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WHENEVER a radar-visual report of a UFO incident becomes public knowledge, we are treated to vociferous counterblasts from the "experts" and confessed "non-experts." It is hard to avoid the impression either that radar equipment is given to malfunctions, or that the air controllers, and the pilots, who use various forms of that equipment, are incapable of distinguishing true signals from those spurious images like "angels" caused by various kinds of anomalous propagation due to temperature inversions, and so on.

Indeed, if this category of instant debunker is to be believed, then it is remarkable that any reliance at all is placed on radar and other devices of the same *genre*, or on their operators. And yet every time we make a journey by plane we put our lives in the hands of operators like these, or pilots, and their "unreliable" tools.

Fortunately the truth of the matter is different, for we, and many members of the public, and probably the instant debunkers themselves, *know* that the varied electronic equipments are modern scientific wonders, and that those who operate them are, in most countries, highly skilled and reliable. Because of this knowledge we, and many members of the public, and probably the instant debunkers themselves, are prepared to place our lives in their hands whenever we make journeys in aircraft.

In the circumstances it is our considered opinion that some of the instant debunkers are doing a terrible disservice to those who control our skyways, to the pilots and aircrew who fly the aircraft and to the electronics engineers and designers, and manufacturers. And this disservice is done every time they rush willy-nilly into print, or scramble into the presence of a radio microphone, or plonk themselves down in front of a TV camera and, without having had time to study the case in question, make suggestions which imply that these skilled and experienced men are not always sure how to use or understand their equipments, and that those equipments are subject to fluctuations in behaviour which lends them easily to misinterpretation, even by practised operators. It is not unreasonable, therefore, to suggest that this frantic urge to deny at any cost the fact that unidentified aerial objects — particularly those that have been seen visually — have triggered images on radar scopes, could have caused a large number of people to nurture doubts about the wisdom of travelling by air.

It so happens that we have done our share of speaking to pilots and others whose work involves them with radar, or direction-finding, or long range control equipment; that we have among our ranks those who have worked with radar (although in one instance, only with war-time radar — but make no mistake, some of the equipments which made use of magnetrons, and so operated on frequencies of 3000 and 10000 m/cs were, in 1943–45, very sophisticated and very accurate). Thus, with the support of such friends and acquaintances we are well aware of the incredible sophistication of devices which can bring aircraft in to land automatically in fog; aware of radars with which their operators can distinguish, purely from the responses, the types of aircraft within their range — and

that is not just the difference between, say, a Boeing 747 Jumbo jet and a Cessna 182, but the difference between a BAC 1-11 and a Hawker Siddeley *Trident*. Then there is equipment which can guide crowded streams of airliners to and fro across the Atlantic,* and elsewhere in the world. Also equipment which, even as long ago as 1944 could guide the RAF bombers to their target areas where the H2S radars, aiming downwards, would evoke responses which would mark ground features on the cathode ray tubes which, when aligned with a superimposed map, would indicate the precise moment for the bombing to take place. All of which leads, 35 years later, to modern control of missiles of various ranges, and to the near-miraculous control of Moon landing craft from Earth. All these things, and many others besides, achieved by radar, or other narrow beam marvels of the same electronic family.

The point of all this is that radars, and their associated equipments, are honest workhorses put to scores of operations where accuracy and reliability are essential. These remarkable tools and their skilled and practised operators do not suddenly become "unreliable" as when a pilot of, say, 23 years' experience, claims a radar-visual encounter with a UFO. Likewise, air traffic controllers with 15 or 20 years' experience behind them do not suddenly risk their professional reputations by being taken in by

"angels" or by misidentifying images on their scopes caused by anomalous propagation. It is our conviction that they can detect and recognise real signals whether they be stimulated by something solid, or by something having the attributes of solidity.

We imagine that when the thousands of reports — hitherto jealously guarded and hidden from the public gaze — are prised from the CIA treasure chest, as ordered by a United States Court following a successful action against the Agency, there will be egg on more than a few faces. We suspect too that more than a few reputations could be at stake. A reward for disservices rendered?

* Your Editor once had the pleasure of taking tea with the captain and first officer on the flight deck of a VC-10. At 40000 feet we watched a Boeing 747 which — indicated clearly by the VC-10's radar — was 12 miles ahead and bumping its way at 33000 ft. Suddenly the 747 banked to the left and changed course. Our captain, feet up and enjoying his tea, indicated an instrument count-down and said we would have made the same manoeuvre by the time the countdown reached 0. At 2 we began to tilt to port, and by 0 we were turning on to the new course — all of this completely automatically and controlled, I gathered, through the airliner's computer from Shannon, some 1500 miles ahead of us. Quite an ordinary happening, but for your Editor, a very impressive one.

DEBUNKING RUNS WILD

But Ufologists make sure of a reasonable ending.

Paul Norman

This late item — which relates to the Australian TV film of UFOs, shot over New Zealand waters on December 31, 1978 (see FSR Vol. 24, No. 5) — is taken from an Editorial article in *Australia UFO Bulletin*, published by the Victorian UFO Research Society (VUFORS) of P.O. Box 43, Moorabbin 3189, Victoria, Australia.

BY this time most readers will be well aware of the press reports on the Radar-Visual-Photograph series of events in New Zealand.

Perhaps the Cook Strait Flap has done more to make ufologists out of newsmen, and clowns out of scientists, than any other event in UFO history.

No less than sixteen "explanations" have come from the scientific community. As usual, orthodox academics were snarling at ufologists for investigating and frowning on the press for printing news about mystery objects which they, the sceptics, could not recognize.

Meanwhile, following close on the heels of the Bass Strait incident of the missing Cessna, the UFO were grinding the sacred cow of orthodox science into beefburger.

One of the more amusing suggestions for an explanation came from an ornithologist. His offering was that the

UFOs were ... "Mutton birds flying inland for mating." If true, it should have been a great day for students of ornithology because it was the first recorded appearance of supersonic mutton birds which, for some unknown reason, were in a great haste to get on with the job. Clocking at five miles per second, this powerful species of sea gull would surely have been equipped with asbestos feathers.

Students of astronomy also were in line for a great discovery; the revelation came from none other than British astronomer Sir Bernard Lovell. Those speeding, manoeuvring and hovering objects were "meteorites which failed to burn up on entering the earth's atmosphere." Acceptance of this startling theory would probably depend on the extent of the mental blocks implanted in the minds of students.

In Australia and New Zealand astro-

nomers were insisting that the planets were responsible for this mass encounter with UFOs. Although these astronomers were closer to the scene of action than Sir Bernard, their knowledge of radar was millions of miles out of range.

From Sydney, an amateur astronomer claimed he had made a discovery which would put the ufologists out of business. He said his line-scan analyser had picked up the largest moons of Jupiter. This "discovery" turned out to be about as accurate as a prediction from readings of tea leaves left in a cup...

Norwegian Aerospace expert Erik Tawdberg was sure that the thing that the TV film team most likely focussed their cameras on was *simple* ball lightning, but farmer John Acklan, near the Clarence River area, said that

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FOCUS OF UFO ATTENTION— A GAS HOLDER!

A STORY OF NORTH MELBOURNE'S MYSTERY VISITORS — INCLUDING ENTITIES

George Alahouzos

Our contributor had returned to Greece before sending us his interesting article, which has since been held in reserve for several months. The article was skilfully sub-edited by Eileen Buckle, one of her last tasks before retiring from our ranks in 1977.

DURING the last few years, while living in Melbourne, Australia, a number of UFO sighting reports came to my notice. Most were concentrated on a small section of a mixed industrial and residential area in the district called North Melbourne (it is actually near the centre rather than to the north of the city).

There were very few sightings in 1971 and 1972. The year 1973 also began calmly enough, but as the months passed, the Australian flap, together with a West European wave, began to build up. But it was not until Friday, September 28 that things began to hot up over the industrial area of North Melbourne. On that date a brilliant star-like object was seen from the eighth floor of the Canning block of flats; it descended towards the industrial area and hovered over the gas holder, or gas tank (the importance of the gas tank will be shown later).

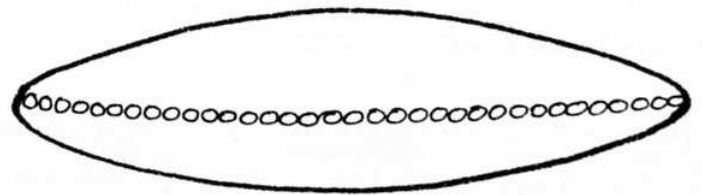
The following day, Saturday 29, brought another sighting report in the same area, this time with more detail. Frank Alescio, aged 14 at the time, had stepped out on to the front porch of his house which is situated in Queensberry Street. Small factories surround the house on all sides and at weekends the area is very quiet and dead. It was 6.30 p.m. and still daylight. Two or three blocks away, towards the south and at an elevation of some 100 feet, a large disc hung suspended in the sky, slowly rotating above the factories. The colour of the object was a dull metal-grey, its undersurface seemingly red-hot, a faint glow emanating from its base. Across the middle of the object was a row of white lights. On inspection through binoculars, Frank noticed the presence of a number of small red lights positioned in and around the larger white ones.

He watched in mute amazement as the object slowly turned. After half a minute he called his elder brother within the house to come and see the strange craft. In doing so, a high pitched buzzing or whining filled the air, originating in the direction of the disc. At the same time the object began to "fade out" or dissolve in mid-air. By the time Frank's brother had emerged it had completely disappeared.

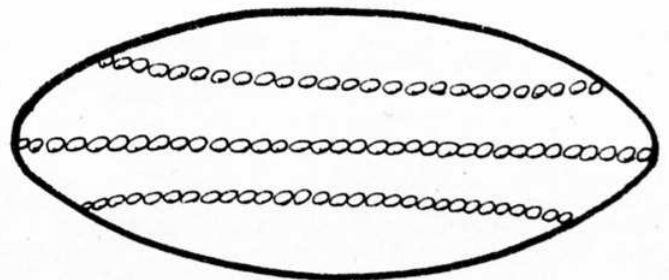
I received the sighting report first hand early the next Monday. I had to use a certain amount of per-

suation to extract it from the witness and he had a nervous look about him, as though something was troubling him. He had no way of knowing that the night after his sighting another occurrence, very similar to his, had taken place above the industrial area.

On Sunday, September 30, at approximately 6.30 p.m., Wayne Crompton, aged 14, stepped out on to the balcony of his second-floor flat at 94 Canning Street (just across the road to the 20-storey block). He noticed then a dull grey, metallic-looking thing hovering above the gas holder, or gas tank, at about twice its height. The sun, in its early stages of setting, presented the witness with excellent viewing conditions. The object was a thick disc or ovoid, and possessed three rows of illuminated port-holes arranged across the body. Like the object of the previous day, it too emitted a red glow from the



Object seen by Frank Alescio on Saturday Sept. 29, 1973



Object seen by Wayne Crompton on Saturday Sept. 30, 1973

base, giving the impression that it was red hot. The witness watched the object for about a minute until a loud buzzing or whining issued from it, when it began to dissolve. The sound was described as like nothing the witness had ever heard before.

Neither of the two boys had any knowledge of the other's sighting. The only chance they could have had to tell each other was early Monday morning, and I doubt this was likely.

The following afternoon I recruited a volunteer, Jim Charisiou, to await the appearance of our mysterious guest. The reason for telling Jim, aged 13, to keep an eye open for the object was that I was fairly secure in the notion that no adults would co-operate with me. Also, Jim had an excellent viewing position if anything did occur (he was situated on the third floor of 94 Canning Street, right above Wayne Crompton).

At approximately 6.30 p.m., on Monday, October 1, "it" appeared for the fourth consecutive day. From the witness's position an object was seen to be slowly approaching, directly south of the 20-storey tower block at Canning Street. As it neared, the object resembled a large cigar, displaying three white lights on the leading end; its approaching height was about 500 feet, but this reduced considerably as it neared the Macaulay Road gas tank. On getting a better view, Jim noticed that it was actually a coin-shaped object "like a twenty-cent piece held at arm's length." A red light was now seen at the rear which threw forth sparks. When it first came into view the three white lights at the front went out of sight, giving the impression that the object had turned. It descended at a slight angle, slowly approaching the gas tank, stopped for an instant, and then moved backwards at an angle, ascending slowly until it had positioned itself just off the edge of the tank. There, having stopped, it tilted and hovered for several seconds, displaying its entire base. Having done this, the object shot off at great speed behind the flats, gaining height and heading north.

This object had displayed different characteristics to the previous objects observed, but its hull, metal-grey, coincides with other descriptions.

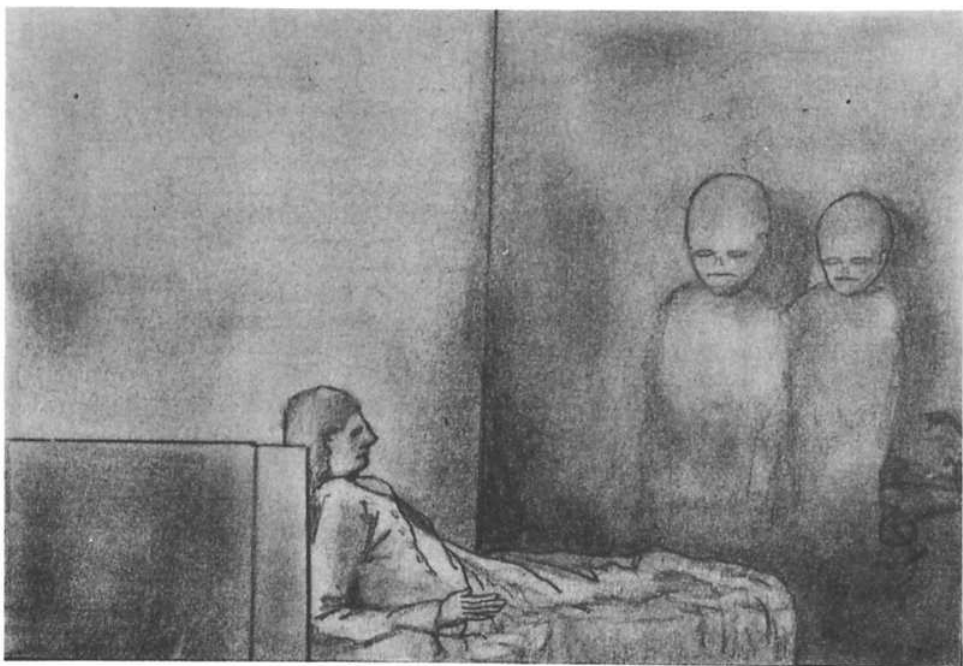
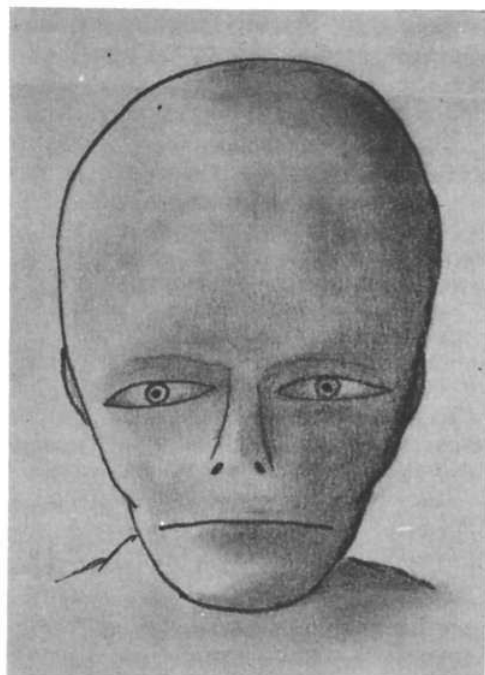
The witness visited my flat early next afternoon and willingly related his tale. I must admit that at first I was inclined towards disbelief, but he seemed so excited that my scepticism was weakened. It was not until a month later that I was able to add more information to this sighting. I met a person by the name of Greg Stillman who told me that on a certain (forgotten) date (he admitted it could have been in October), at approximately 6.30 p.m., he saw a metallic-coloured "coin" fly past the 20-storey block at Canning Street. It was said to have been at a fairly low altitude and to have displayed a row of lights which encircled its circumference at the base. It disappeared in the distance towards the north. The two descriptions tallied, but neither had any idea of the other's sighting.

No sighting was recorded on Tuesday, October 2. Unfortunately, that was the day I got my first chance to wait for the mystery visitor. The following night, however (October 3), a different sort of event took place. The witness, Kelvin Shaw, who had been aiding me in collecting information, received a "visitation." He stated that he was puzzled about the incident, not being able to tell whether he had dreamed it or whether he had been awake. His story goes as follows:-

After having woken up in the late hours of the night, he noticed that apart from himself and his sleeping elder brother, there were some other presences in the room. In the darkness he could make out two figures standing before the wall facing him.

They both seemed tall, but this is probably due to the fact that they were standing in mid-air, suspended about a foot off the floor. One of the two "men" was

**Right: Entity
observed on
October 3, 1973**



**Left: The author's impression of
the bedroom scene of October 3, 1973**

slightly behind the other and both swayed gently from side to side. As they stood there, swaying, the witness distinguished certain facial features from the little light which entered the room. Both "men" had large, bald heads, slit-like eyes, lipless mouths and small flat noses. Their ears were pressed back against their heads. No description of clothing was made due to the darkness that enshrouded them and which hid such details.

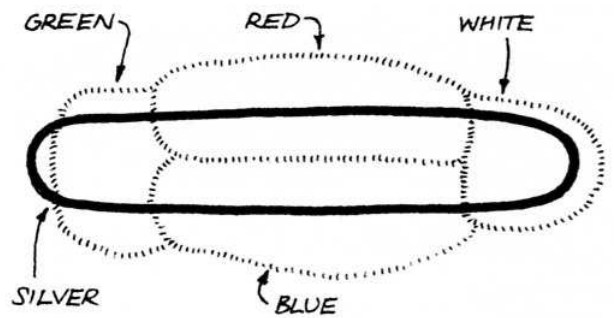
After standing and quietly observing the witness for a certain period of time, the leading "man" opened his mouth and a high pitched whining filled the room. At that precise moment both entities began to fade and soon the two visitors had disappeared "as though it were an illusion."

When I questioned the witness, he stated that he had not been scared in the slightest but had just felt curiosity. Neither his brother nor anyone else in the house had woken up during this time.

