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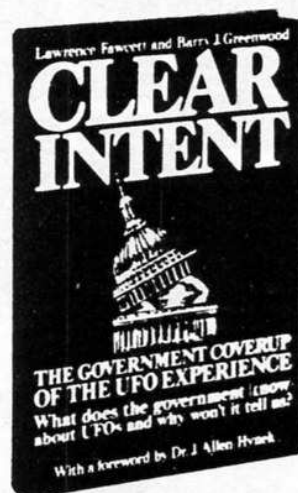


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DR HYNEK

As we lacked any really up-to-date information, we made only passing reference in our last issue (page 6) to the illness of Dr J. Allen Hynek, which, we know, must have been in the minds of many readers.

In a letter dated December 10, 1985, from Jerome Clark, who has been appointed to take over as Editor of Dr Hynek's journal, *THE INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER* (IUR), we are now authorized to state that Dr Hynek has recently undergone major surgery, and is convalescing in Arizona, where he is making his home. He is limiting his activities to work with a small group of colleagues, but is unlikely to be very active for a while.

Mr Jerome Clark, the new Editor of the *INTERNATIONAL UFO REPORTER*, is no stranger to the pages of FSR, and is an old friend of Charles Bowen.

Likewise Mr Mark Rodeghier, who has long been regarded inside the organization as Dr Hynek's own choice for a successor, has now been appointed by him to serve as Deputy Director of Scientific Investigation for the CENTER FOR UFO STUDIES (CUFOS) the headquarters of which will remain in Illinois.

With regard to the scheme for ICUFOR, the proposed UFO research undertaking in Phoenix, Arizona, about which Dr Hynek spoke at some length during his interview with OMNI Magazine last year and which we mentioned in our Editorial in FSR Volume 30, No. 4, we are authorized to state that Dr Hynek wishes it to be known that this scheme has fallen through in so far as he is concerned and that he is therefore no longer a participant in ICUFOR.

We know that we speak on behalf of all our readers, in many countries around the world, when we say that we send Dr and Mrs Hynek all our very best and warmest and sincerest wishes and supportive thoughts, in the hope of a full and speedy recovery for him!

THE WAVE OF "WING" REPORTS: MORE ON THE "BOOMERANG": "AS LARGE AS TWO FOOTBALL FIELDS"

R. Perry Collins

FSR reader Bob Collins of Bridgeport, Connecticut, is, as he says, a man who "grew up in the Air Force and now works as an aerospace engineer". What he has to tell us will be seen to corroborate fully all that we learned from the two articles on the great "*Boomerang*" craft, by Messrs Imbrogno, Lesnick and Clark, which we published in FSR Volume 30, No. 3, last February. EDITOR

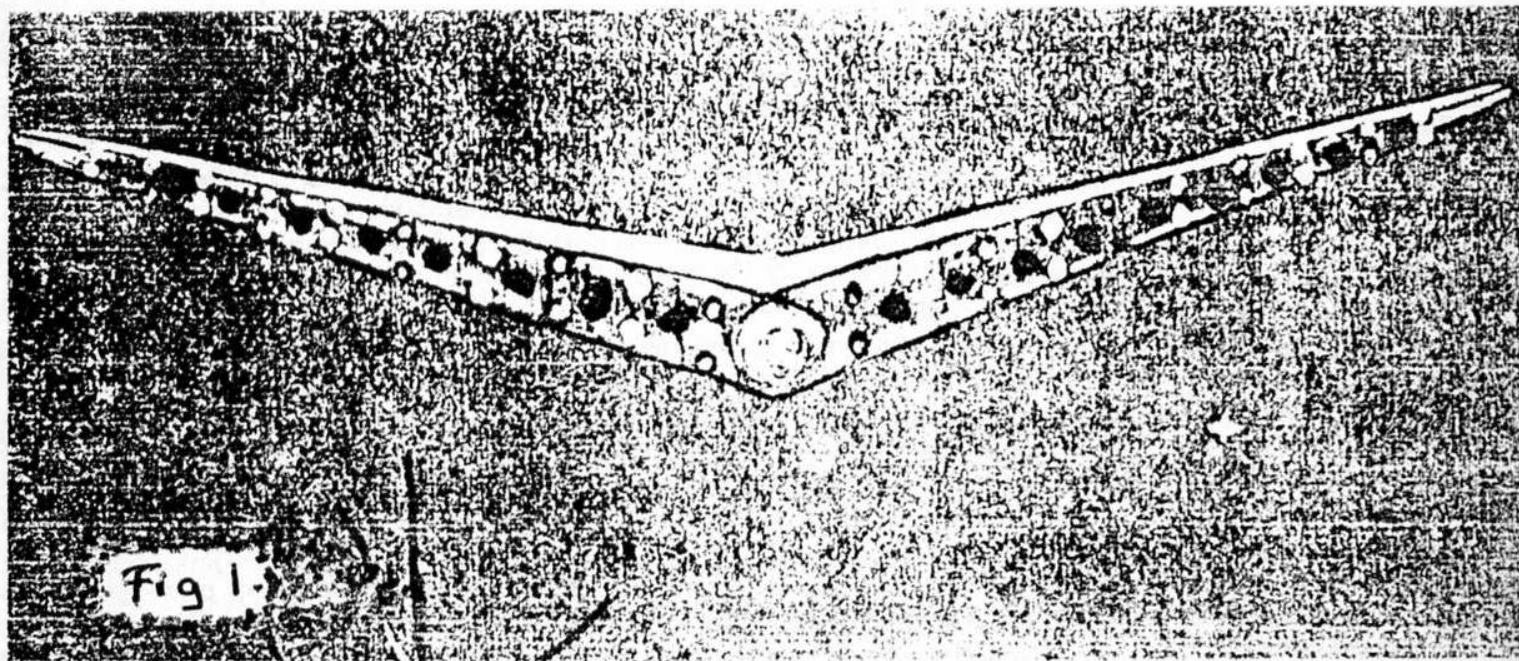
FROM March of 1983 to the present (Nov. '85) a UFO wave of unprecedented duration and consistency has enveloped significant areas of the eastern United States. It has been centered over New York and Connecticut and involves a UFO repeatedly reported as "*larger than a football field*", and by one witness as "about two football fields". This UFO has flown low over populated areas numerous times for more than two years. It has shown variable lighting but most often is reported as a huge "wing" or "boomerang"-shaped array of lights, switched on and off, seemingly to attract attention. There has also been related activity, such as flights of aircraft in various formations, displaying non-regulation lights and reports of federal agency interest. This activity has not been mentioned to any great degree by the national media. Local newspapers and independent radio and television broadcasts have presented a great deal of information, but in a scattered fashion. This article will present a summation of the wave and of investigations into its nature.

First reports

The wave had its beginnings in March of 1983. On March 17th, residents of Kent, N.Y. and motorists on the nearby I-84 highway reported a large UFO hovering and moving slowly over the area. From that date to the present, there have been reports of a huge, dark, metallic object, displaying glowing lights and flying very low over populated regions. The lights have most often been described as forming a large open "V" or "boomerang". In some cases the lights have changed position, rapidly forming such configurations as a "horseshoe", "cross", straight line, and a large circle. Often the configuration changes happened while the object hovered, finally coming back to the "V" shape before the object accelerated rapidly away.

The press headlines

One week after the 17th, on March 24th, the UFO was seen again. Citizens and police officers of Yorktown,



The "Boomerang" craft.

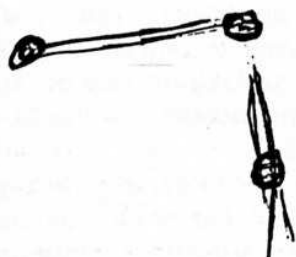
Mt. Kisco, and Carmel, New York State, reported a very large "V"-shaped object with multi-colored lights moving low over their towns. *"Hundreds Claim To Have Seen UFO"* read the headlines of the *Port Chester Daily Item* on the next day. The object was seen again the following night (the 25th) and the night after that. In early April the object began being seen over Danbury, Connecticut, less than thirty miles from the New York towns. More headlines appeared. *Between March of 1983 and November of 1985 more than eighty articles reporting this UFO appeared in local newspapers in the two States of New York and Connecticut.* The most recent, dated October 18th, 1985, appeared in the *Bridgeport Post* and the *Danbury News Times* in Connecticut. These two articles described a huge, low-flying object seen by an estimated 2,000 witnesses. The object displayed "V"-shaped lights which changed color from white to red to green and back to white. The "wing" shape changed from a "V" to a straight line (as the object hovered) and back to a "V" (as the object rapidly accelerated away).

Enter the "light aircraft"

Within a month after the first articles appeared, a group of aircraft began flying over these same areas in

"V" formations, displaying non-regulation lights. At first, officialdom tried to explain the UFO as "hang glider" and "ultralight aircraft". These explanations proved inadequate, primarily because ultralight aircraft could not carry the numerous large, bright lights displayed by the UFO. Now, with the appearance of aircraft formations, a more adequate explanation became available. *The important fact to note is that these formations of aircraft had not been seen or reported until a month after the first reports of the UFO. Many of the witnesses who had seen the UFO had also seen the aircraft. They agreed that there was no confusing the two.* The UFO was huge, moved very slowly, hovered, rotated on its own axis, made abrupt turns and occasionally accelerated and decelerated very rapidly.

Much of the public accepted the "aircraft" explanation, seemingly relieved that there was an explanation, even if it did seem manufactured. Those who had seen the UFO did not. The witnesses included business executives, engineers, and pilots — people whose testimony was difficult to ignore. There were also very large numbers of witnesses, at times numbering in the thousands in one night. The UFO characteristically flew very low over relatively affluent areas, usually overflying five to ten towns, always displaying brightly glowing lights of various colors.



90° TURN, LIGHTS "ROTATED INTO TURN" BEFORE TURN INITIATED, TURN ABRUPT BUT WITH APEX OF "TRIANGLE" ALWAYS FORWARD

Fig 2.

THOMAS B. SCHOOLTEACHER

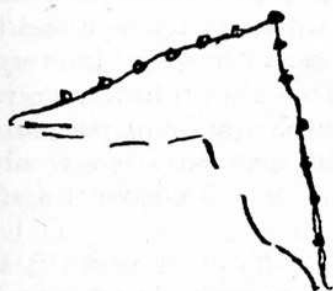


Fig 3.

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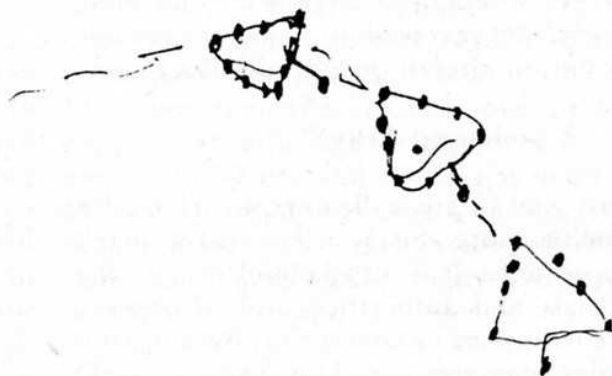


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BRIAN B. THIRD GRADE STUDENT

Research by Imbrogno and Lesnick

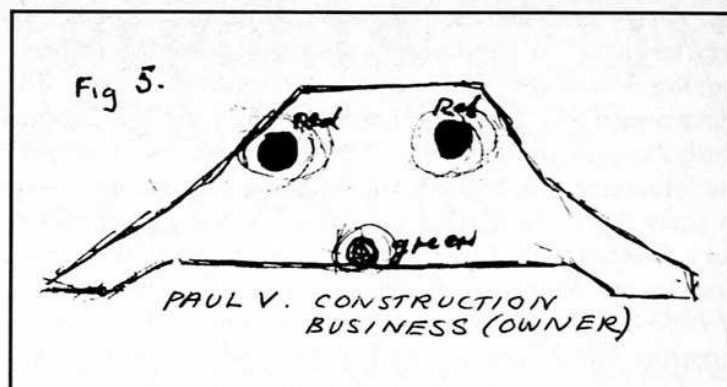
What is the real nature of the reported activity? What is actually going on? Two men most involved in the investigation of these reports were Phil Imbrogno and George Lesnick. Phil, a graduate astronomer and an investigator for CUFOS, conducted a tireless and thorough investigation. His partner, George Lesnick, worked as a Lieutenant in the Fairfield (Connecticut) police department and has had many years of experience as a professional investigator. Together the two men brought to light many incidents, which, upon careful study, cannot be explained conventionally. Their work in interviewing witnesses, correlating information and presenting it to the public has been very professional. The results of their investigations are clear and concise: there is an object, unidentified, displaying characteristics beyond our present technology, which has been appearing low over Connecticut State and New York State since 1983. It is not a group of light aircraft. It is not, at this point, explainable.

Personal conviction

Until the evening of August 21st, 1983, I had followed the reports of this UFO as a hobbyist. I was working as a quality control manager in the aerospace industry, and had grown up as the son of an Air Force officer. I had spoken with George and Phil and was impressed with the professional attitude they displayed. Until August 21st, however, I was not convinced that this activity was really a UFO — UFO reports seldom involved repeated overflights and large numbers of witnesses. On the evening of August 21st I saw the object along with numerous other witnesses. I am familiar with aircraft and what they can and cannot do. What I saw was not aircraft activity. I interviewed many of the witnesses from that night. All of them agreed that what they had seen was something unknown, overwhelmingly large, which hovered, moved very slowly, and reversed direction at very low altitude. It was not an aircraft or a group of aircraft.

A prolonged "wave"

Perhaps the best way to get a clearer picture of this UFO is to examine more closely a few of the many nights of its appearance. It is also helpful to note the reaction of officials and authorities, and to observe how our culture continues to attempt to cover up and explain away the phenomenon. This wave of UFO activity appears to be more prolonged and intense than usual. The UFO involved seems huge, displays manoeuvres beyond our technology, and *appears to purposely attract attention to itself by its lighting displays. It does not land; it does not display itself in daylight. Such overt actions on the part of the UFO agency could shock our culture; somehow the UFO of this wave*



presents itself at just that level we are able to accept without disturbances to our society as a whole.

Public perceives military aspects

The UFO phenomenon in general has presented this aspect of reality to our world for more than thirty-five years. *Within the last decade, however, the public has begun to be aware of UFO appearances at and interferences with military bases. A careful search of verified UFO appearances reveals cases where ICBM installations have been closely approached and temporarily nullified. Anti-aircraft missiles have occasionally been launched at UFOs — the missiles in each case have failed or been destroyed. Jet interceptors have been scrambled to pursue UFOs only to be easily evaded and rapidly outdistanced.* In much the same way as these overflights of New York and Connecticut can be seen as purposeful "demonstrations", so might we see these activities at military bases. We have much to learn. Alien invaders are *not* sweeping through our skies, ray guns ablaze. The UFO phenomenon is *not* overtly threatening. It seems almost to present us with a mirror in which we can see our own actions and reactions more clearly.

Typical sightings

Let us look at examples from some of the many nights of the appearance of this "wing" over New England. I have personally investigated several incidents of this nature, interviewing many witnesses on tape and by signed statements. George Lesnick and Phil Imbrogno have done much more. The object has appeared numerous times over the New York/Connecticut area since 1983. There are also scattered reports of a similar nature from 1980 to 1983 from North Carolina to Maine.

