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CHARLES H. GIBBS-SMITH

WITH feelings of immense loss we inform our readers of the death of our dear friend and colleague, Charles Harvard Gibbs-Smith, aviation historian and Keeper Emeritus of the Victoria and Albert Museum, at Westminster Hospital on the evening of Thursday, December 3rd, 1981. He was 72.

Educated at Westminster School and at his family university, Harvard, in the United States, where he was a Research Fellow and Master of Arts, he joined the Victoria and Albert Museum as an Assistant Keeper in 1932, and held responsibility for photographic collections and exhibitions. During the World War II days of 1939 to 1945, he was seconded to the Ministry of Information, where he was appointed Director of the Photographic Division; he was also involved in work on aircraft recognition, publishing books on the subject, and instructing the Royal Observer Corps. This work stimulated his interest in aviation, and from that grew his special interest in the history of flying.

When he returned to the Victoria and Albert Museum he was at first involved in public relations, and eventually became Keeper of Extension Services. In his spare time he developed his researches into the history of flying, and wrote a number of books on the subject for the Science Museum. By the 1960s he was widely acknowledged as the world's leading authority on the history of aviation, to which subject he had brought high standards of historical accuracy, a deep understanding, and immense vigour in separating the germ of truth from the fictional chaff. He was the biographer of the Wright Brothers, whose pre-eminence he championed vigorously in the face of persistent opposition. In 1960 his great work *The Aeroplane: an Historical Survey* was greeted as a classic and, according to one American authority ". . . as quite the finest survey history of the aeroplane that has yet been compiled anywhere in the world." His special interest was flying, from its beginnings until 1910, when aeroplanes began to be "mass produced," so it was not surprising that as his researches continued, and as new material was unearthed, *The Aeroplane* would have to be re-written: the new work appeared in 1970 as *Aviation: an Historical Survey from its Origins to the end of World War II,* with, later, a companion volume *Early Aviation History: Studies and Problems.*

In 1962 his work received recognition when he was made an Honorary Companion by the Royal Aeronautical Society.

He retired from the Victoria and Albert Museum in 1971, but his historical researches continued apace. In 1976 he accepted a Research Fellowship at the Science Museum.

Perhaps the climax of his career came in 1978, when the Smithsonian Institution appointed him first Lindbergh Professor of Aerospace History at the National Air and Space Museum in Washington D.C.



Charles Gibbs-Smith in Washington, D.C., in 1979.

Charles Gibbs-Smith nurtured many other interests, and not least among these was the lively enthusiasm which he developed for the study of UFO reports, and in later years he ventured further into other realms of parapsychology. It was at the invitation of the late Waveney Girvan in September 1960 that he joined the board of our Company, and so began his long association with FLYING SAUCER REVIEW. For many years thereafter his homes were venues for our Board meetings — which he usually chaired — and for other occasions, and the social "get-togethers" of what Allen Hynek has always delighted in calling "The Gang." He was always generous in his advice and guidance to the editor of this journal, and colleagues. He made valuable contributions to the pages of FLYING SAUCER REVIEW, notably "The Cappoquin Sighting," his study of the reported observation and photograph of a UFO by Miss Jacqueline Wingfield near Cappoquin, Co. Waterford, Ireland, on December 26, 1965. (A letter of his about this same affair was published in *The Times,* with, *uniquely* for that newspaper, a reproduction of the photograph). In July 1966 the full weight of his authority as aeronautical historian was brought to bear in a statement about the 1897 (UFO) wave of "airship" reports: ". . . no form of dirigible (i.e. a gasbag propelled by an airscrew) or heavier-than-air flying machine was flying — or indeed *could* fly -- at that time in America," and in 1968 there was another photographic case reviewed in "The St. Leonards Sighting." Perhaps his most telling contribution was "A Question of Integrity" (see FSR Vol. 16, No. 4) in which he poured scorn on the U.S. Air Force-sponsored University of Colorado study of UFOs: "The entire integrity of the Condon Report was shattered long before it was even written, when in 1966 the Low memorandum *[the notorious "trick" memorandum by Project Co-ordinator Robert J. Low]* was composed. Whatever intrinsic merits the completed report might possess were ineradically tainted in advance by what was revealed in the Low document . . ." Indeed he was always forcible in his declamations against any hint of official cover-up, and particularly so in his radio and television appearances.

After his year in Washington "C.G-S" returned to his Fellowship at the Science Museum in 1980, but now his health took a turn for the worse, and his vigour and drive sadly declined. His last communication with us was to ask his secretary to telephone Gordon Creighton and say he would be unable to attend FSR's December Board meeting. We shall all miss him terribly.

C.B.

COMMERCIAL JET CREW SIGHTS UNIDENTIFIED OBJECT — Part 1

Richard F. Haines

Date of Sighting: July 4, 1981
Time of Sighting: 20.45 GMT (16.45 CDST)
Location of Sighting: South central Lake Michigan
Duration of Sighting: Approx. 5 seconds
Number of UFOs: one
Number of Witnesses: two

CASE SUMMARY: Flight XXX of a major United States air carrier was flying from San Francisco to John F. Kennedy airport in New York. At 4.45 p.m. local time the wide body L1011 aircraft was at 37,000 feet altitude under autopilot control. Its indicated airspeed was 275 knots, the true airspeed was 490 knots and its actual (calculated) ground speed was 540 knots which indicates the presence of a 50 knot tail wind.

Upon reaching a point about 80 n. miles from a radio navigation beacon named "Badger" (BAE) which is near Milwaukee, on airway J-34, the sky ahead and above was clear, calm, and blue. Below the aircraft was a fairly continuous cloud deck which obscured part of the lake's surface. The shore line of Michigan was clearly visible except for some haze. The flight crew was relaxing while also keeping watch outside the aircraft. Figure 1 shows the captain sitting almost as he said he sat when he first caught sight of the smooth, silvery disc ahead and to the upper side of his aircraft's flightpath. (See pages 4/5 for Figs. 1-4).

Captain P.S. noticed the apparently round metallic-appearing object suddenly, very near where he was looking. He remarked that it "...splashed into view full size." It was like it "...tore through the atmosphere ... like the atmosphere opened up."[1]

The shiny disc seemed to shift toward the lower right slightly as the pilot sat forward about 12 inches in his seat to get a better look. A photograph taken from the first officer's eye position of the captain in this second viewing position is shown in Figure 2. As the object continued to move more rapidly to the left downward along a smooth arcing path, he leaned farther forward yet until his chin was within about eight inches from the glare shield (shown in Figure 3) with his hands touching the glare shield. When in this viewing position he saw the object roll (relative to its path of motion) so that it could be seen from the side. It appeared to be about ten times wider than thick. Six evenly spaced, jet black, round "portholes" were seen along its edge. Then as it continued to pass the aircraft to the left, the captain leaned so far forward that his right cheek touched the top of the glare shield; he was looking 90° to the left from straight ahead at this point. Then an extremely bright reflection of sunlight seemed to come from the top left-hand end of the flattened disc. It lasted only a fraction of a second as the object slid out of sight behind the window post.

Quickly the captain leaned back in his seat again moving his head through an approximate distance of 20 inches and turning farther to his left to see the object almost centered in his left quarter window. Figure 4 shows the captain's head and body position at this point in the sighting. He is seen pointing to the approximate location where the object disappeared from view, apparently travelling radially away from the aircraft (perhaps) in a shallow climb.

As soon as the object disappeared the captain turned toward the first officer, who was already turned to his extreme left to talk with the flight engineer, and said, "Did you just see anything?" The first officer replied, "Yes, a very bright light flash."[2] The flight engineer did not see the object.

Additional Facts

The flight leg on which the aircraft was flying during this sighting was between BAE (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) and SVM "Salem" near Detroit, Michigan. A copy of the computerized flight plan for this flight is

A NASA scientist, Dr. Haines has contributed several articles to the pages of *Flying Saucer Review*, and we are pleased to add to the list this excellent report of a recent observation from a commercial aircraft over the United States. Dr. Haines, who is a member of the Center for UFO Studies founded by Dr. J. Allen Hynek, writes that he has recently concluded spectral analyses of the Valentich (Australian pilot missing with his aircraft after UFO encounter) voice-ATC tape. A paper on this is due to appear in *The Journal of UFO Studies*. His published works include his book *Observing UFOs*, and an anthology, edited by him, entitled *UFO Phenomena and the Behavioral Scientist*.

EDITOR



Figure 1: Captain P.S. in the cockpit of the L1011 jet airliner as he sat during the first second of the sighting. (t = 0 sec.)



Figure 2: The captain leans part-way forward to get a better view of the object. (t = 1.3 sec.)

included as Appendix A* with an explanation of the abbreviations. The author also obtained from the captain a U.S. High Altitude Chart (US/HI) 1 of the region, the relevant portion of which is included as Appendix B.‡ Referring to this chart it may be noted that check points Adale and Haste are not listed on the flight plan while check point Alpha is. The estimated time of arrival (ETA) at BAE was 20.33 GMT and the aircraft actually arrived there at 20.36 GMT.

Captain P.S. said that the sighting took place almost exactly nine minutes past the BAE check point at 20.45 GMT. Flying at 540 knots ground speed the aircraft would have been 80 n. miles from BAE on a heading of 096° or approaching the Michigan state coastline near Holland, Michigan.

Weather details were obtained from three sources as described below. The captain remembered flying well above a heavy undercast in the Evanston, Illinois area to approximately half-way across Lake Michigan where the clouds thinned to permit him to see the lake's surface. When the sighting occurred he could see the Michigan coastline clearly except for some haze in all directions. There was no turbulence noted.

* Too complicated to be set up in a box in our pages. We understand from Dr. Haines that, if required, details may be obtained from him at 325 Langton Avenue, Los Altos, California 94022, U.S.A. [International Reply coupons should be sent — EDITOR.]

‡ Too large for our pages. We have extracted the relative details for our sketch map, but understand that a Xerox copy of the relative section may be obtained from the author at the address as in the previous footnote.

Route J-34, beacons and airfields Southern Lake Michigan area (from original Appendix B of manuscript). Extracted from TWA U.S. High Altitude Chart. The cross and circle mark area where sighting was made.

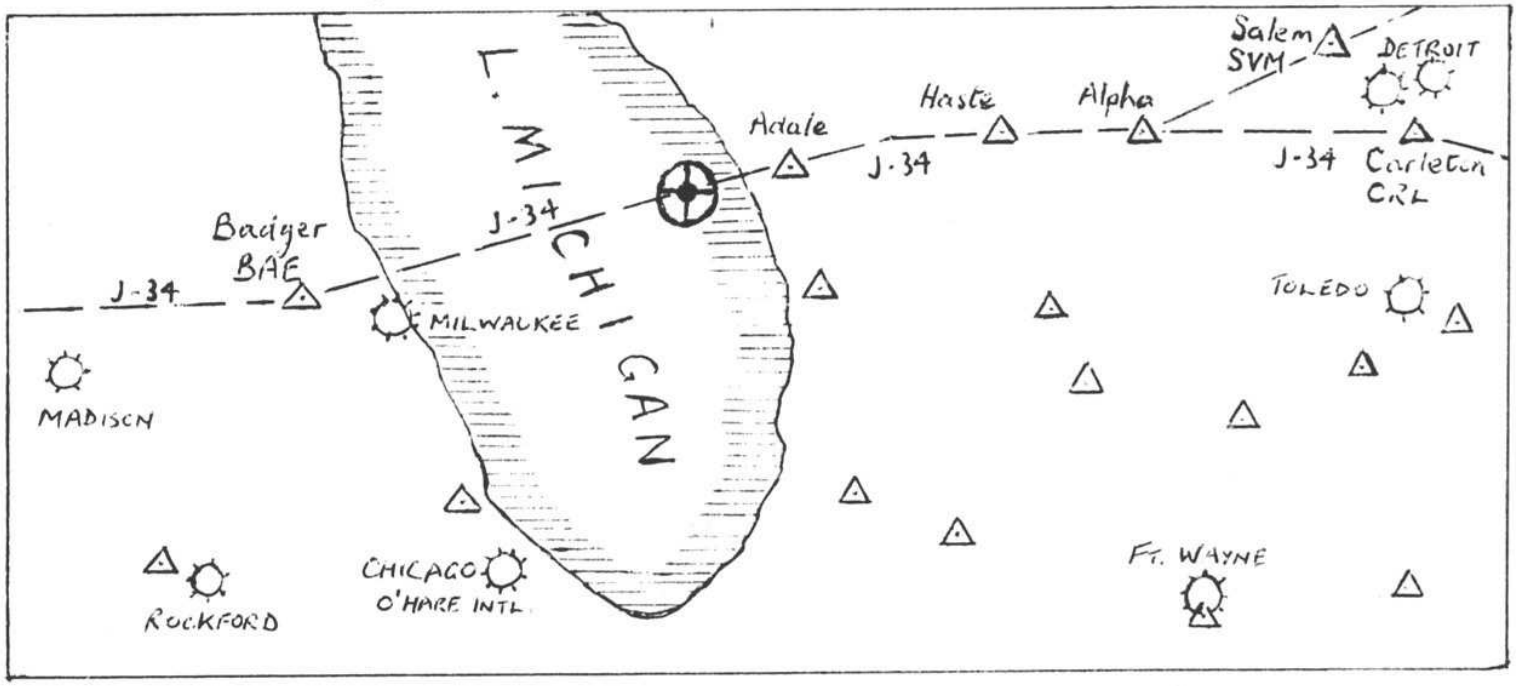




Figure 3: The captain leans far forward, with object at position 3 shown in Figure 7 — in part 2 of this article. (t = 2.2 sec.)



Figure 4: The captain sitting part-way back with the object at position 6 shown in Figure 7. (t = 5 sec.)

The second source of basic weather information comes from the airline's flight plan in the 14th column labelled TP/W for temperature [degrees below zero (F)] and winds (knots). It indicates $-51°$ F air temperature at 37,000 feet altitude and a tail wind of about 50 knots. The third source of weather information was obtained from CUFOS.[3] Because of its completeness, this report is included as Appendix C. (See end of this article).

The flight plan showed that the Tropopause Height (TH) in column 5 showed a 4,000 foot altitude gradient within the 173 miles separating BAE from Alpha. Pilots try to stay above or well below this height because of the possible presence of clear air turbulence at TH. One other significance the TH has is that clouds normally do not form above it. The amount of water vapour that air can contain decreases exponentially with falling temperature. Thus, cooling (at high altitudes) condenses out water vapour and prevents the formation of clouds. While the aircraft was flying only 1,000 feet below TH no turbulence was encountered nor did the autopilot disconnect at any time between BAE and SVM, according to the captain.

[Part 2 of this report will appear in the next issue of Flying Saucer Review — ED].

Notes

1. This description was made on July 30, 1981, in the Sunnyvale, California office of Al Reed, the professional artist and MUFON field investigator who did an outstanding job reconstructing the basic shape and details of the object.
2. The first officer had been sitting facing the captain with his head turned to the rear of the cockpit talking with the flight engineer during about the first two seconds of the sighting. When the captain exclaimed, "What's that?" the first officer turned to the right in time to see the bright flash of light from the object. Apparently, he did not see the object after this time because the captain's head was in the way.
3. This weather analysis was performed by Steven Toci for the Center for UFO Studies, Evanston, Illinois.

Appendix A: See footnote under *.
Appendix B: See footnote under ‡.

Appendix C: A description of the weather over Southern Lake Michigan, July 4, 1981

Surface conditions at 4.00 p.m.: The temperatures around Southern Lake Michigan ranged from the low 70s to the low 80s Fahrenheit. Milwaukee reported 76, O'Hare 83, South Bend 70, Benton Harbor 74 and Muskegon 80.

