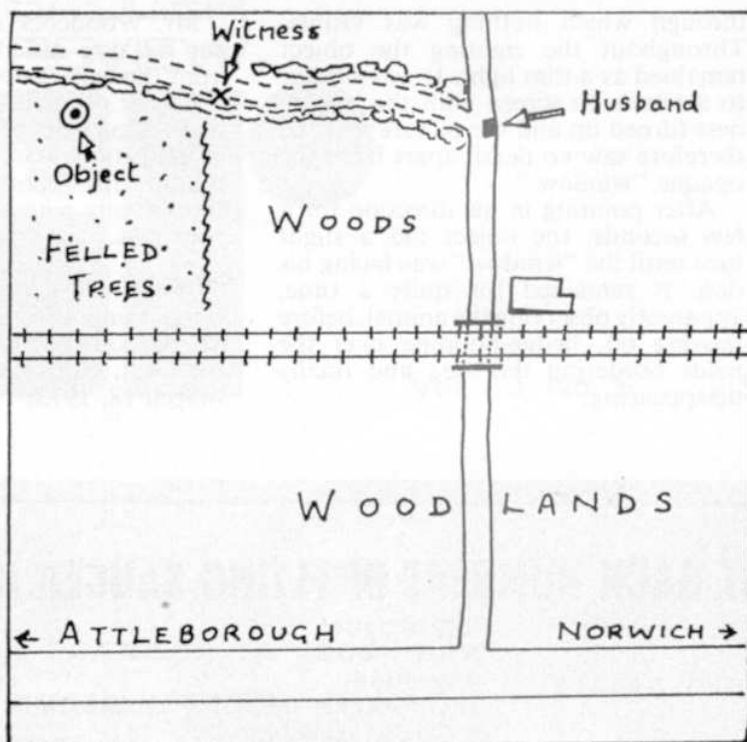
night duty when they saw the object above some hospital buildings to the east. The UFO appeared cigar shaped, although the witnesses think it may have been a disc seen sideways. Its surface was shiny, silver in colour and completely featureless.

Mrs. Winsor alerted a porter and a patient to their sighting and were then joined by them in viewing the object. The UFO had an apparent length of 1-2 feet and hung motionless at an angle of about 60°. Emanating from it, according to Mrs. Ludford, was an intense white light which hurt her eyes when she looked at it directly. Around the area of illumination, which was roughly circular, was a dark grey indistinct ring, although she thinks this was perhaps an optical effect caused by the intensity of the light (Mrs. Ludford is long-sighted).

Mrs. Winsor agreed on the shape of the object, but the surrounding effect was observed differently by her as she didn't see the illumination at all; instead she observed a dark grey, indistinct smoke-like area completely surrounding the UFO. There was no movement such as swirling within this area and it was roughly circular, having around its perimeter a scalloped effect which Mrs. Winsor claimed was quite beautiful.

The object had an apparent height of 10-15 feet above the hospital buildings, the latter being about 30 feet tall and situated approximately 150 feet from the witnesses. After remaining stationary for an estimated

- Left (p.16)  
Key to hospital sighting
- Key—
- A. Position of the witness
  - B. Estimated position of object (dotted line shows path of departure)
  - C. New houses
  - D. Milton Training College Hostel
  - E. St. James's Hospital and grounds
- Right  
Location of Mrs. Mason's sighting



4 minutes, the object slowly receded towards the east and in a further 10 minutes had diminished to the apparent size of a ½-pence piece, the cigar shape quickly becoming lost in the illumination. As the UFO moved off, Mrs. Winsor still didn't perceive any light emanating from it. Unfortunately, the witnesses didn't observe the UFO further, but made their way home somewhat puzzled.

No sounds or odours were noticed and the sky was grey, although clear of cloud, the sun still being low. Furthermore, no wind was apparent.

Mrs. Winsor is aged 57 and Mrs. Ludford about 40 and they have given permission for their names and addresses to be published in connection with the sighting, although the porter and patient have so far remained anonymous. Neither of the nurses had any interest in the subject of UFOs prior to their sighting.

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Hants.