The first night we shall explore in depth is the night of August 21st, 1983. Hundreds of witnesses, including myself, reported the object over six closely connected Connecticut towns. Between 10.00 and 11.00 pm (EST), I was at my Bridgeport residence, studying, when I decided to take a break. Walking to my north-facing window, I lit a cigarette and was

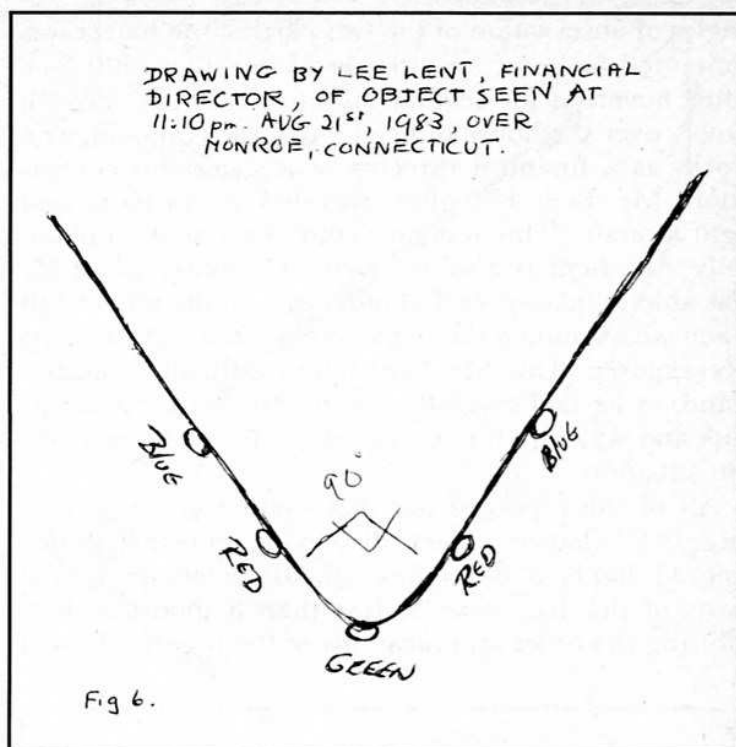
looking out (from the third floor) when I saw a set of unusual lights. At first I thought it was a light aircraft, but quickly dismissed this idea, as the lights were too widely separated and moving much too slowly. There were three of them, very low (about fifteen degrees off the rooftops), one red, one green and one blue. They appeared equally separated and three hand-widths across (with my hands stretched directly in front of me). As I watched, the lights blinked out. I had first noticed them to the north-west drifting slowly to the south seemingly less than a mile away.

Telepathic link?

From the north-facing window, I moved to the west-facing window and looked out again, hoping to catch a glimpse of whatever it was. I was sure it was not an aircraft and was extremely curious as to what it could be. As I stared out of the window the lights suddenly switched back on, now much closer. I was facing a display of three large, glowing lights, the left one red, the middle one green, the right one blue. Now they were seven to eight hand-widths across and hovering, motionless. Taken aback, I could only think of a UFO. Aloud, I said: "If you are what I think you are, tell me somehow that I'm not hallucinating". The green light blinked off, then back on, then all the lights blinked off. I immediately received a very strong impression to move back to the north-facing window and was up and moving when I realized that the impression was not my own thought. I hesitated but continued on, overcome by excitement and curiosity.

As I looked out of the open window I was presented with a huge wing-shaped array of lights moving slowly and silently to the east. I immediately realized that the object was very low, of tremendous proportions, and could not be an airfoil, as it was moving too slowly to hold itself up. I also felt a subjective awareness of being observed by a logical, intense presence, but could not concentrate on this, instead feeling overwhelmed by the sight. Recovering, I made some quick estimates of its angular displacement and watched it intently for about three minutes. It drifted to the east for about one half mile and then the lights dimmed and shut off. The lights had been large, glowing and seemingly attached to a huge structure in the shape of an open "V" (with an included angle of approximately 100 degrees). The leading light (the "V" was moving apex forward) was green, then each half of the "wing" showed a red, a blue and another red, making a total of seven. From angles of observation, hand-width estimates and areas of the object's movement, I figured out its dimensions to be approximately 300 to 500 feet wide ("wing" tip to "wing" tip), and 200 to 300 feet long — length being the direction of travel. These dimensions agreed with descriptions by other witnesses that night.

As the lights faded, I strained to make out a body or



shape, but could not. I turned and went to the telephone, noting that it was 10.45 pm, and called Lt. Lesnick. After a brief conversation, I went outside towards the area where I had last seen the UFO, but found nothing. I returned to the house and began calling nearby airports and police departments to see if there were any reports of the object. I found that numerous others had seen it, and I spent the next week contacting and interviewing them.

Other reports

Reports of a large, low-flying object, studded with lights, had been received that night by Tweed New Haven airport, by police departments in East Haven, New Haven, West Haven, Bridgeport, Monroe and Stratford. The reports from the New Haven area had come in at approximately 10.30 pm, followed by reports from the Bridgeport area at 10.50 pm. Then, at 11.10 pm, reports had come into the Monroe police department, followed by more reports from Bridgeport at 11.50 pm and then from nearby Stratford at 11.55 pm. The reports show a consistent flight-path in time and location over the closely clustered towns. I spoke with more than twenty-five people who had seen the object and interviewed eleven of them in depth.

The reports all described a very large, seemingly "V"-shaped object, gliding silently at from 200 to 1,000 feet and displaying multi-colored lights along the leading edges of both "wings". The object was seen to hover motionlessly by an electrical engineer in Monroe, while a family of four was also watching it less than 300 yards away. Using the positions and

angles of observation of the two parties, the object was computed to be at an altitude of less than 500 feet. After hovering for several minutes, it began moving slowly over the house of Lee Lent, forty years old, who works as a financial director of a successful corporation. Mr. Lent has often traveled in airliners and light aircraft. "This was no plane", he stated emphatically. Mr. Lent is also an amateur photographer. He was able to take several photographs of the object, but when we examined the negatives we found them to be overexposed. This Mr. Lent found difficult to understand, as he had carefully set the camera for a night-shot and was sure his setting and film were correct for the situation.

All of the reports from that night were of a very large, "V"-shaped object, displaying glowing, multi-colored lights and moving silently over residential areas of the six towns at less than a thousand feet. Plotting the times and locations of the reports showed

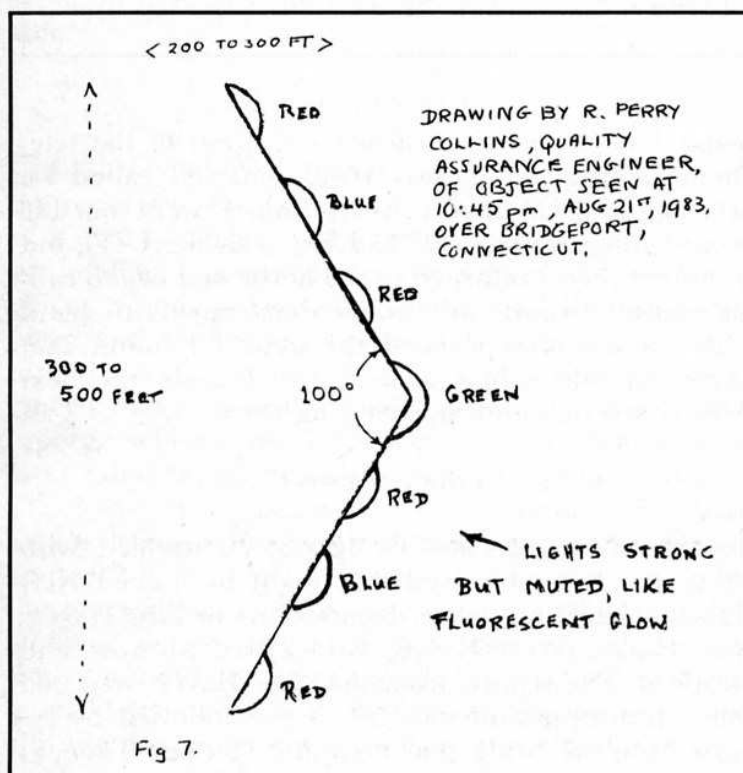


Fig 7.

the object to have varied its speed from approximately 5 mph to more than 200 mph. It was seen hovering motionless, rotating on its axis, and quickly reversing its direction of travel. "Light aircraft in formation" is not an adequate explanation of this activity, no matter what the status of the "explainer".

"Psychic interaction"?

The night of August 21st, 1983, was typical of many. Phil Imbrogno found that approximately ten per cent of the reports included strong evidence of what we call "psy-

chic" interaction between the object and the witnesses. Often the object would move away when witnesses became fearful, and approach closely when witnesses desired a better look. Rather than to mention all the nights when the object was seen, I shall present a cross-section of witness statements, giving a fair idea of the nature of the activity. In each case presented, there were numerous other witnesses on the same night and in the same area:—

1. April 1st, 1983, between 8.00 and 8.30 pm, EST, over Danbury, Ct.

Witness — Carole B., housewife:

"It was a Friday evening, somewhere about 8.30, when my husband arrived home in an excited state, saying! "Come out here: You've got to see this!" We went out on our porch and looked in the sky to see a very large triangularly shaped object which appeared to be almost floating in the sky — not very high over the treetops. It moved very evenly (not jerkily) and came nearer to us, then almost automatically pivoted to its left — a ninety degree angle — and continued in that direction. I then returned to the house. The most amazing thing to me was the lack of noise. There was a small hum similar to a quiet refrigerator. Also the turn was very different. There were red, white and green lights, but I can't remember their sequence. There was a pattern. After sighting this object, we didn't say much to too many others."

2. September 23rd, 1983, between 11.00 and 11.30 pm, EST, over highway I-84, between exits 8 and 9, near Sandy Hook, Ct.

Witness — Paul V., self-employed:

"Heading east on I-84 about 11.05, I noticed lights off to the left above the tree tops. So bright were they, they really caught my eye. Two large red lights and a smaller green one in the middle. I thought it might be a power-line tower if anything. After travelling downhill, I lost sight of it for about one or two minutes, because the object was so low. When I reached the top of the next hill, I noticed the object was clear of the trees and not a tower. It sat there motionless for about five minutes. Now, only two bright, pinkish-red lights were in front, and the smaller green lights were in the rear. After five minutes or so, all the lights went out. The object sat in the air, motionless, for another few minutes. It was a dark grey, metallic color, but the exact shape was hard to make out. Then one green light came on in back and the object moved silently and very swiftly to the west. On a soft arc, it lifted up to the stars, and became the size of a pin-head in a matter of five to ten seconds. I watched it for about five to ten minutes after it stopped moving in the sky. It looked red and green again, as if the lights had come back on. It was huge. *If it had landed, it would have taken up about two football fields.*"

3. September 17th, 1984, at approximately 9.00 pm, EST, near Goshen, Ct.

Witness — Judy F., teacher:

"I was driving along a deserted road at about 9.00 pm when I noticed unusual lights through the trees. The lights were in a row — maybe four to six moon-colored lights. They seemed to be pacing my car, but I thought when I came out into an open area there would be a logical explanation — there wasn't. The lights really were in the sky and moved to hover over my car. They appeared to be directly in front of the car, just a few feet above the treetops. The lights turned into a horse-shoe shape and became brighter. They also changed in color, incorporating blue and red along with the white light. I thought 'it' might be landing, and I didn't stop — just kept driving and watching. Then a pick-up truck passed the other way, not stopping. After it passed, the lights reassembled into a "V" shape and quickly disappeared over the horizon."

4. October 17th, 1985, between 8.30 and 9.00 pm, EST, over Bridgeport, Ct.

Witness — Mark N., teacher:

"About 9.00 I left a friend's house. After I got in the car, I looked up and saw a bright object in the sky, but the trees were blocking my vision. I quickly moved down the street to get a better view, but I could no longer see the object. (I was upset because I knew it was something different and I wanted to see it.) I started towards my apartment and got off the highway (maybe three blocks away from the first sighting). I looked up to the sky and there it was. I've never seen anything like it in my life. The object had lights in a V-shape and it was no group of planes or one plane. The object was moving slowly north over Main Street when I first saw it, then, when I saw it again, it was over towards Fairfield. That's when I saw the V straighten out into a line."

5. October 17th, 1985, between 9.00 and 9.30 pm, EST, over Bethel, Ct.

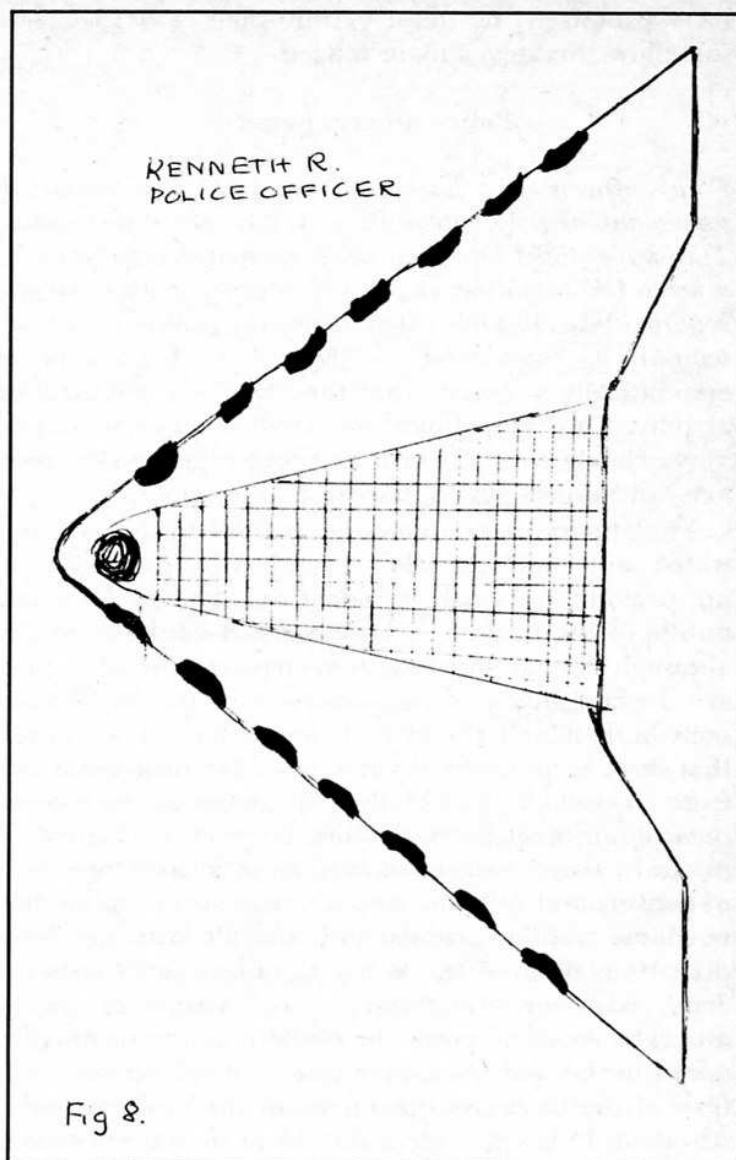
Witness — Lisa S., newspaper reporter:

"How many nights have I sat in the newsroom and answered phone calls from self-professed 'sane' people who claimed to have seen lights in the sky? Well, I saw a UFO too. It was about 9.00 pm and I was out on a field at the Bethel Educational Complex, covering a bocce ball tournament. Play stopped for about ten minutes when thirty men bolted to the far side of the courts to watch the lights.

'Hey, Lisa,' called bocce player and police chief John P. Basile. 'You wanna real story? Come here and look at the UFO.'

"Skeptical from the start, I walked to where the crowd was. It was close. At first I thought it was one of those advertising blimps with moving red neon words. Just too far away to make out. Then the spinning of the lights changed direction. Then they changed to white. For about ten minutes, we watched it move quietly and slowly from left to right. Then it hovered for a long time in one spot.