Cloud cover extended across the southern part of the lake. Overcast skies were reported at Benton harbor, South Bend, and Kalamazoo, with cloud deck bases of 3,000 ft., 10,000 ft. and 8,000 ft. respectively. South Bend reported scattered clouds at 1,900 ft. in addition. Although the thickest clouds were reported in Indiana and Michigan, scattered clouds at 10,000 ft. and 12,000 ft. and also some high thin cirrus were reported at Milwaukee, Ohio and Muskegon. So the cloud picture seems to be of a high, thin layer and a scattering of middle clouds (10,000 ft.) covering all of Southern Lake Michigan, with an overcast layer below that near Indiana and far south western Michigan. The boundary of the more significant clouds can be seen over the lake in the satellite view. Judging from the satellite shot, the boundary appears to be close to the co-ordinates of the sighting.

Winds around Southern Lake Michigan were generally from the east on the western shore and westerly on the eastern shore.

An inversion layer could have been set up over the lake due partly to the cooling of the air at the surface by the lake water, and partly to warming further up. The warming aloft would have been caused by air sinking out over the lake in response to the divergent winds at the shoreline.

Surface visibilities at shoreline station were good on the western shore, but poorer on the eastern shore south of Muskegon. South Bend, Benton Harbor, and Kalamazoo reported haze and visibilities of 2½ to 3 miles. The National Weather Service at Chicago, forecast light and variable winds over the lake (6-12 kt) and widespread fog for the afternoon and night of July 4th and also July 5th. And fog was reported by a ship with 2½ mile visibility near 42 N. and 86 W. at 7.00 p.m.

Some water temperatures: at 12 noon, Chicago reported 62°F, and Muskegon 57. At 7.00 p.m., St. Joseph, Mi. reported 49 and Michigan City reported 58 (and both of the latter reported calm seas). A Marseilles radar summary for (close to) the time of the sighting indicated thunderstorm activity in southern Wisconsin and north western Indiana, but nothing over southern Lake Michigan.

A look at the upper atmosphere shows a trough extending approximately northeast to northwest right over southern Lake Michigan (at 7.00 p.m.). The atmosphere was in general, relatively warm and moist, and wind speeds were low. Some figures estimated from upper air charts for the area: at 850 millibars (1486m) the temperature was 16°C, dew point 14°C winds SW or W 5-10kt. — at 700mb (3108m) the temperature was 6°C, dew point 2°C, winds W at 5-10kt. — at 500mb (5800m) the temperature was −7°C, dew point −27°C, winds NW at 15-20kt. — at 300mb (9590m) the temperature was −34°C, with little or no moisture, winds W-NW at 45-50kt.

Finally, a sounding for 7.00 a.m. from Green Bay is enclosed — some features over Green Bay could have been advected south-eastward to the southern lake area by late afternoon behind the trough mentioned earlier. There is quite a bit of moisture and numerous alternating wetter and drier layers, also three small temperature inversion layers (720mb, 625mb, 560mb). Winds are light.

I don't feel that the 7.00 a.m. sounding from Green Bay will exactly represent the profile over southern Lake Michigan at 4.20 p.m. However, due to advection from that direction and due to the fact that the same air mass covers both areas, it seems that some of the features *may* be similar (at least above the lower layer where lake cooling and subsidence warming are taking place).

I may point out that the fact that moisture should mainly be under 500mb (5800m). The satellite picture indicates relatively warm (and low) cloud tops for the heavier clouds over southern Lake Michigan, at least low compared to the storms and high cloud tops obvious on the satellite picture to the south.

Steven Toci

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M.I.B. ACTIVITY REPORTED FROM VICTORIA B.C.

Four "Men in Black" allegedly visit two separate UFO witnesses in Canada's western province

Dr P.M.H. Edwards

A welcome return to our pages is made by Dr Edwards who, now retired, was formerly Professor of Linguistics at the University of Victoria

THE city of Victoria, B.C., is at the southern tip of **Vancouver Island,** and is the Capital of British Columbia, Canada's westernmost Province, on the Pacific Ocean. This area has been largely neglected by UFOs in the past, and very few incidents have been reported from here, by comparison with many other regions. About 65 miles due north of Victoria B.C., but on the mainland, lies the large port of Vancouver B.C., terminus of Canada's transcontinental railroads and highways. The city of well over a million inhabitants, must not be confused with the far smaller township of Vancouver, Washington, (U.S.A.), which is across the Columbia River, north of Portland, Oregon.

On October 2, 1981, two major incidents occurred in Victoria B.C., involving two young men who were unknown to one another. The chief witness is Grant Breiland (16), 1507 Winchester Road, Victoria, B.C. V8N 2B6, Canada; he has supplied virtually all the information. The second witness (19) does not wish to be publicly identified, and has refused to be interviewed, preferring to "forget all about the whole thing," — which is regrettable: In this account, he will be given the code-initials *N.B;* his real name, address, and phone-number are, however, on file.

Grant Breiland attends Mount Douglas Highschool; the second witness, N.B, works at a gasoline service-station downtown; they both live in North Victoria, a couple of miles' distance in each case from the writer's home. Grant is a somewhat unusual young man, in that he is of above-average intelligence, is an extremely keen observer of details, and owns his business (spare-time activity) known as "J. R. Security", which involves maintaining a staff of friends for inspecting the homes of absent people, and generally assisting in keeping law and order. (The other day, for instance, he helped arrest a man who was unlawfully trying to enter a parked car in Woodwards' parking-lot; Grant hundcuffed him, and they took him to the police station.) He not only carries a CB walkie-talkie radio with him, but he also has a two-way desk radio in his office at home, which he uses for running his business. I have also noticed that he is meticulous about keeping important items always under lock and key; and he has proved himself reliable in several ways, besides. These are some of the reasons why I felt inclined to believe his story implicitly. He also told me that the only ufological literature he has ever read, was a book (whose author's name escapes him) called *UFOs and IFOs;* he read only a portion of that book; at that time, he was in Grade Seven at school, — i.e. about 12 years of age. He has read nothing else in our field.

Friday, October 2, 1981, was a windy, chilly and damp day. However, by 9.30 p.m., most of the clouds had drifted westwards towards the Sooke Hills in the

At the end of Dr Edwards' narrative, a note, added as a postscript, proved to be so important that we feel it should be drawn to the attention of readers before they read the full report. It appeared under the heading: **How this story was uncovered immediately after it occurred.** It read:—

"On the morning of Sunday, October 4, 1981, the writer received a phone call from a lady acquaintance, informing him that she had just found a small news item in that morning's Sunday issue of the *Victoria Times-Colonist* newspaper, to the effect that a certain Grant Raymond, 16, had photographed an alleged UFO the previous evening, between Mount Douglas and Mount Tolmie, in northern Victoria B.C. Usually, such announcements are of scant interest to investigators. However, on a mere hunch, I decided to write to Grant Raymond, c/o the newspaper, just in case there was something of greater interest behind that small news item. Within three days, Grant Breiland phoned me saying that the newspaper had quoted his last-name incorrectly, and that he would like to discuss his experience with me. Since then, we have met several times and — one hopes — covered all the important aspects of the events."

Dr Edwards is to be congratulated on following up his hunch so quickly and successfully. It is also gratifying to learn that this was not a case of an enthusiastic UFO buff with a sensational story seeking out a well-known investigator.

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direction of the Pacific Ocean, leaving plenty of clear sky over the city. At that time, Grant's elder sister, who had been visiting with them, was about to leave in her car, so he and his mother walked out to the driveway in front of their house, where his sister's car was parked. As he walked out, he casually looked up at the stars, and suddenly noticed an extremely large, bright "star", much bigger than a normal star, yet much smaller than the full moon. It seemed to be high up in the sky, and he assumed that it was at approximately the same height as the clouds which had until then covered the sky and obliterated the stars. At the time of his sighting, many stars were visible. The object's white light has a yellowish tinge around the edge.

Neither his sister nor his mother could see it and a boy riding past on his bicycle — on seeing Grant watching the sky, alighted to have a look at whatever it was, up there. Seeing nothing, the boy shook his head (presumably in the belief that Grant was being foolish), remounted his cycle, and rode off. Grant then got his CB radio walkie-talkie, and asked whether anyone listening-in were on Mount Tolmie, 3 miles away from him — a place from which an unimpeded view of the surroundings can be had. A young man, about 19, replied and gave his name. (This was our second witness, code-initials N.B.) He confirmed that he was looking at a big white light which he described to Grant as "like a star that is about to shoot"! Then, N.B. took out his binoculars (field-glasses), and reported that he could indeed see the object, but that there were no other lights around it. Then he exclaimed: "All I can see now, is one **big** red light — *and it's pointing right at me.*"

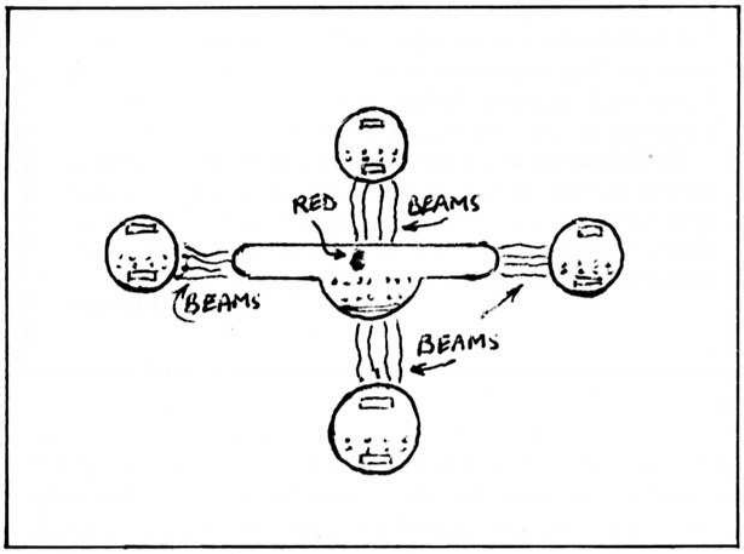


Figure 1: Rough sketch, based on Grant Breiland's drawing of the UFO — as seen by him.

Grant then went indoors for his camera and tripod (Ricoh KR 5, 35mm Pentax; Tripod VELBON VGB 3 adjusted to 5′8″; film ASA 100 — colour), and fixed on the camera a Telsor Super-zoom Lens, 2 × 22 converter to 400mm., pointed up at a 45° angle. On looking through the viewer, he could see that the object was no star. It looked like an inverted object, because the dome was underneath. In the centre of the UFO, there was a small diamond-shaped red light,

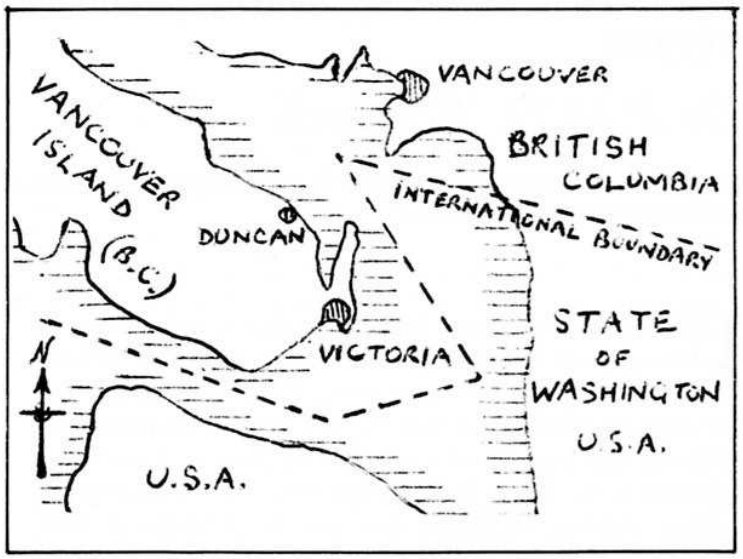


Figure 2: Location of Victoria B.C.

that kept moving back and forth along the width of the object, and then down to the bottom of the dome and around, up the invisible side of the craft, and finally up over the top edge, and down again in front, in continual circular motion. Each time this little red light reached the centre of the object, it halted for a brief instant, before resuming its gyrations.

At the 12 o'clock, 3 o'clock, 6 o'clock and 9 o'clock positions around the object, and at some distance from it, Grant saw four fairly large white lights, a good deal bigger than the little red light, but smaller than the main object. These remained at a constant distance from the craft; when the latter moved, they moved with it, as though attached to it by an invisible link. On these four white lights that Grant described as circular, he thought he saw many dark dots, which he took to be — possibly — windows; these are shown, arranged in a pattern, on the accompanying diagram of the UFO. It will also be noticed that the central portions of these four lights displayed no dots; the latter were clustered at both "ends" of each circular light, rather than in the middle. From the another-craft there were many yellow beams of light aimed towards each of these four lights; nowhere else were such yellow beams in evidence. Grant then took a picture, but it has not yet been developed.

The craft then started to move slowly sideways to the left and to the right; then slowly upwards and downwards — just like the hand motions of a priest making the sign of the Cross. The four large white lights kept at the same distance from the central object, the small red light continuing its regular movement left and right, and then down, over, up, and down again, all around the large craft. However, at

one point, the small red light stopped for two seconds in the centre, and beamed a red light directly at Grant's eyes; then it resumed its movements. At 9.59 p.m. he looked at his wrist-watch, then back to the UFO; and, at precisely 10 p.m. everything was switched off, like an electric light bulb being extinguished.

Seven hours after this, at 5 a.m. Saturday morning, October 3, 1981, Victoria B.C. experienced a very strange electrical thunderstorm: just *one* enormous thunderclap, followed a little later by a deluge of rain. Although the street lights were unaffected, the single street light immediately opposite the writer's house was out of action; but, in a minute or two, it began slowly to come on again, passing through various shades of green, towards white. (In this part of the world, thunderstorms are quite a rarity). That day, N.B. came to see Grant, as they had previously exchanged addresses — although they had never met before; they merely discussed what they had seen, while they stood by Grant's front-door. Both were experiencing a bad headache which aspirins were unable to relieve.

Next day, Sunday, October 4, N.B. came by again in his truck (lorry), to discuss the matter again with Grant, as he seemed excited and disturbed; he also wanted to show Grant the new car radio he had bought for the truck, and he invited Grant to go around the block for a ride in the truck. Apparently, N.B. drove so wildly, that Grant was glad to get home in one piece; he told me, too, that during the ride, N.B. kept talking violently, and swearing, about people and things that evidently annoyed him. Whether this was his customary behaviour, or whether he was suffering from the after-effects of his experience, it is impossible to say.

On Monday, October 5, Grant left school at 3.15 p.m. and walked down MacKenzie Avenue to the intersection of Shelbourne Street; he wished to get a part for his radio that he had ordered from the Radio Shack store in the K-Mart shopping Mall. As that part had not yet arrived, he walked through the big K-Mart Department Store, as he hoped to meet a friend, Len, at the main entrance doors which face onto the car-parking area along Shelbourne Street. However, Len was not there, so Grant used the coin-operated public phone in the vestibule that lies between the two sets of transparent glass doors at the store's main entrance. In that vestibule, next to the single public phone, there are some candy-vending machines which are usually besieged by youngsters; and the whole vestibule is the scene of much activity — people entering or leaving the store, or waiting to meet friends, or waiting for their cars to be driven up the doors, or sheltering from the rain and so on.