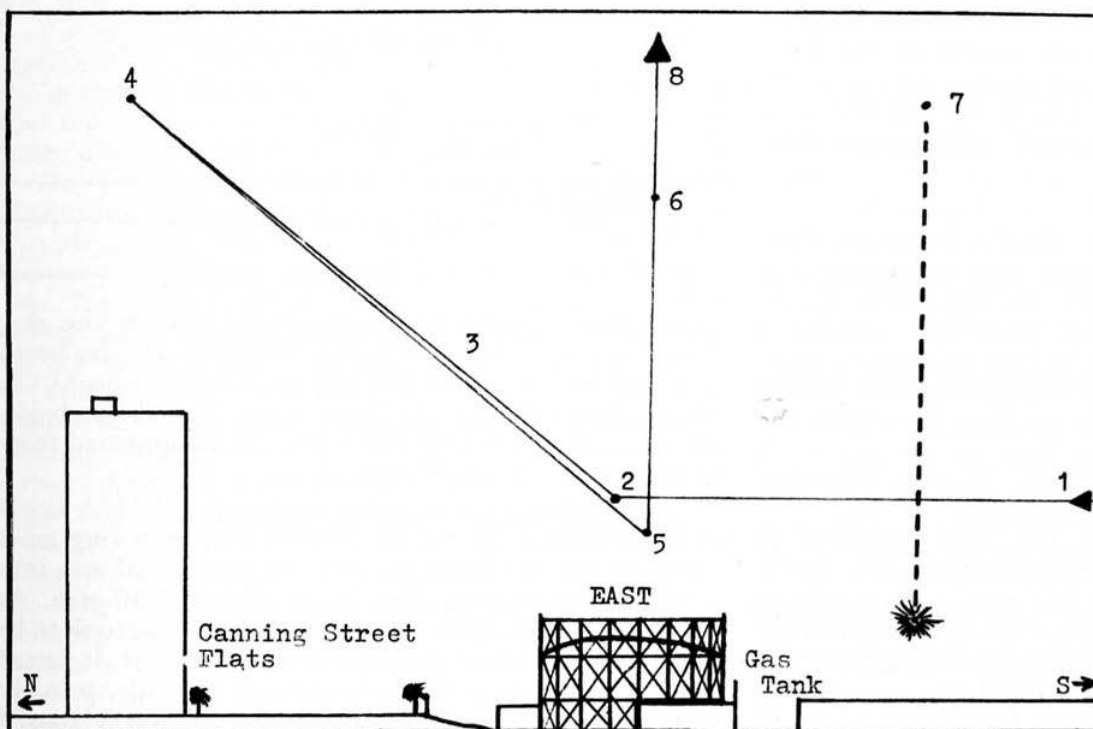
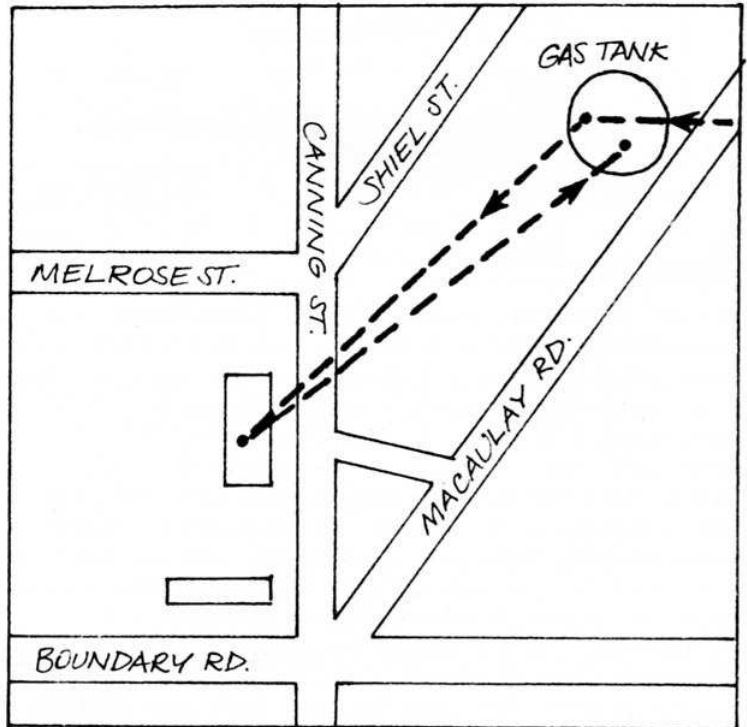
There was a total lack of sightings after the visitation until January 1974, when I received a collection of three sightings one day (January 24).

John Charisiou, younger brother of Jim, stated that for a few days running he had been observing the manoeuvres of strange craft over the gas tank. He was then ten years of age and I am fairly certain that he had not the competence to create the incredible accounts which, unfortunately, shortage of space does not allow me to describe here. They occurred on the evenings of January 20, 21 and 23, 1974. I arranged a meeting with John's older brother, Jim, and we organised a plan to wait for the object again that evening (January 24). Unfortunately some unforeseen circumstance arose and I had to leave, and as a consequence missed the return appearance. Jim was ready for it, however, along with his brothers, John (10) and Mario (8), and sister, Stella, and, of course, a camera.

The object began circling the gas tank, going round



Above: The object reported on January 21, 1974.

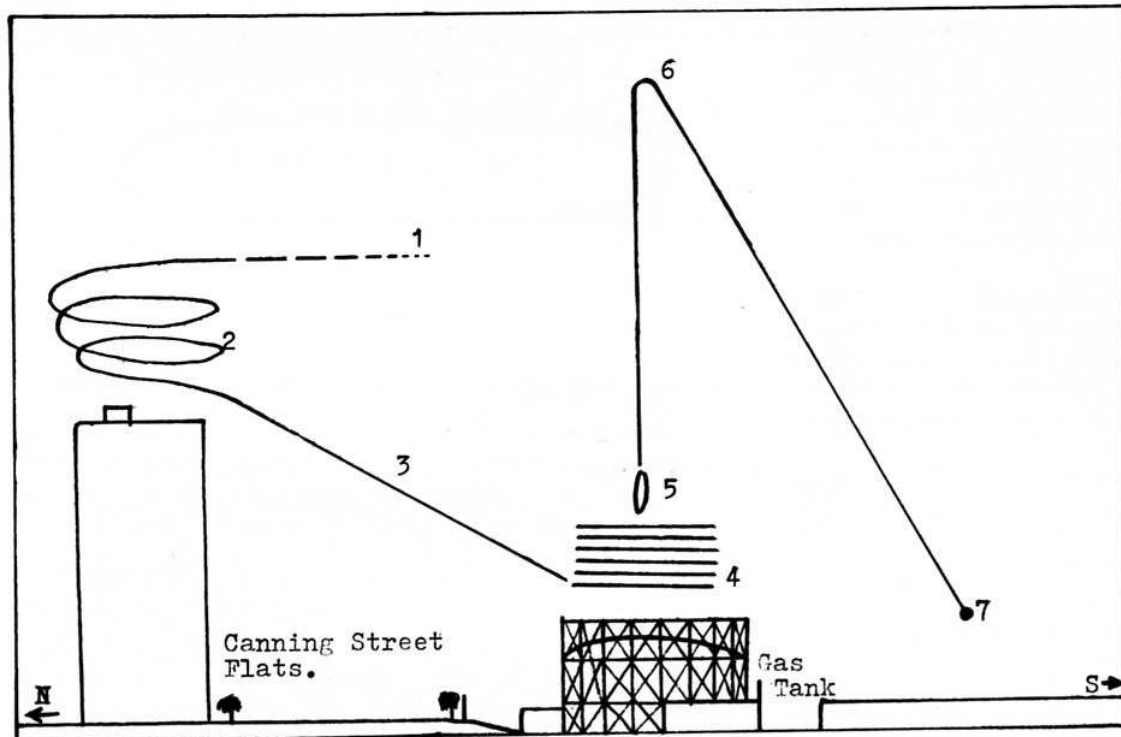


Above: Object's trajectory

Left: Movements of the object on Jan 21, 1974
Sketch by the author

Key:-

- 1 — Object approaches from South.
- 2 — Stops above gas tank.
- 3 — Speeds away from tank.
- 4 — Stops above flats.
- 5 — Shoots down over gas tank again and stops.
- 6 — Heads skyward and stops.
- 7 — Star falls out of sky.
- 8 — Object disappears into space



Left: Movements of the object seen on January 23, 1974, at 11.00 p.m. Sketch by author.

Key:

1. Object approaches from East.
2. Travels twice around flats.
3. Speeds out over gas tank.
4. Travels six times around tank.
5. Takes upright position like rocket then shoots skyward.
6. Curves downwards and heads for factories.
7. Hails above factories to South then "goes out."

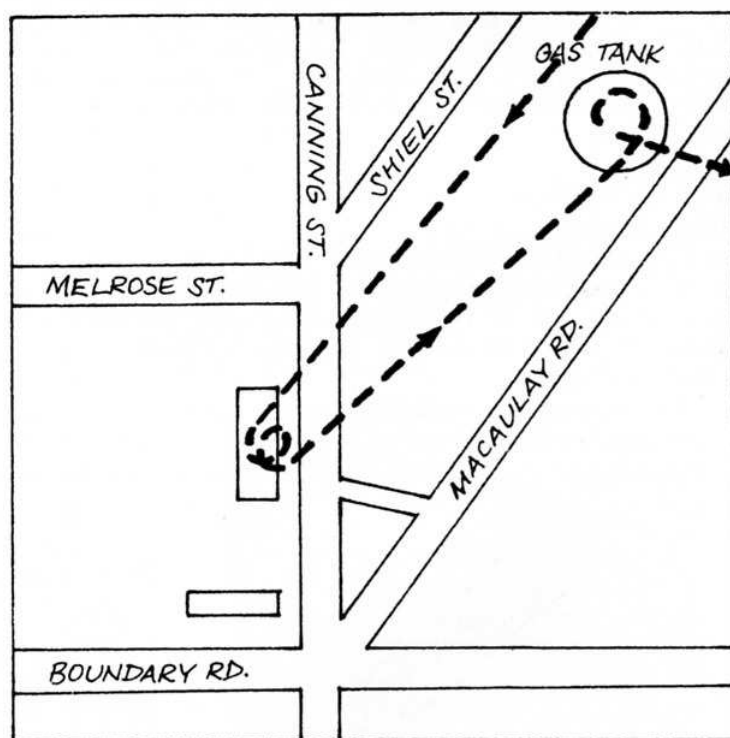
Below: Object's trajectory

it at least five times, then performing other manoeuvres such as going up and down and doing indescribable turns and dives. At one stage it reached a point higher than that of the 20-storey block of flats and a few times it approached very close to the witnesses' flat. They later described the object as having two red lights, a glowing red one and a green one, which would appear intermittently. When it passed very close, its edges, which were invisible in the darkness, became obvious, illuminated by the red light which gave it an indistinct coin-shape.

They raced to Jim's bedroom, which had an excellent view of the gas tank, with the intention of taking photos. But they had no flash and therefore tried turning on the bedroom light while holding two flash-lights at the camera. Two shots were made during the ten minutes' observation of the object. Upon reaching a point twice the height of the flats, it discharged a great mass of red sparks, then shot off into space at an incredible speed. As for the two photos, they never came out at all, which is not very surprising.

The following night it was planned to wait for the object again. This time we were fully equipped with camera, flashes and flashlights for signalling. Everything was ready. But it didn't show up. Nor did it show up the night after that. By the end of the week it finally appeared, but only one person had waited for it. This time it was not necessarily within the industrial area but more or less to the north. A photograph was taken by Frank Alescio, but after it was developed the negative was lost.

The next sighting within the area occurred at around 6.00 a.m. on Monday, March 18, 1974. Frank Alescio's father, Joe, had risen early to go to work. While preparing breakfast he noticed through the kitchen window that something was emitting a brilliant red light which illuminated the entire area. On stepping into the back yard he was surprised to



see a large round object hovering low in the sky, bathing everything around in red light. He also heard a sound issuing from the object, a continuous EEEE. When Joe reached the back yard, the object began to move off towards the east and disappeared from sight behind the buildings.

I myself made a sighting on June 1, 1974. A black-out occurred in North Melbourne, throwing most of the industrial and part of the residential area into complete darkness. This was around 7.30 p.m. At 7.45 p.m. I spotted an object which I first took to be an aircraft, though it was not in an air lane. It passed by at a very low (and dangerous) altitude, possibly less than twice the height of the 20-storey flats. I

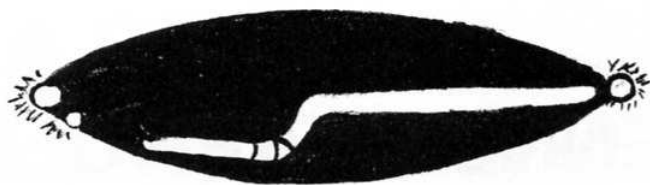
was therefore surprised to hear no engine noise. The craft resembled a thick cigar (I could see no wings, or winglights): across the fuselage was a long, thick, illuminated line which curved upwards near the middle and then straightened out again. At certain positions along the craft were several lights which in no way resembled those of an aircraft. The "plane" slowly sailed away to the west and disappeared. Within minutes the lights came on again.

There were further sightings later in the year. One made by Frank Alescio, on September 4, was really quite amazing. An object, which appeared first as a small white light with a faint aura, rapidly headed in his direction. It turned out to be a large, white, revolving disc emitting yellowish-white light; it had a row of red lights arranged across the middle. Within seconds it had approached so close to the witness that he had to shield his eyes from the glare. It appeared to be about halfway from his position and the Kensington flats, and of apparent size six inches held at arm's length.

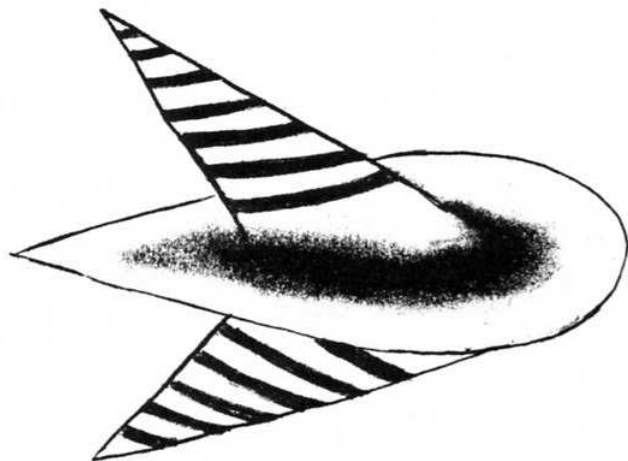
Before turning his face away, he observed that it had suddenly curved upwards into the sky. Upon regaining his eyesight, after having been nearly blinded, he could see that the object had somewhat ineffectively hidden itself within a large, solitary cloud and was now pulsating, increasing and diminishing in brightness at regular intervals. Soon, the cloud which the object had entered began changing colour, taking on a reddish hue. Having turned completely red, the cloud then disappeared — "just sort of vanished." The object was once again in the open.

Frank raced down from his rooftop observatory to fetch a camera. He had stepped on to the first rung of the ladder, with camera loaded with colour film, when all of a sudden a loud rumbling shattered the quiet atmosphere. (He stated later in my interview with him that the sound was not that of an aeroplane, and definitely not that of a helicopter either.) On looking upward Frank saw three red, glowing, oval-shaped objects in triangular formation, soaring overhead at a terrific speed; the rumbling increased to deafening proportions. When he finally reached the top of the ladder neither the large disc nor the three oval-shaped objects were anywhere in sight.

To wind up, I must mention a rather peculiar happening following a sighting by my young brother Aryiris (Rouly for short). At 7.05 p.m. on a day between September 24 and 27, from the window, he saw, for about three seconds, an object which he described as like a thick tadpole with swept-back wings at the sides; it was soundless and completely silver in colour except for the inner part of the fuselage which was dark, and black lines across the wings. On hearing his excited cries I ran to the window to learn what I had just missed. We sat looking through the large windows into the cold, starry spring night. At exactly 7.15 p.m. a nearby factory exploded, thrusting a huge red, menacing mushroom of flame into the quiet night. The area was illuminated by the dancing flames, giving the impression that soon the whole of it would be engulfed within the burning fury of the fire. But within five minutes, to our surprise, the fire had put itself out. No fire brigade



Object observed by the Author on June 1, 1974



Object sighted by Aryiris Alahouzos one evening of a day between September 24 and 27, 1974

had arrived, no hoses were brought out and the factory was old and had no sophisticated equipment such as sprinkling systems.

It is clear that some sort of observational work was underway above the industrial area. Due to lack of people walking in the streets in the late hours "they" had an excellent chance to observe without being observed. Of particular interest was the Macaulay Road gas tank and the Canning Street 20-storey block of flats. As for why, I cannot answer.

Since leaving Australia it has become increasingly difficult to collect information on the North Melbourne sightings, except by correspondence. We will see what the future has in store regarding the mystery visitor.

As you can see, most of the incidents were reported by teenagers. I would like to thank all those who helped me collect the reports. They were truthful in every respect and aided me to the best of their abilities.

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.

THIRTY YEARS AFTER KENNETH ARNOLD

A SUMMING UP OF THE UFO SITUATION

Pierre Guérin

The personal view of the UFO phenomenon by a high-ranking French scientist, Dr. Guérin, who has already made a number of contributions to *Flying Saucer Review*. This return to our pages is especially welcome. Dr. Guérin is an astrophysicist, Maître de Recherche with the French National Council for Scientific Research (CNRS), and is a member of the official French investigatory team GEPAN. This article was specially sent to *Flying Saucer Review* and the translation from the French is by Gordon Creighton.

TO claim to any originality whatsoever is made in respect of the present article. Nothing new is offered, and it is admitted very frankly that the article owes everything to the excellent work already published by others. The sole merit to which the author sees himself entitled resides in the fact that he has synthesized the work done by others, clarifying and ordering facts and ideas, and setting them out in such a fashion that this confrontation leads to the automatic self-elimination of a certain number of shaky "hypotheses" in favour of the only conclusion that, in the present state of affairs, can enable us to account for the whole of the data to hand.

The UFOs which we shall be discussing here are of course those that still remain after the ruthless elimination of all cases where there has been confusion with known objects or known phenomena, and of all hoaxes, as well as of the (infrequent) cases of pathological hallucination. This "hard core of irriducibles" represents anywhere between 1% and 15% of all reported UFO sightings, depending on which sources one is using – which means at least several tens of thousands of UFOs over the past hundred years, not to mention those of previous centuries.

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If one judges by the writings of the contemporary ufologists, Ufology is at present in an impasse. The best of the ufological reviews faithfully reflect this situation. Thus, for example, in the French language UFO publications, we more and more frequently find, one after the other:-

a) An article by such and such a physicist which – within the compass of the classic interpretation of the UFOs as extraterrestrial space-probes that are coming here to study us – aims at explaining those physical aspects of the UFO phenomenon which seem at the present moment already **capable of being made to fit our own present-day knowledge of magnetohydrodynamics and particle physics**. This being no doubt done in the expectation that new

advances in the field of theoretical physics will reveal for us the final secrets of the UFOs' propulsion.

b) A polemical piece by this or that ufologist who, while quite convinced of the physical reality of the phenomenon, lays emphasis rather on the deficiencies and the improbabilities of the classic extraterrestrial interpretation and on the nature – at the same time "paranormal" (in terms of the sociocultural context) – of the ufological manifestations. Which manifestations are forthwith blithely lumped together with parapsychological materializations (from entirely human origins) of flying objects and humanoid entities exemplifying our own unconscious imaginings at each stage of our development.

c) A critical study of a few inconclusive UFO cases, presented by a ufologist who has probably never been out in the field and investigated any serious cases, and whose conclusions, unjustifiably extended to the whole corpus of UFO reports, suggest that all the eyewitnesses could have "dreamt" their sightings as a result of the effect of some natural stimulus involving no intervention by any unidentifiable and artificial object of non-human provenance. All of which is in the end tantamount to denying the existence of the UFOs, and simply brings us back to the views so dear to the hearts of the late Dr. Menzel and of Klass and the "rationalist" intelligentsia, so-called...

None of the holders of these contradictory interpretations seem to be prepared to make the slightest compromise. The positions are all fixed, the discussion has become a dialogue of the deaf, the anathemas and excommunications begin to fly, though each of them of course self-righteously denies that the criticisms could apply to himself.