"Soon, after a very brief speed spurt towards us, the



object started taking on a "V" shape and the lights turned back to red. Then, the quickest and straightest it ever moved, it headed in one direction out of sight and never came back."

Over 30,000 eyewitnesses

As stated, there are many similar reports from thousands of witnesses in the New York/Connecticut area. Since 1983, investigators have interviewed more than 2,000 people who have reported something unusual in the night sky. Reports were so numerous that often only the more spectacular or strange ones were investigated. *It is estimated that over 30,000 individuals have seen a very large, low flying, almost silent object displaying variable lighting, hovering, moving slowly, suddenly accelerating and generally behaving almost as if to attract attention to itself.* Within a month after its initial appearance, light aircraft displaying non-regulation lights began flying over the same areas in various formations. These aircraft and their pilots were elusive and occasionally diverted to alternate airports when investigators would wait for them at airstrips. The

FAA promised an inquiry into their activities, but somehow this never materialized.

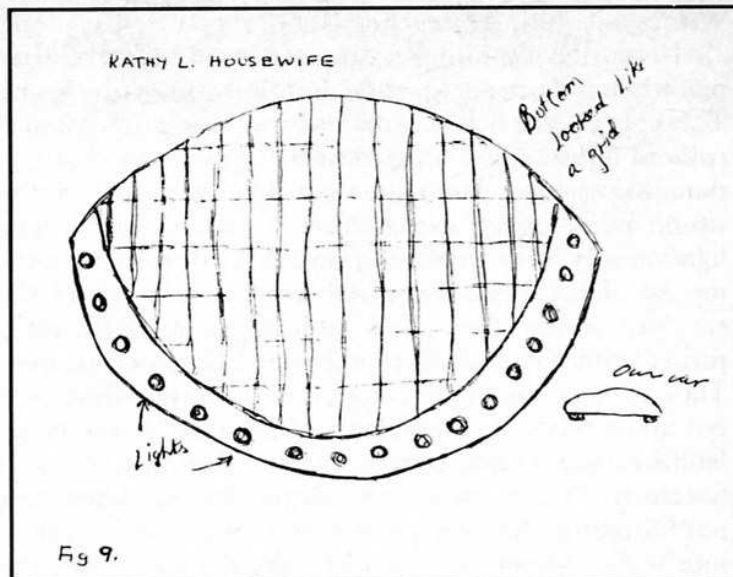
Police officers gagged

Police officers who have seen the UFO have reported, somewhat angrily, attempts to censor their statements. They have stated that their chiefs have instructed them to refer to UFO sightings as aircraft activity. They have also reported visits of their chiefs' offices by federal agents attempting to "keep a lid" on the activity. These officers emphatically say that what they saw was not aircraft activity. One patrolman reported seeing the object move slowly over his cruiser, stop, rotate on its own axis, and cruise slowly back over him again.

The apparent reaction of authorities to this concentrated and enduring UFO wave has been to cover it up, provide "rational" explanations, and to keep the public in the dark. The light aircraft continue to fly, although they are now easily recognized for what they are. In fact, many of the witnesses of the UFO have seen both it and the aircraft formations. They agree that there is no confusing the two. These witnesses are from all walks of life. Many of them are senior executives, engineers, pilots, doctors, lawyers, educators — in short, the witnesses of this phenomenon are very numerous and reliable. A large part of the public has of course readily accepted the "aircraft formation" explanation. A minority, but a significantly large minority, has not. The numbers of witnesses grows monthly. At some point the Government will have to admit to the reality of these unexplained occurrences. One of the foremost Presidents of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, made a statement that applies most succinctly: *"You may fool all the people some of the time, you can even fool some of the people all the time, but you can't fool all of the people all the time."*

Nuclear plants patrolled

There are two examples that most clearly show the almost frantic efforts on the part of authorities to cover up and explain away the reports of this wave of UFO activity. The first came to the attention of the public in early 1985, again through the unceasing efforts of Phil Imbrogno and George Lesnick. On January 12th, two newspapers ran startling and controversial headlines. "NUKE PLANT GUARDS REPORT HOVERING UFOs" appeared in the *Journal-News* of Nyack, New York. "UFOs — DID ALIENS BUZZ INDIAN POINT PLANT?" read the *Reporter-Dispatch* of White Plains, N.Y. In these articles, Imbrogno stated that on July 24th, 1984, a huge "V"-shaped UFO slowly descended to within several hundred yards of the Indian Point nuclear facility. *He reported that guards became alarmed, shotguns were issued and nearby Fort Smith was alerted. Plant authorities denied the incident and came close to slander in their statements.* John Branci-



forte, security co-ordinator at Indian Point, stated: "He (Imbrogno) could possibly be making it up or he took what they (witnesses) gave him and stretched it out. I think people are going to publish stories on hysteria and misinformation. As far as I'm concerned, it's pure speculation."

The actual story, related by Lt. Lesnick, sounds like science fiction. Lt. Lesnick was with Imbrogno throughout the investigation of the incident. George Lesnick has worked as a police officer for the town of Fairfield, Connecticut, for twenty-nine years. He is a healthy, robust, straightforward man who has received numerous commendations for saving lives, solving burglaries and kidnap cases, and generally serving his community as a dedicated and professional police officer. His comments and investigations of a case are those of a professional, accustomed to cross-examination in the courtroom. He does not "stretch facts". If George is not absolutely sure of his material, he does not speculate. I spoke with him several times to get the facts of the incident straight.

Twenty-month "wave"

In October of 1984, Lesnick, Imbrogno and Dr. J. Allen Hynek were being interviewed by Lee Spiegel of NBC radio. They were discussing the now twenty-month-long wave of UFO activity over the eastern United States. After the show, the investigators received a number of calls. One came from a security officer at the nuclear plant. He wanted to discuss an incident involving a huge UFO, and he wanted to discuss it in person. A time and a place were arranged for an interview. George and Phil arrived for the meeting to find the officer and five other guards willing to relate their experience. The investigators separated them into two groups of three each, to see if their stories compared favourably.

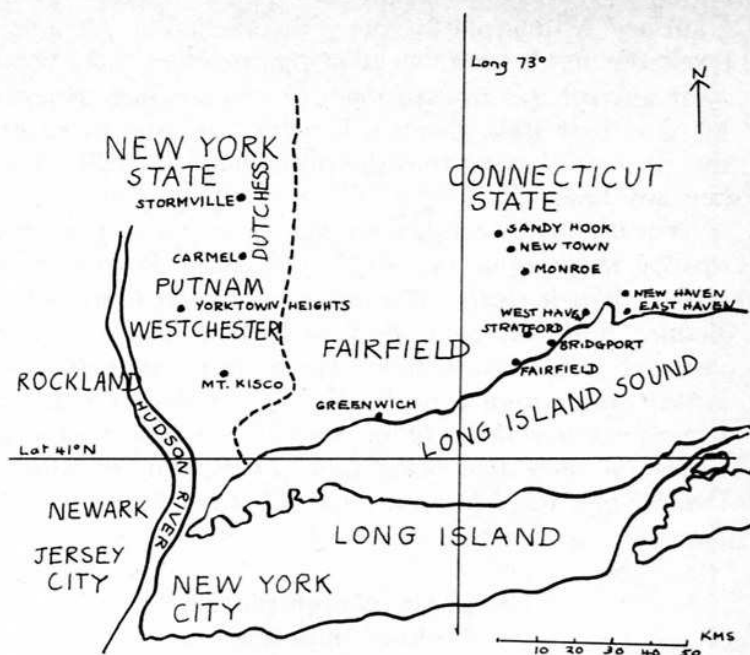
All six guards related the same story. On the evening of July 24, 1984, a huge V-shaped object, displaying the two rows of bright, glowing lights, descended slowly to an altitude of less than 500 feet and approached the nuclear facility to within 100 yards. The second-shift security officers were startled and unsure of how to react. The object slowly came closer to the plant until it was hovering almost directly over them, emitting a low humming noise. Fifteen guards were involved, and someone gave the order to issue shotguns. Shortly afterwards another order was issued to contact the Army at nearby Fort Smith. After approximately fifteen minutes, the admittedly nervous guards watched as the object slowly drifted away and then abruptly accelerated upwards and to the north-west.

Investigators blocked

The investigators made appointments to meet with the guards again and talked with residents living near the facility. They found twenty more witnesses to the unusual activity that evening. In the face of this eyewitness testimony, plant authorities flatly denied the whole thing. When asked about the records of the security cameras, Lt. Lesnick was told that the cameras "weren't loaded" that night. As a professional police officer, Lesnick found this difficult to believe. *The investigators were unable to meet again with the plant security officers or to even reach them by phone. One guard called and said simply that he could not talk or meet with them again as his job was on the line. In considering this information, one wonders why the plant authorities made such extreme efforts to conceal and deny the facts. The UFO caused no damage. Certainly denying the facts and silencing the witnesses is a poor tactic if the plant management wished to downplay the incident simply due to cultural pressures. Executives in all walks of life are well aware that a much more reasonable ploy would be to admit that the guards did see something, but misinterpreted it. It almost seems as if the atmosphere around this incident was one of near-panic. This implies a fear of the UFO phenomenon not warranted by the actual nature of the incident. Could this fear have been transmitted by federal authorities anxious to keep the public calm in the face of other, more serious incidents? Could those at higher levels of national security be themselves fearful of public reaction to, say, the reports of UFO interferences with strategic missile installations?*

The formations of planes

The second example of the extreme efforts being attempted to cover up this wave of activity began in February of 1985. I had contacted Jim Montavalli, managing editor of the *Fairfield Advocate*, and asked if he was interested in running an article on the UFO



reports from the local area. Jim proved to be an interested and open-minded man, and he ran an enthusiastic article in the February 20th issue of his paper. As he interviewed me, I impressed upon him the fact that the two most informed and active investigators were George Lesnick and Phil Imbrogno. Montavalli contacted them and arranged for an hour-long television interview about their investigations on his weekly programme "What Do You Think?" The show was well advertised for a week in advance and was presented live on WUBC, Channel Twelve from 8.00 to 9.00 pm on the evening of March 20th, 1985. *Just as the show ended and everyone was leaving, an apparently immense ring of slowly moving lights came on directly over the Bridgeport (Ct.) studio. From Bridgeport the formation of unusual lights moved over New Haven and into central Connecticut, putting on a display seen by thousands of people. I saw them while driving on route 34 near New Haven, and, like many other motorists, pulled over and got out to observe them in detail.*

The display lasted nearly ten minutes from my position and nearly caused several accidents as more and more drivers stopped to watch. *It was not a UFO. As I watched, the lights turned inland over New Haven and I realized that they must be aircraft. There were eight of them and their precision was almost perfect. Then four of the planes broke formation slightly, reforming after the turn. They seemed to be between five and seven thousand feet up and were displaying steady, bright red lights, a clear breach of FAA flight regulations. The next day headlines throughout the State of Connecticut loudly condemned the pilots for nearly causing accidents on many major highways. Demands were made for an FAA investigation. The pilots were never found. Paul Estefan, administrator of*

Danbury Municipal Airport, dispatched a plane to track the lights and the pilot reported that they were light aircraft. He tracked them to two separate airports in New York state. Estefan, however, refused to name the airports,¹ saying that the pilots had not really broken any laws.

Was it really a coincidence that these planes put on a display that began just as the Channel Twelve show ended? Was it really coincidence that immediately after Lesnick and Imbrogno presented the evidence of two years of solid investigation, the perfect and easily accepted explanation casually flew over? Was it really a coincidence that this explanation flew over the exact area where the show was being seen? From years of patient inquiry into the UFO phenomenon, I can assure you it was not.

The panic in high places: Mankind impotent

UFOs have profoundly alarmed those at high levels of national security in almost all the countries of our planet. They have effortlessly rendered ICBM sites ineffective, easily evaded interception attempts by the most advanced aircraft of the United States and the Soviet Union and destroyed anti-aircraft missiles launched at them with a technology far beyond our own. They have, at the same time, made a distinct and almost mythological impression on people throughout the world. They have not displayed overt hostility² towards individuals, have not landed and disrupted our society, and have shown no inclination to do so as yet. We may evolve into a unified world which peacefully moves out to explore our solar system, our universe. In such a case, UFOs may not make open and direct contact for hundreds of years. It may take that long for us to develop socially to the point where we would not be totally disrupted by such contact. We may also attempt to violently commit nuclear suicide, poisoning our world, killing all lifeforms on our planet. In such a case, somebody may come down and take our toys away, scolding us severely and imposing their own order upon us. It seems to be our choice.

In reaching these kinds of conclusions, we must understand that the majority of people in the United States do not have a firm grasp on the UFO reality. Most simply avoid it. The avoidance manoeuvres are varied: scientists, in general, see the UFO scene as a can of worms, full of inconsistencies; the media, especially the national media, still treat the subject with tongue in cheek; authorities, from local police to those visible public servants up to and including the President, simply deny it or explain it away as misidentification of natural or man-made phenomena. A significant proportion of the population treat it in a semi-superstitious manner, in much the same way religious prophecies are treated. It is important to re-

alize that these attitudes are not symptoms of a "planned cover-up", at least for the most part. Habitual attitudes such as these are more the symptoms of the cultural consensus reality within which we all usually function.

The realities of our world are largely our own creation. Reality is only a word, a concept. In trying to understand that concept, in trying to delineate its boundaries we very often create that reality most comfortable to ourselves and those around us. This process leads to the consensus "reality" which most of us share and support. People often ask me "Do you believe in UFOs?" My most consistent reply is "No, do you believe in helicopters?"

The "arms race" and arms control

Perhaps one way of seeing this is in relating it to something more clearly "real" in the current world culture. We might ask each other "Do you believe in arms control?" Many would say that they firmly believe in arms control. This does not make arms control a reality. Whether one "believes in" a concept or not does not determine its reality. Such belief systems may help to bring about some of those realities, especially if acted upon in a creative manner. UFOs are a reality not subject to our belief systems, although it seems they have initiated numerous "beliefs", "mythologies" and even possibly "religions", *UFOs exist. The evidence for that existence is now much too solid to deny. That evidence could be an underlying force behind our rapidly evolving military technology. Deep-seated fears of what we label as the "unknown" may be a factor in our feverish arms race.* It is even almost comforting to realize that now, as we peer off into the darkness of our self-created position, we could, if unified, at least have some chance to "battle" those "dark forces of the unknown". Unfortunately, those "dark forces" are largely creations of our own imaginations. Alien invaders haven't yet arrived to enslave us. In fact I should imagine any advanced life form would be hesitant to try. We are an aggressive and pugnacious species and would make very poor slaves.

An "ineffable reality"?