Grant dialled Len's phone-number, and Len's sister answered; her brother would be unable to come; he had just broken his arm. Grant said goodbye and hung up the receiver, turned around, and saw that two

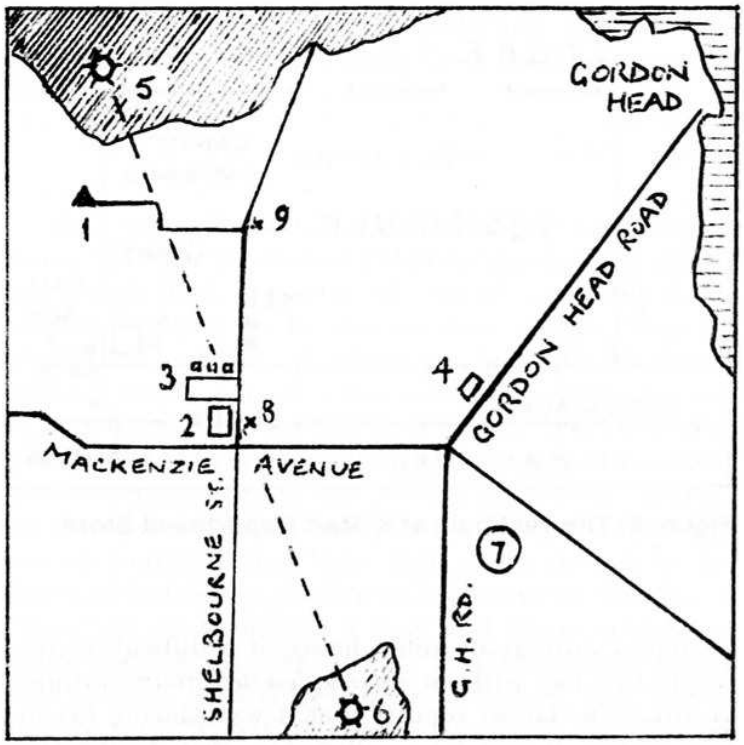


Figure 3: Sketch of North East Victoria, about six or seven miles from the City centre. It is about 2½ miles from the summit of Mt. Tolmie to Mt. Douglas.
KEY:
1. Grant Breiland's home
2. Shopping Mall, including K-Mart store
3. Ploughed field
4. Grant's Highschool
5. Summit of Mt. Douglas, Mt. Douglas Park
6. Summit of Mt. Tolmie
7. University of Victoria campus
8. Bus stop **9. Bus stop**

very weird-looking "men" were standing extremely close together, apparently waiting to talk to him. At first he thought they might be from the police. But their appearance was so strangely non-human that he became very frightened. Another thing that caused him fear, was the — at that moment — total absence of people passing through the vestibule while he was with those "men". Yet he distinctly remembered having seen very many people walking about inside the store, and also along the outside side-walk, since all the doors are transparent.

(The writer spent a little more than one minute at that very spot, on Friday, October 16, at precisely the same time of 3.30 p.m; during that one minute, no fewer than 48 people passed through the vestibule. It is true that there is somewhat greater activity in most stores on a Friday afternoon than on a Monday afternoon; and it is equally true that the weather was rainy on October 5, whereas it was dry on October 16. Nevertheless, the K-Mart is an extremely busy de-

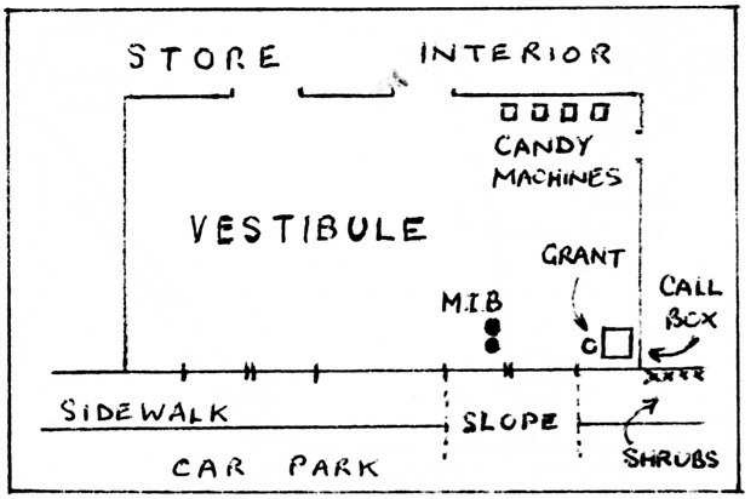


Figure 4: The vestibule at K-Mart Department Store.

partment store at all times; hence, it is difficult to reconcile this fact with an *utterly deserted* main-entrance vestibule, as Grant reports that it was, during his interrogation. It will be recalled, too, that during that short time, he remembered having seen *many* people, both inside the store, and outside on the side-walk!)

The "men" stood motionless, arms and legs stiff, and "to attention." He reports that they were in extremely dark-blue — almost black; this was the colour of their suits, their shirts, and their shoes. They wore no ties, and the shirts were "buttoned up" at the neck, although he saw no sign of buttons either on the shirts or on the jackets. The latter were longer than wind-breakers, yet shorter than lounge-suit jackets, and they were open; no trouser-belts were visible. He saw no rings on their fingers, and they were not wearing wrist-watches. He had the impression that they lacked fingernails. Their lips were not reddish, but were of exactly the same colour as their skin, which was sun-tanned ". . . like after a holiday in Hawaii." Their eyes were very dark and peculiar, with no point of light reflection on them: just mat, not glossy. Their faces were entirely devoid of expression, and so were their voices. They never blinked, or moved. They wore no hats, and their hair was black (or possibly extremely dark-brown) — Eton crop, the hair covering only the upper half of their foreheads. They seemed to have eyelashes, but no eyebrows at all. (As Grant's small sister's ears stick out a bit, he automatically looks at people's ears, he says, and he was amazed to see that these men's ear-lobes were not rounded, but "squarish.") The No. 1 "man" kept his mouth perpetually half-open like a rectangle, whereas the mouth of No. 2 was somewhat more "normal." Both had regular and perfect teeth. They did not move their lips at all when they spoke, and they did not address him by his name.

When No. 1 began to speak to him in a stiff, monotonous, robot-like voice, Grant imagined that they were perhaps going to speak to him in French, or some other language.

No. 1 asked him: "What is your name?"

Grant replied "I'm not going to tell you." (After that, No. 1 did not speak again).

Then No. 2 said "Where do you live?"

Grant replied "I'm not going to tell you that."

No. 2 continued "What is your number?" (he did not say *phone* number).

Grant remained silent, and they asked no further questions. They stood there for about five seconds more, just staring at him. Then, as one man, they mechanically turned on their heels, and left by the main doors on to the side-walk. This they crossed, went stiffly down the short slope to the roadway (this slope is an aid for customers in wheel-chairs), and then turned stiffly, in complete sychronization, to the left as in military drill, and walked along the roadway parallel to the side-walk, towards the northern end of the car-parking area. At the edge of the ploughed-up field, they stopped for a short while in the heavy rain.

Grant had followed them very closely at a distance of about two feet, and reports that they did not speak, neither did they turn round to look at him again. The strange thing, now, was that whereas in the vestibule Grant had distinctly seen very many people walking up and down the side-walk outside, and many cars driving past, yet when he went out through the main doors to follow the "men" there was no sign of life anywhere, and no moving cars; (he only noticed *parked* cars, some distance away). By now, Grant was getting quite drenched by the rain. He stopped by a line of decorative shrubs along the wall of the store

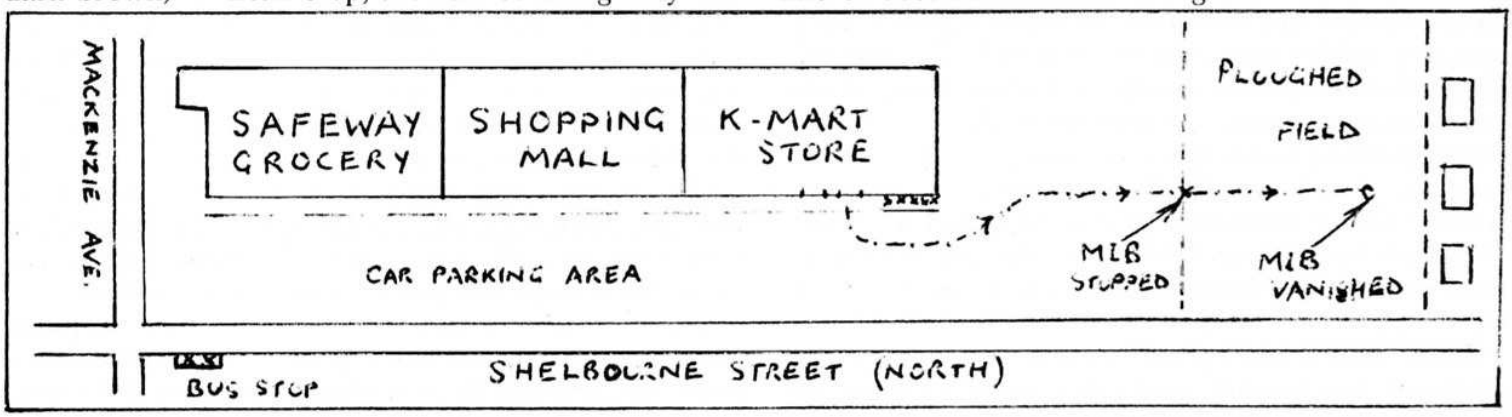


Figure 5: The departure of the "Men-in-Black."

(see diagram), and waited to see what the "men" would do at the edge of the rough, ploughed-up muddy field. (This field has since been bulldozed, preparatory to the erection of new buildings). On the farthest side of the field, some nine car lengths away, there is a stout wooden fence, and beyond that, three white stuccoed houses. But, on October 5, the bulldozers had not yet begun their work, and the field was simply muddy, and full of small puddles, with practically no grass left.

Suddenly, Grant thought he heard someone calling him by his first name from some 20 feet away behind him; he turned, but there was no one near him. He looked back at the MIB*, and saw that they were still waiting at the edge of the rough field, in the heavy rain. I asked him whether he noticed if their hair and clothes were showing signs of becoming drenched; but he can not remember this. Again, he looked back to make sure no one was calling him, but there was nobody there. He looked once more towards the MIB and saw that they had begun walking across the mud, in the direction of the wooden fence. He then again thought he heard his first name called out behind him from a little distance away, and he again turned round. No one was in sight. By that time, the MIB were three-quarters of the way across the field; then, they seemed to vanish into thin air.

There are no trees or shrubs behind which they could have hidden in so short a time.

Grant ran towards that spot, using exactly the same part of the field on which he had seen the MIB walking. His shoes quickly became very muddy, and he saw that the MIB he left *absolutely no footprints anywhere.* This thorouglly frightened him, so he turned back, ran to the bus-stop, and caught the Gordon Head bus northwards so as to get home quickly; he was worried, and didn't know what on earth was going on.

The run from the middle of the field to the bus-stop, couldn't have taken more than one minute, and he told me that he was "sure" he caught the 4 p.m. bus (they run every ten minutes at that time of day) — although he admitted that he did not check this by his wrist-watch. The weird part of this homeward journey, was the fact that he only reached home a few minutes before 5 p.m. just as his father was arriving from work, at his usual time. Now the trip in the bus from the bus-stop at Shelbourne & MacKenzie intersection to Cedar Glen Road corner, where Grant had to alight, only takes, at most, five minutes; from that corner stop, the walk up the hill to Winchester Road takes probably less than ten minutes. (It is my belief that, although he thinks he took the 4 p.m. bus, it is possible that he may have only caught the one at 4.40 p.m; his only objection to this thesis, is the fact that the 4.40 p.m bus would have normally been far more crowded than that at 4 p.m.)

The Dream

That night, October 5, Grant states he had a nightmare. He says he dreamed that he got halfway across the rough field, and that the "men" were still there, waiting for him. In his dream, they grabbed him by the wrists and then disappeared; he suddenly found himself inside a pure-white, circular interior (spacecraft?), where they led him around (see arrows on diagram), and then strapped him to a chair, and repeated their interrogation. In this dream, he saw the interior (of this spacecraft?) as being illuminated, but he could see no source of that light. Still in his dream, he refused, as before, to give them any answers. The No. 1 "man" sat on a chair at a desk and began scribbling while keeping his eyes steadily on Grant; when Grant still refused to divulge any information, the "man" merely said "You'll be sorry." Grant can recall what he "saw" in that circular room. One thing that impressed him was a large globe of this Earth, in conventional colours; it was large, and stood on a high, polished, tapered black pedestal. Then, still in the dream, he seemed to recall that in his phone-call to Len from the store's vestibule, he had been arguing with Len. Grant was claiming that, on the previous day, he had phoned Len to arrange a meeting at the K-Mart entrance, and that Len had failed to turn up; Len kept repeating, in this dream, that he had never received any phone-call from Grant on the preceding day. Then, Grant dreamed that he hung up the receiver, turned round, and "saw" the two "men" standing behind him, waiting to speak to him. In the circular interior, he dreamed that the "men" asked him whether he had told anyone of his experience; he replied in the negative. They then accused him of lying; they said they had been watching him, and knew that he had reported his experience to people. They finally said "Forget it, destroy it."

That was the end of the dream. There were also further dreams on successive nights, but these merely repeated the interrogation in the vestibule of the store.

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On Tuesday, October 6, while taking a shower in the morning, Grant noticed that there was a new reddish skin-welt on his right thigh, about half a centimetre ($^3/_{16}$″) round, some nine inches above the kneecap, and slightly on the inside of the thigh. He asserts that it had not been there before, and that it is certainly not an ordinary pimple. He has been urged to report any change in this welt, and he has promised to do this. He has also undertaken to report any kind of unusual incidents that may happen to him or his family from now on, together with dates, times and places.

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*MIB; Men-In-Black, so notorious in ufological reports of close encounters and their witnesses. They are here reported to be 5′9″–5′10″ in height.

When he entered his home after his K-Mart experience, his small sister, and his dog Sparky, welcomed him as usual — and displayed no alteration in their behaviour such as is often noted when a person has had a close encounter.

The second witness, N.B., reported to Grant that, about noontime on October 5 (Monday) — i.e. some 3–4 hours before Grant's interrogation — two slender-built "men" with *white* hair, VERY pale, and dressed exactly as the two who visited Grant later at the K-Mart at 3.30 to 3.45 p.m. came to the gasoline service-station where he works (the location is in our files), and asked N.B. for some *petrol* for their car, which was probably out of sight around some street-corner. ('Gas', or 'gasoline', is the North-American term for the English word 'petrol'). He found an empty can and filled it with gasoline, but first, he asked them what type of car they were driving, and whether they needed leaded or unleaded fuel. One of the "men" replied "I don't know", so N.B. gave them unleaded gasoline. Then he asked for their names, so that he could get them to sign for the can of gas; but the spokesman said they couldn't give any name. The other "man" never uttered a word.

N.B. asked "How long will you be?" and the "man" said "Fifteen minutes." N.B. then pointed out that they owed him $2.65; they gave him a bill (bank-note) for $10, in payment. He handed them their change in the form of several bills, and a few coins, and noticed two very odd things about them when they took the change from him; firstly, the hand which was held out for the change had no fingernails; and secondly, they eyed the coins in an extremely weird manner, as though they had never before seen such objects.

The "men" then turned round mechanically, and walked away with the can of gas. He watched them go a way up the street till they turned into a side street. Exactly fifteen minutes later, they returned with the can, put it down, looked at N.B. and asked: "Where do you live in this fine city?"

He answered: "At Gordon Head," and they stared at him — then they turned round and walked away stiffly.

During this visit, N.B. has not reported that he noticed anything unusual about the street activity on either side of his service-station which stands in an angle between two main thoroughfares in the downtown area.

He picked up the gas-can, and to his surprise found it to be still completely full of gasoline. He reported through Grant that these "men" walked in a very strange manner, without bending their knees.

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Last evening, October 20, 1981, I phoned Grant Breiland again, to ask him two final questions, and to enquire whether he had had strange phone-calls, or seen strange people eyeing him on the streets or in buses, and so on, and urging him to report any and every unusual occurrence that comes to his notice. He informed me that he had indeed received a few "blank" and/or "crank" phone-calls during the past two days.

The writer, last night five minutes before midnight, received four strange phone-calls: the first, third and fourth, were "blank"; whereas the second displayed a faraway-sounding croaking voice. In each case, the receiver was promptly put down again.

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The present Breiland family consists of Father, Mother, elder brother, elder sister, Grant, and a younger sister. However, before Grant's birth, another daughter existed; she died very young. Some years ago, Grant dreamed that he saw the child lying on the floor, in a small sailor-suit. When he told his mother of this dream about a sister he had never known, his mother was dumbfounded, because that child had been buried in her little sailor-suit. (There was no way that Grant could have known about this.)