Such a state of affairs is naturally not peculiar to ufology: we have seen similar situations throughout the whole course of human history. It has happened every time when the development and acceptance of new concepts – which alone can make it possible to account for the *whole* of the observational data – have lagged far behind the actual accumulation of those data. A *global* interpretation of the

facts, being unattainable on the basis of the old postulates — now found to be inadequate or faulty — was consequently impossible. But the unwillingness of the human mind to abstain from seeking explanations for the facts presented to its sagacity is equalled only by its reluctance to question already accepted ideas. It is therefore led to seek, at any price, *reductionist explanations* based on those accepted ideas. And naturally it is never possible to do this except at the prices of rejecting a portion of the observational data, that is to say, those data that don't fit the established postulates. The "explanation" provided will of course be a different one depending upon which group of data is rejected. From which the result is the burgeoning forth of several mutually antagonistic models, none of them fully deserving of this name, inasmuch as the peculiar feature of a genuine model is that it fits the facts or, to be more precise, it fits *all* the available observed data — which is by no means the case with ufology, where each model relies upon only those data that serve to verify it.

As I am going to show by a critical examination of the various ufological models at present in vogue, such is precisely the situation prevailing today in the world of ufology. This is because the whole ufological picture, extremely vast, complex, and full of pitfalls, is now beginning to be well known, after thirty years of accumulation of the data by the UFO investigators (whose labours can never be praised enough), *without however our philosophic and scientific ways of thinking (which are lagging far away behind the problem and its implications) having themselves experienced the resultant evolution.*

The Inadequacy of the Classic Extraterrestrial Model (UFOs — Space Craft)

This model, which was chronologically the first to be proposed by the ufologists — and which is still adhered to by many of them — equates the UFOs with sophisticated extraterrestrial vehicles making the journey to Earth across interstellar space and capable of landing here their humanoid crews, whose objective is to take specimens of minerals, vegetables, animals, and indeed even humans too, for study and analysis. I say that this model errs not only on account of its anthropocentricity, being copied only too closely from the ideas that we ourselves have today, on the threshold of the Space Age, regarding the exploration of the planets, but also — and most particularly — because it is at variance with too many well-established facts for it to be tenable in this form.

To begin with, the immensity of interstellar distances is such* that, at a speed which has *got to be* less than the velocity of light (with all due deference to the tachyon space-ship fans!) a craft coming here from another inhabited planetary system would require tens, or hundreds, or even thousands of years to make the journey from that system to ours. And this would hold good whatever the level of the technology of our visitors, assuming that when travelling from one point to another, they effected the trip as we ourselves do, by covering a trajectory through a

four-dimensional Space-Time. For, in this Space-Time, the speed of light is a limit speed that no moving body could possibly attain (and, even less, surpass) without an infinite expenditure of energy (a well-established result of relativistic physics, and one that is highly unlikely to be falsified by future discoveries, which will perhaps transcend it, but will not invalidate it).

Consequently, and following the hypothesis — accepted nowadays by *all* astrophysicists — of a plurality of inhabited solar systems, one may indeed *expect* visits to Earth by Extraterrestrials, but these visits would necessarily be on the average very widely spread out in time, for example, say, one visit every 5,000 years, and could only be carried out by gigantic cosmic vessels heavily stocked with food and fuel for such long journeys. The UFOs, which are very small (a few metres in diameter on the average) and whose average frequency of appearance here is registered in terms of days and even of hours when a Wave is taking place, have quite obviously nothing in common with such star-ships. If, by way of objection to this, we were to suppose that the UFOs are launched from great mother-ships cruising in the offing of our Solar System, it would still be necessary to explain why it is that so many UFOs are being seen, and so often. Willy-nilly, the fact has to be faced that a journey to the stars (in the classic sense of a sustained movement) involves a degree of difficulty and a time-duration that present no common measure whatsoever with the sort of problems, and the time-duration that would be involved in journeys of exploration from Earth out into our Solar System. It is indeed not certain that such trips could be visualized as realistic enterprises *even in that form*, since, beyond a certain distance, they would inevitably involve the problem of *non-return*.

There is a second line of argument which is invoked against interpretation of the UFOs in terms of the classic idea of extraterrestrial probes in the likeness of our own probes: analysis of the evolution in the shapes and behaviours of the UFOs throughout recent historic times shows that these shapes and behaviours are, to some extent,† modelled on certain Science-Fiction stories that were already in existence prior to the UFO sightings in question, but not known to those particular eyewitnesses, just as though the UFOs were somehow concrete expressions of human technological dreams as has recently been demonstrated in masterly fashion by B. M. Meheust.¹ This would imply (if the eyewitnesses' observations of UFOs are not all hallucinations) that the UFO is not a space-probe sent out to discover us

* While it requires only eight minutes for light to reach us from the Sun at the speed of 300,000 kms per second, 4 years are needed for it to get to us *from the nearest star*, and 100,000 years for it to cross the diameter of our Galaxy!

† With the exception — in our view — of the "flying discs." For some of these were already observed in Roman times, and they were also seen in the last century. It would look therefore as though the "flying saucer" type were an invariant in the phenomenon.

and study us, since the Intelligence — whatever it may be — that is introducing the UFO into our environment already knows us sufficiently well, and possesses a sufficiently good mastery of the laws of matter to be able to concoct the appearance of that matter in line with some of our own thoughts! We are not of course denying — indeed we were ourselves the first to suggest it² the possibility that there is some hallucinatory component in the situation and that this hallucinatory component is artificially induced by the UFO phenomenon in close-encounter witnesses (encounters of the so-called “Third Kind”). This would account very satisfactorily for certain facts that are well known to investigators. Nevertheless, hallucination is not the complete explanation: the American “airship” of 1897 was not only observed at very close quarters by witnesses who were isolated, and, as one may grant, conceivably were hallucinated by the phenomenon, but it was also seen at a considerable distance, high in the sky, by countless witnesses who were more astonished than frightened, and apparently in full possession of all their faculties. These people, without ever having read Jules Verne, nevertheless described the craft as a “retro” flying machine in the purest style of the “Vernesque” dream of the period.□ An exploratory space-ship built on a distant planet by Extraterrestrials desirous of discovering Earth and studying any inhabitants it might possess would obviously not have been contrived, in order to cross interstellar space, in so inefficient a shape as the *Albatross* of Robur le Conquérant!

In the same order of ideas, the alleged behaviour of the present-day extraterrestrial humanoids aping our own astronauts by gathering plants and stones§ (but with no precautions whatever) quite obviously belongs to some sort of “cinema show” in which we ourselves are also involved, and has no relation whatsoever to the sort of behaviour that would be displayed by true scientific explorers discovering the Earth. Were the psychomental level of the latter to be drastically superior to our own — which is an extremely probable hypothesis, as we shall see further on — then it is true that we could certainly

expect to comprehend nothing whatever of their activities while they were making their scientific study of the terrestrial milieu, but at least we might assume that such activities would hardly be decked out in quite the sort of mendacious or grotesque aspect that we see in these UFO happenings.

The UFO phenomenon is consequently not what one might at first sight have thought it to be — even if it is indeed an extraterrestrial Intelligence that is controlling it. However unpalatable we find it, we must now accept the fact that the whole UFO phenomenon is infinitely more difficult of interpretation than the first ufologists — with a few exceptions — had thought.

Refutation of the “Parapsychological Model”

To counter these various objections, a school of thought comprising a number of the dilettanti, whose zeal for keeping things on the stir is matched only by their boundless self-confidence, but whose intellectual capacity is perhaps not always their strong point, have recently published³ and defended the so-called “paranormal” model, *which equates the UFOs with materializations of human parapsychical origin*, triggered off by the individual or collective anxiety of our times, and modelled precisely upon the ideas that, in every epoch of history, give expression to the fears or the aspirations of mankind. What I say is that, if on the one hand this “parapsychological model” does indeed seem to explain certain facts that are not accounted for by the E.T. space-probes hypothesis, it is on the other hand in total conflict with certain other facts, and to such a point that it would take a long time for me to enumerate here all its inconsistencies. Let us quote but two examples, which are thumping good ones:-

First of all, are there anywhere in the literature of Parapsychology any examples of materializations, by the agency of spirit on matter, which can show any similarity whatsoever, be it close or remote, to the UFOs? A certain amateur and would-be-parapsychologist (but who is no way near to being one) has recently claimed to perceive great analogies between *ectoplasms* and the UFOs, or their alleged occupants. I will express no opinion here on the problem of the physical reality of ectoplasm, of which the least that one can say is that there has been a very great deal more discussion of it than there has been discussion of the UFOs. I will merely point out that, according to the statements of those who assure us that they have produced ectoplasms and have subjected them to experimentation, ectoplasms are, on a number of counts, radically different from the UFOs as regards their physical effects. In particular, according to repeated and unvaried experiments conducted by Dr. Eugen Osty with the medium Rudy Schneider,⁴ **ectoplasm absorbs infra-red light — hence the countless cases on record in which cold has been felt during mediumistic experiments.** The UFOs, on the other hand, are well known for their intense heat effects. The latter can even be so strong that damp terrain will be dried right out, and its humus devitalized to such a degree that it can remain devoid of plant growth for weeks, as though it had been subjected to

□ On a previous occasion² I said that, seen from afar, the “airship” of 1897 differed in no way from our modern UFOs, which fact did seem to lend some colour to the theory of hallucination induced in close encounter witnesses by the phenomenon itself. In actual fact, however, a deeper study of the Wave of 1897 has now revealed that countless distant witnesses drew the same sort of sketch of the “airship” as those other witnesses who saw it at close quarters on the ground. This weakens the theory of induced hallucination at short distance, and suggests rather that the phenomenon *models* the forms of the objects which it displays to us, and shapes them in terms of the human thinking of the period. This means that the “airship” of 1897 was indeed a UFO: its movements in the sky were those of a UFO, and it displayed a certain type of behaviour towards witnesses which is well known today — appearing and disappearing, landing scenes, etc.

§ Or maybe of course they are collecting fertilizer for Mars (sic) or perhaps they are here to announce the Apocalypse!

radiation similar to the actions of microwave ovens. To equate the UFOs — even remotely — with ectoplasm is likewise to disregard totally all the evidence, which indicates that, once the UFOs have materialized into our environment (and when the viewing conditions are sufficiently good for them to be clearly distinguished from the fluctuating luminous halo that often surrounds them, or from the beams of light — sometimes truncated, sometimes not — which they emit, or from the “fireballs” or other little exploratory satellites that may be put out from them) the UFOs themselves invariably display the appearance of *fully structured machines*. Truly, you’ve got to have a pretty senseless and blind sort of faith to imagine that you can see any sort of analogy between the ectoplasmic forms produced from the bodies of 19th century trance-mediums, and structured flying objects capable of returning a radar echo, of emitting vivid lights and loud humming noises, of producing EM effects on radios and cars etc., of producing marks on the ground, and of moving about as though piloted by an Intelligence!

If indeed the UFOs really were parapsychological materializations, then we should be faced with a **totally new and original phenomenon, without its like in the whole known record of mediumistic effects**. The UFOs most assuredly do produce, in plenty of the percipients, a whole range of “paranormal” features, and profound analogies do indeed exist between all extraordinary phenomena, and I have said so⁵, as have many others before me. But those analogies are *not* of such an order as to be capable of converting the UFOs into just one specific type in the whole gamut of effects exercised on matter by the human mind.

They are far, far more than that.

However, let us, for the sake of the argument, concede that we might be wrong, so let us try to see whether the model proposed by our parapsychomantic colleagues is verified by its results, which is the fundamental way of approach in the good old scientific method.[Ⓢ] In particular it would be necessary to establish a perfect temporal and geographical correlation between the frequency of UFOs and the psychosociological factors that trigger off psychic apparitions, and also between the shapes of the UFOs

and technical and cultural presuppositions giving rise to such shapes. Well now, the answer is that we find nothing whatsoever of the kind! As we all know, the UFOs come in waves localized in both time and space. (As a general rule these waves relate to a limited geographical zone two or three times the size of France, and last for several weeks, or for a few months at the most.)

Well now, contrarily to the allegations of folk like Viéroudy,³ **no correlation exists between the UFO waves and the anxiety states of populations or the personal and private distresses of witnesses**. A critical analysis recently made by N. Greslou⁶ shows this to be a fact and establishes it most convincingly.[#]

On the other hand, the types of UFOs appearing in any given wave, or in a series of waves, may reproduce certain shapes *imagined by authors of novels in countries far distant from those lands involved in the waves in question*. Thus, for example, it was not in France, the country of Jules Verne, nor even in Europe, that the UFO version of the *Albatross* was seen in 1897, but in the American Mid-West, and it covered a period limited to several weeks only. Naturally there is not the remotest possibility that the Mid-Western farmers who were the recipients of this visit by the “airship” could have been steeped in any sort of psychic atmosphere inspired by Jules Verne’s novel. No more are the natives of Papua, nowadays recipients of visits from the modern UFOs, steeped in an atmosphere created by western Science Fiction, or by the first successful steps taken by mankind in the exploration of Space in these closing years of the 20th century.

Finally, to put it all in a nutshell, the UFOs, which are something radically different from the alleged manifestations produced by mediums, may very well be inspired, in each succeeding epoch of our history, by forms and shapes drawn out of the human imagination, without there being however any direct relationship between, on the one hand, their frequency of appearance or the geographical localization of the waves, and, on the other hand, the thought-fields of human populations or human individuals erroneously believed to play a role in creating or triggering off the UFO phenomenon. From all this it appears therefore that, while the psychic agency that creates and operates the UFOs is in some degree influenced by our own human psychism, **it is nevertheless quite distinct from the latter**.

Refutation of the Spontaneous “Waking Hallucination Model”

Let us, finally, take a look at the model based on the idea of “spontaneous waking hallucination”

Ⓢ The scientific method is the absolute weapon of all (true) scientists since Galileo, and its underlying principle, stated in masterly fashion a century ago by Claude Bernard, consists in a permanent confrontation between explanatory models and observational data — every model having, in order to be worthy of the epithet “scientific”, to be capable of being checked and tested by comparison of its logically deduced consequences with the experimental facts to hand (either facts already on file, or facts that have been researched specially with a view to such a test). It will be noted (C. Popper) that such a test can reveal instantly the *incorrectness* of a model (as, for example, in the case of the “parapsychological” school whose argument we have refuted above). But such a comparison cannot, strictly speaking, prove the *correctness* of a model, as one is never sure that fresh observational data will not one day be forthcoming which will oblige a model that has fitted the facts all right so far to be abandoned, or at any rate modified.

Nor, contrarily to the view widely held among the intelligentsia, are the UFO waves induced by the media: a great many important UFO waves, recognized as such at the time by the ufologists who gather the sighting reports, have remained totally or partially unknown to the journalists, who have consequently failed to report the wave to the public. (See for example, the Spanish Wave of 1954) or have only started to talk about it several months after it occurred (French Wave of end of 1973). Thus, “collective hysteria” is no explanation whatsoever!

— wrongly dubbed by certain authors⁷ the “waking dream” — which it is fashionable to invoke nowadays in “rationalist” circles whenever the wealth of data in a report and the strangeness of the testimony given by the eyewitnesses rule out the possibility of any simple, banal confusion due to the erroneous interpretation of some natural object or natural phenomenon, and the witness is moreover recognized as trustworthy. For a refutation of this model, there is more than enough material in the results (now well known and generally accepted⁸) of the special statistical studies carried out by Dr. Claude Poher.⁸ Let us recapitulate briefly the gist of those results:

The number of UFOs seen in the sky increases with the angular height of vision above the horizon in accordance with what is known as Bouguer’s Law (which, in observational astronomy, expresses the progressive increase in atmospheric transparency when the thickness of the atmosphere decreases in proportion as one looks higher and higher into the sky); furthermore, the annual global number of UFOs seen in the skies is proportional to the amount of sunlight over the area in question (i.e. proportional to the atmospheric transparency). These results mean that at the origin of the UFO sightings there is indeed a real physical phenomenon, or object, since the observation of such phenomenon or object obeys the optical law of absorption by the layers of air. This rules right out any hallucination of a psychotic type (which has no physical evidence to support it). It does not however rule out any hallucination of some new type which might possibly be discovered one day and which might be spontaneously triggered off by the sight of some real phenomenon or real object which the eyewitness is unable to identify. If such a vision obeyed the laws of optics, then the hallucination triggered off by it would obviously fall into line with Poner’s statistics.

Here again we must ask ourselves whether this sort of hallucination is plausible, and whether the hypothesis proposed is verified by its results.

Certain disturbances of sensorial perception are extremely common and well known to psychologists, but their primary feature is that they only last for a very brief time. Who, for example, when driving in his car at night, has not imagined for a second or two — never more — that he glimpsed ahead of him some obstacle (a man, a barrier, etc.), which was in fact nothing more than an illusion due to fatigue. The fatigue produces a semi-sleeping state (characterized by the Alpha rhythm on the electroencephalogram) in the course of which there arise images prefiguring those of the dream-state. However, an external stimulus (which, in this example quoted, is the “obstacle” itself, perceived by the driver as a danger) *always* suffices to terminate this semi-sleeping state at once.

Well now, this kind of misinterpretation is radically different from the scenes — invariably strange and sometimes terrifying and abounding in

incomprehensible details — which are observed, in the completely waking state (sometimes in broad daylight) and lasting for periods of several minutes, by UFO eyewitnesses, the vast majority of whom are found to be mentally sane and not to have been drinking. We can assert, and assert loudly and forcibly, in no uncertain terms, that the literature of Psychiatry, *which knows nothing whatsoever about the symptomatology of UFOs*, never mentions long and deep hallucinations other than in individuals presenting pathological disturbances (psychoses, cranial traumatisms, etc.), and that it *never* reports that mentally sane individuals can be suddenly subject[☆] to such hallucinations, even in a lowered state of consciousness, for so benign a reason as the real observation of some harmless object or of some natural phenomenon that the witness is unable to interpret.^{**} To invoke such a process as this to explain the UFO sightings involves a more gratuitous *deus ex machina* than the classic recourse to the Extraterrestrials, since the idea of the existence of the latter is a hypothesis that has the advantage of being in full agreement with the findings of modern science — unlike the hypotheses of deep waking hallucinations spontaneously affecting healthy individuals and making them “see saucers.”

Anyway, let us accept this new alleged type of hallucinating phenomenon, and let us try to see if it is verified by its results. The answer is clear. Numerous facts lead us to a flatly and unambiguously negative answer. This refutation is backed by arguments similar to those we have given above against the parapsychological model.

To begin with, there are no correlations whatsoever between the UFO waves and any geographical or temporal concentrations of objects (planets, satellites, sonde-balloons, manoeuvring helicopters, car headlamps lighting up the countryside at night etc.), or of phenomena — atmospheric or other — supposed to provide the stimulus for the alleged spontaneous hallucinations. This is for the simple reason that this type of stimulus is, statistically speaking, omnipresent in all countries and all epochs, which runs

☆ With all due respect to certain successors of the famous C.G. Jung. Thus, we have seen, on the French Television, the oldest French translator of the works of Jung maintaining — to the vast satisfaction of a “rationalist” journalist on the staff of the TV, and employing authoritative-sounding arguments based on empty verbiage — that the psychic output of the human unconscious contains ample material with which to explain away all UFO sightings — a claim that, incidentally, explains nothing — for even were the statement true (and it is *not*, as we shall see in due course) it would still remain necessary to prove that the emergence of this unconscious material from the human mind did indeed create the hallucinatory picture. *Well now, this was denied by Jung himself, for in his book A Modern Myth,⁹ he furnished not one single hallucinatory UFO sighting in support of his thesis, but simply a few patients’ dreams!*

** What happens is rather the reverse: instead of being deluded by what he has seen, the eyewitness of a UFO (real or supposed) generally tries to interpret it in terms of something already known.