The human race is rapidly moving into an age where the nature of "reality" is changing every day. We need to understand how completely we create and maintain that kind of reality where we all pretty much agree on "how things are". The ultimate reality of our existence is still very much of a mystery, even to those scientists who specialize in exploring and defining it. We are directly part of a matter/energy universe which is only now beginning to be somewhat understood. Small-particle physicists, those closest to what we might call "ultimate" reality, readily admit that at this stage of

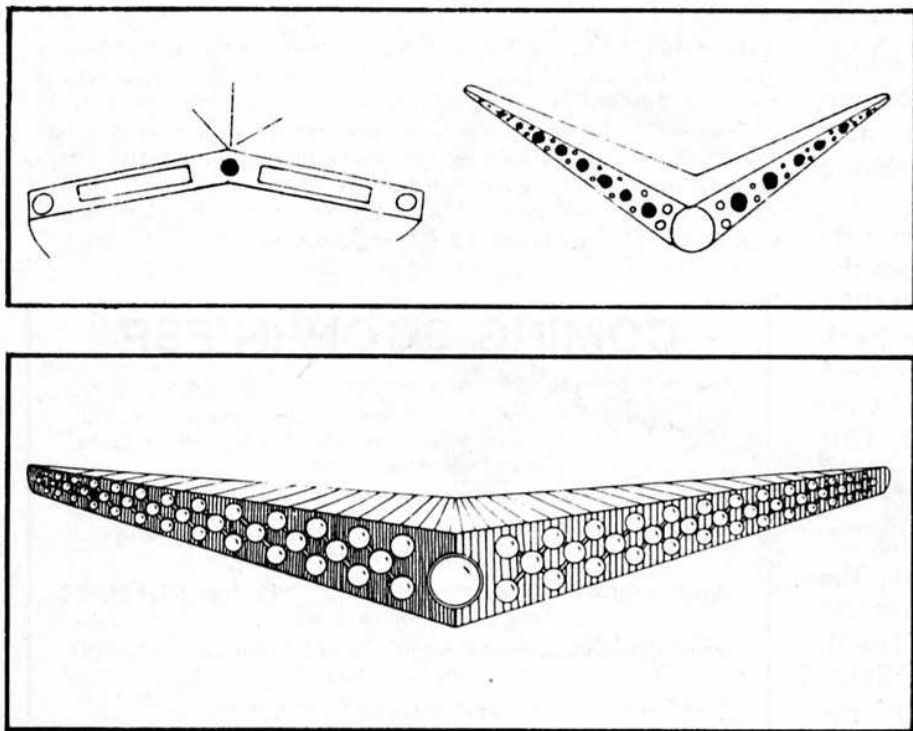
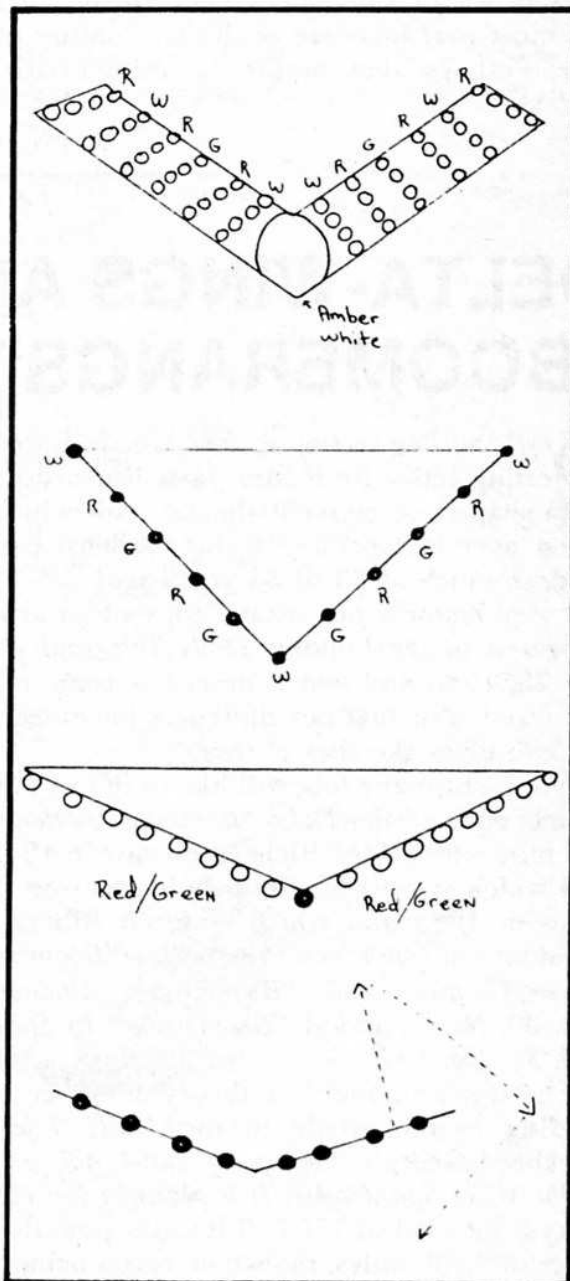
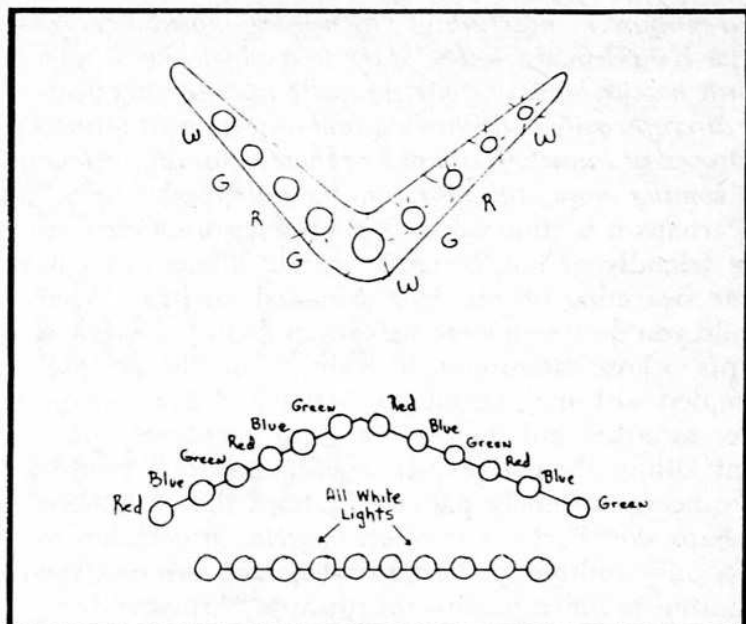
the game they can define our universe most closely with one word: *ineffable*. Science and religion are now beginning to find that they may well be exploring the same ideas, the only difference being in their approaches. UFOs are representative of a reality which also seems to be *ineffable*.

Several groups of "aliens"

The actual appearance of UFOs to witnesses, the evidence of UFO activity not only perceived by our senses but registered by our technological sensors, is overwhelming. It is best understood when viewed in a semantically clear fashion. They are there. They are seen, tracked on radar, photographed, acted upon, and display actions which are as yet poorly understood. *The data available on UFOs indicates the presence of several groups or groupings of visitors from other worlds.*³ One of the most consistent of these seems to be a gradual and periodically reinforced series of appearances, labelled "UFO waves". These appearances do not usually take place on a grand scale; landings do not occur at the capital cities of the world. We are not yet prepared to face a culture of beings as far ahead of us as we are of cave dwellers. Anthropological studies show clear examples of the fates of primitive societies exposed to modern man.

The control

Another common denominator of UFO activity is their appearances near major military centers throughout the world. These appearances are also periodic, again almost



Sketches by other witnesses as given in our previous report in FSR 30/3.

on a reinforcement schedule. Often these appearances coincide with demonstrations of the technological ease with which missile bases are electronically nullified, interceptor aircraft easily outdistanced, and anti-aircraft missiles destroyed at launch. Examples of these kinds of incidents are coming more and more into the public eye.

Perhaps it is time we started growing up. Our visitors, friendly or not, certainly cannot afford to let us come swarming off our planet loaded for bear. What would you do if you were up there looking down on a planet whose dominant lifeform seems to be pre-occupied with making bigger, better and deadlier devices to either kill themselves or to keep each other from killing themselves? It would seem our visitors have been extremely patient. Perhaps they can help. Perhaps not. Perhaps they are *angelic*, attempting to help only indirectly. Perhaps they are *demonic*, attempting to move us onward towards "Armageddon". Perhaps they are neither.

Here we sit, our haloes held up by our horns, for the most part unaware of the real nature of our visitors. Perhaps that nature is unimportant. Perhaps

more important is our own perception of *their* nature. Perhaps, just perhaps, we can help ourselves. With the awareness that the universe is not our enemy, that it is just the opposite, we might possibly move into a future of tremendous potential. We are growing up. Hopefully we shall share our movement into racial maturity with others who seem to have already evolved towards social and racial sanity. Again, it is our choice. We are, after all, fairly intelligent, especially when we're not chasing each other through the treetops.

FOOTNOTES BY EDITOR, FSR

1. In their article "Boomerang" Update: Part 2, Philip Imbrogno, George Lesnick and Chris Clark mentioned Stormville Airport in Dutchess County of New York State as a source of these small aircraft flying in formation. (See FSR 30/3, page 21.)
2. I fear that many experienced investigators of our subject would not venture to utter so optimistic a view!
3. And particularly so, inasmuch as here Mr Collins agrees that several groups, or several species, of visitors appear to be involved!

DELTA-WINGS AND "BOOMERANGS"

OUR Mail Bag section in this issue contains an interesting letter from Mrs. Joan Richardson about a delta-shaped or crescent-shaped craft which she saw flying over Hampshire, in the southern part of England, so much as 33 or 34 years ago!

I give below a photostatic copy of an article which appeared in the London *Daily Telegraph* on December 28, 1982 and which describes some of the most advanced craft that our designers have been thinking up, and gives sketches of them.

No doubt many folk will like to tell us that the first sketch, entitled the *Delta Spanwing Loader*, shows the machine which Mrs. Richardson saw in 1951 or 1952 and which at least 30,000 people saw over New York State in 1983 and which Antonio Ribera saw over Catalonia in 1984 (see the articles "Boomerang" Over Three Counties and "Boomerang" Update in FSR Vol. 30, No. 3, and A "Boomerang" In Spain in FSR Vol. 31, No. 1.)

The trouble about this theory, however, is that, according to the article in the *Daily Telegraph*, the Lockheed-Georgia Company have not yet built the *Delta Wing Spanloader*. It is planned for 1995. It will carry a payload of 770,000 lbs. (i.e. pounds) for a distance of 3,500 miles, the whole cargo being inside the delta-wing, thus eliminating fuselage weight and drag. — G.C.

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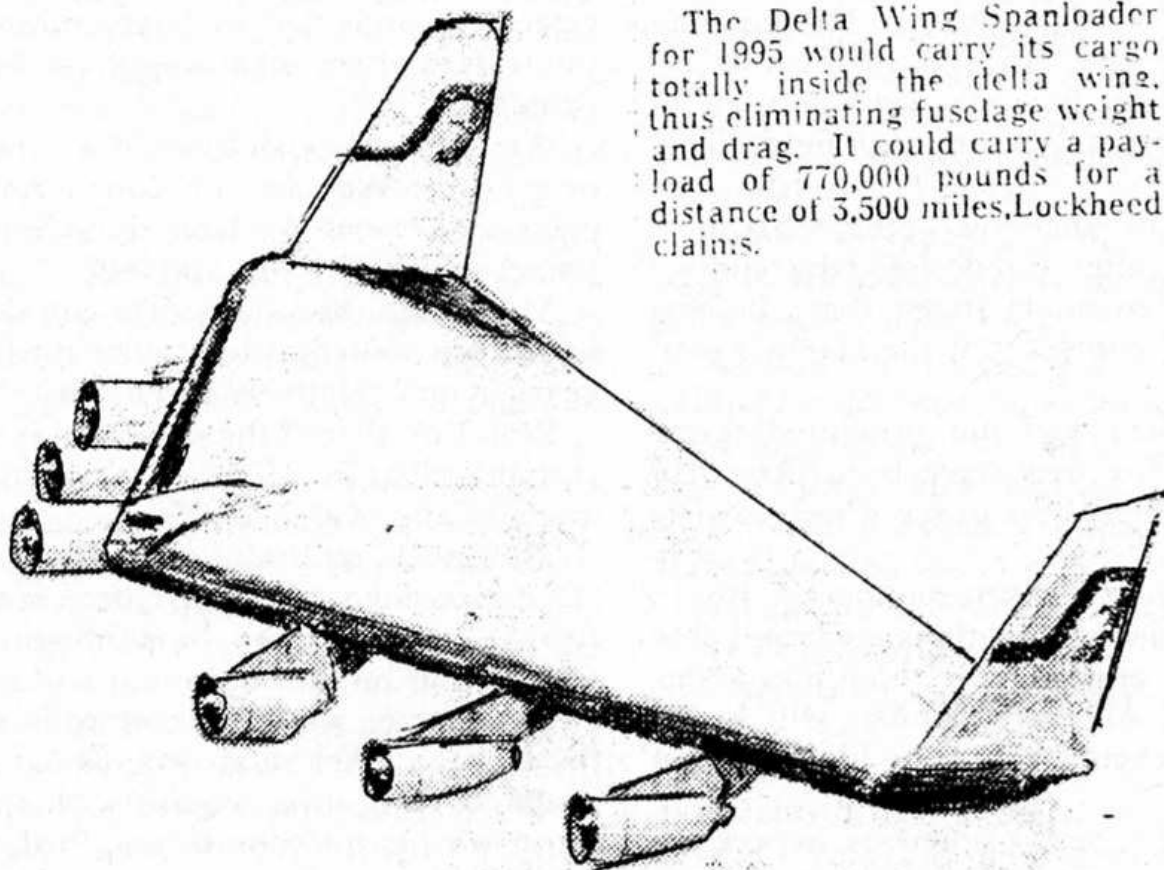
The shapes to ^{J.T.} 28/12/82 take aviation into the 21st century

By Air Commodore G. S. COOPER Air Correspondent

AIRCRAFT designers finding it increasingly difficult to improve near-perfect transport designs are investigating new shapes that look more like fantasy aircraft than realistic projects for the future.

Since 1964 the Advanced Concepts Department at Lockheed-Georgia Company has been exploring new transport design ideas.

The Delta Wing Spanloader for 1995 would carry its cargo totally inside the delta wing, thus eliminating fuselage weight and drag. It could carry a payload of 770,000 pounds for a distance of 3,500 miles, Lockheed claims.



The Delta Wing Spanloader

A LOOK AT THE SEARCH FOR EXTRATERRESTRIAL INTELLIGENCE, AND AN INTERVIEW WITH PROFESSOR ARCHIBALD ROY,* DEPARTMENT OF ASTRONOMY, GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.

BEFORE setting out for the meeting of the International Astronomical Union in India in November, Professor "Archie" Roy of the Glasgow University Department of Astronomy was interviewed by FSR consultant Paul Whitehead, on the subject of SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence), which was on the agenda at the Union's meeting in New Delhi.

Prof. Roy is one of a number of scientists, astronomers and physicists who have begun to talk about alien intelligences and possible contact. Last year Prof. Roy "went national" in *The Observer* newspaper in the UK with a series of statements which may have surprised more conventional astronomers of the "older" school of thought.

He predicted that once the SETI programme gets under way in earnest in 1986, "we can expect to make contact very quickly, probably within a decade". He added:

"I believe we are just an ever so 'umble form of galactic life. I am sure civilisations are ten a penny round the cosmos," he said. "Indeed, in the vast cathedral of the universe, it is surely very peculiar to argue that we are its heroes. We are much more likely to be bit players."

Then he moved on to what was perhaps his most contentious argument, after pondering why contact had apparently not been made so far (here he was talking about "official" contact, not the claimed contacts by some people).

The reason why aliens had not presented themselves to us was that "we may have been placed in quarantine while the aliens wait to see if we grow up or blow up".

The Observer's science correspondent, Robin McKie, commented: "such speculations are impossible to answer at present, as are concerns about how aliens might appear and act. All that scientists will say is that they expect their chemistries to be like ours and be based on carbon."

Mr McKie concluded: "most scientists expect the forthcoming searches for extraterrestrial intelligence to have fruitful results". But he noted that the US biologist Lewis Thomas had given the following caution, bearing in mind that any intelligence contacted will probably be superior to our own:

"We are going to be in for a shock. We are going to feel smaller than ever." Worse still — we could give up the ghost in determining our own fate "and could increasingly rely on our advanced neighbours to provide for us technically."