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It is satisfying to be able to report an event which is so fresh and recent. Most reports are about one year old by the time they are communicated to the investigators, and possibly two years old by the time they are printed in the specialized Reviews.

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Author's Postscript: Although personally not a devotee of author Carlos Castaneda's books about the alleged Mexican magicians Don Juan and Don Genaro, the writer can not refrain from drawing the attention of readers to what might be a very pregnant sentence indeed, in the book *Tales of Power* (Pocket Books, New York; 1976). The magicians had been explaining to Castaneda the difference between the *tonal* and the *nagual*. And, on page 180 of that edition, Don Juan tells his disciple Castaneda that they will return to a row of eucalyptus trees where something supernatural had previously occurred in their presence. Castaneda asked: "Aren't we risking being seen by people?" and Don Juan replies "No. The *nagual* will keep everything suspended." Could this be connected with the apparent absence of any sign of movement or life, during a UFO-sighting, or an MIB visit?

DR. FELIX ZIGEL' AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF UFOLOGY IN RUSSIA: PART II.

The fantastic sighting of June 14, 1980, over Moscow: Panic on the streets.

Gordon Creighton

THE Italian weekly illustrated magazine *Gente,* published in Milano, carried two articles in its issues for July 31 and August 7, 1981, reporting events which — if true, and, given the circumstances which I shall recount, I cannot see how they could fail to be true — constitute the most staggering UFO story ever to have come out of Russia, and certainly one of the most fascinating yet produced anywhere in the world, for it is supported by four good photographs and it sounds likely that many, many more photos may have been taken that night.

The author of the two articles (translated from English into Italian for *Gente* magazine) is the American Henry Gris, of whom I wrote at some length in the first part of this report.[1]

Mr Gris is in the USSR again as I write this (September 1981), but just before his departure from his home in Los Angeles for the current trip — his *twelfth* visit to the USSR — he sent me a letter saying that the material of the two *Gente* articles (of which I give only a very brief translated digest below) will form part of a forthcoming new book by William Dick and himself on UFOs behind the Iron Curtain. The book is scheduled to appear in print first in the USA and Japan, but not before 1982. The material of the two *Gente* articles derives from two sources: partly from the last interviews which Mr Gris had with the Soviet Ufologists on his latest trip to Russia, and partly from a very special and most sensational report, with the four UFO photos, recently sent out of the USSR with the help of a foreign journalist.

The Huge "Principal Object" *(Glavnyy Ob'ekt)* or Mother-Craft

At 11.50 p.m. on the night of June 14, 1980, an enormous reddish-orange circular UFO (seemingly horseshoe-shaped or crescent-shaped owing to the belts of swirling luminous gases flowing backwards and around it on both sides) appeared quite suddenly over the city of Kalinin,[2] which lies at 56° 55 N., 35° 55 E., and approximately 200 km to the north-west of the Soviet Capital, Moscow. Fortunately one of the many people in Kalinin who observed the awesome sight was a distinguished Soviet geophysicist named Aleksei Zolotov,[3] who is an experienced student of Ufology. Zolotov is moreover a member of Dr Zigel's closely knit team of 19 scientific UFO investigators, men drawn from a wide range of disciplines, so he at once put through a telephone call to Zigel' in Moscow. By great good fortune Dr Zigel' was at home, and was therefore able to call all the members of his team and alert them. From then on, all he had to do was to remain sitting at his desk, taking the phone calls as they came in from his nineteen colleagues and from many members of the public, and plotting on a map before him the course of the huge craft or GO *(Glavnyy Ob'ekt),* the term by which he describes it.

Report from Geophysicist Zolotov

In his report to Zigel', Zolotov said that the gigantic UFO seemed at first to be following a strange, irregular course, proceeding "by jumps,"[4] but that after a while it seemed to "stabilize." Throughout its journey across the USSR it seems to have made frequent changes of altitude, but the scientists give its average altitude for the course as about 90,000 metres. Over Kalinin, says Zolotov, it performed an acute-angled turn and then headed away south-eastwards towards Klin and Moscow, where it arrived about eight minutes after Dr Zigel' had received Zolotov's phone call.

According to Zolotov's account as given by him to Henry Gris, and also according to the general opinion of the members of Zigel's scientific team, the width of the mighty disc was not less than 120 metres! This figure does not of course include the width of the enormous horseshoe of gases enveloping the craft. Its average cruising speed as it passed over Russia was estimated at around 1,500 km per hour.

Zolotov reported that the Soviet Air Force put up a considerable number of fighter planes, evidently in the hope of studying or contacting the gigantic interloper, for he heard the planes passing overhead. "Next day," he told Gris, "there was nothing whatsoever about it all in any of our newspapers, though the people were discussing it everywhere. The continued silence of the authorities added to the general sense of alarm among the public, and the wildest hypotheses

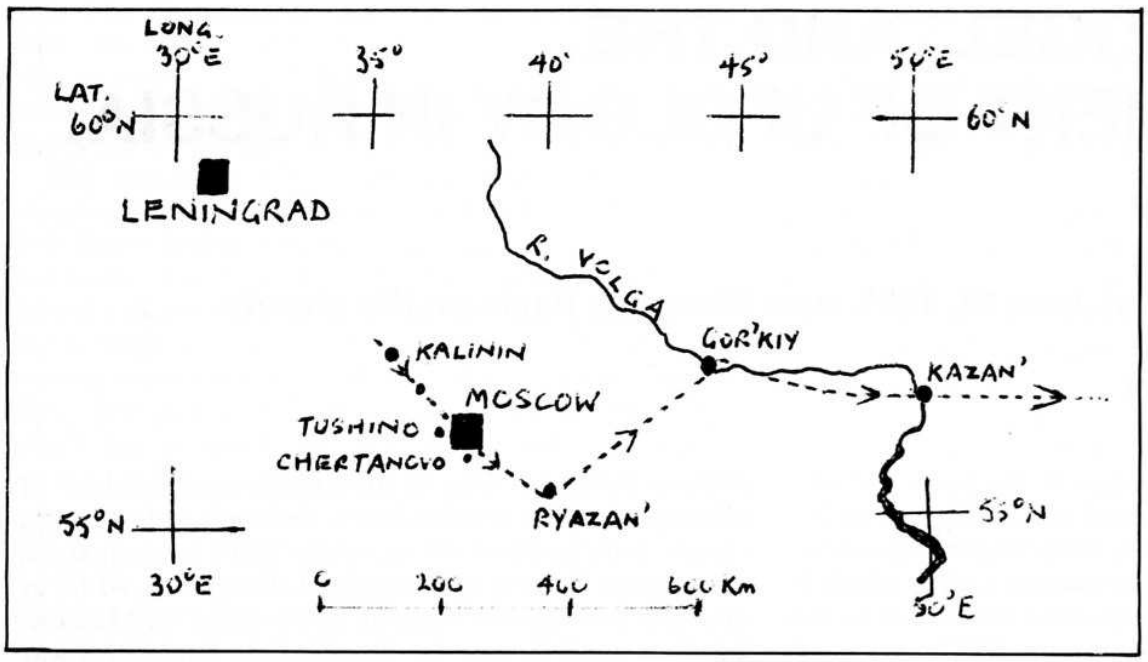


Figure 1: The Russian towns overflown by the great object, the G.O. referred to in the text. The apparent track of the G.O. is shown by the dotted line.

were rampant." But as the official silence continued, the public gradually forgot the affair and the shock they had received, having, as Zolotov puts it, "plenty of other matters to worry about."

Arriving over the Soviet Capital, the monster object remained stationary there for five minutes, observed by thousands, and produced incredible scenes of panic on the Moscow streets. In his diary Zigel' noted that old Russian women were weeping and wailing and rushing about crying that the *Day of Judgement* had come; or that the *Antichrist* had arrived; while men were dashing to and fro telling everyone to take cover in the air-raid shelters as the Americans had arrived and World War III had started.

Interestingly enough, Zigel' also records that animals and birds were tremendously disturbed by the GO:[5] cattle were lowing and bellowing, and observers at Gor'kiy reported to him that the wild ducks were fluttering and flapping frantically on the banks of the River Volga.

From Moscow the great craft went on to Ryazan' (180 km to the south-east of Moscow). There it performed a sharp turn north-eastwards and then flew over Gor'kiy,[6] which is some 340 km to the east-north-east of Moscow. Over Gor'kiy it halted for another period of five minutes. Then it continued on its way eastwards, passing over the outskirts of Kazan' and finally vanishing across the vast expanse known as the Tartar Steppes. In all, the GO had been tracked over a total distance of at least 800 kilometres in the Soviet Union, and it had been clearly visible for a total of forty minutes, being last seen at 12.30 a.m. on June 15.

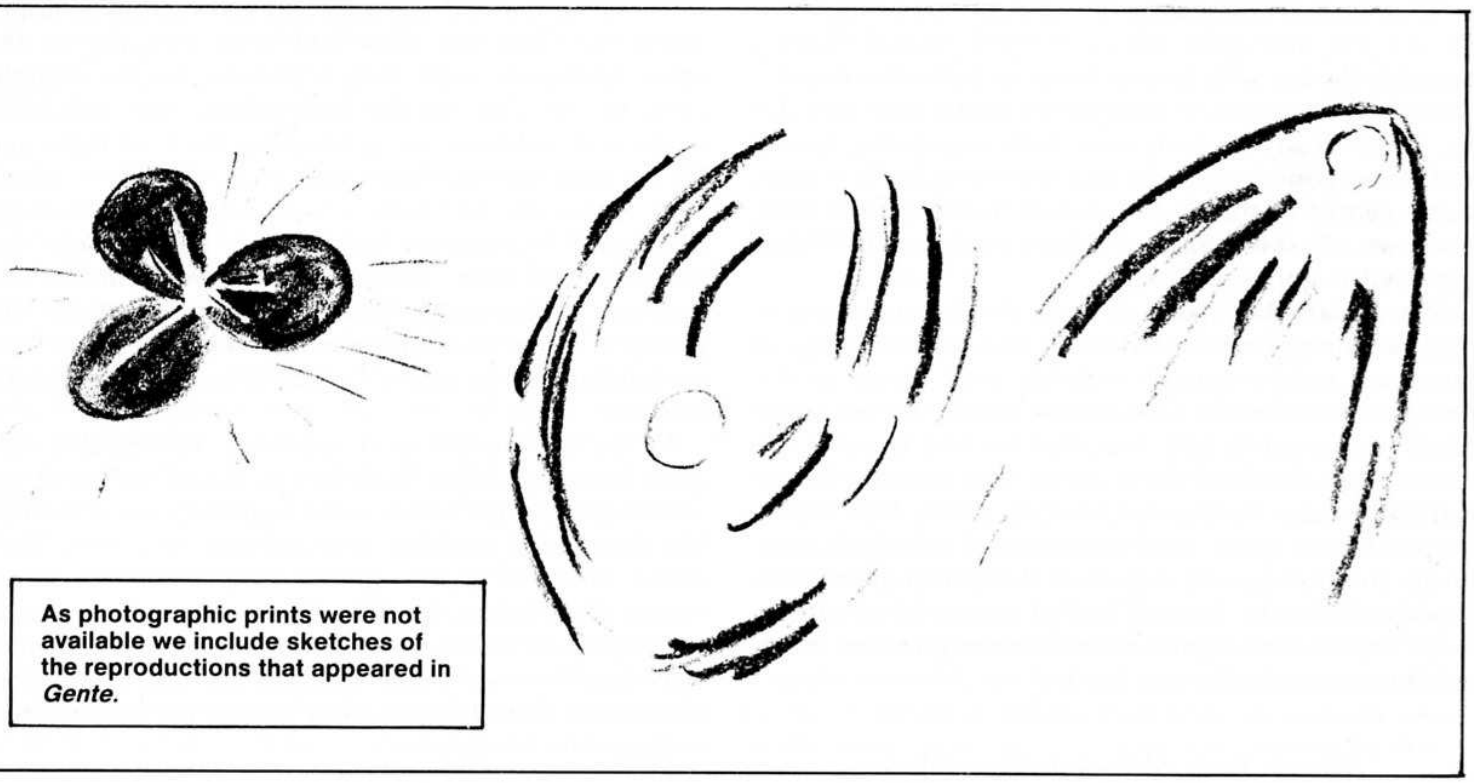
Report from Astrophysicist Bozhich

Another important Soviet scientist who reported that night to Zigel' and who has subsequently been interviewed by Henry Gris, is the astro-physicist Sergei Bozhich, who lives in Tushino, a small town on the north-western outskirts of Moscow. Bozhich observed the GO for a few minutes as it slowly passed over the outer suburbs. As he told Henry Gris: "It was a truly terrifying sight. I instantly realized that the reddish crescent simply *had* to be an extraterrestrial spacecraft, for I have been studying the UFOs for many years now, and I have already seen UFOs similar to this one. Indeed, this one was extraordinarily similar to the one that flew over Petrozavodsk on the night of September 20, 1977, though this one seemed a good deal bigger than the one at Petrozavodsk."

Astrophysicist Bozhich told Henry Gris that he and his family live on the top floor of a big block of flats on the Turistskaya Ulitsa in Tushino, so that from their windows they have an unencumbered view of the sky. The vast GO, "so huge that it took your breath away," appeared there right before their windows. They watched it as it moved away very slowly, and they finally went into a neighbour's flat to continue their observation from another side of the building. As the UFO vanished from their view, Bozhich looked at his watch and saw that the time was 11.58 p.m.

Bozhich also said that he saw at least two fragments or objects, which looked like smaller UFOs, detach themselves from the under-part of the monster, one of them flying away southwards. He said that the area over which the GO remained stationary for five minutes was about 16 km from the centre of Moscow. He confirmed that while the UFO was overhead people were rushing about in their back-gardens as though demented, many of them shouting: *"Take shelter! The Americans are coming!"*

When the UFO had vanished, Bozhich says he went down on to the street and tried to calm down a dozen of the most hysterical of the people who were there. He explained to them that this was no American craft, but "a friendly UFO."



As photographic prints were not available we include sketches of the reproductions that appeared in *Gente.*

Figure 2: Sketch of the first photograph, stated to have been taken at Kalinin at 11.50 p.m. on June 14, 1980 (*Gente,* July 31, 1981). The "trefoil" effect was said by Dr Zigel' to be due to the vast amount of gas surrounding the object. (In the photo, behind the intensely black object, we see a light, or luminous gas, streaming out like a halo. The background sky is lighter than the UFO, which is to be expected at the latitude of Kalinin and Moscow in June — GC).

Figure 3: Sketch of second photographic image, said to have been taken in Moscow at about midnight on June 14, 1980 (*Gente* July 31, 1981). The central part of the phenomenon, a huge reddish-orange disc, estimated by Dr Zigel' and his team of 19 Soviet scientists to have been at least 120 metres in diameter, is here seen swathed in its vast crescent-shaped, or horseshoe-shaped body of luminous gases.

Figure 4: Sketch made of the third photograph of the same huge object (see *Gente* of August 7, 1981). The article does not state where the photograph was taken.
There was also a fourth photo which showed an object with a smaller gaseous tail. Again there was no indication where the picture was taken.

"Strange as it may seem," he told Henry Gris, "they instantly accepted my suggestion as a very good one. It seemed almost as though, while I was talking to them, they were all simultaneously receiving a message from elsewhere. I wondered at the time whether by any chance those poor folk weren't getting some phrases of comfort transmitted to them telepathically from the space-ship, for I have had just such an experience more than once, so I am quite familiar with it. As I have said, the appearance of the huge UFO certainly was terrifying, but I felt absolutely no fear at all myself and so I was able to remain completely calm throughout those moments of tremendous panic."

Landings on the Streets of Moscow

Dr Zigel's files show that he received at least two reports that night indicating in convincing fashion that a number of small craft released from the huge UFO did actually land on the streets of the Russian Capital.