○ These results have been confirmed by further and more thorough analyses, which have been endorsed by the Scientific Committee of G.E.P.A.N.

contrary to the very notion of a "wave." This argument is especially valid for landings and "contacts of the third kind," which are generally seen in thinly populated country places, where the probability of observing natural sky phenomena is greater than in towns, and remains just as high outside the times of UFO waves.

Secondly, to talk of hallucinations is to talk of "psychic phenomena." Well now, as J.J. Walker has pointed out,¹⁰ the descriptions of UFOs don't obey the laws which psychoanalysis has proposed to cover material produced from the unconscious, which *always* has a symbolic content. To put it more precisely, the UFO phenomenon displays a very large number of purely physical features of no great symbolical importance, such as, for example: erratic "falling leaf" movements, pulsating lights, monochromatic beams of light (either truncated or not), humming noises, etc. To these one would also have to add the discoidal shape, regarding the significance of which it certainly seems (see J.J. Walker¹⁰) that Jung was totally mistaken when he introduced the idea of *mandala*. And while certain themes associated with some near sightings of UFOs and with the bulk of the "contacts of the third kind" apparently do contain elements deriving from the human unconscious, on the other hand certain other themes are to all intents and purposes systematically quite lacking in the general picture of UFO manifestations (whether close or far), such as: war, violence, etc., — features that nonetheless have solid enough roots in our human psyche! *Here again we recognise the profound originality of the UFO phenomenon, in that it marks itself off quite distinctly from what the human unconscious might naturally be expected to contain.*

Finally, let us add that the theory of spontaneous waking hallucination fails to account for the well-established physical effects, such as the marks left on the ground, the stopping of engines etc.

The Solution of the Problem

It is now possible for us to separate off what the UFOs *are not* from what they *are*, and, more generally, to draw up a balance-sheet prompted by our reflections upon the phenomenon:-

1. The UFOs *are not* space-craft that have crossed interstellar space to come and explore us. *Nevertheless*, they present themselves to us in the form of flying machines seemingly constructed and guided by an Intelligence.
2. The UFOs *are not* human parapsychic materializations, nor are they spontaneous hallucinations, *although* they may at times produce paranormal interferences in the close eyewitness.
3. According to the best testimony available, the UFOs can move equally well *either* by covering a trajectory through the air or by vanishing "on the spot" and then re-materializing at a distance, *which behaviour is more akin to magic than to physics as we know it.*
4. The true solution to the problem of interstellar voyages does not lie in the covering of a trajectory

between one star and another, since such a journey would take infinitely too long (due to the limiting speed of light). If any better solution than covering a trajectory through space is ultimately and absolutely non-existent, then the slow and gradual exploration of our Galaxy still remains nevertheless within the reach of an evolved civilization, *provided that the latter is willing to cut itself off from its origins.* But an exploration of that sort is not possible with machines answering to the descriptions given of the UFOs. If on the other hand a solution does exist, which would overcome the difficulty by means of the mastery of a "hyperphysics" permitting the employment of spatio-temporal short-cuts, or any other process of which we at the present time have no conception, then in such a case, if they were to appear before us now, the machines that would be used to take such spatio-temporal short-cuts would be *bound* to seem to us to pertain to *magic* rather than to physics, even though such were in fact not the case. (Any solution of this latter type would of course entirely invalidate the conclusions habitually formulated amongst us as to the extreme rarity of visits to Earth by Extraterrestrials — that is to say our conclusions based upon the postulate of inter-stellar voyages through our Space-Time.)

5. Current astrophysics anticipates that there are innumerable planetary systems outside of our own, around millions of stars in our Galaxy and in the outer Galaxies — systems in which life must have appeared and developed just as it has done on Earth, and have given rise to ever more complex and intelligent species. This is now accepted by *all* astronomers. Now, there is no scientific reason for thinking that our human psychomental level of development represents any sort of summit in Cosmic Biological Evolution, even if it is the summit down here on Earth. In other words, certain extraterrestrial species are *bound* — all due allowances of course being made — to surpass the human level mentally just as radically as the human level here surpasses the animal level.^{11:12} In view of the enormous disparity in the ages of the stars and of their planetary systems (stars and planets strung out over a time span of billions of years) there are scant chances that *at present*, there is in our Galaxy another life species possessing precisely the same intellectual level as ourselves and — *a fortiori* — our precise level of technico-scientific evolution. According to the different planetary systems in question, some of them will either not yet have reached our level, or they will have surpassed it drastically (which means that, in such a case, the problem of inter-stellar communication will have already been solved by them in some fashion or another). The age of the Earth is 4.5 billion years, and we do not know how much longer it will take for Man to finally reach the stars, if indeed he is capable of it. One may however agree perhaps that, at the end of a period of 5 billion years, on the average, from a planet that has produced life, this life will swarm out into the galaxy.

Since the Galaxy is at least three times as old as the Earth, it can be seen that the first interstellar links no doubt occurred even before our Earth was born! In other words, the whole Galaxy, whether or

not this is apparent to us, has been totally explored, indeed even "colonized," millions, or even billions, of years ago. 13:14

6. An intelligence controls the UFOs. And it is not ours. It is all happening as though this Intelligence had a very good knowledge of our degree of technological evolution, in order for it to be able to give the objects — the UFOs — shapes that could seem plausible to the eyewitnesses, inasmuch as, in every period of history, the objects seem to represent, in "concretized" form, the human technological dream of the particular moment. It is all happening too as though the Intelligence in question were "staging" landing scenes for us (maybe employing, to some degree, the possibilities in induced hallucination) with the scenario itself frequently being inspired by the eyewitness's own preoccupations, by his own culture, or by his own specialization whatever it may be. In brief, the elusive, fleeting nature of the UFOs is well known to us. All these patterns of behaviour work together in a fiendish manner to spread throughout the immense majority of people — **who have not themselves been eyewitnesses of UFOs** — serious doubts as to the credibility of the eyewitnesses' accounts, and to bolster up the feeling that we on this planet Earth are our own masters and that all the talk of visits by UFOs is merely so much poppycock. At the same time, the indefinite and monotonous repetition of the cases of UFO appearances produces on the other hand, in a section of the population, a gradual condition in the opposite direction — **namely towards belief in the UFOs** — this being also all too often associated with a resurgence of irrational and fatalistic religious beliefs.

Now that we have reached this point, it seems virtually useless for me to give any conclusion, seeing that the conclusion absolutely forces itself upon us. I have often heard Jacques Vallée claim, employing the art of paradox, that scores of different explanations could be found for the UFO phenomenon, and all of them equally valid. Now I do not share that opinion in the least. The UFO files are already thick enough and, above all, this material has by now all been sifted and analyzed with sufficient care for us to be able now to scent, with a high degree of probability, **from whom they emanate**, even if we don't know how they work.

Recourse to the idea of mysterious Entities from Elsewhere — i.e. from "parallel universes" or other Space-Time frameworks which are not of this world — that certain ufologists, reviving the old illusion of the occultists, have sought to introduce as an alternative to the concept of an intervention by Extraterrestrials who *do* belong to our own Universe, has its historical explanation in the discovery¹⁵ of the fact that **the modern ufonauts and the demons†† of past days are probably identical**. These latter invariably made their appearance in precisely the sort of garb that the eyewitnesses of the period *expected*

of them. But this chameleon-effect, which is a characteristic feature of the UFO phenomenon, must not cause us to overlook two things: the first is that Science has progressed quite a bit since the Middle Ages, and that we can now perceive better than folk did in previous times where exactly external Intelligences should be looked for. The second point that we must not overlook is that in all likelihood the "royal route" from the stars does indeed involve "passage" through other space-times. The result being that the discrepancy between "occult Entities from sub-space or from Hell" on the one hand, and Extraterrestrials from our own external Universe on the other, is only an apparent discrepancy, and argues from a false premise. The "magical" irrational aspect of the UFOs — which must certainly be to some extent due to that other spatio-temporal dimension that we do not know how to manipulate — does not imply that we are obliged to introduce the idea of "Entities not of this world" and unknown to Science. It seems, far more simply, that this "magic" is just a necessary consequence of the super-technology of Extraterrestrials who do belong to our own astronomical Universe *and whose existence our own Science actually anticipates*.

And these Extraterrestrials are not coming here in order to *discover* us or to *study* us. All the indications suggest that they have known all about us since the very beginning, and we are lost if we waste our time in vain conjectures concerning the meaning of what they are doing: for example, why do they concoct for us these UFOs, which — with the exception of the saucer-shaped discs — are fashioned in the likeness of our own ideas at a given moment in time? Why do they so persistently and monotonously go on displaying for us these situations — frequently quite absurd ones — flying about over us, chasing us, vanishing into thin air, and — above all — *landing* here! All of which must have some meaning.

The problem is: What meaning? In any event, what is quite certain is that the phenomenon is active here, on our planet, *and active here as Master*. We can neither stop the phenomenon nor comprehend it, and we are well aware that its power totally defies not merely our technological possibilities *but probably our mentalΦ possibilities as well*.

Is it possible then that — all unbeknown to us — we are a "colony"? That we are colonists who know nothing about it because, in order to have any mental conception of the sort of manipulation to which you are being subjected, or even to know that you are being manipulated at all, you need to possess the right degree of mental equipment. The cow will never know that she is expected to produce milk, and the ox will never know that he will be chopped up into beefsteaks. The cow and the ox know the farmer, just as we ourselves know the UFOs. But cow and ox know nothing about the dairy co-operative, or about the butcher. I find it hard to

†† I.e. goblins and gnomes of all sorts: *farfadets* of Poitou, Breton *korrigans*, English *pucks*, Norwegian *trolls*, not to mention of course the Fairies, and "Old Nick" — Satan himself.

Φ Which does not mean that we ought to just fold arms and give up all idea of delving deeper into theoretical physics in the hope — reasonable or senseless as that may be — of penetrating the mystery one day.

follow the reasoning of my old friend Aimé Michel when he says he feels reassured because he is not a prey to these Beings who are so far ahead of us that they could assuredly wipe us out, and who nevertheless permit us to go on living, while avoiding the traumatizing direct contact that we would not be able to endure, and which since they are so far in advance to us,◇ would cause us to abandon every effort at progress on our own. Aimé Michel deduces from this that the predatory instinct is a terrestrial biological constant up to the human level, then ceases beyond that stage, and that this check-stop is the requisite condition that has to be met by any species desirous of "joining the club" of those beings in the Universe that have achieved mastery over time and space. Well, yes, indeed! At any rate they don't eat us! (Incidentally, would we be digestible?) But how could we possibly ever know in what fashion it is that — without our possessing the slightest inkling of it — we are utilized by the great biblical "God of the Armies of Heaven," aided by his soldiers, the Elohim?

The Reasons for the Human Intellectual Refusal to Face the Truth

I have deliberately brought in Yahweh Sabaoth. For now at least, in the context of the present situation here, the words of the Bible are taking on a quite new dimension, for which centuries of religious bumbblings have given us no preparation! To put it more precisely, the parallel which we have drawn above obliges us to face up to this fact that, with the flying saucers, we are led to introduce God and the Heavenly Entities into the realm of physical reality once more — under a quite new form, it is true. Let us be more explicit on this point, and let us now examine the consequences which flow from it. For it is right here — and nowhere else — that the reasons for Man's intellectual refusal are to be found.

In every epoch of history men have always believed in the existence of divine, all-powerful Entities, dwelling in Heaven or in the Hells, to whose influence they attributed all the happenings and phenomena on this Earth that were incomprehensible to them — the power of the winds, the tides, thunder and lightning, the eclipses, etc. Fundamentally the great monotheistic religions have not changed from this basic conception. For although, in place of a multiplicity of deities, the religions have now substituted one single God, they have given him certain celestial creatures — the Angels — who are recognized as also exercising power over Mankind. It was only relatively recently in the history of Christianity that the one God became a completely ethereal "spiritualized" being. In the days of the biblical Garden of Eden, Yahweh — or what was thought by him to be Yahweh — addressed Adam in person, *like a physical being*. The factor which, on the other hand, has not changed at all since there first began to be religions, and began to be men, is the power to influence the

course of terrestrial events that is attributed to these divine or angelic Entities.

Reacting against these ideas of an Earth and of its inhabitants subject to the Divine Will, human Science has been erected upon the gamble, as it were, that Man, thanks to his reason, and served by the scientific method, could and should push back the frontiers of the unknown by reducing those phenomena — which primitive ignorance had once attributed to acts of the Deity — to natural and logical mechanisms subject to precise laws. This felicitous advance in human thinking (which lies at the origin of the immense philosophical, scientific, and economic revolution with which we are all familiar) has had the unfortunate result — the law of all or nothing — that it has gradually lent credence, in the minds of the scientists who were themselves in charge of our science (as well as in the minds of the intelligentsia who merely *think* that they understand science) to two postulates which have now become a *Credo* for the whole of our Intelligentsia. These are:-

Postulate No. 1: Since Science is constantly advancing and thrusting back, indefinitely, the frontiers of the unknown, *there is obviously nothing in the whole Universe that is, in essence, inaccessible to the human mind, which accordingly now finds itself promoted to the supreme level, the level that was previously occupied by the deities*. A few scientists, it is true, do still remain "believers," but with rare exceptions even these also have the greatest difficulty in conceiving that the human psyche is not pre-eminent in the hierarchy of levels of intelligence throughout the Cosmos, with the one possible exception of God Himself, whom in any case they place right outside of the physical universe.

Postulate No. 2: Since all the phenomena of Nature that Science has tackled so far have, one by one, proved conquerable by a series of logical mechanisms deriving from the laws of the material world, *the hypothesis of an intervention by divine or transcendental Entities in the unfoldment of these phenomena becomes unnecessary, and indeed even harmful*. Science has got into the habit of applying itself only to the *how* of things, and never to the *why*, thus becoming *purely reductive*. And, when confronted by a new phenomenon that it cannot succeed in overcoming, the profound, instinctive reaction of Science is to *deny the facts*, or at least to deny any possible interpretation of the facts in terms of an intelligent intervention by non-terrestrial Entities — an idea which reminds the scientist only too forcibly of that religious obscurantism against which our Science was itself built up in the first place. *Science does now believe in the Extraterrestrials, as we have already stated above. But it believes in them only on condition that they remain at distances of many light-years from Earth*. Or rather, it believes that, if they do visit us they will not do it in the fashion in which they *are* now doing it, — clandestinely, and "with the dice loaded," making it crystal-clear that they come from a transcendental level that lies right outside of and beyond the cosy reassuring little framework into which our scientists are so anxious to fit

◇ This is the usual answer given by ufologists to the everlasting question put by the sceptics: "If the UFOs exist, then why don't their occupants make contact with us officially?"

this whole new UFO scene with which we find ourselves confronted.

The aggressive militancy of the "rationalists" against any consideration of the possibility that the UFOs might be real, the air of contemptuous irony with which the Intelligentsia treats ufologists, and even the attempts made by some of the latter to break away from the ET interpretation of the UFOs, all these factors in the present situation testify to the prevailing state of fear — be it conscious or unconscious — which we have analyzed and described above.

It is abundantly clear that a wider study of the UFO phenomenon, and its open and public transfer into the control of a properly motivated scientific community, can only be effected upon the ruins of the whole ideology dominant at the present day. And it would be quite illusory for us to imagine that victory will be won through the efforts of the ufologists, for these folk are preaching in the wilderness.

Even the Security Services of the various Governments (who, in our opinion, do know what the truth is about the reality of the UFOs, but have no idea of how to go about tackling the problem) are wary of making the matter public, because of their fear that by so doing they might not only cause a panic that could destabilize the balance of the entire globe, but also they might trigger off a backlash from the intellectual and political élites, who would refuse to give credence to the Security Services' revelations...

It is true that one might perhaps hope that the bastions of these opposition forces will finally collapse if — quite independently of UFO research — some fundamental new developments in theoretical physics should at last provide a conceptual framework which, by reducing to straight physics what at present seems to us to be downright "magical" about the operation of these "machines" would facilitate a rational integration of the UFOs into the general edifice of our Science.

But shall we ever be capable of developing our Science to that point? The answer is no, if the mental gulf between our visitors and ourselves is in its very essence such that it can never be bridged. This is why I fear that something else may happen: namely that we shall continue, as we have done hitherto, to be unable to come to grips with the UFO problem, and that, through its sheer, unflagging repetitiveness, that problem will finally give birth to a pernicious, stultifying wave of religious credulity which will in turn open the door to a new regression in human thought.

Could it perhaps be that this is in fact the goal that "they" are seeking?

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SEVEN SCARED WITNESSES AND A HUMANOID

A SURPRISING TALE OF A LONG-DRAWN-OUT CE III
INCIDENT NEAR STURNO IN ITALY

Verga Maurizio

Written in English, this article has been sub-edited by C. Bowen.

THERE were many UFO sightings in Italy in 1977, especially at low altitude, including some interesting close encounters as well. Indeed it was all of the proportions of a wave, and there was one particularly strange, and important, incident, with several eye-witnesses, two of whom have since been questioned when hypnotically regressed. The investigation of the case was conducted by Sig. Umberto Telarico and Sig. Giorgio Russolillo of the group "Federazione Ufologica Regionale Campania" which has an office in Naples.

The witnesses

There were seven eye-witnesses:-

1. Sig. Amalio Capobianco, a teacher.
2. Sig. Arturo D'Ambrosio, a turner.
3. Sig. Antonio Pascucci, 26, a student.
4. Sig. Mario Sisto, 38, a singer.
5. Sig. Rocco Cirullo, 24, a student.
6. Sig. Michele Giovanniello, 24, a student.
7. Sig. Michele Riefoli, 47, a photographer.

This report is mainly drawn from the interviews with Sig. Cirullo and Sig. Pascucci.

The encounter

At half-an-hour past midnight (00.30) on the morning of Wednesday, August 31, 1977, when Sig. Cirullo and Sig. Giovanniello were walking along the main road which runs between Sturno (Avellino, Italy) and Frigento. Suddenly the two men saw a red light shining between the bushes and trees flanking a small hill which overlooked the road. On the fringe of the hill there is a neglected stone quarry, and the witnesses moved over to it, looking at a green light which was higher up than the red light; there were two white lights to the side.