Echoes of what has happened here on earth when a less "advanced" civilisation has come up against a "superior" civilisation?

It was against this background that Prof. Roy was interviewed for the *Flying Saucer Review*. Had he been quoted out of context, or misquoted, when talking about humans being in quarantine? Did he think it possible that the earth was already being visited? And what did Prof. Roy think about UFOs, presuming them to be some form of craft or other device from outside our solar system?

"No, I was not misquoted or quoted out of context," he said. "If there are intelligent creatures, the big question is 'why don't we know of them?' One suggested reason is that we have nothing that could be of interest to them whatsoever — because we are so primitive.

"Or they may wish to see if we are going to blow up or grow up. We have not done a lot so far that would encourage them. We have done more damage to this planet than any other species."

My next question was, "Do you think the earth may have been visited at least once during the last 50,000 years (man's relatively recent past)?"

Prof. Roy shared the view that is not uncommon in certain scientific circles: "it's possible, but I don't know of any evidence".

The next question elicited a similar response. "Could an alien probe have been sent to our solar system, perhaps long ago, to monitor the progress of any species that might be present within it?"

Considering that the sending of unmanned probes (by man) to other solar systems has already been proposed by our own scientists, this did not seem an unreasonable question to ask. Prof. Roy stated:

"This is one of the possible ways of exploring the universe — using probes incorporating computers containing a high degree of artificial intelligence. These would visit stars, find planets, and send messages back.

"There may be one or more of these type of spacecraft in our solar system."

"There has been no sign of this. But somebody once said that *"the absence of the evidence is no evidence of the absence. That is important."*

Question number four was: "What is your view of statements, apparently bone fide, made by the United States Air Force and the CIA, that alien technology may be behind UFOs?"

Answer: "the situation is that until people bring forward hard evidence, people have to remain sceptical. Most of the reports about UFOs have not led one to believe they are visitors from another system. But there may be instances, I don't know, which are difficult to explain"

He went on to say: "if we are the product of natural evolution, it is highly improbable that we are alone in the universe. As I told The Observer, I do think civilisations are ten a penny".

Then he spoke about the SETI project, which had been agreed by the International Astronomical Union at its last meeting three years ago.

Already at least a couple of other solar systems (either forming or more mature) had been found, but real progress would start in 1986, and continue, when "big telescopes outside our atmosphere will scan nearby stars to see if they have planets"

In fact, 100,000 nearby stars will be monitored for various astronomical reasons, including SETI, and a larger telescope will turn its attention to the more promising ones. Light from planets may be analysed to discover their chemical composition, and sophisticated radio receivers, orbiting the earth, will be programmed to search for signals from the planets.

NASA has stated that is how it intends to hunt for alien civilisations — by using powerful receivers to listen for broadcasts.

One of the leading supporters of SETI is Professor Frank Drake, of Cornell University, New York, who says there are good reasons why we have not yet picked up broadcasts. We need bigger, better receivers, capable of carrying out billions of scans at many different frequencies.

Some critics of this suggestion reason differently from Drake, according to *New Scientist* former editor Nigel Calder in his book *Habitable Universe. Representations of other intelligences, if they existed, "would very likely be in our vicinity"*, the critics say. They argue the following:

If man could colonise our galaxy in what would be a very short time (starting probably in the 21st century), it makes sense that other intelligences could do the same — and may have already visited our solar system.

Instead of building multi-million dollar receivers, we should try to intercept any messages that may be going to an alien probe within our solar system.

In 1977 Tom Kuiper and Mark Morris of the California Institute of Technology gave several reasons why such a probe might not make itself known to us. The "visitors" might be waiting for us to achieve a higher level of knowledge before exposing us to "culture shock"; meanwhile, they could be looking on the earth as a kind of nature reserve, not to be tampered with.

Kuiper and Morris concluded that the best chance of spotting the alien intelligence would be to intercept communication signals beamed to the probe(s) from its/their parent star(s). Existing radio telescopes on earth would be adequate for that purpose.

Nigel Calder went on to point out that recent studies by physicists have looked out how this interception of signals could be achieved.

To conclude, we can perceive from what scientists, physicists and astronomers are saying that there is a good chance that alien intelligences exist in our galaxy, and that one day we may have contact with them.

They fight shy of the question of whether some form of contact may already have been made or is being made, preferring instead to theorise on how future contact will come about.

Some members of the scientific community have spoken out, however, Take what Professor Harry Messel said when he was Professor of Physics at Sydney University:

"The facts about flying saucers were long tracked down, and results have long been known, in top secret defence circles of more countries than one. Whatever the truth, it might be regarded as inadvisable to give people at large no clue about the true nature of these things. Hence the continuation of investigation programmes."

As the curator of Darling Observatory in Duluth, Minnesota, himself a professional astronomer, Frank Halstead, once said:

"Many professional astronomers are convinced the saucers are interplanetary machines. I believe they come from another solar system."

When less forthcoming scientists criticise others for calling for the "facts to be known", and when they dismiss suggestions that UFOs might, just might, conceivably be a manifestation of another intelligence, they should consider a statement made when the Russians launched the world's first satellite, Sputnik.

At the time, Professor Richard Woolley, Astronomer Royal, commented to the press that space travel was an utter impossibility, "complete bilge and absolute rot".

Similar expressions have been uttered by indignant opponents of the "flying saucer" theory of UFOs. I believe the voices of opposition are growing quieter, as they reflect on what an important group of physicists/astronomers/scientists are now saying about the nature of the universe we live in.

* Professor Roy receives FSR — Editor.

THE NEW "A.V.B." CASE FROM BRAZIL: FULL ACCOUNT

Luiz do Rosário Real

(SPIPDV UFO Investigation Group, Pelotas, State of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil.)

(Translation from Portuguese) (Account in SBEDV Bulletin No. 132/135, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, August 1980.)

In FSR 30/5 we published a translation of an Argentinian version of this case, as supplied to us by Antonio Ribera. Dr Walter Buhler, Editor of *SBEDV Bulletin*, Rio de Janeiro, has now written to me, however, pointing out that he had already published the entire story in much greater detail long ago, in his *SBEDV Bulletin*. Well, of course, we are sorry if we missed that, but the sad fact of the matter is that, unlike the Hindu deity Avalokitesvara, we are not exactly "octopoidal" in the number of our arms — though no doubt some other lucky folk *may* be! We hold complete (or well nigh complete) sets of the French, Italian, Spanish, Brazilian, and Chinese UFO journals, and we intend and hope, if it is possible, (*Insha' Allah!*), to go right through all of them before we pack up, and extract and translate into English all cases found of major interest. This we are indeed already doing, but it takes time, and hands, and arms, and in any case FSR has only 29 pages including its inside rear cover. And, in the case of the *SBEDV Bulletin*, we have not yet got up to the year 1980. Those who can do better will of course do so. — EDITOR

Summary of the Case

IN the town of Pelotas, in Rio Grande do Sul State, a young commercial worker and student has a UFO sighting, which leaves many questions in his mind. These result in difficulties of a psychological and a professional nature, with the result that the Ufologist consulted by him, Sr. Luiz do Rosário Real, decided to employ hypnotic regression. The two sessions of hypnosis given seem to suggest an abduction by extra-terrestrials had occurred. Following upon the hypnotic regression, the patient feels considerable relief from his psychological trauma.

Principal Details

The Witness: José Inácio Álvaro, aged 18, fourth son of Alfredo Assis Álvaro and Iracema Valadão Álvaro, part-time student in third (final) year of Electronics Course at the Federal Technical School in Pelotas; employed by the firm Agêpe S.A. (Foodstuffs), Pelotas.

Scene of Abduction: Rua Gonçalves Ledo 504, Fragata, suburb of Pelotas. The most populous suburb of the town, it is 8 kms. from the centre of same.

Home Address of Witness: Rua Quintino Bocaiuva 80, Cohab, suburb of Pelotas. Cohab is some 6 kms. from the town centre of Pelotas and about 12 kms. from the scene of the abduction.

Dates:

Abduction: Friday, March 3, 1978, at approximately 3.00 a.m.

First Hypnotic Regression: 9 to 10 p.m., March 16, 1978.

Second Hypnotic Regression: 9.30 to 10.30 p.m., March 28, 1978.

Investigation: Commenced on March 4, 1978.

Initial Approach to SPIPDV Research Group

At approximately 11.30 p.m. on the night of Saturday, March 4, 1978 (43 hours after the UFO event), José Inácio Álvaro and his friend Adão Costa e Silva came to Investigator Luiz Rosário Real's home in Pelotas.

In a visibly nervous state, José Inácio apologized for coming at so late an hour, and said he wanted to tell the Investigator about a strange and inexplicable thing that had happened to him during the night of March 2-3. He added that he had come to him as he had heard that he was a UFO investigator, for the matter pertained to a UFO sighting.

The Episode

José Inácio Álvaro attends night-classes. Two nights before the episode he had in fact given a talk on UFOs, and had been surprised that it had gone so well, since he had only read a little on the subject, namely von Däniken's "*Was God An Astronaut?*" plus a few articles in the local paper, *O Diário Popular*, of a series by Luiz do Rosário Real entitled "*The Enigma of Space*".

Between approximately 8.00 and 8.30 p.m. on March 2, a lady teacher named Izenozia Silva da Silva, residing at Rua Santos Dumont 35, suburb of Simões Lopes, Pelotas, stepped out from the front door of her house to investigate an electricity failure,

and saw in the sky a strange circular object with an "ashen-grey" sort of light. It was travelling slowly through the southern sky at about 30 degrees above the horizon. She was amazed by the sight, and called to her neighbour, the young man Orlando Costa Silva, who was standing conversing with his friend José Inácio Álvaro.

One interesting feature of this sighting is that, although these three witnesses were close together, each perceived the UFO differently. Thus, the teacher saw "a dull ashen-coloured ball". Orlando too saw "a grey-coloured ball with luminosity around the periphery"; and José Inácio Álvaro said the centre of the object was "of the colour of the rising Sun", with "an ashen-coloured, smoky sort of cloud" around its periphery.

After the object had vanished, the three of them remained there for a while discussing it and then, when the electricity came on again, the group broke up.

The two young men went off towards the town centre, to a snack bar, O Forno. They left the snack-bar at about 11 p.m. and set off for the house of Sr. Alfredo Assis Álvaro, José Inácio's father, to see that the place was all right, since the father was absent on a trip.

The Sighting

José Inácio himself lives with his mother, Dona Iracema Valadão Álvaro, in Cohab (suburb of Pelotas).

Back in the town-centre and while they were awaiting a bus to Cohab, José Inácio began to feel sleepy. Then they learned that the last bus had already gone, so they said goodbye to each other and José Inácio made for the Rua General Osório, where he could catch a bus of another line going to Cohab. But — and this is something inexplicable — when this other bus, for which he had been waiting there, arrived, he did not board it! Seemingly impelled by some strange influence he went off to yet another bus-stop on a different route, which took him back to his father's house in the suburb of Fragata!

When he got there (Rua Gonçalves Ledo, No. 504) it was already past 2.00 a.m. in the early hours of Friday, March 3. Once more José Inácio opened the front door and went in and turned on the lights. Then he went back to the front door which was partly open, and stood leaning against it. Then, suddenly, looking away towards the southern sky, he caught sight of the same flying object that he had seen some six hours earlier when he was on Rua Santos Dumont in the suburb of Simões Lopes.

And, from the strange object there came towards him a beam of light, "like a thin ray of bluish light", as he described it. José Inácio felt as though he had been hypnotized, and began to experience a sort of picture projected into his mind, "like a rapidly running film", in which he saw "war scenes, and people dead of

bayonet wounds, and even members of his own family quarrelling".

After that, incredible as it may appear, he "awoke" — he does not know how — lying stretched out in a hay-field about a kilometre from his father's house.

And there was a time-gap, for which José Inácio was unable to recall anything whatsoever. All he was aware of, when he became conscious of his situation, was that he was very dazed. Before getting up from the ground, he thought he could hear a voice, inside his head, telling him something about a task that he would have to carry out or had already carried out.

Still bewildered and befuddled, he got up, with the intention of going back to his father's house. To be sure that he was not dreaming, he slapped himself on the face and pinched himself, because everything seemed so fantastic and unreal.

As he walked back to the house he tried to straighten everything out in his mind. He remembered the strange beam of light that the flying object had projected on to him at his father's place. But what had happened after the "*film he had seen in his mind*"? What had happened to him? How had he come to be in that field?

Arriving at the father's house, he found the door still wide open and the lights on — all just as he had left it.

Checking his watch, he saw that it was now past 4.00 a.m. He estimated he had been away from the house about an hour. But, what had happened in that hour?

Still in a daze, he locked up the house. There was nobody outside in the street to whom he could speak. So he decided to return to his own home in Cohab, and arrived there just before dawn. He went to bed but, though tired, found himself unable to sleep.

A Strange Light and a Message

As he lay there, turning from side to side and trying to sleep, he saw a light, like a flash of lightning, shoot into the room through the slats of the Venetian blind on the window. It all happened very rapidly — in just a few seconds. And, while it was going on, he heard a voice saying: "*Your task was completed! Your task was completed!*" And finally he fell asleep.

On the same day, March 3, 1978, although still very tired, he went to work as usual. But however much he tried to concentrate on what he was doing, he could not. All the time the strange episodes of the night kept coming into his mind, and he now began to be seriously worried about the experience. He needed an explanation for what had happened to him, and had no idea how to go about getting it. Full of anxiety, he asked around among his friends and, knowing that some articles about Ufology had appeared in the local newspaper, the *Diario Popular*, he decided to try to

contact the author, Luiz do Rosário Real of the SPIPDV Group.

The Views of Luiz Do Rosário Real

To calm the young man down, the Ufologist assured him that he believed his story. But, in order to really know what had happened to José Inácio during the "missing time", he thought it was necessary to use regressive hypnosis. He explained to José Inácio that this method had been employed in other similar cases, with complete success, and he explained to him that it would relieve him of his anxiety.

José Inácio's prior consent to the hypnosis would of course be needed, on condition that it be carried out by a qualified and experienced professional person, so that no harmful results for his health would be incurred. Accordingly arrangements were made next day for the hypnosis. (It is again emphasised that José Inácio gave his free and willing consent for the hypnosis and was subjected to no coercion.)

The First Hypnotic Regression Session

This was conducted by Dr. Palmor Brandão Carapeços, a trained lawyer and professor of Psychology and Hypnology, holding diplomas from São Paulo. The session took place between 9.00 and 10.00 p.m. on March 16, 1978, on the premises of the Federal Technical College, Pelotas. Also present were: Luiz do Rosário Real, in his capacity of President of the SPIPDV UFO Investigation Group and co-ordinator of the work; Professor Rafael Alves Caldela; Professor João Manoel Pell; Professora Izenozia Silva da Silva; Mara Regina da Silva of the University (Psychology & Social Services); Pedro Luiz Marasco da Cunha, of the University (Faculty of Architecture); Orlando Costa Silva, civil servant; and Jorge Luiz Álvaro and Pedro Luiz Farias, both students of Electronics at the Federal Technical College in Pelotas.

Transcript of the Hypnotic Regression

- Q. "Pay close attention now, José Inácio! Try to recall what happened that night of March 2nd. What interesting event did you experience in the early hours?"
- A. "It was a light... a bright object... an object like the Sun... it was huge..."
- Q. "At what time was this?"
- A. "Half past eight"...
- Q. "When you saw that object, did you feel anything? What impression did you have?"
- A. "I couldn't focus my eyes very well, because..."
- Q. "Did you feel dazed?"

(NOTE BY EDITOR, SBEDV, RIO DE JANEIRO: *A badly formulated question, because it is suggestive*).