Report from Lt. Colonel Oleg Karyakin

One of these reports came from Lt. Colonel Oleg Karyakin, who wrote to Dr Zigel' that, as he was returning to his home and was just about to enter the front door, he saw "a round, flattened object, a classic 'flying saucer', just like a big bowl reversed on top of a slightly smaller plate, and hanging stationary at a distance of about 30 metres from my house." The craft was emitting a luminous pink vapour and a faint, scarcely perceptible hum. At first Karyakin stopped dead in his tracks. Then he thought of trying to get nearer to the object, but was repelled sharply by what seemed to be a totally invisible and insurmountable barrier.

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After he had stood there for about two minutes, the small UFO, still quite silent, emitted several bluish-greenish flashes which came from its belly downwards towards the ground. At once the machine rose into the air, quite slowly at first, then with increasing speed, and it was gone from sight in a few seconds. As it rose, many people in the houses round about were at their windows, all shouting and asking each other: "What the devil is going on?"

When Karyakin spoke to these neighbours about it next morning, he found that all their descriptions of the small saucer agreed with his own down to the most minute details. One fellow-tenant in the same block as Karyakin told him that he had been at his window, on the third floor, about five minutes before Karyakin came home, and, looking down, had seen a human figure, quite small and dressed in a space-suit, inside the transparent cupola of the saucer. (Karyakin explained that he himself had of course been unable to see this human figure, since his own position, down on the street, was far too low.)

Report from Aleksandr Koreshkov

The second report of an entity seen on a Moscow street during that night came to Dr Zigel' from Aleksandr Koreshkov, a TV director living at Chertanovo on the southern outskirts of Moscow. Koreshkov reported that, on the evening of June 14, 1980, he had come home early and had gone to sleep quite some time before midnight, but was aroused by a "very annoying buzzing din" coming from the street. The noise went on so long and was so insistent, that Koreshkov got out of bed and went to the kitchen, which overlooked the street. Peering out on the street, which was in complete darkness, he was able to discern a huge object that "looked like one of those big international refrigerated trucks," but it was as wide as two traffic lanes on the street, and the din was coming from it.

Koreshkov remained for some minutes at the window, watching and listening, and then he saw "a very small man" who was walking round the "truck" and seemed, as Koreshkov thought, to be engaged in repairs. Satisfied with his own explanation, Koreshkov then went back to bed and, just as he was about to drop off to sleep again, his room was lit up by a vivid flash, as it were of lightning, although he thought it odd that there was no thunder. Terrified, Koreshkov lay there in bed, not daring to get out again, and finally he decided that there must have been an *atomic explosion.* Finally, he fell asleep again, and did not awaken until 10.00 a.m. next day, feeling terribly exhausted and with a nasty headache.

Similar experiences of Koreshkov's wife

At first Koreshkov planned not to tell his wife anything about the bad night he had just had, so as not to alarm her. But she, who had been sleeping in the other bedroom with their children, began straight away to describe similar happenings. She had been awakened suddenly by a blinding flash of light and felt a sharp burning sensation on her arms — which were under the bedclothes. Switching on her bedside lamp and examining herself, she found large red marks on her arms. And from the open window was coming a humming noise. Utterly terrified, she plunged her head under the blankets and must have soon fallen asleep again, for she remembered nothing further.

When she awoke next morning, the marks were gone from her arms. With her husband she went out and inspected the streets and buildings round about, but they found nothing unusual, and no traces. They dared not talk to any of the neighbours about the events of the night, for fear of being thought mad, and no neighbour said a word to them either, so that they were unable to conclude whether the others too were all holding their tongues after having passed the same strange sort of night.

The Conclusions of Dr Zigel'

Commenting on the letters from Lt. Colonel Karyakin and Aleksandr Koreshkov, Zigel' noted in his files that in his opinion both these men had unquestionably had encounters with investigative machines sent down from the GO. He added that several other people had sent him similar reports, and that it looked as though in some cases the small UFOs had landed because of some sort of engine trouble — a thought which he felt to be a comforting one in view of the manifestly superior technology of the aliens.[7]

Dr Zigel' feels that this was the biggest visitation carried out yet by the aliens in the course of their exploration of Planet Earth. Naively, it would seem to many of us, he feels that for some reason or other they are far more interested in the USSR than in any other part of our globe! He thinks that they "already know something about the USSR, and want to know more."[8]

Having already conceded that there have been UFO landings (something never admitted by him before, as we have seen from the accounts given of him in the Ostrander/Schroeder and Gris/Dick books,[9] Dr Zigel' then went on — paradoxically it would seem — to speculate that: "They will not land in the USSR before requesting and receiving our permission to do so." And, he concludes: "I think that they are at present fascinated by our activities in the field of radio and television, and by the radio waves that fill Space around our Earth. They will have seen nothing like it during their centuries of journeying" *(sic).*[10]

This last remark is also curious, because Dr Zigel' already is on record as saying that the UFOs probably come from other dimensional multidimensional realms (which would be something utterly and for

ever beyond our comprehension). If he admits that such may be the case, why does he revive the old-fashioned S.F. assumption that ". . . they have been journeying for centuries?"[11]

50,000 UFO reports on the computer

Today, Dr Zigel' has a total of 50,000 UFO reports on his files and in the computer of the Moscow Institute of Aviation. He has written some 28 books on Astronomy, Space, and the Cosmos. From the UFO material in his own archives he has already compiled eight more volumes, but only one of these has yet been published (in 1966). He prefers at present to keep the other seven volumes of UFO materials and UFO cases unpublished, out of fear that, if released to the general Soviet public now, they would trigger off an enormous wave of fear and unrest throughout the whole country, which[12] is still so unprepared to receive his startling and alarming revelations.

However, much of the contents of the other seven volumes is already circulating clandestinely in *samizdat* form and the UFO investigation groups throughout the USSR are making use of it.

While he has at times certainly been an embarrassment to the Soviet authorities, as was seen from Part 1, Dr Zigel' is still evidently too well entrenched and too important a figure in Soviet society for the Academy of Sciences or the KGB to treat him too roughly. But when he gave a private interview in the mid-1970s to Henry Gris and William Dick he nullified the official ban that had been placed on his meeting foreign journalists, and one may imagine that the appearance of these two articles about him in *Gente* and the proposed new book by Gris and Dick may really "put the fat in the fire." However, lacking precise knowledge, we can only speculate on such matters. And our speculation may include the thought, legitimate I think, that, if Dr Felix Zigel' has taken such a bold step as to facilitate the "leakage" of such material to the West at the present time, then this can only be because he thinks that vast and dramatic events are at hand, and that the facts about the UFOs cannot be concealed from mankind much longer.

Zigel's secret report to the Soviet Government on the events of the night of June 14, 1980, contained 40 selected eyewitness accounts, plus the views of his nineteen, scientific collaborators. The huge GO was over the territory of the USSR for at least 40 minutes before it vanished over the vast eastern regions of the country, so the 40 selected eyewitness accounts have been chosen in order to cover, as nearly as possible, those 40 minutes of viewing.

It must be emphasised that, contrary to what he had previously told Messrs Gris and Dick during their Russian trips of the early and mid-1970s, Dr Zigel' now says that: **"At least seven landings of extraterrestrial space-craft have occurred in the vicinity of Moscow between June 1977 and September 1979."**

Zigel's General Classification of UFO Entities

In the articles in *Gente,* Dr Zigel' is quoted as saying that there are three main categories of UFO entities, and here again it looks as though he is in agreement with the conclusions reached elsewhere in the world, though many people would no doubt hold that each of these comprehensive categories may contain three, or four, or more, "sub-species." The least frequently seen, says Zigel' — and in this we must again concur — are the very tall beings, 3 metres or more in height, whom he calls the *Spacemen.* Then, he says, come those whom he calls the *Humanoids,* who are in general so similar to us in height and many other respects that most probably they could mingle in a crowd here without being detected, and many of whom he feels may already be living here among us. (A sobering thought.)

The third category Zigel' simply calls the *Aliens.* These, he says, are around one metre in height and vaguely resemble us, but are anything but handsome by any terrestrial standard of taste, possessing huge heads, without a trace of hair, protruding eyes set rather far apart, wrinkled faces that make them look extremely "old" to us, and a pair of enormous nostrils by way of a nose.

In addition to these three categories of "flesh-and-blood extraterrestrials," as he calls them, Zigel' says the alien craft also carry crews of robots or androids which, *inter alia,* possess the strange ability to disappear and re-appear and — not being subject to the physical laws of our world — seem to be **". . . deliberately constructed in order to confound all our notions of space, matter, time, and dimensions."**[13] Zigel' thinks it possible that some of these androids may also be here already among us without our having detected them. So maybe it is no wonder that mankind, and our world, are in such a mess!

In a brief discussion of some of the devices employed by the UFO creatures, Zigel' mentions that, as soon as they arrive on Earth, they put into operation certain protective barriers, always totally invisible, produced by infra-sound at so low a frequency that it can even disintegrate a human body. Humans who have come up against these barriers, he says, have subsequently complained of having experienced sensations of shock and terror, or of having lost consciousness for some period of time. (All of which we can match with cases known in the West.)

Victims Hypnotized and Abducted

Discussing the motivation for the landings, Zigel' says the purpose is either in order to carry out repairs to craft or to gather samples of soil, rocks, vegetation, and living creatures, just as we would do in similar situations. He says that sometimes *hypnotized samples* have been released by the entities after having spent a certain amount of time aboard their craft. He says in

passing that "there have been four cases of true and genuine abduction by them," but he does not elaborate on this. We must take it that, as always, he is referring only to known abduction cases in the USSR. (In the West the known or suspected total would be vastly in excess of four.)

Characteristics of UFOs and UFO behaviour

From the technological aspect, Dr Zigel' says the machines of these alien beings are vastly superior to anything that *Homo Sapiens* might hope to achieve in the next hundred years. He says: "We have seen these UFOs over the USSR, craft of every possible shape: small, big, flattened, spherical. They are able to remain stationary in the atmosphere or to shoot along at 100,000 km per hour. They move without producing the slightest sound, by creating around themselves a pneumatic vacuum that protects them from the hazard of burning up in our stratosphere. Their craft also have the mysterious capacity to vanish and reappear at will. They are also able to affect our power resources, halting our electricity-generating plants, our radio stations, and our running engines, without however leaving any permanent damage. So refined a technology can only be the fruit of an intelligence that is indeed far superior to ours. They have even reached the stage of using small space-craft as tiny as the terrestrial *frisbees* that our children throw around for fun."

In conclusion, I repeat that I have quoted all these details from Dr Felix Zigel's views on the entities and their craft, *not* because they contain anything that is new to readers of FSR — because they do not — but in order to show that, in almost every aspect of their ufological research, Dr Zigel' and his fellow-scientists in Russia seem to have arrived at precisely the same general conclusions as we in the West have done.

The second of the *Gente* articles by Henry Gris contains detailed accounts of a number of the remarkable UFO landings said by Dr Zigel' to have occurred recently in the USSR, and in the third part of this series I shall give a brief summary of them.

The Photographs

I must emphasise that what I am giving here is only a very summary précis of Mr Henry Gris's two long articles in *Gente.* FSR subscribers who wish to read the whole story will therefore have to await the publication of the new book by Messrs Gris and Dick. I hope that my summary account of these extraordinary new claims from Russia will help to stimulate interest and to make that book a very great success.

The question of *photographs* is something very different. One cannot make a précis or an abridgement or a summary of a photograph. We do not know who owns the copyright on the four remarkable photos of the GO which illustrate the two articles in *Gente,* and clearly FSR does not have the right to use them, so the best we can do is to supply rough sketches, with translation of the accompanying captions.

Notes and References

1. "Dr Felix Zigel' and the Development of Ufology in Russia: Part I." In FSR Volume 27, No. 3.
2. Kalinin was called Tver in Tsarist times.
3. Zolotov was the leader of the Kalinin Geological Expedition to Study the Tungusskiy Phenomenon (of June 30, 1908, in Siberia, when a vast area of forest was devastated by the explosion, in the air, of an unknown flying object of great size, variously thought to have been a meteor, a chunk of anti-matter, a small comet, or a UFO manned by beings of other worlds). Professor Aleksei Vasilyevich Zolotov, who lives in Kalinin, has degrees in geology, mathematics and physics. By 1958 he was the leading physicist in the All-Union Geophysical Institute, and was chosen in that year to head the expedition. (The second: the first having been that of Prof. Leonid Alekseyevich Kulik, in 1927.)

   Zolotov is the bearer of a vast and luxurious blackbeard which he says will not come off "until I have solved the Tungusskiy Mystery. But he already claims to be quite sure that it was no meteorite or comet or anti-matter, but a gigantic UFO. He wrote an excellent and very scientific book about it: *Problema Tungusskoy Katastrofy,* published in 1969 in Minsk, Capital of the Byelorussian Republic. The faithful old Moscow Ufologist and friend, Arkadiy A. Tikhonov, who very kindly sent me a copy of this book (it is a long time, unhappily, since I heard from him) told me in a note on the fly-leaf that the work "is an extreme rarity, the number of copies printed being exceedingly small."
4. We have often seen reports describing these strange, erratic "jumps" by UFOs, which then "settle down" to a more regular trajectory. The huge GO is reported as having appeared *suddenly* over Kalinin, nobody having observed it anywhere else in Russia before that. If, as Dr Zigel' himself now admits, these craft may quite conceivably come from unknown *multidimensional* worlds, is it not possible that the sky over Kalinin was, if one may so describe it, the "window area" where the conversion from one dimensional framework to another took place? In which case the oft-reported erratic "jumps" might perhaps simply be part of the final phase of the conversion process?
5. See "A New Catalogue: The Effects of UFOs on Animals, Birds and Smaller Creatures," (219 cases from all over the world.) (In FSR Vol. 16, No. 1, to Vol. 18, No. 3.)
6. Called Nizhniy Novgorod in Tsarist times.
7. Right from the very beginnings of UFO research we have seen these reports of "beings walking around landed craft, seemingly making inspections." Personally, I think that they may indeed often be making inspections but I find the idea of *repairs* in all these many cases surely rather naive — with the single exception perhaps of the very famous case of the Italian, Bruno Facchini, who on April 24, 1950, may have genuinely come upon a small group of entities who were repairing their craft during a violent storm.
8. Has it not occurred to Dr Zigel' that in fact they may

know just a little too much about what is going on in the USSR, and are keeping an eye on things, especially such things as nuclear warheads?

9. Ostrander & Schroeder: *Psychic Discoveries Behind the Iron Curtain.* 1970.
   Gris & Dick: *The New Soviet Psychic Discoveries.* 1978.
10. In all the masses of material about UFO sightings, I have never seen a single hint that any human understands how they communicate. Is it not far more likely that, if their technology is as good as Zigel' says it is, then they would regard our radio — and possibly even our much-vaunted television — as very primitive and old-hat?
11. This seems to be just one more example of contradictory strands of thinking in the *Gente* articles.
12. If the USSR's peoples are unprepared to learn the facts about UFOs, are there any other countries that *are* so prepared?
13. Many will have heard — and will have disbelieved as at first I did — that strange story, widely circulated during the Presidency of General Dwight D. Eisenhower, that he had once "vanished off the map" for twenty-four hours — a situation that is inconceivable under prevailing conditions in the USA. The story went on to say that the "disappearance" was due to the fact that, with a number of other VIPs, who included the Archbishop of San Francisco, Mr Gerald Light, and other prominent Americans whose names I no longer recall, the President had been flown in the greatest secrecy by the U.S. Air Force to an air base (Edwards Field?) at or near Palm Springs, in California, where the amazed dignitaries were shown landed craft, and their alien occupants, which (both machines and entities) proceeded to give a demonstration of *"mat"* and *"demat"* (materialization and dematerialization) before their eyes. The red-faced Ike, according to the story, looked around at his party and admonished them emphatically: "Remember! Mum's the word!"

    When the story first appeared I wrote to several of the VIPs named, and enquired whether it was true. The only one who replied to me — through his secretary — was the Archbishop of San Francisco. It was of course a flat denial, but I thought the wording of it rather odd at the time, and started to wonder whether the story might possibly have some substance. Now, in view of the allegedly expressed ideas by so distinguished a Soviet authority as Dr Felix Zigel', I find myself wondering still more.