All the time they could hear a modulated and continuous noise, like that of a Morse code signal superimposed upon that of an out-of-tune signal from a radio station. The two young men moved position again, and could now see a figure wearing apparently metallic-looking overalls which gave a silvery reflection in the bright moonlight. The entity, standing in the short undergrowth between trees, was at first immobile, but suddenly took two paces towards the observers who, greatly alarmed, ran off

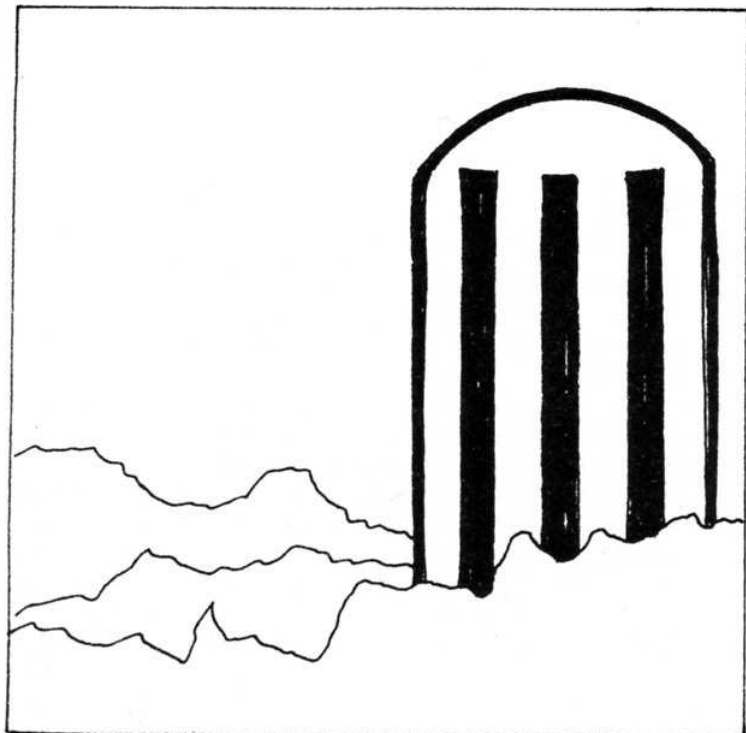
quickly to Castelluzzo. In the village they met up with Sig. Pascucci, Sig. Capobianco and Sig. D'Ambrosio. After they had told them of the encounter, Sig. D'Ambrosio suggested they should all return to the site in his car. This they did, and they arrived at the place at 1.00 a.m.

Leaving the car, they began to make their way on foot, and shortly they heard the eerie noise, and then saw the shining, immobile figure. Overcome by fear, the witnesses ran back to the car but, as nothing seemed to happen, their curiosity returned, and they ventured forth once more. Again the entity began to advance towards them and again they retraced their steps to the car. This tentative approach movement by the entity, and instant retreat, happened once and eventually all five set off back to the village to obtain a big electric torch. It was then that they met Mario Sisto and Michele Riefoli, and persuaded them to return to the scene with them. So the seven men clambered into the car and set off once again.

Between 1.30 and 1.40 a.m. the seven of them, curious yet apprehensive, tumbled out of the vehicle and, to meet any eventuality, left it with its motor running. They took up position where they could watch the place where the entity was standing, and Sig. Capobianco directed a beam from the torch at the figure which was seen to be some 25 metres away. It seems that the entity had been moving, for the witnesses say that it stopped, and appeared bewildered by the unexpected light. It then turned towards the source of the light, winking two red-orange lights which were on its head at about the level where eyes would be. This was too much for the witnesses who set off rapidly in the direction of Frigento with the intention of reporting the affair to the Carabinieri. While they were on the way, however, one of the seven [*the not so magnificent seven!* – ED] reasoned that if they informed the Carabinieri, and the Carabinieri found nothing, then they'd all be in "serious trouble." So the car ground to a halt, reversed, and set off back for the site by the quarry.

They were nearing the site once more when, after negotiating a bend in the road, Antonio Pascucci drew the attention of the others to an intense luminosity ahead of them. As they neared the site they saw that the light was radiating from a source hanging

near, or actually on top of, the hill, at about the level of the top of the disused stone quarry. The bright light also strongly illuminated the cliff formed where the quarry had cut into the hillside. The source of the light was a cylindrical-shaped object, which they observed for a few seconds. The cylinder was sub-divided into vertical bands, alternating bright and dark, and its top was a bright dome shape.



Cylindrical object at top of quarry

At about 2.00 a.m. the witnesses were at their observation points once again, and this time they were to stay put for about one and a quarter hours. Once again, they say, they shone the torch on the entity, which turned towards them, shone its orange-red "eyes" in a synchronised fashion at them, and seemed to gesture to them. As before the modulated sound was heard.

Some of the witnesses interpreted the gestures as an invitation to approach, while the others suggested the entity might be indicating the Moon as a suggestion of its alien origin. Whatever it was, the gesturing was followed by the sudden emission of an intense light beam from the region of the head of the entity, a beam which illuminated the witnesses and the surrounding area. One of them shouted: "It's a laser... a laser!" and they bolted back to the car, where they all felt a trifle sheepish because they realised that the intense beam hadn't done them any harm other than dazzling them for a few seconds. So, recovering their composure, they again turned their attention to the entity, and took note at last of its characteristics.

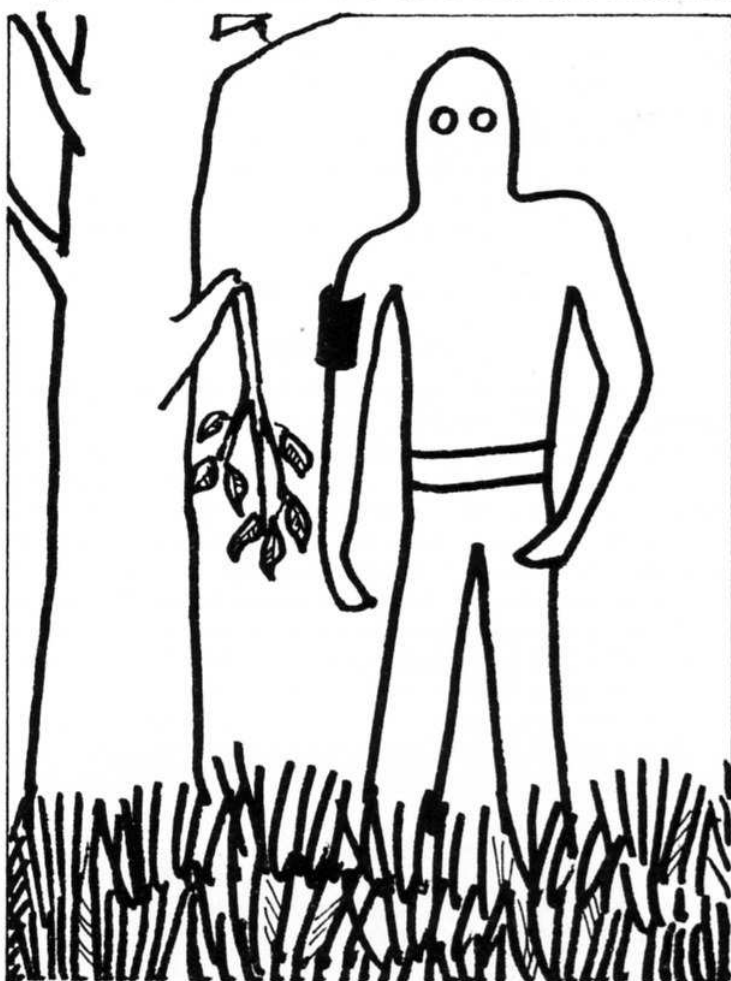
Using the surrounding references, they deduced that it was more than two metres tall (subsequent investigation on the site showed that the entity's height was of the order of 2.40 metres, and that the red light must have been at about 1.80 metres from the ground. From the descriptions it would seem that the entity's body was in proportion to its height. Its

head was planted square on its shoulders, with no sign of a neck [*perhaps this was the familiar diver's type helmet? — ED*] and the overalls, which entirely covered the entity, were of a silvery-metallized colour. Its luminescence came from a reflection of the moonlight. As described already, there were two intensely luminous red-orange lights which flashed alternately with varying intervals, and these were at a level where eyes would have been in normal circumstances. Some of the witnesses saw a "black box" on the entity's right arm, while others described a kind of metallic belt.

It is obvious the witnesses did not apply their attention to entirely the same features; they weren't agreed among themselves on the "black box" or the "belt" and none of them noticed whether or not the being had any kind of prehensile extremity.

Although the creature's nether limbs were always hidden in the undergrowth, it appeared to move about without bending its knees. Movement was rigidly executed, but without loss of balance, and the entity never turned its back on the seven men. This was observed even when the timorous witnesses retreated from time to time.

The witnesses say they heard boulders rolling, and attributed this to the presence of other unseen entities. Anyway, at 3.15 a.m. they decided to return to the village to look for other prospective witnesses but, finding none, went up again to the quarry where they arrived at about 3.30 a.m. This time luminous



The Humanoid

object and entity were nowhere to be seen; the witnesses' strange and unnerving experience was over. They returned home to their respective beds.

Carabinieri enquiry

The following morning it was Sig. Riefoli who, speaking with friends and acquaintances in a bar, "let the cat out of the bag" when he told of the night's experiences. In no time at all the residents of Sturno were seeking out the other six witnesses, and some of them went back to the quarry where three big circular marks were found. News of the strange nocturnal encounter soon reached the ears of the mayor, Dr. Alberto Forgione, who quickly reported the affair to the Carabinieri office at Frigento. The Carabinieri arrived at the spot, examined the traces and then, that same afternoon, August 31, took the seven witnesses to their headquarters. The seven men were then interrogated separately and, after that, were confronted together. Individual depositions were then signed, and they were recommended by the Carabinieri to remain silent about their experience. "Better that you forget all about it — for the well-being of all," they said, and when asked why, the officer said they were acting on "superior orders."

Further investigations

The residents of Sturno told the investigators Talarico and Russolillo that the witnesses are known to be serious and trustworthy people, and this opinion was confirmed by the mayor of Sturno in a public press conference given in the town hall on September 3, 1977.

The two investigators next went to Gesualdo, a village near Sturno, a day or two later, where they interviewed a farmer and his family. They were told how these people had observed a strange "shooting star" of the apparent diameter of 10 cm at arm's length. This phenomenon, which was a fiery red colour had appeared six days earlier. It stopped for some minutes in the sky, and while it was thus halted the "star" directed a beam of light towards the ground. This beam, red in colour, appeared to be aimed in the direction of Sturno.

From the descriptions given, the "strange" beam seems to have been another manifestation of the phenomenon known as "solid light." When the beam was withdrawn, the "star disappeared" at high speed.

These farmer witnesses were deeply impressed by what they had seen, and they interpreted it as an omen of evil. What was of great significance was that they were completely in the dark about the events reported at Sturno.

A technical opinion and physical-chemical examinations

The opinion of engineer Carmine Cangero of Naples is very interesting. He had examined the three traces on the flat space in front of the cliff of the quarry, and tested a square centimetre of the ground to determine its elasticity. He later declared that a pressure of no less than 40 tons had been applied at

the vertices of the isosceles triangle formed by the landing traces.

During the enquiry the investigators also picked up, from one of the trace depressions, splinters of stone which had obviously been crushed deep into the soil.

Chemical examination of the samples collected at the site produced the following results: the base compound is calcium carbonate, while magnesium, iron and quartz granules were also present. When both samples were examined under a microscope, small traces of a metallic substance were observed on the superior parts (i.e. the parts presumably in contact with the object) but the quantity was so small that it has not been possible to subject it to spectrographic or chemical/physical examination. However it was possible to verify that the silver-coloured substance did not become oxidised when in contact with water and air.

Hypnotic regression of witnesses

Witness Mario Sisto was examined by psychologist Dr. Mario D'Antuono in his Neapolitan office. At the end of the session, during which Sig. Sisto had vividly relived his experience, Dr. D'Antuono stated under hypnosis it is not possible to invent a story. Witness Michele Riefoli was the other one to be questioned under hypnosis. He was regressed by psychiatrist Dr. Antonio Prevete of Naples, who uses hypnosis in his medical practice. After a positive result Dr. Prevete declared that there was no doubt about Sig. Riefoli's experience; he had literally fought a being who wasn't human.

Some time later Mario Sisto and Michele Riefoli were invited to Turin at the request of the American periodical *The National Enquirer*. They were placed under hypnosis separately by Professor Franco Granone, neurologist and professor of psychiatry at Turin University. Professor Granone declared that the two persons were in deep hypnosis, under which they repeated what they experienced entirely, or imagined, or heard. "This they did without a possibility of deceit; they truly have perceived, or observed, or imagined that being," he said. "So they are sincere. Only with suitable brain-washing can one condition a mentally-sound individual because, also under hypnosis, or under the effect of hypnotic drugs, he affirms things not true or solely imagined."

Conclusion

This is a very interesting CE III report. Its reliability seems to be good, in view of the farmer and his family's independent testimony, and the results of the hypnotic examinations, even if a small measure of doubt can be raised by the Turin statement.

As I see it, this observation of a "humanoid" proposes a question which has yet to be answered: "Are the humanoids 'robots' or are they 'living beings'?" It is a fact that the seven witnesses all said that the strange figure moved about without bending its knees — in a way that is impossible for human beings.

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PHENOMENON OBSERVED OVER SOUTH URAL, RUSSIA

V. V. Rubtsov

HERE is a translation of an extract from my article "Here, on the Edge of the Unknown..." which was published in *Tekhnika-Molodezhi* No. 11 of 1978 (pages 53-55): other information contained in that article was fortan rather than ufological, and dealt with such subjects as sea serpents, ball lightning, and so on.

"Geological and mineralogical scientist R. Furdudiy from Kiev relates that he was in the tented camp occupied by the participants of the XV international Congress on Geology of Coal Sediments on the bank of the River Zilim (South Ural), when he and his colleagues saw an astonishing phenomenon late in the night of September 6, 1975.

"In the north-western sector of the sky, about 40° from zenith, and against a background of stars', he said, 'there was a shining bluish-white firey bubble. Its angular size was equal, roughly, to that of the full moon. This bubble quickly grew larger as if it was inflating. Its shape resembled a hemisphere with its salient part directed upwards. This hemisphere's light seemed to resemble the bluish-white surface of a shining luminescent lamp, although its brightness was less than that of the latter.

"In total silence we watched that bubble as it expanded,* and soon its angular size had reached about 20°. The sighting lasted about two minutes before the bubble vanished instantaneously. It had vanished as if someone had turned off an invisible knife-switch.

"Later on I learned that this, or a similar phenomenon, was observed that same day and time from the town of Ufa, which is 85 km to the North West. There the observers saw the bubble above the horizon in the south-eastern sector of the sky.'

"A simple calculation gives us the height of the

hemisphere's location at about 50 km and the diameter of its base as 600 metres at the beginning of the sighting and, at its closest as 20 km.

"Here is another account: the reader A. D. (who has asked that we do not publish his name) from the station Aydirlya (Kvarken region, Orenberg district) relates how one autumn evening in 1971 he '... saw in the sky a small sphere flying directly towards us and quickly growing larger. The sky had darkened but the sphere was clearly seen against that background. It rotated like a terrestrial globe, and even the outlines of continents and oceans were seen on it. Then this object had closed all the sky and 'ran' on it [this passage is not clear, but is suspected to mean that the object blotted out the sky before departing at speed - ED]. At the same time another small ball appeared. This also enlarged quickly, but after that its growth slowed down. Something which looked like a spark was seen to emerge from its centre, pass along its radius, and then everything disappeared. The next day I enquired of friends, who had been out fishing that night, whether or not they had seen the objects. They confirmed the description, but said that they had seen it in another direction.' "

* [The UFO which landed in the Canary Island of Gran Canaria on June 22, 1976, confronted, on the road, a doctor travelling by taxi to visit a patient, whose son was also in the cab. The three witnesses saw, through the transparent wall of the sphere, two giant humanoid occupants. When the driver switched on a movable spotlight the object rose into the sky and grew in size - the humanoids retained their original sizes - until it was as big as a 20-storey building; it then shot away, with a high-pitched whistle, towards Tenerife (see FSR Vol. 23, No.3, published October 1977) - EDITOR]

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UFO 'MISSILE' SCARE

Trevor Whitaker

Trevor is one of Britain's best known UFO investigators, having organised the BUFORA branch in West Yorkshire for many years and hosted UFO meetings and conferences. He has also been closely involved in the development of the Northern UFO Network since its inception. His work as an ophthalmic optician, and other spare time duties, have caused him to reduce his UFO workload of late, but fortunately he is now back in business, as this fascinating UFOIN report indicates.

Category: May 17 1977 Crigglestone, West Yorkshire CE1 Physio Level A

SOCIAL WORKER Mrs. June Cadman (aged 31 at the time of occurrence) has special qualifications in the field of sign language for the deaf. This often means, of course, that she keeps irregular hours.

At approximately 3.00 a.m. on the morning of Tuesday, May 17, 1977, she was returning to her farmhouse home near Emley, West Yorkshire. Her route took her southwards along the M1 motorway, probably Britain's most frequently used roadway. However, at such a time traffic was inevitably light.

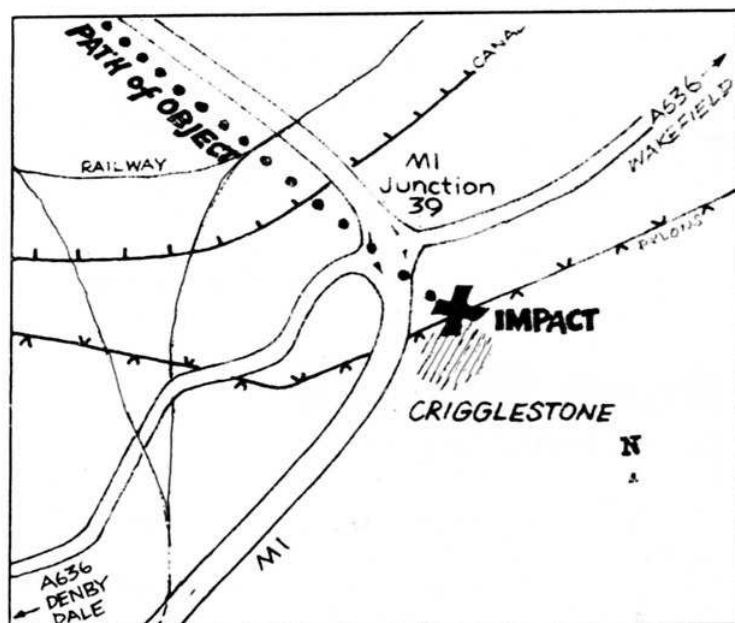
Having moved out of Leeds metropolitan area she passed the towns of Dewsbury to the west, and Wakefield to the east, approaching junction 39 where she would turn off near the village of Crigglestone to travel along the A636 for the final three or four miles towards home.

When approximately two miles from the junction she noticed that a star was shining particularly brightly on this clear and pleasant night. Watching closer, however, she realised that it was not a star and that it was in fact following the car. It was first seen in the North West, behind her, but as she came towards the turn off (after what must have been about 2/3 minutes) it seemed to pass directly over her, descending and growing much brighter as it did so.

By now she was obviously worried. The thing had become the size of a two pence piece held at arm's length. The glow grew to a blinding intensity and it dropped towards her very fast. She was now on the slip road, quite alone and intensely afraid that this falling object was going to hit her car. She slowed down as the dazzling glow increased. The white ball now changed shape and appeared like an oblong with a tapered top portion. She could see it changing shape constantly as the brilliance increased yet further, and the whole roadway became lit up.

Then the object struck the grass just yards from her by the roadside. She could hear it thud as it bounced once and then totally disintegrated. The glow disappeared. This was the only sound she heard.