- A. "Yes"...
- Q. "Did your friends see it too? What did they think it was?"
- A. "They thought it was a light from the sky..."
- Q. "And you, what did you think about it?"
- A. "I thought it was a flying object..."
- Q. "Yes. Well, after that, where did you go? Try to remember well... What did you do after that?"
- A. "I went up to the Town Centre, with Orlando, to a bar and had a soft drink and chips. We left there at 11.00."
- Q. "Right. Then where did you go?"
- A. "To my Father's house... in Fragata..."
- Q. "And when you got there, what did you do?"
- A. "I saw a light... the same light I had seen before..."
- Q. "Right. And what happened there?"
- A. "There was a sort of ray... I felt dazed... very dazed. That light seemed to be telling me that I must walk... and I accompanied the light... to the field..."
- Q. "Did you walk there by yourself, walking naturally, or did that light..."
- A. "I followed the light... walking..."
- Q. "And there, what happened there?"
- A. "That light... came towards me... from the other end of the field... it came down... in the form of energy... a very powerful luminous form... above my head..."
- Q. "Yes. And then, did you manage to see anything besides the light?"
- A. "Somebody caught hold of me... seized me and... it was a figure... more than one... they took me inside that luminous object..."
- Q. "What was the object like? Did you manage to see its shape?"
- A. "Not exactly... a small thing. I didn't pay much attention."
- Q. "Did you manage to see of what kind that person was... that figure that took you?"
- A. "It was as though it was some sort of person..."
- Q. "Did it take you by the arm?"
- A. "More than one of them... towards that object that was over the field. I had the impression of going up... it was as though the Earth's gravity didn't exist... The craft was in the air, above the ground... I went up with those persons... those figures... towards that light..."
- Q. "Where did you go up to?"
- A. "To the light... there were three of them... one of them accompanying me all the time..."
- Q. "And there... what did they do with you?"
- A. "I entered... there was a table... the coloured table... covered with lights... they said I had to do something at that instant... but I was very

dazed ... I couldn't grasp exactly what they said to me ... I had to carry out some task at that moment ... something ..."

Q. "But they must have said what it was, mustn't they? Try to remember ..."

A. "I saw a woman inside there ... a bit similar to ours ... light skin ... very light ..."

Q. "Now, was she without clothes? Or was she dressed?"

(NOTE BY EDITOR, SBEDV: *Another badly formulated question, because suggestive*)

A. "Without clothes! ..."

Q. "Did they give you anything to eat or drink?"

A. "No ... they only examined me thoroughly ... I was very dazed ..."

Q. "Did they take your clothes off?"

A. "They put their hands on my head ... they made me even more dazed ... they said I had an important task to do ... that I should not be worried ..."

Q. "Right. And what was that task to be? Try to remember ... In your mind you have retained everything that happened to you. That girl ... try to remember what she did ..."

A. "They put me beside the girl ... on the floor, as though in a hammock ... as though of soft leather ... the girl grabbed me ... just like any woman ..."

Q. "What did she do to you?"

A. "She caressed me ... so that I wouldn't be nervous ... that they came on a mission of peace ... they had come to carry out an experiment ... one of many already done ... it was the 'figure' that was explaining this to me ... the 'figure' in the form of energy ... a sort of shadowy person ... I couldn't distinguish him clearly ... only the girl ..."

Q. "Was her face like ours?"

A. "With slight difference ... the eyes ... light ... long hair ..."

Q. "Was she short or tall?"

A. "Tall ..."

Q. "Her body ... try to remember ... was her body slender? Was she fat ... plump?"

A. "Plump! ..."

Q. "And her appearance? Was she like a girl? Weren't you suspicious when you saw her? Try to describe everything that happened to you and what you saw at that moment."

A. "The girl started to caress me ... She took my clothes off ... I was very dazed ... I can't remember exactly ... she was naked ... her bust ... a bit different ... fuller ... her breasts normal ..."

Q. "What else?"

A. "Her hair ... like silvery ..."

Q. "Her eyes ... were almond-shaped, they ... in Japanese fashion ... drawn back ... were they?"

(NOTE BY EDITOR, SBEDV: *Another badly formulated question*).

A. "No! Her eyes were light ..."

Q. "And then, what happened between the two of you?"

A. "We had relations!" ...

Q. "Normal?"

A. "Yes ... normal!"

Q. "So ... did she behave like a woman from here, from Earth?"

A. "Yes ..."

Q. "How did she communicate with you?"

A. "By gestures ..."

Q. "Did you manage to hear her speak at any moment ... or anything like speaking?"

A. "It was only by gestures ... She seemed to sigh ... a sort of fatigue" ...

Q. "And then, did you repeat the act?"

A. "Just once. It was only once!"

Q. "After that ... what happened? Did she still remain with you?"

A. "No ... something said to me ... as though telepathically ... that it had all been normal ... I put my clothes on ... they laid their hands on my head ..."

Q. "Right. Did you remain conscious of what was happening after they put their hands on your head?"

A. "More unconscious ..."

Q. "And in the meantime the girl had already gone out of the room?"

A. "It was just one single room ... a circular room ... the bed ... was on the floor ..."

Q. "Then, after that, what happened next?"

A. "They said my task was finished ... I saw a sort of smile on them ..."

Q. "How many persons were in the room?"

A. "I saw the girl ... quite normal ... and the two 'shapes' ..."

Q. "Roughly what form did they have? Did you see?"

A. "It was a powerful looking shape ... surrounded by a light ... a dark shape inside a very clear light ..."

Q. "Were they tall ... the same height as the girl?"

A. "A bit taller ..."

Q. "But they'd be wearing masks ... could you not see the faces?"

A. "It was as though it was their own shadow ..."

Q. "When the 'shape' put its hand on your head the first time, did you feel that it was actually a real hand?"

A. "Yes ... it was a hand! at that point I became more unconscious ... from that moment the girl began to look at me with those shining eyes ... and caressed me ..."

Q. "José Inácio: after the act ... the contact with the

girl... did they put their hands on your head again?"

A. "Yes..."

Q. "And did they say anything?"

A. "Yes... that my task was completed... as though I was floating... in the air as it were... just as though there was no gravitational field... as though I had passed through those walls... I descended slowly to the ground... in the field..."

Q. "Alone?"

A. "Alone... but still with that light above me... after that... I was told telepathically that I could return to normal... fastened into myself once more... that this task was finished... until the next task..."

Q. "Till when? Didn't they tell you when they would return? Did they never mention that?"

A. "No..."

Q. "And then, you wake up at that place... with the light... what was it like?"

A. "After I had returned to normal... I tried to get away from there... without knowing what had happened..."

Q. "Before entering the object, did you manage to see its shape from outside, or didn't you manage to see that?"

A. "No... only inside..."

Q. "And, inside, what was it like?"

A. "A round room... full of lights... soft lights... very bright..."

Q. "In that room, what else did you manage to see, beside the bed... a table?"

A. "No... There was no table... there was the floor... just as though it was the floor... it was as though the floor was a hammock... it was as though the floor was all lit up... as though there was a light underneath... I couldn't make it out..."

Transcript of Second Hypnotic Regression Session

On hearing of what had happened to José Inácio, Dr. Palmor Brandão Carapeços had at once accepted the invitation to carry out the first hypnosis session, independently of any question of remuneration. As one can see for oneself, the results of this first experiment were extremely positive, leaving all those present impressed by the tenor of the revelations.

In the meantime, with the aim of securing confirmation of the story told by José Inácio, Luiz do Rosário Real considered it necessary to have a second session of hypnosis, so as to leave no doubts regarding the authenticity of the UFO experience.

It is interesting to emphasise that, owing to the fact that it was impossible for Dr. Palmor Brandão Carapeços to be present at the second session, it was conducted by another hypnotist, Dr. Pedro Reis Louzada.

Though unforeseen, this substitution of the first hypnotist by another was providential, inasmuch as it ruled out the possibility of any sort of influence by the first hypnotist on the further development of the case. The work was thus carried out by two experienced and qualified professionals and the statements given in the two sessions of hypnosis were in general agreement.

The second session, then, was conducted by Dr. Pedro Reis Louzada, dental surgeon, professor and hypnotist, trained in São Paulo. It took place between 9.30 and 10.30 p.m. on March 28, 1978, and those taking part were: Luiz do Rosário Real in his capacity as President of the SPIPDV UFO Research Group and co-ordinator of the proceedings; Dr. Guido Kaster, Director of the Faculty of Agronomy; Eliseu Maciel, Vice-Rector of the Federal University of Pelotas; Professor Rafaél Alves Caldela, Professor of Mathematics in the Federal Technical College at Pelotas; Professora Izenozia Silva da Silva of the São José College; Mara Regina Silva da Silva of the University (Psychology & Social Services Faculty); Cláudio Wiener of the University (Civil Engineering); and Orlando Costa Silva, civil servant.

Résumé of the Principal Questions and Answers

Q. "José Inácio... try to remember... that night, when you were in front of your father's house, what happened to you?"

A. "I saw a light..."

Q. "And then what happened?"

A. "A beam over my mind, showing a film... I see... war... a thin beam of light from the direction of the object... my whole body feels torpid... Oh, oh!..."

Q. "You can speak... What was the object? But... stay calm... you can stay calm... your body won't continue to be torpid... calm... we're going to reply... What happened? A luminous beam?... What else did you see?"

A. "My body is stiff... oh... oh... I can't move..."

Q. "Right! Now just tell us what happened..."

Q. "A ray... a blue ray... thin... I see a film... my body is stiff."

Q. "Yes, and what else is happening?"

A. "I see a film in my mind... oh... oh... my head is aching... oh... oh... they're taking me towards the light... my body is stiff..."

Q. "Quiet... you're under protection... you can speak... what else happened?"

A. "I'm walking towards the field..."

Q. "Are you going alone or accompanied?"

A. "Alone... I see that light approaching ever nearer... I'm walking... oh... oh... my body is stiff... oh... oh..."

Q. "Are you getting near the light... near the object?"

A. "Yes... I'm in the field now... my body hurts... oh... oh..."

Q. "What happened next?"

A. "I see two shapes... in the field... they are grabbing hold of me... oh... oh... I can't move..."

Q. "We are here, helping you... have confidence in us. What else happened? Did you talk to them?"

A. "No. They put their hands on my head... I became all stiff and twisted... that light... I entered the light... I am going up... I'm going up... I am... oh... oh... I'm stiff... oh... oh..."

Q. "Quiet. Quiet. What else happened? Where are you, José Inácio?"

A. "I can only see ahead in front of me... my hand is all stiff... I can see a circular light inside there... two shapes... oh... oh... two dark shapes... they have peoples' faces... oh... no!... no!... oh!... oh!..."

Q. "Are they talking to you?"

A. "No... only telepathically... my head is hurting... oh... oh... I can't feel my hands... oh... oh..."

Q. "What did they say telepathically?"

A. "That I should remain calm... But I'm scared... oh... oh..."

Q. "What's happening to you now?"

A. "Oh... oh... I've got a headache..."

Q. "What are they saying telepathically, José Inácio? Keep calm... answer me calmly..."

A. "They are telling me to be calm... oh... oh... they say it is only an experiment... one of the many they have done already... I'm twisted... oh... oh!"

Q. "What experiment did they do with you?"

A. "There's a woman... oh... oh... a lovely woman... a lovely woman..."

Q. "She is wearing clothes?... How is she?"
(OBSERVATION BY EDITOR, SBEDV BULLETIN: a badly formulated question again, because suggestive)

A. "Without clothes... oh... oh!"

Q. "Well now, how is it — the woman is lovely and you are nervous?... let us calm you down... Of what type is the woman? Describe her?"

A. "Tall..."

Q. "Taller than you?"

A. "Yes... taller..."

Q. "How much taller? Half a metre? A metre?"

A. "No! just centimetres..."

Q. "Short or long hair?"

A. "Long".

Q. "Fair or dark?"

A. "Fair skin... very fair..."

Q. "The face... is it the same as our women?"

A. "Eyes... eyes light... shining..."

Q. "And now what's happening? She is naked?"

A. "Naked! The 'shape' puts a hand on my head... oh... I can't speak... my tongue is twisted... oh... oh..."
(NOTE: The patient's tongue is now seen to be partly rolled up towards the left side, which does indeed make it difficult for him to speak.)

Q. "José Inácio: you have the woman there in front of you. What happened next?"

A. "My arm is stiff... oh... oh... the 'shape' puts a hand on my head... I am dazed... but more conscious... I see the woman more clearly..."

Q. "Good. Now what happened next? Did the shape go away, or stay there?"

A. "No. He told me to take my clothes off... I took them off... I am naked... I am naked... they are examining me... it's the 'shape'... I see the 'shape'... I see..."
(NOTE: A discrepancy is to be noted here: in his reply to this question in the first session of hypnosis, José Inácio said it was the extraterrestrial girl who had undressed him.)

Q. "What is it about you that they are examining?"

A. "Oh, oh... my eyes... they opened my mouth... they took an apparatus... it seems like a radio... small... luminous... and put it on my chest... oh... oh... I am calmer now..."

Q. "Of what colour is the apparatus?"

A. "I see... they are laughing..."

Q. "You are calmer... and they are laughing, eh? And you started laughing too? You can laugh as much as you like..."

A. "(laughing freely)... The woman is lovely!"

Q. "Yes?... the woman is lovely? And are the others still in the room?"

A. "They have left"...

Q. "And the woman... she is approaching you?"
(NOTE BY EDITOR OF SBEDV: another badly formulated question because suggestive.)

A. "She is... she caressed me... how lovely... and I too, I caressed her... she is smiling..."

Q. "Yes? And what else happened? You can speak... we will talk confidentially..."

A. "I caught hold of her hair... silvery hair... beautiful... soft... I kissed her... she kissed me... ah... what a kiss!..."

Q. "What else happened?"

A. "She caught hold of me... kissed me... I caught hold of her too... what a body! Heavens... ah!... how lovely... I caught hold of her..."

Q. "Listen... what else happened? Did you have relations with her?"
(NOTE BY EDITOR OF SBEDV: another badly formulated, suggestive question.)

A. "I had... ah!... ah!..." (quivering with pleasure).

Q. "Now listen here... listen... after the relations with her... what else happened? That is what we

all are interested to know. What happened after that?"

(NOTE: At this point *José Inácio* is clearly re-living that moment of pleasure resulting from the sexual contact with the woman; for this reason an attempt is made to curtail his detailed description of the act.)

Q. "Did the 'shapes' return or not?"

A. "Yes. They returned ..."

Q. "Were they in the room when you were having sexual relations with her, or were they not? Did you see anyone else there too? ..."

A. "No ... I only saw the woman ... the woman ..."

Q. "After that, what happened? ..."

A. "They put their hands on my head ... I became more dazed ..."

Q. "What were their faces like? ..."

A. "There was just a shape ... a dark shape ... shape of a person ..."

Q. "Is the room no longer lit? ..."

A. "It is ... all lit ..."

Q. "Then how is it that you don't see their faces?"

A. "I see only a light ... a light in the form of energy ... a dim light ... they told me to put my clothes on ... oh ... oh ... I put ... I put my clothes on ..."

A. "When you had relations ... was it on the floor?"

A. "Yes ... on the floor ..."

Q. "Was it a bed, or how was it? Try to see it well ..."

A. "It's a hammock ... a big hammock ... a luminous hammock ... a soft ... illuminated bed ... as though made of sponge ..."