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New UFO books reviewed by . . .

Janet & Colin Bord

BY comparison with the thrilling events reported by UFO abductees, mere lights-in-the-sky UFOs might seem boring and "old hat." But that that is not necessarily so is shown by **Dr Harley D. Rutledge** in his book **Project Identification** (Prentice-Hall, Inc., $10.95, 265 pages, illustrated with maps, diagrams, photographs, and with references and index). Beginning in 1973 when people in parts of Missouri started seeing lights in the sky, Dr Rutledge mounted a scientific research project to study the phenomenon in the field. Despite problems and disappointments, the participants were very successful, and during 1973 they logged 105 sightings.

Those readers interested in a scientific approach to ufology will appreciate the thorough technical coverage of events, but the reader with no scientific background will also find Dr Rutledge's book readable — and intriguing. The data is intriguing because of Dr Rutledge's conviction that the UFOs were aware of being watched, and reacted accordingly. Dr Rutledge recalls 28 instances of this, and believes that not all could be attributable to coincidence. But if we accept that the UFOs were reacting to the witnesses, we must then accept that the project members were seeing either piloted craft, or balls of light controlled with split-second timing by something with a consciousness.

Most of the sightings in the book were seen as light phenomena rather than solid craft, and despite Dr Rutledge's conviction that they were seeing controlled displays, we cannot on the evidence presented rule out a natural explanation for at least some of the sightings. Another possibility is that in some cases the witnesses were actually creating the lights they saw, especially in those cases where the lights seemed to react to the witnesses — almost as if there were some form of link between them. One of us has had the experience of seeing such a LITS "on demand," and with another witness present, and we cannot therefore rule out this explanation in the case of Dr Rutledge and his team, however unacceptable it may at first seem. The human mind is a much underrated powerhouse, capable of baffling us all, including the "experts." So while on the practical scientific side this book shows what can be done with sky-watching if it is well-planned and taking place in an area where UFOs are being reported, it is also a book for the ufologist following the clues towards a psychic interpretation (using 'psychic' in its purest sense, i.e. of the psyche).

John Taylor's book **Science and the Supernatural:** *An Investigation of Paranormal Phenomena* (Paladin paperback, £1.95, 192 pages, with bibliography and index) is a classic case of throwing the baby out with

the bathwater. He comments: "It is one thing to believe in the supernatural; it is altogether another to prove that it exists." (p.12.) In his own attempts to find positive evidence for any paranormal phenomenon Professor Taylor has found only gullibility, irrationality and hoaxing, and has concluded that since the reported phenomena do not fit into our materialist scientific mould, they cannot exist. Despite the truth of much of what he says, there still remain many well-documented cases of phenomena which cannot be so easily dismissed.

Taylor's desperate need to clear the world of all mysteries by any means is exemplified in his statement that "we have shown . . . that . . . UFOs . . . are . . . due to natural causes" (p.172), an unfounded statement indeed because UFOs are barely mentioned in his book! Ufologists agree that many UFOs are really IFOs, but most also agree that some puzzling cases remain. Since Taylor seems to think that UFO = extraterrestrial visitor (p.169), he obviously does not have sufficient knowledge of the subject to justify such a sweeping statement, and this can only reduce the authority of his other "explanations."

The Second book of the Strange covers a multitude of mysteries, UFOs among them, 42 of its 342 pages are devoted to UFOs with a strong bias towards identification and IFOs. The possible natural explanations are listed, and 26 cases of UFOs which, they say, became IFOs are described. That the authors are rather keener on IFOs that on UFOs is confirmed by their identification of the 1979 New Zealand lights captured on film as "almost certainly the planet Venus." A few "hard-core" UFOs are also detailed, e.g. Lakenheath, Great Falls, Papua New Guinea, and there is a brief section on abductions, of which the authors are naturally sceptical.

Encapsulating the UFO phenomenon is not easy, and this attempt is moderately successful, except that, apart from abductions, it ignores the weirder cases such as encounters with entities. The section headings illustrate the wide range of this book: The Human Being (Curiosities of the Mind; Pain; Aging and Death) — Medicine and Healing (Strange diseases; Strange Drugs; Strange Treatments) — The Natural World (Genetics; Evolution; Strange Animals; Animal Phenomena; Strange Natural Processes; Strange Plants) — Prehistory — The Earth — The Physical World — The Universe — Unidentified Flying Objects — Strange Beliefs and Practices — Cults — Psychic Phenomena — Parapsychology — Strange People — Legendary Creatures. The authors' approach is factual rather than sensationalist, and the text is complemented by a number of photographs. There is a good 8-page index. *The Second Book of the Strange* by Laurence D. Gadd and the Editors of The World Almanac is published by World Almanac Publications, New York, the hardcover distributed by Prometheus Books and the paperback, $7.95, by Ballantine Books.

UFO by **Milt Machlin,** with **Tim Beckley,** is a motley collection of UFO data in a 148-page, magazine-size paperback (Quick Fox, New York, $7.95; U.K. distributor, Book Sales, 78 Newman Street, London W1). There is no theme to the collection of 27 articles, the subjects of which include UFO hoaxes and hallucinations; What do the aliens look like?; Kidnapped to Venus; UFO sex down under; Billy Graham on UFOs and religion; Far-out theories; Was Jesus a space alien?; The mystery of the men in black; The first UFO murder; UFOs behind the Iron Curtain. With at least one illustration (photograph, drawing or cartoon) on every spread, this book successfully aims to provide entertainment for the casual UFO reader rather than ideas or facts for the serious researcher.

Persistent rumours of a possible link between UFOs and giant anthropoid creatures has prompted **Mark Moravec** to collect all relevant reports together in **The UFO/Anthropoid Catalogue** (published by The Australian Centre for UFO Studies, and available from them at P.O. Box 546, Gosford, NSW 2250, Australia, price by seamail to the U.K. $4 Aust.). The large-format duplicated catalogue is staple-bound and has 72 brief reports in 36 pages. The source of each report is given, which gives the knowledgeable reader a chance to evaluate its likely authenticity. Although there are 72 reports, only 15 represent sightings of UFOs and giant anthropoids seen at the same time and location and by the same witness. 48 reports are of these events occurring in the same location over a short period of time, and 9 are of anthropoid events which had features typical of some UFO events.

In fact only the 15 reports of category 1 are worth considering, the rest being of little value in the search for a link between the two types of phenomenon because of the lack of direct association of the phenomena. 15 out of 72 reports may seem quite a high proportion, but in our book *Bigfoot Casebook* we have listed 1,000 sightings of Bigfoot in the U.S.A., and so far as we can recall, there are among them no further cases of UFOs and Bigfeet being seen together. 15 out of 1,000 is a very small proportion, especially as we can safely judge that at least 50% of those 15 cases would be attributable to hoax or misidentification if more research could be undertaken.

So there remains very little positive evidence to link UFOs and giant anthropoids, though of course we do not rule out the possibility of such a link. Mr Moravec has made a useful contribution to UFO and anthropoid research by collecting the relevant reports together, and his 8-page introduction shows that he appreciates the problems inherent in using this data as proof of any link between UFOs and giant anthropoids.

Believers in the theory that UFOs come from the Inner Earth will undoubtedly enjoy **Hollow Earth Mysteries and the Polar Shift,** in which author **Floria**

Benton attempts to demonstrate that before very long there will be a reversal of the earth's polarity and a displacement of the location of the geographic poles. Ms Benton's sources range from the prestigious *Encyclopedia Britannica* to such dubious authors as Raymond Bernard and Eric Norman, and her proofs include the alleged but invented reports of explorer Admiral Byrd regarding the "land beyond the poles" and the NASA satellite photographs showing the earth with a big black hole where the North Pole should be, and for which there is a perfectly adequate technical explanation. Ms Benton appears to know of this, but assures us that it is proof of the cover-up which the inner earth race practises to conceal their presence from us. Human civilisation is in fact heavily infiltrated with Inner Earth agents, many in high positions, and two who by their own careless words have given themselves away are Drs Carl Sagan and Allen Hynek! Students of the quirkier corners of the UFO scene will probably find this 100-page paperback booklet full of fun and interest. It is published by Future Press and obtainable from Arcturus Book Service, 263 N. Ballston Avenue, Scotia, N.Y. 12302, U.S.A., price $4.95.

UFO enthusiasts who enjoy collecting UFO ephemera will wish to obtain **Flying Saucer Treasure Trove,** a 12-page booklet containing 118 addresses around the world where magazines, catalogues, colour slides, stickers, tapes, T-shirts, pendants, and so on, can be obtained. Also available is *UFO Research Directory of Organizations and Publications for the 1980s,* a 28-page booklet containing around 600 addresses, though unfortunately it was already out of date on publication and contains some errors which indicate inadequate checking of data. Nevertheless, it will be useful to researchers wishing to make contact with foreign UFO groups. Both booklets are available from Gene Duplantier, 17 Shetland Street, Willowdale, Ontario, Canada, M2M 1X5. *Flying Saucer Treasure Trove* costs $1.50 plus 25¢ postage for foreign orders; *UFO Research Directory* costs $2.95 plus 50¢ foreign postage. A free UFO book catalogue can be obtained from the same address, on receipt of a postal reply coupon to cover postage costs.

Three books already reviewed by us in their hardcover editions and now available in paperback are: *Guardians of the Universe?* by Richard Story (New English Library), *The Interrupted Journey* by John G. Fuller (Corgi, £1.25), *The Roswell Incident* by Charles Berlitz with William Moore (Granada, £1.25).

UNUSUAL OBSERVATIONS FROM SPANISH SUBMARINES

Juan José Benítez

We are indebted to the author for this article which appeared in the daily newspaper *Diario de Mallorca* (Majorca) of February 4, 1981. *Translation from Spanish by Gordon Creighton.*

FOLLOWING close upon the recent UFO wave over Spain, Portugal, France and Britain,* lasting from December 7 to December 31 of 1980, here are reports of two more cases, both of which occurred in the Mediterranean, and involved Spanish submarines.

1. Report from the Spanish submarine *Tonina*

This event took place at 12.15 p.m. on May 26, 1980. The submarine *Tonina* (S-62) was in what is termed in naval parlance "a situation of alert," off the Almería coast, and, to be more precise, about 3.5 miles from the peak known as El Fraile, very near to the Cabo de Gata (Cape de Gata, just to the east of the port of Almería — 36° 41 N, 2° 13 W). The submarine was operating on the surface at the time, when its radar suddenly picked up a "contact" out over the sea and to the west of the Cabo de Gata.

The submarine's radar specialists and officers were amazed as they watched the target, on the screen, flying from south-west to north-east, and at a speed of some 300 knots (about 600 km per hour).

The object passed at a distance of only 1.8 miles from the submarine and yet, to the astonishment of everyone aboard her, *not one of them saw it with the naked eye.* Despite all the attempts made by officers and crew to catch a glimpse of it, and despite the absolutely clear image on the radar screen, nobody registered it visually. The trajectory followed by the object, as observed on the submarine's radarscope, passed over the Cabo de Gata, and over the small port of Puerto Genovés, and then turned towards the north-east and vanished opposite the El Fraile peak, just ahead of where the submarine lay.

According to the calculations of the experts aboard

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* Has there been much evidence here of a UFO wave over Britain in December 1980? — G.C.

the *Tonina,* the mystery object was flying at a height of only 427 metres above the surface of the sea and, as stated above, at its closest point it passed at only 1.8 miles from the submarine. Not only could nobody aboard the surfaced submarine see anything, they could likewise hear nothing from the "target." At such a short distance as 1.8 miles the sound of any sort of aircraft, be it an airliner, or a jet plane, or a light aircraft, would have been loud and clear. It only remains to add that the weather at the time was fine, with clear visibility up to ten kilometres, rippling sea surface, wind five knots, and everything smooth and calm.

2. Report from the Spanish submarine *Delfín.*

This second case (and there have been others since) happened on June 11, 1980. The *Delfín* (S-61) was travelling between 4.00 and 5.00 p.m., submerged to "periscope height," and the coordinates for her position were 37° 19 N., 1° 15 W.†

She had just come up to "periscope height." Peering through the periscope, her officers and crew observed an object of ovoid or ellipsoid shape, and estimated at about 100 metres diameter. To their great astonishment, this mysterious object (seen not on radar but by the naked eye) was suspended at a height of 200 metres or so above the surface of the sea, and at an estimated distance of some eight to ten miles from the submarine. The object appeared to be metallic, shining silvery-white in the sunlight.

At the level of submersion at which the *Delfín* was operating, all that was visible of her above water was the periscope, the snorkel, and her aerials.

Official silence still maintained

Naturally this case of the *Tonina* is not the first in which a UFO has been seen on a radar screen while nobody has been able to observe it visually. The same thing has already happened to jet airliners, fighter planes, and to observers situated on the ground. It looks as though the UFOs — these "machines" . . . if "machines" they be — are simply endowed with a technology that permits them to be "camouflaged" against human sight, though not against the cold eye of the radar. On the other hand there have also occasionally been cases in which they *have* been perceived by the human eye, and in these cases — such as the case of the Spanish submarine *Delfín* — the features revealed, such as the bright metallic gleam and the absence of sound, are quite typical.

In a word, the presence of the UFOs here among us is patent, not only in our skies, and over our fields and mountains, but also over our seas.

Meanwhile, the official silence continues . . .

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† This would put the position of the *Delfín* slightly to the east of the Cape Cabo de Gata, and about half-way between Almería and Cartagena. — G.C.

MAIL BAG

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

Straightening the Cosmos record

Dear Sir, — Is it possible that eminent scientists are not under so strict an obligation as the rest of us to be scrupulously careful about the reported facts of a situation when it is being debated?

For example, Television viewers who recently saw Dr Carl Sagan's *Cosmos* series will have noticed that, when he came to the problem of discussing UFOs, he did so as fleetingly as one might have expected, using — if I remember correctly — only one of the much debated Heflin photographs, and the Betty and Barney Hill abduction story. (None of which, by the way, is in Sagan's book of the *Cosmos* series, so their inclusion must have been an afterthought.)

If we consult the only published version of the experiences of Mr and Mrs Hill, John G. Fuller's *The Interrupted Journey,* (British edition by Souvenir Press, London, 1980) we will see — on page 5 — what the weather was like that night:-

"It was a bright, clear night, with an almost full moon. The stars were brilliant, as they always are in the New Hampshire mountains on a cloudless night, when starshine seems to illuminate the tops of the peaks with a strange incandescence."

So it was a fine, clear night. The night of September 19, 1961, in New England.

How then does Carl Sagan show it, in his filmed re-enactment of the Betty and Barney Hill story?

He shows it all happening in a blinding, driving rainstorm, accompanied by thunder and lightning!

How would ufologists fare, I ask, if they dared to play ducks and drakes in this fashion with the reported facts?

Is it that when you are Carl Sagan, trifling considerations of this sort don't matter?

As one of France's top two or three astronomers, Dr Pierre Guérin (Maître de Recherche at the Institut d'Astrophysique and at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique in Paris) pointed out in his interview with Jean-Claude Bourret in the best-selling book which I have translated as *The Crack in the Universe* (Neville Spearman), when scientists don't want to accept the facts about UFOs they

simply refuse to look at the evidence — and that is that. *"When people don't want to accept the reality of something, there is nothing, absolutely nothing, that will convince them: every time you produce a proof, they ask for ten more."* And any sort of manipulation or distortion of the facts is quite legitimate. For *them* — but not for us.

Yours faithfully,
Gordon Creighton,
Rickmansworth,
Herts.
October 26, 1981

Birth of a new theory?

Dear Sir, — Since UFO occupants are often reported to have the appearance of young children, or, more often, foetuses, has anyone ever looked for a correlation between CEIII experiences and miscarriages or stillborns in the family of the contactees?