Naturally very frightened she stopped the car and turned off the engine. Her eyes were still blinded by the light and she could not see very well at all. She also felt a strange mild tingling sensation, not unlike a gentle burning, that was most noticeable on her lips but was also felt on her face and her arms.¹



Within a few seconds she had recovered.

Glancing upwards at the source of this terrifying missile she saw through slowly improving eyesight a dark rectangular shape. It had a mass of red and yellow lights on it, at least half a dozen she feels. Owing to the lingering afterimage of the first object she could not see this object as clearly as she might have done, but she is positive it was not an aircraft. She could tell that it was very large, in fact she described it as "massive." Then in a flash it was gone. It disappeared "like a rocket" straight upwards into the clear night sky.

Mrs. Cadman sat for several minutes regaining her composure after this ordeal. Presently she was calm enough to continue home.

Investigators for the Yorkshire branch of BUFORA were on the scene within 24 hours. Our initial reaction on hearing the basis of the story was that Mrs. Cadman had either seen falling space debris or a flare of some kind. However, this did not obviously explain the long duration (if the two objects — i.e. the initial light and the missile — were one and the same thing). Careful surveys of all the grass and open ground in the vicinity of the motorway exit were made both with and without the

witness being present. No traces whatsoever were discovered.

People in the area were also alerted to the problem, but nobody came forward with an explanation or any evidence. At 11.45 p.m. one night we went to the scene in response to a call from someone who said they had found evidence we were looking for, but this turned out to be a pile of rubbish deposited by the roadside.

In the immediate area of the encounter are a railway junction, a line of pylons and a canal with a yacht club. However, the police had no records of anything that might have been relevant to this sighting, nor had they had any other reports of the phenomenon.

There was more success, however, when the *Huddersfield Examiner* carried the story for us on the evening of 19th. In it I appealed for more witnesses to come forward, and a Mr. Jack Roberts from Huddersfield did say that he saw the bright white light from his bedroom, but only for a few seconds as it passed across. It moved north west to south east and was too bright and low to be an aircraft or a satellite. This was the only form of confirmation that we received.

The nearest airport is Yeadon (Leeds/Bradford). They had no flights after 10.00 p.m. that night

and also were not operational with their radar coverage at that particular time. Consequently, we have been unable to identify any known cause for this sighting.²

NOTES by Jenny Randles

1. Perhaps, with the lips being moist, this indicates the presence of an electric field of some kind. Saliva is known to enhance the conductivity of the skin.
2. It should be remembered that May 1977 was the central point of Britain's major wave. In fact one only has to look at FSR Vol. 23, Nos 2, 3, 4 and 5 to see five examples of unexplained close encounters that occurred during that period (spanning the whole spectrum from solid light to CE3). There are many others that will no doubt filter into FSR over the next year or two. In fact NUFON has on file 30 reports for the period May 14-30 (it was the third and fourth weeks that were particularly active). This compares to a normal *monthly* average from their north and midlands region of about 12.

In addition one cannot help but speculate why such seemingly pointless and frightening escapades as this should be perpetrated. One can almost envisage someone "up there" in that rectangular UFO projecting a missile at poor Mrs. Cadman just to see how she would react to a "near miss." I am not suggesting that some extraterrestrial, for this term's seminar project, has to write a report on "The psychological reactions of the earthling" but it's a thought!

Book Review

OUR UFO VISITORS

by **John Magor** published by Hancock House Publishers Ltd., 3215 Island View Road, Saanichton, B.C. V0S 1M0, Canada, and 12008 1st Avenue South, Seattle, WA. 98168. USA.

Professional and successful journalist, Mr. Magor, whose home is on Vancouver Island, gives special attention to British Columbia and part of Alberta; however, he mentions other areas where events have led to active groups being formed, such as Edmonton, where "John Musgrave, while contributing editor to *Canadian UFO Report*, was given a Canada Council grant to make a study of the country's UFO history, the first person ever to receive such an award." Again, Ontario is the home of the first UFO publisher in Canada, Gene Duplantier of Willowdale, who started *Saucers, Space and Science* in 1957; also, of Henry McKay of Agincourt, who conducts night-school courses on our subject.

An extraordinary experience was that of Miss Bernice Niblett, who spent the winter of 1967/8 alone in a cabin on Keats Island at the mouth of Howe Sound, opposite Vancouver Island, in "a nest

of UFOs." Twice she was visited by two men who were helpful, but didn't fit the role of Hydro men they claimed to be. Indian legends and rock drawings, for example at Christina Lake, show continuity of the phenomenon in areas such as the Rocky Mountain Trench, and suggest "space visitors" may not be strangers to the district. A chapter on "Matching Cases" little reduces the variety of experiences, of which the abundance may mean that extra-terrestrial does not necessarily imply being inter-planetary. Strange that Earth scientists envisage establishing inhabited space stations, yet object to visitors from space because other solar systems are light-years away, whereas visitors may live in vast mobile homes of their own making, to which our planet is a pleasant camping ground.

However, as Mr. Magor sensibly concludes: "The function of ufology, at this early stage is not to diagnose and explain but to observe and describe. Since we know so little about our visitors, any 'expert' who thinks otherwise is in for trouble." Verb. Sap.

JOHN M. LADE

SEVEN SCARED WITNESSES AND A HUMANOID (Continued from page 19)

This, however, isn't the place to discuss this question. The Sturmo case is only one out of some 35 known humanoid cases in Italy between 1947 and 1978. And more interesting cases involving human-

oids and UFOs have been reported since August 1977; I trust they will be published in this *Review* — especially those of 1978 — in the near future.

EXPANDING UFO OVER ANGLESEY

Kevin Babbs

Our contributor is a police officer in North Wales where he investigates for UFOIN.
Data relating: October 8 1978 Penysarn, Anglesey, Gwynedd MED Level A

ON October 8, 1978, we received a report from the island of Anglesey, North Wales, regarding an incident which took place at the village of Penysarn, which is some 3 to 4 miles N.W. of Llanerchymedd, where some earlier incidents had been reported.

The sighting began when 18-year-old Elfed Williams was driving his car near the village along the B5025 from Amwlch. The time was about 10.40 p.m. and he had just crossed over the bridge by the by-pass when an orange light to his left attracted his attention. It was high up and seemed to pass directly over the car. In a few moments it was seen to his right (South West) and now appeared stationary.

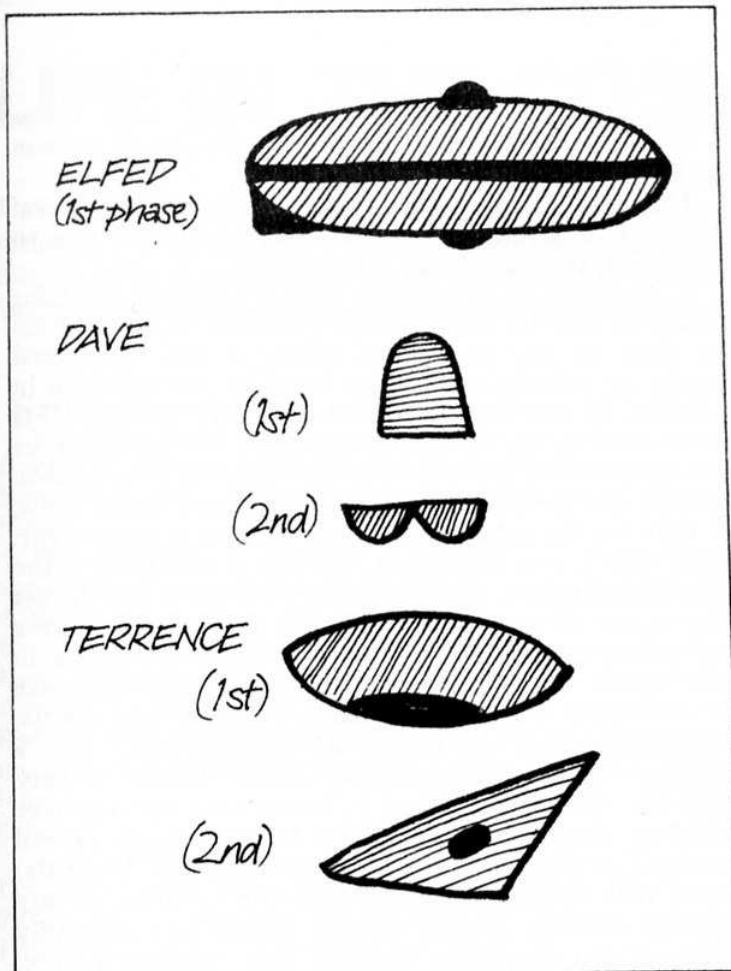
Because of this he decided to call at the house of a friend, Wyn Hughes, who lived in the village. Wyn was with two friends, Terrence Kellaher and David Jones, and all three were also aged 18. They all went outside when they saw the excited and frightened state of Elfed, but there was nothing to be seen. Believing that he was simply having a joke, Terry and



Wyn went back inside. Dave stayed with Elfed, and they wandered around the back of the house to see if they could see anything there. After a few minutes Elfed spotted the light again. He claimed that it just materialised in the sky. As he and Dave watched, it grew in size until it was equivalent to a matchbox held at arm's length.* However, it remained stationary. They called in to urge their two friends to come out, and all four stood on a wall at the front of the house to watch the object. After a moment Wyn rushed into the home of his next door neighbour without knocking. Owen Pritchard (aged 43) saw the obvious panic of the young man and went out with him right away. His wife Anne got some binoculars and went out into the back garden to watch.

The object was in the South East, more or less in the direction of Llanerchymedd. It seemed to be very low (estimated 200 feet) and the distance was variously estimated by the six witnesses as between half a mile and a mile. At no time did it make any sound. Individual views of the object were slightly different, as will be seen.

Elfed describes it: "It looked like two saucers joined at the rims by a black band. It appeared to move slowly towards us, and as it did so it appeared to tilt slightly to our right. As it did that it started to change shape. It took on the form of a triangle with its point uppermost and two square protrusions near



to its lower points. It was orange hued like street-lamps, and although I could make out a definite shape, it had an orange glow around it. It moved away from us and then shot off at a fast speed. We lost it in the glare of the Shell Oil tanks near Rhosgoch."

Dave describes what he saw when Elfed pointed it out to him: "It appeared to me to be the shape of a triangle with its point upwards. It kind of shrunk and formed into two cup-shaped objects, rim upwards, joined together. I think this may have been due to it turning. After a short while it changed back into the triangle shape and receded towards Rhosybol (†), growing smaller."

Terrence says that he saw "...an orange oval-shaped light with a reddish bottom. It also seemed to have black panels. As we watched, the object started to drift towards us and then away. As it went away it seemed to change into a general triangle shape, again orange but with a reddish centre."

Owen Pritchard, when called out, immediately saw "...an orange oval-shaped object in the sky. Whilst watching I saw the object change into the shape of a triangle. I suppose this could have been caused by small clouds or even by it turning. I think when I saw it, it had started to go away, because it

just got smaller and smaller until it blinked out. I am sure that when it did this it was not covered by cloud or anything."

His wife saw very little except an orange light. Through binoculars she could see it clearly enough to recognise that it was nothing she had ever viewed before, but it was moving in and out of tree coverage so was not easily visible.

The weather that night was cool, with scattered cloud and a moon. It was fine. RAF Valley, who control air traffic on the island, had nothing that could account for the sighting. Local police received other calls that weekend reporting an orange sausage-shaped object.

* [And therefore an enormous object unless it was very very close. Remember that the full moon high in the sky only covers half of a 1p piece (or an old-fashioned six-penny piece, or an American "nickel") held at arm's length. This rapid expansion of a stationary object is also described in the report *Phenomenon Observed* on page 20 of this issue. The Russian article also carries a footnote referring to the remarkable Canary Islands landing which also involved a "growing" UFO. — EDITOR]

† [Rhosybol is the scene of another close encounter under investigation. — EDITOR]

INTERESTING NEWS FROM RUSSIA

Gordon Creighton

WE have recently received in confidence, from a French UFO investigator, an interesting mimeographed document in Russian, made on a very worn duplicator, barely legible in places, and bearing all the signs of an original Russian duplication, and not merely a Western copy of one. This document bears at the top the title *Life in the Cosmos*, and also the name and position of the author, from which it would appear that, if such a person does indeed exist, then the importance of this document is very great. For the post which he is described as holding is a high one in one of the departments of the prestigious USSR Academy of Sciences.

The heading also makes it clear that the document is a summary of a lecture delivered by this important Soviet scientist.

Since we have received no authorization to reveal this man's name or his position, I am not going to do so, nor will I name the French source. We can publish these details later, if authorized to do so.

This poorly mimeographed, partly illegible document strikes me as quite typical of the huge volume of so-called *Samizdat* ("self-published") material nowadays in clandestine circulation throughout the vast underground of Soviet society. Those of us who have had dealings with Russian matters have seen plenty of *samizdat* material, but it is of course generally of a social or political nature, and primarily

to do with the burning issues of elementary human rights.

This is however the first piece of *ufological samizdat* that has come our way, and one has to admit that it is distinctly interesting!

A warning is necessary. The document contains details of one or two Russian domestic reports which are new to us, as well as giving a few additional details of known cases. But most of the material in it refers to the over-all world-wide and foreign UFO scene, and as we read through these foreign cases we sometimes have the impression, either that the person making the notes has not got the story quite right, or that the lecturer himself had not got it quite right. If so, this is not surprising, for the world behind the Iron Curtain is a closed society. We must not forget that those of us who live outside that system have a far better chance of knowing what is going on in this whole UFO business than the people who live in countries with tight control of press and media, education, and all forms of information. For a Russian to get information about UFOs is very difficult. First of all there is, in any case the language problem. But then even if the Russian reads several foreign languages (and they are brilliant linguists) there still remains the fact that the securing of any sort of foreign books in the USSR is excessively difficult for anybody outside the privileged elite,

and to get foreign books or journals on the UFO problem must be even more difficult still.

Thus, while some cases known to us seem a bit garbled, or may sound merely like an *echo* of some other case known to us, we do not know how well informed the author of this document is. In view of his high scientific status, he may in fact be very well informed indeed. Thus, the story about the 7-foot UFO entities seen recently in Iran is (I think) totally new to us in the West, and may very well be quite authentic, since it is said to have come to Moscow from Teheran in a special report to the Russian Government. Again, as regards the question of alleged UFO sightings by American astronauts, most of us prefer to suspend judgement for the time being.

We have heard so many rumours about what was seen on or near the Moon, and the real evidence that has reached us is so flimsy. But it may very well be the fact that the Russian scientist who gave this lecture has better contacts in Houston and the American Space Programme Headquarters than most of us have.

All in all, I find the document fascinating as a rare chance to get some sort of insight into what the difficulties of UFO research in the Soviet Union must be like, and I have therefore thought it well worth while to translate it in full. I have also annotated the article, and have added appropriate comments where I have felt it desirable to do so.

LATE ITEM: IMPORTANT NEWS

Since Mr. Creighton translated the Russian document *Life in the Cosmos* and wrote the foregoing introductory article (both of which had been typeset and made up into pages) a further copy of the document has come into our hands, together with a translation thereof. After reading this we see no reason to make any re-assessment of our views that the document is *Samizdat* material (see note on page 29). This new translation, however, has been widely circulated among members of the "Invisible College" and other scientists, academics and researchers, and the name of the lecturer is given, and the post he holds. In the circumstances we feel we can now give these. He is *Vladimir Grigorievich Azhazha*, Deputy Director of the Section of Underwater Research, USSR Academy of Sciences (see Introduction to *Life in the Cosmos* below).

EDITOR

LIFE IN THE COSMOS

This interesting item is a summary of a lecture on Ufology allegedly given by a Soviet scientist. As the summary is based on notes taken by an unknown member of the audience, this could be the reason for the presentation of some of the items, as readers will agree, in a far from scientific way. Translation from the Russian by Gordon Creighton.

FROM Petrozavodsk, on September 20, 1977, the *Tass* News Agency reported in the newspapers *Izvestiya* and *Sotsialisticheskaya Industriya* of September 20 and September 23, 1977 respectively that:-

At 3.00 a.m. a UFO, in the shape of a fiery ball, appeared at a great height in the sky over Helsinki.¹ After hanging for a few minutes over the centre of the City, it then flew off at high speed towards the East. According to a report issued by the ?NI² Agency, at the moment when the UFO crossed the frontier and passed over into Soviet air-space a sharp increase was noted in the radio messages exchanged between various areas of the United Nations countries.

The UFO performed a vertical figure 8 over Leningrad and left a vivid trail behind it. Then at 4.00 a.m. there was a³ UFO over Petrozavodsk. Further to what was given in the *Tass* Agency reports, the UFO put out two probes shaped like pocket

torches, which flew along at great height above Lenin Prospekt.⁴ At the moment of its appearance over Petrozavodsk, many residents of that town awakened suddenly with a sensation of terror. Over the Petrozavodsk port, the UFO came down low above a 140-metre-long vessel which was lying there. Eye-witnesses state, when comparing the size of the UFO and the size of the ship, that they estimated the length of the UFO at approximately 105 metres. When the UFO moved away towards Lake Onega, many motorists rushed off after it. It hung stationary over the lake, and another, smaller, object came out of it and plunged down into the lake. Then the UFO vanished from sight among the clouds.

A pilot who was flying to Petrozavodsk, contacted the personnel of the airfield to report that there was another aircraft in his flight corridor. The airfield replied that there was no other aircraft. The pilot then said he could see it, a fiery ball with a black tail protruding from it.

Another pilot, starting out on a flight from Kiev to Leningrad, reported that he was being accompanied by a UFO.

Other eyewitnesses saw several ball-shaped UFOs which kept changing colour from yellow to green. They all said the balls were travelling at immense speed. At one place, using instruments, observers worked it out at 44,000 km.p.h.

Iranian fighter jets and UFO over Teheran

In December 1976 a UFO was seen over Teheran, in Iran. Fighters took off and tried to intercept it, but the UFO, sweeping in a wide curve, at first out-paced them and then appeared behind them.

When the pilots of the fighter planes tried to open fire, their electrical control systems all failed. The pilots had difficulty in landing their planes. The UFO released a probe which landed in the outskirts of Teheran.

The Iranian Government sent a message to the leaders of the USSR and USA saying that they suspected that this was a trial of some new weapon, and asking them what they had to say about it. The message received by President Kosygin of the USSR was passed on to the Chairman of *Intercosmos*,⁵ Academician V. N. Petrov, and from him it passed to F. Yu. Zigel,⁶ leader of the Soviet UFO investigation group. The group requested further information from Iran, and this was received in due course from the Iranian Government.

The additional report said that the UFO that landed in Iran was 4.5 metres in diameter and weighed 5 tons. This estimate was arrived at by studying the impressions left on the ground by its legs. It was spherical in shape and displayed a metallic appearance with shifting colours. Two "astronauts," about 2½ metres high, came out of it. They were dressed in something like one-piece overalls, shining, as though made of metal.

When people dwelling in the neighbourhood approached the landed UFO, it rose slowly into the air and then, turning into a fiery ball, vanished instantly. At the landing site there were the marks of three landing feet, and some kind of greenish fluid.

UFOs are frequently seen over military targets and in the vicinity of military manoeuvres. No case of aggression by a UFO has ever been observed.⁷ All the cases where there has been conflict with Earthmen have been caused by the aggressiveness of the latter.