Q. "Were the woman's eyes light-coloured? And how were her nose ... her mouth?"

A. "Small nose ... mouth ... lovely ..."

Q. "Did you see her teeth? ..."

A. "Yes ... I saw them!"

Q. "Did she try to bite you at that moment ...?"

A. "No, she nuzzled my chest ... ah! ... ah! ..."

Q. "What were her teeth like?"

A. "Very white ... just the same ... just like mine ..."

Q. "She said nothing to you?"

A. "No ... only gestures ... only gestures"

Q. "How many times did you have relations?"

A. "Just once ... it was long ... ah ... it was long!"

Q. "And her legs ... were they normal?"

A. "Lovely! Her whole body was light-coloured ..."

Q. "What was the colour of her hair ... on the head ... under her arms ... and elsewhere on the body?"

A. "I don't know ... silvery ... light-coloured ... silvery ... I think ..."

Q. "What other features of her could you notice?"

A. "Large breasts ... full ..."

Q. "And her hands ... her fingers?"

A. "Thin fingers ... very thin ... with nails ... delicate hands ..."

Q. "Were her nails long?"

A. "It didn't seem as though she had nails ... she had

nails, yes, but they were very light-coloured ..."

Q. "And her skin, did you feel it looked normal?"

A. "It was ..."

Q. "Now answer the question I'm going to put to you now. How is it you noticed all that about the woman, but you can't say what the two men looked like ...?"

A. "There was just a light ... a dim light ... I was paying more attention to the woman ... to the woman ..."

Q. "But, did they walk about?"

A. "I don't know. I don't think so ... they seemed to be ... floating along on the floor ... it's a person ... just like ... an ordinary person ... I didn't manage to see the head ... the body ... the hands ... no! I couldn't see details ... a dim ... a dim light ... her eyes seemed light-coloured ..."

Q. "Carry on. Now, what happens after that?"

A. "I see lots of light around me ... light from above ... light from below ... I see a table ..."

Q. "What's that table like?"

A. "Round ... agreeing with the shape of the object ... table covered with lots of coloured lights ... as though it had buttons ..."

Q. "You saw a control-panel?"

A. "Yes! That's what I saw ... it agreed with the shape of the object ..."

The Witness Feels Better as a Result of Hypnotic Regression

The Reactions of José Inácio After the Incident

After the episode which he had experienced, José Inácio, from the very start, showed himself to be opposed to any sort of publicity. He was unwilling to see his name in the newspapers, claiming that such publicity would be prejudicial to his studies. He even went so far as to go into hiding from the reporters who were seeking him, and from his colleagues, denying that he had ever been involved in the affair, rumours of which were beginning to spread through the town. It took a great deal of skill on the part of the journalist Deogar Soares to get José Inácio to agree to abandon the anonymity into which he had taken refuge.

UFO Investigator Luiz do Rosário considers that this attitude on the part of the witness demonstrates his sincerity and honesty of intentions in regard to the experience he had undergone. It also shows that he was not trying to promote his own personal interests, and this argues in favour of a high degree of credibility for him.

At the Firm where he works.

After his UFO experience, José Inácio displayed behavioural problems at the firm where he worked, the Agêpe S.A. Foodstuffs Company. During the first days

of the following week, he appeared apathetic and inattentive to his duties. His mind was all the time elsewhere, centred upon his experience, and he seemed quite worried. The efficiency of his work fell off to such a degree that it was noted by his employer and by some of his colleagues.

It can be seen from the statement given over the Radio University channel that his employer, Sr. Olímpio Fonseca, had suggested to him that he consult the firm's medical adviser, Dr. José Francisco Pereira de Silva.

After the Hypnosis

After the results of the sessions of hypnosis had been given out over *Radio Universidad* and in the local paper, *O Diario Popular*, the attitude of his colleagues in the night-class and his colleagues at work towards him underwent a change. They showed themselves more understanding, and tried to give him all the moral support he needed. As a result, he became calmer and so in a better state to pursue his normal activities both at college and at work.

One interesting detail should be mentioned: following upon his strange experience, most inexplicably José Inácio no longer felt any desire to smoke — an addiction that he had had for years.

Beyond that, José Inácio does not appear, even right up to now, to realize the profound importance of his case and what it might represent for UFO research world-wide. He seems totally unconcerned, as though nothing had happened.

Secondary Witnesses

UFOs Seen Over Pelotas on the Night of 19/3/78 — 20/3/78

A UFO At The Scene of the Abduction

The place where José Inácio was abducted is almost deserted, and very few people pass that way. There are very few buildings in the area, and all widely set apart. The two nearest houses, alone in the area, are some 200m. or so from the site of the abduction.

When making a photographic reconstitution of the affair, on March 19, 1978 (sixteen days after the event) Luiz do Rosário Real managed to interview the occupants of these two houses, and secured statements about the happening from three of them. These are: Antônio Dias Campos, stone-mason, aged 29; Roberto Sias, stone-mason, aged 26; and Leda Sias, house-servant, aged 20. All three declared that, on the night of March 2, 1978, at about 8.30 p.m. they saw a strange circular luminous object, surrounded by a "halo", hovering at a low altitude over the field. According to the indications given by them, it was in fact precisely above the spot where José Inácio recovered

consciousness after the abduction. All three of these witnesses also said that, after remaining above the field for about five minutes, the object in question slowly began moving away towards the north-west, on an ascending diagonal line, slowly fading from sight until suddenly it had vanished.

It is to be emphasised that, at no moment during the interview with these three witnesses was the case of José Inácio ever mentioned. Hence the great importance of their testimony.

The Strange UFO Seen Over Pelotas

Between approximately 8.00 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. on the evening of March 2, 1978, hundreds of people observed the passage of a UFO across the sky over Pelotas. It was flying slowly from south to north and was observed at around 30 to 40 degrees above the horizon. It had a dark nucleus, its apparent diameter being greater than that of the Full Moon. In shape it was round and it seemed to be surrounded by a "halo" similar to a luminous cloud.

In some of the places near which the UFO passed the electricity failed; street lamps went out, and only came on again when the craft was already far away.

The *Diario Popular* newspaper of March 5, 1978 quotes the evidence given by two persons: José Antônio Garcia, student in the Faculty of Physical Education, University of Pelotas, and his fiancée, Marta Regina. They were both standing at the entrance to her house when they observed, in the sky, an object emitting an intensely bright light. At the same moment there was an electrical black out in several of the streets around. The time was about 8.00 p.m. and the strange craft remained there flying around in the sky for approximately eight minutes. At first they both thought it was the Moon, but soon perceived that its light was pulsating, now brighter, now dimmer, and that it was moving. Moreover, it seemed to be enveloped in a sort of accompanying gaseous substance.

UFO "Like a Vertical Tray"

On that same night, March 2, 1978, two highway patrolmen reported that they had seen a UFO. Both were on duty at the Posto da Balança beside the bridge linking Pelotas with Rio Grande over the São Gonçalo River. The UFO "seemed to have come up from some grassy marshland nearby". It was shaped "like a tray standing vertically" and was surrounded by a luminous "halo". It made no noise, and was travelling slowly through the sky on a northerly course.

UFO "Squirting Light" . . .

At dusk on March 2, 1978, a number of people who

were in the vicinity of the firm of Kasper, in the suburb of Simões Lopes, saw a glowing light over the southern horizon — an “enormous glowing star of changing colours”. According to the student Sílvio Morelli, it “was like one of those shining satellites that you see from time to time” — but with a difference — “it was squirting light!”.

Testimony in Evidence of José Inácio's Account

On March 19, 1978, Investigator Luiz do Rosário was at the abduction site, looking for traces. With him were Elizabeth Regina G. Real, his daughter (and an amateur photographer); Maria-Regina da Silva; Orlando Costa Silva; and the abductee himself, José Inácio.

After walking some distance, the party came to a spot where, in a hollow, they found on the ground the visible marks of where the body of José Inácio had lain when he was there during the night of March 2nd. The grass had grown quite a lot since, but was still crushed, and the soil beneath it was wet. José Inácio recalled that, when he had got home on the night of the abduction, he had noticed that his trousers were wet and dirty. In an attempt to reconstitute his experience, he lay down again there in the same position that he had been in when he had recovered consciousness, on the very spot where the grass was crushed. And his trousers became dirtied again in precisely the same places. He also remembered that, when he found himself there after the abduction, he was unable to see the lights of the town as he picked himself up. And, in fact, it was now possible to confirm this, the cause being the slope in the terrain there.

José Inacio Seen Lying in the Field in the Early Morning After the Abduction

Sr. Júlio Dias de Campos, stonemason, aged 35, residing at 992 Rua Frontino Vieira, in the suburb of Fragata, revealed to some of his neighbours that, in the early morning of March 3, 1978, he had seen a youth lying, face downward, at the very spot where José Inácio had been. He had in fact even tried to help him to get up. With no explanation, the youth had got to his feet and, reeling to and fro, walked off.

However, most unfortunately, when Luiz do Rosário Real interrogated Júlio Dias de Campos about this, he denied this story. But, in the meantime, the investigator had already secured tape-recorded statements from several people living at 576, Rua Campos Sales in Fragata and, according to these people, Julio had categorically told them that he had seen “a youth lying in the field” on the early morning of March 3, 1978, and that he was now denying having made this statement because he “is afraid of getting involved”.

Some Further Remarks The UFO Seen by José Inácio in 1964

When José Inácio was only four years old, in 1964, his father called him one night to see a strange object passing over in the sky, and the boy arrived just in time to see that the UFO was more or less of a round shape, with “a sort of collar of multicoloured lights spinning around it and flashing intermittently”. The sighting lasted but a few seconds, but it was sufficient for them to establish that the UFO, flying on a south-north course, made no sound.

His Mother's Strange Dream

During the night of March 18/19, 1978, his Mother, Dona Iracema Valadão Álvaro, had a strange and curious dream in which an unknown person tapped her on the shoulder and exchanged the following dialogue with her:-

- “My congratulations. You are going to be a grandmother!”
- “But I am *already* a grandmother.”
- “No — but it will be the child of your youngest son.”
- “But he hasn't got a wife.”
- “Yes — *you're going to be a grandmother, but not here in this World, but there, in the other Space!*”

Thinking this all very amusing when she woke up, Dona Iracema recounted the dream to José Inácio next morning. *He was powerfully impressed by it, seeing that his Mother knew nothing whatsoever about the “task” he had had to fulfil and which had been revealed by the sessions of hypnosis.*

Comment by Dr. Buhler, Editor of SBEDV Bulletin

Parapsychology employs the term “sensitives” to designate those individuals, *inter alios*, who possess the capacity to capture ideas and facts from other minds. José Inácio's mother may be such a person. This can, however, only be ascertained through further investigation.

**“MAN CAN BE
MASS-PRODUCED, AND
BY UNSKILLED
LABOUR”**

Dr. Wernher Von Braun
(1912-1977)
German rocket designer.

A GREAT COMPLIMENT

IN a recent Editorial (*A Sorry Tale* — FSR Vol. 30, No. 6) we mentioned the dearth of reports nowadays of the Noble Cosmic Brethren from Venus and other advanced realms of that ilk.

One of our new readers seems to have misread that Editorial, and, taking it to indicate that no entity reports of any sort are now reaching us, he was good enough to send us a copy of a recent British paperback which, he said, contained lots of such reports that we might use.

I looked through it, and found in fact that every one of the cases given had been lifted from FSR, and was based on my translations and my work.

No credit, we notice, was given. And this behaviour is now the norm. We could name important bodies, organs of the media, and wealthy publishing interests, all of whom take very great care indeed to see that no credits or references to our quarter are ever given, or any mention ever made of Flying Saucer Review.

If you come to think of it — it's quite a compliment!

What was it that Flight-Lieutenant Jimmy Salandin's erstwhile colleague said to me recently? "*FLYING SAUCER REVIEW? OH YES — WE KNEW ALL ABOUT FLYING SAUCER REVIEW! YOU WERE THE PEOPLE THAT WE WERE ALWAYS WARNED THAT WE MUST KEEP AWAY FROM!*" (FSR, Vol. 30, No. 2, page 15.)

One of these days, if I can find the time, I will publish a list of the names of British journalists — and their newspapers — who have contacted me over the course of the past twenty years, showing at first great interest in "our subject", and then dropping the hot potato as though bitten by adders, and falling victims to the all-embracing miasma of silence. So silent, indeed, do these folk become, that, in addition to being incapable of wielding a pen or using a typewriter, they are even bereft of the faculty of speech and thus incapable of answering any communications even by telephone.

I remember with particular pleasure the case of one young Australian lady occupying an important position as a reporter in Fleet Street for one of Australia's top newspapers. After telephoning me for an appointment, she came out by train to see me — a journey of some 40 miles in all — and spent a whole afternoon with me.

As she departed to catch her train, laden with material, she told me that her report on FSR and our work would be sent in shortly and would be published.

When I telephoned to her Fleet Street office a few days later, they told me that she had already gone back to Australia. "*Whipped back*" might perhaps be the better term. — G.C.

A NEW FACT

"A new fact is battling for your ears. A new aspect of the Universe is striving to reveal itself. But no fact is so simple that it is not harder to believe than to doubt at the first presentation."

Titus Lucretius Carus
(98 B.C.-55 B.C.)

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("On the Nature of Things")

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OUR TIME IS SHORT: MEXICO CITY

THE recent severe jolt in Mexico (one of the regions of the world most prone, of course, to both volcanic and seismic convulsions, as the geological record and as the history of the past four centuries both indicate) was but a prelude for bigger things to come, if we are to believe the assertions of a Cuban refugee named Filiberto Cardenas, now living at Hialeah, a suburb of Miami, Florida, who has claimed that he was taken up aboard a UFO at 6.00 p.m. on January 3, 1979, and spent some hours in the company of alien beings who have a number of bases in our seas, and who subsequently came back and allegedly took him again, together with his wife.

His account of his experiences was published in the U.S.A. in 1982, and the whole affair has been very thoroughly investigated and is well known to the leading American Ufologists.

According to Filiberto Cardenas' statement, the area where the Mexican Capital now stands "*will shortly become an ocean or lake of importance*".

This in any case does not sound too improbable, seeing that, when the Aztec tribes first arrived in those regions of Central America, that part of the great Valley of Mexico was in any case already an extensive area of lake and swamp, and for safety they built their city of Tenochtitlán on a few islands in the middle of it, and linked them up by causeways. Hernan Cortés and his tiny band seized Mexico for the Crown of Spain between 1519 and 1526 (who can

forget Prescott's account of the "*noche triste*" and the terrible defeat and temporary withdrawal?) and in the centuries since then almost the whole Valley has been drained so that it is today mostly dry land, though as I recall it, already some decades ago, several large modern buildings in the City had begun to sink quite considerably.

According to Filiberto Cardenas, the information about the coming changes in Mexico was learned by him from the aliens, who also talked of many other impending Earth changes of colossal extent.

Whether these predictions, or indeed any other predictions, will become reality, time alone of course will tell. But we ought to know quite soon, and it is to be noted that the great cities of California were also specifically mentioned in the revelations of Filiberto Cardenas, who has certainly never been in California, knows nothing about such things as the San Andreas Fault, and is highly unlikely ever to have heard of Edgar Cayce or his predictions. (Filiberto Cardenas knows almost no English whatever.)

Fifty years ago, Edgar Cayce provided a wealth of information along these same lines. So the people of California would do well now if they paid close attention to these matters. I understand that many, many more of them are now beginning to do so.

There may be very little time left. I have my own reasons for concluding that it is just about two years. G.C.

UNIVERSAL LIFE

"Universal life upon universal matter is an idea to which the mind instinctively clings. Kingdoms without kings and subjects — continents without cities — cities without citizens — houses without families — ships without crews — and railway trains without passengers, are contingencies as probable as solar systems without planets, or planets without inhabitants."

Sir David Brewster: *More Worlds Than One* (1854).