The concept I wish to raise is that perhaps "other-dimensionals" begin entry into our realm during the process of birth, and those that abort for some reason or another end up participating in a reality that is closely tied to the physical realm, both with regards to their own personal form, and with regard to the desire to interact with us — sort of "half-made-its," as it were. (This idea has some parallel to the catholic tradition that unborn or stillborns go into limbo.)

A simple question added to debriefing questionnaires as to recent occurrences of such an event would provide the needed statistical base to determine whether such correlation as hypothesized above exists.

Yours truly,
H. E. Puthoff, PhD,
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U.S.A.
October 5, 1981

On Dr V. Azhazha's standing

Dear Editor, — In his letter published in Vol. 27 No. 3, Mr Beck states that Mr Azhazha is an unknown on the UFO scene. Coincidentally, a friend in Canada sent me some newspaper cuttings including one from the *National Enquirer* of September 11th, 1979, which would seem to show otherwise. I quote extracts from an article on page 25, entitled:

"Scientists Reveal . . . Alien UFOs Watched Our First Astronauts on Moon," followed by ". . . A former top consultant to NASA has admitted the mind-boggling event took place during the historic mission — and was covered up.

"When the (Apollo 11) module landed at the bottom of a crater, two alien spacecraft appeared at the crater rim," revealed scientist Maurice Chatelain, formerly under contract to NASA.

"The encounter was common knowledge in NASA. But nobody has talked about it until now."

Incredibly, NASA's cover-up was so massive that the news has taken 10 years to reach the American public — and had to be first disclosed by Soviet scientists, who found out about it two years ago.

"'I am absolutely certain this episode took place,' said Dr Vladimir Azhazha, a physicist and professor of mathematics at Moscow University.

"According to our information, the encounter was reported immediately after the landing of the module.

"Neil Armstrong relayed the message to Mission Control that two large, mysterious objects were watching them after having landed near the moon module. But his message was never heard by the public — because NASA censored it.

"Buzz Aldrin even took moving pictures in colour of the UFOs from inside the module — and continued shooting after he and Armstrong went outside, according to another Soviet space scientist, Prof. Aleksandr Kazantsev.

"Dr. Azhazha says that the UFOs flew away just minutes after the astronauts came out on the moon's surface. Aldrin later carried his incredible movie back to earth — where NASA immediately put it under wraps, the professor charged.

"Dr. Azhazha — aware that his telephone interview with the *Enquirer* was being monitored by Soviet security agents — refused to identify the source of his information. But he and other Russian space experts say the encounter has been common knowledge among Soviet scientific circles for the past two years."

There is a good deal more about this event in the article, which appears over the names of Eric Faucher, Ellen Goodstein and Henry Gris, but I have quoted only the part concerning Dr (not Mr) Azhazha.

Yours faithfully,
John M. Lade,
FSR Publications Ltd.,
West Malling,
Maidstone,
Kent
November 18, 1981.

On comments by the Royal Observatory

Dear Sir, — I enclose a cutting from a local free paper. Alleged sightings in this immediate area seem extremely rare, so I am sending the report to you.

To be fair to the people at the Royal Observatory, they do not always dismiss reported sightings out of hand — I remember one some years ago that they took quite seriously, and admitted being quite unable to identify the object, or objects, seen at about 3 a.m. from the area of Battle. One theory was that the group of stationary lights was a refuelling exercise, but that was denied by the Air Force authorities. I cannot recall whether it was supposed to be R.A.F. or American Air Force planes involved, but that is probably not important.

I am sorry the cost of FSR is going up, but quite realise the necessity, and shall strive to keep up my subscription in the future.

Every good wish for increased success,

Yours truly,
(Mrs) P. M. Tustin,
Hastings,
East Sussex.

Thank you for your help, and your kind wishes, Madam. An extract from the news cutting is included in our World Round-up *feature. The incident you recall occurred during the 1967 "Flying Cross" wave, and was described briefly in FSR Vol. 13, No. 6, November-December 1967, page 3. The U.S. Air Force refuelling exercise took place elsewhere in the country. The date of the important Hastings sighting was October 25, 1967. — EDITOR.*

Azores incident: a correction

Dear Sir, — In footnote no. 3 to my article "A Gigantic 'Cigar' over the Atlantic," (FSR Vol. XXVII, No.3) I ventured to suggest that our lady reader who was once on the staff of NATO might possibly have been at fault over her dates, as our records indicated that the large "cigar" flew over Santa

Maria in the Azores on July 9, 1965, and not some years earlier than that, as she stated in her letter.

She has now contacted me again to say that our report is excellent and correct in all other details, but that her memory was not at fault, *for she was referring to a different case.* She says the event she has in mind is No.14 of the 200 cases listed by Dr. Jacques Vallée's in his study, "The Pattern behind the UFO Landings," which forms part of *The Humanoids,* edited by Charles Bowen.

Jacques Vallée's entry reads as follows:

September 20 (1954). A guard on Santa Maria Airport (Azores Islands) witnesses the landing of a craft from which emerged an individual who talked to him, but was not understood. The object took off very fast.

Our lady from NATO tells me that she was in the Azores at that time and heard a good deal about this case from the local people. Although Dr Vallée's brief account makes no mention of the size or shape of the UFO that touched down briefly at the Santa Maria Airport, she says that in fact it was tubular or cigar-shaped, but probably a great deal smaller than the thing she saw over the Atlantic, as the local press reported that the airport guard who saw it said it seemed to be about 20 or 25 metres long.

Yours truly,
Gordon Creighton,
Rickmansworth,
Herts.

Project UFOMD

Dear Sir, — I have begun a national investigation of medical injuries associated with alleged UFO close encounters in the United States. Because I expect a paucity of reports, I have decided that international invitation to other countries would secure more data.

I invite FSR to participate in this project following the guide lines enclosed. I trust you will advise your subscribers to use the address and telephone number as stated. In order to ensure a high quality of information I request that all witnesses who claim any medical "injuries" be examined by their physician. I encourage their physician to contact me accordingly. Because I am a medical doctor in the U.S. Air Force, I have (by legal advice) established a private 24 hour telephone and mail forwarding service to clearly separate myself from the Air Force. This is absolutely a private study and no address or phone number reflects the name of my employer.

Yours sincerely,
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U.S.A.

Dr Niemtzow's guidelines for Project UFOMD

1. TERM: October 1, 1981 to October 1, 1983.
2. INVESTIGATOR: Richard C. Niemtzow, M.D.
3. TITLE OF PROJECT: National Investigation of Medical Injuries Associated with Alleged UFO Close Encounters.
4. RATIONALE: Following the United States Air Force Project Blue Book and the Condon Report which essentially negated the existence of unidentified flying objects, reports still continue of this phenomenon. In the majority of cases, an intense light is observed with variable geometric configurations. Curiously enough, associated with these observations are medical injuries and apparently related sequelae.

These injuries may be classified into three categories. The first category is of a temporary nature dealing with paralysis, dizziness, temporary blindness, headache, perception of odours, audio frequency sounds, and parapsychological activity. The second category deals with the more chronic effects usually associated with skin lesions, gastrointestinal disturbances, and abnormal psychological manifestations. The third category is slow healing and a return to normal health. The stigma of the experience may cause long-term life style and socio-psychological changes that may or not be tied to the medical injuries.

As a private citizen, I feel justified, based on the frequency of pathological reports associated with close encounters and the existence of excellent investigating media and experts, to undertake the acquisition of serious medical data. This information, respecting the privacy of the individual, would be evaluated and placed at the disposition of the scientific community.

Hopefully, this study will assist in a better understanding of the phenomenon as it interacts both physically and psychologically with man. It may be feasible to describe physiological mechanisms that are repetitive with the phenomenon.

5. PLAN OF RESEARCH:
SPECIFIC GOALS:
A. Investigate and assess a minimum of twelve (12) cases dealing with medical injuries as a result of UFO close encounters.
B. If possible, produce a catalogue correlating injury and the UFO mishap.

6. EXPERIMENTAL DESIGN AND METHODS OF PROCEDURE:
A. A medical doctor of the patient's choice will interview and evaluate. Dr Niemtzow will act as a consultant to the primary physician.
B. The existing UFO organisations have the needed expertise to evaluate the non-medical data.
C. Medical Guidelines:
CLINIC EVALUATION:
Complete medical and psychiatric history.
Physical Examination (include weight)
LABORATORY TESTS:
complete blood count with differential
serum and urine electrolytes: sodium, potassium, chloride, calcium and phosphorus.
serum glucose
serum cortisol to determine 24 hour peak
urine ketones
chest x-ray
biopsies of skin lesions
photographs of external injuries

7. COMMUNICATIONS:
A. The witness must be examined by a physician of his choice immediately.
B. The "patient" must have his physician call Dr Niemtzow.
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C. Please respect the anonymity of the patient in all reports. Otherwise medical legal problems will forbid the publication of medical information and the case will be excluded.
D. All cases may be published in any journal at the discretion of the field investigator.
E. Medical data will be published in the journals of organizations that endorse the study.

8. RESULTS TO DATE:
A. UFO organizations and private investigators have generated data sufficiently useful for this study.
B. No thorough medical investigation of injuries produced by the phenomenon has been attempted on a national scale.

9. SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT:
This investigation may prove very fruitful in identifying the phenomenon and determining its possible detriment or benefit to the American population.

10. REPORTS:
Every three months or at the instance of a case.

11. PUBLICATIONS:
Medical information to be published in the journal of supporting UFO organizations.

12. INTERNATIONAL PARTICIPATION WELCOMED

World round-up

of news and comment about recent sightings

England

Hastings UFO: "Moonlight" says Observatory

The following item is taken from *The News* of Hastings, E. Sussex, of October 8, 1981, and refers to an incident reported of October 4. (*The News* is an advertising newspaper with some editorial content, and the item concerned appeared under the signature, Jonathan Mendenhall.)

"Two women who spent nearly an hour on Sunday night gazing in awe at 'two huge golden plates' pulsating and changing shape in the sky insist it was a UFO.

"They also saw six fast aircraft and a helicopter crisscrossing the sky near the object as they watched from a Bristol Way, Hollington window.

"Their sighting — reported to Hastings police — has been dismissed by the Royal Greenwich Observatory as 'moonlight' and the RAF at Manston, Kent deny knowledge of the aircraft.

"But Mrs Matilda Antell (65) and her daughter-in-law Janette Antell (30) are sticking to their story. Said Janette: 'I know I saw a UFO and it was an amazing and marvellous sight.'

"And another person saw something in the sky at the same time. Colin Carey (28), of Gladstone Terrace, Hastings, said: 'I was walking my dog about 9 p.m. along Plynlimmon Road when I happened to look up. I saw a large bright light in between two houses. It didn't seem like a star and when I saw it it was not moving.

" 'The thing that struck me was its colour. It was very yellowy and it had a white centre. It wasn't like a moon. I thought I'd run to the West Hill to get a better look but when I got there it had gone. I don't know what it was but I did wonder whether it was a UFO.'

"Matilda Antell of Bristol Way, Hollington, said: 'It happened at about 9.15 p.m. on Sunday night. I was in the middle of a film when I suddenly felt compelled to look out of the window. I looked into the sky over Hollington Church-in-the-Woods when I saw one huge light in the sky.

" 'It kept changing shape. It came forwards and backwards and was the size of a dinner plate. It was a huge golden light, it formed into a ball and then went into shapes, one was a cross and the other a cigar shape.

" 'Then suddenly six or seven aircraft appeared and a helicopter I think. It formed its own cloud as the planes went over and kept coming out and going behind it.

" 'We thought it had gone at one stage and it was the most fabulous sight when it came out again and radiated this golden light. It also got very big suddenly and came right towards our direction. There were red and other coloured lights. It went on like this for nearly an hour.'

"Janette Antell, of Amherst Road, went to her mother-in-law's after she phoned.

" 'I'd been there ten minutes and saw nothing,' she said. 'Then suddenly it happened. It appeared from a white haze and came out as a cigar shape. I also saw a pyramid of flashing lights and at that point it looked just like a UFO.

" 'There were blue lights around as well. There were lots of aircraft flying round it and when they seemed to get near it disappeared behind its own cloud.

" 'The amazing thing was all the clouds in the sky were in one direction. It had its own cloud which it kept going behind when the aircraft got near.

" 'I was shaking after I had seen it, an amazing sight. I have seen the moon in all different states and I just know it was not this.'

"But at the Royal Greenwich Observatory, Hersmonceux, Gordon Taylor insisted the moon was probably responsible. 'The moon plays all sorts of spectacular tricks. It was a cloudy night and the effects of the light and cloud would account for the changing shape.'

"Mr Taylor said he had seen many strange things in the sky but never anything he could not explain. 'Burning meteorites can have strange effects,' he said."

Credit: **Mrs P. M. Tustin** (see "Mail Bag" column).

Swiss view of Northumberland auto-chase by UFO

According to a DDP report from London published in the *Basler Zeitung* (Basle, Switzerland) of August 25, 1980, Mrs. Lilian Middleton, a 33-year-old housewife of Wilton Bay, near Newcastle, had the shock of her life when a UFO pursued her as she was driving her car on the previous Saturday along a quiet country road between the villages of Earsdon and Holywell. [*A192 road, N.W. of Whitley Bay* — ED.]

At times she touched 100 km per hour as she tried to get away from it, and when she sudddenly pulled up and stopped, the UFO came back and hovered directly above the car. The local police were taking the affair very seriously, said the report, inasmuch as numerous other people had also reported that they had seen the UFO.

According to a statement made to the press by Mrs. Middleton's husband, she is "not the sort of person who would imagine things." She said the UFO was of about the same size as her car. She also said that it was frequently so close to the roof of the car that she could have touched it. The UFO emitted a dazzling white light.

Credit to Swiss reader **Frl. Lou Zinstag.** Translation from German by Gordon Creighton.

That story of a "near miss"

On Monday evening, 30 November 1981, we were startled by a telephone call from a reader who stated that it had been disclosed in a TV news broadcast (ITV "News at Ten") that the Duke of Edinburgh was the pilot of a plane which, on 27 November, was involved in a near miss with a Boeing 747 which was *changing course to avoid an unidentified flying object.* Next morning *The Times* of 1 December 1981 carried a report of the incident which presented the story in a somewhat different light,—

"Buckingham Palace confirmed last night that the Duke of Edinburgh was at the controls of an Andover of the Queen's Flight when it was involved in a near miss with a jumbo jet carrying 200 passengers to Miami.

"The incident happened after a British Airways Boeing 747 had taken off from Heathrow airport on Friday and was climbing at 300 mph, according to reports.

"The pilot took evasive action after seeing an 'unidentified object fly ac-

ross his field of vision. An inquiry is to be held as to why the near miss happened. The Duke will be required to submit a report."

Tibet and China

"Ping-pong ball" in sky

The *Daily Telegraph*, London (August 6, 1981) carried the following report from its representative in Peking:-

"The *New China News Agency* said yesterday that eyewitness reports had been received from five places in Tibet on July 24 of a 'bright object the size of a ping-pong ball surrounded by a ring of blue-white light moving from east to west at about 90 miles a minute.'

"The *Chengdu Daily News* (Szechuan Province, West China) reported from Szechuan that there had been UFO sightings around the city of Chengdu and in some other areas the same night. These reports came almost four years to the day after similar reported sightings in Chengdu.

DINOSAURS . . . NOT HUMANOIDS?

Dr Bernard E. Finch, MRCS, LRCP, DCh, FBIS

This highly speculative idea, Dr Finch tells us, was stimulated by a recent programme in the *Horizon* series on BBC-2 TV, in which some remarkable models of possible dinosaur evolution were projected.

THE name Dinosaur is derived from the Greek *deinos* (terrible) + *sauros* (lizard). These great reptiles lived in the Cretaceous period 130 million years ago, and reached an astonishing degree of specialisation. However, somewhere at the close of the Cretaceous period the dinosaurs died out, leaving no descendants. This extinction was sudden and complete.

Recent investigations have shown that reptiles are sensitive to both heat and cold, and avoid the sun in the warmest time of the year.