UFO and NATO Missiles

In 1975 a UFO appeared over a NATO missile installation on one of the islands in the Mediterranean. The order was given to destroy it. A missile was fired, but exploded before it could reach the target. The same fate befell three more missiles. It was felt that the missiles had encountered some invisible barrier which detonated them. Meanwhile one warning shot from the UFO was successful, and the whole system was knocked out.⁸ Meanwhile aircraft had managed to photograph the UFO, and when the film was run in slow motion it was poss-

ible to observe the precise moment at which, as it approached the target, the missile exploded. Examination of the remains of a missile showed that they were all covered with holes, just like wood that has got the beetle in it.⁹

UFO and Humanoids at Borisoglebsk

In the summer of 1975, First Lieutenant Pal'tsov, stationed in the Borisoglebsk Region, was returning in the morning to his unit when he saw a cupola-shaped "something" in the bushes beside the road. He walked towards it, and when he was some 30 metres from it, it took off and flew across the road and landed again. Pal'tsov ran towards it, but when he was only a few metres from it, he felt himself running into a resilient wall,¹⁰ and lost consciousness. The last thing that he could remember was seeing two humanlike figures in a transparent cupola. One of them was seated at what looked like a desk, and the other was standing and looking out through the cupola.

The sizes of UFOs vary. Diameters of anywhere from 4½ metres up to 1½ kms.¹¹ The shapes too are varied: balls, cylinders, discs etc.

It may be mentioned that even today it has already been possible to attain, in a few experiments with particles, a speed ten times the speed of light.

How do UFOs fly, at speeds of tens of thousands of kilometres per hour and changing direction well-nigh instantaneously and attaining a mass that must be as much as 160,000 kg.?

There are two hypotheses¹²:-

1. The luminosity of UFOs is explained by the fact that a cloud of plasma is generated around the craft, with a vacuum layer lying between the plasma cloud and the body of the craft, i.e., the propulsion of the UFO takes place in a vacuum and there is no resistance from the atmosphere.
2. The theory of a single pole with three vectors: electrical, magnetic, and gravitational. Apparently the UFO-nauts are able to reduce to a minimum the influence of any one of these three vectors, converting its energy to the other two vectors. Thus, when making sharp turns they eliminate the gravitational vector and feel no enormous stress. The energy is transferred into the formation of the cloud of plasma. The presence of an electromagnetic field around the UFO explains the effects they are able to produce on nearby objects. When a UFO is travelling along a power-line, sparks are often seen to leap across between the UFO and power-line. And electrical and electronic systems coming within the field of influence of the UFO fail.

Encounters with Ufonauts

Over the last thirty years it has been established that there have been 800¹³ encounters with UFO-nauts. And reliably established UFO sightings totalling 80,000.

UFO-nauts encountered are of three types:-

1. Small beings, 33-100 cms. in height, with long,

fine extremities, a big head with pointed ears, like the ears of — (illegible) deeply (illegible) eyes and large froglike mouth, skin-colouring green or brown and appearance not very pleasant. They wear one-piece suits, generally with light visors (? illegible) over the eyes.

2. Normal-sized beings of human height, showing no external differences from the human. Well built. Men and women.

3. Giant types, from 3.3 metres to 5 metres in height, and built in proportion. Enormous physical strength. Skin colourings: white, brown, black.

Three UFO accidents have been observed: two over the sea and one on land, in Brazil. When, in the latter case, the UFO exploded, 16 bodies of small-sized Ufonauts were found.¹⁴ These were at once sequestered by the Pentagon, and scientists were refused permission to see them. The investigation of the wreckage revealed that the UFO was made of an alloy of magnesium, aluminium, copper, and zinc, plus strontium. Specific gravity of the alloy: 1.86 g/cm³.

Unidentified underwater objects

UFOs are seen over land and also in the sea. They have been entering the sea, and there are periodically sightings of small UFOs leaving it... (a few words illegible)... but returning after a while.

During manoeuvres in the Arctic, with an American aircraft-carrier plus 15 other warships, a huge craft was seen moving under the water at a speed of 150 miles (200 kms) per hour. But no present day craft built on earth can travel under water at that speed. The maximum speed for us is 40 m.p.h.

While an international expedition was working in the Arctic a tremendous noise was heard, and then, a few tens of metres distant, blocks of ice were seen hurled upwards and, from the cavity produced, a spherical object was seen to emerge and vanish into the sky at tremendous speed.¹⁵

When the French underseas explorer Piccard made his famous descent into the Mariana Deep in the Pacific Ocean, a UFO accompanied him down.

One UFO seen in Mexico had a crew consisting solely of women. They got a young Mexican man into the UFO and, so it is said, carried out medical-biological experiments on him.¹⁶

In Brazil, on one occasion, in a fashionable restaurant,¹⁷ a 3-metre tall Ufonaut suddenly appeared, allegedly with jugs in his hands, and gestured that he wanted water. After receiving it, he went off to the UFO, which was standing 150 metres from the restaurant, awaiting him. He went aboard, and the craft vanished.

Astronauts' Sighting

One of the most interesting reports is about the encounters of American astronauts with UFOs. On almost all their flights it is stated that the astronauts have been accompanied by UFOs of various types. In the case of *Apollo 11* (Armstrong, Aldrin, Collins) at once, after blast-off, on their flight to the Moon.

They saw a gigantic UFO which, when first spotted, was behind them, but then it overtook them. Its length was 1.5 kms. When Armstrong and Aldrin landed on the Moon, they saw a number of disc-shaped UFOs over on the other side of a crater. Armstrong yelled: "Hell! They're already here!"

When the astronauts reported this to Houston, there was a delay of five hours before instructions were issued to the astronauts to go outside their module. Only when they were sure that no hostile action was being taken by the UFOs did the astronauts receive this decision to step out on to the Moon. Aldrin took a colour film which has been kept strictly secret, and all the reports were received significantly late. The encounter had a powerful effect on the astronauts. Aldrin had a very severe nervous break-down, from which he still has not recovered, and Collins has become a priest of the Church.

The crew of *Apollo 13* also had a UFO encounter. According to the programme laid down, they were due to explode a small atomic device on the surface of the Moon, the purpose being to produce an artificial moonquake. While this was being discussed by them with Houston by radio, a UFO came and flew around *Apollo 13*. After their discussion with Houston, a tank exploded, but causing no damage. This tank was inside the *Apollo 13* cabin, and it made it impossible for them to make the Moon landing. The atomic device was also rendered inoperative. In the opinion of the astronauts, all this was due to the influence of the UFOs.

Results of Ufonaut activities found on the ground

In Brazil a mine was found, the walls and — (illegible word) of which were filled in with layers of soil and covered with transparent plastic. At present there is an expedition at work in this mine, headed by Armstrong.¹⁸

In Soviet Kazakhstan a quarry has been found with heaps of extracted rock on the surface nearby and showing the appearance of having been processed. All investigations so far have failed to establish what it is that has been extracted from the processed rock.

In the USA considerable attention is paid to the problem of UFO research. In the Rocky Mountains thousands of projectors, of a power of as much as 1 ml.kw/hr. are set up, pointing up at the skies. Every night they are turned on, in the hope of attracting Ufonauts.¹⁹

UFOs have been clocked passing over at speeds of 16,000 km. p. h. Attempts have been made to send a signal to UFOs with the figure π 3.14, and it seems that a reply has been received, which the Americans were able to decypher as $1/\pi$, but this interpretation has been much disputed.

A highly interesting case is that of Mr. and Mrs. Hill in the USA, who had a direct encounter with Ufonauts. Travelling by road at night, they saw a stationary UFO. When they approached it, they saw the crew, who invited them into the craft, after which they lost consciousness, and when they came to their senses again they were at the spot where they

had encountered the UFO. The Hills were put under medical examination and psycho-neurological treatment with a view to recovering their memory of the events of that night. As a result of this treatment, the doctors were successful in reactivating the memory centres of Mrs. Hill, who described how they had encountered the UFO and had been for a flight in it in Space. After that, she noted down a few points on paper, as though linking up constellations in the sky.

The EVM,²⁰ with whom these data were lodged, compared her sketch with the sky-charts, and established that the ufonauts had come from a star 37 light-years distant. The most interesting part about it is that the Hill sketch contained stars that were not yet on the star-charts. They were only discovered a year later. Precisely at the spots indicated. Prior to their encounter with the Ufonauts the Hills had not possessed the slightest knowledge of Astronomy.

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Notes and Comments by G. Creighton

1. Helsinki is not of course in the USSR, but the Capital of nearby Finland. (Since the disastrous end of the Soviet-Finnish War the Finnish Capital has lain only 100 miles from the Soviet frontier.)
2. First of these three initials illegible.
3. The exact translation of the Russian word would be "UFO appeared over Petrozavodsk". The Russian language has no word for "the", nor for "a", and they generally get along all right without them. In this case, I should imagine that it is the *same* UFO which appeared over Petrozavodsk, and that we can therefore insert the word "the." But of course it might have been a different UFO.
4. The Russians use the word *prospekt* for *avenue* or *boulevard*. In Leningrad, for example, there is the famous *Nevskiy Prospekt* (Neva Boulevard) about which the incomparable Gogol wrote so charmingly.
5. Can anybody tell me what *Intercosmos* is? I confess my ignorance.
6. Our colleague F. Yu Zigel, head of the Russian UFO investigation group, is well known by name to FSR readers and is a regular recipient of our journal.
7. Here, alas, I fear our Soviet lecturer is not too well informed (or maybe he is trying to do a little covering up himself?).
8. I don't know what on earth to make of this story because, in almost every detail, it seems the exact account which I gave in *Amazing News from Russia* (FSR Vol. 8, No. 6 November/December 1962). But my story, derived from a report received from a Russian engineer visiting Italy on a mission, related to an alleged incident near Moscow itself, where missile batteries defending the Soviet Capital allegedly opened fire several times against a huge disc hovering at around 60,000 or 70,000 feet, with precisely the same result. The only different feature was that in my Russian story of sixteen years ago, six small discs swooped down out of the "mother-UFO" and flew low over the missile batteries, putting the whole of the electrical controls out of order. *I am inclined to think that these are indeed two separate stories and that both may well be authentic.*
9. Remember the 'shredded, pitted' remains of Captain Mantell's plane? And what about all the *dead mice found at Warminster, riddled with holes*, after the loud horrendous UFO had passed overhead?

10. Here again is our "invisible wall" which has cropped up in several of FSR's reports over the years.
11. Lest anyone might think this sort of size is impossible, I will mention that one U.S. report (I think from Kansas) quite a long time ago spoke of a UFO "ten miles long." During the Vietnam War, pilots of an American troop-carrying plane taking soldiers from Japan to Vietnam reported to APRO confidentially that for half an hour they had been escorted by two huge metallic discs which they thought might have been as much as 1,000 ft in diameter. And in a Russian report, *Amazing News from Russia* (FSR, Vol. 8, No. 6, November/December 1962) I gave the account of the huge "cigar" seen by thousands stationary at a height of only 2,000 metres or so above the South Russian city of Voronezh. The estimates of its length were given as "at least 800 metres."
12. These are old theories with which we in the West are familiar.
13. Since we "only need one white crow to prove our case", this estimate of 800 known encounters with UFO entities over the past thirty years is pretty remarkable. And I suspect that some of our experts, like Dr. David Saunders, may in fact be able to state that the total of good, reliable claims of sightings of landed entities is in fact already considerably more than 800?
14. This is an amazing story. I have never heard of such a report from Brazil. So, is it a garbled version of the UFO containing small dead entities that allegedly crashed near Mexico City in the late 40s or early 50s, or of Frank Scully's story about the saucer that crashed at Aztec, State of New Mexico, USA, during the same period, also with many little corpses aboard. It is of course fashionable in well-informed circles nowadays to hoot at all such "little dead men", especially Frank Scully's. But, according to a private message which I have just received from a correspondent in the USA, the vast mass of 11,000 pages of "non-existent" documents about UFOs which Ground Saucer Watch have just winkled out of the CIA under the terms of the new American Freedom of Information Act will, when published, show conclusively that the stories by Frank Scully and others about crashed UFOs containing little dead crews are true after all! My informant tells Mr. W. Spaulding of Ground Saucer Watch possesses several sworn statements given by retired U.S. Air Force Colonels that at least two such crashed UFOs with small dead entities were indeed recovered by the U.S. Air Force, one in Mexico in 1948, and the other near Kingman, Arizona, in 1953, (By the way, wasn't 1953 the year in which the CIA order went forth to debunk the UFOs?) See also Hughie Green's extraordinary story about the crashed saucer (FSR, Vol. 1, No. 1, Spring 1955). Anyway, as regards this present Russian report, which is said to emanate from Brazil, can any of our Brazilian readers or investigator colleagues tell us please whether they know anything about this? It could quite easily also be true.
15. Here again, one is left wondering. Is this quite a new case, from the *Arctic*, and previously unknown to us, or is it a re-hash of the American report, published a good many years ago, about an identical case said to have taken place in *Antarctica*? (I recall that one of the scientists said to have seen the incident was named Rybikoff.)
16. Has anyone heard of a UFO case involving an *all-female crew*? I have not. But in 1952 Truman Bethurum, now deceased, claimed to have had several meetings in Nevada with a UFO crewed by little men led by a pert little female skipper, on whose account Truman Bethurum's wife subsequently secured a divorce against him (the first known case in "interplanetary" marital wrangles?). Then again, we had recently (FSR, Vol. 23, No. 1) the story of the Colombian cowman who had a somewhat taxing

encounter with some decidedly lascivious and also decidedly repellent female creatures from a UFO. Is this Russian story about the young man in Mexico just an echo or a re-hash of A.V.B.'s case, or the Colombian cow-herds, or Truman Bethurum's or is it genuinely something new? Can any of our Mexican readers and colleagues please help us to throw some more light upon the affair?

17. Over the years Brazil has had more than its fair share of fantastic UFO stories, and FSR has carried a very good selection of them. But what is this? Is it a new case, or is it too a garbling of something else? There are several cases on record (USA, Chile, Canada at least, to my recollection) where entities are said to have asked for water and FSR has just published another one from South Africa (FSR Vol. 24, No. 2). So can any Brazilian reader or investigator please help us with further information about this alleged case of the giant who strode into a Brazilian restaurant with his jugs at the ready?

18. Can any Brazilian or American colleague or reader please confirm whether they know anything about this story concerning Armstrong and the strange mine in Brazil?

19. This story about the Rocky Mountains lit up at night by vast batteries of searchlights is a real humdinger, and sounds just about the balmiest we have heard yet, except for the idea launched by the late and most respected researcher Major Donald Keyhoe who thought he might be able to lure UFOs into landing here by means of mock-up plywood "UFOs" scattered around! (As if anybody could be so zany as to imagine the UFOs need any encouragement — when they are flying about and landing here day and night — or as if anyone could imagine the UFOs can't find their way in to land here without the help of *landing lights* from us!) Apart from the sheer absurdity of such ideas, they are at least valuable, inasmuch as they reveal how completely self-centred and conceited we Earthlings are! We are, quite genuinely, totally incapable of grasping the elementary idea that there might be other folk around who are a deal smarter than we are!

20. These Russian initial letters, ЗБМ, stand for some American organization, but for the life of me I cannot come up with any idea as to what they stand for. Is it another Russian term for NASA? This initial-mania received a big fillip from Communist Russia, but has now reached global epidemic proportions.

COMMENT

From the version now circulating in France and the United States of America it appears to us — though we can not be quite sure about this — that the French and the Americans are taking it that the whole of the article was a TASS report which went out in *Izvestiya* and *Socialist Industry*. We feel, however, that TASS only reported on the Petrozavodsk incident of September 20, 1977, and not on the Azhazha lecture, which was probably given some time in 1978.

EDITOR

MAIL BAG

Correspondence is invited from our readers, but they are asked to keep their letters short. Unless letters give the sender's full name and address (not necessarily for publication) they cannot be considered. The Editor would like to remind correspondents that it is not always possible to acknowledge every letter personally, so he takes this opportunity of thanking all who write to him.

Dr. Morrell's cow rejected

Dear Sir,— I find Robert Morrell's statement in his "Observations on the Humanoid Encounter at Rainford" (Vol. 24, No. 3) that "...what we have is nothing more than a rather blown-up instance of mistaken identity," a little strange.

The description of the humanoid by the witnesses (Vol. 23, No. 6) is quite clear and consistent, and Dr. Morrell's conclusion that what was seen was a cow that had strayed on to the road seems quite preposterous.

He seems to imply that the witnesses were somewhat intoxicated, although the original account of this case states that the police who actually spoke to the witnesses, were able to confirm that the men were *not in any way intoxicated*.

As an alternative Dr. Morrell suggests that the story could have been invented, to divert attention from their intoxicated condition, after they had to stop for help owing to an asthmatic attack suffered by one of their party. I would suggest that such a tale

would more than likely suggest to a good many people that those relating it were indeed intoxicated.

The "cow" explanation has been used by the Nottingham UFO Investigation Society fairly recently. Although I do not have press cuttings of the matter I recall that some months ago a witness living near Crich, Derbyshire, reported seeing a strange light which appeared to land in a field. Subsequent investigation by the Society (according to the *Derby Evening Telegraph*) led them to the conclusion that it could well have been a cow in a field. The witness was not impressed.

In conclusion I feel that Dr. Morrell is being far too critical of the original report of the Rainford Humanoid, which I felt was quite clear and concise.

Yours faithfully,
J.R. Taplin.
25 Ecclesbourne Avenue,
Duffield,
Derby. DE6 4GE.
February 8, 1979.

A view of the UFO Phenomenon

Dear Mr. Bowen,— Four significant facts stand out in the UFO phenomenon: 1) around-the-clock appearances of UFOs somewhere in the world, 2) bewildering variety of UFO shapes, 3) undeniable existence of a link between the UFOs and the so-called paranormal phenomena and consequently 4) presence of one and the same intelligence behind the UFO and paranormal phenomena.

The adherents of the extraterrestrial hypothesis (ETH) persist in seeing in the UFOs nothing but extraterrestrial spaceships and speculate uselessly on their "propulsion system" disregarding the incredible diversity of UFO shapes. The ETH enthusiasts forget that they are merely anthropomorphically extrapolating our present mechanistic and materialistic science and technology.

In my view, interstellar travel, for which even the speed of light is far too slow, would only be feasible in an *immaterial* way, e.g., in the form of mind travel.

There is no doubt that the extra-terrestrials exist, but those among them who are sufficiently advanced to have mastered the technique of interstellar travel would not resort to such primitive materialistic hardware as space vehicles. They would travel *immaterially*. For so highly advanced beings, we earthlings would not be interesting enough to justify their persistent and never-ending visits, all the less because our solar system would not be the sole object of their galactic explorations.