MAIL BAG

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

The Terrifying Car Trip

Dear Editor, — Thank you for publishing (FSR 31/1) the account of G.L.K.'s terrifying car-trip which I sent you. But I regret to have to point out that there is a serious error in the text as you have given it.

As I told you, I had received the story from another American lady, Miss J—Z—, who is personally

acquainted with G—L—K—. She had in fact sent me more than one copy of the story, over a period of several years. As always happens in such cases, these two or three versions did show some slight enlargements or alterations by the contactees, but of course the main story was the same throughout. On page 24 of FSR 31/1,

however, in the section cross-headed "The Encounter", occurs the error to which I draw your attention, because it is very important. As you have given it, it reads: "He gently took my hand and greeted me by name, and I said: "*I have been looking forward to meeting you for a long time*".

It was *not* G—L—K— who said "I

have been looking forward to meeting you for a long time". It was *he*, the man, who said it to her! In other words, this "I" has somehow crept into the text, maybe by mistake — a printing error perhaps? (After all, it was *he* who, telepathically, had induced G—L—K— to leave her bed and come out into the field to him. So it would not have been a bit logical for her to have said that *she* had been looking forward for a long time to meeting him, seeing that she had no prior knowledge of his existence!)

Yours sincerely,
Dora Bauer-Lammer,
 Thalia-Strasse 157/117,
 A-1160 — Vienna,
 Austria.
 December 12, 1985.

This is clearly a typographical error which crept in somewhere and has gone unnoticed by us. It is moreover confirmed in a letter dated January 10, 1986, from Miss J—Z— of Michigan herself, who, as we reported in our article, is the party who originally furnished this story to Frau Dora Bauer-Lammer.

In addition to pointing out this important error, Miss J—Z— expresses great concern because, in her opinion, we have revealed vital information, which should have been kept confidential, such as could help to pinpoint the identity of G—L—K—.

I have read through the correspondence very carefully, and I am obliged to say that, in my view, all important identifying details of this nature, as supplied to me by Miss J—Z—, were removed by me as requested when I prepared the article. As matters stand at present, I suggest that it would be nothing short of a miracle if anybody were able to deduce from my article who G—L—K— is. (After all, it is alleged to have happened nearly half a century ago! Moreover, it strikes me that in the USA today almost nobody is interested any longer in UFO cases — even spectacular ones, and even if they happened only 24 hours ago!)

I am not sure whether Miss J—Z— desired that I should publish her letter of January 10. In any case — and I hope she will forgive me for saying this — I am not going to do so. For, in my view, if she is apprehensive lest somebody might find out who G—L—K— is, then surely the danger could only be increased were we to devote further attention to the details of the affair! —
EDITOR.

UFOs and the "Paranormal"

Dear Mr. Creighton, — I've been "away" from the UFO scene for some years, and was so pleased to find the FSR still being published. My congratulations to you and your staff for keeping the flag flying!

I notice, however, a tendency for the content to be slanted these days towards the paranormal* aspect of Ufology. I guess, however, that after all those years of reporting the 'straight' aspect of sightings, one has to start taking one particular point of view and exploring it to the fullest. One has to admit that so many aspects of this enigma appear to have had paranormal overtones, and I, like many others, have looked the other way.

Anyway, so it looks as though it could be a case of "goodies" and "bad-dies", eh? Well — here's hoping you crack the egg. Your persistence is deserving of a breakthrough.

Yours sincerely,
Rod Coutts,
 5 Park Avenue,
 Gordon, N.S.W. 2072,
 Australia.
 December 9, 1985.

**Does anyone know of any "normal" or "non-paranormal" aspects of Ufology?*
 — **EDITOR.**

Delta-Wings, Crescents, and "Boomerangs"

Dear Mr. Creighton, — In FSR Volume 31, No. 1, the article by Antonio Ribera about a "Boomerang" seen in Spain reminds me very much of a 'plane' that we used to see here in the summer of 1951 or 1952.

At the time, we were living at Chincham, which is about a mile or so from Basingstoke where we are now.

This 'plane' used to fly over about midday or early afternoon, and we saw it at least six times in all. It was what I would describe as a perfect crescent-shape. I don't recall any windows, nor any engines projecting forward beyond the fuselage. It was dark in colour. It always was accompanied by a smaller aircraft (a *Meteor*), except for one occasion, when it was escorted by a four-engined 'plane.

I remember that we always assumed that it came from the Royal Air

Force Experimental Establishment at Farnborough,* since it was around that period that the Rotordyne was under construction.

I have always been extremely curious to know what sort of 'plane it was, because I never once saw it mentioned in the press at the time.

Yours sincerely,
(Mrs.) Joan Richardson,
 Orchard Cottage,
 Cooper's Lane,
 Bramley, Basingstoke,
 Hampshire,
 December 5, 1985.

**About twelve miles due east of Basingstoke. What was it that Mrs. Richardson saw, 33 or 34 years ago! And, if there were other aircraft near it, can we be sure that they really were accompanying it — and not trying to observe it? If it was a man-made crescent-shaped craft, why have we heard no more of such a model, and why are there still none known to be flying today? —*
EDITOR.

From Luis Schönherr

Dear Mr. Creighton, — Regarding your very favourable preface to the reprint of my article on UFOs and the Fourth Dimension, on page 4 of FSR Vol. 31, No. 1 (1985), I have to point out two inaccuracies:—

1. I don't hold an academic degree. The 'Dr.' preceding my name is therefore inappropriate.
2. All the articles written by me prior to 1963 were published in German and Austrian newspapers and periodicals only. I can therefore not imagine that my name was at that date "already well known to readers of FSR".

Yours sincerely,
Luis Schönherr,
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 A-6020 Innsbruck,
 Austria.
 December 12, 1985.

We extend our very warmest welcome to Luis Schönherr, who is the latest of our overseas friends to give his consent to becoming one of FSR's Consultants/Correspondents. —
EDITOR.

The Jinns/Demons/Elementals

Dear Sir, — I am glad to see from

FSR 30/6 that the Jinns are getting their share of publicity. However, I cannot endorse correspondent Khaled Hamsho's view, and your own comment in agreement, that people in Western countries are uninformed about Jinns/Elementals/Demons because of the lack of UFO literature referring to them. John A. Keel "spilled the beans" fifteen years ago in his book *UFOs, Operation Trojan Horse*, and since then there have been other books on the same theme. *Trojan Horse* alone must have had tens of thousands of readers, all of whom should have seen the true state of affairs. Although perhaps it is a case of "NONE SO BLIND AS THOSE WHO WON'T SEE".

At present I am reading *How To Practice Clairvoyance*, by W. E. Butler, in which the author describes how clairvoyants can encounter "beings existing only on astral and etheric levels which create their own scenery and conditions. The reader is advised that "in this field you will be making conscious contact with living beings of many different kinds, and not all of them will be friendly. You will also have to cultivate the power to resist the 'glamour' which some of these beings can exert over you . . . Because of the plastic nature of the astral, it is difficult for the clairvoyant, who is just beginning to open up his psychic vision, to find his way around, and he is bewildered by the complexity of the world into which he is gazing. Because of this, and because of his own earth-conditioned consciousness, he will without a doubt make many mistakes before he can correctly understand that which he perceives in psychic vision.

The non-human intelligences of this astral level do not possess any form similar to that of man, but they do have their own forms. If the human clairvoyant does come into contact with such non-human beings, his subconscious gives them a local habitation and a name. Thus, the four elements were visualized in mediaeval times as *Gnomes, Sylphs, Undines*, and *Salamanders*. In other nations, and at other times, they were given different forms by man. Such forms are quickly seized and made use of by the elemental spirits, and they are often seen by clairvoyants in such guises".

To me the above question seems

relevant to Ufology, and I wonder how many contactees have psychic powers, whether or not they realize it themselves. Anyway — I have decided that any such powers that I may have are going to remain undeveloped!*

Very best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to you and everyone involved in producing FSR.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. June Hill,
Box 541, Cannington,
Western Australia 6107,
December 15, 1985.

**Wise lady! When I was stationed in New Orleans, I lived in an old 18th century Spanish house on Bourbon Street, right in the middle of the famous French Vieux Carré with all its bars and restaurants and dives, etc. It certainly was a lively spot after dark, and I particularly enjoyed one nightclub where a band, including "Satchmo" (not yet famous) performed regularly. I went in there once with a Spanish-American businessman who had, so he later told me, become interested in some of the more dangerous breathing exercises of Hatha Yoga and — as a result — he had become involuntarily clairvoyant, with highly unpleasant results for him. One hot summer's night, as the sweating band were playing away, he suddenly said "For God's sake, let's get out of here!" It seems, as the poor shaken chap explained to me outside, he had caught sight of some creatures — anything but pleasant to look at — which were dancing and revelling in the more animal and bestial vibrations of the music. (Volumes could be written on the role of much of this current music in preparing the breakdown of human civilization and the vast wave of crime, violence, drug-taking etc. shortly to engulf the whole world, but naturally these are very dangerous matters which cannot be discussed freely.)*

As for the splendid book Trojan Horse, I doubt whether all that many people have read it. I do know that, about two years after it first came out, John Keel himself told me that it had sold just 160 copies or so! As Mrs. Hill indicates, it is useless to expect folk to grasp what is beyond them. —
EDITOR.

Jinns; Elementals; "Allies"

Dear Sir, — Having enjoyed your ex-

cellent editorials and particularly the reference to *Jinns*, I wonder whether you have read *The Fire from Within*, by the (American) anthropologist Carlos Castaneda?

On page 100 of this book his Mexican Indian teacher Don Juan Matus explains how inorganic beings share out planet with us, and how, although they have emanations of awareness like man, they lack other characteristics such as *reproduction* and *metabolism*. He also explains how their life-span exceeds ours by centuries. These inorganic beings, or 'allies' as he calls them, feed on fear and on mankind's other powerful emotions. Maybe the entities are not trying to tell us anything.* They may simply be scaring us to death in order to feed off our fear.

Chapter 11 on the dreaming position is also relevant to our subject. Amerindian seers can with practice (or by chance?) create a dreaming body which is easily recognizable to others by its luminous eyes! Castaneda witnesses the dreaming body of his benefactor, Don Genaro, and sees him drift through doors, walk up walls, and along the ceiling. See FSR Vol. 24, No. 2, *Entity Encounter at Risley*, where an entity displays these characteristics.

Since this book is about Mexican Indian seers, UFOs are never mentioned by Castaneda, but much of the seers' experiences will be familiar to us. Particularly Don Juan Matus' explanation of what man perceives when leaving man's band of emanations. Firstly one encounters mist or thick fog, and then a world of sand and sulphur. Apparently this can be dangerous, since an inorganic being can follow one back from our shift of awareness. I wonder if the entity would smell of sulphur?

FSR readers will find this an important work, since it may explain where some of our entities originate. The book will presumably be displayed in bookshops under *Anthropology* or *Mysticism*, and not under *UFOs*.

Yours faithfully,
R. B. Day, B.Ed.(Hons.),
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Spring Gardens,
Keighley BD20 6T2,
West Yorkshire.
December 2, 1985.

**You bet they aren't "trying to tell us anything"! That's why all this claptrap talk about "Contact" is so stupid. Carlos Castaneda is of South American origin (the name is rightly written Castañeda) and I am sure that what he has to tell us is very important indeed. — EDITOR.*

The UFOs and Biblical Prophecy

Dear Sir, — It must be fairly obvious to those who study and research the UFO phenomena that something very big is going to break within the next decade. During the past few years much information has been gained under the American Freedom of Information Act, and other reliable governmental sources have leaked information as if to prepare us for the inevitable. That is to say — the reality of the UFO experience.

Setting aside the origins and purposes behind the trappings of the UFO enigma, it seems increasingly clear to me that a parallel exists between religion and the big surprise that awaits mankind in the not so distant future. How akin the information retrieved under the Freedom of Information Act and from other sources is to the Biblical prophecies, which, according to some religious disciplines, will happen before the year 2,000, is quite striking. The Biblical prophecies indicate that Christ will not come in human form — but will present himself as a ruler.

Our present systems of government, it is predicted, will end, and the "survivors" will enter a new system of righteousness. This prophecy is arrogant enough to be "certain", as it is written that God will intervene in human affairs to see that His purposes are accomplished. (See Jeremiah, Ch. 25). The so-called future Battle of Armageddon and the Kingdom of Paradise seem very much like an alien take-over when one studies them in the light of recent trends in Ufology.

The predictions go on to say that if humans rebel against the new regime, they will not be allowed to continue living to mar the peace of others.

Time seems to be running out for most of us "Homo-Saps". Our lovable little four-foot-three-inch biological life-forms in their sophisticated flying machines, who, it seems, have been in contact with our military and governmental authorities, on both sides of

the Atlantic, will at last be showing their true colours.

Let us hope that the people of this planet are ready for them!

Yours sincerely,

C. R. H. Shelton,
8 Newton Close,
Whiteparish, Salisbury,
Wiltshire SP5 2SP.
January 12, 1986.

Grisonne Passes

Dear Friends, — Last night my son Colin buried the remains of our poor faithful old cat Grisonne who, as FSR readers will recall, often gave us her wise counsel on matters Ufological, and we have nobody but you to understand what grief we feel. She was in the 21st, or perhaps even the 22nd year of her life. Most cats do not live so long and consequently families have a whole series of them. But our old Grisonne was born in the same year as Colin (who, now doing his Military Service as a commando, chanced to be home on leave when she died) so she has been our dear companion throughout the whole history of this generation of our family.

She was always essentially a wild, free creature, an outdoor cat. Even in the coldest weather here in the French Alps, we always fed her outside. And she slept in a special little den that we had constructed for her inside the walls of our house, with a special hole through which she went in and out.

We had not seen her for three days, and were beginning to be concerned, when suddenly she appeared, and, for the first time ever, came into my wife's room, miaowing faintly and piteously. She looked exhausted and was clearly in great pain and was begging us to terminate her misery and this we were obliged to do, and release her into that Feline Heaven* which I am sure exists. Her body now lies on the sunrise side of our home, as our House Guardian.

Perhaps you will all be as moved as we were by the mysterious profundity of a simple pet's death.

Yours,

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**I too have no doubt regarding the survival of something from a mere cat, and I suspect that we grossly over-rate this present stage of existence. As the Chinese philosopher Chuangtzu (3rd—4th century B.C.) put it:—*

麗之姬，艾封人之子也，晉國之始得之也，涕泣沾襟；及其至於王所，與王同簞牀，食芻豢，而後悔其泣也，予惡乎知夫死者不悔其始之軫生乎？
夢飲酒者，且而哭泣；夢哭泣者，且而田獵。方其夢也，不知其夢也；夢之中，又占其夢焉，覺而後知其夢也。且有覺而後知此其大夢也。

"How do I know that the love of life is not a delusion? How do I know that he who is afraid of death is not simply like a man who has been away from his home since childhood and has not thought to return there? The maiden Li-Chi was the daughter of the Border-Warden of the State of Ai. And when she was sent in marriage to the State of Chin, she spent the whole time weeping at first, until the front of her robe was drenched with tears. But, when she came to the Royal Residence, shared with the King his luxurious couch, and ate the rich food, then she began to regret that she had wept. How then do I know that the Dead will not repent of their former craving for life? Those who, the night before, dreamt of a banquet, may next morning wail and weep. Those who dreamt of wailing and weeping may next morning go forth to hunt. When they dream, they do not know that they are dreaming. In their dream, they may even interpret dreams. Only when they are awake do they begin to know that they have dreamed. By and by comes the Great Awakening, and then we shall find out all life itself has been one vast dream". — EDITOR.

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