It has recently been suggested that a massive asteroid six miles wide smashed into Earth. The resultant dust cloud blacked out the sun's rays, killing off many plants, and the animals which depended on them, including dinosaurs, for there was no indication that they were on the point of extinction without extra-terrestrial intervention. The collision with an asteroid would be a million million times more devastating than the bomb that fell on Hiroshima, and there would have been vast clouds of debris blackening out the sun for five years or more. Chlorophyll-based plants would have died, and the Terrestrial temperature would have risen by eight degrees. Life would have disappeared except for smaller forms less susceptible to this greenhouse effect. These smaller animals evolved, and from them came various species including man.

Let us consider, however, a (hypothetical) similar state of affairs on another planet in our galaxy. In this model no asteroid collision occurred, and the dinosaurs that were *in situ* evolved to something like a human level of intelligence, and took on humanoid forms (as shown in fig. 1). A similar situation could have occurred on earth: man would not have appeared, dinosaurs being dominant in the absence of a cataclysmic collision. The dinosaurs would have evolved, instead, and would have dominated all other species.

They had binocular vision, could open their mouths widely, and as they evolved would have become warm-blooded and begun to walk upright. The hand would have developed grasping reflexes, the first digit diverging from the other two, and the ring and little fingers becoming vestigial. The claws would have shortened and the teeth become smaller. The feet would have retained their webbing between the toes. The forelimbs would now have become short and feeble as they developed into arms, and the hind limbs would have become legs with three functional toes.

The most remarkable development, however, would be in the skull, which would enlarge to accommodate the growing brain and develop convolutions (as in man).

As these animals developed they would have become slender and graceful bipeds, their necks shortened, their heads larger, their orbits expanded and their tails receded.

Finally, at the time that man on this planet of ours was beginning to walk upright, the evolution of the "dinosaurians" in a neighbouring galaxy was complete. A highly intelligent and graceful creature was dominant, civilised and with a technology equal to its brain development. It would evolve finally in a form bearing remarkable similarities to descriptions of (UFO) aliens which are received from many sources. In other words, the so-called Humanoid, or alien, closely resembles the end product of the evolution of the dinosaur from the reptiles, the "terrible lizards" of the Cretaceous period . . . and an identical form would have been dominant on this Earth had the dinosaurs not suddenly died out.

DINOSAURS . . . NOT HUMANOIDS?

Figure 1: Hypothetical evolutionary tree of the Dinosaur.

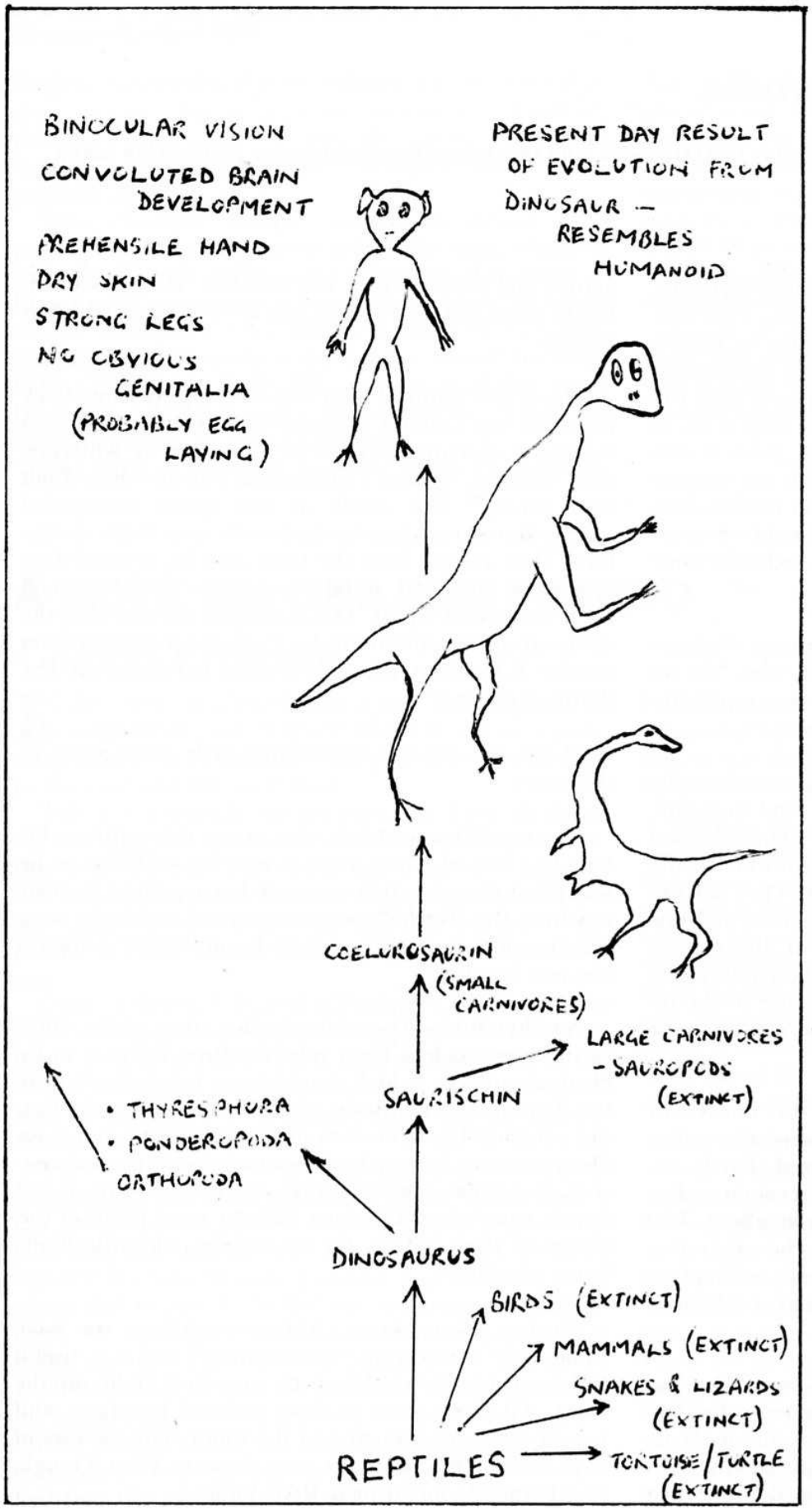
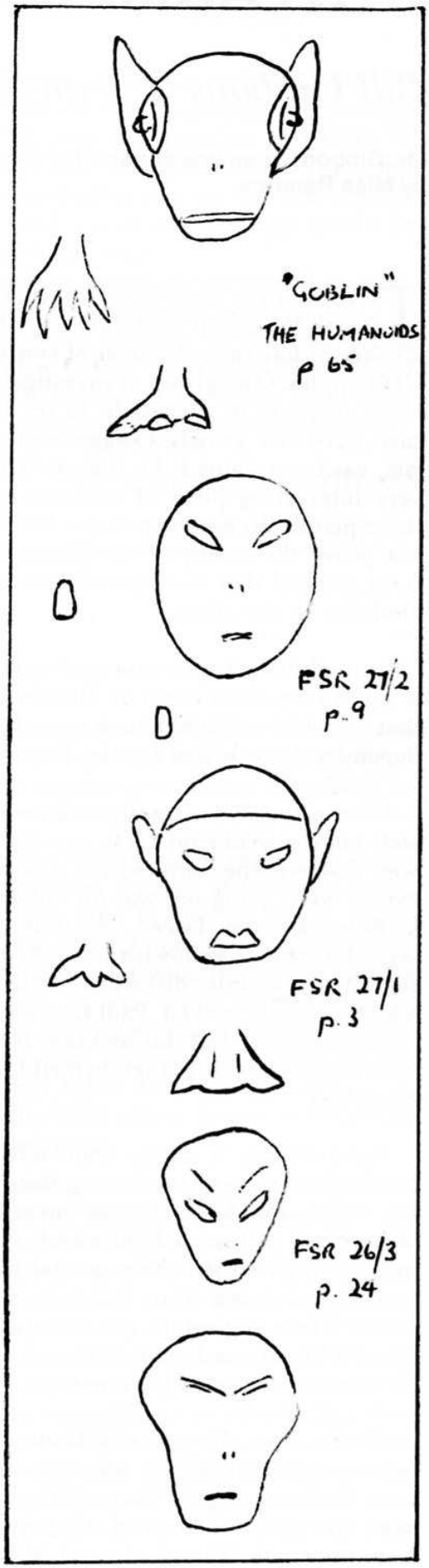


Figure 2: Alien characteristics reported by CE3 witnesses.



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS WITH ANIMAL EFFECTS

Bill Gibbons & Jenny Randles

Mr. Gibbons is an investigator for the Scottish UFO Network, and this report has been prepared from his notes by Miss Randles.

THE multiple witness sighting at Llanerchymedd, North Wales, on September 1, 1978, (see FSR Vol. 25, No. 5) has caused a deal of controversy in British UFO circles. One group of investigators is conducting what amounts to a crusade to try to prove that the case has been grossly exaggerated and that it is, in fact, easily explained. Be that as it may, there is one very interesting piece of evidence which we suspect these people do not even know. Whilst in itself it does not prove the reality of the Llanerchymedd observations, we feel that in a roundabout way it lends some credence to the affair.

Animal disturbance cases are not common. Perhaps a half dozen or so occur in Britain each year. Yet on that one date two other such cases have been quite independently recorded for the British Isles.

One of these is virtually unknown. It concerns the well-known writer on earth mysteries, Paul Screeton, who that evening (around the time the Llanerchymed events were going on) was on holiday with his family at Berwick upon Tweed, Northumbria. They all observed a strange yellowish oval phenomenon, and saw that it apparently disturbed a flock of sheep over which it slowly moved. Paul has not widely publicised his observation, but did mention it because of the interesting link with Llanerchymedd, where cattle were disturbed.

Furthermore, it seems that across the border in Scotland some very interesting things were also going on, which Bill Gibbons has investigated. Partly involved is a yellowish light which was seen meandering around the Stranraer coastal area at about 7.00 p.m. that evening (thus tying in with the other two cases). More important are events which took place about 14 hours earlier (at 4.30 a.m. in fact) at a farm in the same area, near Drummore.

At this time, 62-year-old Tommy Gibson, who has been a dairyman all his life, was collecting a herd of cows for returning to Currochtrie Farm. Suddenly he saw two grey/silver oval shapes approaching him from the south. They each seemed to be about 30 feet across, and were moving low and fast. They passed silently overhead and moved out over the sea, which is nearby.

About two minutes after this the objects came back from the sea making a sound now which was like a threshing machine, a kind of humming or whirring. Says Tommy: "I wasn't frightened, but somehow I felt very lonely." The cattle at this point stampeded madly, far worse than he had ever seen them do before. They rushed into the byre and for several days refused to give any milk, a sure sign that they had been very badly upset. This is despite the fact that the cattle sit quite content all day long as jet aircraft from nearby RAF West Freeugh scream overhead on low flying exercises!

There are several interesting little postscripts to this story.

Tommy Gibson claims that since the sighting his hair has turned white. Now it may be said that as he was 62 at the time, it is not exactly surprising his hair is white. But Tommy says it occurred suddenly, very shortly after the sighting, and he definitely connects the two incidents.

Another interesting thing is that, that night, 6000 racing pigeons had been released from Preston to fly en route to Ayr (which would have taken them near the Stranraer area) none of them turned up. In fact, not a feather has been seen of them since! Such a mass disappearance is very hard to attribute to normal reasons, but what other reasons can we attribute it to? Surely some alien biologist did not need 6000 of the things to study? If he did we wonder what the flight home was like!

Putting these three sightings together, we have some very interesting "coincidences" (what a useful little word that is). All three occurred right on the coast. All three were in very isolated locations, and two of the three occurred in the immediate vicinity of RAF bases (the Stranraer case close to West Freugh, and Llanerchymedd near RAF Valley).

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Offizielle untersuchungsberichte der Russen und der Amerikaner über unidentifizierbare himmelserscheinungen: U.S. Air Force — Blue Book Datenmaterial, berichtsmanuskripte aus der UdSSR, und polizeiliche UFO-ermittlungen in Bayern, Edited by **Dipl.-Phys. I. Brand** for MUFON-CES (mutual UFO network — Central European Section) 1981.

English translation of title: *Official reports of the Russians and the Americans on investigations of Unidentified Sky Phenomena: U.S. Blue Book data; manuscript reports from the USSR; and UFO reports issued by the police in Bavaria.*

This excellent volume (paperback quarto; 402 pages, including 68 photographs with many sketches and tables, price 30 Deutschmarks) edited by Herr. I. Brand and containing contributions from 14 other Central European investigators, is No. 8 in the splendid series of scientific compilations issued by MUFON-CENTRAL EUROPE, and is available from Dipl.-Ing. Adolf Schneider, Konrad-Celtis-Strasse 38, 8000 München 70 (West Germany).

The table of contents includes some 40 pages on Bavarian Police Reports regarding unidentified light phenomena; 84 pages on UFO sightings and investigations in the USSR; and 123 pages on BLUEBOOK and the Americans. There are also a number of other interesting studies, including two on the reactions of animals to UFOs, and a valuable 30-page article by Dr. H. Beck on Ball Lightning.

Many of the 68 photographs are described as originating in the USSR and previously unpublished.

I hope to deal with the sections on Bavaria and on the USSR in the near future. As regards the USSR I will extract and translate any interesting UFO cases that are new to us, and I will do the same for Bavaria.

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A NOTE ON ONILSON PATERO

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IN the recent report, "Is this a new Teleportation in Brazil?" (FSR, Vol. XXVII, No.2), I said in a postscript that I could not trace any past reference in FSR to the case of Onilson Patero.

This was a mistake on my part, due, I am afraid, to the fact that the mass of material about UFOs is getting to be too much to memorize. I find that I had in fact fully covered the Onilson Patero case exactly six years ago, in the article "The Car that turned Transparent" (in FSR Vol. XXI Nos. 3 and 4 — Double Issue).

Onilson Patero's second alarming experience, when he was teleported for a distance of more than 900 kilometres from a place called Julio de Mesquita in the Brazilian State of São Paulo north-eastwards to Colatina, in the State of Espíritu Santo, was adequately covered in that article.

The Onilson Patero case has been one of the most investigated and most publicized of the South American teleportation stories, and dozens of pages have been devoted to it in successive issues of Dr. Buhler's SBEDV Bulletin (Rio de Janeiro), but I think I have given the essentials. When the unfortunate Onilson came to his senses and found himself perched, at night, on top of a small hill about 1,000 ft. high in Espíritu Santo, he had the presence of mind to carve his initials there on a rock with his penknife, and Dr. Buhler and the other investigators have seen and photographed the initials on the rock. Dr. Buhler is satisfied that this is an entirely genuine case in which an individual was twice harassed by UFO entities and teleported by them, and anyone who has the opportunity to see the great amount of evidence is unlikely to come to any different conclusion.

Onilson Patero was subsequently regressed under hypnosis by two Brazilian doctors at least six times, but there was an inner core to his experience which resisted every effort to prise it open, and consequently we still know very little about what the entities did or said to Onilson while he was under examination in their machine, *but it does seem to be confirmed that the tall, fair-haired, blue-eyed individual to whom he had given a hitch-hike just before he was captured was indeed one of the aliens, with whom he was subsequently confronted inside their craft.*

Dr. Buhler's organization claim they now possess strong evidence that the Brazilian authorities are well aware of the presence in their country of fair-haired, blue-eyed aliens who possess the ability to disappear or re-appear instantaneously, and I will translate a Brazilian report about this in the near future. (Meanwhile, be it noted that the Soviet astronomer Dr. Feliks Zigel' has recently been reported as stating that there are aliens who resemble us so closely that they can pass among us without being detected, *and who are able to appear or vanish instantaneously, and are probably here among us* — see: "Dr. Feliks Zigel' and the Development of Ufology in the USSR," in FSR, Vol. 27, Nos. 3 and 4.

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