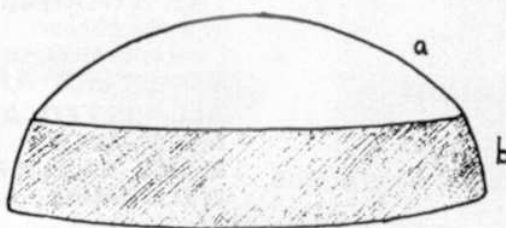
#### Strange disappearance of UFO in wood

Dear Sir,—You may be interested in the following letter I received as a result of my letter to the local newspaper asking for people who had seen a UFO and not reported it to contact me. It is from Mrs. F. Mason of Meadow-Way, Dodds Road, Attleborough, Norfolk.

"Dear Mr. Tye,—I read your letter in the *Eastern Daily Press* on March 16 about unidentified objects. In September, 1970, I couldn't say the date, I was out with my husband. I was pick-

ing blackberries and it was about 4.30 p.m.

"I took a walk into a wood which had just a rough track. I had only gone about 200 yards at the most, and I looked ahead of me and saw what at



The object seen by Mrs. F. Mason:  
(a) of glassy appearance; (b) metallic blue

first I thought was a parked car. Knowing I should not have been in the wood (*it was private land—D.F.T.*) I thought, if it is a car, it must have come in this way as it is the only entrance from the main road. After standing there for a minute or two I realised it was something supernatural. It didn't scare me, and I would have dearly loved to get my husband to see it, had he been able-bodied instead of disabled with multiple sclerosis. I'm sure he would have been able to see what I saw. After what seemed minutes, it just vanished.

"After it had gone, I went back and told my husband. He believed me, but other people I told thought I was going round the bend. It's the first time in my life I have seen anything like it, and I am now in my 65th year. I left my husband once again and went back into the wood to the spot where I had seen the object. I looked around

but saw no trace of anything.

"The bottom part of the object was a metallic blue (I would describe it as powder blue) and the top half looked like what I thought was glass. I could not say the shape. At first I thought it was a car. There was no noise from the object.

"After I collected my wits about me I went to the spot where it had stood and afterwards dematerialised. I had a good look round but found no signs that there had been anything there at all. No burning or scorch marks. I found nothing at all. I hope to live to see the day when someone finds out what these objects are all about.

"I'm sorry I cannot give you any more information about this. I don't suppose I will ever see another one. If I did, I should try to approach it. On looking back, I can't think why I didn't this one. Perhaps because I was spellbound, or because it took me by surprise. Yours sincerely, Frances Mason."

The lady sent me a sketch of the wood showing where the incident occurred, and on writing to her a second time, I obtained a sketch of the object she saw.

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Research Group),  
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#### UFO confronts farm labourer

Dear Sir,—Since forming our group some weeks ago, we have already been very fortunate in getting UFO reports from people in the Norfolk area, although up to now these have been reports of the "lights-in-the-sky" variety. But today I had a visit from a farm worker who had seen an advertisement of mine in the local press. It requested information from local people who had seen a UFO, either in the past, or recently, but had not reported it.

My informant had apparently not reported his sighting to any organisation before as he thought he would be considered a crank. But on interviewing him I found him to be a very ordinary down-to-earth person who without doubt had had a very genuine experience.

The witness is Mr. W. Woodcock of Docking Farm Bungalow, Oulton, near Aylsham, Norwich. This is his story:

Mr. Woodcock was taking his dog for a walk in the early evening when he saw a steady glowing light coming down from the sky and moving in a shallow glide towards him. I asked whether he had had any sensations or felt fear. He replied that at first he thought of diving into the ditch which runs the

length of that field, but the fear then subsided as nothing appeared to be happening to him, and then curiosity took over. The only sensation he noticed was a slight vibration all around him, emitted by the object.

When the object came within twelve feet of Mr. Woodcock, he was then able to discern its shape which he described as spherical, with a depth from centre-top to centre-bottom of four feet. The overall diameter of the craft was approximately 8 or 9 feet.

In the side of the object he noticed a single opaque round "window"

through which nothing was visible. Throughout the sighting the object remained as a dim light. It was similar to a television screen with the brightness turned up and the picture lost; he therefore saw no detail apart from the opaque "window."

After pointing in his direction for a few seconds, the object did a slight turn until the "window" was facing his dog. It remained for quite a time, apparently observing the animal, before moving off, hedge-hopping over the fields bordering the area and finally disappearing.

Mr. Woodcock said that neither he nor his dog suffered any after-effects from the experience.

As the occurrence took place a few years ago, I do not think any further investigation would be worthwhile. I submit this report to you in case it should tally with some similar case in your files.

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March 18, 1973.

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