UFOs are, however, sighted around the clock somewhere in the world. One is therefore forced to the conclusion that the intelligence lurking behind the UFO phenomenon is not extra-terrestrial but *paraphysical*, i.e., located on a plane of existence higher than that of the extra-terrestrials. In this respect, let's not forget that we share with the extra-terrestrials the same quadridimensional plane of existence. *The UFOs and the extra-terrestrials are therefore two entirely different entities, and there is no relationship between the two.*

The *Paraphysical Intelligence* takes all conceivable and inconceivable forms. By appearing in the form of flying saucers and humanoids, it fools us into thinking that we have extra-terrestrial visitors. Forgetting the age-old saying that appearances are deceptive, the ETH enthusiasts have walked straight into the trap. This *Paraphysical Intelligence*, which is neither benevolent nor malevolent, makes fun of us by transmogrifying itself into the Virgin Mary, the Loch Ness Monster, the Big Foot or the Men In Black, and by causing all sorts of so-called paranormal phenomena: the Bermuda Triangle, haunted houses, poltergeist, possession, vampirism, spontaneous combustion, miracle healing, mediumistic, etc. What we call "Good" and "Evil" are skilfully mixed in these diverse manifestations of the *Paraphysical Intelligence*. Or, to put it more bluntly, Good and Evil are purely human concepts and do not exist in Nature.

Sincerely yours,
Julian H. Kaneko,
9 Crets de Champel, CH-1206 Geneva/
Switzerland.
February 6, 1979.

Common Venus Error

Dear Mr. Bowen,— At the present moment we are witnessing one of the biggest UFO flaps for some time. A good start for a new year and for the UFO investigator. Also the start of a big headache for all Governments of this planet, this will mean more de-

bunking, more cover-up and more lies.

As a member of a small UFO group I feel it my duty to point out a remark made by Mr. Norman Oliver on a sighting reported in our local newspaper the *Express and Star* which occurred on Sunday 31.12.78. A UFO was seen and reported by several people all over the Midlands. After ruling out an aircraft in trouble the police suggested the object was a meteor, which I thought was fair comment, but for Mr. Oliver to suggest it was Venus is ludicrous. The object was seen between 7.00 p.m. to 7.15 p.m., and Venus rose at 4.30 a.m., and could still be seen after dawn.

I suggest Mr. Oliver should check his facts before making such a statement to the press. UFO investigators must be as thorough as a policeman and, if this is Mr. Oliver's statement, and not a misquote by the Press, then no wonder UFOs get ridiculed when contradictory statements like this appear.

One of the members of our group put a theory to me which I might add bears some thought: the recent UFO flap only seemed to occur or even hot-up after the USSR and USA landed probes on Venus in December.

Yours sincerely,
S. G. Harris
Flat 1, 15 Brettell Lane,
Stourbridge
West Midlands.
January 24, 1979.

Mr. Harris forwarded a photostat of the newspaper item which appeared in the Express and Star on 3 January 1979. The observers all spoke of the fiery object seen between approximately 7.00 and 7.15 p.m., and it seems very much as though they saw a re-entry burn-up of the satellite launcher which was also observed in Scotland and the North of England on the evening of 31 December 1978. Yet Mr. Oliver is quoted as saying: "people have probably seen the planet Venus. It is particularly visible over Britain at present from 4.30 a.m. to 6 a.m." I have an uneasy feeling that it could have been the newspaper people who got their a.m.'s and p.m.'s muddled when they spoke to Mr. Oliver. It was thus that, knowing the object was observed over most of the country, he settled for Venus.
—EDITOR

New Light on the MIBs

Dear Sir, — There are two schools of thought about the Men in Black. Some researchers — Gray Barker for example

— believe, rightly I think, that they represent some ultra-secret state security outfit. A currently more fashionable view is that they are extra-terrestrials, or "ultra-terrestrials" (or their creatures), *playing* at being government agents.

Interesting light is shed on this question in Edward J. Epstein's recent book *Legend: The secret world of Lee Harvey Oswald*, for it seems that the MIB's put in an appearance shortly after Oswald's defection to Russia in 1959.

Epstein writes (Arrow edition, p. 101):

"Delgado vividly remembers a group of civilians in dark suits arriving in November with stenographers and literally taking over their headquarters company to question Marines about Oswald. One by one they were ushered into their captain's office."

The MIB's seemed chiefly interested in establishing the extent of Oswald's knowledge of classified radar information. One odd feature of the investigation was that "none of the Marines was told...who the investigators were." Epstein rapidly established that the men were not from the FBI, which did not open its investigation until the following year, but after that, he ran into a brick wall. In a lengthy note he writes (p. 314):

"In the course of my research, the Marine Corps, which was otherwise extremely co-operative, searched its files but found no trace of the investigation. The Office of Naval Intelligence and the Naval Investigative Services replied to my Freedom of Information request by stating that the report of the investigation was not in their files. The CIA has also denied to me that it conducted such an investigation. Finally, the Air Force Office of Special Investigations... also denied partaking in any such investigation.

The mystery deepens when one considers that Epstein's book was written with the active co-operation of former high-ranking CIA officers. If men like Richard Helms and James Angleton were unable to hazard a guess as to their identity, the MIB's must have been a very esoteric bunch indeed.

I make no further comment, but simply present this information for what it is worth.

Yours faithfully,
Brian Burden
300 Church Street,
Cocking,
Brainfree,
Essex.
February 1, 1979.

UFO OVER A GREEK TAVERNA

Jenny Randles

Data ratings: July 22 1978 Chalandri, Nr. Athens, Greece MED Level C

RAYMOND DAWSON is employed by the British Embassy in Athens, and is well settled in that country, having lived there for many years. His wife Kiriakoula is Greek, and he has a married daughter, Mrs. Catherine Dawson-Alexakas. Her husband is a doctor.

Mr. Dawson has had a passing interest in UFOs for some years, but never expected to see one. After his encounter his interest intensified, and he came to subscribe to FSR. He wrote to tell us of his sighting, and I took the matter up because of the potential interest of the case. I exchanged several letters with him and he was very helpful in answering all my questions. Furthermore he kindly persuaded his wife and daughter — who were also witnesses — to provide statements and drawings.

The summers in Greece can be very hot, and it is the custom to forsake the inferno of the city and drive out to a country taverna for an evening meal. This often takes place late in the evening, as many Greeks stay out in the country at their "Summer Villas" until the morning.

On Saturday, July 22, 1978, it *was* very hot. The temperature was still in the eighties in the evening, and so Mr. Dawson, his wife and their daughter decided to go for a meal at a taverna situated on pleasant wooded slopes a few miles from the city. It is in a district known as Chalandri, with attractive mountain and green landscaped surroundings. They had their meal in the open, and by 11.15 p.m. had finished and were waiting, without hurry, for the bill so that they could settle the account and drive home.

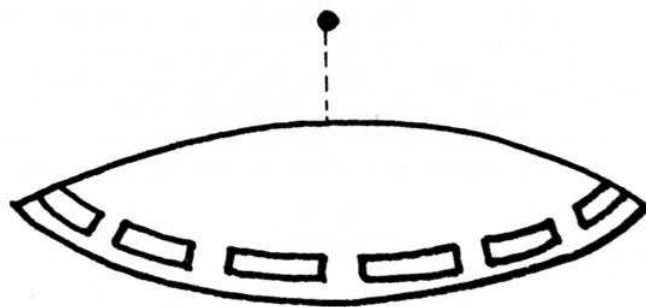
Catherine (who is 27, and who is also employed at the embassy as a passport and visa officer) was the first to notice something unusual.

As she says: "It was a clear evening, and we were just finishing our dinner when I heard a humming noise above me. I turned to see what it was, because I was most curious to see what manner of craft would be flying so low over mountains, and especially when there is no airport in that area. What I saw was a very big, dark, round-shaped object that was almost touching the TV antennae on the buildings. There were lots of square windows around it, and a red light on top."

For a few seconds Catherine was shocked, but then she recovered and called to her parents. They both looked up and saw it. At first all they could pick out were flashing lights, which floated to and fro from left to right after which they began circling. They too could tell that it was close and very low.

Mr. Dawson was unsure what to make of it. He turned round to see both his wife and daughter staring at the object, but before they could really

decide what it was it had vanished. Catherine called out: "It was a UFO," and Mrs. Dawson suggested that they should pay the bill quickly and go after it in the car. This they did. Nobody else in the taverna appeared to have noticed the object.



Catherine's first sighting over the Taverna

The Dawsons drove around the corner, and within a couple of minutes of their first sighting saw the UFO again. They approached the traffic lights and stopped. Catherine remarked that it was odd that there was no other traffic about. Everything was still and quiet. They had been to the area many times before and even at that time in the evening it was normally very busy.

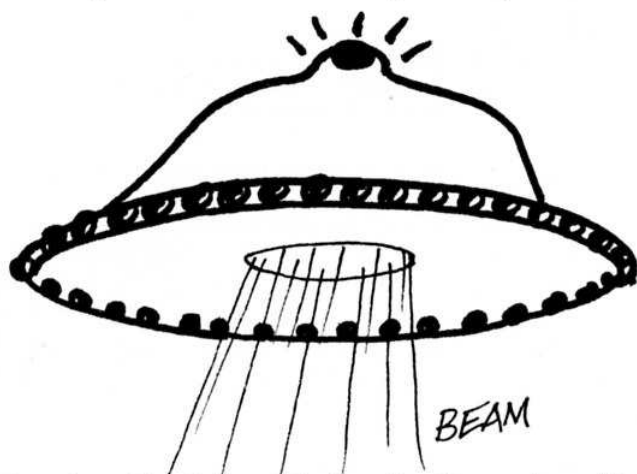
When Catherine pointed it out again, Mr. Dawson stopped the car. However, he left the engine running because he wanted to see if the presence of the UFO would affect it (it did not — the engine ran normally). They all got out of the car and climbed a wall at the side of the road for a better view. At this point there are slight discrepancies in their statements as to what was now seen. Catherine and her mother more or less agree to the following sequence.

When first seen on the second viewing the object was like a round disc with a red light on top and a row of windows along the side. These seemed to rotate. The UFO was basically hovering, but rocking from side to side — as if floating on a breeze and there was no sound at all at this stage. Then suddenly the object changed to a cross shape, made up of myriad multicoloured lights — lavender, yellow, pink, white, amber — all soft colours. Then it changed again to a dark cigar shape with "catherine wheels" of light around what appeared to be the front end. There were about five rings of lights spinning quickly around, and again the soft colours of differing hues. Apparently it looked quiet breathtaking.

It was at this point that the first signs of other life were noticed. A small boy crossed the road. They called out to him, but he did not respond. Then the object was gone, circling away beyond nearby

housing. A number of cars had pulled up at the traffic lights, which had long since changed to green, so they had to drive off. They continued to search for signs of the UFO, but could not find it again.

Mr. Dawson's version differs in these respects. He says that when first seen on the second occasion the object was gently circling. Then it stopped and hovered. The "windows" were described by him as lights, rotating anticlockwise. The top was bell-shaped, with the red light on a kind of dome. The lights rotated around the rim. Then a beam of light came from the underside, diverging out of the ground. As the object rocked from side to side the beam seemed to be scanning the area. He recalls wishing he could see the underside — and at that precise moment felt quite eerie as the dome tilted away to reveal the flat underside at an angle. The beam of light moved with this turn so that it shone into the sky a little. He then saw the lights spinning in a really complex way, and thinks that this is where his wife and daughter saw the cross and wheel shapes as the object tilted and then presently tilted back.



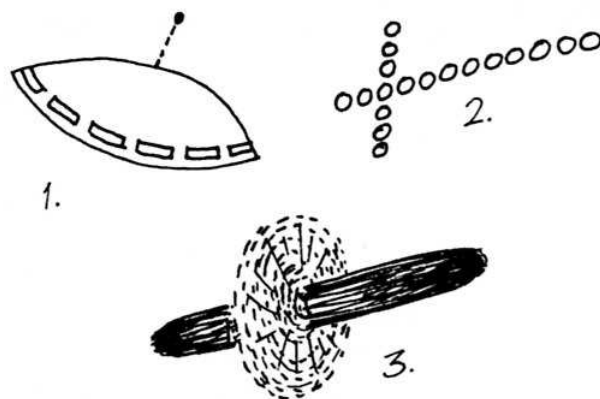
Based on Mr. Dawson's sketch of hovering object

The size of the object was estimated as being a little larger than a jet aircraft by Mr. Dawson, and three times the size of a medium sized aircraft by his daughter. It was twice as long as it was high. Estimates of the altitude that it was at during the second phase of the sighting are about 150 feet, although Catherine says that it must have been below 100 feet when first seen from the Taverna. The first phase of the sighting lasted just seconds. The second phase two or three minutes. The lights were so bright that they "lit up the sky."

Two days later there was a report in the local paper that referred to a Greek aeronautical engineer who called 15 others to watch the object. Their descriptions were very similar, and it was seen in the same area at the same time.

I further probed the witnesses with regards to past experiences. In view of Mr. Dawson's describing the rapport between himself and the disc (i.e. the tilting away "at request") I suspected he might be the one to have a sensitive background, and indeed this turned out to be the case. Neither his wife nor his daughter could call to mind anything relevant, but he certainly could.

He referred to the fact that both children and



Three phases of Catherine's second sighting

animals seemed to find a peculiar attraction in him, always gathering round. This even extended even to wild and ferocious animals, such as a buffalo and wild dogs. He has travelled the world extensively. He also recalled an incident when he was visiting a war cemetery, and about to take a photograph of the grave of a comrade. He distinctly heard the dead man's voice say to him: "Don't waste your time." He took the picture anyway.

Perhaps the strangest incident occurred in about 1962. During the summer he was returning from a visit to England and driving, he thinks, through Germany en route for Greece. With him were his wife and daughter (then aged 11).

It was mid-afternoon and they were travelling at about 110 Km p.h. in order to cover the distance to get home. The roads were quiet and they were passing through open country. They were not talking inside the car, but suddenly he was overcome with an intense feeling that something was in the field by their side. He slowed down and pulled off the road and "sensed" a conical shape in the grass some distance beyond the side of the road. He took a quick black and white picture with his Cannonet automatic shutter speed camera. The lens was a 4.5 mm 1 : 1.9.

He mentioned to the others that there was something funny in the field and then got back in to the car. He thinks they saw nothing, and now he too doubts whether there was anything there. He says: "I think that I imagined it more than I saw it — that's the only way I can describe it." He gave me the photograph and negative, saying he did not want them back, that he thought I should forget the photograph as it was "not very good," and doubting its value.

The photograph is to be analysed thoroughly, but on initial examination it seems that the negative has no image on it other than the scenery background. It appears that there needs to be enhancement to produce the very dim picture that appears on the print — but the print does show a faint dark cone and three white balls in a triangular formation at the base. The effect is ephemeral — very much like a double exposure — but this is exactly how Mr. Dawson says he saw the object — as if it were partly there and partly not there! *

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The interesting feature of this case is that it is bound up with the sensitivities of the central witness. He is obviously sensitive to "something" — be it another dimension, vibrational energies or whatever — and this is a consistent feature of close encounter witnesses. Yet the UFO sighting was not simply a product of his sensitivities or even imagination (the two may well overlap in a way we do not fully understand). Other people saw it clearly.

In the case of the photograph, which Mr. Dawson does not regard as important, there seems to be real significance. It relates well to other paranormal photography by UFO witnesses like Mrs. Stella Lansing. Furthermore we should not forget that the formation of white lights in a triangle is not an uncommon UFO description. (A few days before I prepared this article an object precisely the same as this was observed to land in a farmer's field in Culcheth, Cheshire — three miles from my home — no doubt a report on this case will appear in FSR in due course.)

Could it have been significant that he was driving

under sensory deprived conditions? The drive was long and hard — nobody was talking — the roads were quiet. How often do we find similar conditions in UFO abduction stories (e.g. the Betty & Barney Hill case, the Aveley abduction etc.)

It seems to me a fruitful area for consideration. How much does the mental state of the principal sensitive witness have to do with the onset of a close encounter experience?

In addition — or maybe conversely — pointing out that as Mr. Dawson appears to have some strange way of attracting animals and children to him, one can ask whether that means he has a kind of aura around him to which *they* are sensitive — and could that aura be used as a homing device by the UFO phenomenon — whatever that may be?

***Postscript:** Complete analysis of the photograph is not possible because of the faintness of the image on the negative. The print sent to us has been enhanced to indicate position of the image and is therefore of no value for further research.

DEBUNKING RUNS WILD

(Continued from page 2)

didn't explain why his crop of peas was flattened. He said that a large patch of his paddock of peas was flattened in a circular pattern measuring about 4 metres across. Some sceptics said these depressions were caused by unauthorised helicopters out hunting deer. Just why such helicopters would be hunting deer out in Cook Strait was not mentioned.

Supersonic swarms of insects also got into the act. Two researchers who work for a U.S. Government laboratory said "light can be generated by placing the insects in an electric field. The spruce budworm moth can swarm in clouds as big as 100 Km long and 25 Km wide. The light from such a large swarm might have been mistaken for UFOs.*

Past observations have revealed that when many sceptics have suddenly realised UFOs are real they immediately enter a transitory state, blaming them on the Russians, Americans, Germans, and so on. Anticipating this line experienced ufologists began to listen for the secret weapon theory. They had not long to wait. The expected "explanation" came from a former RAF research specialist... "Americans could be testing the latest electronic counter-surveillance equipment on civil aircraft and radar." This statement could have been plausible if it had not been for the fact that similar encounters had taken place long before the day of remote controlled drone decoys. There was the Washington D.C. flap of 1952, only on that occasion no TV crew was in the area. Ufologists are grateful that the

New Zealand film did not fall into the hands of officialdom, although it could finally follow the trail of confiscation, or wind up behind the paper curtain of censorship, after a period of debunking activity.

If the official debunking by the Royal New Zealand Air Force will no doubt go down in history as the biggest fish story ever told. The reports, we are told, were "caused by lights on Japanese squid boats." A more logical explanation would have been that they were chasing flying fish at 10,000 feet!

Veteran ufologists find another amusing pattern during their investigations of UFO reports over the years. They have noted a difference between the eyesight of civilian pilots and the eyesight of military pilots. When civilian aircraft are vectored into the proximity of UFOs, the objects not only are seen, but also are photographed. On the other hand, pilots of military aircraft go aloft wearing official blinkers which prevent them sighting the forbidden UFOs, while back at official headquarters spokesmen continue to sound like cracked phonograph records as they follow obsolete orders to debunk at all costs.

Meanwhile, the ridiculed ufologists are the only people, it seems, who are doing anything positive to investigate and analyse the reports and photos. As this *Bulletin* goes to press, Channel 0 has followed the suggestion of VUFORS advisers, and has placed the film into competent hands where it will be analysed by the most advanced techniques. The results will be avail-

able to the general public as well.

Dr. Bruce Maccabee, an optical physicist, who is in charge of the investigations, is also on record as campaigning against government secrecy on UFOs in the United States.

The Channel 0 film has created much interest among that small percentage of scientists actually involved in UFO investigations. VUFORS ufologists met with Dr. Maccabee during his visit in Melbourne. Already, it is known that the light intensity on the film is too great for a reflection of any type. The angle of measurements also coincide with the speed as clocked by Wellington radar. Some frames show a glowing triangle about the size of a house. Other frames show an oval shape complete with dome-like appearance of the conventional UFO.

Digital computerised enhancements are expected to be issued for publication at the press conference in Washington on 26th March... watch your daily newspapers, especially *The Australian* and hope that the analysis will not be squashed by officialdom.

NOTE: Dr. Maccabee's papers on UFO Related Information from the F.B.I. File were published in the UFO Investigator, official publication of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, 1 Bank Street, Gaithersburg, MD. 20760. U.S.A.

* [Gordon Creighton has already prepared an article on this phenomenon for a future issue of FSR. ED]

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